

**ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH**

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***Calendar of Events***

- Sunday, December 6 – Nairi Choir Christmas Party at Costa’s  
Cocktails – 6:00 p.m....Dinner – 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 13 – Children’s Sermon
- Monday, December 14 – Bible Study – 8:00 – 9:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 15 – Parish Council Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, December 20 – Women’s Guild Monthly Meeting – Cookie Exchange
- Tuesday, December 29 – Annual Armenian Winter Party Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

**2010**

- Sunday, January 10 – Women’s Guild Annual Christmas Dinner
- Saturday, January 16 – First Annual Winter Fest 2010
- Sunday, January 31 – Annual Parish Assembly

Church Attendance November 29: 80

**Guest Celebrant**

**Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan**

Dean of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary

**Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian, Pastor**

**December 6, 2009**

<b><u>Lections:</u></b>	<b>The Epistle Reading:</b> <i>The Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-12 – Page 187</i> <i>The Gospel According to Luke 14:12-24 – Page 70</i>
<b><u>Readers:</u></b>	Epistle: Arnold Koresian      Gospel: Michelle Babikian
<b><u>Greeter:</u></b>	Harry Paloian and Gregory Tootooian

**We bring attention to our parishioners that it is most inappropriate to enter the Sanctuary during:**

- Reading of the Lections until the Creed is recited
- During Confession and Communion
- During the Sermon

**Please, wait in the vestibule until such time when it is proper to enter the Sanctuary.**

### **Welcome to Parishioners and Friends**

We rejoice in having you with us today worshipping the Lord on this third Sunday of Advent which is within the 50-day period when many Christians are preparing for Christ's coming, or Christmas. It is a time for reflection and self-examination, as well as a period of fasting, prayer, scripture reading and most of all church attendance.

### **Visiting Guests**

*A warm welcome to our guests from St. Nersess Armenian, Seminary: Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, Dean and Seminarian, Ben Rith-Najarian and Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian, Director of Youth & Vocations.*

### **Fellowship Hour**

Following church services, all are cordially invited to attend the Fellowship Hour *hosted by Victoria Kaprelian on behalf of the Women's Guild. Fr. Daniel will giving a presentation on St. Nersess Armenian Seminary.*

### **Prayers for the Sick (Der Voghormia) – Page 45 of the Divine Liturgy Book**

Let us remember in our prayers and ask God's Blessings for our parishioners who are at home, in a hospital or nursing home. Let us continue with our prayers for the following:

<i>Anthony Acquarulo</i>	<i>Shnorik Hitik</i>	<i>Tracy Russo</i>
<i>Betty Alberts</i>	<i>George Kazarian</i>	<i>Dr. Hovhanes Sahagian</i>
<i>David Alloian</i>	<i>Takouhi Kazarian</i>	<i>Alyce Schaffer</i>
<i>Virginia Andrews</i>	<i>Grace Klujian</i>	<i>Lisa Schaffer</i>
<i>Julie Ashikian, CT</i>	<i>Benjamin Manoyan</i>	<i>Harry Seraydarian</i>
<i>Margaret Cholakian, CA</i>	<i>Jack Najarian Mendell, CA</i>	<i>Sam Sommese</i>
<i>Eleanor Chavarrio</i>	<i>Virginia Nazlaian</i>	<i>Julie Tarpinian</i>
<i>Agnes Eghoian</i>	<i>Harry Paloian</i>	<i>Hovsep Utas</i>
<i>Jacob Hagopian</i>	<i>Heghna (Helen) Paloian</i>	<i>Pam Vilches</i>
<i>Fr. Vahram Hazarian</i>	<i>Marilyn Reibel</i>	<i>Nancy Weiss</i>

### **Prayer Request**

For those wishing to request special prayers or to enter a loved one's name on the prayer list, please call the church office by Thursday of that week.

### **Nicene Creed**

Together, we shall recite the Nicene Creed (The Profession of Our Faith) on **pages 18-19 of the Divine Liturgy Book** found in the pews.

### **Kiss of Peace (Pages 26-27 of the Divine Liturgy Book)**

The person giving the greeting says:	The person receiving the greeting responds.
<b>Krisdos ee mech mer haydnetzav</b>	<b>Ohrnyal eh haydnootiunn Krisdosee</b>
(Christ is revealed among us.)	(Blessed is the revelation of Christ.)

### **Confession and Communion**

For those who wish to receive Holy Communion, we ask that they remain in their pews and together read **“Confession and Absolution” on pages 48-49 of the Divine Liturgy Book. When taking communion, make the sign of the cross and say:**

**I have sinned against God – Ø»Õ³Ù ²ëïáõláÛ (Megha Asdoodzo)**

Ladies must have a head covering when approaching the Holy Altar.

### **“The Light of St. Gregory”**

Our thanks to **Hugo & Margaret Sarkesian** for taking the responsibility for the cost of keeping the **“Light of St. Gregory”** illuminated for the month of **December in memory of Jacob, Michael & Glenn Paloian and Michel Sarkesian.**

### **St. Gregory Christmas Party**

Tonight will be great fun at the St. Gregory Christmas Party (sponsored by the Nairi Choir) at Costa's, 340 South Halsted, Chicago. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. – Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

### **Women's Guild**

The Bake Sale will continue today as we still have items available for those who were not able to be present.

Don't forget! The next meeting will be on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> with a Cookie Exchange. Bake your favorite cookie and go home with a variety.

### **Bible Study**

The next Bible Study is scheduled for **Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.** Classes are led by **Fr. Aren Jebejian.** All are welcome to attend.

### **Membership Dues for the Year 2009**

In order to be eligible to be a voting member of the Annual Parish Assembly of 2010 of our church, the 2009 membership dues of all registered members of St. Gregory must be paid by December 31, 2009. New members must register and pay their dues by June 30, 2010. Dues are \$125.00 for members 65 and under and \$75 for senior citizens and full-time college students.

### **Winter Party Meeting**

Everything is going well for the Armenian Winter Party 2009. At the last meeting **Co-Chairs Garrick and Diane Abezetian** had it all put together for a fun evening. They want to inform everyone that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. We hope to see you there. Get involved! Volunteer!

### **When the Need Arises - Get in Touch With the Church Office**

Before making any preparations, in choosing date and time for Weddings and Baptisms, please be sure to contact **our pastor, Fr. Aren Jebejian.** All Sacraments must be arranged at least three months ahead. Other church related matters, such as hospital and home visitations and counseling, should also be made first with Fr. Aren. In order to invite clergy from other churches, arrangements must be made through the church office.

**Fr. Aren can be reached by telephone and will not hold office hours.**