

If you have not made your Lenten donation for these two causes, we ask that you open your heart and be generous with your gift in this final week of Lent. Flyers explaining these two causes are placed in the church vestibule.

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 at the Church Office on Mondays from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, March 24..... First Meeting of 35th Annual Armenian Fest
8:00 p.m. Sharp

Thursday, March 26..... Adult Catechism – Who or What is Holy Muron?

Friday, March 27..... Lenten Vigil Services – 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 29 Sunday of the Advent

Thursday, April 2 Women’s Guild Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 3 Lenten Vigil Services – 7:30 p.m.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 5..... PALM SUNDAY

Tuesday, April 7 Holy Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.
“Remembrance of the Ten Virgins”

Thursday, April 9 Washing of the Feet Service – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 10 Good Friday

Saturday, April 11 Holy Saturday Easter Eve

Sunday, April 13 EASTER SUNDAY

Monday, April 14..... Remembrance of the departed souls – “Merelotz”

March 22 Attendance:

ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINARMEAN CHURCH

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Worship Hours

**Morning Service – 10:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.**

*For you,
the Creator of the soul and body,*

*all is illumined,
all is clear,
all is written,
all is easy,
all is possible,
wisdom leads,
promises are kept,
wishes are fulfilled.*



-St. Gregory of Narek

***SUNDAY OF ADVENT
March 29, 2009***

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

<u>Lections:</u>	The Epistle Reading: <i>The Letter of Paul to the Colossians 2:8-3:17 – Pages 182-183</i> <i>The Gospel According to Mathew 22:34-23:39 – Pages 22-23-24</i>	
<u>Readers:</u>	Epistle: Arnold Koresian	Gospel: Michelle Babikian
<u>Greeter:</u>	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

It is with great joy that we welcome all who have come to worship the Lord as we approach the end of our forty-day Lenten journey on the evening of the Friday before Palm Sunday. We have now reached the **sixth Sunday of Lent** leading us closer to the solemn yet joyous preparation for the glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ. In these final weeks let us remember that the basic and essential mission of Lent is to prepare ourselves spiritually, emotionally and intellectually for the wonderful day for Christians, glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. We hope your journey through Lent has been giving you a good relationship with God.

Lenten Sundays

Today is the sixth and final Sunday of Lent called the **Sunday of the Advent** and shows us that everything begins and ends with God. On this Sunday, we look forward to the second coming of Jesus Christ. “I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end” (Revelation 22:13).

Fellowship Hour

Following services, all are invited to the Fellowship Hour hosted by *Maral Balian*.

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 ill at home, in a hospital or nursing home. Let us continue with our prayers for:

<i>Fran Annoreno</i>	<i>Fr. Vahram Hazarian</i>	<i>Lisa Schaffer</i>
<i>Julie Ashikian</i>	<i>George Kazarian</i>	<i>Alyce Schaffer</i>
<i>Jim Bottala</i>	<i>Grace Klujian</i>	<i>Harry Seraydarian</i>
<i>Margaret Cholakian, CA</i>	<i>Benjamin Manoyan</i>	<i>Sister Janet</i>
<i>Eleanor Chavarrio</i>	<i>Josh Najarian Mendell, CA</i>	<i>Sam Sommese</i>
<i>Yn. Patricia Dagley</i>	<i>Virginia Nazlaian</i>	<i>Julie Tarpinian</i>
<i>Agnes Eghoian</i>	<i>Raelene Ohanesian</i>	<i>Doug Zoerhoff</i>
<i>Edward Fromm</i>	<i>Harry Paloian</i>	
<i>Jacob Hagopian</i>	<i>Tracy Russo</i>	

Special Prayers

For those wishing to request Requiem Service (Hokehankisd,) special prayers or to enter a loved one’s name on the prayer list, please call the church office by Thursday of that week. Requiem may take place during the entire year (including Lent) except for the 5 Tabernacle Feast Days.

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.

Communion Note

Even though Holy Communion is not openly offered during Great Lent, communion may be received by making special arrangements with Fr. Aren.

“The Light of St. Gregory”

Our thanks to the *Zakarian Family* for taking the responsibility for the cost of keeping the “Light of St. Gregory” illuminated for the month of *March*.

Lenten Vigil Services

Evening Lenten services which reflect this penitential season will be conducted on Friday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. During this service 24 Prayers of St. Nersess Shnorhali are recited. This is done by taking turns individually where each side of the church takes a turn reading.

Adult Catechism

Not to be missed! “Who and what is Holy Muron?” While Fr. Aren was in Etchmiadzin last year, he was coordinator for the preparation of the blessing of the Holy *Muron* (Chrism) which traditionally occurs once every seven years. Fr. Aren will go through step by step giving a detailed explanation of this tradition that dates back to the early days of Christianity.

Women’s Guild

The **March** membership meeting was very constructive and will bring about many interesting and fun programs in the months to come. The **April** membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. New members are welcome to join and participate in the programs and activities of the Women’s Guild.

An Amtrak trip to Springfield is scheduled for Friday, May 8th to visit the new Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and many other sites. Flyers with detailed information are placed in the church vestibule.

Church & Home

The Diocese has just released the final edition of the “Church and Home” Resource CD. Please, be sure to pick up a copy of this valuable CD, review it and share the various ways of how to use it in our parish. Your input will be essential to the Diocese in planning future resources.

35th Annual Armenian Fest

Our first meeting for the **35th Annual Armenian Fest** was very constructive and all were will be held on Tuesday, March 24 at 8:00 p.m. Sharp. We are confident our “fest” is going to be bigger and better than in previous years. Co-chairs, Craig Koresian and Armen Zakarian thank all who attended this meeting and volunteered their services their services wherever needed.

Sunday School

This year’s Sunday School Lenten Drive has been designated for the benefit of two important causes:

1. **Project Smile.**
2. **Anti-Malaria Bed Nets**