

34th Annual Armenian Fest

Please mark *Wednesday, May 27* on your calendar for the next meeting of the 34th Annual Armenian Fest. The meeting will start promptly at 8:00 p.m. Needless to say, we need volunteers to step forward and give a helping to make certain that our “fest” is a huge success. Please contact Chairpersons, Craig Koresian 773/631-4786 or Armen Zakarian 847/253-6669.

AGBU Chicago Center

PAREV, Chicago’s Armenian newspaper and AGBU/Chicago are proud to present Armenian comedienne OUHI OLUHOGIAN with her one woman show “HONEST TO GOD” in English, at the AGBU Chicago Center on Sunday, June 7, at 3:00 p.m. Donation: \$25 per person. Tickets may be purchased from Fr. Aren. All proceeds will support the continued publication and free distribution of PAREV.

Summer Camps

Hye Camp (Midwest): Camp Hickory, Ingleside, IL August 1-8 and St. Vartan Camp, at Ararat Center, Greenville, NY with three two-week sessions. Session A: June 28-July 11 – Session B: July 12-25 – Session C: July 26-August 8. There is also staff training from June 24-27. For further information, please contact **Jennifer E. Morris, Youth Outreach Coordinator (212) 686-0710 ext. 118 or jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org**.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral is inviting you to join a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from New York, July 24 to August 2, 2009. For complete information, pick up a flyer placed in the church vestibule.

FAR Young Professionals Tour

The Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR) is offering a two-week trip to Armenia for young professionals, ages 23 to 40, June 8-22, 2009. The trip highlights include visits to historic sites and tours of FAR projects throughout Armenia; a meeting with His Holiness Karekin II at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, sightseeing in Yerevan and other cities. For more information, or to register, contact **Arto Vorperian, Projects Director at (212) 889-5150 or arto@farusa.org**.

ACYOA Armenia Service Program

The most popular service project of the ACYOA is the Armenia Service Program (ASP) which is open to young adults, ages 19-28. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make help build a future for the children of Armenian by mentoring them at Camp Tzitzernak, to visit famous religious and cultural sites, worship at Holy Etchmiadzin and experience life in Yerevan. For more information contact **Executive Secretary, Nancy Basmajian at acyoa@armeniandiocese.org or (212) 293-1248**.

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 Jebajian**. 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.**

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Worship Hours

Morning Service – 10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Eastertide

Second Palm Sunday

VERY REV. FR. AREN JEBEJIAN
PASTOR

May 24, 2009

Lectio:	The Epistle Reading: <i>The First Letter of John 5:13-21</i> – Page 217 <i>The Gospel According to John 12-12-23</i> – Pages 97-98
Reader:	Epistle: Michelle Babikian Gospel: Michelle Babikian
Greeter:	Gregory Tootooian

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

- Reading of the Lectio 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.

<i>Kridos Haryav ee Merrelotz!</i> <i>Christ is Risen from the dead!</i>	<i>Orhnyal eh Harootiunn Krisdosee!</i> <i>Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ!</i>
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Welcome to Parishioners and Friends

It is with great joy that we welcome all who have come to worship the Lord. From Easter to the Sunday of Pentecost is a 50-day period called Eastertide. The first 40 days of Eastertide culminated last Thursday with the **Feast of the Ascension**, which commemorated the ascent of our Lord Jesus Christ into heaven. Today we are observing the **Seventh Sunday of Eastertide**. It is also known as the **Second Palm Sunday** because the gospel readings recall Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Fellowship Hour

Following services, you are all invited to today's **Fellowship Hour** hosted by **Sandra Hitik on behalf of the Women's Guild**

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

Requiem Service/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.

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.

Krisdos ee mech mer haydnetzav (Christ is revealed among us.)	Orhnyal eh haydnootiunn Krisdosee (Blessed is the revelation of Christ.)
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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»ÕÕÛ ²ëĩáóĺáÛ (Megha Asdoodzo)

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

"The Light of St. Gregory"

Our thanks to **Robert & Victoria Kaprelian** for taking the responsibility for the cost of keeping the "Light of St. Gregory" illuminated for the month of **May**.

Intensive Study on "must know" topics of the Armenian Church

The five session intensive study on "must know" topics in the Armenian Church will continue on Monday, June 1st from 8 – 9:30 p.m. The evening's session will be focused on the **History of the Armenians in Jerusalem**. The last session will be held on Monday, June 8th with a "Flex Topic." Please make every effort to attend these informative sessions with family members and friends.

Post-Easter Home Blessings

Now that we have passed through Lent, Holy Week and Easter, parishioners are reminded of the pious Armenian tradition of home blessing. To have this beautiful home blessing service, bringing the light of Christ into your home, please, call Fr. Aren to make arrangements.

Pulpit Exchange:

Fr. Aren will be the guest celebrant at St. Mesrob Armenian Church, Racine, WI on Sunday, May 31. In "exchange," **Fr. Yeprem Kelegian will be guest celebrant** at St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church.

Memorial Day

...will be observed this year on **Monday, May 25**. On that day, Fr. Aren will be at the following cemeteries to bless the grave site of your loved ones:

Mt. Olive Cemetery 3800 N. Narragansett Avenue 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Irving Park Cemetery 7777 West Irving Park Road inspire 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m.
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Visits to other cemeteries may be arranged by contacting Fr. Aren through the church office at 773-637-1711 or Cell – 773-457-4122.

Children's Sermon

Today's sermon is directed to the Sunday School students and all children in attendance, but we're certain it will be of interest to all parishioners.

Mini Retreat

St. Gregory (Chicago) and St. James (Evanston) Armenian Churches have scheduled a Mini Retreat at University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL on Monday, June 1, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fr. Aren Jebejian will share his participation in preparing for the blessing of **Holy Muron** at the Mother See in Holy Etchmiadzin, Armenia, on September 28, 2008.

The cost is \$15.00 per person (includes lunch). All are invited to attend. For any questions, please call Fr. Aren or the church office. Reservation Deadline: Thursday, May 28, 2009.

Women's Guild

On Saturday, June 6, 2009, it's going to be a fun "tour" day (\$10) of **RavenStone Castle, Harvard, IL**. All are invited so just call Sandy Hitik for reservations and other information: Cell - 847-867-6793. On Thursday, June 24, it will be a "work meeting" at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome to join and participate in the programs and activities of the Women's Guild.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Monday, May 25..... Memorial Day - Rite of Grave Blessing
Mt. Olive Cemetery & Irving Park Cemetery**
- Thursday, May 27 34th Annual Armenian Fest Meeting – 8:00 p.m.**
- Sunday, May 31 Pentecost - Pulpit Exchange - Fr. Yeprem Kelegian, Pastor
St. Mesrob Armenian Church, Racine, WI**
- Monday, June 1 Catechism – “History of the Armenians in Jerusalem”
..... Mini Retreat - Chicago & Evanston Churches at University
Of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL 11am – 2:30 pm**
- Friday, June 5..... ACYOA Jrs. Lock-In**
- Saturday, June 6..... Women’s Guild -Tour of RavenStone Castle, Harvard, IL**
- Sunday, June 7..... Comedienne OUHI OLUGHOGIAN in one woman show
Performed in English – AGBU, Onnig Norehad Center,
7248 N. Harlem, Chicago, IL**
- Monday, June 8 Catechism – “Flex Topic”**
- Sunday, June 14..... Feast of the Catholic Church of Holy Etchmiadzin
..... Closing of Sunday School Year – Children’s Sermon**
- Saturday and Sunday..... Re-consecration of Doors and Reopening of Large Hall
June 20-21 Father’s Day – Divine Liturgy - Guest Celebrant, Archbishop
Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern)**
- Thursday, June 25..... Women’s Guild Work Meeting**

Church Attendance May 17 - 60

