

Thursday, November 26 – THANKSGIVING

Saturday, November 28 – Shushi Dance Ensemble

Tuesday, December 1 – Winter Fest Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Saturday &  
Sunday, December 4-6 – St. Nersess Seminary Weekend  
(See notice for details)

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

## 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 15: 65

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This is Sunday before Thanksgiving. Let us be greatly thankful for all of God's blessings. Happy Thanksgiving!

## ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH

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### Worship Hours

Morning Service – 10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

*Very Rev. Fr. Aren Tebejian*

*Pastor*

*November 22, 2009*

**Lections:** The Epistle Reading:

*The Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 1:10 – Page 184*

*The Gospel According to Luke 12-13-31 – Page 68*

**Readers:** Epistle: Arnold Koresian      Gospel: Michelle Babikian

**Greeter:** 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 the first Sunday of Advent. We begin now to prepare ourselves spiritually by fasting, prayers, Scripture reading, church attendance and participation in the sacraments to enable us to capture the full meaning of the event we call Christmas.

### **Hokehankisd - Page 56 of the Divine Liturgy Book**

Requiem Prayers will be offered today for:

- For all deceased members of the Women's Guild
- *Paylun Vahramian of Holland - 40<sup>th</sup> day of his eternal rest requested by Vasken Biramian & Family*
- *Antranig Manukyan - 40<sup>th</sup> day of his eternal rest requested by Artin & Hilda Hitik and Erman Manukyan*

### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers adorning the altar this morning are presented to the greater glory of God in memory of deceased Women's Guild Members.

### **Fellowship Hour**

Following church services, all are cordially invited to attend the Fellowship Hour hosted by Women's Guild *in memory of all deceased Guild members by the Women's Guild of St. Gregory and the Biramian & Manukyan families for their loved ones.*

### **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:

*Anthony Acquarulo*

*Betty Alberts*

*David Alloian*

*Virginia Andrews*

*Julie Ashikian, CT*

*Margaret Cholakian, CA*

*Eleanor Chavarrio*

*Agnes Eghoian*

*Jacob Hagopian*

*Fr. Vahram Hazarian*

*Shnorik Hitik*

*George Kazarian*

*Takouhi Kazarian*

*Grace Klujian*

*Benjamin Manoyan*

*Jack Najarian Mendell, CA*

*Virginia Nazlaian*

*Harry Paloian*

*Heghna (Helen) Paloian*

*Marilyn Reibel*

*Tracy Russo*

*Dr. Hovhanes Sahagian*

*Alyce Schaffer*

*Lisa Schaffer*

*Harry Seraydarian*

*Sister Janet*

*Sam Sommese*

*Julie Tarpinian*

*Pam Vilches*

*Nancy Weiss*

### **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:

**Krisdos ee mech mer haydnetzav**

(Christ is revealed among us.)

The person receiving the greeting responds.

**Ohrnyal eh haydnootiunn Krisdosee**

(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 ²ëiáóíáÙ (Megha Asdoodzo)**

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

### **"The Light of St. Gregory"**

Our thanks to *Raelene Ohanesian* for taking the responsibility for the cost of keeping the "**Light of St. Gregory**" illuminated for the month of **November.**

### **Women's Guild**

Today the Guild is sponsoring their annual holiday "Bake Sale" with Lamajouns for sale

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, November 23<sup>rd</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 Fest Meeting**

The **First Winter Fest Meeting** was putting it all together. Garrick and Diane Abezertian accepted being Co-chairs for the event and a great big hand for them. The next meeting is on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. When called upon, please do your share to make it a gala celebration.

### **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.

**This week Fr. Aren can be reached at the Church Office on Mondays from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

## **Calendar of Events**

**Monday, November 23 – Bible Study – 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.**