

Home Blessing

The Rite of Home Blessing is a very meaningful tradition and ancient practice of the Armenian Church. It is customary to have the pastor make home visitations for “Door-orhnek” during the fifty days following Easter. Families, who wish to have their home blessed, please call Fr. Aren at the church office to make arrangements.

Summer Camp

Hye Camp (Midwest): Camp Hickory, Ingleside, IL August 7-14 – St. Vartan Camp, Greenville, NY has 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 visit website:

<http://www.armenianchurch.net/families/programs/camps.html>.

35th Annual Armenian Fest

We are getting all set for the 35th Annual Armenian Fest to be held on August 14-15, 2010. As we have been saying, we need the help and support of all who are able to give of their time. We are in need of a secretary, treasurer and someone to handle the Silent Auction. If you can help with any of these positions, please call the church office before the next meeting which will be held on Tuesday, May 25th at 8:00 p.m. **Co-chairs for the Fest are Michael Nahabedian and Craig Koresian .**

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

Thursday, April 29.....108th Diocesan Assembly
thru Host: St. James Armenian Church
Sunday, May 1 Evanston, Illinois
Sunday, May 16.....Women’s Guild Meeting
Monday, May 17.....Bible Study “Vocations” *You Can Run, But You Can’t Hide*
Thursday, May 20.....Catechism - Greek Orthodox Icons
Faye Peponís, Icon Specialist
Saturday, May 22.....Tekeyan Cultural Association Fundraiser for
Teachers in Armenia
Tuesday, May 25.....35th Annual Armenian Fest Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 17.....Catechism - Secret (Private) Prayers of the Priest
during the Divine Liturgy

Midwest Armenian Church Picnics

July 11	Sts. Joachim & Anna, Palos Heights, Illinois
July 25	St. John the Baptist, Greenfield, Wisconsin
August 1	St. Mesrob, Racine, Wisconsin
August 14-15	St. Gregory, Chicago, Illinois
August 22	St. George, Waukegan, Illinois
August 29	St. James, Evanston, Illinois

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Worship Hours

Morning Service – 10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

*Martyrs Day Commemoration
Of the
95th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide
April 25, 2010*

*Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian,
Pastor*

Lections:	The Epistle Reading: <i>The First Letter of Peter 5: 1-14 – Page 211</i> <i>The Gospel According to John 5:19-30 – Page 88</i>	
Readers:	Epistle: Arnold Koresian	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 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 extend the warmest of welcomes to all who have come to worship the Lord. As we prepare to commemorate Martyrs Day, let us join the Pastor and pray for the souls of our martyrs and pay homage to their memory.

This is the third Sunday after Easter and we are still enjoying the glow of our Lord's resurrection.

*Kridos Haryav ee Merrelotz!
Christ is Risen from the dead!*

*Orhnyal eh Harootiunn Krisdosee!
Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ!*

Hokehankisd – Page 56 of the Divine Liturgy Book

Requiem Service (*Hokehankisd*) will be offered this morning for the repose of souls of:

- *The Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide*
- *Mary Demirjian – 3rd Year Anniversary*
requested by J. Gerald Demirjian, children and grandchildren

Fellowship Hour

Following church services, the “**Blessing of Madagh**” prepared by Vickoria Kaprelian of the Women's Guild will take place in the cultural hall. The *Madagh* will be served for the peace and rest of the souls of innocent Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide.

Altar Flowers

The flowers adorning the altar today are presented to the glory of God by:

J. Gerald Demirjian, children and grandchildren *in memory of Mary Demirjian.*

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

Let us remember 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:

Anthony Acquarulo

Betty Alberts

David Alloian

Virginia Andrews

Julie Ashikian, Ct.

Margaret Cholakian, CA

Eleanor Chavarrio

Agnes Eghoian

Jacob Hagopian

Shnorik Hitik

George Kazarian

Takouhi Kazarian

Grace Klujian

Benjamin Manoyan

Josh Najarian Mendell, CA

Virginia Nazlian

Heghna (Helen) Paloian

Marilyn Reibel

Tracy Russo

Dr. Hovhanes Sahagian

Alyce Schaffer

Lisa Schaffer

Sam Somnese

Julie Tarpinian

Danny Wallace

Prayer Request

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 Service 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.

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»Õ'Û ²ëiãóíáÛ (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 of the cost of keeping the “**The Light of St. Gregory**” illuminated for the month of *April*.

ACYOA Seniors – Blood Drive

Let's give our attention to the Blood Drive sponsored by the ACYOA Seniors. They are conducting this Blood Drive in memory of the Martyrs of 1915.

Mother's Day Bake Sale

There will be a very special Bake Sale on Mother's Day with all proceeds donated to the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. **Cathy George** will walk 39 miles for this cause and all monies raised will go towards breast cancer research. Let's all give our support to **Cathy** by providing a homemade bakery item for the Bake Sale, or a donation in lieu of providing baked goods.

Graduates Wanted

If you know of any graduates from High Schools and Colleges, please ask him/her to send a photograph with a short bio (student's and parents' names, school, special achievements and honors, future plans, etc.) to the church office making it possible to include them in the next issue of the *Loosavorich*. This will be a good way for our entire church family to share their accomplishments. Deadline is May 3, 2010.

Adult Bible Study and Catechism Classes

Our Bible Study will continue with the series of “Vocations” on Monday, May 17th titled “You Can Run, But You Can't Hide” (Dramatization of the Story of Jonah.) Our next Catechism Class will be held on Thursday, May 20 with *Icon Specialist, Faye Peponis*, giving us the insight of Greek Orthodox Icons. We encourage all parishioners and friends to attend these informative sessions.

Women's Guild

For the next few months Guild members will be busy preparing for upcoming events. The next business meeting is on Sunday, May 16 following church services. New members are welcome to join and participate in the program and activities of the Women's Guild.