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Worship Hours

Sunday of the Advent

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

March 21, 2010

Church Attendance March 14: 55

<u>Lections:</u>	The Epistle Reading: <i>The Letter of Paul to the Colossians 2:8-3:17 – Pages 179-180</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 with great joy that we welcome all who have come to worship the Lord as we approach the end of the Lenten period on the evening of the Friday before Palm Sunday. As a means of strengthening your faith, we hope you have been sharing time with Him through prayer or quiet meditation. May your journey through Lent prepare you spiritually and emotionally for the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

Sundays of Lent

Today is the sixth and final Sunday of Lent and is called the **Sunday of the Advent**. This closure is dedicated not only to the Second coming of Christ, but also to His Incarnation. We are shown that just as everything begins with Almighty God, everything will one day end with him. Please reflect on Matthew 22:34-23:39.

Fellowship Hour

Following services, all are invited to attend the *Fellowship Hour hosted by members of the Women's Guild*.

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:

<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>Sam Sommese</i>
<i>Margaret Cholakian, CA</i>	<i>Josh Najarian Mendell, CA</i>	<i>Julie Tarpinian</i>
<i>Eleanor Chavarrio</i>	<i>Virginia Nazlian</i>	<i>Danny Wallace</i>
<i>Agnes Eghoian</i>	<i>Heghna (Helen) Paloian</i>	<i>Nancy Weiss</i>
<i>Jacob Hagopian</i>	<i>Marilyn Reibel</i>	

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.

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 *Paul Aznavoorian* for taking the responsibility of the cost of keeping the **"The Light of St. Gregory"** illuminated for the month of March.

Lenten Vigil Service

Our last evening service will take place on Friday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. During this service 24 prayers of St. Nersess Shnorhali are recited. This is done by taking turns individually when each side of the church takes a turn reading. Fr. Aren will complete his lecture series of the 7 **"I AM'S" of Jesus – "I am the true vine"**.

Adult Bible Study and Catechism Classes

Bible study classes and the Catechism Series will take place on designated dates (See Calendar of Events.) We encourage all parishioners and friends to attend these informative sessions.

Women's Guild

Today, the Women's Guild meeting will be held fifteen minutes following church services. There will be discussion on many new activities. Members who have not paid their 2010 dues of \$15.00 are asked to do so at the meeting. New members are welcome to joint and participate in the program and activities of the Women's Guild.

Sunday School

This year's Diocesan-wide Sunday School Lenten Drive will benefit two worthwhile programs:

1. **The Children of Haiti.** With the death toll over 200,000, recovery in Haiti will take far longer than the decades during which aid for the 1988 poured into Armenia. Children are affected with thousands left orphaned.
2. **Gavar School, Armenia.** This is the only school in all Armenia completely devoted to the education of children aged 6-18 with mental and physical disabilities. Gavar School was established in 1976 and has a current enrollment of 90 children with challenges ranging from autism to Down's Syndrome.

Please be generous with your Lenten gift for these two causes.

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 this week by calling (773) 457- 4122.
He will be in New York for a Diocesan Council Meeting and parish business.**