#### 2010 Game Night

The date is Friday, June 4 from 6-10 pm. What's planned is an evening of fun for all ages. This event is sponsored by the Parish Council and will be held in the Cultural Hall. You can participate in the Bags Tournament, or the Video Game Face-Office, Guitar Hero and much, much more. With burgers, hot dogs and soft drinks, beer and wine it sounds like a great evening.

## **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 "Doororhnek" 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 ready for the 35<sup>th</sup> 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. Our needs are a secretary and someone to handle the Silent Auction. If you can be of help for either of these positions, please call Craig Koresian, **Cell: (312)** 208-4526. Before the next meeting which will be held Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Cochairs 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. <u>All Sacraments must be arranged at least three months ahead</u>. 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**

May 9	Mother's Day Services & Brunch				
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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	35 <sup>th</sup> Annual Armenian Fest Meeting – 8:00 p.m.				
Thursday, June 17	Catechism - Secret (Private) Prayers of the Priest				
Friday, June 4	2010 Game Night - 6pm to 10 pm				

#### ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH

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#### **Worship Hours**

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

## Feast of the Apparition of the Holy Cross

Guest Celebrant
Rev. Fr. Hovhannes Kessablyan
Assistant to the Canon Sacrist
of the Mother Cathedral of the
Holy See of Holy Etchmiadzin

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian Pastor May 2, 2010 **Lections:** The Epistle Reading:

The First Letter of John 1:1-10 – Page 214
The Gospel According to John 7:14-23 – Page 91

**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 the delegates and guests who attended the 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Assembly and are worshipping with us this morning.

This is the fifth Sunday after Easter and while we are still in the afterglow our happiness celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ continues.

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:

• James Poladian, 40<sup>th</sup> Day Memorial requested by Julia Poladian, Daughters & Son-in-laws, Diane & Mark Perion, Kathy & Bud McCarthy, grandchildren & family members

#### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers adorning the altar today are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of *James Poladian* by Julia Poladian & Family.

## 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 Shnorik Hitik Tracy Russo **Betty Alberts** Dr. Hovhanes Sahagian George Kazarian David Alloian Takouhi Kazarian Alyce Schaffer Virginia Andrews Grace Klujian Lisa Schaffer Julie Ashikian, Ct. Benjamin Manoyan Sam Sommese Margaret Cholakian, CA Josh Najarian Mendell, CA Julie Tarpinian Eleanor Chavarrio Virginia Nazlian Blanche Tyner Agnes Eghoian Heghna (Helen) Paloian Danny Wallace Jacob Hagopian Marilyn Reibel

#### **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 - - ػճÛ ²ëïáõÍáÛ (Megha Asdoodzo)

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

## "The Light of St. Gregory"

Our thanks to *Harry & Shirley Paloian* for taking the responsibility of the cost of keeping the "The Light of St. Gregory" illuminated for the month of *May*.

### **Visiting Clergy**

We welcome Fr. Hovannes Kessablyan who is visiting our community from Armenia for one week. If any of our parishioners would like to extend our warm Chicago hospitality by entertaining him during his short visit here, please see Fr. Aren.

## **Mother's Day Brunch**

The Parish Council will honor mothers of our parish with a "Mother's Day Brunch" on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> following church services. All mothers are guests. Adults: \$12.00 Children under 12: \$5.00 and children under 5 – FREE. Requiem Service (Hokehankisd) will be held for all deceased Mothers. Please call the church office with names and also your RSVP for Brunch by Thursday, May 6, 2010.

## 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 in memory of all deceased St. Gregory women who died of this disease and in honor of all of our breast cancer survivors. All monies raised for this cause 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, 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 will be held on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> following church services. At that time, we will receive an report of the Women's Guild Meeting at the Diocesan Assembly. New members are welcome to join and participate in the programs and activities of the Women's Guild.

# **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