Nairi Choir

Not to be missed! An Armenian Dance Workshop, sponsored by the Nairi Choir of St. Gregory, will be held on the weekend of November 7-8, 2009 with *Tom Bozigian* of Los Angeles. Tom is internationally recognized as a specialist of Armenian Dance, Music, Choreography and Folklore. On Saturday, November 7 there will be a Youth Dance Session (up to 18 years old) from 3:00 to 5:30 pm and an Adult Dance Session from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. On Sunday, November 8 it will be a wrap-up Dance Session and Party from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Admission: Youth: \$10 per session – Adults: \$15 per session or \$20 for both adult sessions. For more information, please call Michelle Babikian at 847.715.9402 or Dorothy Koresian at 773.774.3269 or www.stgregorychicago.com.

Membership Dues for the Year 2009

All registered members of St. Gregory are reminded to make sure their 2009 membership dues are paid before the end of the year. Dues are \$125.00 for members 65 and under and \$75 for senior citizens and full-time college students.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Celebrate Armenian Christmas in Jerusalem (January 18 -19 Old Calendar) and meet with His Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem. Join an all-inclusive Armenian Christmas Pilgrimage that has been organized by the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) from Newark, NJ – January 15-24, 2010 – for \$2,300 per person (double occupancy). Space is limited – final registration deadline is November 5, 2009. For additional information, flyers are placed in the church vestibule.

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 Monday, October 19th from 2 – 5:00 p.m.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, Oct. 22

- Catechism -8:00-9:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 25

- Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross

Morning Service – 9:30a.m. - Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

- 50th Anniversary of St. George Armenian Church, Waukegan, IL

Monday, Oct. 26

- Bible Study -8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 7 – Tom Bozigian Dance Workshop – St. Gregory Nairi Choir

Youth Dance Session (up to 18 years old) – 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Adult Dance Session – 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 8

- Tom Bozigian Dance Workshop Wrap-up Session & Party 3:00-6:00 p.m.

- AGBU/Chicago presents Tom Mooradian, Author of "The Repatriate" - his 13 years behind the Iron Curtain!

Sunday, December 6

- Nairi Choir Christmas Party at Costa's

Church Attendance October 11: 80

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Worship Hours

Morning Service – 10.00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - 10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after the Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross

45th Anniversary of the Consecration of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian Pastor October 18 2009

Lections: The Epistle Reading:

The Second Letter of Paul to the Galatians – 4:3-18 – Page 172

The Gospel According to Luke – 14:14-23 — Pages 55-56 Epistle: Arnold Koresian — Gospel: Michelle Babikian

Readers: Epistle: Arnold Koresian Gospel: M 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

Welcome! We rejoice in having you with us today worshipping the Lord together. We are continuing with the celebration of the feasts of the Cross as well celebrating the 45th Anniversary of the Consecration of St. Gregory. Let us commit ourselves by attending *Badarak* regularly and bringing our participation to Bible Study and Catechism to fully comprehend the true meaning the cross and what it stands for in our daily lives.

<u>Hokehankisd – Page 56 of the Divine Liturgy Book</u>

Requiem Service will be offered for the repose of the souls of the deceased pastors, founders and members of St. Gregory throughout the years.

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are presented to the greater glory of God by Ani and Hagop Dirilen on the 2nd Anniversary of her death of *Maryam Dirilen*.

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 Fr. Vahram Hazarian Trace Russo **Betty Alberts** Shnorik Hitik Dr. Hovhanes Sahagian David Alloian George Kazarian Alyce Schaffer Virginia Andrews Grace Klujian Lisa Schaffer Julie Ashikian, CT Benjamin Manoyan Harry Seraydarian Margaret Cholakian, CA Jack Najarian Mendell, CA Sister Janet Eleanor Chavarrio Virginia Nazlaian Mary Sommese Sam Sommese Agnes Eghoian Harry Paloian Heghna (Helen) Paloian Julie Tarpinian Jacob Hagopian Marilyn Reibel Pam Vilches

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 – ػճÛ ²ëïáõláÛ (Megha Asdoodzo)

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

Condolences

We offer our deepest condolences to the family of Antranig Manukyan who entered his eternal rest on Monday, October 12, 2009. Funeral Services were held at St. Gregory Armenian Church on Thursday, October 15th officiated by Fr. Aren Jebejian. Interment: Irving Park Cemetery. At the family's request, In Lieu of Flowers Donations are to be made to: St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church.

"The Light of St. Gregory"

Our thanks to **Simon and Benjamin Manoyan and Aghavni Topuzyan** for taking the responsibility for the cost of keeping the "**Light of St. Gregory**" illuminated for the month of **October in memory of Hayganus**, **Simon and Mayram Manoyan**.

45th Anniversary

The 45th Anniversary of the Consecration of St. Gregory will take place today following church services. On this joyous occasion, we are pleased to have an "Autumn Luncheon" prepared by Carrie Nahabedian and Michael Nahabedian of NAHA RESTAURANT.

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Tamar & George Bikoma on the birth of a daughter *Natalie Mariam Bikoma* on August 25, 2009. Proud grandparents are Rev. Fr. Vahram and Yn. Shooshan Hazarian.

Congratulations to Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Wittmus on the birth of a baby boy *Jacob Armen Wittmus* on October 16, 2009. Proud grandparents are John and Judith Wittmus.

We wish the new parents and all family members much joy and happiness.

Women's Guild

Members of the Women's Guild of St. Gregory, St. James and Sts. Joachim and Anna are looking forward to their participation at the Women's Guild Central Council Symposium in Philadelphia on November 6-7, 2009. It promises to be a great weekend as it also includes a guided tour of the Arshile Gorky Exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Sunday School

If anyone is interested in volunteering to be a teacher for Sunday School or even to be a substitute teacher, please contact Mary Kazarian, Sunday School Superintendent.

Catechism Series

All are invited to Part I of the "Pious Customs and Traditions Unique to the Armenian Church and Culture" on Thursday, October 22nd. The evening's will be presented by Fr. Aren. Admission is Free.

Bible Study

The next Bible Study is scheduled for Monday, October 26th. Classes are led by Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian. All are welcome to attend.