

## *Calendar of Events*

- Sunday, December 27 – Divine Liturgy  
Monday, December 28 – ACYOA Outing  
Tuesday, December 29 – Annual Armenian Winter Party Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

### 2010

- Tuesday, January 5 – Eve of the Feast of the Nativity and Theophany  
of our Lord Jesus Christ  
Wednesday, January 6 – Armenian Christmas Day - Feast of the Nativity and  
Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ  
Sunday, January 10 – Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ  
Sunday School Christmas Pageant  
– Women's Guild Annual Christmas Dinner  
Monday, January 11 – Remembrance of the Deceased "Merelotz"  
Saturday, January 16 – First Annual Winter Party 2010  
Sunday, January 24 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
4:00 pm  
Church of Wilmette  
1020 Forest Avenue  
Wilmette, IL 60091  
Saturday, January 30 – Regional Sunday School Teachers Conference  
Sunday, January 31 – Annual Parish Assembly  
Saturday, February 13 – Poon Parigentan Dance

Church Attendance December 20: 65

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

**Sixth Sunday**  
Of ADVENT

**Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian**  
Pastor  
December 27, 2009

<b>Lections:</b>	<b>The Epistle Reading:</b> <i>The Letter to the Hebrews 7:11-25</i> – Pages 199-200 <i>The Gospel According to Luke 19:12-28</i> – Pages 75-76
<b>Readers:</b>	Epistle: Arnold Koresian      Gospel: Michelle Babikian
<b>Greeter:</b>	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**

With sincere joy we welcome all who has come to worship the Lord on this **Sixth Sunday of Advent**. As we near the end of Advent, let us all prepare for the joyous celebration of the coming of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

### **Fellowship Hour**

Following church services, all are cordially invited to attend the Fellowship Hour *hosted by Paula Clare on behalf of the Women's Guild*.

### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers adorning the altar today are donated in thanksgiving to God by *Shirley Paloian* for the good health of her husband *Harry Paloian*.

### **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:

<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>Harry Seraydarian</i>
<i>Margaret Cholakian, CA</i>	<i>Jack Najarian Mendell, CA</i>	<i>Sam Sommese</i>
<i>Eleanor Chavarrio</i>	<i>Virginia Nazlaian</i>	<i>Julie Tarpinian</i>
<i>Agnes Eghoian</i>	<i>Harry Paloian</i>	<i>Hovsep Utas</i>
<i>Jacob Hagopian</i>	<i>Heghna (Helen) Paloian</i>	<i>Pam Vilches</i>
<i>Fr. Vahram Hazarian</i>	<i>Marilyn Reibel</i>	<i>Jerry Walsdorf</i>
		<i>Nancy Weiss</i>

### **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:	The person receiving the greeting responds.
<b>Krisdos ee mech mer haydnetzav</b> (Christ is revealed among us.)	<b>Ohrnyal eh haydnootiunn Krisdosee</b> (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»Õ³Ů žëiãóláŮ (Megha Asdoodzo)**

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

### **“The Light of St. Gregory”**

Our thanks to **Hugo & Margaret Sarkesian** for taking the responsibility for the cost of keeping the **“Light of St. Gregory”** illuminated for the month of *December in memory of Jacob, Michael & Glenn Paloian and Michel Sarkesian*.

### **ACYOA Outing**

Members of the ACYOA Seniors and older Juniors of St. James, St. Gregory, Sts. Joachim & Anna & St. George, Waukegan, are planning a “get together” with a Christmas outing on **Monday, December 28.** They will first meet at **3-4pm at Millennium Park**, 201 West Randolph St., Chicago for Ice Skating and for **dinner at 6-6:30 pm** at the apartment of Dr. Sam Mikaelian's for fun and fellowship. All interested ACYOA members, please contact Fr. Aren.

### **Women's Guild**

Preparations for the Christmas Luncheon to be held on January 10, 2010 are now being made by Co-Chairs, Raelene Ohanesian and Victoria Kaprelian. Please, remember to call for reservations before January 6, 2010.

The next meeting will be held on January 24, 2010. All women of the church are invited to attend Guild meetings and participate in the programs offered.

### **Winter Party Meeting**

Be sure to mark your calendar for the next meeting of the Armenian Winter Party 2009 which will be held on Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. This event promises to be a family fun night for all. If you would like to volunteer to help make this event a success, please attend the meeting and get all the necessary information.

### **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.

### **Nairi Choir Gift and Booktique**

If you need that special gift for any occasion, stop by the **Nairi Choir Booktique**. Whether it's a CD, cassette, video, music tapes, and books for young and old as well as beautiful assorted gifts, it's available. The **Booktique** is open today and every Sunday following church services in the large hall.

### **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 by telephone (773-457-4122) and will not hold office hours.**

*Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian*  
*St. Gregory Sunday School Students and Staff*  
*Charlotte Markarian Bader*  
*Chuck, Seta, Charles & Sarah Babikian*  
*Nishan and Helen Babikian*  
*Michelle Babikian*  
*Philip and Mary Battle, Cary, N. C.*  
*Kay Berberian*  
*Nick, Nancy & Mark Berberian*  
*Mike & Sandy Bower*  
*Jack & Glenna Cholakian*  
*Annette & Chuck Frankian*  
*Ray & Rita Gallivan*  
*Jacob & Louise Hagopian*  
*Ida C. Hesotian*  
*Robert & Victoria Kaprelian*  
*Dr. & Mrs. Vahe Karachorlu*  
*Berj Karachorlu*

*Susu & Mat Klujian*

*Rhonda Kodjayan*

*Arnold & Dorothy Koresian*

*Craig Koresian*

*Violet Koresian*

*George & Pauline Nahabedian*

*Charles & Janet Paloian*

*Harry & Shirley Paloian*

*Marty & Geri Paloian*

*Robert & Sylvia Raubolt, Bonita Springs, FL*

*Alyce, Bert, Lisa & Michael Schaffer*

*Lincoln and Grace Tamraz*

*Rose Tootooian*

*Michael Tootooian*

*Gregory Tootooian*

*Agnes Vartabedian*

*Armen & Linda Zakarian*