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# **MOTHER'S DAY**

# May 10, 2009

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian Pastor

Lections:	The First Letter of John 1:1-10 – Page 214		
	The Gospel According to John 7:14-23 – Page 91		
<b>Readers:</b>	Epistle: Arnold Koresian Gospel: Michelle Babikian		
Greeters:	Gregory Tootooian		

### Welcome to Parishioners and Friends

It is with joy that we welcome each of you who have come to worship the Lord. We are especially happy to welcome mothers as we celebrate **Mother's Day.** Let this annual remembrance be a day to express our gratitude to God on how mothers establish a set of values that influence our way of life with good living and love.

### Requiem Service (Hokehankist) - Page 56 of the Divine Liturgy Book

- For the souls of all deceased mothers
- For the souls of the deceased mothers of our parish, requested by Arnold and Dorothy Koresian

### Mother's Day Carnations

All mothers attending church services today will receive a red carnation as a gift from *George and Pauline Nahabedian* in memory of their mothers –

#### Aspasia Counoupeotis and Rose Nahabedian

### 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:

Virginia Andrews	Fr. Vahram Hazarian	Tracy Russo
Fran Annoreno	George Kazarian	Dr. Hovanes Sahagian
Julie Ashikian, CT	Marge Kazarian	Alyce Schaffer
Jim Bottala	Grace Klujian	Lisa Schaffer
Margaret Cholakian, CA	Benjamin Manoyan	Harry Seraydarian
Eleanor Chavarrio	Isabell Nahabedian	Sister Janet
Yn. Patricia Dagley, OH	Josh Najarian Mendell, CA	Sam Sommese
Agnes Eghoian	Virginia Nazlaian	Julie Tarpinian
Edward Fromm	Raelene Ohanesian	Doug Zoerhoff
Jacob Hagopian	Harry Paloian	

### Nicene Creed

Together we shall recite the Nicene Creed (The Profession of the 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: responds:	The person receiving the greeting
Krisdos og mogh mor hovdnatzer	Orbayal ah Uaydaaatiyaa Krisdasaa

Krisdos ee mech mer haydnetzav.	Ornnyal en Haydnootiunn Krisdosee
(Christ is revealed among us.)	(Blessed is the revelation of Christ.)

### **Confession Time and Method**

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 – ػճŨ ²ëïáõláÛ (Megha asdoodzo)

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

## "The Light of St. Gregory"

Our thanks to *Robert & Victoria Kaprelian* for taking the responsibility for the cost of keeping the "Light of St. Gregory" illuminated for the month of May.

### Wedding Bells

We extend our congratulations to *Hamik & Alma Biramian* who were married on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church. The wedding was officiated by Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian, assisted by Very Rev.Fr. Moushegh Babayan (visitor from the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin), Rev. Fr. Nareg Keutelian and Sub-deacon Vahe Caliskan. We wish Hamik and Alma many years of wedded bliss.

# Intensive Study on "must know" topics of the Armenian Church

The five session intensive study on "must know" topics in the Armenian Church will continue tomorrow, Monday, May  $11^{th}$  from 8 - 9:30 p.m. The evening's session will be focused on the learning and understanding of the *Badarak*. Other sessions will be held on May  $18^{th}$ , June  $1^{st}$  and  $8^{th}$  with subject topics that will enhance the knowledge of attending participants. Please make every effort to attend with family members and friends.

# Mother's Day Brunch

Following church services join us with your family for the **Mother's Day Brunch** sponsored by the Parish Council. All mothers are complimentary. Donation for other attendees: Adults - \$12.00 – Children Under 12 - \$5.00.

### Post-Easter Home Blessings

Having passed through Lent, Holy Week and Easter, parishioners are reminded of the pious Armenian tradition of home blessing. To have this beautiful home blessing service, bringing the light of Christ into your home, please, call Fr. Aren to make arrangements.

# Women's Guild

The Guild's monthly business meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming events will be discussed. New members are welcome to join and participate in the programs and activities of the Women's Guild. The Amtrak trip to Springfield was cancelled and will be rescheduled with a new date.

# 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Armenian Fest

Please mark Wednesday, May 27 on your calendar for the next meeting of the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Armenian Fest. The meeting will start promptly at 8:00 p.m. Needless to say, the

support and help of all who are able to give of their time is needed. Please contact Chairpersons, Craig Koresian 773-631-4786 or Armen Zakarian 847-253-6669.

# Summer Camps

Hye Camp (Midwest): Camp Hickory, Ingleside, IL August 1-8 and St. Vartan Camp, at Ararat Center, Greenville, NY with 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 contact Jennifer E. Morris, Youth Outreach Coordinator (212) 686-0710 ext. 118 or jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org.

## **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

The St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral is inviting you to join a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from New York, July 24 to August 2, 2009. For complete information, pick up a flyer placed in the church vestibule.

### **FAR Young Professionals Tour**

The Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR) is offering a two-week trip to Armenia for young professionals, ages 23 to 40, June 8-22, 2009. The trip highlights include visits to historic sites and tours of FAR projects throughout Armenia; a meeting with His Holiness Karekin II at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin and the recently appointed Minister of Diaspora, Hranush Hakobyan, in Yerevan; and sightseeing in Yerevan, Gyumri, Sanahin, Sevan, and Goris, among other cities. For more information, or to register, contact Arto Vorperian, Projects Director at (212) 889-5150 or arto@farusa.org.

### **ACYOA Armenia Service Program**

The most popular service project of the ACYOA is the Armenia Service Program (ASP) which is open to young adults, ages 19-28. This is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help build a future for the children of Armenia by mentoring them at Camp Tzitzernak, to visit famous religious and cultural sites, worship at Holy Etchmiadzin and experience life in Yerevan. For more information contact Executive Secretary, Nancy Basmajian at acyoa@armeniandiocese.org or (212) 293-1248.

### 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 Jebeijan. 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**

Parish Council Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Women's Guild Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Guest Celebrant, Archbishop Vicken Aykazian
Diocesan Legate and President of National Council of Churches
Parish Council Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
2009 ACYOA General Assembly and National Sports Weekend
Dolce Palisades Center, Palisades, NY
Pentecost - Pulpit Exchange - Fr. Yeprem Kelegian, Pastor
St. Mesrob Armenian Church, Racine, WI

Friday, June 5.....ACYOA Jrs. Lock-In

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