

### **Women's Guild**

On Saturday, June 6, 2009, it's going to be a fun "tour" day (\$10) of Ravenstone Castle, Harvard, IL. All are invited so just call Sandy Hitik for reservations and other information: Cell - 847-867-6793. On Thursday, June 24, it will be a "work meeting" at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome to join and participate in the programs and activities of the Women's Guild.

### **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, we need volunteers to step forward and give a helping to make sure that our "fest" is another huge success. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make help build a future for the children of Armenian 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](mailto: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 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 Mondays from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

### **ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINARMENIAN CHURCH**

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### **Worship Hours**

**Morning Service – 10:00 a.m.**

**Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.**

*Sixth Sunday of Eastertide*

*Guest Celebrant*

*Archbishop Vicken Aykazian*

*Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian*

*Pastor*

*May 17, 2009*

<b><u>Lections:</u></b>	<b>The Epistle Reading:</b> <i>The First Letter of John 3:2-6</i> <b>Page 214</b> <i>The Gospel According to John 9:39-10:10</i> – <b>Pages 94-95</b>	
<b><u>Readers:</u></b>	Epistle: Arnold Koresian	Gospel: Michelle Babikian
<b><u>Greeter:</u></b>	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.**

<i>Kridos Haryav ee Merrelotz!</i> <i>Christ is Risen from the dead!</i>	<i>Orhnyal eh Harootiunn Krisdosee!</i> <i>Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ!</i>
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### **Welcome to Parishioners and Friends**

This is the Sixth Sunday after our Lord's resurrection and we welcome each worshiper who has come to worship in the Lord's house. We invite you to be present with us regularly. We also welcome *His Eminence Archbishop Vicken Aykazian* as our Guest Celebrant. *Archbishop Aykazian* is the Legate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of American (Eastern) in Washington, DC and ecumenical officer. He is also the President of the National Council of Churches, USA, serving from January 2008 until December, 2009.

### **Fellowship Hour**

Following services, you are all invited to today's Fellowship Hour hosted by *Ani & Hagop Dirilen*.

### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers adorning the altar today are donated by Leona Mirza in honor of her sister, *Professor Ann Lousin*, who was the recipient of the "Lifetime Achievement Award" presented by the Armenian Bar Association at its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, May 9, 2009 in Glendale, CA.

### **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:

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

### **Requiem Service/Special Prayers**

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.

### **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>Orhnyal eh haydnootiunn Krisdosee</b> (Blessed is the revelation of Christ.)
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### **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»Ö³Û ²ëĩáðíáÛ (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*.

### **Congratulations**

We extend our congratulations to *Professor Ann Lousin* on being presented with *The Lifetime Achievement Award* by the Armenian Bar Association on May 9, 2009. Professor Lousin, a three-time chairperson of the Association, has been a professor at the John Marshall Law School since 1975. She has been involved for many years of service with various projects and programs in Illinois.

### **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 18<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 9:30 p.m. The evening's session will be focused on the **Sacraments or "mysteries"** of the Armenian Church. The last two sessions will be held on, June 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> with subject topics that will enhance the knowledge of attending participants. Please make every effort to attend with family members and friends.

### **Post-Easter Home Blessings**

Now that we have 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.

### **Pulpit Exchange:**

Fr. Aren will be the guest celebrant at St. Mesrob Armenian Church, Racine, WI on Sunday, May 31. In "exchange," Fr. Yeprem Kelegian will be guest celebrant at St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church.

### **Memorial Day**

...will be observed this year on Monday, May 25. On that day, Fr. Aren will be at the following cemeteries to bless the grave site of your loved ones:

Mt. Olive Cemetery 3800 N. Narragansett Avenue 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Irving Park Cemetery 7777 West Irving Park Road 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m.
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Visits to other cemeteries may be arranged by contacting Fr. Aren through the church office at 773-637-1711 or Cell – 773-457-4122.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Monday, May 18 ... .. Catechism “Sacraments or mysteries of the Armenian Church”**

**Tuesday, May 19 ... .. Parish Council Meeting – 7:30 p.m.**

**May 21-25... ..2009 ACYOA General Assembly and National Sports Weekend  
Dolce Palisades Center, Palisades, NY**

**Sunday, May 24 ... .. Second Palm Sunday  
... .. .Children’s Sermon**

**Monday, May 25 ... .. Memorial Day - Rite of Grave Blessing**

**Sunday, May 31 ... .. . Pentecost - Pulpit Exchange - Fr. Yeprem Kelegian, Pastor St.**

**Monday, June 1... .. Catechism – “History of the Armenians in Jerusalem”**

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

**Saturday, June 6 ... .. Women’s Guild - Tour of Ravenstone Castle, Harvard, IL**

**Monday, June 8 ... .. Catechism – “Flex Topic”**

**Sunday, June 14 ... .. Feast of the Catholic Church of Holy Etchmiadzin  
... .. .Closing of Sunday School Year ... Children’s Sermon**

**Saturday & Sunday**

**June 20-21 ... .. Fundraiser Dinner Dance - Reconsecration of Front Doors  
and reopening of large hall**

**... .. . Father’s Day – Divine Liturgy – Guest Celebrant,  
Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of  
the Armenian Church of America (Eastern)**

**Thursday, June 25 ... .. Women’s Guild Work Meeting**

**Church Attendance May 10 - 75**

