



The LIGHT House Sunday School News

Walking and talking with the Saints at Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church

January 6, 2019

Church Calendar

Feast of the Nativity & Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ

Readings

Ti 2:11-15, Mt 1:18-25.

Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events

Jan 13	Feast of the Naming of our Lord Jesus Christ
Jan 20	First Sunday after the Octave of Theophany
Jan 27	Second Sunday after the Octave of Theophany

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Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ

Krisdos dzunav yev haydnetzav! Christ is born and revealed!
Orhnyal eh haydnootiunun Krisdosee! Blessed is the revelation of Christ!

Sunday School Today Today's Schedule

Grades PreK - 10:

- Regularly scheduled classes begin at 10:00am
- Badarak attendance by 10:45am
- Holy Communion, Blessing of Water
- Grades 6 - 10 – with Parish Council – participate in the following: *Kiss of Peace*, Confession, Plate Collection, distribution of Mahs



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<https://armenianchurch.us/>

Sunday School Advent 2018 Outreach

We Need Your Help!

The Sunday School of Soorp Asdvadzadzin in Vardenis, Armenia, under the pastorate of Fr. Taron Hunanyan, serves an especially impoverished region, bringing spiritual nourishment, education, and loving care to its children five days a week. Fr. Taron personally underwrites transportation costs. The center, with an enrollment of 130 children from kindergarten through teenage, is without heat; they are already meeting in full winter gear against the cold. The school may have to close its doors in the coming winter months. FAR has sent us an urgent call for help. For \$6,800, permanent heating equipment can be installed.

Let's help keep the doors of this school open. Please make checks payable to Sts Sahag & Mesrob Church with memo: Soorp Asdvadzadzin Sunday School – Vardenis, Armenia.

From DCE:

From Today's Readings

Matthew 1:18-25 *As Joseph contemplates quietly divorcing the now pregnant Mary, an angel appears to him in a dream, revealing God's plan of salvation, a fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies. He does as the angel commanded, marrying Mary and naming their son Jesus.* Discuss/reflect: Matthew alludes to Isaiah's prophecy that the Savior would be known as Immanuel, meaning "God with us" (v.23). How have you experienced Jesus as "Immanuel" ?

Titus 2: 11-15 *The writer reminds us that God's grace brought salvation to all people through Jesus Christ; therefore all should live godly lives in hopeful expectation of His return.* Discuss/reflect: Think of specific ways in *your* life that you can say "no! to godliness and worldly passions." (v.11)

The Feast of Theophany: Sunday, January 6



While much of the Christian world celebrates the birth of Christ on December 25, the Armenian Church celebrates the birth *and* baptism of Christ on the feast of *Asdvadzahaydnootyoon* on January 6. Surprisingly to us today, the birth of Jesus was of little interest to the Early Church. The nativity of Christ was not viewed as the "birthday" of Jesus Christ the same way we tend to view birthdays; rather, the reverent emphasis was on Christ's death and resurrection (beautifully demonstrated in Armenian miniatures where the baby Jesus is always shown with a cross embedded in His halo). Yet looking back at His birth from the perspective of His death, the nativity takes on deeper meaning, not as the birthday of a person, but as the coming of salvation into this world in Jesus Christ. Good News to you and us...

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Watch/hear Der Hayr's special Christmas message to the Sunday School students:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zx9WQ8v7RZU&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3HeC1KWeUJzmvPTz4T8q vL_eLn7hqCnQ1nDCqfPRNdFX6oH5iMrA2l-ZA