



The LIGHT House Sunday School News

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

January 13, 2019

Church Calendar
Feast of the Naming of our Lord Jesus Christ
Readings
Col 2:8-15, Lk 2:21-22.

Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events

Jan 20	First Sunday after the Octave of Theophany
Jan 27	Second Sunday after the Octave of Theophany
Feb 3	Third Sunday after the Octave of Theophany

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

Today's Schedule

Grades PreK - 10:

- Regularly scheduled classes begin at 10:00am
- Badarak attendance

Reader this week:

- Ani Poghosyan

Save these Dates:

- **Sunday, March 3rd – Poon Barekendan**
- **Sunday, March 24th – Mid Lenten Luncheon (vegan) – proceeds for Annual Lenten Drive**
 - **Sunday, April 7th – 2nd plate collection in Sanctuary – proceeds for Annual Lenten Drive**



Visit these Websites: <https://vemkar.us>, <http://www.stvoski.org/embed.html>

<https://armenianchurch.us/>

On-Going Charitable Projects: *charitable giving includes canned goods collections, hygienic products collection, weekly plate collection, winter warmth items and the Lenten Drive*

- Contribute and participate in the quarterly Mary House Service Program
- **Hygiene Products – Toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, Kleenex, toilet paper, hand sanitizers, deodorants –** container is in Sunday School Hall
- **Keep Warm This Winter –** hats, gloves, mittens, sox, scarfs – to be donated to Mary's House - drive from November to March --- container is in Sunday School Hall
- **Weekly Sunday School student plate donation**

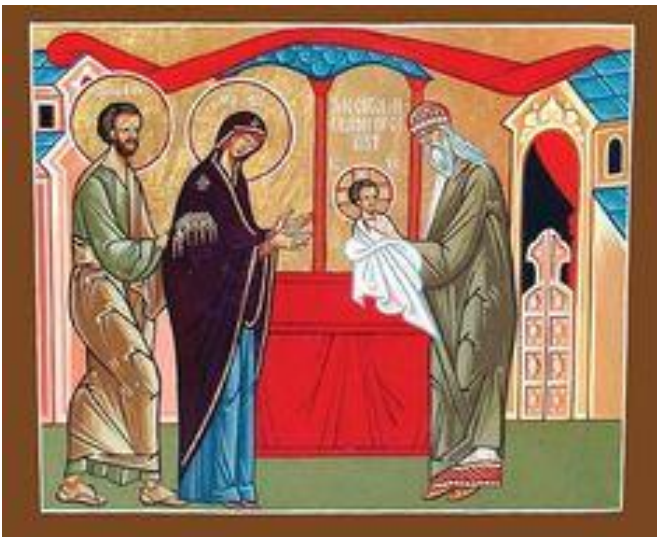
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From Today's Readings

Luke 2:21 *Today's morning service features verses from Luke's Gospel relating the angels' joyous announcement of the birth of Jesus to shepherds on a Bethlehem hillside and then His baptism and temptations in the wilderness. But this single verse chanted during the Badarak focuses on the day's Feast, namely Jesus' circumcision and naming. Discuss/reflect: Jesus' family was piously following the laws of their faith in the rituals of circumcision and naming on the 8th day and the subsequent presentation. (vv 21-38). How do the rituals of your faith figure in your life (think of Holy Communion, baptism, weddings)? Do they influence daily life or remain one-time experiences?*

Colossians 2:8-15 *St. Paul eloquently describes the new, spiritual circumcision Christ has brought into being, not by the hands of men, but by the direction He now gives to our lives. Symbolically dying with Him in our baptism, we are raised up to a new life. The written code, with "its regulations" (v.14) is no more. We are alive with Christ! Discuss/reflect: Jesus took the written law code for how we are to live and "nailed it to the cross" (v. 15) and calls us to follow and know Him and be changed by that relationship. Are you more comfortable with rules to follow? How would you rate your relationship with Jesus?*

January 13: Feast of the Naming of Jesus



In *Matthew 1:21* and in *Luke 1:31* we read about two extraordinary messages delivered by the angel Gabriel. In *Matthew*, the angel appears to Joseph in a dream saying that the name of the child Mary would bear was to be Jesus. In the *Gospel of Luke*, Gabriel tells Mary as well that her child would be called Jesus. The name *Jesus* is related to both the Hebrew and Aramaic, meaning "he will save" or "savior." His official naming (*Luke 2:21*) took place on the eighth day on the occasion of the circumcision, in keeping with Hebraic law, and is commemorated by the Church on January 13. (Jesus was not named *Jesus Christ* at the time of his birth. The word *Christ* is a title and means "the anointed one" or "the Messiah.") We celebrate the naming because it heralds Jesus' very purpose and mission as Savior and Redeemer.

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Christmas Photos



4th Grade Advent Presentation, Annual Christmas Party in December

Christmas Eve Pageant





Armenian Christmas Eve



Godfather - Blessing of Water – Armenian Christmas