



# The LIGHT House Sunday School News

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

January 20, 2019

### Church Calendar

First Sunday after the Octave of Theophany

#### Readings

Is 54:1-13, 1Tm 1:1-11, Jn 2:1-11.

### Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events

Jan 27	Second Sunday after the Octave of Theophany
Feb 3	Third Sunday after the Octave of Theophany
Feb 10	Parekendan of the Fast of the Catechumens

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Absent Teacher On-Call: Anna Robinson (401-580-6788)

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> – Poon Parekendan**
- **Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Mid Lenten Luncheon (vegan) – proceeds for Annual Lenten Drive**
  - **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### From DCE:

#### From Today's Readings

**John 2: 1-11** (*The Miracle at Cana*) Jesus attends a wedding with His mother and disciples. With the humble prompting of Mary, He performs what John describes as the first of Jesus' miraculous signs, all of which will point to deeper meanings. Turning water into wine heralds the arrival through Jesus of a new era and a new covenant. Water, symbolizing Old Testament ceremonial washings, has been changed into wine of the highest quality and surprising quantity. This "best" wine speaks of the abundant life that Jesus offers (typically, party hosts would water down the wine as the evening waned since revelers would not know the difference). Discuss/reflect: How does the quality and the quantity of the wine demonstrate Jesus' glory (v.11b)?

**1 Timothy 1: 1-11** St. Paul urges Timothy to take a strong position on the false teachings that abound in Ephesus. He reminds the young missionary that faith is not about rules and regulations but is about the love that comes from "a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith." This inner relationship of faith and life echoes the gospel charge that "by their fruits you shall know them." (Matthew 7:20) Discuss/reflect: Who in your life would think of you as their "son or daughter in the faith" as Paul addresses Timothy (v.2)?

**Isaiah 54: 1-13** The prophet joyously proclaims God's love for His people, described as the relationship that exists between a husband and a wife. Marriage, abandonment, and restored relationship are strong Old Testament themes (see the Book of Hosea). Underlying the metaphor of marriage is the idea of covenant, a binding mutual commitment, as well as deep personal love. Discuss/reflect: In what circumstances have you felt abandoned by God (v.7)? How might the picture of God as a husband renewing his vows (vv 5-8) reassure you?

#### Tuesday, January 22: St. Vahan of Goghtn



The story of St. Vahan of Goghtn is one of the most poignant among Armenian saints. He was born in the eighth century of a princely family in the Goghtn region of the province of Siunik. After persecution of the Armenians by the Arabs in 707 (during which Vahan's father, Prince Khosrov, was martyred), four-year-old Vahan was taken to Damascus where he was raised in the royal court as a Muslim. He was eventually appointed chancellor to the Emir. Some years later, he was allowed to go back to Armenia with the promise to eventually return. Vahan converted to Christianity, married an Armenian princess, and lived a peaceful life for about a decade. With a change of Arab rule, Vahan was sought after, so he left his home and family to escape recapture. While in exile, he became a monk. In 736, Vahan went to the new Arab Emir in uttermost misery. The Emir offered him a high position, authority, and wealth, but Vahan refused, preferring his faith in Christ to personal comfort and glory. He was martyred on March 18, 737 A.D. His last words were a bold declaration: "I chose death for the sake of Christ rather than earthly life."

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#### **Camp Registration**

Registrations and applications for Hye Camp and St. Vartan Camp are now available:

[diocesansummercamps.org](http://diocesansummercamps.org)

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