



The LIGHT House Sunday School News

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

January 27, 2019

Church Calendar

Second Sunday after the Octave of Theophany

Readings

Is 58:13-59:7, 1Tm 4:12-5:10, Jn 3:13-21.

Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events

Feb 3	Third Sunday after the Octave of Theophany
Feb 10	Parekendan of the Fast of the Catechumens
Feb 17	Sunday of the Catechumens

CEAB On-Duty: Rena Megrdochian (401-573-5731)

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
- Assembly following Holy Communion: Church Etiquette with Debbie M

Readers this week:

- Eliz Ohanian, Ani Poghosyan

Save these Dates:

- Sunday, February 10th – Learn Armenian Hymns with Lisa Z
- Annual Lenten Drive Events:
 - Sunday, March 3rd – Poon Parekendan
 - Sunday, March 24th – Mid Lenten Luncheon (vegan)
 - Sunday, April 7th – 2nd plate collection in Sanctuary

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 3:13-21 Jesus has been teaching the Pharisee Nicodemus and now declares that God’s love for the world is so great that He has gifted it with His own Son, “not to condemn but to save” (v.17). Condemnation only occurs when we choose darkness over light; sadly, even though light has come into the world, people still fear its power to show them who they really are. *Discuss/ reflect: How would you describe the light that Jesus brings into the world? How, if at all, has this changed how you live?*

1 Timothy 4:12-5:10 Placed in charge of the church founded in Ephesus by St. Paul, Timothy is encouraged to be confident in his gifts, even though he is a young man. Be an example in all you do and say, he is reminded, and treat others with love and respect, always helping those in need. Many verses are devoted to the care of widows, as these women were extremely vulnerable at a time when men had legal and social authority over their wives. *Discuss/reflect: We’ve all heard the expression “he talks the talk but doesn’t walk the walk.” Why is personal example so important in our faith (v.12)?*

Isaiah 58:13-59:7 These verses address the attitudes of the Jewish community upon their return from exile. Following in a long tradition of prophetic criticism, the writer exhorts people to honor God’s holy day with joy and hearts of faith. Both these chapters suggest that social justice is essential to holiness and honoring God; pious practices are meaningless if they are conducted by a sinful, unjust society. *Discuss/reflect: Think of how you honor the Sabbath. Is there a way you can change Sundays for you and your family that might be more God-pleasing and lead to deeper happiness for you all?*

Thursday, January 31, is the Feast of Sts. Adrian & Natalia



During the Diocletian persecution (c. 303), Adrian was a Roman officer at the imperial court of Nicomedia. While in charge of a group of Christian prisoners destined for execution, he converted, inspired by their passionate witness. He himself was then imprisoned. His wife Natalia, an exemplary Christian who had converted in secret, rejoiced at his change of heart, encouraging him to be strong in his faith. When she was forbidden from visiting the prison and tending to her husband’s and others’ wounds, she cut off her hair, disguised herself as a man and continued her visits. After Adrian’s torture and martyrdom in 306, she was able to rescue a relic of his body, a hand, which she treasured. When all the martyrs’ bodies were set afire, a rain miraculously doused the flames; their remains were later taken to a suburb of modern-day Constantinople. It is there that Natalia eventually died and was buried.

*Department of Christian Education
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern)*

St Nersess 2019 Conferences:

- Adult Conference *NEW*: June 6-9
- Deacons' Training Program: June 28-July 7
- High School Conference: July 26-August 4
- College Winter Conference: January 2-6, 2020

Camp Registration

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

Contact for St Vartan Camp: Kathryn Ashbahian (kathryna@armeniandiocese.org)

Contact for Hye Camp: Jennifer Morris (jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org)

St. Vartan Camp

BONPING > LEARNING > PLAYING
SUMMER CAMP!

Where Faith, Fun, and Fellowship Meet!

staff training: June 26-29 Session B: July 14-27
Session A: June 30-July 13 Session C: July 28-August 10
Campers Ages 8-15 / CITs Ages 16 and 17 / Staff and Volunteers Ages 18+

215.452.8322 kathryna@armeniandiocese.org

REGISTER ONLINE: DiocesanSummerCamps.org

Hye Camp

BONPING > LEARNING > PLAYING
SUMMER CAMP!

Where Faith, Fun, and Fellowship Meet!

staff training: July 24-27 Camp week: July 27-August 3
Campers Ages 8-15 / CITs Ages 16 and 17 / Staff and Volunteers Ages 18+

248.648.0702 jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org

REGISTER ONLINE: DiocesanSummerCamps.org

Sunday School Scholarships for St Nersess and Camp:

- Sunday School offers special scholarships for students who have at least one parent who is a dues paying church member.
 - Students with 90%-100% attendance can receive from 90%-100% scholarships for either St Nersess or camp fees. Non-attendance based scholarships are up to \$150.