



The LIGHT House Sunday School News

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

February 3, 2019

Church Calendar

Third Sunday after the Octave of Theophany

Readings

Is 62:1-11, 2Tm 2:15-19, Jn 6:39-47

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
Feb 24	Middle Sunday

CEAB On-Duty: Jennifer Kevorkian (401-473-1668)

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

Today's Schedule

Grades 1-10

- Regularly scheduled classes, 10:00am
- Badarak attendance, approximately 10:15am, Holy Communion
- Grades 6 - 10 – with Parish Council – participate in the following: *Kiss of Peace*, Plate Collection, distribution of Mahs

Grades PreK-K:

- Regularly scheduled classes 10:00am – 11:15am
- Holy Communion return to classrooms

All Grades:

- Assembly: Church Etiquette following Holy Communion with Deb M

Readers this week:

- Allan Kevorkian, Bedros Kevorian

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, wipes, mouthwash, 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 6:39-47 Teaching the crowds that had followed Him to Capernaum, Jesus declares that it is the will of the Father to grant eternal life to all who believe in His Son. To the Jews’ disbelief that the simple son of Joseph and Mary could be the Son of God, Jesus declares once again, that all who believe will have everlasting life (v.47). *Discuss/reflect: Immediately before and after these verses, Jesus identifies Himself as “the bread of life” (vv 35, 48). Bread is considered one of life’s staples. Jesus is bread from heaven, feeding all believers. How essential is Jesus to your life? If you indeed consider yourself a follower of Jesus Christ, list the reasons you follow Him.*

2 Timothy 2: 15-19 St. Paul mentors his protégé, the apostle Timothy, counseling him to avoid “godless chatter” which can poison the truth and spread like gangrene. Knowing that there were those who claimed they possessed the truth and were opposing Timothy’s work, Paul reminds Timothy (v. 19) that “God knows who is His” (an allusion to Numbers 16:5 and the analogous story of those who opposed Moses). *Discuss/reflect: Have you ever experienced “godless chatter” in parish life? What was its impact? How did or would you counter it?*

Isaiah 62:1-11 Heralding a renewed love relationship between the Lord and His holy city, Isaiah describes God as the bridegroom to a restored Jerusalem. Its citizens will be protected by “His mighty arm” (v. 8) and enjoy the fruits of their labor in joyful peace. *Discuss/reflect: What does the picture of marriage communicate about God’s relationship with His people?*

Saturday, February 9: The sons and grandsons of St. Gregory the Enlightener



The calendar of the Armenian Church assigns these saints a special day of commemoration. Why are they so important? The story of St. Gregory’s conversion of Armenia to Christianity is well known. But his two sons (by wife Miriam), Sts. Aristakes and Vertanes and Vertanes’ sons Sts. Krikoris and Hoosig, were deeply devoted to Christ in the spirit of their illustrious father and grandfather. Aristakes succeeded his father as Catholicos and also attended the First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea in 325 A.D. Vertanes then succeeded his brother as Catholicos in 333. He in turn was followed by his son Hoosig, a vigorous defender of the faith against the ruling family; a dispute with his father-in-law King Diran led to Hoosig’s martyrdom in 347.

Krikoris was a tireless evangelizer in Armenia’s neighbors, Georgia, and Caucasian Albania where he was martyred. An amazing dynasty of champions for Christ!

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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)

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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.