



# The LIGHT House Sunday School News

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

**February 17, 2019**

**Church Calendar**  
Sunday of the Catechumens  
**Readings**  
**Is 63:7-18, 2Tm 3:1-12, Jn 6:22-38.**

**Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events**

<b>Feb 17</b>	Sunday of the Catechumens
<b>Feb 24</b>	Middle Sunday
<b>Mar 3</b>	Poon Paregendan
<b>Mar 10</b>	Sunday of Expulsion

**CEAB On-Duty: Jacinta Tapalian (508-801-5684)**

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

## Today's Schedule

### Grades PreK-10

- Regularly scheduled classes, 10:00am
- Badarak attendance

### Readers this week:

- Allan Kevorkian and Bedros Kevorkian

### Save these Dates:

- **Annual Lenten Drive Events:**
  - **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Poon Paregendan**
    - **Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Mid Lenten Luncheon (vegan)**
  - **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
- **This year’s Lenten Drive will raise money for Combating Child Malnutrition in Armenia – to be administered by FAR.**

### **From DCE:**

#### **From Today’s Readings**

**John 6:22-38** Having witnessed the miracle of Jesus feeding thousands with just a few loaves and fish, the people eagerly seek Him, asking: ‘what other miraculous sign will you give us? Will it be like the manna God sent down to our ancestors in the wilderness?’ Jesus answers that He offers more than physical sustenance. He tells them He is the true bread from heaven in the famous words: “I am the bread of life; he who comes to me will never go hungry” (v.35). *Discuss/reflect: Bread is a symbol for the physical food we need to live. What kind of hunger do you think Jesus is talking about when He says we will “never be hungry again?” What worldly hungers distract you from the nourishment only Jesus can provide?*

**2 Tim 3:1-12** St. Paul warns Timothy of false teachers who might appear godly and yet their behavior will reveal their character (v. 8: Jannes and Jambres were Egyptian court magicians at the time of Moses, false teachers themselves). He also declares that following Christ is not easy! (v.12) For many, it will be easier to be selfish, greedy, unforgiving, unloving, ungrateful and vain pleasure-seekers. (vv 1-2) *Discuss/reflect: Do the disagreeable qualities listed in vv 2-4 figure in today’s world? Are there times you might display a “form of godliness” (v 5) without the inner heart for God?*

**Is 63:7-18** Almost Psalm-like in structure, these verses recall God’s saving actions in the past (such as the Exodus), acknowledge the sins of Israel, and end with a plea for mercy. *Discuss/reflect: In verse 7, the prophet sings “of the kindnesses of the Lord.” Make such a list from what you observe in the world, in others, and in your own life.*

### **Saturday, February 16: St. Sarkis the Warrior (4<sup>th</sup> century)**



Sarkis was a valiant and faithful soldier of Greek descent in Emperor Constantine’s army. When Emperor Julian took the throne in 361, he began to vigorously promote traditional Roman pagan beliefs instead of the Christian faith legitimized by Emperor Constantine in 313. This earned him the title “Apostate.” Under threat of persecution, Sarkis, with his son Mardiros sought the protection of King Tiran of Armenia. From there, he went to serve in the Persian army, where he and his son won many converts to Christianity. When he refused to worship pagan idols, both he and his son were martyred. Sarkis

believed that telling people about Jesus was more important than his life in this world. He died witnessing to Jesus. Fourteen Persian soldiers whom he had converted to Christianity risked their lives to bury the general’s body and they too were executed. In the fifth century, Mesrob Mashdotz moved the saint’s remains to Armenia.

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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](http://diocesansummercamps.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.