



The LIGHT House Sunday School News

Building Up The Body of Christ – Year of the Family

March 1, 2020

Church Calendar
Sunday of the Expulsion
Readings
Is 33:2-22, Rom 12:1-13:10, Mt 5:17-48.

Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events

Mar 8	Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Mar 15	Sunday of the Steward
Mar 22	Sunday of the Judge

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Today's Schedule

Grades PreK-10

- Students and their families attend Divine Liturgy at 10:00am
 - o A copy of this month's instructional packet & pencils will be available at the church entrance
 - o Please go directly to the Sanctuary and sit in the Sunday School area
- o Following the singing of **Der Voghormya**, an Assembly will be held in the Sunday School Hall
 - Deacon Michael will lead the assembly for all the Sunday School students – to review the packet and unpack the topic of the day
- o Badarak attendance will count towards attendance-related scholarship opportunities

Next Sunday – March 8th – Tri-Church Sunday School Visitation: Sunday School students, faculty & parents from Sts Vartanantz & Armenian Evangelical Churches will attend classes, assembly & church services & brunch with our Sunday School Students

Save the dates:

- **Friday, March 6th – 1st Friday of Lent – service is at 7pm**
- **Additional charitable Lenten Drive Events (proceeds to FAR & Heifer Int'l):**
 - **Sunday, March 22th – Mid Lenten Luncheon (vegan)**
 - **Sunday, March 29th – 2nd plate collection in Sanctuary**
- **Assemblies:**
 - **Sunday, March 29th – Learn Armenian Hymns with Liza Z**

2nd week of Lent

MARCH	<p>1 <i>Sunday of the Expulsion</i> recalls...the loss of that original happiness through pride and mistrust and that every sin bears its penalty. We are not deprived of Paradise forever, but are on the road home.</p> <p>Pray for the refugees of the world, people who have had to leave their homes because of war, violence, or poverty.</p>	<p>2 Pray for someone you know who is having a difficult time. Or choose a story from the newspaper or Internet of a troubled country or people. Pray for them.</p>	<p>3 Let Psalm 25: 4 be your prayer for the day: "Make me know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths."</p>	<p>4 Think of five things we take for granted that are great luxuries in other parts of the world. Say a prayer of thanks for these.</p>	<p>5 Gift wrap a prayer for each member of the family.</p>	<p>6 Pray for your neighbors by name.</p>	<p>7 <i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i> was an important bishop and champion of the church in the 4th century. He described the Holy Spirit as "gentle, One who comes to us in sweetness; beams of light and knowledge gleam forth from Him." At bedtime tonight, address your prayer to the Holy Spirit, also called Comforter.</p>

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From Today's Readings

Matthew 5: 17-48 Having just proclaimed the Beatitudes – a stunning reversal of human values that redefines holiness and blessing -- Jesus clarifies that this does not replace the Law, but rather fulfills it, bringing it to completion. Sins such as murder and adultery begin in the heart; honor, justice and commitment need to be taken seriously. *Discuss/reflect: Jesus asks us to be completely reconciled with others before we honor God at the altar (23-24). What might this prompt you to do before you receive Holy Communion?*

Romans 12:1-13:10 A beautiful companion reading to Jesus' teachings about the Law, St. Paul asserts that the Torah is no longer the norm for conduct, rather it is love that must guide our behavior; love is the true "fulfillment of the law." (13:10) *Discuss/reflect: In verses 12:9-21, which two commands are the easiest for you to keep? Which two the hardest? For primary/elementary grades: Read 12: 9-21 from a children's Bible. Make mini-posters by choosing a simple phrase from this reading for children to illustrate. (Be happy! Share with others! Pray!)*

Isaiah 33: 2-22 In the shadow of Israel's enemy Assyria, Isaiah pleads for God's power and presence, trusting that He will appear in all His majesty as lawgiver, judge and king. *Discuss/reflect: In verse 22, God is described as judge, lawgiver, king, and savior. In what specific ways might each of these roles guide you? You might simply fill in the blank with each, i.e. "As judge, God helps me _____."*

Today is the Sunday of the Expulsion



This Sunday recalls the loss of innocence and faithful trust as Adam and Eve are driven out of Paradise. The day's hymn recounts how the forbidden fruit tasted of sin and death.

In the story of the Garden of Eden, our legendary forebears knew they had made a mistake after eating the fruit, for they were ashamed of their nakedness and foolishly tried to cover themselves and hide from God. The notion that they were wiser than God in deciding to eat the fruit of the "knowledge of good and evil" is at the heart of every sinful thought or action to this day. We often experience this in daily life. And when we do something we're not proud of, facing God is indeed difficult. Expulsion Sunday reminds us of our original exile from God's presence but an exile that His loving mercy will not let us endure forever. Great Lent is a unique opportunity to ponder God's absence even as we seek Him in 40 days of prayer and reflection. *Reflection: Read Genesis 3. In verses 1-5, the serpent undermines Eve's trust in God; what erodes your trust in*

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