



The LIGHT House Sunday School News

Building Up The Body of Christ – Year of the Family

March 8, 2020

Church Calendar
Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Readings
Is 54: 11-55:13, 2Cor 6: 1:-7:1, Lk 15: 1-32.

Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events

Mar 15	Sunday of the Steward
Mar 22	Sunday of the Judge
Mar 29	Sunday of Advent

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Today's Schedule

Tri-Church Sunday School Annual Visitation

Grades PreK-10 (Schedule - approximate timeframes)

- o Classrooms 10:00am-10:30am
- o Assembly (Sunday School Hall) 10:30am-10:45am
- o Sanctuary for Der Shnork's sermon 10:45am-11:00am
- o Craft project (classrooms - crafts are by age group) 11:00am-11:15
- o Brunch (Sunday School Hall) 11:20

Save the dates:

- **Friday, March 6th – 2nd Friday of Lent – service at 7pm**
- **Sunday, March 15th – Dn Michael visits classrooms**
- **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**

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WEEK THREE	SUNDAY KIRAKI	MONDAY :RQOU-ABJI	TUESDAY :R:Q-ABJI	WEDNESDAY OOR:Q-ABJI	THURSDAY FING-ABJI	FRIDAY OUREAJ	SATURDAY <ABAJ
	<p>Prodigal Son tells the story... of a lost son who returns to his father and family home in sorrow and penitence. How great is the father's love and forgiveness! A lesson on the nature of God's love for the "lost" and for those who never stray. (Luke 15:11-32)</p> <p>Pray for young adults throughout the world.</p>	<p>Pray for peace.</p>	<p>Write down a prayer from the Badarak that you especially like. Share it with your family.</p>	<p>Did you know that pretzels were first made as a Lenten treat? The loops and twists were meant to suggest arms in prayer. Have some pretzels today. And pray!</p>	<p>Listen to the Lord in stillness for two minutes. Write down what you "hear."</p>	<p>Either outside on a walk, or in your home, take a picture on your phone of something that inspires you. Pray about it today as you look at the photo.</p>	<p>Gregory of Narek was a priest in the 14th century and one of the greatest theologians of the Armenian Church. His most famous work is "The Book of Questions" or <i>Kirk Hatzgagan</i>, in which he defended the solid foundation of Armenian Church teachings. Write a prayer that starts with a question you have for God.</p>

From DCE:

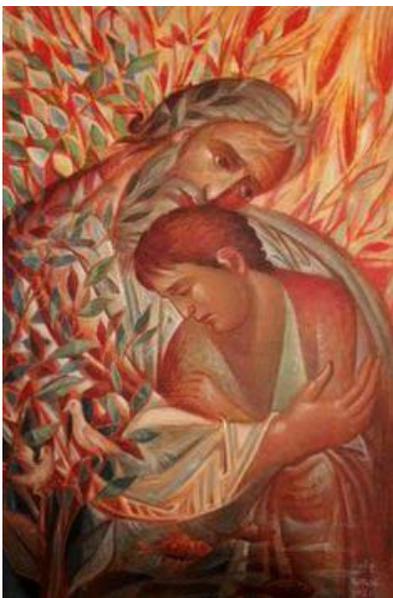
From Today's Readings

Luke 15: 1-32 Among the wonderful parables of losing and finding (sheep, coins), the story of the Prodigal Son tells of a young man who asks for his inheritance up front (unheard of in the ancient world) and leaves home for what he thinks will be a better life. Defeated by his own selfishness and sin, the prodigal humbly returns to a father anxiously awaiting his return. The obedient older son is sullen – why the party for someone so disrespectful? This is a parable about the nature of God’s merciful love and the transformative rewards of being faithful. *Discuss/reflect: Describe both sons. Why was the older son resentful? What didn’t he understand about his own faithfulness? (See v.31 for the answer).*

2 Cor. 6:1–7:1 St. Paul humbly shares the character of his ministry, which is a “mixed bag” of good and bad - glory and dishonor, sleepless nights and rejoicing, “having nothing but possessing everything.” He advises the faithful to strengthen themselves by avoiding unbelievers and the temptation of impure things. *Discuss/reflect: Jesus calls us to a life of goodness – hard to achieve in this world! What do you feel when you hear that you are “the temple of the living God? (6:16) How might that change your behavior?*

Isaiah 54:11-55:13 God will restore Jerusalem to a beauty and value that is described with images of precious jewels; He continues to promise His people all that they require to be satisfied. *Discuss/reflect: Jesus continually stuns his listeners (and us) with His upside-down teachings: to live you must die (Mark 8:35), to gain you must give (Matthew 19:21), to rule you must serve (Luke 22:26). Light is shed on this in Isaiah 55:8: “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways.” Think of all the ways God’s ways fly in the face of the world’s. Pray for guidance to follow Him.*

Today is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son



The son in this parable is not happy with what he has, imagining the pleasures of a “distant country.” So he leaves his father and his home, descends into despair and then returns, chastened by the discovery that *he had left behind what was best*. The father reminds the resentful older brother -- as the Father reminds us -- that true happiness is in living with him daily and that all who return “home” are joyfully received. It is a cliché that we never appreciate the things we have – good health, meaningful work, loving friends and family – until we lose them. Jesus’ parables always transform such simple, well-understood realities into powerful metaphors for God’s love. *Reflection: Many of us dream of some “distant country” just as the prodigal son imagined – a place where we could be or have something extraordinary. What is yours? What does this parable teach us about those places and those things?*

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