



# The LIGHT House Sunday School News

**Building Up The Body of Christ – Year of the Family**

**March 15, 2020**

*Church Calendar*  
*Sunday of the Steward*  
*Readings*  
*Is 56:1-57:21, Eph 4:17-5:14, Lk 16:1-31.*

**Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events**

Mar 22	Sunday of the Judge
Mar 29	Sunday of Advent
Apr 5	Palm Sunday

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

## Today's Schedule

### Grades PreK-10

- o Classes meet 10:00am
- o Deacon Michael visits classrooms today

Faculty & CEAB Meeting following church services

### Save the dates:

- **Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – 3rd Friday of Lent – service at 7pm**
- **Additional charitable Lenten Drive Events (proceeds to FAR & Heifer Int'l)**
  - **Sunday, March 22<sup>th</sup> – Mid Lenten Luncheon (vegan)**
  - **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> plate collection in Sanctuary**
- **Assemblies:**
  - **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Learn Armenian Hymns with Liza Z**
  - **Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday**

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WEEK FOUR	SUNDAY KIRAKI	MONDAY ROUCABUJ	TUESDAY QACABUJ	WEDNESDAY QOCABUJ	THURSDAY FINGABUJ	FRIDAY OURBAJ	SATURDAY CABAJ
	<p><b>15</b> <i>Sunday of the Steward</i> reminds us that...we need to be as wise in administering our spiritual security as we are in earthly matters! (Luke 16:1-13)</p> <p>As a family, think of all the gifts (talents) you have. Make a list and thank God for them.</p>	<p><b>16</b> Memorize St. Nerses Shnorhali's prayer: "Jesus, Wisdom of the Father, grant me wisdom, that I may always think, speak and do that which is good in your sight. Save me from evil thoughts, words, and deeds and have mercy upon all your creatures and upon me, a great sinner."</p>	<p><b>17</b> Look up Matthew 14:23, Mark 6:16, Luke 6:12, Mark 1:35, Luke 5:16. What was Jesus doing?</p>	<p><b>18</b> <i>Median Day of Lent</i> Take stock of your Lenten experience so far. Pray for the church.</p>	<p><b>19</b> Watch the news on TV today or skim the first few pages of the newspaper. Identify the people and places that need our prayers.</p>	<p><b>20</b> Google one of our great prayer writers, St. Nerses Shnorhali, and learn about him. Memorize one of the 24 prayers of <i>I Confess with Faith</i>. (Choose one other than "Jesus, Wisdom of the Father.")</p>	<p><b>21</b> <i>Forty Martyrs of Sebasteia</i> These brave Christian soldiers in the 4th century Roman Army were thrown into a freezing lake because of their outlawed faith. One soldier could not take the cold and ran out. The 39 were found dead the next morning but with brilliant halos over their heads, the sight of which inspired a pagan guard to convert and throw himself to his death into the freezing water. Pray for Christians throughout the world who have sacrificed their lives for their faith. Find out where such things are happening.</p>

**On-Going Charitable Projects: *hygienic products collection, weekly plate collection, winter warmth items and the Lenten Drive, Mary House Service Program - April 6<sup>th</sup>***

**From DCE:**

**From Today's Readings**

**Luke 16: 1** See below for the Parable of the Steward (1-13). Today's reading also includes the renowned story of the unnamed rich man and Lazarus. The rich man ignores the poor and ailing Lazarus and after both have died, he sees that Lazarus is in heaven at Abraham's side. Lamenting his own torment far from God, he asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his brothers of what can happen when they live selfish lives. Abraham tells him they had already been well informed by the Law and the prophets so nothing more would help. *Discuss/reflect: Like the unnamed rich man, do you want more assurances that God's ways are the best? What's keeping you from deeper faith, a faith that can lead to the richest life, now and eternally?*

**Ephesians 4:17-5:14** St. Paul notes that 'children of light' must set aside past behaviors, having become renewed in Christ and created to be like God in true holiness (vv.23-24). The way of love excludes all the vices we might have once considered acceptable. *Discuss/reflect: What specific ways does St. Paul cite as examples of "new self" behavior? (4:25-5:7) Of those listed, what one behavior do you need to change? Pray for God's help.*

**Isaiah 56:1-57:21** God's message is simple: "do what is right!" (56:1) He exhorts His people to remove the obstacles that keep people from Him and to be faithful to His covenant and honor the Sabbath, welcoming all who do the same. *Discuss/reflect: "When you cry out for help, let your collection of idols save you!" (57:13) Hmmm... What are the "idols" you rely upon for satisfaction and security, things that keep you from despair? What is God telling you about these?*

**Today is the Sunday of the Steward**

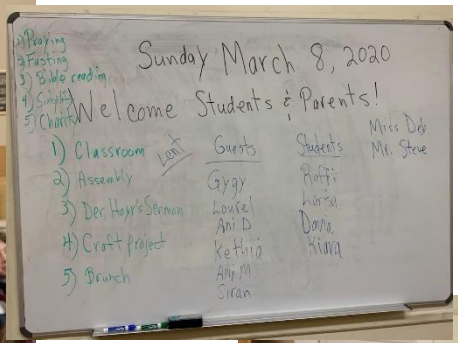


Stewards oversaw the finances and all the affairs of the house for wealthy families of ancient times. The steward in this parable (often also called the "shrewd manager") is far-sighted about his own welfare. When his master accuses him of wasteful ways, demanding an accounting and threatening his dismissal, the steward reduces the debts owed to his master by others so that they might employ him should it come to that (he was actually lowering his own built-in commission in every negotiation). He is commended by the master. Although a challenging parable, it is easier to understand when we see that Jesus is asking us to be as

diligent and ambitious about our spiritual welfare as we are about our worldly security. *Reflection: How committed are you to putting your spiritual house in good order? Is it as important as other matters? Why or why not?*

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# Tri-Church Annual Sunday School Annual Visitation



## Learning Armenian Hymns

