



The LIGHT House Sunday School News

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

March 24, 2019

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

Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events

Mar 31	Sunday of the Judge
Apr 7	Sunday of Advent
Apr 14	Palm Sunday

CEAB On-Duty: Joyce Avedisian (401-935-1815)

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

Today's Schedule

Join us for our Mid-Lenten Luncheon – proceeds of which will combat childhood malnutrition in Armenia*



Grades PreK-10

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

Save these Dates:

- **Annual Lenten Drive Events – Proceeds are Administered by FAR***
 - **Sunday, April 7th – 2nd plate collection in Sanctuary**

Visit these Websites: <https://vemkar.us>, <http://www.stvoski.org/embed.html>
<https://armenianchurch.us/>

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 raises money for *Combating Child Malnutrition in Armenia* – to be administered by FAR.**

From DCE:

From Today’s Readings

Luke 16: 1-31 In addition to this Sunday’s Lenten lesson -- the Parable of the Steward (see below) -- today’s reading also includes the renowned story of the unnamed rich man and Lazarus. Having ignored the poor and ailing Lazarus in life, after both die, the rich man sees that Lazarus is up 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 could help. *Discuss/reflect: Notice the irony in the statement (v.31) that “even if someone rises from the dead,” some people will not be convinced of the truths of heaven. What can help us focus on these truths?*

Ephesians 4:17-5:14 St. Paul notes that ‘children of light’ must set aside past behaviors, having been created to be like God in true holiness and renewed in Christ (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? (25: speak truthfully, 26: let go of anger quickly, 28: engage in useful work so we’re able to help others, 29: speak to build others up, 31: do not be bitter, or angry or slander others, 5:1: imitate God, 2: live a life of love, 3: avoid sexual immorality or any kind of impurity or greed, 7: avoid the people who encourage you to behave immorally.) Of those listed, what one behavior do you need to improve?*

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; all who love the name of the Lord “will be accepted at my altar; “for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” (56:7). *Discuss/reflect: Is your parish community welcoming to outsiders? Does your church family or your Sunday worship service present obstacles for someone of another background?*

Today is the Sunday of the Steward



our worldly security.

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

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Learning Armenian Hymns with Lisa Z



Grades 6-10 Class Presents Prodigal Son

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)

Contact for Hye Camp: Jennifer Morris (jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org)

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.

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