



The LIGHT House Sunday School News

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

March 31, 2019

Church Calendar
Sunday of the Judge
Readings
Is 65:8-25, Phil 3:1-4:9, Lk 17:20-18:14.

Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events

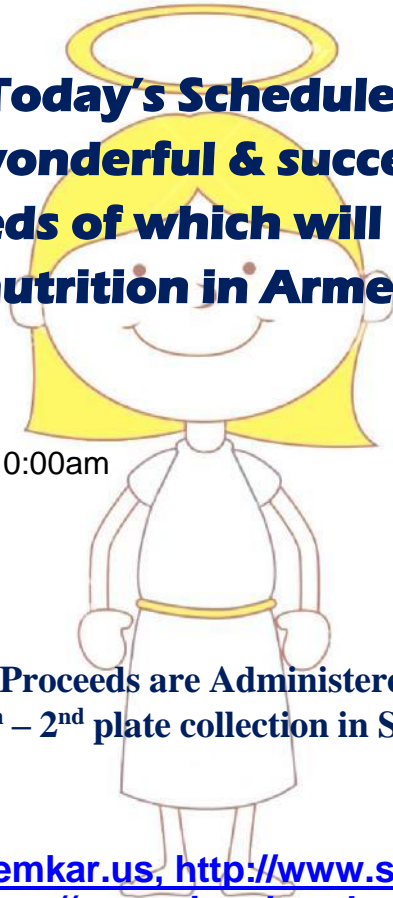
Apr 7	Sunday of Advent
Apr 14	Palm Sunday
Apr 21	Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

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

Today's Schedule

Thank you for a wonderful & successful 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, 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
- **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 17:20-18:14 Jesus describes the Second Coming as a time like any other in some ways, with people in pursuit of their usual pleasures; joys as well as suffering continue. Yet we learn that His Coming will be as bold as a bolt of lightning. We cannot be prepared for it if we have not lived all along as God's devoted children; if we haven't, we will be reluctant to leave behind earthly preoccupations for heavenly ones. This description is immediately followed by The Parable of the Unjust Judge (or Persistent Widow). See below for more on this parable and reflection questions.

Discuss/reflect: How does Jesus' example of Lot's wife looking back clarify the meaning of verse 33: "whoever tries to keep their life will lose it and whoever loses their life will preserve it"?

Philippians 3:1-4:9 "Rejoice in the Lord!" St. Paul declares, since all that once was valued is nothing, rubbish (lit: dung; 3:8) compared to knowing Jesus. A life for those who eschew earthly things for a glorious "citizenship in heaven" is marked by joy, gratitude, a worry-free serenity. And a peace from God that "transcends all understanding." (4:7)

Discuss/reflect: How would you finish the sentence in v. 13 as you try to draw ever closer to Christ: "...one thing I do: _____."

Isaiah 65:8-25 In prophesying to postexilic Israel, Isaiah shares God's promises of judgment to the disobedient but salvation and renewal to the faithful – a world where there will no longer be tears and where the wolf and the lamb will peacefully co-exist. *Discuss/reflect: "I called and you did not answer...I spoke and you did not listen...you chose what displeases me..." (v.12) In some ways, could this describe you? How?*

Today is the Sunday of the Judge



To underscore the importance of prayer, Jesus tells the parable of an unjust judge who neglects the pleas of a poor widow until, tired of her persistence, he hands down a decision and sends her away. Just as Jesus used the example of a less-than-virtuous steward (last Sunday's Lenten lesson), he now uses the example of an exasperated, self-centered judge. If *he* submits to the supplication of the widow, won't a merciful, loving God hear and respond to our needs? Prayer is one of the essential ways we grow closer to God. It was the only thing the disciples asked Jesus to teach them! Reflection: *When do you pray? Only at certain times? When you feel angry or sad? Thankful? Memorize I Thessalonians 5:16-18 as a good mantra for prayerful living.*

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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

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.

