



# The LIGHT House Sunday School News

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

April 7, 2019

**Church Calendar**  
Sunday of Advent  
Annunciation to the Virgin Mary  
**Readings**  
Is 66:1-24, Col 2:8-3:17, Mt 22:24-23:39.

### Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events

<b>Apr 14</b>	Palm Sunday
<b>Apr 21</b>	Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
<b>Apr 24</b>	Feast of the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide
<b>Apr 28</b>	Octave of Easter – New Sunday

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## Today's Schedule

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Plate Collection in the sanctuary for the Lenten Drive

#### Grades PreK-10

- Regularly scheduled classes, 10:00am
- Badarak attendance
- Return to classrooms following Holy Communion

#### Save these Dates:

- **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Learn Armenian Hymns with Lisa Z**
- **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> - Annual ACYOA Palm Sunday Dinner following church services**
- **Graduation, May 5<sup>th</sup>**



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

**Matthew 22:34-23:39** In these verses, Jesus defines the two greatest commandments (22: 36-40) in which all the law and prophecies of the Old Testament can be summarized. In 23, there is an extended warning (the “seven woes”) against the vanities and false pieties of the Pharisees. The reading concludes with Jesus’ poignant lament for Jerusalem in which (22:37) – in one of the rare moments when a female metaphor for God is used – He yearns to protect its people as a “mother bird gathers her young under her wings.” *Discuss/reflect: In chapter 23, where does Jesus capture your attention? What practices touch close to home in your life?*

**Colossians 2:8-3:17** In a beautiful accompaniment to today’s Gospel, St. Paul urges us to depend on Christ rather than human tradition or worldly principles. Through baptism we have died with Him and are raised with Him into faith and a new way of living. That virtuous, good life is eloquently described in 3:12-17. *Discuss/reflect: In 3:9-10 we read that in Christ “you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.” Comparing the “old” ways described in 3:5-8 with the “new” outlined in 3:12-17, how would you rate yourself? Where do you need more of His help?*

**Isaiah 66:1-24** Isaiah conveys God’s promise of both restoration and judgment. His children will thrive and be comforted in a new Jerusalem; those who persist in false worship and disobedience, however, will be harshly judged. Again (as in the Gospel passage above), we are offered a beautiful female image in verse 13: “As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.” *Discuss/reflect: Do you think sometimes we focus more on the form of worship rather than what it’s all about? If so, explain.*

#### Today is the Annunciation to Mary and the Sunday of the Advent



On the infrequent occasion when the Feast of the Annunciation falls on a Sunday during Lent, the joy of that feast takes precedence over Lenten disciplines. The altar curtain is opened and Holy Communion distributed during Badarak. The visit of the angel Gabriel to St. Mary appears in Luke 1: 26-38; here we learn how the very young and deeply faithful Mary humbly accepts her role in God’s redemptive plan for all humankind.

The Lenten lesson remains dedicated to the Second Coming of Christ when He will come again -- this time not as a gentle and lowly Savior, but as a righteous judge in the glory of His Father and with a retinue of angels.

*Department of Christian Education, Diocese of the Armenian Church (Eastern)*

## 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](http://diocesansummercamps.org)

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## 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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