



The LIGHT House Sunday School News

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

April 14, 2019

Church Calendar
Palm Sunday
Readings
Zec 9:9-15, Phil 4:4-7, Mt 20:29-21:17.

Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events

Apr 21	Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
Apr 24	Feast of the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide
Apr 28	Octave of Easter – New Sunday
May 5	Sunday of the World Church – Green Sunday

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

Today's Schedule Palm Sunday



Grades PreK-10

- Regularly scheduled classes, 10:00am
- Badarak attendance
- Return to classrooms following Holy Communion
- Assembly: Learn Armenian Hymns with Lisa Z

Annual ACYOA Palm Sunday Dinner following church services

Save this Date:

- **Graduation, May 5th**

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

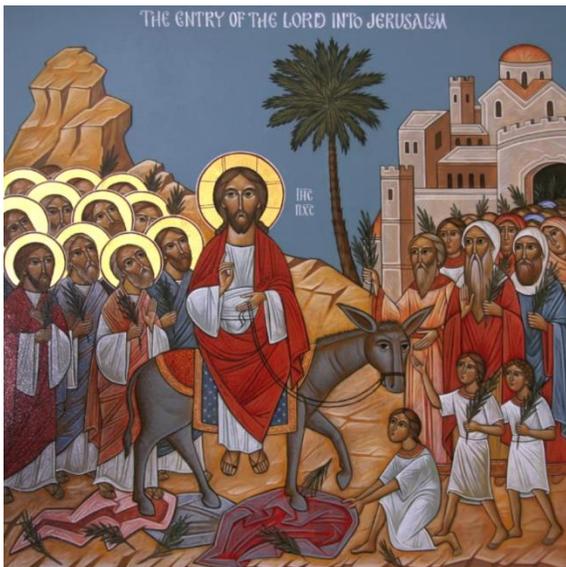
Matthew 20:29-21:17 The healing of the two blind men is a poignant prelude to the story of Jesus’ triumphal arrival in Jerusalem (see below). The two persist in loudly declaring their faith despite the crowd’s rebuke. Upon being healed by their Lord, they follow Him. The passage continues with the Palm Sunday story (21:1-11) and the account of Jesus driving the moneychangers from the Temple. *Discuss/reflect: In what ways do you feel spiritually blind? Is your “sight” better than it was a year ago?*

Philippians 4: 4-7 In a letter overflowing with the joys of knowing Jesus, St. Paul sums it all up in these few verses: rejoice in the Lord, know that He is near, be gentle with everyone, don’t worry about a thing, pray your gratitude, and God’s peace will guard your heart in Christ Jesus.

Discuss/reflect: What are some concrete ways to “rejoice in the Lord”? (v.4)

Zechariah 9: 9-15 Set in the context of the Jews’ return from the Babylonian exile and the rebuilding of Jerusalem, Zechariah looks expectantly to when God will transform His people into a holy nation. In these verses, we see a striking prophecy of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem “gentle and riding on a donkey.” *Discuss/reflect: What images of peace and restoration can you identify in these verses?*

Today is Palm Sunday (Dzaghgazart)



This day recalls Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. He is greeted by throngs of people laying their cloaks and palm branches on the road before Him as a royal carpet of welcome. Matthew understood the event as the fulfillment of specific prophecies, including Zechariah 9:9 (today’s reading). Therefore, for many gathered, this *was* the entrance of the Messiah and conformed fully to Old Testament prophecy and Jewish expectations. Yet how poorly the crowd understood the nature of the kingdom and the king they were welcoming since not long afterwards their “Hosannas!” turned to the jeering shouts of “Crucify Him!” The service of the *Opening of the Doors* is also held on Palm Sunday, during which the priest and people pray for entry once again into God’s presence. The term *Dzaghgazart* (“adorned with flowers”) may refer to an older pagan feast. *Discuss/reflect: In verse 10 we read that “when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked: “Who is this?” Has He entered your heart? Are you prompted to know more about who He is?*

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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@armeniadiocese.org)

Contact for Hye Camp: Jennifer Morris (jenniferm@armeniadiocese.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.

