



The LIGHT House Sunday School News

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

May 5, 2019

Church Calendar
Sunday of the World Church – Green Sunday
Readings
1 Pt 2:1-10, Acts 9:23-31, Jn 2:23-3:12.

Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events

July 28	Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord
Aug 18	Feast of the Assumption of the Mother-of-God

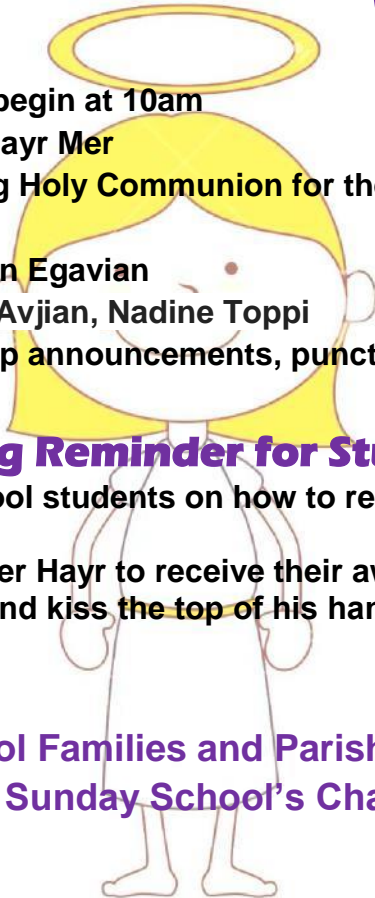
CEAB On-Duty: Narine Lemme (401-525-1826)

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

Today's Schedule – Graduation Day – Please join us

PreK – 10th Grade

- Regularly scheduled classes begin at 10am
- Badarak attendance prior to Hayr Mer
- Remain in Sanctuary following Holy Communion for the Sunday School Graduation Ceremony
- Special graduation luncheon in Egavian
 - Graduating students: Ana Avjian, Nadine Toppi
 - Short Program: Scholarship announcements, punctual attendance drawing



Coaching Reminder for Students

- Please coach the Sunday School students on how to receive an award, diploma and/or gift from Der Hayr:
- When the person goes up to Der Hayr to receive their award/diploma/gift, he/she needs to take Der Hayr's right hand and kiss the top of his hand and say "Orhnya Der" or at least "Thank You".

Thank you all – Sunday School Families and Parishioners - for your continued support regarding Sunday School's Charitable Projects.

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

From DCE:

From Today's Readings

John 2:23-3:12 Nicodemus, a Jewish leader and teacher, is impressed with the “signs and wonders” Jesus has performed and wants to know more. Jesus tells him of a second, even more life-changing birth when we are born again “of water and the Spirit.” *Discuss/reflect: The Armenian Church baptizes infants while godparents, parents, and community stand witness and pledge to nurture the child's faith. We are “born again” at baptism, but what are ways to continue this spiritual birthing throughout our lives?*

Acts 9:23-31 The newly converted St. Paul is preaching in the synagogues of Damascus. When his life is threatened, followers lower him over a wall in a basket. Barnabus later introduces and defends him to the apostles in Jerusalem who are understandably fearful since Paul was once a zealous persecutor of Christians. The church experiences peace and great growth. *Discuss/reflect: The church is described as “living in the fear of God.” (v.31) The Greek word “phobos” denotes reverential awe and the end of verse 31 literally translates from the Greek as “[the churches] walked in awe of God and with the comfort of the Holy Spirit and were multiplied.” What might this be telling us about what is needed for the church to grow? Do you walk in this reverence and comfort?*

1 Peter 2:1-10 The apostle Peter describes all believers as “living stones” who come to the Living Stone, Christ, to be built into the spiritual house that is the Church. *Discuss/reflect: How do you respond to Peter's description of you and other Christians in verse 9? What calling(s) may be suggested by each image?*

Today is Sunday of the World Church (Green Sunday)



The second Sunday after Easter is dedicated to the very first church in the world – established in Jerusalem by Christ. It was there in the Upper Room (*Ver-na-doon*) that Jesus shared His Body and Blood in the bread and wine of the new Covenant with his disciples and where they in turn gathered with other followers before and after the Resurrection and at Pentecost. It was this nucleus of Christ's church that would one day become a church of millions. Although the site remains a place of pilgrimage, the original building itself no longer exists. In its place, we have a *world* church—the entire earth which the Christian Church has taken under its roof. The name “green” conveys the idea of new life in Christ's resurrection as well as its glorious evidence in nature at this time of year.

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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.

