



The LIGHT House

Sunday School News

Building Up The Body of Christ – Year of the Family

September 22, 2019

Church Calendar
Parekentan of the Fast of the Holy Cross of Varak
Readings
Is 14:3-17, 2Cor 10:18-11:10, Mk10:1-12.

Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events

Sept 29	Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak
Oct 6	Fourth Sunday After Exaltation
Oct 13	Fifth Sunday After Exaltation
Oct 20	Sixth Sunday After Exaltation

CEAB On-Duty: *Margie Martiesian (401-345-5967)*
 Absent Teacher On-Call: *Anna Robinson (401-580-6788)*

Registration Continues, Regular Classes Resume

Today's Schedule

Grades PreK-10

- Classes meet at 10am
- Registration from 10am-10:30am

New Program- Family Worship Sunday

Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6

This Year's Mission in the Church is the **Year of the Family** and what better way than celebrating the Divine Liturgy with our Family.

The first Sunday of every month will be **Family Worship Sunday**. The Sunday School Program for that day will be attending Badarak services as a Family. **Family Worship Sunday** will count as attendance for scholarship opportunities.

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

On-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**
 - **Sept 30, Nov 25, April 6, June 22**
- **Hygiene Products – Toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, Kleenex, toilet paper, hand sanitizers, 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
- **Weekly Sunday School student plate donation**

From DCE:

Mark 10:1-12 In speaking of the sanctity of marriage, Jesus was addressing the ease with which divorce was obtained by Jewish men in 1st century Palestine. Deuteronomy 24:1 confirms that a husband could simply write his own certificate of divorce and dismiss his wife from the legal bond. Since God created men and women to become one flesh in marriage, this was a union not to be broken lightly. *Discuss/reflect: The Armenian Church takes the importance of marriage so seriously that while it acknowledges that there might be compelling reasons for a marriage to be dissolved, it is a sad event that calls for thoughtful reflection. Second marriage rituals have a penitential character. How might a prayerful consideration of God’s intent for marriage alter today’s perceptions of that relationship?*

2 Corinthians 10:18-11:10 St. Paul defends his teaching against those who preach a different “gospel;” his witness is always focused on Jesus Christ. He humbly does what he can to support himself in his work, thus avoiding being a burden. *Discuss/reflect: St. Paul proposes a metaphor of marriage when he says (v. 2) “I promised you to one husband, to Christ...” What does this suggest about our relationship with our Lord? What forces, if any, draw you away from Jesus (vv.3-4)?*

Isaiah 14: 3-17 These verses refer to the fall of Babylon (Babylon had taken the Hebrews into captivity in a catastrophic episode known as the Babylonian Exile, c 587-537 BC) and eloquently sing of how the mightiest, the most terrible rulers are eventually in their graves, defeated by death. *Discuss/reflect: What might the “pomp” and the “noise of harps” (v.11) be for us in our lives, what do we take pride in that might actually be distracting us from God? What’s an example of a powerful country, personality, or trend that no longer has influence?*

Tuesday, September 24, commemorates St. Shushan



Shushan was the daughter of the Armenian national hero and saint Vartan Mamigonian and wife of Varsken, a nobleman of Armenian/ Iranian descent who renounced Christianity in favor of Mazdeism to secure his position with the ruling Persians. Varsken demanded the same from his wife and when she refused, he had her imprisoned and tortured for seven years. To her last breath, she proclaimed Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Strengthening her in her resolve were a relic of Christ’s cross and a gospel that she had received as a gift from her grandfather, the renowned Catholicos Sahag Barteve. She died in 458 AD at the age of 45. She is honored as well in the Georgian Orthodox Church; the account of her martyrdom is the oldest extant work of Georgian literature. *Reflection: Describe your relationship with the Lord. Would it be easily abandoned in the face of adversity?*

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Opening Day

