



The LIGHT House

Sunday School News

Building Up The Body of Christ – Year of the Family

October 6, 2019

Church Calendar
Fourth Sunday After the Exaltation
Readings
Is 17:7-14, 2Cor 13:5-13, Mk 11:27-33.

Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events

Oct 13	Fifth Sunday After Exaltation
Oct 20	Sixth Sunday After Exaltation
Oct 27	Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross

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



Today's Schedule

Grades PreK-10

- Students and their families attend Divine Liturgy at 10:00am
 - o A copy of this month's instructional packet & pencils will be available at the church entrance
 - o Please go directly to the Sanctuary and sit in the Sunday School area – upper right hand side when facing the altar
- Following Holy Communion, an Assembly will be held in the Sunday School Hall
 - Deacon Michael will lead the assembly for all the Sunday School students – to review the packet and unpack the topic of the day
- Badarak attendance will count towards attendance-related 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**
 - **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**

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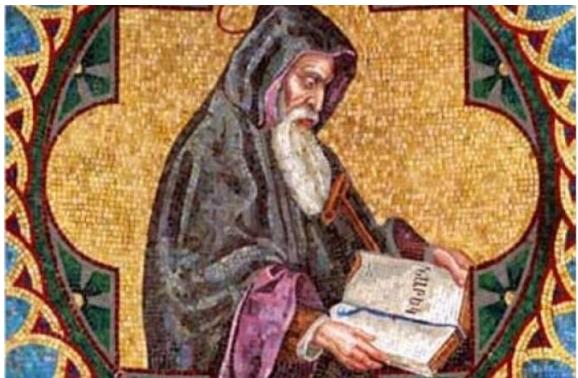
From Today's Readings

Mark 11:27-33 The chief priests, teachers of the law, and elders question the authority of Jesus, who had angered them once again by evicting the moneychangers and vendors at the Temple. *Discuss/reflect: In what ways do you question Jesus' authority? How does your life reflect that you truly believe He governs your life?*

2 Corinthians 13:5-13 St. Paul tells the believers of Corinth that even if they feel he has failed them, he prays for their righteousness. He is happy to appear weak if it means that they are strong in their faith. "Aim for perfection," he tenderly advises, and "the God of love and peace will be with you." *Discuss/reflect: What model of virtue does St. Paul offer us in our attitudes to those we serve who criticize us? What might aiming for perfection look like in your life?*

Isaiah 17:7-14 Isaiah prophesies against Syria and Israel, whose people have forgotten God. As a result, no human effort can be fruitful. *Discuss/reflect: In these difficult times, how might the image of verse 13 together with the story of Jesus' calming of the sea (Mark 4:35-41) be sources of comfort and strength?*

Saturday, October 12, is the Feast of the Holy Translators



Philosopher, Gregory of Narek, Nersess the Grace-filled These well-known saints are remembered on other days of the church calendar year, but the Armenian Church remembers them here specifically as "translators," those who enlighten others about our faith through prayers, hymns, poetry, philosophy and even history. Translation goes beyond rendering one language into another. It is the sharing of the experience of Christ with His people, to those who will also become translators for His Church.

St. Gregory of Narek (c 945-1003) was a beloved teacher, churchman and prolific writer. Born in Narek (near Lake Van) he entered the monastery there and wrote Bible commentaries, history and deeply affecting prayers. His renowned collection *Speaking with God from the Depths of My Heart* was so treasured that it was thought to have healing powers. This Sunday begin class with one of his prayers (from Prayer 29): "You alone are great and generous in everything./You are the definition of abundant goodness/who pours forth constantly without measure,/more than we ask or expect."

Reflection: How, in my life, do I "pour forth without measure"?

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