



# The LIGHT House Sunday School News

**Building Up The Body of Christ – Year of the Family**  
**October 27, 2019**

*Church Calendar*  
*Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross*  
*Readings*  
*Wis 14:1-8, Is 33:22-34:1, 1Cor 1:18-24, Mt 24:27-36.*

**Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events**

Nov 3	20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Enthronement of Karekin II, Catholicos of all Armenians
Nov 10	Ninth Sunday After Exaltation
Nov 17	Barkendan of the Fast of Advent

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

## Today's Schedule

### Grades PreK-10

- Classes meet at 10am
- Assembly: Learn Armenian Hymns with Lisa Z following Holy Communion

### Save the Dates:

- Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>: Family Worship Sunday
  - The first Sunday of every month is **Family Worship Sunday**
  - The Sunday School Program is to attend Badarak services as a Family.
  - Instructional materials re: topic of the day will be available
  - Following Holy Communion, Deacon Michael will lead an Assembly in the Sunday School Hall to review and unpack the topic

**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**

### **From DCE:**

#### **From Today’s Readings:**

**Matthew 24:27-36** Although no one but the Father knows the exact day or hour, Jesus speaks of His return as unmistakable. He will appear in the sky with power and great glory and will send His angels with a loud trumpet blast to gather the elect from the four corners of the world. *Discuss/reflect: Our Lord puts things into clear perspective for His disciples in v 36. “Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will never pass away.” Do Jesus’ words – words that will last forever even when all else turns to dust –have an impact on how you live? In what ways?*

**I Corinthians 1:18-24** St. Paul talks about the different reactions to the message of the cross. The Jews believed it to be foolish; others believed it to be offensive. *Discuss/reflect: What pictures come to mind when you think of powerful, successful people? How do these images compare with Christ on the Cross?*

**Isaiah 33:22-34:1** Isaiah encourages God’s people to place their trust in Him. As in today’s reading from Wisdom, we encounter images of a ship in disarray. *Discuss/reflect: With what four roles is Jesus (Lord) identified in verse 22? (Judge, lawgiver, king, savior). How can each guide your behavior?*

**Wis.14: 1-8** On the Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross as well as the earlier Feast of the Exaltation, this reading (which can only be found in the Armenian Bible or a Bible that includes the Deuterocanonical books) offers an image of a floundering ship and the raft that brings people to safety. “The people trust their lives to the smallest piece of wood ...for blessed is the wood by which righteousness comes” (vv 5-7) – a reference for Christians to the Cross of Christ and the true path to salvation (as opposed to wooden idols). *Discuss/reflect: Do you trust your life to God’s sovereignty? If not, what idols are your gods?*

### **Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross**



In the 4<sup>th</sup> century, the Emperor Constantine delegated his mother Queen Helena to find the actual cross upon which Christ was crucified. She found the site (c.326), but three crosses were there. To authenticate the true cross of Christ, it was said that the body of a young man who had recently died was placed on each cross. The true Cross of Christ was ‘discovered’ when the deceased youth came back to life. Christians in Jerusalem began to venerate that cross, and since then it has been broken into fragments and dispersed among various churches. There is a fragment of the cross in Etchmiadzin, as well as in St. Vartan Cathedral in New York City. *Discuss/reflect: Although this was a discovery made long ago, even today we are called to discover the mystery of the cross in our daily lives. Are we willing to be that youth? To transform our lives by taking up the cross, and allowing its power to give us new life in Christ?*

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# Sign of the Cross

*Video by Father Vasken*

**Presentation by the Student Advisory Board: Allan, Eliz and Gohar**

