



The LIGHT House Sunday School News

Building Up The Body of Christ – Year of the Family
November 3, 2019

Church Calendar
20th Anniversary of the Enthronement of Karekin II,
Catholicos of all Armenians
Readings
Is 22:15, Eph 1:1-14, Lk 8:17-21.

Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events

Nov 10	Ninth Sunday After Exaltation
Nov 17	Barkendan of the Fast of Advent
Nov 24	First Sunday of Advent

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

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
 - A copy of this month's instructional packet & pencils will be available at the church entrance
 - 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

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

Luke 8:17-21 Jesus tells His disciples to listen attentively to His words, as this will lead to deeper understanding; indifference and hardness of heart will obscure even what one already understands. The visit of His family gives Jesus the opportunity to emphasize an important Gospel theme: A relationship with Him is not through blood ties (or belonging to the right church family), but rather through hearing and acting upon the word of God. *Discuss/reflect: In what ways does your life reflect “attentive listening” to how Jesus asks us to live?*

Ephesians 1:1-14 God’s saving plan began before creation itself, when He chose us in Christ (v 4) to be holy and blameless and destined to be His children. Those who belong to God’s family and have heard the “word of truth” and believe are blessed with the Holy Spirit. *Discuss/reflect: At chrismation you were marked in holy oil with a “seal” of the Holy Spirit. How have you lived up to the holiness to which these anointings called you?*

Isaiah 22:15-24 Isaiah warns Shebna, a court official in Jerusalem, that his self-importance will be humbled by God. *Discuss/reflect: God criticizes the palace steward for honoring himself with a chiseled gravestone (v 16). See Micah 6:8 for Godly guidelines for leaders: “And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Think of a world leader who exemplifies these virtues. Thank God for him/her!*

Saturday, November 2, was the Feast of All Saints



The saints acknowledged by the Church with special days on the calendar are not the only people who have dedicated their lives to God. There are many who remain unknown and nameless and yet lived a holy life just as devoted to Jesus Christ as the saints whom we know and remember. Through prayerful discernment, the Church recognizes

some saints by name, but also proclaims that others may be resting in Christ and praying for us; these are remembered on the Feast of All Saints. We are indeed surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses (Hebrews 12:1) who cheer us on to live a holy and saintly life, to run the race of perseverance, as we fix our eyes on Jesus. Together the saints, the old and the new, the known and the unknown, have run that race and have persevered. They have shaped and built the Church, and modeled what it looks like to be Christian. As Christians, we are called to be more than just inspired by the saints, but to emulate their very lives and actions. *Reflection/activity: Google the name of a saint from the Diocesan calendar. Reflect prayerfully on their character and how they exemplify a life centered in Christ.*

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