



The LIGHT House Sunday School News

Building Up The Body of Christ – Year of the Family
November 10, 2019

Church Calendar
Ninth Sunday After Exaltation
Readings
Is 24:1-12, Eph 5:15-33, Lk 8:49-56.

Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events

Nov 17	Barkendan of the Fast of Advent
Nov 24	First Sunday of Advent
Dec 1	Second Sunday of Advent

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Today’s Schedule

Grades PreK-10

- Classes meet at 10am

Save the Dates:

- Sunday, November 17th: Assembly with *Student Advisory Board* (Allan K, Eliz O & Gohar V) - Hanoian Hall, following Holy Communion
- Sunday, November 24th: Assembly - Learn Armenian Hymns with Lisa Z
- Sunday, December 1st: Family Worship Sunday

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

Luke 8:49-56 The synagogue official Jairus had begged Jesus to heal his ailing daughter. Immediately after, Jesus healed a woman who also reached out to Him in profound faith. Now Jesus hears the news that the official's daughter has died. He tells Jairus not to be afraid, but only believe, and she would be made well. And indeed, Jesus brings her back to life. *Discuss/reflect: Jesus had his closest disciples Peter, James and John witness this miracle. They alone were also present at His Transfiguration and in His agonizing moments in the Garden of Gethsemane. Which friend(s) would you let into your toughest and your most life-changing moments? Why? (Keep in mind that nobody's perfect: Jesus' three closest fell asleep in the Garden and Peter betrayed Jesus three times after His arrest.)*

Ephesians 5:15-33 St. Paul has declared that our new identity as children of light calls us to live a different way. (5:8) He compares the love between husband and wife with Christ and the Church. (Ephesians 5:22-33 is read during the Armenian marriage ceremony.) *Discuss/reflect: St. Paul advises that we give thanks to God "always and in everything" (verse 20). When do you find it difficult to feel grateful? Use moments of despair, bitterness, or anger to pause and list specific things for which to give thanks. It's not only a spiritual but a psychological truth: gratitude can eliminate fear and anxiety.*

Isaiah 24:1-12 Isaiah describes the devastation of the earth. The passage reads like a ritual mourning for the land and, unlike other similar prophecies in Isaiah, has not been linked with any historical catastrophe. *Discuss/reflect: According to verse 5, what is the reason for the earth's ruin? (People have disobeyed the sacred laws and broken the covenant.) How might we today be hurting ourselves or the earth by ignoring God's laws and covenant?*

Saturday, November 9: Holy Archangels Gabriel and Michael



Spiritual beings created by God, angels are gifted with intelligence and free will. The word 'angel,' (Armenian *hreshdag*) means 'messenger.' The Archangel Gabriel announced the birth of John the Baptist to his father Zechariah, and the birth of Christ to Mary, the Mother of God. The Archangel Michael, cited in the books of Daniel and Revelation, leads God's armies against evil, guarding the Church. The Armenian Church, like all Orthodox churches, believes in the existence of guardian angels. "See that you despise not one of these little ones," Christ said, "for I say to you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven." (Matthew 18:10) Angels sing and celebrate in perpetual glorification of God. Through Christ we are granted full heavenly citizenship with the angels and share the privilege of praising God with them, singing in their presence during Badarak. *Discuss/reflect: Angels are described in the Bible as both benign in form (Luke 24:4; Acts 1:10) as well as fearsome with multiple wings all covered with eyes (Revelation 4:8). What is your image of angels? Google all the Scripture references to angels and list their role and appearance.*

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