



The LIGHT House Sunday School News

Building Up The Body of Christ – Year of the Family
November 24, 2019

Church Calendar
First Sunday of Advent
Readings
Is 36:1-9, 1Thes 1:1-10, Lk 12:13-31.

Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events

Dec 1	Second Sunday of Advent
Dec 8	Barekendan of the Fast of St James
Dec 15	Fourth Sunday 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
- Invitations for Godparents' Day – prepare for mailing by CEAB
- Assembly with *Student Advisory Board* (Allan K, Eliz O & Gohar V) - Hanoian Hall, following Holy Communion

Save the Dates:

- Sunday, December 1st: Family Worship Sunday
- Sunday, December 8th: Godparents' Day
- Sunday, December 15th: Gift Wrapping, Assembly with Student Advisory Board
- Sunday, December 22nd: Advent Presentation (4/5th grades), Christmas Carols with Lisa Z
- Tuesday, December 24th: Christmas Eve Pageant
- Sunday, January 5th: Armenian Christmas Eve Sunday School Party
- Monday, February 17th: Armenian Youth Day 2020

**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 12:13-31 The parable of the rich fool (vv 16-21) describes a man who plans to build a bigger place to store his worldly goods so that he can “enjoy life.” Life, Jesus reminds us, is not about how much we *have*, nor do we need to anxiously seek or worry about inconsequential things (vv 22-31). *Discuss/reflect: Look at verse 15b. How does the world teach us the exact opposite? What do you worry about? How can Jesus’ words in verse 31 inspire a better direction? Say this brief prayer: “Lord, I know I ask for all things that I might enjoy life; remind me that You gave me life that I might enjoy all things.”*

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 St. Paul declares his heartfelt thanksgiving for the Thessalonians whose exemplary faith, even in suffering, had inspired countless others. *Discuss/reflect: Whose faith inspires you? Think of all they have said and done out of faith. Pledge to follow their example.*

Isaiah 36:1-9 The king of Assyria has invaded the fortified cities of Judah and from captured Lachish, demands Jerusalem’s surrender. (An Assyrian wall relief depicting this capture has been excavated at the site.) The army commander questions King Hezekiah’s reliance on God. *Discuss/reflect: In what ways does remembering who God is and trusting in Him help you through a difficult time?*

Today is the First Sunday of Advent



There is no “Advent” per se in the Armenian church calendar. Rather, the approximately 50-day period preceding our Christmas is called *Heesnag* (from the word for fifty, *Heesoon*). Hisnag contains a total of three designated weeks of fasting -- aside from the usual Wednesday and Friday fasts -- so unlike Great Lent it is not a continuous period of such discipline. Bottom line: Our Hisnag, just as in the Western Church’s Advent, is a beautiful time to prepare, body and soul, for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Focus on Scripture, being at church with your Christian family, prayer, worship, fasting, and good works.

Reflection: Plan concretely for a season of spiritual preparation before Christmas. What simple, doable goals can you set for Bible study, prayer, and service?

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