



# The LIGHT House Sunday School News

**Building Up The Body of Christ – Year of the Family**

**December 29, 2019**

*Church Calendar*  
*Sixth Sunday of Advent*  
*Readings*  
*Is 41:4-14, Heb 7:11-25, Lk 19:12-28.*

**Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events**

Jan 5	Eve of the Nativity & Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ
Jan 6	Feast of the Nativity & Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ
Jan 12	First Sunday after the Octave of Theophany

**No Sunday School Today, Sunday Dec 29th or Next Sunday, Jan 5th**

**Sunday School Christmas Party will be Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**

**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>: Armenian Christmas Eve - Annual Sunday School Party at 4:00pm**

- **Music, Refreshments, Punctual Attendance Drawing**
- **Secret Santa Gift Exchange - Each student is asked to bring a "Secret Santa" gift valued at \$5.00**

**Readers for Armenian Christmas Eve – precedes Badarak**

Suzanna Ovsepien  
Eliz Ohanan  
Raffi Mnatsakanian

Bedros Kevorkian  
Allan Kevorkian  
Davia Tapalian

Ani Poghosyan  
Larisa Pghosyan  
KoKo Kassabian

**Save the dates:**

- Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>: Family Worship Sunday
- Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>: 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**
- **Hygiene Products**
- **Keep Warm This Winter**

### From DCE:

#### From Today's Readings

**Luke 19:12-28** Jesus exhorts His disciples to cause no one to sin and forgive those who have hurt them as often as they ask it. When the disciples ask Him to help strengthen their faith, Jesus assures them that the smallest amount of true faith can work miracles. Finally, He warns them not to be proud of their faithful acts, as they are simply doing what they should. *Prayer activity: Jesus' disciples asked Him to increase their faith (v.5). Make this your prayer for the remaining days of Advent.*

**Hebrews 7:11-25** Jesus is greater than the prophets and the angels; He is the Son of God, the radiance of God's glory; with Him, God created the universe; He sits at the Father's right hand. *Discuss/reflect: The early readers of Hebrews might have venerated angels to such a degree that the epistle writer felt it important to stress Jesus' sovereignty over them. What do you venerate more than Jesus? In what ways can you restore Jesus' authority in your life?*

**Isaiah 41: 4-14:1-8** King Hezekiah, ill and at the point of death, prays for healing. God restores the King's health and pledges protection to Jerusalem. *Discuss/reflect: Hezekiah declares to God that he had done "what is good in Your eyes." (v 3). In St. Nersess' renowned prayer (from I Confess with Faith), he asks God for the wisdom to "do what is good in Your sight." Choose three concrete ways you can achieve this in your life.*

#### January 4 is the Feast of St. Ephrem the Syrian



St. Ephrem was born in Nisibis c.306 and raised by Christian parents. A protégé of Bishop James of Nisibis, he was ordained and served zealously in local ministry (once saving famine-plagued Edessans from starvation through his tireless efforts). When Nisibis was lost to the Persians in 363, Ephrem moved with many others to Edessa, then the center of Syrian Christianity. He lived only another decade, during which he wrote prolifically, producing a vast body of influential work: Biblical commentaries, apologetic treatises, philosophical works, and a great number of hymns and poems. His poetry was so highly esteemed that he has been cited as "the only poet-theologian to rank alongside Dante." Armenians deeply revere St. Ephrem for his character and his writings. There are many volumes of his work translated from the Syriac (a dialect of Aramaic) into Armenian.

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## Advent Presentation

