



The LIGHT House Sunday School News

Walking and talking with the Saints at Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church

April 28, 2019

Church Calendar
Octave of Easter – New Easter
Readings
Acts 5:34-6:7, Js 3:1-12, Jn1:1-17.

Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events

Apr 24	Feast of the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide
May 5	Sunday of the World Church – Green Sunday - Graduation Day
July 28	Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord
Aug 18	Feast of the Assumption of the Mother-of-God

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

Kreesdos haryav ee merelotz! Christ is risen from the dead!
Orhnyal eh harootiunun Kreesdosee! Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ!

Today's Schedule

Grades PreK-10

- Regularly scheduled classes, 10:00am
- Badarak attendance
- Assembly following Holy Communion --- approximately 11:00am --- **Badarak will begin at 9:30** on this day given the **Holy Martyrs' Memorial Service** being held at North Burial Grounds which is scheduled to begin at approximately 12:45pm

Badarak Readers:

- Ani Poghosyan and Larisa Poghosyan

Save the Date:

- **Graduation, May 5th**

Visit these Websites: <https://vemkar.us>, <http://www.stvoski.org/embed.html>
<https://armenianchurch.us/>

Going Charitable Projects: *charitable giving includes canned goods collections, hygienic products collection, weekly plate collection, and the Lenten Drive*

- Contribute and participate in the quarterly Mary House Service Program
- **Hygiene Products – Toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, Kleenex, toilet paper, hand sanitizers, wipes, mouthwash, deodorants** – container is in Sunday School Hall
- **This year's Lenten Drive raises money for *Combating Child Malnutrition in Armenia* – to be administered by FAR.**

From DCE:

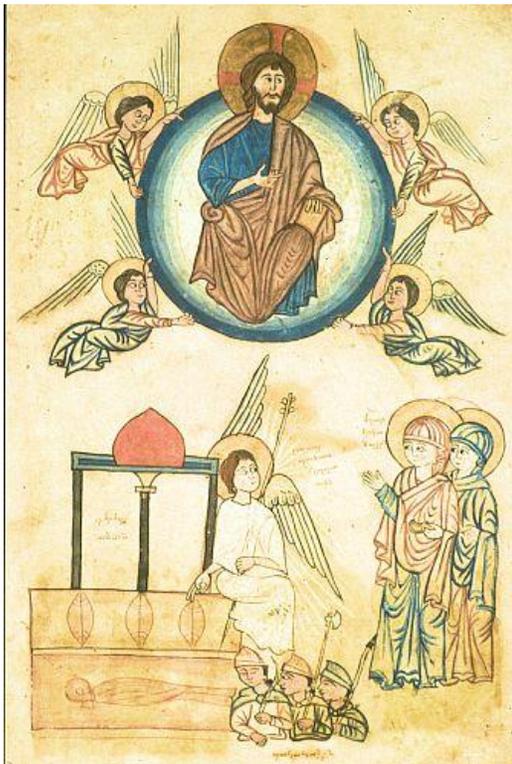
From Today's Readings

John 1:1-17 These renowned and eloquent verses testify to the presence of God the Son from the very creation of the world (vv 2-5); Jesus Christ was the ultimate revelation of God's presence, glory, and enduring love. John the Baptist was called to be a witness so that "all people might believe."(v.7) *Discuss/reflect: Make a list of the attributes of Jesus (the Word) as described in vv 1-5 and 10-17. Give thanks for all that the Lord makes possible!*

Acts 5:34-6:7 Two important events are recounted here. In the first, the teacher of the law Gamaliel exhorts the apostles' antagonists to let them continue Jesus' work, since if their purpose is godly they will prevail over any force against them anyway. The second is the first "ordination" as men are called and consecrated to assist the apostles in caring for the poor. St. Stephen was foremost among them and is considered the first 'deacon' of the Church. *Discuss/reflect: Threatened by the Sanhedrin high priests, Peter and the apostles had to (v 29) "obey God rather than people." Has there ever been a time you have faced such a choice? Can you imagine such moments in the future?*

James 3:1-12 The apostle James explains the great harm that speech (the tongue) can cause and the importance of talking in godly ways. *Discuss/reflect: To what three things does James compare the tongue? (a bit, a rudder, a spark) How do these images help us understand what our words can do? Have you ever had the experience of regretting harsh, unkind language? What were the circumstances?*

Today is New Sunday



New Sunday (*Nor Giragi*) is the first Sunday after Easter. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ and is therefore referred to as the "Second Easter" (*Grgnazadig*). The Sabbath was originally on Saturday, the end of the seven-day week and the day on which God rested after creation. But in the early church, Christians began to celebrate the day of the Resurrection as the Sabbath so that the new day for resting in God became Sunday. In theological terms, it became the 1st day and the 8th day of the week, signifying both beginning and fulfillment. The Gospel reading for New Sunday (John 1:1-17) summarizes the mission of Jesus Christ, God the Son, who existed from the beginning as God and participated in the creation. He became human to bring us into the light, to guide us out of our spiritual darkness. New Sunday also bears a message for the growth of the Church.

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St Nersess 2019 Conferences:

- Adult Conference *NEW*: June 6-9
- Deacons' Training Program: June 28-July 7
- High School Conference: July 26-August 4
- College Winter Conference: January 2-6, 2020

Camp Registration

Registrations and applications for Hye Camp and St. Vartan Camp are now available:

diocesansummercamps.org

Contact for St Vartan Camp: Kathryn Ashbahian (kathryna@armeniadiocese.org)

Contact for Hye Camp: Jennifer Morris (jenniferm@armeniadiocese.org)

Sunday School Scholarships for St Nersess and Camp:

- Sunday School offers special scholarships for students who have at least one parent who is a dues paying church member.
 - Students with 90%-100% attendance can receive from 90%-100% scholarships for either St Nersess or camp fees. Non-attendance based scholarships are up to \$150.



Holy Thursday & Easter Eve

