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## SUNDAY BULLETIN

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February 28, 2016

**WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER ARMENIAN CHURCH!**

*"Legacy of Our Martyrs: A Gift to Cazzzy Forward"*

The Morning Service starts at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays  
 and is followed by *Soorp Badarak* (Divine Liturgy) at 10:15 a.m.

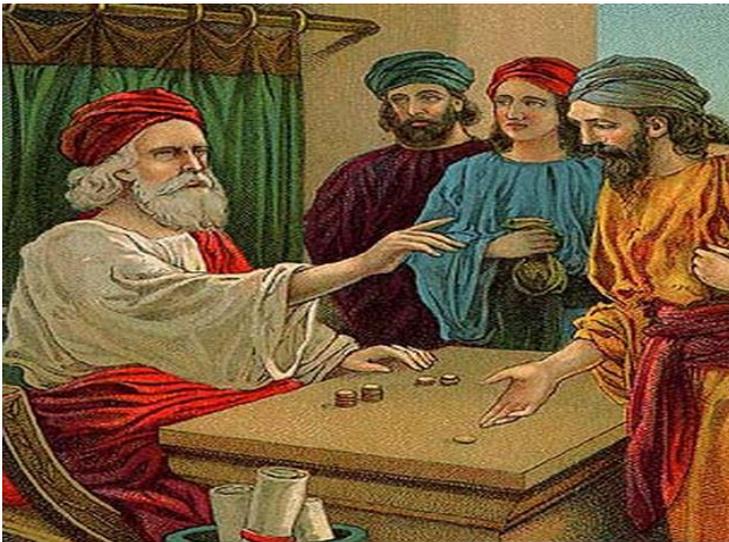
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS ON DUTY:**

*Mike Pisani, Maria Stepanian, Ann Daw*

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Ephesians 4:17-5:14; Luke 16:1-31

*Fourth Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of the Unjust Steward*

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*Today there will be no Requiem Service after Badarak.*

## SUNDAY OF THE STEWARD

The fourth Sunday of the period of Great Lent is called the Sunday of the Steward, and the message of the day teaches us with the parable of the unjust steward. This parable is mentioned only in the Gospel of St. Luke (Luke 16:1-13). In the parable, a wealthy man learns that the steward of his house (the supervisor of his holdings) is squandering his possessions. The rich man calls the steward, asking for an accounting, having decided to release him from employment. The steward, realizing that he may soon be without work, begins to act accordingly so that in the near future, others may accept him into their homes. The steward calls those men who have debts to his employer, and he relieves them of a portion of their debts. Following this act, the wealthy man praises the steward for his contrivance. At first glance, it seems as though there is a great contradiction in this commendation. But the unjust steward grants back to the debtors, only that which he had added to the debt originally for his own gain. Thus, the wealthy man is not injured by the actions of his steward. The master praises the steward for resigning himself from the gains that the steward would have realized in these transactions. Thus, high praise is given to resignation, or abstinence, which is one of the foundations of Great Lent. Lent teaches mankind about the ability we each have to resign ourselves from all forms of temptation, the beginning of which is self-control and self-denial. Christ says, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). This parable admonishes every one of us that the journey towards salvation must include self-control and resignation. The allegorical meaning of the parable is in the wealthy man symbolizing God, and the unjust steward symbolizing the sinner. For an extended period of time, the sinner carelessly wastes the graces granted by God, until God calls him for an accounting of his life. The unjust steward symbolizes all who, upon regretting their actions, forgive those who have sinned against them, and become seekers of righteousness and the just.

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## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

### **The first reading is from the Ephesians 4:17-5:14**

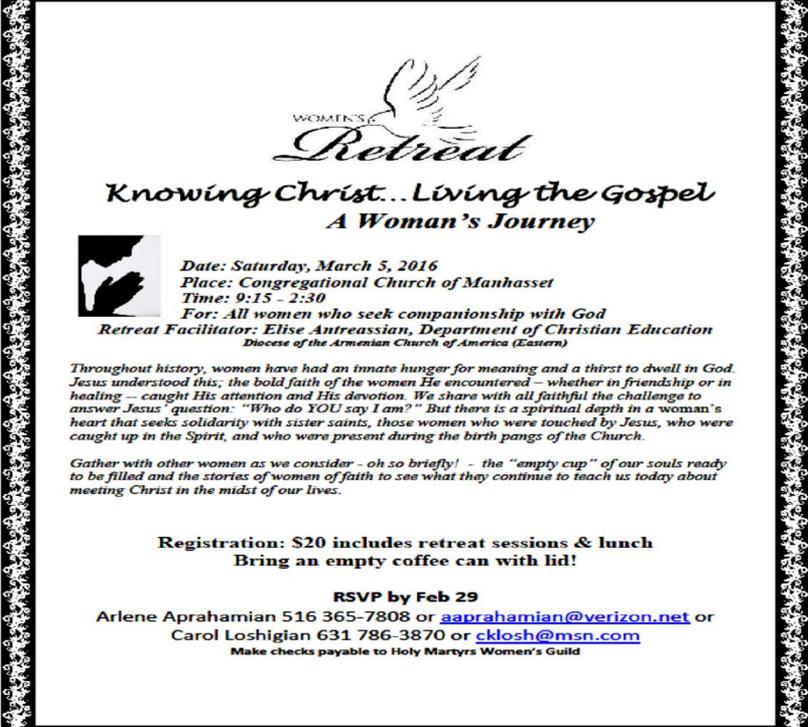
Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. That is not the way you learned Christ! <sup>21</sup>For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

### **The second reading is from the Gospel according to Luke 16:1-31**

He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' The master com-

mended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”



  
**WOMEN'S  
Retreat**

**Knowing Christ... Living the Gospel  
A Woman's Journey**



**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2016  
**Place:** Congregational Church of Manhasset  
**Time:** 9:15 - 2:30  
**For:** All women who seek companionship with God  
**Retreat Facilitator:** Elise Antreassian, Department of Christian Education  
*Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern)*

*Throughout history, women have had an innate hunger for meaning and a thirst to dwell in God. Jesus understood this; the bold faith of the women He encountered – whether in friendship or in healing – caught His attention and His devotion. We share with all faithful the challenge to answer Jesus' question: "Who do YOU say I am?" But there is a spiritual depth in a woman's heart that seeks solidarity with sister saints, those women who were touched by Jesus, who were caught up in the Spirit, and who were present during the birth pangs of the Church.*

*Gather with other women as we consider - oh so briefly! - the "empty cup" of our souls ready to be filled and the stories of women of faith to see what they continue to teach us today about meeting Christ in the midst of our lives.*

**Registration: \$20 includes retreat sessions & lunch  
Bring an empty coffee can with lid!**

**RSVP by Feb 29**

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Make checks payable to Holy Martyrs Women's Guild

### PASTORAL CARE: HOME AND HOSPITAL CLERGY VISIT

Der Mesrob is always available and would like to visit homebound and hospitalized parishioners. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized and would like to be visited, please call Der Hayr at (804) 405-9399 or the church office at (914) 428-2595. Please note: when asked about religion at a hospital, patients should list themselves as "Armenian Orthodox" or "Armenian" not "other:"

*All are welcome!*

Join us

Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 1:00pm

“Greet & Meet”

*Metropolitan Opera Diva*

*Lucine Amara*



This extraordinarily talented Soprano of Armenian heritage has graciously offered to share her life & career experiences with us. Please join us to warmly welcome her into our community.

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*Organized & sponsored by the  
Culture Committee of St. Gregory the Enlightener*

**Crosses Dedicated to the Centennial of the Genocide**

The 100 crosses that were made by families and placed in the circle in front of the church, were taken to the storage due to the winter conditions. If anyone would like to take home the cross dedicated to your family, please ask the Parish Council members or Der Hayr.

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His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, *Primate*

*Cordially invites the public to attend*



A TOWN HALL MEETING WITH  
HIS EXCELLENCY RICHARD M. MILLS, JR.  
*United States Ambassador to  
the Republic of* **ARMENIA**

TUESDAY  
MARCH 1, 2016  
7 P.M.

Haik & Alice Kavookjian Auditorium  
630 Second Avenue (at 35th Street)  
New York City

The event is free and open to the public

WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF

Armenian General Benevolent Union  
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Armenian Engineers & Scientists of America  
Constantinople Armenian Relief Society  
Armenian Assembly of America  
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*Meet with Ambassador Mills in person to hear  
his message, and share thoughts about relations  
between the U.S. and Armenia*

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***Today, please take a moment to remember in your prayers  
Archbishop Yeghishe Gizirian, Lucine Adourian, Satenik  
Kechejian, Sam Hagopian, Arshaluys Kaleli, Ani Karapet-  
yan, Gale Perzigian, Catherine Papalian, Mary Aljalian  
as well as all the sick and recovering members  
of our community.***

***May God touch His faithful servants with His healing hand,  
and grant them good health & recovery.***

*Please inform Der Hayr if you have friends or family who are suffering any physi-  
cal or spiritual distress and are in need of prayer, and he will add them to his  
prayer list where they will be remembered before "the Holy and Immortal Lamb of  
God" during the Eucharist.*

*We all need prayer – both to say for others and to be said for us.*

## Tracing the Roots of the “Arevakal” Service

The sunrise service (Arevakali jamerkoutiune) is a unique feature of the Armenian Church, absent from the breviary of fellow Eastern Orthodox Churches. The sunrise service is traditionally preformed at dawn on Wednesdays and Fridays during the six weeks of Lentô but out of convenience to parishioners, churches in the U.S. will often perform it on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy during the Lenten season.

Though introduced in the 7th century by Catholicos Ezr of Paraznakert, the sunrise service was transformed in form and structure in the 12th century by the revered theologian, writer, and composer Nerses Shnorhali. Shnorhali restructured the service by adding hymns, prayers, and psalms and pairing them with exceptionally stirring music still heard in the modern-day service.

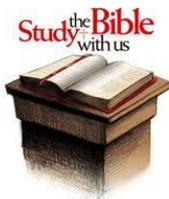
The sunrise service is comprised of four sets, each one consisting of one hymn, one prayer, one psalm and various exhortations and supplications. Each of the four sets serves a different role in the service: the first set is used to bring the faithful into the service by addressing them as a whole. The second set serves to address martyred saints. The third set is directed towards the Trinity, and the fourth towards Christ.

As light is the central theme of the service, those addressed in each set are framed in terms of producing or receiving divine light. For example, the Father is celebrated as the creator of light during the service, while Christ is glorified as being born of light and as bringing light to the world. The following excerpts illustrate the significance of light in the service:

*May the name of the Lord be blessed forever; for his name is before the sun.*

*O God everlasting, O God eternal, who causes light to shine in this our lower world and enlightens us and dispels the darkness of our sins.*

*Almighty God most Great, accept our prayers of this morning and the adoration of our hearts in your holy and heavenly sanctuary, shed forth into us the light of your righteousness and wisdom, and make us the children of light and children of the day...*



### BIBLE STUDY

Come to explore together the pathways of the New Testament and to increase our faith and spiritual fulfillment through study of the Holy Scriptures led by Der Mesrob Hovsepyan.

The next Bible Study session:

**March 10, Thursday - 10:00-11:00 AM**

Feel free to join our group.



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Today</b>	<b>ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY</b> immediately following the Divine Liturgy
<b>March 5, Saturday</b>	<b>ACYOA Seniors retreat</b> <i>Organized by Youth and Young Adult Ministries of the Diocese. Details inside.</i>
<b>March 11, Friday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Lenten Friday Evening Program.</b> 6:30pm - Lenten Service; 7:00pm - Dinner; 7:30pm - Program. <b>Rev. Fr. Arshen Ayyvazian - "Confession and Penance"</b> <i>Dinner is sponsored by the Women's Guild</i>
<b>March 13, Sunday</b>	<b>Greet &amp; Meet Metropolitan Opera Diva Lucine Amara, 1:00 PM.</b> <i>Sponsored by Cultural Committee.</i>
<b>March 20, Sunday</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Annual ACYOA Day
<b>March 27, Sunday</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
<b>April 17, Sunday</b>	<b>Lionel Galstian Annual Memorial Concert</b> <b>Taline Nalbandian: Soprano Haig Arsenian: Piano</b> <i>Details to follow</i>
<b>May 1, Sunday</b>	<b>Women's Guild Spring Bake Sale</b>

### Women's Guild Spring Bake Sale Schedule:

**Thursdays: 10:00AM: Church Kitchen**

March 3: Simit

March 17: Simit, Nazook

March 31: Boerag, Spinach; Cheese

April 14: Choerag

April 28: Tahini Bread

For more information please contact:

Gladys Tachdjian (914) 934-1551 or Yn. Dawn (914) 632-3024