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"Parish Family Sponsor" for coffee hour

We thank **Svetlana Janumyan and her family** for today's coffee hour offered in memory of her beloved brother, Nikolay Yavrumov and **Irina and Arthur Amiryan and their families** in memory of Irina's mother, Tamara Agamirzova.

Readings for Today:

Divine Liturgy: Isaiah 24:1-12. Ephesians 5:15-33. Luke 8:49-57.

Feasts and Commemorations:

Saturday, November 5th, 2011 – Holy Archangels Gabriel and Michael

Sunday, November 6th, 2011 – 12th Anniversary of the Enthronement of His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians

Church Etiquette

We must keep in mind that we need to adopt reverent behavior when coming to worship during Badarak Services. When entering the narthex, we are leaving the secular world behind us. As we enter the nave of the sanctuary, we enter a space of worship that is a forestate of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Conversation and speaking should be limited to essential communication. Casual conversation should not be held in church and **never** while in line to receive Holy Communion. Fellowship time follows services during the Coffee Hour.

Chewing gum is inappropriate.

Voghchoyn – Kiss of Peace

(During the Divine Liturgy, when the Parish Council members pass
The Kiss of Peace in Church)

The person offering the Kiss of Peace should say:

“Krisdos ee mech mer Haydnetsav”

Christ is revealed amongst us

The person receiving the Kiss of Peace should say:

“Orhnial eh Haydnootyunn Krisdosee”

Blessed is the revelation of Christ

Parish Council Member on duty: Melkum Janumyan

Contributing to the Van Earthquake Relief Effort

Special Plate Collection this Sunday

Earlier this week, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Diocesan Primate, issued a directive asking parishes of the Eastern Diocese to offer prayers for those who are suffering from the earthquake in Van, and to consider contributing to the relief effort.

The Diocese and its humanitarian aid organization, the Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR), will be supporting the effort to assist the earthquake victims, working through relief agencies on the ground in the region. Parishes are asked to hold a special collection on Sunday, November 6th. See the Primate's message below:

“I hope this message finds you well, in this season of our Lord's Holy Cross.

News of the magnitude 7.2 earthquake in the historic Armenian region of Van, in what is now southeastern Turkey, could not help but awaken deep emotions in our community. The fact that Van is virtually the birthplace of so much of the Armenian heritage—the site of some of our greatest monuments, and the stage for some of our greatest acts of heroism as a nation—certainly stirred us to a sense of fellow-feeling for the victims of the disaster. Some of those are the remnants of the region’s ancient and once-vibrant, Armenian civilization.

Naturally, the tragic Genocide which largely depopulated Van of its Armenian inhabitants also occupies a place in our thoughts. But at times like this, when disasters strike our fellow human beings in any corner of the world, the more potent memory revolves around our sorrow 23 years ago, in the aftermath of the 1988 earthquake in Armenia. At that time and subsequently, a greater sense of solidarity in suffering has inspired our people to reach out, spiritually and materially, to fellow victims of devastation.

By a remarkable coincidence, I myself, along with several dozen leaders of our Diocese, were planning to travel to Van this very week, as pilgrims to the Holy Cross Church on Aghtamar Island. We were spared any experience of the earthquake, since we were still visiting Dikranakert for the historic re-consecration of the city’s St. Giragos Armenian Church; and the excursion to Van was understandably cancelled. But this relatively small inconvenience, and our own safety and health, made our group of pilgrims appreciate all the more the plight of the earthquake victims. With this directive, I am asking all of our parishes to offer prayers for those who are suffering from the earthquake in Van, and its aftermath.

Parishes should also consider contributing to the relief effort. Our Diocese and its humanitarian aid organization, the Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR), will be contributing to the effort to assist the earthquake victims, working through the American Red Cross.

On Sunday, November 6, 2011, please hold a special collection for earthquake relief in Van. Checks should be made out to the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (please write “Van Earthquake Relief” in the memo). All funds collected should be sent to the Diocesan Center (630 Second Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016) no later than Friday, November 11.

Contributions can also be made on our Diocesan website, www.armenianchurch-ed.net; click on the “Donate” link and make a credit-card donation on our secure server. (Please note: In the lower part of the online information entry form, select the button “In Memory of,” and type “Van Earthquake Relief” in the memo bar that appears.)

Please note that all the proceeds collected—100 percent—will go to the relief efforts, to be distributed through FAR. I urge you to encourage your parishioners to help our fellow human beings—through their prayers and support—in this time of pain and need.

With prayers, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian Primate”

Hokenhankisd (Requiem) Requests

Irina & Arthur Amiryan, Oleg & Mariya Amiryan and her family, Svetlana Janumyan and her family for the soul of their beloved mother, grandmother, and aunt, **Tamara Agamirzova**, on the first anniversary of her passing on November 1, 2010.

Svetlana Janumyan & her family, Irina & Arthur Amiryan, Oleg & Mariya Amiryan and her family for the soul of their beloved brother, nephew, and cousin, **Nikolay Yavrumov**, in remembrance of his birthday. He would have been 45 years old on November 2nd.

Noelle Sarkissian and her family for the soul of her beloved mother, **Carmen Kouyoumdjian** on the first anniversary of her passing.

Berdj Tashdjian and his family for his beloved brother, **Bedig Tashdjian**, who passed away a month ago in New Jersey.

May the Lord bless their souls and give comfort to their loved ones.

