



ALLELUIA

Greetings of Love to All Our Parishioners,

The Church of Christ has already embarked into the liturgical season of Lent. The 40-day period of Lent is prescribed by Church Fathers primarily for our spiritual growth, with prayers, abstinence, penitence and almsgiving. The Church calls the faithful for spiritual discipline by withdrawing from worldliness and by faithfully observing the Lenten obligations which are traditionally part of our sacred heritage.

The general decor of the Church during Lenten season, induces the faithful into the penitential spirit of Lent. During this period, the altars and icons are veiled in black, as symbol of mourning over our sinful nature.

Moreover, the Lenten worship services which are comprised of "Closed Badarak" and "Sunrise Office" on Sundays, and Vigil Service, with "Peace" and "Rest" Hours on weekdays, should help the faithful to strengthen and deepen their spiritual life.

Lent is a spiritual journey which moves through the valley of death to life eternal, through the desert of our life to the glorious season of Easter which is the culmination of the liturgical year.

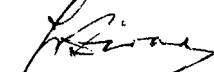
By faithfully observing our Lenten obligations, we will arrive to the thrilling reality of Christ's victorious Resurrection which is the fulfillment of our Christian joy.

During this Lenten season, let us try our utmost to attend Church more regularly, pray more earnestly and perform charitable deeds more frequently. This will be a sure way to put into practice our Christian faith, making our lives more vibrant and Christ-centered.

May our spiritual journey through Lent be more beneficial for our souls this year, and may Easter bring us the redeeming power of Risen Christ.

Grace to you and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Lord's Service



Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian, Archpriest
Pastor

MARCH 27TH

PALM SUNDAY (DZAGHGAZART)

(Triumphant Entry of our
Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem)

10:00 A.M. - SOORP BADARAK

12:00 Noon - "TURUNPATZEK"

(Opening of the Gates Ceremony)

1:00 P.M. - 34th Annual Palm
Sunday Brunch

MARCH 31ST

MAUNDY THURSDAY (AVAK HINKSHAPTEE)

(Remembrance of the Last Supper)

7:30 P.M. - "VODNALUVA" (Washing
of the Feet Ceremony) with
participation of Sunday School
students

9:15 P.M. - TENEBRAE (Khavaroum
Vigil)

APRIL 1ST

GOOD FRIDAY (AVAK OORPAT)

(Remembrance of the Betrayal,
Passion, Crucifixion and Burial
of our Lord Jesus Christ)

7:30 P.M. - OFFICE OF THE BURIAL
AND ENTOMBMENT of our Lord
Jesus Christ

APRIL 2ND

HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER EVE

7:00 P.M. - Easter Eve Services
(Ceremonial reading of Holy
Scriptures)

7:30 P.M. - CANDLEMASS BADARAK
(JURAKALOOYTZ "Lighting of Candles")

APRIL 3RD

EASTER SUNDAY (SOORP ZADIG)

(Feast of the Glorious Resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ)

9:00 A.M. - Morning Service
(Matin - Jamerkoutiun)

10:00 A.M. - SOLEMN DIVINE LITURGY

12:00 Noon - ANTASDAN ("Blessing of
the Fields")



Palm Sunday,
Holy Week Services
and
Easter Celebration
will be officiated by:

REV. FR. DIRAN PAPAZIAN
ARCHPRIEST & PASTOR

with the
participation of
Church Choir,
accompanied
by our Organist,
Deacons
and Acolytes.



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION - Receiving Holy Communion on Easter Sunday is essential, particularly for those who seldom receive Holy Communion during the year. In order to receive Holy Communion worthily, one is required to fast from midnight and also be spiritually prepared by making peace with themselves and others, and to be reconciled with God with repentance at the time of General Confession.

YUGHAKIN OFFERING - The enclosed envelope is for your convenience and to be used for your Easter "Yughakin" offering to Church in order to keep the lights of our Church ever bright. This ancient tradition needs to be kept alive! Please bring your offering to Church or send it by mail. Remember the Scriptural phrase: "God loves a cheerful giver."

GIFTS OF FLOWERS - Flowers are needed for Holy Week and Easter: daffodiles for Good Friday and lilies for Easter. For your Easter Lily donations, please use the form provided in this Easter Bulletin or ask for a form from the Church office.

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH - Brunch will be prepared and served following Church services by the fathers of Sunday School students. The complete menu is once again donated by Dean Vallas, proprietor of COUNTRY HOUSE RESTAURANT, 5400 W. 127th Street, Alsip.

BAKE SALE - The Women's Guild will hold their bake sale on Palm Sunday for the benefit of our youth.

HOME BLESSING - Eastertide is traditionally a time for Home Blessing. Der Hayr will be happy to bless your home if that is your wish.

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Der Hayr and the Parish Council congratulate Parishioners on this Holy Season and wish everyone a renewed life through the power of the Risen Christ.

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD.
BLESSED IS THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST.
ALLELUIA!