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Sixth Sunday of Advent (50 days to Epiphany)

<u>This Saturday and Sunday readings:</u>	Heb. 4:16-5:10	Lk. 18:9-14
<u>Tuesday 24 December Christmas vigil:</u>	Titus 2:11-15	Mt. 1:18-25
<u>Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day:</u>	Titus 2:11-15	Lk. 2:1-7
<u>Next Saturday and Sunday readings:</u>	Heb. 7:11-25	Lk. 19:11-28

Please pray with us during the Holy Mass this morning for the soul of **Jim Eordekian** (One year requested by his wife Sophie Eordekian and family. And for the soul of **Mariam Zakarian** requested by her niece Charlotte Zakarian. May the Lord bless their souls and forgive theirs and our sins.

Please join us after Holy Mass for Christmas party (see attached flyer) and a savory luncheon prepared and donated by our Ladies Guild. And our traditional “Christmas Bake Sale”.

A big “**Thank you**” to all who helped with preparations of food decorations and with gifts and all volunteers. God bless you all!

-Confession before or after Holy Mass is always welcomed.

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your will

Prayer List: Please pray with us for the sick in the parish and especially for; **Yeghia Grigorian, Aveda Kitabjian, Hovsep Topalian, Lucy Aylaian, Nerses Jamsakian** (Hagop’s father in Aleppo), **Jim Mahoney and Laith Kenaya**. Please let the Church know if someone needs prayer and we can add him to this list as long as he wishes!

Sick in the parish: Please let Father know about anyone who is sick, homebound or for any reason cannot come to Church.

Sunday Collection: our collection last Sunday 08 December 2019 was: \$932 and from candles: \$71. (**suggested price for each candle is \$2**). Please note that our weekly expenses are around \$3000. Also, so far, the Church has received \$3000 in Christmas donations. May the Lord bless and compensate you in this life and the next.

Confession on the first Sunday of Each Month: Please Note that Father **Stephen Bonian** is graciously helping our Parish, every first Sunday of Each month, by hearing our confessions.

Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM in English: We have introduced the vigil Mass in English to our Mass schedule for all those who, for any reason, cannot make it to Sunday Mass.

Members' Dues: Dear Parishioners, we would like to remind you that each family is expected to pay \$100 annual dues in order to defray some of the overwhelming financial costs of our church.

Please find out from the church office if you are up to date with your dues. If you have paid, we thank you wholeheartedly, if not, we would appreciate very much if you can send your Church dues at your earliest convenience.

Altar Flowers: This Sunday's altar flowers are donated by **Harout&Lena Sajonian** in memory of Juliette Massmanian (10 years). On Tuesday, Christmas Vigil, altar flowers are donated by **Avo&Silva Bedrossian**. And on Wednesday, Christmas Day, altar flowers are donated by **George&Nairi Sajonian** and by **Tina Sajonian** in thanksgiving to the Lord on the occasion of their parents Harout&Lena Sajonian wedding anniversary and also by **Marine Margarian** and the **Margarian family** in loving memory of Larik Margarian. May the Lord bless the lives of the living and forgive the sins of the deceased.

We have openings for Sunday 29th December 2019 and 5th January 2020. Please let the parish office know if you wish to donate altar flowers for any given Sunday. (you can bring the flowers yourself or give a \$75 donation toward buying them.

Devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: You are all invited to a Holy Mass dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on every first Friday of each month. Next will be on: **Friday the 03rd of January 2020 at 07:00PM** followed by a Eucharistic adoration.

Houses blessing: Dear Parishioners, if you want your house to be blessed please let Father Mikael know. House blessing is an important instrument in the Church used to know people better and preferably have the whole family gathered in one place to meet the family especially those who comes less to services or prefer not to stay for social hours.

Next Eparchial Youth Spiritual retreat & annual Convention 2020 will be in Belmont, MA: June 26-28 is the Youth Spiritual Retreat. Sunday 28 June Holy Mass at 5:00 PM to Start the Convention followed by a "meet and greet" evening. Monday and Tuesday 29-30 June Convention. Wednesday 1st of July is the Clergy meeting.

Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal: New members of all age groups are invited and welcome to join.

Next choir rehearsal is on the coming Thursday 26th of December 2019 at 7:30 PM.

Protecting God's Children: Dear Parishioners in order to comply with the demand to protect our youth in the Church and to continue what we have started with the seminar we had in September 2018 we are still required to complete a CODE of Conduct in the website of www.virtusonline.org If a CODE OF CONDUCT has not been completed, one should be able to go into the online training tab, do so, and then complete a background check. Especially when you see a similar message on your screen:

Your registration is not complete

You must complete a background check

As part of our efforts to maintain a safe environment for the children and volunteers of our diocese, we have chosen Selection.com to do all our background checks.

By clicking this button, you will be directed to their secure website called Fastrax.



HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Christmas Party
& Bake Sale*

SUNDAY, December 22nd, at 12:00 pm

**COME AND ENJOY OUR DELICIOUS LUNCH MENU,
BAKE SALE ITEMS JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS,
CAROLS BY MEGHEDI CHILDREN'S VOCAL ENSEMBLE
GAMES, SANTA'S VISIT, GIFTS AND MORE.....**

ADMISSION FREE

Christmas, New Year and Epiphany 2019-2020

Saturday 21 December 2019

Vigil Mass at 05:00 PM in English

Sunday 22 December 2019

Holy Mass at 10:30 AM followed by savory Luncheon prepared by our Ladies with Christmas party with Santa and gifts for the children and our traditional “Bake sale”.

Tuesday 24 December 2019, Christmas vigil

Holy Mass at 05:00 PM in English

Wednesday 25 December 2019 Christmas day

Holy Mass at 10:30 AM with procession of baby Jesus.

Sunday 29 December 2019

Holy Mass at 10:30 AM

Wednesday 01 January 2020 Feast of the naming of Jesus

Holy Mass at 01:00 PM

Saturday 04 January 2020 Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord:

Readings starts at 04:00 PM (please see attached pdf file of the readings)

Mass at 05:00 PM English

Sunday 05 January 2020, Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Mass at 10:30 AM followed by the Baptism of Jesus and blessing of the House