

# Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church's Sunday School

## Presents GODPARENTS SUNDAY



### CELEBRATING GODPARENTS AND GODCHILDREN & THE LOVE THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

*Godparents and godchildren of all ages are invited to join our parish in honor of their sacred bond. Be in church for a joyous renewal of baptismal vows and for parish fellowship afterwards.*

A Service of Re-Dedication, Renewal and Re-Commitment  
Bring Your Godparent to Church!!  
Sunday February 12th, 2012 Divine Liturgy at 10:00am  
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Children are lovingly cared for by their parents. So what is the role of the godparent? **Godparents** are charged with the **spiritual** care of the child.

In Greek (the language of the New Testament) baptism meant "to dip," which originally referred to dipping cloth in a pool of dye over and over until the color was right and ready to set. How appropriate a word it is for starting a new life as a new person of a new faith!

John the Baptist told of the coming of Jesus, who would "baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). He baptized Jesus Himself, an extraordinary event that became the model for Christian initiation. People learning the new faith sought a "sponsor," a knowledgeable Christian to instruct, guide and pray with them. This was the start of the idea of a "godparent." It evolved into a lifetime relationship. Baptism was just the beginning...

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