

## Japan Earthquake Relief

Parishioners of the Eastern Diocese are asked to continue to offer prayers for all those who are suffering in the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. In the week since the catastrophe, the situation has escalated considerably, with a rising death toll and a growing nuclear crisis.

The Diocese and the Fund for Armenian Relief are contributing to the relief effort in Japan, working through the National Council of Churches. Individuals can make contributions online by visiting our website and clicking on the "Donate" tab, to 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 "Japan Earthquake Relief" in the memo bar that appears.)

Checks made payable to the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (please write "Japan Earthquake Relief" in the memo) may be sent to the Diocesan Center (630 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10016) by Tuesday, March 22.

All proceeds collected will go to the relief efforts, to be distributed through Church World Service, the humanitarian aid arm of the National Council of Churches.

While material help is urgently needed, the magnitude of this catastrophe makes us see with greater clarity mankind's deep dependence on God. Please offer your prayers to Him this weekend, asking Him to have mercy on the earthquake victims, and to protect the people of Japan from further calamity.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH

- Today* Special plate collection for Japan Earthquake Relief  
 21 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.  
 22 Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.  
 Parish Council, 7 p.m.  
 23 Lenten Service, 10 a.m.  
 25 Nazeli Dance Group, 6:00 p.m., Jr. Choir 7:30 p.m.  
 26 Arts Education, 10 a.m.  
 28 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m., Lenten Luncheon at 12:30 p.m.  
 29 Armenian Language School, 6 p.m.  
 30 Lenten Service, 7 p.m.  
 Choir Rehearsal after Lenten Service

### APRIL

- 2 Presentation by Cultural Committee, Professor Rouben Shugarian, 7 p.m.  
 6 Knights of Vartan Lenten Dinner at 6 p.m. open to everyone  
 Lenten Service 7 p.m.  
 9 ACYOA White Cross Project, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Music Appreciation Series - New Names, 7 p.m.  
 10 ACYOA White Cross Project, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
 11 Women's Guild Presentation-*save the date, details to follow*  
 13 Lenten Service, 7 p.m.  
 Choir Rehearsal after Lenten Service  
 16 ACYOA White Cross Project, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
 17 Palm Sunday, Morning Service, 9 a.m., Service of Opening  
 of the Gates, 10 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.  
 ACYOA Day Palm Sunday Dinner & Speaker 1 p.m.  
 18 Mary House Outreach  
 19 14th Annual Armenian Youth Day 8:30a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
 Vespers of the Ten Virgins, 7 p.m.  
 21 Holy & Great Thursday, Memorial of the Last Supper  
 Morning Service 10 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.,  
 Ceremony of the Washing of Feet, 7 p.m., Memorial of  
 the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 p.m.  
 22 Holy and Great Friday, Memorial of the Crucifixion of our  
 Lord, 12:00 noon  
 Memorial of the Burial of Our Lord, 7 p.m.  
 23 Holy and Great Saturday- children's schedule to be  
 announced  
 Reading of Sacred Prophecies, 6:30 p.m.  
 Easter Eve Divine Liturgy, 7 p.m.  
 24 Easter Sunday, Morning Service 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.  
 Blessing of the Four Corners of the World, Antasdan - 11:45

Note: Requiems (*Hokehankist*) will not take place on April 17 (Palm Sunday) and April 24 (Easter Sunday), and will resume on May 1.

May 1 - 96th Anniversary of the 1915 Armenian Genocide at the North Burial Grounds, Providence, at 12:30 p.m.

