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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- Today Sunday School visit to Sts. Vartanantz Church at 10 a.m.
- 13 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
Focus Group Meeting 7 p.m.
- 14 Armenian School, 6 p.m.
- 15 Lenten Bible Study 7 p.m.
- 16 Lenten Kufta - pick up after 2 p.m.
- 17 Lenten Rest/Peace Service 6:30 pm, Family Night Fellowship 7:30
Junior Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Arts Education 10 a.m.
Armenian School, 10 a.m.
- 19 Bake Sale for the Sunday School Lenten Drive
- 20 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 21 Armenian School, 6 p.m.
Parish Council 7 p.m.
- 22 No Bible Study - Fr. Shnork Souin will be guest speaker at
Sts. Vartanantz Church's Lenten Vespers Service at 7 p.m.
- 23 Armenian Memorial Martyrs Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 24 Lenten Rest/Peace Service 6:30 pm, Family Night Fellowship 7:30
Junior Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Arts Education 10 a.m. - Armenian School, 10 a.m.
Focus Group Meeting 11 a.m.
- 26 2nd Plate Collection for the Sunday School Lenten Drive
Women's Guild Soup & Salad Luncheon after services
- 27 Senior Citizens, 10 a.m.
- 28 Armenian School, 6 p.m.
- 29 NO Bible Study
- 31 Lenten Rest/Peace Service 6:30 pm, Family Night Fellowship 7:30
Junior Choir, 6 p.m., Nazeli Dance Group 6:30 p.m.

APRIL

- 7 Lenten Rest/Peace Service 6:30 pm, Family Night Fellowship 7:30
- 9 **Palm Sunday**, Morning Service 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.
ACYOA Palm Sunday Dinner after services
- 13 **Holy & Great Thursday**
Morning & Healing Service 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.
Washing of Feet 7 p.m., Memorial of the Passion of our Lord, 8:30
- 14 **Holy & Great Friday**
Memorial of the Crucifixion of our Lord, 5 p.m.
Memorial of the Burial of Our Lord, 6 p.m.
- 15 **Holy & Great Saturday**
Reading of Sacred Prophecies 5:30 p.m.
Easter Eve Divine Liturgy 6 p.m.
Family Night ACYOA Triple 'S' Shoppe 7:30 p.m.
- 16 **Easter Sunday**
Morning Service, 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.
Blessing of the Four Corners of the World 11:45 a.m.
- 18 Annual Youth Day
- 30 Godparents Day

INCENSE

by Zabelle Essayan (Born 1878)

The incense at the altar slowly burns
 Swayed in the silver censer to and fro;
 Around the crucifix it coils and turns,
 The brows of saints it wreathes with misty glow.
 And tremulous petitions, long drawn out,
 Beneath the lofty arches faint away;
 To weary eyes the candles round about
 Heave as they flicker with their pallid ray.
 The sacred columns, grey and mouldering,
 Support a veil that stirs with voiceless sobs.
 Beneath it, like the incense smouldering,
 A woman's darkened heart in anguish throbs.
 Consumed within the censer now, and burned,
 The incense through the boundless ether soars.
 What Matter was to Fragrance sweet is turned
 — The cleansing fire its purity restores.
 Nor shall that woman's smouldering heart be freed,--
 Saved from its cold and adamant shell,
 Till it is melted, tried, and cleansed indeed,
 Till the pure flames shall all its dross expel!

