



SUNDAY SCHOOL

ARMENIAN CHURCH PROPER DRESS, MANNERS & ETIQUETTE

Proper dress and etiquette is followed in the Armenian Church to show respect and to honor for our ancient traditions and Divine Liturgy.

PROPER DRESS: Always dress respectfully.

- **Boys:** No shorts; nice slacks preferred; suits and ties optional
- **Girls:** No shorts; shoulders are to be covered, (bring a sweater if wearing a top where shoulders are exposed); dresses/skirts preferred (*please be modest*); head coverings must be worn for Communion (*optional to bring one from home*)

MANNERS & ETIQUETTE:

- When entering church, say a prayer and light a candle.
- Before sitting; bow your head, say a prayer, and cross yourself.
- Walk slowly (never run)
- Sit still and quiet
- No chewing gum
- No crossing leg
- No crossing arms
- No looking around for friends
- No talking
- No stretching
- When the priest turns toward you and says, “*Khaghaghootiun amenetsoon*” (Peace unto all), make the sign of the cross.
- When the censer swings toward you, bow your head, make the sign of the cross
- During *Havadamk* (Nicene Creed), place your hands together in the praying position.
- When crossing in front of the altar, always make the sign of the cross
- Sit and stand as indicated in the Divine Liturgy Book (or follow the choir members and others in church)
- At the end of the church service, kiss the Bible and cross yourself.
- When leaving church, receive “mas” by placing your hand out (palm facing downward) and wait for a Parish Council member to place the “mas” on your hand.
- Most importantly, please act and dress in a dignified manner. In this way you are honoring and showing respect while in the house of the Lord.