



# 2017 CEC Advent Fair

## "Carpenters for Christ!"

### A "Do-It-Yourself" Guide to put together your own Advent Workshop

The Advent Season in the Armenian Church is one of significance and tradition. This guide is designed for superintendents/teachers to organize an workshop for students to celebrate the Advent season. Your workshop may include as many of our activities provided or select some of your own! It is my hope that your Advent Workshop will be enjoyable and lead to wonderful discussions about this special time of the year.

#### PREPARATION:

- Advertise! Post flyers around your church parish, email to parents, and put in your church bulletin
- Select a facility (such as the Ararat Home, etc.) for the children to visit and present Advent gifts
- Recruit lots of volunteers to help supervise your activity stations
- Find someone to help lead children in singing songs
- Invite clergy to provide a devotional service and participate in the day
- Start gathering all supplies & materials that you will need early
- A few items you may want to have on hand:
  - Hand wipes
  - Disposable table cloths

#### SAMPLE SCHEDULE (for Workshop at Ararat Home in So. Calif.):

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| 10:00 - 10:45am | Chapel or Devotional Service<br>Arrange for children to sing 1 or 2 "sharagans" during the service   |
| 10:45 - 11:15am | Welcome + Explanation of Workshop theme ( <i>to follow</i> )<br>Explanation of the day's schedule plus preview of activities<br>Practice songs that student will sing for residents<br>Begin Workshop activities |
| 11:15 - 11:45am | Visit & sing for Nursing Home facility<br>Songs led by Sevag Derderian, (AACCWD)   |
| 11:45 - 12:30pm | Continue Workshop activities   |
| 12:30 - 1:00pm  | Lunch  |
| 1:00 - 2:00pm   | Priest's Demonstration - Let's Make "Mahs!"<br>Coordinating activity where students will follow along and make their own "mahs"  |
| 2:00 - 2:15pm   | Visit & sing for Assisted Living facility  |
| 2:15pm          | Dismissal  |

#### ACTIVITIES:

1. Carpenters for Christ Tool Belts - *Students will wear throughout duration of workshop*
  2. Advent Prayer Beads, Friendship Bracelets & Necklaces - *Make one, give one!*
  3. Wooden Nativity Stables - *Our main carpentry craft*
  4. Baby Jesus in a Manger - *Every Nativity stable needs the Baby Jesus!*
  5. Pom Pom Sheep - *This sheep completes our Nativity stable*
- Directions and supply lists are provided for each activity

**Have a great time!**

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