

*It's a beautiful day in our  
neighborhood . . .  
Won't you love thy neighbor?*



*The Christian Education Council excitedly welcomes you to the*

**2018-19**

# **Back to Sunday School Workshop**

**This year's workshop focus:**

***GENERATING PARENT AND FAMILY PARTICIPATION***

## **AGENDA**

- 9:30am** Registration/Coffee; Neighborhood Church activity
- 10:00am** Welcome & Introductions; New Business
- 10:20am** "Faith in our Homes" presentation
- 10:30am** "Ideas to Get Parents Involved" presentation & discussion
- 11:00am** First Day of Sunday School + Registering students
- 11:15am** Wrap up; Questions; Thank you's

**Central CA Location:** St. Paul Fresno  
Saturday, August 18, 9:30-11:30am

**Southern CA Location:** St. Peter, Van Nuys  
Sunday, August 19, 9:30-11:30am

**Northern CA Location:** St. John, San Francisco  
Saturday, August 25, 9:30-11:30am

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# 2018-19 Christian Education Council Board

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## WE NEED YOU!

### Join the CEC Board

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**Please contact Fr. Krikor or Gail if you are interested in becoming part of the CEC.**



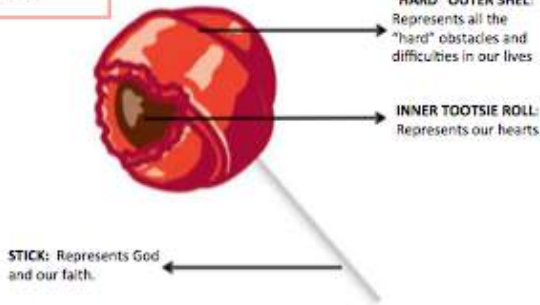




Proverbs 22:6 NRSV,  
"Train children in the  
right way, and when  
old, they will not  
stray."

## Tootsie Pop Faith

"The Heart and Soul  
of a Tootsie roll!"



### In your Packet!



- IDEAS TO GET PARENTS INVOLVED**  
*(Great Sunday school and their children's faith formation)*
- Organize a Sunday school Board or Committee (Different Board positions include: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Photographers/Video, Hospitality, Advisors)
  - Invite parents to take turns sharing during Assembly
    - Share sign-ups for each Sunday
    - Call for a lesson experience, first church memory - give a list of ideas
  - Invite parents to teach a mini lesson one Sunday and/or volunteer and assist in classrooms (or make this mandatory)
    - Something cultural
    - Something religious based
    - Share a story
    - Share a talent (musical, artistic, etc.)
  - Ask parents to help with a special event
  - Hold parent meetings 2 times a year while children are in class. Make this mandatory! (Remember to always create a sign up sheet for tasks needed at that time.)
  - Volunteer to bring meals on Sunday
  - Generate a list of your activities for the school year and ways they can help (parents in general get more involved when they are assigned specific tasks.)
  - Organize a Classroom/School cleanup day - include the children!
  - Plan a field trip to your church/neighborhood. Remember them throughout the school year.
    - Sept 28 National Good Neighbor Day
    - Christmas Christmas carding, send Christmas cards, have children make handmade cards
    - April Make Armenian flags to memory of genocide with labels May 1 "May Day" secretly leave flowers by your neighbors' door(s) in a BARKER Post Trip or other Assembly
  - Lead a service project with kids to volunteer or collect donations for a specific cause
  - Encourage attendance by using incentive charts
  - Make a "Tag of Witness" that will be used home each Sunday with a different student to bring back the next Sunday. Include:
    - A list of verses
    - Journal (Write home - I good deed performed that week)
    - Homework bring next to distribute
  - Organize a fundraiser
  - Know when your parents do for a living!
  - "You Say Day" - come - do together at home

### In your Packet!

Sunday School  
2018-19 Parent Volunteer Sign ups

VOLUNTEER POSITION	DESCRIPTION	VOLUNTEER NAME
1. Board Member - Chair	Coordinate from meetings and vision	
2. Board Member - Vice Chair	Share ideas and assist Chair	
3. Board Member - Treasurer	Responsible for finance in parish	
4. Board Member - Photograph/Video	Take photos during school year	
5. Board Member - Hospitality	Responsible for snacks	
6. Board Member - Advisors	Provide help to students	
7. Teachers	Provide lesson instruction per grade	
8. Teacher Assistants	Assist teachers with 20 minutes of lesson	
9. Guest Teacher (Assembly)	Share an experience or expertise	
10. Guest Teacher (Classroom)	Share an experience or expertise	
11. Classroom/School Supplies Chair	Take responsibility for supplies	
12. Snack Coordinator	Coordinate snack assembly	
13. Registration Coordinator	Coordinate school registration	
14. Audio/Video Technician	Handle all technical support issues!	
15. School Maintenance	Handle all maintenance and cleaning, including room repairs	
16. Christmas Holiday Chair (at all times)	Coordinate Christmas Displays and Snow for Holiday (2018-2019 project)	
17. Christmas Holiday publicity organizer	Coordinate publicity in school	
18. Christmas Holiday decorations	Coordinate decorations in school and at home	
19. Christmas Holiday Lunch Chair	Coordinate lunch	
20. Armenian Christmas Teacher gifts	Help from committee to purchase & distribute gifts	
21. Spirit gifts for visitors	Help from committee to purchase & distribute gifts	
22. Spirit Gifts Sales Chair (at all times)	Coordinate spirit gifts sales and gifts, including, M.G. St. Nicholas' Blessings (2018)	
23. Curriculum Program Chair (at all times)	Responsible for curriculum program	
24. Curriculum	Responsible for curriculum	
25. Field trips/activities	Responsible for field trips	
26. Curriculum Development	Coordinate curriculum development	
27. Curriculum Coordinator	Coordinate curriculum development	
28. Curriculum Committee Chair (at all times)	Coordinate curriculum development	
29. Curriculum Teacher gifts	Coordinate gifts for teachers	
30. Organize a Classroom/School cleanup day		
31. Plan a family field trip or other activity		
32. Lead a Service/Charitable Project		
33. Organize a fundraiser		

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## WHAT'S NEXT TO DO:



- Spirit Shirt orders
- First E-Blast of School year is coming! Be sure all your teachers are receiving it
- Sign up for your parish visitation by CEC members
- Join the CEC Board!

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*Thank You*

*Host Churches*

St. Paul Armenian Church, Fresno

St. Peter, Van Nuys

St. John, San Francisco

*and all Participants*



## IDEAS TO GET PARENTS INVOLVED

*In our Sundays schools and their children's faith formation*

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10. Plan a FAMILY Field Trip or other Activity
11. Lead a service project with kids to volunteer or collect donations for a specific cause
12. Encourage attendance by using incentive charts
13. Make a "Bag of Virtues" that will be sent home each Sunday with a different student to bring back the next Sunday. Include:
  - A list of Virtues
  - Journal (Write name + 1 good deed performed that week
  - *Optional:* bring treat to distribute
14. Organize a fundraiser
15. Know what your parents do for a living!
16. "Yes Hye Em" poster - *do together at home*

Sunday School  
**2018-19 Parent Volunteer Sign ups**

<b>VOLUNTEER POSITION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>VOLUTEER'S NAME</b>
1. Board Member: Chair	Oversees Board meetings and school	
2. Board Member: Vice Chair	Shares duties and assists Chair	
3. Board Member: Treasurer	Responsible for finances for school	
4. Board Member: Photographer/Historian	Takes photos during school year	
5. Board Member: Hospitality	Responsible for socials	
6. Board Member: Advisor(s)	Provides input as needed	
7. Teacher(s)	Provides classroom instruction ( <i>part time or full time</i> )	
8. Teacher Assistant(s)	Assists teacher in/out of classroom	
9. Guest Speaker (Assembly)	Share a lesson/experience at assembly	
10. Guest Speaker (Classroom)	Share a lesson/experience in classroom	
11. Classroom School Supplies Chair	Takes inventory/purchases classroom supplies ( <i>reimbursed by school</i> )	
12. Snack Coordinator	Coordinates snack schedule	
13. Registration Coordinator	Coordinates school registration; rosters	
14. Audio/Video Technician	Assists with technical support needed	
15. School Maintenance	Checks that classrooms are well maintained, helps with minor repairs	
16. Christmas Hantes Chair (or co-chairs)	Coordinates Armenian Christmas event	
17. Christmas Program Director	Directs the Armenian Christmas program	
18. Christmas Hantes costume organizer	Coordinates costumes to children	
19. Christmas Hantes decorations	Includes table centerpieces & room set up	
20. Christmas Hantes Luncheon Chair	Coordinates food	
21. Armenian Christmas Teacher gifts	Helps Board coordinate the purchase & wrapping of gifts	
22. Santa gifts for children	Helps Board coordinate the purchase & wrapping of gifts	
23. Easter Bake Sale Chair (or co-chairs)	Supervise the purchase of bake sale items, packaging, set up, etc.	
24. Culmination Program Chair (or co-chairs)	Coordinates Graduation Hantes	
25. Certificates	Personalizes certificates for each student	
26. Pins/Lanyards/Bibles	Orders promotional gifts for students	
27. Culmination Decorations	Includes table centerpieces & room set up	
28. Culmination Luncheon Chair (or co-chairs)	Coordinates food for culmination	
29. Culmination Teacher gifts	Coordinates staff gifts ( <i>reimbursed by school</i> )	
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## Congratulations!

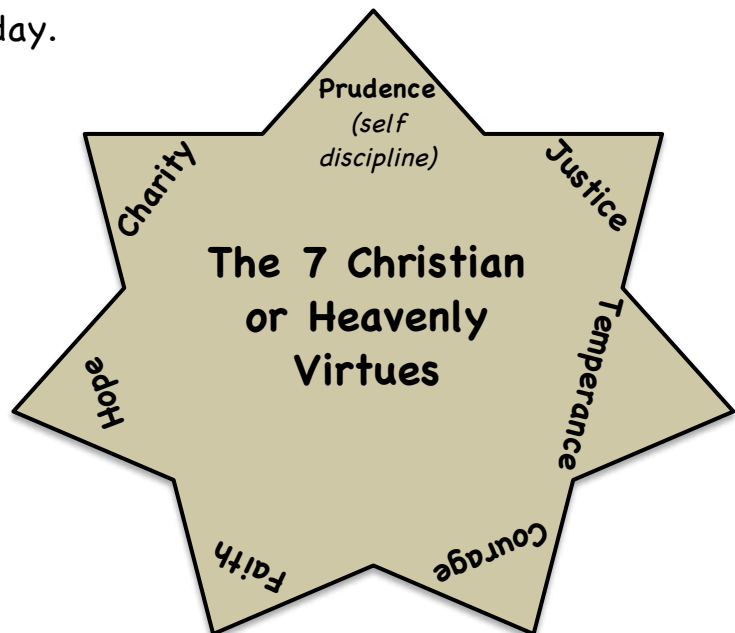
It is your turn to take home our **BAG OF VIRTUES** for the week. Here's what to do:



1. **LIST OF VIRTUES** - Review this list at home together as a family. Try to practice as many virtues as you can this week.

### Parent:

- a) Select 1 of the 7 virtues to focus on this week with your child. Discuss its meaning and give your child examples of how to practice it.
  - b) Create an opportunity for your child to practice this (or another) virtue throughout the week.
2. **JOURNAL** - Go to the first blank page of the journal.
    - **Student will write:**
      - Their name and date
      - 1 (*or more*) good deed he/she performed this week.
    - **Parent will write/explain:**
      - The virtue their child practiced
      - The value of this experience for the child
  3. **OPTIONAL** - Add some treats to the bag that reflect your experience and distribute to classmates on Sunday.
  4. **RETURN** - Place everything back into the BAG OF VIRTUES and return with you to Sunday school next Sunday.



Yes HYE Em!  
I am Armenian

This is a picture of me!

(Glue or draw a picture here)

**Fascinating Facts About Me!**

- ★ I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.
- ★ My birthday is \_\_\_\_\_
- ★ I live in \_\_\_\_\_
- ★ These are the members of my family:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- ★ After completing Sunday school, I would like to serve my church by becoming a  
*(Sunday school teacher, Choir member, Priest, Deacon, Parish Council member, organist, etc.)*  
\_\_\_\_\_

I love God because \_\_\_\_\_

The best part of Sunday school is \_\_\_\_\_

**PROUD TO BE ARMENIAN!**



Color the Armenian Flag below.

(gar-meer)  
(go-boyd)  
(naranjo-koyn)

Here is my name written in Armenian letters

My Parent's favorite Bible verse:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Trace or make your handprint here!  
In the center, draw your best Armenian cross.

**Parent's Note to Child**  
(Write a note to your child below)

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Love, Your Parent(s)



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Sunday School Calendar

Provided by the Western Diocese Christian Education Council



August

- 18 - CEC Workshop (Central CA-St. Paul, Fresno)
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September

- 9 - Registration & 1st day of Sunday school
'Back to School' Meeting/Announcements
16 - School in session
23 - School in session
30 - School in session

October

- 7 - Children go into church for Communion
Catechetical Sunday
PHOTO DAY!
14 - School in session
21 - School in session
28 - School in session

November

- 4 - Children go into church for Communion
Daylight Savings - move clock back 1 hour
11 - School in session
18 - School in session
25 - Thanksgiving Vacation - NO SCHOOL

December

- 2 - Children go into church for Communion
9 - School in session
16 - School in session
23 - School in session
30 - School in session

January

- 6 - Armenian Christmas
13 - School in session
20 - School in session
27 - School in session

February

- 3 - Children go into church for Communion
10 - School in session
17 - School in session
24 - School in session

March

- 3 - Children go into church for Communion
'POON PAREGENTAN'
10 - SUNDAY OF EXPULSION - School in session
Daylight Savings - move clock ahead 1 hour
17 - SUNDAY OF PRODIGAL SON - School in session
24 - STEWARD SUNDAY - School in session
31 - SUNDAY OF JUDGE - School in session

April

- 7 - ADVENT SUNDAY - School in session
14 - PALM SUNDAY - School in session
16 - Holy Maidens service
18 - Maundy Thursday/Washing of Feet service
20 - Holy Saturday
21 - EASTER SUNDAY - School in session
24 - Armenian Genocide Memorial Day
28 - School in session (New Sunday)

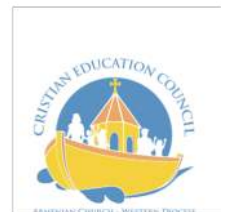
May

- 5 - Children go into church for Communion
(Green Sunday)
12 - School in session - Happy Mother's Day!
(Red Sunday)
19 - Last day of classes
End of School Year Hantes and Luncheon

EVENTS STILL NEEDING TO BE ADDED:

- CEC Advent celebration (at Ararat Home)
RECLAIM conference
Lenten Workshop

Prepared by CEC/8-11-18/GC



# Armenian Church Sunday School REGISTRATION FORM



1. **Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized in the Armenian Apostolic Church? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Medical conditions/allergies/learning difficulties/physical limitations/other concerns:

Please advise: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Parents' Names:

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a dues paying member of our church: YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

## Special Concerns:

Please list and explain any concerns regarding: allergies; dietary or physical restrictions; medical, behavioral, or emotional concerns; learning disorder or anything special that we should be aware of (the information that you provide will assist us in meeting your child's needs in the classroom and will be kept confidential). \_\_\_\_\_

## Immunization:

If your child has NOT been fully immunized, please acknowledge the following statement:

I understand and accept the risks to my child from not being fully immunized.

Please initial \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Information:

In the event of an emergency and you cannot be reached, please give the name and number of someone we can contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of an emergency that requires immediate action, I authorize Sunday school personnel to take whatever steps necessary to protect the health of my child(ren).

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Due to liability issues, while your child is in our Sunday school, you must remain on church premises until school is finished. **Please initial** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuition:** Sunday school classes do not require a fee, however we welcome donations to offset the cost of purchasing supplies and curriculum for our students. Thank you in advance for your kind contribution!

**GET Involved!** Parental involvement is vital to the success of our school. Please indicate **one or more** areas you are interested in assisting with:

Snacks                       Special Events                       Curriculum/Classroom  
 Projects                       Luncheons                       Playground  
 Supervision                       Maintenance work                       Fundraising

Other (Please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**What do you do?** We are always looking for assistance and donations of any kind. Please list any services and/or items that you have easy access to and may be willing to donate at some time to our church school: \_\_\_\_\_

### Armenian Church Sunday school Language and Culture

Primary Language spoken in the home \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tell us about your student's Armenian language skills: (Fluent, Limited, None)**

<b>Student's Name</b>	<b>ABC's?</b>	<b>Read?</b>	<b>Write?</b>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

### IMAGE RELEASE CONSENT

As part of our Armenian Church Sunday school Program, photographs and videos of students, as they participate in the classroom and other Sunday school activities, may be taken throughout the school year. Photos may be used only for the purpose of promoting our church school program in publications such as our weekly church bulletins, church website, social media, and/or film. Photos of your child will only be used with your consent. In any of these images names and other personal information will **NOT** be identified, unless first discussed with the parent.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the above description and give my consent for the use of the images as indicated.

\_\_\_\_\_ I DO NOT give my consent for the use of images as indicated above.

*It is the responsibility of the parent to keep all Sunday School Registration information current.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature                      Parent Name (Printed)                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature                      Parent Name (Printed)                      Date



**DIRECTIONS:**

1. **INSIDE** the **WINDOWS**: *Write the names of all your family members*
2. **INSIDE** the **DOOR**:
  - *In the top box, write your LAST NAME.*
  - *Underneath the box, draw a cross*
3. **Decorate/color** as you wish.
4. **Cut out** along the dotted lines.
5. **Return** to Sunday school next week!

