- 5. Host a Lenten supper.
- 6. Sell personalized baskets, the contents of which are donated and put together by Sunday School families.
- 7. Host a take-out concession of sandwiches/bagels after church.
- 8. Sell tulips/daffodils.
- 9. Assign at-home crafts for students that can be sold in the parish.
- 10. Sponsor a walk-a-thon.
- 11. Sponsor a Bible verse memorization-a-thon.
- 12. Sponsor a marathon Bible reading (start at Genesis and read all the way through Revelation by charging a participation fee; parishioners come to the church at assigned times and read aloud).
- 13. Sell vest-pocket New Testaments (available wholesale for a \$1; sell for \$5 as a fundraiser).
- 14. Sell baked goods.
- 15. Sell home-made/or catalogueordered candy. Advertise as sharing "the sweetness of the Lord."
- 16. Have parishioners purchase Sunday School students' donated services for: baby-sitting, house cleaning, food shopping, window washing, etc.
- 17. Show an inspirational movie after church each Sunday—with popcorn and discussion. Charge admission.
- 18. Plan a "sunrise service breakfast" at daybreak in a safe place. Serve donuts/bagels and coffee for a donation.
- 19. Put up a "Good Works Easter Egg Tree" in the church vestibule; construction paper eggs with a place for a name and a standard amount (\$1-\$5) can be purchased by parishioners and hung on the tree.
- 20. Sell pretty candles and advertise sharing "the light of Christ."

St. Gregory of Datev (March 13)

A Junior/Senior High Activity

One of the important saints of the Armenian Church, Gregory of Datev was born in 1346 and studied under the great teacher and theologian, Hovhannes Vorodnetzy (John of Vorodn). In 1373, he and his teacher traveled to Jerusalem on a pilgrimage and there Gregory was ordained a vartabed. Fourteen years later he was elevated to the rank of "Dzayrakooyn Vartabed."

He eventually moved to the monastery of Datev and he himself taught many young students the theology and practices of the Armenian Church, preparing them for the priesthood.

At the time, there were theological disputes between the Roman Catholic and the Armenian Churches. As a means of clarifying basic doctrines, St. Gregory wrote a very important book called *Kirk Hartzmantz* or "Book of Questions." It is considered on a par with other great works of theology of the Middle Ages. He also wrote a few volumes of sermons on diverse topics as an aid to his young students and other clergy. Gregory considered preaching one of the most important skills for a clergyman, because when people were inspired by the words of a priest their own faith was greatly helped. He died in 1410 and is remembered with love and reverence as an eloquent teacher and inspired writer, a true "Doctor" of the Armenian Church.

To the teacher: Using the above as a resource, tell your class the story of St. Gregory. Make sure they understand some of the vocabulary you use:

theologian: a person who studies, teaches and writes about the nature of God

a-pe-gha: from the Syriac for "mourner" (an allusion to the black clothing of mourning for the sinfulness of the world), 1st rank of celibate (unmarried) priesthood. Historically an apegha serves 5 or 6 years and may then—upon completion of a thesis supervised by the head of his monastery and a committee of three—be elevated to the more academic ministry of



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