



St. Peter Armenian Church &

## Youth Ministries' Center

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### Children's Memorial Candlelight Service

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Glendale, CA - Children's Memorial Day will be commemorated on Sunday, December 13, 2009 at the St. Peter Armenian Church & Youth Ministries Center, 632 W. Stocker St., Glendale.

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The service begins promptly at 7:00PM with remembrances, prayers and meditations. A candle lighting ceremony follows in front of the church building in honor of infants, teenagers and young adults who have left us before their time.

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The remembrance is part of a worldwide event organized by the Compassionate Friends, a bereavement support group. In each time zone throughout the world, candlelight services will take place that day, creating a wave of light that circles the globe. The Glendale portion is organized by the In His Shoes Mission, a faith based organization which focuses on outreach through the St. Peter Armenian Church Youth Ministries' Center.

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Parish Priest, Fr. Vazken Movsesian commented, "This is one activity of our ministry that we all hope would not increase in numbers, but sadly it has." Accidents, illness and war have claimed the lives of the innocent.

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The church began participating in the commemoration following the death of Cathia Hamparian, a young girl tragically killed in an auto accident. Following last year's service Maria Hamparian admitted, "For a fleeting second, every memory we have came flooding back to us as we saw the flame through tears, distorting it into something magical. This is as close as we can get to our child now." Others have confessed that the presence of friends at a time like this gives strength and reassurance to family members and emphasizes the power of love.

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Families are invited to bring a picture of their loved ones along with a candle to the Youth Ministries Center on Sunday, December 13. The service will begin exactly at 7:00PM to coincide with the other services throughout the world. Names can be sent to [children@inhisshoes.com](mailto:children@inhisshoes.com) or faxed to (818) 244-7512. The service is open to all.

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