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WELCOME TO
ST. GREGORY
THE ENLIGHTENER
ARMENIAN CHURCH

FR. MESROB HOVSEPYAN, PASTOR

MORNING SERVICE: 9:45 A.M.

DIVINE LITURGY: 10:15 A.M.

MARCH 19, 2023
SUNDAY OF THE JUDGE
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Philippians 3:1-4:9

Luke-17:20-18:14

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SUNDAY OF THE JUDGE

The fifth Sunday of Great Lent is called the Sunday of the Judge. The message of the day teaches us with the parable of the widow and the Judge. This parable comes to us in the Gospel of St. Luke. The parable tells the story of a widow who repeatedly came to a judge, who neither feared God nor respected man, and pled for her rights. For a long period of time the judge refused to act, but in the end, he fulfilled her request, to put an end to her continuous appeals. Otherwise, he feared that she would continue to return indefinitely.

After telling this parable, the Lord assures everyone, that if a man as corrupt and unfair as this judge decided in favor of the widow, then God surely would judge in favor of his own people and grant the requests of all those who submit to Him through prayer. This parable exhorts us to always and continually pray, as prayer symbolizes the soul's eternal striving and thirst for God. The parable also contains an appeal from Christ. After telling the parable, Christ says: "But will the Son of Man find faith on earth when He comes?" In His words, Jesus gives a reference to the Second Coming, and sadness and anguish are felt in the Lord's remark. It is truly painful for the Savior that many people may be subject to just, yet cruel judgment, instead of becoming the inheritors of the Kingdom of God.

Դատավորի կիրակի

Մեծ Պահքի հինգերորդ կիրակին կոչվում է Դատավորի: Այդ օրվա խորհուրդը բացատրում է այրի կնոջ եւ դատավորի մասին առակը: Ըստ առակի՝ մի այրի կին, անընդհատ խնդրում է Աստծուց չերկնչող եւ մարդկանցից չվախեցող դատավորին՝ իր դատն անելու: Դատավորը կնոջից ազատվելու համար ստիպված բավարարում է նրա պահանջը: Այս առակը պատմելուց հետո Քրիստոս հավաստիացնում է բոլորին, որ եթե անարդար դատավորն այրի կնոջ դատը տեսավ, ապա Աստված առավել ևս կկատարի բոլոր նրանց խնդրանքները, ովքեր միշտ աղոթքով խնդրում են: Առակը հորդորում է ամեն ժամ աղոթել, որը խորհրդանշում է հոգու մշտական մղումն առ Աստված, բայց միևնույն ժամանակ իրական աղոթքի կոչ է: Առակը պատմելուց հետո Քրիստոս ասում է. «Իսկ երբ մարդու Որդին գա, արդյո՞ք երկրի վրա հավատ կգտնի: Առակում Հիսուսը տալիս է երկրորդ գալստյան գաղափարը: Տիրոջ բառերի մեջ տխրություն ու թախիծ է զգացվում: Փրկչի համար ցավալի է, որ շատ մարդիկ կարող են ենթարկվել Ահեղ դատաստանի՝ արքայության ժառանգորդներ լինելու փոխարեն:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians 3:1-4:9

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke 17:20-18:14

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

"For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of

Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Get to know AGBU Camp Nubar!

INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS AND KIDS

Saturday, March 25, 2023

10:00am

CLOSING OF ALTAR CURTAIN: The curtain of the Altar will be closed on Saturday, February 18th, on the Eve of Poon Paregentan. It will remain closed throughout the forty days of Great Lent until it is reopened on April 2, on Palm Sunday. The closing of the curtain symbolizes the Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. The entire church is in repentance during this time.

- During Lent the Divine Liturgy (Badarak) is celebrated with the Main Altar curtain closed.
- The Kiss of Peace is not given.
- Holy Communion is not given. In special circumstances, Holy Communion may be received by making arrangements with Der Hayr after the service.
- The Gospel is not kissed at the end of Divine Liturgy.
- Mas is distributed during Lent.

Sunrise Hour – Arevakal

The Sunrise Service is an early morning service that is unique to the Armenian Church during the Lenten season. It seems to have developed around the 7-8th century in the Armenian monasteries. St. Nersess Shnorhali (d. 1173) vastly reformed the service, adding new hymns and prayers, and probably melodies as well. Sunrise Service will be conducted during Lent on Sunday mornings at the end of the Divine Liturgy, before the sermon.

**“Full of Grace”: Honoring the Legacy of St. Nersess Shnorhali
850th anniversary of St. Nersess Shnorhali’s death**

Eight hundred fifty years after his death, his influence is still felt every day in the Armenian Church.

The soaring hymns that praise God, the sensitive prayers that beg His forgiveness, the policies of mercy and outreach that guide the operations of the church—all bear the mark of St. Nersess Shnorhali (1102-1173).

His title *Shnorhali* means “full of grace”—and the divine gifts that flowed from Nersess Pahlavuni left behind a legacy of devotional poetry and music unparalleled in Christian history. In his later years, when he ascended to the throne of Catholicos, Nersess revitalized the church’s charitable ministry, and conceived an ambitious plan to make peace among the fractured centers of Christendom. But these were also years of solitude and struggle, as his hopes for a more unified church were opposed from without and within.

This year marks the 850th anniversary of St. Nersess Shnorhali’s death, and the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin has launched a year-long commemoration of his life and work. In a Pontifical Encyclical issued this week, **His Holiness Karekin II**, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, called on the worldwide Armenian Church to honor the saint’s legacy throughout 2023.

“Shnorhali’s entire life was focused on the glorification of God, and the urgent mission of leading the hearts of the people to Him,” the Catholicos wrote. “We invite our entire church to commemorate Shnorhali’s eternal memory during this 850th anniversary year. Through conferences, publications, and celebrations, as well as in national and ecumenical circles, let us appreciate anew the eternally relevant message of this great teacher of the Christian faith, and benefactor of our national-religious life.”

St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church
invites you to our

A.C.Y.O.A. DAY

CHILDREN'S SERMON &
BLESSING OF CHILDREN/YOUTH SERVICE
WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF
THE DIVINE LITURGY

Palm Sunday Luncheon & Program

April 2, 2023
12:30pm

PLEASE JOIN US AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT TO
OUR PARISH'S A.C.Y.O.A.!

RESERVATIONS BY MARCH 28 TO

SAINTGREGORYCHURCHWP@GMAIL.COM

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CHILDREN UNDER 12: \$15

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**25th Anniversary of St. Gregory &
50th Anniversary of the community**

Save the Date

OCTOBER 21, 2023

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy this Sunday. The Liturgy is celebrated with a closed curtain. Sunrise Service will be performed following the sermon.

Today's reflection on the meaning of this Sunday will be delivered by Deacon Yervant Kutchukian.

MARCH 25
SATURDAY

Camp Nubar Information Presentation for Campers and Parents in Tutak Hall - 10 am

St. Gregory Armenian School Open House for Parents and Children currently enrolled or wanting to become enrolled - 11 am

MARCH 26,
SUNDAY

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan will celebrate the Divine Liturgy this Sunday. The Liturgy is celebrated with a closed curtain. Sunrise Service will be offered before the Liturgy.

Today's reflection on the meaning of this Sunday will be delivered by Deacon Andrew Kayaian.

MARCH 31,
FRIDAY

**Lenten Friday Evening Programs.
6:30pm - Lenten Service, 7:00pm - Lenten Dinner,
7:30pm - Program. See the flyer in the bulletin.**

APRIL 2,
SUNDAY

**Palm Sunday, Children's Sermon & Blessing of children/youth service. ACYOA Day Luncheon.
The flyer can be found inside.**

APRIL 9,
SUNDAY

EASTER SUNDAY - Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bake Sale organized by the ACYOA Jr's following the church service.

APRIL 22,
FRIDAY

**Evening Movie and Simple Supper-6 pm
Sponsored by the St. Gregory Women's Guild
Details to follow.**



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 29, SATURDAY	Book Discussion Group 11:00 am Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
MAY 21 SUNDAY	Armenian School Hantes & Graduation 1:00 pm
JUNE 5, SUNDAY	SAVE THE DATE (DATE CHANGED): ORDINATION SUNDAY: SUB-DEACONATE & DEACONATE ORDINATION <i>Details will follow</i>
SEPTEMBER 24, SUNDAY	FAMILY FAIR AND ANNUAL PICNIC
OCTOBER 21, SATURDAY	SAVE THE DATE: 25th Anniversary of St. Gregory & 50th Anniversary of the community–Banquet



Fellowship Coffee Hour

We appreciate the generosity of Michael and Elizabeth Guroian for providing the refreshments for today's fellowship coffee hour.

If you would like to sign-up for a future date to host and sponsor refreshments for the fellowship coffee hour on Sunday, kindly contact coordinator: Adriane Keleshian Bonfiglio (914) 649-1072.

St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian School

Invites you to its

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, March 25, 2023 - 11:00 AM
1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605

For parents of existing students
Come and observe classroom and enrichment activities

For parents of prospective students
Bring your school-aged children, ages 3 - 13, to be introduced to classrooms, teachers and classmates