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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.

FEBRUARY 26, 2023
SUNDAY OF EXPULSION

Փետրուար 26, Արտաքսման Կիրակի

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Matthew 5:17-48

Romans 12:1-13:10

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Tom Daw

Arek Ohanissian

Gregory Sahagian



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE OFFERED TODAY

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SUNDAY OF EXPULSION

The second Sunday of the period of Great lent is called the Sunday of Expulsion. The basis of the mystery of and the name of the day can be found in the Holy Bible, the Book of Genesis: “So the Lord God sent him out of the Garden of Eden and made him cultivate the soil from which he had been formed” (Genesis 3:23). Prehistory is the following. The human being, listening to the deceitful words of Satan, disobeyed the divine commandments and ate the forbidden fruit, As punishment the human being, the human being, of course, didn’t die at once, but was deprived of the eternity granted by God and was cursed. Since then man must work hard and sweat to make the soil produce enough food, and woman will have pain in giving birth to her offspring. And in end God said to the human being: “You were made from soil and you will become soil again”. The church Fathers have given the Sundays of the Period of great lent such names and mysteries which symbolize the mankind’s way of life – birth, sinning, regret and repentance. This should serve for the human being as an occasion for thinking of himself/herself and his/her life so that the period of great Lent should be fruitful and productive.

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Մեծ Պահքի երկրորդ կիրակին կոչվում է նաև Արտաքսման: Օրվա խորհրդի և անվան մասին Աստվածաշունչ մատյանի Ծննդոց Գրքում գրված է. «...Եվ արտաքսեց նրան Աստված Եդեմի պարտեզից, որպեսզի մշակի հողը, որից և ստեղծվել էր»: Նախապատմությունը հետևյալն է. մարդն ունկնդիր լինելով Սատանայի խաբեբայական խոսքերին, պատվիրանագանց գտնվելով՝ համտեսեց արգելված պտղից: Որպես պատիժ, մարդն իհարկե, անմիջապես չմահացավ, սակայն զրկվեց Աստծո կողմից շնորհված անմահությունից և անիծվեց: Այսուհետ, մարդն իր քրտինքով պետք է վաստակի օրվա հացը և կինը պետք է ցավով ու տառապանքով զավակ ունենա և վերջում էլ ասվեց նրան. «...հող էիր և հող կդառնաս»: Եկեղեցական հայրերն իմաստուն կերպով Քառասնորդաց Պահքի շրջանի կիրակիներն այնպես են դասավորել և այնպիսի անվանումներ ու խորհուրդներ տվել, որոնցով ի հայտ է գալիս մարդկության կյանքի ուղին՝ ծնունդ, մեղսագործություն, զղջում, ապաշխարանք: Սա ինքնին մարդուն խորհելու ևս մեկ առիթ է սեփական անձին անդրադառնալու, պահոց շրջանն արդյունավետ անցկացնելու համար:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans ((12:1-13:10)

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:17-48)

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Saintly Women's Day

HOSTED BY

The Women's Guild

ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER ARMENIAN CHURCH
1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023

1:00 PM SERVICE IN SANCTUARY

FOLLOWED BY LENTEN LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM IN THE ATRIUM

LUNCHEON DONATION: \$30.00 PER PERSON

SUBJECT: HYMNOGRAPHER KHOSROVITUKHD

GUEST SPEAKER: ARPI NAKASHIAN

Arpi Nakashian is the Director of Online Education at St. Vladimir's Seminary. She has previously served the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America as the Head of Digital Education. Arpi specializes in ed-tech, synchronous and asynchronous online course development, and social media learning.

Arpi was born and raised in Jerusalem. She holds a Master's degree in General Theology and Armenian Church Studies from St. Nersess Armenian Seminary and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, as well as a Bachelor's degree in Communication Studies from California State University, Stanislaus. She is currently working on her PhD in Theological Studies under the supervision of Fr. John Behr and Dr. Roberta Ervine.



ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUESTED BY MARCH 13, 2023

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT RITA KURKJIAN AT 914-522-8860 OR rkurkjian@optonline.net

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WOMEN'S GUILD - ST. GREGORY ARMENIAN CHURCH

PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESERVATION AND PAYMENT TO: RITA KURKJIAN

17 EASTWAY

HARTSDALE, NY 10530

Saintly Women's Day – Saturday, March 18, 2023

Reservation Name: _____ Phone # (____) _____-

Email: _____

Number Attending: _____ @ \$30.00 pp = \$ _____

Guest Names: _____

GOMIDAS CHOIR
KRIS D. KALFAYAN, MUSICAL DIRECTOR

65th Anniversary Concert

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
VERY REV. FR. MESROP PARSAMYAN, PRIMATE
DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA (EASTERN)

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023
7:15PM

ST. VARTAN ARMENIAN CATHEDRAL
630 2ND AVENUE, NYC 10016

REALM—Church Management Platform

We are upgrading our church record keeping to allow us to engage more directly with our parishioners and to give parishioners access to church resources and allow them to connect to one another more easily. We will be using a cloud based solution called Realm that manages the over 500 names and profiles that are associated with our church. Realm's benefits are:

- ensures the church has your latest contact information - you go online and update your information;
- allows events such as concerts, Women's Guild luncheons, Men's Club dinners and special events like the St. Gregory Award Dinner and the New Year's Eve party to be managed and paid online with a check-in kiosk;
- stores Marriage and Baptism dates and information as a backup record keeping;
- allows you to pay membership dues and to make donations through your computer or mobile device and, if desired, set up payment plans and be assured that it appears in your Giving Statement;
- improves work life for our volunteers with a full church accounting systems and reporting package that is connected to the other modules of information; and
- has a dashboard of key metrics to ensure we have reached out to new guests, donors and those that have stopped coming (to assist where we can)

With Realm, you'll be able to connect with one another, keep your own information up to date, and manage your giving to the church all in one convenient place.

Scan the QR code below to sign up and download the app "REALM CONNECT". Realm is very easy to navigate, and we are excited about its potential benefits for our Church and parishioners.



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.

JOIN US FOR A
st. gregory's church youth
Lenten Retreat
March 18-19

**ENGAGE IN REFLECTION AND CONNECTION,
COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSION AND FELLOWSHIP
CHOREG BAKING LESSONS IN THE CHURCH KITCHEN
DINNER, S'MORES, GAMES, AND LOTS OF FUN!**

**STARTS SATURDAY, MARCH 18 AT 2PM AND ENDS AFTER BADARAK
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023
SLEEPOVER IN THE KELESHIAN HALL**

**PLEASE RSVP TO
ANI COSTA AT ahc05@icloud.com
OR CHRIS PAHIGIAN AT christinepahigian@gmail.com
BY FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy this Sunday. The Liturgy will be celebrated with a closed curtain today. Sunrise service to follow.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY following the Badarak. Luncheon sponsored by the Parish Council.

MARCH 3,
FRIDAY

Lenten Friday Evening Programs.

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

MARCH 17,
FRIDAY

Lenten Friday Evening Programs.

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

MARCH 18,
SATURDAY

Women's Guild: Sainly Women's Day program & lunch. See the flyer in the bulletin.

MARCH 18/19,
SAT. & SUN.

ACYOA Junior's Lenten Retreat.

Details to follow.

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, ACYOA Day.

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 28,
FRIDAY

Evening Movie and Simple Supper

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): ORDINA-
TION SUNDAY: SUB-DEACONATE & DEACO-
NATE ORDINATION**
Details will follow

LENTEN FRIDAY DINNERS AND PRESENTATIONS-2023

Food, Fellowship, and Spiritual Nourishment

Lenten Service - 6:30 pm / Lenten Dinner - 7:00 pm / Program - 7:30 pm

March 3

“Armenia in the Middle Ages” presented by Haig Keshishian

*The Lenten Dinner is sponsored by
the Armenian and Sunday Schools*



March 17

*“Armenian Patriarchate in Constantinople”
presented by Very Rev. Fr. Harutyun Damadian*

*The Lenten Dinner is sponsored by the Choir and
Cultural Committee*

March 31

*“Armenians in the Holy Land”
presented by Arpi Nakashian*

The dinner is sponsored by the Women’s Guild



Donation: \$15/adults. Children 12 and under free