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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.

APRIL 2, 2023
PALM SUNDAY
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Philippians 4:4-7

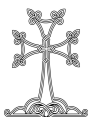
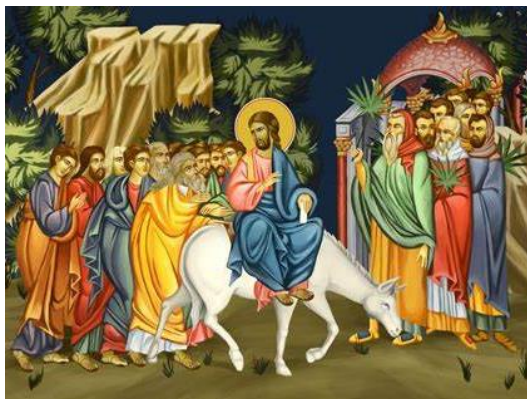
Matthew 20:29-21:17

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Chris Bonfiglio

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PALM SUNDAY

One week before the Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Armenian Church celebrates the Feast of Palm Sunday, celebrating the Triumphant Entry of Christ into Jerusalem. Jesus comes into Jerusalem riding atop a donkey and the people gather to meet Him with reverence, thus fulfilling the words of the prophet from the Old Testament. The Gospel of St. Matthew, in relating the story, refers to the prophecy, "All this was done, that it might be fulfilled, that which was spoken by the prophet, saying "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you! He is humble and sitting on an ass, and a colt, the foal of an ass."

On His arrival, a large crowd of people gathers to greet Him, and spread their cloaks on the road before Him, while others cut branches from palm trees and place them on the path. The crowd exclaims: "Hosanna! Blessed is the King of Israel that comes in the Name of the Lord."

On Palm Sunday, churches are decorated with branches from willow trees and palm trees. Following a solemn morning service, the blessed branches are distributed to the faithful. This passage from the Gospels reminds each of us about the Coming of Christ, and teaches us to live in a manner that can make us worthy to stand before the Lord and exclaim: "Hosanna (Praise God)! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

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Հայ Եկեղեցին Սուրբ Հարությունը նախորդող կիրակի նշում է Ծաղկազարդը, որը Քրիստոսի՝ հաղթականորեն Երուսաղեմ մտնելու հիշատակն է: Հիսուսի մուտքը Երուսաղեմ ժողովուրդն ընդունել է խանդավառությամբ՝ ձիթենու և արմավենու ճյուղերի հետ իրենց զգեստները փռելով հանապարհի վրա և աղաղակելով. «Օվսաննա՛ Բարձյալին, օրհնյալ լինի Նա, Ով գալիս է Տիրոջ անունով, օրհնյալ լինի մեր հոր՝ Դավթի քաղաքությունը, որ գալիս է: Խաղաղություն երկնում և Փառք բարձունքներում»: Ըստ Եկեղեցու հայրերի՝ Հիսուսի առջև հանդերձներ փռելը խորհրդանշել է մեղքերը Քրիստոսին խոստովանելը: Ոստեր և ճյուղեր ընծայելն ընդհանրապես առանձնակի պատիվներ և հանդիսավորություն էին նշանակում: Ջիթենին ընկալվել է իմաստության, խաղաղության, հաղթանակի և փառքի խորհրդանշան: Մեյալ Ղազարոսին հարություն տված Քրիստոսին Ջիթենու և արմավենու ճյուղերի ընծայումը խորհրդանշում է մահվան հանդեպ հաղթանակը:

Ծաղկազարդի նախօրեին՝ շաբաթ օրը, կատարվում է նախատոնակ, բացվում է խորանի վարագույրը, իսկ հաջորդ օրը տոնական ս. պատարագը

մատուցվում է բաց վարագույրով:

Ծաղկագարդի առավոտյան եկեղեցիներում օրհնում են ձիթենու կամ ուռենու ոստեր և բաժանում ժողովրդին: Ուռենու ոստերը, որոնք անպտուղ են, խորհրդանշում են հեթանոսներին, ովքեր պտղաբերեցին միայն Քրիստոսին ընծայվելուց հետո: Ոստերի փափկությունը խորհրդանշում է Քրիստոսի հետևողների խոնարհությունը: Ուռենու հյուղերը մեր ընծաներն են Տիրուքը, ինչպես Սուրբ Ծննդյան օրը Արեւելից մոգերի բերած ընծաները:

Հիսուս Քրիստոս մուտք գործեց Երուսաղեմ որպես Թագավոր՝ խորհրդանշորեն ցույց տալով Իր Փառքի թագավոր լինելը, Ով վերացնում է անեծքը և կենդանություն պարգևում: Հիսուս եկավ ավետարանելու աղափարներին, բժշկելու սրտով բեկվածներին, գերիներին ազատելու և կույրերին տեսողություն պարգևելու, ինչպես մարգարեացել էր Եսայի

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 20:29-21:17

As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. There were two blind men sitting by the roadside. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, “Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!” The crowd sternly ordered them to be quiet; but they shouted even more loudly, “Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!” Jesus stood still and called them, saying, “What do you want me to do for you?” They said to him, “Lord, let our eyes be opened.” Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes.

Immediately they regained their sight and followed him. When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”



The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers."

The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them.

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

ADULTS: \$30

CHILDREN UNDER 12: \$15

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.

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.



GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

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Dear Parishioners,

The Holy Week services will be held in-person and live streaming will be available for Palm Sunday, Easter Eve and Easter Sunday services only.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Ten Maidens' & Washing of the Feet Services	7:00 PM
Commemoration of the Betrayal and Passion of our Lord	8:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Order of the Crucifixion of Christ	12:30 PM
Commemoration of Burial of our Lord	7:00 PM

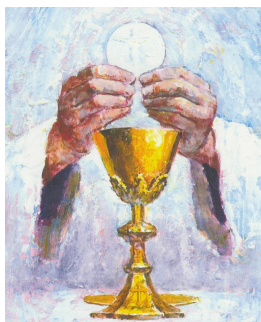
HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Reading of Scriptures	4:30 PM
"Jrakalouytz" Candlelight Liturgy	5:00 PM

FEAST OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Morning Services	9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy	10:15 AM
"Antasdan" - "The Blessing of the Four Corners of the World" service to follow	



Holy Communion Distribution Guidelines

While we still haven't gone back to "previous normal" the Holy Communion will be distributed with some adjustments.

As parishioners approach to receive
Holy Communion:

- Sanitize your hands in the chancel and lower face mask.
- Place your right hand in the left hand and extend it to the celebrant.
- The celebrant will place the Holy Communion in your palm.
- Consume it in front of the celebrant.
- Wash your palm with the help of a deacon.

Return to your seat from the right side of the chancel.



PALM SUNDAY & EASTER FLOWERS

We express our appreciation to:

Sunday School students and teachers;

Maria Rabar - In loving memory of her husband Ray Arlen;

*for their generous donations to defray the cost of the Palm Sunday
and Easter flowers that grace the Holy Altar and the sanctuary.*

OUTREACH PROJECT

On Easter Sunday our Parish will again be providing lunch to Art's Ecumenical Kitchen at St Bartholomew's Church in White Plains. Last September we delivered sandwiches and salads. This time we will provide a warm Easter lunch of chicken stew, rice pilaf, salad and homemade dessert for about 45 people in need of a good meal and fellowship.

Contributions from parishioners to defray the cost of the meal would be greatly appreciated. You may donate online at www.stgregorywp.com or mail a check made out to St. Gregory with the memo: St Barts Outreach.

It feels good to do good!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

PALM SUNDAY. ACYOA DAY.

Morning Service & Opening of the Doors Service will be offered before the Divine Liturgy.

Divine Liturgy is celebrated with open curtain and Holy Communion will be distributed.

Children's Sermon given by Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan.

Blessing of the Palms & Blessing of Children Service will follow after the sermon.

Luncheon in honor of the youth of our community will follow after the services.

APRIL 6-8,
TH.-SAT.

GREAT & HOLY WEEK: the schedule of the services can be found inside of the bulletin.

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.***

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 2,
FRIDAY

Women's Guild Membership Meeting-7pm

Guest speaker: Arda Haratunian

JUNE 5,
SUNDAY

***SAVE THE DATE (DATE CHANGED): ORDINATION
SUNDAY: SUB-DEACONATE & DEACONATE ORDINATION. Details will follow***

JUNE 11,
SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION

Details to follow.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 11,
SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION
Details to follow.

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**



ART EXHIBITION IN NEW YORK

SCULPTURE EXHIBITION

at the
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ARMENIAN CHURCH

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Opening **8 April** 4:00 PM

Artists

GEGHAM ABRAHAMYAN
TSOVINAR MURADYAN

April 8-9

2023

