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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.

**MAY 14, 2023**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE**

ՄԱՅԻՍ 14, ՎԵՑԵՐՈՐԴ ԿԻՐԱԿԻ ՅԻՆԱՆՑ

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 John 3:2-6

John 9:39-10:10

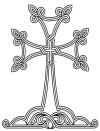


PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Tom Daw

Edik Eskandarian

Gayane Manukyan



**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED FOR:**  
**JORIK ARAKELIAN (40TH DAY)**

*Requested by: Lida Arakelian and family*

***All deceased mothers of our community.***

***May God rest their souls in His eternal peace and presence and  
grant their loved ones the comfort of the Holy Spirit.***

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## FEAST OF ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Armenian Church celebrates the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord on the fortieth day following the Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Savior Jesus Christ which this year is on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Following His Resurrection and defeat of death, Christ remained on earth for forty days, and continued to appear to His disciples. On the fortieth day, Christ is seen by His disciples for the last time. He blesses them and leaves them with instructions, after which He ascends into heaven. Two of the Gospel writers, St. Mark and St. Luke, testify about Christ's ascension. There is also an account of it in the Acts of the Apostles. Following a final meeting of Christ with the eleven remaining apostles, St. Mark writes, "So then, after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God." (Mark 16:19) St. Luke gives a little greater detail as he writes, "And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen." (Luke 24: 50-53). The hymn that is sung in the Armenian Church on Ascension Day mentions the miraculous event of Christ's Ascension into heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. In the Armenian Church, the day of Jesus Christ's Ascension is also commemorated for another reason as well. On this date in 1441, the See of the Catholicosate of All Armenians was returned to its historical origins. The Patriarchal See was relocated from the city of Sis in Western Armenia to the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin. Following his vision of Christ striking the ground with a golden hammer, St. Gregory the Illuminator had founded the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin in 303. However, less than 200 years later, in 484, the Patriarchal See was forced to relocate, and for the next 1000 years, settled in various cities throughout Armenia. The decision to return the throne of the Catholicos to the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin was the fulfillment of a national dream for the Armenian people.

### ՀԻՍՈՒՍ ՔՐԻՍՏՈՍԻ ՀԱՄԲԱՐՉՄԱՆ ՏՈՆ

Տոնը նշվում է Քրիստոսի Հարության 40-րդ օրը, 35 օրվա շարժունակությամբ՝ ապրիլի 30-ից մինչև հունիսի 3-ը՝ հինգշաբթի: Հարությունից հետո Քրիստոս 40 օր մնում է երկրի վրա եւ երեւում Իր աշակերտներին: Այդ ընթացքում Հիսուս Իր վարդապետությունն ուսացանում էր նրանց, իսկ վերջին հանդիպման ժամանակ օրհնում ու պատգամներ էր տալիս առաքյալներին, որից հետո համբարձվում երկինք:

Քրիստոսի Համբարձման մասին վկայում են Մարկոս եւ Ղուկաս ավետարանիչները, վկայություններ կան նաեւ Գործք Առաքելոցում. «Եւ Ինքը՝ Տէր Հիսուս, նրանց հետ խոսելուց հետո, դեպի երկինք վերացավ եւ նստեց Հոր աջ կողմը»: Հայ Առաքելական Եկեղեցին Համբարձման տոնին հիշատակում է նաև Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսության Աթոռը Սիւ քաղաքից Մայր Աթոռ Սբ. Էջմիածին փոխադրելը:

***The first reading is from the First letter of John 3:2-6***

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

***The second reading is from Holy Gospel according to John 9:39-10:10***

Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains. "Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

# SAVE THE DATE

## WOMEN'S GUILD

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday June 2, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Guest Speaker: Arda Haratunian  
AGBU Assistant Secretary - United States

Subject:  
The Global Armenian Nation: Challenges, Opportunities and Impact

Arda Haratunian is a strategic communications advisor to public and private companies, leveraging a 25 year career in communications, public affairs and public policy. She also teaches at Queens College in its honors Business and Liberal Arts program, and Columbia University, where she helped found the Masters Program in Strategic Communications.

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

Save the  
Date

OCTOBER 21, 2023



St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church - 1131 North Street- White Plains, NY 10605

## Women's Guild Food & Bake Sale



**Pre-pay Order PICKUP after Badarak on Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> 2023**

To reserve your selections, this PRE-order form with PRE-payment needs to be received at St. Gregory prior to May 1st

**Checks payable to: WOMEN's GUILD-St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church**

contact: Gladys Tachdjian (914) 325-2232

Order NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT Enclosed: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>FROZEN (uncooked)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Cheese Boereg</u> Tray	\$25./tray	_____	\$ _____
<u>Cheese Boereg</u> 6 triangles	\$10./pkg	_____	\$ _____
<u>Spinach Boereg</u> Tray	\$25./tray	_____	\$ _____
<u>Luleh Kabob</u> 5 patties	\$22./pack	_____	\$ _____
<u>Lahmajun</u> 10/pkg	\$22./pack	_____	\$ _____
<u>Choereg (buns)</u>	\$12./bag	_____	\$ _____
<u>Simit Cookies</u>	\$10./bag	_____	\$ _____
<u>Nazook</u>	\$10./bag	_____	\$ _____
<u>Gata</u>	\$10.each	_____	\$ _____
<u>Cream Khadaif</u> Tray	\$25./tray	_____	\$ _____
<u>Cream Khadaif</u> 8"sq Tray	\$15./small tray	_____	\$ _____

**Sub total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Plus \*\*Optional Donation\*\* towards preparation costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: an additional assortment of fresh baked goods & treats will be available for purchase on Mother's Day, May 14<sup>th</sup>

**Thank you for your generous support**

ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER ARMENIAN CHURCH  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO

# *Deaconate & Subdeaconate Ordination*

Presided by

VERY REV. FR. MESROP PARSAMYAN  
Primate of the Eastern Diocese



HIS GRACE BISHOP DANIEL FINDIKYAN  
Celebrant & Officiant

**DEACONS: DANIEL BULLOCK | ARTHUR IPEK | ANDREW KAYAIAN**  
**SUBDEACONS: AVEDIS OVANESSIAN | KYLE PIDEDJIAN**

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023  
DIVINE LITURGY & ORDINATION - 10:00AM  
BANQUET & PROGRAM - 12:30PM

Advanced reservations required - seating is limited  
Kindly return completed coupon by May 21, 2023 or contact the church at  
saintgregorychurchwpe@gmail.com; 914-428-2595

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Banquet in honor of the ordained Deacons and Subdeacons

Reservation name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Adults    \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Youth (6-14 yrs.)    \_\_\_\_\_ Children 5 & under free

Please accept my additional sponsorship donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## **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.



*“Her children arise and call her blessed.” (Prov. 31:28)*

### **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

While the official recognition only comes around once per year, there is not a day that goes by that a wandering thought of our mothers don't enter our minds. So on the occasion of this holiday weekend, I hope that each of you in your own way enjoy the day as mothers and/or with your mothers and revel in the attention our mothers deserve!

May God bless you, watch over you and grant you health and happiness.

***Special Prayer will be offered today for all mothers and mothers-at-heart following the Divine Liturgy.***

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

**Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy this Sunday.**  
**Special Prayer will be offered today for all mothers and mothers-at-heart following the Divine Liturgy.**

**The Sunday School plan sale and the Women's Guild Bake Sale to follow after the service.**

MAY 21,  
SUNDAY

**Armenian School Hantes & Graduation**  
1:00 PM

MAY 26-28,

**ACYOA Juniors' Hye M'rtsoom Sports Weekend**  
Watertown, MA.  
Contact Chris Pahigian LeFevre for details.

JUNE 2,  
FRIDAY

**St. Gregory Women's Guild Membership Meeting—7pm.**  
**Guest speaker: Arda Haratunian at 7:30 pm**

JUNE 4,  
SUNDAY

**ORDINATION SUNDAY**  
**SUB-DEACONATE & DEACONATE ORDINATION**

JUNE 11,  
SUNDAY

**SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION**

JULY 16  
SUNDAY

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**THE ANNUAL ALL AMERICAN BBQ**

SEPTEMBER 24,  
SUNDAY

**FAMILY FAIR AND ANNUAL PICNIC**

OCTOBER 21,  
SATURDAY

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Gregory – Banquet**