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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 21, 2023
SECOND PALM SUNDAY
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 John 5:13-21

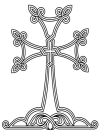
John 12:12-23

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Arman Bedonian

Joanne Chitjian

Elizabeth Shaghalian Vranka



REQUIEM SERVICE REQUESTED FOR:

Gohar Hagopian (1 yr.)

Requested by: Anna Kazanchyan & the family

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

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SECOND PALM SUNDAY

On the Sunday following the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, the Armenian Church celebrates “Second” Palm Sunday. The name of the feast has been derived from Palm Sunday, which precedes Easter. In the week leading up to His betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection, the “first” Palm Sunday symbolized the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem where people met Him with great joy and glorified His Holy Name. The Second Palm Sunday is the commemoration of the triumphant entry of the Ascended Christ into the Heavenly Jerusalem, where the angels meet him with great happiness and delight.

According to tradition, during St. Gregory the Illuminator’s imprisonment in the pit, he was visited every day by the same angel. However one day, the angel did not come. The following morning, St. Gregory inquires to the reason for his absence, to which the angel responds that during the Ascension, Christ had passed through the ranks of the Angels, and they celebrate that feast each year. The angel visiting St. Gregory was from the fourth class of angelic hosts, and thus, on the fourth day following the Ascension, his rank of angels commemorates and celebrates Christ’s Ascension to heaven every year.

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Քրիստոսի Համբարձման տոնին հաջորդող կիրակի օրը Հայ Առաքելական Եկեղեցին նշում է Երկրորդ Ծաղկագարդը: Տոնի անվանումն առաջացել է Զատիկի՝ Սբ. Հարությունը նախորդող Ծաղկագարդի տոնի անվանումից: Վերջինս խորհրդանշում է Քրիստոսի հաղթական մուտքը Երուսաղեմ, երբ մարդիկ Տիրոջը դիմավորում էին փառաբանությամբ ու ցնծությամբ եւ ծառերի ճյուղեր սփռում Նրա առաջ: Երկրորդ Ծաղկագարդն արդեն համբարձյալ Քրիստոսի Վերին Երուսաղեմ մտնելու հիշատակն է, երբ Նրան ցնծությամբ դիմավորում էին հրեւտակները: Ավանդության համաձայն՝ Վիրապում բանտարկված Սբ. Գրիգոր Լուսավորչին ամեն օր այցելում էր հրեւտակը: Մի օր նա բացակայում է: Հաջորդ օրը Սբ. Գրիգորը հարցնելով պատճառը, խմանում է, որ Համբարձման ժամանակ Հիսուս Քրիստոս անցել է հրեւտակների դասերի միջով: Լուսավորչին այցելող հրեւտակը չորրորդ դասից էր եւ Համբարձման չորրորդ օրը հրեւտակների այդ դասն ամեն տարի տոնում էր Քրիստոսի Համբարձվելը երկինք: Հայ Առաքելական Եկեղեցու մեծ աստվածաբան Գրիգոր Տաթևացու մեկնության համաձայն, բացի հրեւտակաց ամենաստորին դասից, որոնք էլ հենց ծառայում էին Քրիստոսին Նրա երկրավոր կյանքում, հրեւտակների մյուս դասերը չգիտեին Տիրոջ փրկարար տնօրինության մասին մինչեւ Համբարձումը:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the First letter of John 5:13-21

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that. All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.

We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them. We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

The second reading is from Holy Gospel according to John 12:12-23

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him. Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!" Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."

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.

***50th Anniversary of our Parish &
25th Anniversary of St. Gregory***

*Save the
Date*

OCTOBER 21, 2023

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 KAYAIAAN
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
saintgregorychurchwp@gmail.com; 914-428-2595

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

We appreciate the generosity of the Kazanchyan family for providing today's fellowship hour refreshments.

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 coordina-

tor: Adriane Keleshian Bonfiglio (914) 649-1072.

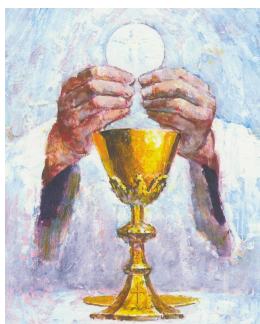
CLASS OF 2023

GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 2022-2023

If you know of any St. Gregory parishioners graduating from high school, college, or graduate school this spring, please notify (or pass the word along and have them notify) the church office or Der Hayr by calling 914-428-2595 or emailing saint-gregorychurchwp@gmail.com.

Please share with us the student's name, school, special achievements, future plans, etc., so we may share our pride in their accomplishments with our entire parish in the En-lightener eNewsletter.

Congratulations to all graduates.



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 **WITHOUT TOUCHING THE COMMUNION** with other fingers.
 - Wash your palm with the help of a deacon or a parishioner.
- Return to your seat from the right side of the chancel.

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.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy this 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:
25th Anniversary of St. Gregory – Banquet***