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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 28, 2023
PENTECOST

ՄԱՅԻՍ 28, ՀՈԳԵԳԱԼՈՒՍ

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 2:1-21

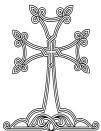
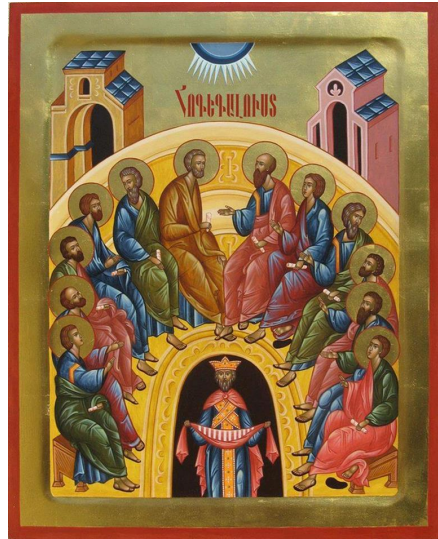
John 14:25-31

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Chris Bonfiglio

Sybil Postian

Arek Ohanissian



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY

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PENTECOST

The Feast of Pentecost is the commemoration of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the fiftieth day following the Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Armenian Church celebrates this feast 50 days following Easter Sunday. The Holy Spirit is one of the three persons in the Holy Trinity coexisting with, and equal to, the Holy Father and the Holy Son. During His earthly life and ministry Christ spoke to the Apostles about the coming of the Holy Spirit. Recording the words of Christ, St. John writes, “The Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you.”. The descent of the Holy Spirit is described in the Acts of the Apostles: “When the day of the Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak. In the book of Acts, St. Luke further records the names of various countries, and that men from those countries were surprised, when each of them heard his native language. Among the mentioned places are Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia. Two of the saints of the Universal Church, both of Roman origin, Tertullian and Augustine, have written that the word “Armenia” should possibly be substituted instead of “Judea”, as it is more logical that Armenia would be mentioned among those as a “foreign” country, as the apostles were living in Judea. Moreover, with regards to geographical position, Armenia was situated between Mesopotamia and Cappadocia. Therefore, the people living in Armenia may have been among the first witnesses of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

ՀՈԳԵԳԱԼՈՒՍ (Պենտեկոստե)

Առաքյալների վրա Ս. Հոգու իջման հիշատակության Տոնն է, որ տեղի է ունեցել Ս. Հարության հիսուններորդ օրը: Այդ պատճառով էլ Հոգեգալուստը միշտ տոնում են Զատիկից հիսուն օր հետո: Սուրբ Հոգին Սուրբ Երրորդության երեք անձերից մեկն է, համագո և հավասար Հորը և Որդուն: Քրիստոս Իր երկրային գործունեության ընթացքում առաքյալների հետ խոսել էր Ս. Հոգու գալստյան մասին. «Իսկ Մխիթարիչը՝ Սուրբ Հոգին, որին Հայրը կուղարկի Իմ անունով, Նա ձեզ ամեն բան կուսուցանի և ձեզ կհիշեցնի այն ամենը, ինչ ես ասացի ձեզ: Սուրբ Հոգու գալուստը նկարագրված է “Գործք Առաքելոց”-ում. “Երբ Պենտեկոստեի օրերը լրացան, բոլորը միասիրտ, միատեղ էին: Եվ հանկարծակի երկնքից հնչեց մի ձայն՝ աստիճանից եկած ձայնի նման. և լցրեց այն տունը: Եվ նրանց երևացին բաժանված լեզուներ՝ նման բոցեղեն լեզուների, որոնք նստեցին յուրաքանչյուրի վրա: Եվ բոլորը լցվեցին Սուրբ Հոգով ու սկսեցին խոսել ուրիշ լեզուներով, ինչպես որ Սուրբ Հոգին նրանց խոսել էր տալիս:”

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the Letter of Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

The second reading is from Holy Gospel according to John 14:25-31

"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

"You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me. "Come now; let us leave".

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
saintgregorychurchwpe@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 Tachdjian family and the Gukasyan 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 coordinator:

Adriane Keleshian Bonfiglio (914) 649-1072.

CLASS OF 2023

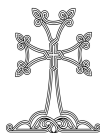
GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 2022-2023

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.

REQUIEM SERVICE REQUESTED FOR:



Zaven Tachdjian (1 year)

Requested by: the Tachdjian Family

Razmik, Rima, Ruzanna, and Zara Gukasyans

Requested by: Nellie and Tigran Gukasyan

Frieda Khadjehturian Coppola (20 yrs.)

Requested by her family and friends

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

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	<i>Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy this Sunday. Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow after the service.</i>
JUNE 2, FRIDAY	<i>St. Gregory Women's Guild Membership Meeting – 7pm. Guest speaker: Arda Haratunian at 7:30 pm</i>
JUNE 4, SUNDAY	ORDINATION SUNDAY SUB-DEACONATE & DEACONATE ORDINATION
JUNE 11, SUNDAY	SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION <i>Trip to Armenia participants meeting</i>
JULY 16 SUNDAY	<i>Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord</i> SAVE THE DATE: THE ANNUAL ALL AMERICAN BBQ
SEPTEMBER 16, SATURDAY	<i>Armenian School Reopening - 10am–12pm</i>
SEPTEMBER 17, SUNDAY	<i>Sunday School Registration – 10:30am–12pm</i>
SEPTEMBER 24, SUNDAY	FAMILY FAIR AND ANNUAL PICNIC
OCTOBER 21, SATURDAY	SAVE THE DATE: 25th Anniversary of St. Gregory – Banquet