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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 7, 2023

APPARITION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 John 1:1-10

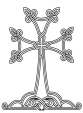
John 7:14-23

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Janet Ozsolak

Ron Sanossian

Elizabeth Shaghalian Vranka



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY

Please see page 7 for the complete list of names

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Feast of the Apparition of the Holy Cross

This feast is dedicated to the Apparition of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem. At noon on May 19, 351, a bright, luminous cross appeared over the skies of Jerusalem, centered over an area spanning from the Mount of Olives (where Christ was betrayed and arrested) to Golgotha (where Christ was crucified). Awestruck, the faithful of Jerusalem rush to church to give thanks and glorify the Lord. Bishop Cyril (later St. Cyril of Jerusalem) subsequently wrote a letter to Emperor Constantine of Byzantium wherein he describes the miraculous and beautiful scene. St. Cyril tells Constantine that the apparition is a true testimony of the orthodox faith of Christianity. Further, St. Cyril exhorts the Emperor that the appearance is a sign for him to remain steadfast in his faith, and to stop defending the heretical movement of Arianism and its promulgators. The Armenian translation of the Bishop's letter has been preserved by the Church, and is read each year on the Feast of the Apparition of the Holy Cross. The Armenian Church celebrates this feast 28 days following Easter Sunday.

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Ս. Խաչի երևման տոնը Երուսաղեմում Ս. Խաչի նշանի երևման հիշատակն է: 351 թվականին՝ ցերեկվա ընթացքում, Գողգոթայից մինչև Չիթենյայց լեռը երկնքում երևում է մի լուսե Խաչ: Այդ զարմանահրաշ դեպքի մասին Երուսաղեմի Կյուրեղ եպիսկոպոսը նամակ է գրում Կ. Պոլսի Կոստանդ կայսեր՝ այդ զարմանալի երևույթը համարելով իբրև ուղղափառ դավանության ճշմարտության ապացույց: Այդ պատճառով էլ Կյուրեղ Երուսաղեմացին հորդորում է Կոստանդ կայսեր հրաժարվել արիոսականներին պաշտպանելուց:

Երուսաղեմի Կյուրեղ եպիսկոպոսի այդ նամակը թարգմանվել է հայերեն և ամեն տարի ընթերցվում է Ս. Խաչի երևման տոնին: Հայ Առաքելական Եկեղեցին Ս. Խաչի երևման տոնը նշում է Զատիկից 28 օր հետո: Ս. Հարության տոնի շարժականության պատճառով Ս. Խաչի երևման տոնը կարող է տատանվել ապրիլի 19-ից մինչև մայիսի 23-ը:

The first reading is from the First letter of John 1:1-10

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete. This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

The second reading is from Holy Gospel according to John 7:14-23

Not until halfway through the festival did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach. The Jews there were amazed and asked, “How did this man get such learning without having been taught?” Jesus answered, “My teaching is not my own. It comes from the one who sent me. Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him. Has not Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?”

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.



Save the Date!

*St. Gregory The Enlightener
Armenian Church*

Is Excited To Announce Its

25th Anniversary Banquet

*Saturday, October 21, 2023
7 pm*

Brae Burn Country Club | Purchase, New York

Women's Guild Food & Bake Sale



Pre-pay Order PICKUP after Badarak on Sunday May 14th 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



ԷՇՈՅ—KSHOTS

The liturgical fan that we call the “kshots” in Armenian is also known as the flabellum or rhipidion. It is a round, ornately-embossed plate of silver, bronze or other metal, about twelve or more inches in diameter, with small bells coupled around the perimeter. The disk is attached to the top of a rod five or six feet long. As an accompaniment to certain chants of the Divine Liturgy, an altar server grasps the pole with the one hand and shakes it left and right at the wrist so that the bells jingle in rhythm to the music. The kshots is also commonly carried in liturgical processions. So the kshots is essentially a musical instrument.

In the early church, however, the kshots was used by the deacons to protect the altar, and especially the Eucharistic bread and wine, from dust and flies. Very early the liturgical fan came to be associated with the wings of the angels. In the Bible the Prophet Isaiah saw a vision of God surrounded by six-winged angels called Seraphim [Isaiah 6:2]. Images of angels are often embossed into the faces of the kshots. The oscillation of the kshots at the altar likewise reminds us that during the Divine Liturgy we stand in the presence of almighty God.

Source: *Frequently Asked Questions on the Badarak, The Divine Liturgy of the Armenian Church* by Michael Daniel Findikyan.

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; 914-426-2595

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 \$_____

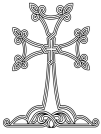


Fellowship Coffee Hour

We appreciate the generosity of the Kaprielian, Baberian and the Givelekian families 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.



REQUIEM SERVICE REQUESTED FOR:

Setrak Kaprielian (1 year)

**Arshaluys & Sarkis Kaprielian; Jirair Kaprielian;
Ohannes Kaprielian; Alice & Antranik Baberian;
Ashot Tigranyan; Mayreni & Dikran Demirci;
Cicek & Simon Tutak; Vartuhi & Hayik Tutakian;
Lucia & Horen Tutak**

*Requested by: Nargiz Kaprielian, James & Irina Kaprielian,
Aram & Anita Baberian*

Zevart Dermanjian (10 years)

Requested by: The Givelekian Family

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

THE KISS OF PEACE

The GIVER says:

Christ is revealed amongst us.

Քրիստոս ի մէջ մեր յայտնեցաւ:

Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.

The RECEIVER says:

Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

Օրհնեալ է յայտնութիւնն Քրիստոսի:

Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.

WHEN TAKING MAHS

The GIVER says:

*May this be to you a share and portion of the Holy
Sacrifice.*

Մաս և բաժին եղիցի քեզ ի Սուրբ Պատարագէս:

*Mahs yev pazheen yegheetsee kez ee Soorp
Badarakes.*

The RECEIVER says:

My portion is God forever.

Բաժին իմ Աստուած յաւիտեան:

Pahjeen eem Asdvadz haveedyan.

THE PSALM OF DISMISSAL - PSALM 34

*I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall be at all
times in my mouth.*

*Օրհնեցից ըզՏէր յամենայն ժամ, յամենայն ժամ,
օրհնութիւն նորա ի բերան իմ:*

*Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenayn zham
orhnootyoon nora ee peran eem.*

**When approaching the Holy Gospel at the end of
the Divine Liturgy you say:**

May the Lord remember all your sacrifices.

*Յիշեսցէ Տէր զամենայն պատարագս քո.
Heeshstseeh Der zamenayn Badarakus ko*

The Priest answers:

*May the Lord grant you according to your own heart,
and fulfill all your desires. (Psalm 20:4)*

*Տացէ քեզ Տէր ըստ սրտի քում և զամենայն խորհուրդս քո
ի բարիս նա կատարեսցէ:*

*Datseh kez Der usd srdee koom yev zamenayn
khorhoortus koh ee pareae na gadarestseh.*

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy this Sunday.

Children's sermon will be delivered at the of the service. Topic: Kshots–Angels: how they are connected?

Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow after the service.

MAY 14,
SUNDAY

Mother's Day

St. Gregory Women's Guild Bake Sale

Pre-order form in the bulletin

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:

25th Anniversary of St. Gregory – Banquet