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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.

JULY 2

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Romans 8:31-10:4

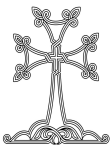
Matthew 13:24-30

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FEAST OF THE DISCOVERY OF ST. MARY'S JEWEL BOX

St. Mary was the daughter of Joachim and Anna of Nazareth (originally Bethlehem). Anna, being barren, prayed and made special vows for a child. She then had her only child, a daughter named Mariam (or Mary). Although Mary was born naturally (having both a father and mother) she is considered morally pure and immaculate. It is for this reason that the church not only celebrates her birth but also her conception, which the Armenian and the Greek Orthodox churches celebrate on December 9th. According to the teaching of the Armenian Church, at the time of the Annunciation when the Holy Spirit entered her, she was cleansed of all sin (original sin) as she was to be the vessel in which God manifest was to be incarnated. Only those aspects of St. Mary's life which are directly related to Christ are mentioned in the Holy Gospels. After the Ascension of her divine son, the remainder of Mary's life comes to us through tradition. It states she lived out the rest of her days in Jerusalem, cared for by St. John the Evangelist. She died in Jerusalem some 15 years after Christ's Ascension and was buried in her family tomb in Gethsemane.

This Sunday, the Armenian Church is celebrating one of the eight feasts devoted to St. Mary, the Holy Mother of God: the Discovery of Her Jewel Box. Quite an unusual item for St. Mary, when we think of her immense piety and devotion to her Son, Jesus. Like many saints, her earthly possessions became articles of pious devotion. According to holy traditions, the "jewel" box was actually a simple wooden container in which she kept her veil - her "jewel" of piety. After St. Mary's Assumption into Heaven (Feast Day - August 15), many sick people who came in contact with the box were healed. The box was eventually transferred from Galilee to the Cathedral of the Holy Mother-of-God in Istanbul.

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Ավանդության համաձայն՝ Սբ. Աստվածածնի տուփը, որտեղ պահվել է Տիրամոր զլխանոցը, հայտնաբերել են երկու հույն իշխաններ, որոնք Երուսաղեմ ուխտի գնալիս Գալիլիայում մի հրեա կնոջ մոտ տեսնում են տուփը, որի գորությամբ հիվանդներ էին բժշկվում: Տուփը փոխելով իր կրկնօրինակով՝ երիտասարդներն այն բերում են Կ. Պոլիս և հանձնում պատրիարքին: Պատրիարքը տուփը զետեղում է Ս. Աստվածածին եկեղեցում և հաստատում Ս. Աստվածածնի տուփի գյուտի տոնը:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the Letter of Romans 8:31-10:14

What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the householder came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?' He said to them, "An enemy has done this." The servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

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

**Save the
Date**

OCTOBER 21, 2023



**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.

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 Enlightener eNewsletter.

Congratulations to all graduates.

Pastoral Care, Home and Hospital Visits

Der Mesrob is always available and would like to visit homebound and hospitalized parishioners. If you or someone you know is ill, Hospitalized or homebound and would like to be visited, please call Der Mesrob directly at (804)-405-9399 to schedule the visit. Please note: when asked about your religion at a hospital, patients should list themselves as "Armenian Orthodox" or "Armenian" not "other".

Today, please take a moment to remember in your prayers all the sick and recovering members of our community.

May God touch His faithful servants with His healing hand, and grant them good health & recovery.

Please inform Der Hayr if you have friends or family who are suffering any physical or spiritual distress and are in need of prayer, and he will add them to his prayer list where they will be remembered. We all need prayer – both to say for others and to be said for us.

All-American BBQ

SUNDAY, July 16th, 2023
12:30 pm

Family Fundraiser

sponsored by The Women's Guild
St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church
1131 North Street – White Plains, NY 10605



\$25.pp (\$10. Children under 12, Children under 5 FREE)

All American BBQ Favorites

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Pulled Pork, Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans,
Corn-on-the-Cob, Watermelon, Apple Pie, Brownies, Lemonade, Iced Tea

Net proceeds from this fundraising lunch will be donated to
Fuller Center for Housing in Armenia
toward our 12th St. Gregory House



Invite your friends & family to support this worthy organization *Everyone WELCOME!*

RSVP via cell/text: Adriane Keleshian Bonfiglio (914) 649-1072
Please include NAME & number of adults/children in reservation
Seating is limited! Pre-Paid Advance Reservations RECOMMENDED before July 10th

All-American BBQ FAMILY FUNDRAISER

Reservation Name: _____ Phone Contact: (____) _____

Number Attending: _____ @ \$25. per person \$ _____
Number of Children *UNDER 12 years old* _____ @ \$10. per child \$ _____
Under 5 years old FREE _____ *FREE*

** FCHA Donation (optional) ** \$ _____

Check # _____ Total: \$ _____
payable to: Women's Guild / St. Gregory Armenian Church
1131 North Street – White Plains, NY 10605

optional Separate DONATION payable to: Fuller Center for Housing/Armenia Check # _____
MEMO: St. Gregory the Enlightener/White Plains NY
\$25 \$50 \$100 \$150 \$200 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other \$ _____



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.

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	<p><i>Divine Liturgy is celebrated by Rev. Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan.</i></p> <p><i>Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow after the services.</i></p>
JULY 9, SUNDAY	<p><i>Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan.</i></p> <p><i>Fr. Mesrob will be traveling to Armenia after the service and will return on August 10th. Thirteen participants from our community will be traveling with Fr. Mesrob to explore Armenia until July 22nd.</i></p>
JULY 16 SUNDAY	<p><i>Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord</i> <i>Guest celebrant: Fr. Arshen Ayvazian.</i></p> <p><i>THE ANNUAL ALL AMERICAN BBQ - 12:30PM.</i></p>
JULY 22, SATURDAY	<p><i>Book Discussion: Geraldine Brooks - Horse, 11:00am.</i></p>
JULY 23, SUNDAY	<p><i>Guest celebrant: Fr. Mardiros Chevian</i></p>
JULY 30, SUNDAY	<p><i>Jashoo Service by the Deacons. Divine Liturgy will not be celebrated.</i></p>
AUGUST 6, SUNDAY	<p><i>Guest celebrant: Fr. Arshen Ayvazian</i></p>
AUGUST 13, SUNDAY	<p><i>Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God. Blessing of Grapes service.</i></p>
SEPTEMBER 17, SUNDAY	<p><i>Women's Guild Membership Meeting and Guest Speaker - Rina Gallo, 12:30pm.</i></p>
SEPTEMBER 24, SUNDAY	<p><i>ANNUAL PICNIC with live music, kids activities, raffle and more, 12:00-5:00pm..</i></p>
OCTOBER 21, SATURDAY	<p><i>SAVE THE DATE: 25th & 50th ANNIVERSARY GALA BANQUET at Brae Burn Country Club.</i></p>