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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.

**JUNE 18**  
**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
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**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Romans 6:12-23

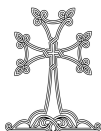
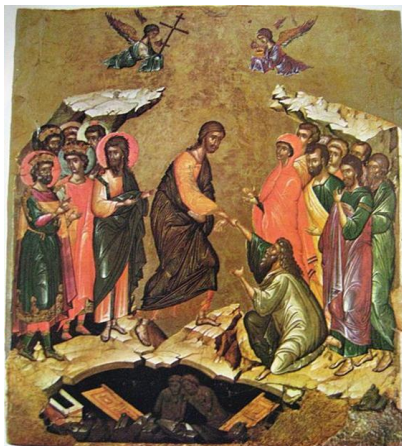
Matthew 12:1-8

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Arman Bedonian

Edik Eskandarian

Sybil Postian



**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED FOR:**

*All deceased fathers of our community members*

*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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Fr. Mesrob: (804) 405-9399, [fr.mesrob@yahoo.com](mailto:fr.mesrob@yahoo.com)

## COMMEMORATION OF ST. NERSESS THE GREAT AND ST. BISHOP KHAD

St. Nersess the Great, Catholicos of All Armenians (353-373) is one of the most prominent Armenian Pontiffs. According to historical sources he is from the family and lineage of St. Gregory the Illuminator, and grandson of the Armenian Patriarch Houssik. Following the death of Catholicos Paren I (of Ash-tishat), Nersess is a chamberlain (chief attendant or steward) for the Armenian King Arshak. Although a layman at the time, he is found to be the most deserving candidate for the throne of the Catholicos, and under the compulsion of the King is ordained as a priest, and consecrated as Catholicos. The Armenian Pontiff becomes the first great reformer of the Church and a renowned benefactor of his nation. Upon Nersess' initiative, a National Ecclesiastical Council is convened in Ashtishat in 354. Upon his initiative, decisions are made which are intended to regulate and bring order to the spiritual-ecclesiastical life, based upon the defined moral principles of the family. Nersess the Great establishes numerous monasteries and schools. He builds hospices, residences and hospitals for the ill, homeless and the poor. The Catholicos was always with his flock. The Armenian people won the battle of Dzirav due to St. Nersess' unceasing prayers for victory on a nearby mountaintop, as the war was being waged on the field below. For his devout activity Nersess the Great is also called the "Illuminator of Hearts".

Bishop Khad was a supporter of Nersess the Great, and was instrumental in the implementation of the Catholicos' initiatives and undertakings. Historian Pavstos Buzand identifies Bishop Khad as the coadjutor of the Armenian Pontiff, St. Nersess the Great.

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## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

***The first reading is from the Letter of Romans 6:12-23:***

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

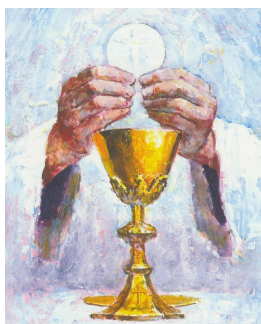
***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 12:1-8***

At that time Jesus went through the grain fields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath." He answered, "Haven't you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread—which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests. Or haven't you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are innocent? I tell you that something greater than the temple is here. If you had known what these words mean, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice," you would not have condemned the innocent. For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

**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 [saintgregorychurchwp@gmail.com](mailto:saintgregorychurchwp@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.

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### ***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".

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***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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>**

### **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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **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	<b><i>Divine Liturgy is celebrated by Rev. Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan.</i></b>  <b><i>Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow after the services.</i></b>
JULY 9, SUNDAY	<b><i>Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan.</i></b>  <b><i>Fr. Mesrob will be traveling to Armenia after the service along with thirteen participants from our community and will return on August 10.</i></b>
JULY 16 SUNDAY	<b><i>Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord</i></b> <b><i>Guest celebrant: Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Fr. Arshen Aylvazian</i></b>  <b><i>THE ANNUAL ALL AMERICAN BBQ</i></b>
JULY 23, SUNDAY	<b><i>Guest celebrant: Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Fr. Mardiros Chevian</i></b>
JULY 30, SUNDAY	<b><i>Jashoo Service by deacons. Divine Liturgy will not be celebrated.</i></b>
AUGUST 6, SUNDAY	<b><i>Guest celebrant: Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Fr. Arshen Aylvazian</i></b>
AUGUST 13, SUNDAY	<b><i>Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God. Blessing of Grapes service.</i></b>
SEPTEMBER 24, SUNDAY	<b><i>FAMILY FAIR AND ANNUAL PICNIC</i></b>
OCTOBER 21, SATURDAY	<b><i>SAVE THE DATE:</i></b> <b><i>25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Gregory – Banquet</i></b>