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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 25

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Romans 7:25-8:11

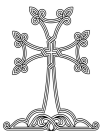
Matthew 12:38-45

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Arman Bedonian

Tom Daw

Ronald Sanossian



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED FOR:

Mardy Der Sookiasian

Requested by: Annette & Garo Bashian & the family

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

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Commemoration Day of the discovery of the Relics of St. Gregory the Illuminator

The Commemoration Day of the discovery of the relics of St. Gregory the Illuminator is one of the three significant feast days dedicated to the memory of the Patron Saint of Armenia. According to Holy Tradition, following Armenia's conversion to Christianity, in his final years, St. Gregory led an ascetic life in the cave of Mane on the Mountain named Sepuh where he died in 326 A.D. Shepherds, finding his body, buried him not recognizing the Armenian Pontiff. One of his students, Garnik from Basen sees a vision, where Gregory identifies the location of his relics. The relics were thereupon transferred to the village of Tordan, in the province of Daranagh, and buried there. The relics of St. Gregory the Illuminator are one of our most revered within the Armenian Church, as well as all Christian Churches. Following their discovery, some were taken to various places for safekeeping, among them Etchmiadzin, Byzantium, and Italy. The Right Hand of the Saint, preserved in the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, is one of the most important sanctities of the Armenian Church, and is used by the Catholicos of All Armenians during the blessing of the Holy Chrism (Muron). To commemorate the day, Divine Liturgy is celebrated in our Churches.

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Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսավորչի նշխարների գյուտը հայոց մեծագույն սրբերից մեկի հիշատակին նվիրված երեք տոներից մեկն է: Ըստ ավանդության՝ հայոց մեծ դարձից հետո Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսավորիչն իր կյանքի վերջին տարիներն ավարտում է ճգնակեցությանը՝ Սեպուհ լեռան Մանեի այրում, որտեղ էլ վախճանվում է 326 թվականին: Նրա մարմինը գտնում են հովիվները, որոնք, չճանաչելով մահացած կաթողիկոսին, մարմինը ծածկում են քարակույտի տակ: Հետագայում Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսավորիչը տեսիլքով այտնում է իր նշխարների տեղն աշակերտներից Գառնիկ Բասենցուն, որից հետո Հայրապետի նշխարները տեղափոխվում և ամփոփվում են Դարանաղի գավառի Թորդան գյուղում: Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսավորչի շխարները բոլոր քրիստոնեական եկեղեցիների ամենամեծ սրբություններից են: Հայոց Հայրապետի նշխարները գտնվելուց հետո նրանցից մի մասն իբրև քրազան մասունք տարվել է Վաղարշապատ, Բյուզանդիա, Իտալիա: Մայր Աթոռ Ս. Էջմիածնում պահվող Լուսավորչի Ս. Աջը Հայ եկեղեցու րևոբագույն սրբություններից մեկն է, որով օրհնվում է սրբազան մյուռոնը: Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսավորչի նշխարների գյուտի տոնը նշվում է Հոգեգալստից հետո, չորրորդ շաբաթ օրը: Տոնի օրը եկեղեցիներում մատուցվում է Ս. Պատարագ: Տոնի առիթով Հայ եկեղեցին սահմանել է շաբաթապահք: Տոնն ունի նաև իր նախատոնակր:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the Letter of Romans 7:25-8:11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God really dwells in you. Any one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit who dwells in you.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 12:38:45

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to him, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign; but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will arise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will arise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he passes through waterless places seeking rest, but he finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and brings with him seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. So shall it be also with this evil generation."

**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

We appreciate the generosity of Annette & Garo Bashian and family for sponsoring the 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 along with thirteen participants from our community and will return on August 10.</i></p>
JULY 16 SUNDAY	<p><i>Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord</i> <i>Guest celebrant: Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Fr. Arshen Ayvazian</i></p> <p>THE ANNUAL ALL AMERICAN BBQ</p>
JULY 23, SUNDAY	<p><i>Guest celebrant: Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Fr. Mardiros Chevian</i></p>
JULY 30, SUNDAY	<p><i>Jashoo Service by deacons. Divine Liturgy will not be celebrated.</i></p>
AUGUST 6, SUNDAY	<p><i>Guest celebrant: Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by 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 24, SUNDAY	<p>ANNUAL PICNIC</p>
OCTOBER 21, SATURDAY	<p>SAVE THE DATE: <i>25th Anniversary of St. Gregory – Banquet</i></p>