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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 4, 2023

REMEMBRANCE OF THE PROPHET ELIJAH

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

James 5:16-20

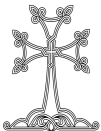
Luke 4:25-30

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REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE HELD TODAY

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REMEMBRANCE OF THE PROPHET ELIJAH

Prophet Elijah is one of the major prophets of the Old Testament, distinguished for his loyalty to the Lord, for his zealous struggle against idolatry spread in Israel by the apostate king Ahab and his idolatrous wife, Queen Jezebel.

Prophet Elijah lived in the IX century B.C. In the First Book of Kings (17-18) and the Second Book of Kings (1-2) is told about the activity of the Prophet Elijah. Evangelists also mention the name of the Prophet Elijah.

In the First Book of Kings it is told that being the true herald of the Word of God Elijah, by the Lord's will appeared before the apostate king Ahab and warned about the upcoming drought. His prophecy came true and after three years the Prophet again went to the king Ahab.

Proving the weakness of the idolatrous, Prophet Elijah prayed God asking to send down fire for the sacrifice and a heavy rain. It is also told that thanks to the divine grace the Prophet Elijah helped the widow in Zarephath making so that her bowl wouldn't run out of flour and her jar wouldn't run of oil, also restored the widow's dead son to life.

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the Letter of James 5:16-20

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.

Elijah was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit.

My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

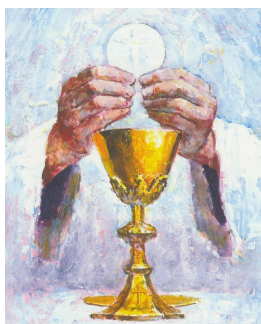
The second reading is from Holy Gospel according to Luke 4:25-30

But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

**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.

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.

Յիշեցէ Տէր զամենայն պատարագս քո.
Heeshestseh 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 կատարեցէ:

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

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.

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.

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 OVANESSION | KYLE PIDEDJIAN

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023
DIVINE LITURGY & ORDINATION - 10:00AM
BANQUET & PROGRAM - 12:30PM

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>Bishop Daniel celebrates the Divine Liturgy.</i></p> <p><i>Ordination of the Subdeacons & Deacons will take place during the Liturgy.</i></p> <p>Luncheon in honor of the ordained to follow after the services.</p>
JUNE 11, SUNDAY	<p>SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION</p> <p><i>Trip to Armenia participants' meeting will take place after the fellowship hour</i></p>
JULY 16 SUNDAY	<p><i>Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord</i></p> <p>SAVE THE DATE: THE ANNUAL ALL AMERICAN BBQ</p>
SEPTEMBER 16, SATURDAY	<p><i>Armenian School Reopening - 10am-12pm</i></p>
SEPTEMBER 17, SUNDAY	<p><i>Sunday School Registration - 10:30am-12pm</i></p>
SEPTEMBER 24, SUNDAY	<p>FAMILY FAIR AND ANNUAL PICNIC</p>
OCTOBER 21, SATURDAY	<p>SAVE THE DATE: 25th Anniversary of St. Gregory – Banquet</p>