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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.

AUGUST 6, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRANSFIGURATION
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Corinthians 13:11-14:5

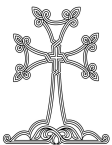
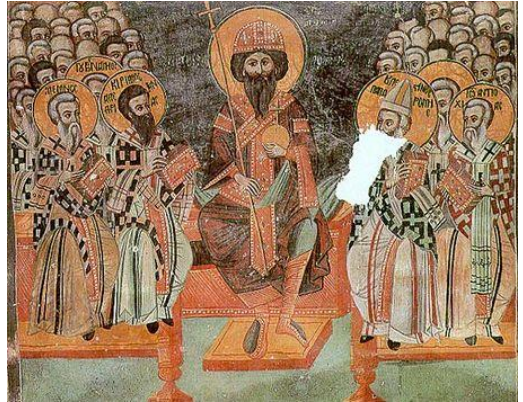
Mark 2:1-12

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Commemoration of the 200 bishops of Ecumenical Council of Ephesus (August 6)

On Saturday, August 6, our church commemorates the 200 bishops participating in the Ecumenical Council of Ephesus. The Ecumenical Council of Ephesus was convened in 431 A. D. during the reign of the King Theodosius the Younger. Two hundred Pontiffs participated in the Council with the goal of criticizing the false teaching of Nestorius, Patriarch of Constantinople. According to his teaching, there were two independent - divine and human natures in Christ, contrasting with each other. Nestorius preached that Christ was born as a simple man and only later Divinity was settled in His Person; therefore, the Holy Virgin Mary was not Godmother, but the mother of a simple man. The Ecumenical Council of Ephesus condemns the teaching of Nestorius and adopts the teaching of St. Cyril of Alexandria as an orthodox teaching, according to which the divine and human natures of Christ do not exist separately, but are united unmixedly, without confusion - one Lord, one Jesus, one face and one united divine and human nature. St. Mary is not the mother of a simple man, but she is Godmother as she gave birth to the Son of God. So, the formulation of St. Cyril of Alexandria: *“One is the nature of the Incarnate Word of God”* was adopted. The Armenian Church did not participate in that Ecumenical Council but has adopted its resolutions and ecumenical authority together with the previous Ecumenical Councils.

Եփեսոսի Ս. Ժողովի 200 հայրապետների հիշատակության օր

Եփեսոսի Ժողովը տեղի է ունեցել 431 թվականին Թեոդոսիոս Փոքր կայսեր օրոք, 200 հայրերի մասնակցությամբ, որոնք հավաքվել էին՝ քննելու Կ. Պոլսի պատրիարք Նեստորի սխալ ուսմունքը: Այս ուսմունքի համաձայն՝ Հիսուս Քրիստոսի մեջ գոյություն ունեին 2 անկախ, միմյանց հակադիր բնություններ՝ աստվածային և մարդկային: Նեստորը քարոզում էր, որ Քրիստոս ծնվել է որպես հասարակ մարդ, ապա Աստվածությունը բնակվել է նրա անձի մեջ, հետևաբար Ս. Կույս Մարիամը ոչ թե Աստվածածին է, այլ մարդածին: Եփեսոսի Ժողովը դատապարտում է Նեստորի վարդապետությունը և ընդունում է Ս. Կյուրեղ Ալեքսանդրացու ուսմունքը որպես ուղղափառ դավանություն, որի համաձայն Քրիստոսի աստվածային և մարդկային բնությունները գոյություն չունեն առանձին-առանձին, այլ միավորված են անշփոթ, անխառն կերպով. մի Տեր, մի Հիսուս, մի դեմք և միացյալ աստվածամարդկային բնություն: Ս. Մարիամը ոչ թե մարդածին է, այլ Աստվածածին, քանի որ նա ծնեց Աստծո Որդուն: Հռչակվում է Ս. Կյուրեղ Ալեքսանդրացու «Մի է բնութիւն բանին մարմնացելոյ» բանաձևը: Հայ Եկեղեցին չի մասնակցել այս տիեզերական ժողովին, սակայն նախորդ տիեզերական ժողովների հետ ընդունել է նրա որոշումներն ու տիեզերական հեղինակությունը:

The first reading is from the First Letter of 1 Corinthians 13:11-14:5

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love. Pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts and especially that you may prophesy. For those who speak in a tongue do not speak to other people but to God, for no one understands them, since they are speaking mysteries in the Spirit. But those who prophesy speak to other people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. Those who speak in a tongue build up themselves, but those who prophesy build up the church. Now I would like all of you to speak in tongues but even more to prophesy. One who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark 2:1-12

“When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people^[a] came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Child, your sins are forgiven. “Now some of the scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts, “Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and take your mat and walk?’ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— “I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home.” And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”



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

**Save the
Date**

OCTOBER 21, 2023



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.

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

Stewardship is about our **VALUES**, about **FAITH**, about **GIVING**, about **GRATITUDE**, **THANKFULNESS** and **GENEROSITY**.

Stewardship is grounded in the fact that all human life and experience is a gift, a gift from God, a gift which requires a response of faithful service.

Your annual contribution is the backbone of the church's operational budget.

Your participation as a steward is an expression of your appreciation for our spiritual legacy and cultural heritage.

Above all, through your generous giving, you offer your gift of love to Christ to continue His ministry through our Church.

Your donation makes a **BIG** difference in sustaining our Church which:

- † is a place where we feel the presence of God and the warmth of His love.
- † helps us find a sense of inner peace and provides comfort in our time of need.
- † is a place to share our joys and sorrows.
- † provides a place for our children to experience their Armenian Christian heritage.
- † sustains our common bond as Armenian Christians.
- † represents centuries of tradition.

WHAT WE DO WITH YOUR HELP

Worship Services
Spiritual Programs
Educational Programs
Cultural Programs
Youth Ministry
Church operational expenses
Church maintenance



Sunday, August 13, 2023



Feast of the Assumption of the
Holy Mother of God
Blessing of the Grapes Service

Morning Service - 9:45 AM

Badarak - 10:15 AM

Blessing of the Grapes Service - 11:45 AM

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ANNUAL ARMENIAN


Picnic

Come join us for delicious traditional
Armenian food and wine.

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12PM - 5PM

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	<i>Divine Liturgy is celebrated by Rev. Fr. Arshen Ayyazian</i> <i>Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow after the services.</i>
AUGUST 13, SUNDAY	<i>Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God.</i> Blessing of Grapes service.
SEPTEMBER 16, SATURDAY	<i>Armenian School Reopening - 10am-12pm</i>
SEPTEMBER 17, SUNDAY	<i>Sunday School Registration - 10:30am-12pm</i>
SEPTEMBER 17, SUNDAY	<i>Women's Guild Membership Meeting and Guest Speaker - Rina Gallo, 12:30pm.</i>
SEPTEMBER 24, SUNDAY	<i>ANNUAL PICNIC with live music, kids activities, raffle and more, 12:00-5:00pm.</i>
OCTOBER 21, SATURDAY	<i>SAVE THE DATE: 25th & 50th ANNIVERSARY GALA BANQUET at Brae Burn Country Club.</i>



Fellowship Coffee Hour

We appreciate the generosity of the Parish Council members for providing the refreshments for today's 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.