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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 16, 2023
FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 John 1:1-7

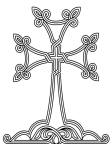
Matthew 16:13-17:13

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Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the five main “Tabernacle” feasts of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Holy Church. It commemorates the transformation or the “transfiguration” that came over Jesus while He was praying. Christ’s face shone like the sun and his clothes became a radiant and gleaming white. The Apostles Peter, James and John witnessed that event which occurred on a high mountain named Tabor. Evangelists St. Matthew, St. Mark and St. Luke testify about the transfiguration of Jesus in the Gospels. “As they looked on, a change came over Jesus: his face was shining like the sun and his clothes were dazzling white. Then the three disciples saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. So Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, “Lord, how good it is that we are here! If you wish I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” While he was talking, a shining cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased – listen to him!” When the disciples heard the voice, they were so terrified that they threw themselves face downward on the ground. Jesus came to them and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid!” So they looked up and saw no one there but Jesus. In the Armenian Church, the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ is celebrated 98 days following Easter. The Feast also is known by the common name of “Vardakas”. This day is associated with an old Armenian tradition of pouring water on one another. Some sources attribute the tradition as a remnant of an Armenian pre-Christian celebration. The Monday following the Feast is a Memorial Day.

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Եկեղեցու կարեւոր տօներէից մէկն էՔրիստոսի Այլակերպութիւնը կամ Պայծառակերպութիւնը, որը կոչւում է նաեւ Վարդավառ եւ համարւում է եկեղեցու հինգ տաղաւարներից մէկը:

Աւետարանները հետեւեալ կերպով են նկարագրում Յիսուսի Այլակերպութիւնը: Յիսուսը Պետրոս, Յակովբոս եւ Յովհաննէս առաքեալների հետ հեռանում է քաղաքից եւ բանձրանում է լեռ՝ աղօթելու համար: Մինչ Ինքն աղօթում էր, առակերպները օրուայ աշխատանքից յոգնած, քնել էին: Յանկարծ, Յիսուսի դէմքը արեւի լոյսի նման վառւում է ու պայծառանում եւ զգեստը սպիտակում ձիւնի նման: Քիչ յետոյ երեւում են նաեւ Մովսէսն ու Եղիան եւ խօսում Նրա հետ: Յիսուսի դէմքն այնքան է վառւում ու պայծառանում, որ ամբողջ լեռը լոյսով է ողողւում: Այդ վառլից առաքեալներն արթնանում են խոր քնից եւ նկատում Վարդապետի պայծառ դէմքը եւ այն երկու մարդիկանց, որոնց Յիսուսը մտերիմ գրոյցի մէջ էր: Պետրոս առաքեալը յափտակուած ու շփոթուած, յանդգնում է խզել լուսիչները եւ ասում է.

«Վարդապետ, բարւոք է մեզ աստ լինել». վարդապետ լաւ է որ մենք այստեղ մնանք.

առաջարկում է նաեւ երեք հատ տաղաւար պատրաստել: Այդ բոլորիկն լուսաւոր մի ամպ ծածկում է նրանց, եւ առաքեալները սարսափած գետին են ընկնում: Լոյսի ցալքերի միջից լսում է խորհրդաւոր մի ձայն. «Դա է որդի իմ սիրելի ընդ որ համեցայ, դա՛ս լուարուք»: Յիսուսը մօտենում է առաքեալներին եւ ասում. «Ոտի կէլէք, մի՛ վախենաք»: Առաքեալները հանդարտած վեր են նայում եւ տեսնում եւ միայն իրենց

The first reading is from the First Letter of John 1:1-7

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete. This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 16:13-17:13

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.” The disciples asked him, “Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?” Jesus replied, “To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things. But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands.” Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist.

**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 Newsletter and eNewsletter. This year's graduates are the following (please let us know if we missed anyone):

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Harry Nicholas Bonomo

Ani Costa

Celia DiBenedetto

Avedis Ovanessian

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Talin Bedonian

Emma Daw

Ani Micky LeFevre

Nina Koobatian

Carly Sahagian

Berdj Elias Stepanian

Robert Stepanian

Congratulations to all graduates.

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 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.

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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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”.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	<i>Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Guest celebrant: Fr. Arshen Ayvazian.</i> THE ANNUAL ALL AMERICAN BBQ - 12:30PM.
JULY 22, SATURDAY	<i>Book Discussion: Geraldine Brooks - Horse, 11:00am.</i>
JULY 23, SUNDAY	<i>Guest celebrant: Fr. Mardiros Chevian</i>
JULY 30, SUNDAY	<i>Jashoo Service by the Deacons. Divine Liturgy will not be celebrated.</i>
AUGUST 6, SUNDAY	<i>Guest celebrant: Fr. Arshen Ayvazian</i>
AUGUST 13, SUNDAY	<i>Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God. Blessing of Grapes service.</i>
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 GA- LA BANQUET at Brae Burn Country Club.</i>