

# ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER

**ARMENIAN CHURCH** 

WELCOME TO

FR. MESROB HOVSEPYAN, PASTOR

MORNING SERVICE: 9:45 A.M.

DIVINE LITURGY: 10:15 A.M.

### JULY 23, 2023 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRANSFIGURATION Բ Կուրսսէ ՁենԻ Վարդասարի

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Corinthians 1:25-30

Matthew 18:10-14

#### PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

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Commemoration of the Apostle Thaddeus and the Virgin Sandoukht

St. Thaddeus the Apostle and St. Sandoukht the Virgin are two of the most venerated saints in the Armenian Church, as the "Great Conversion" of the Armenian nation to Christianity is significantly connected with their names. Following the Ascension of Christ, according to the Lord's message: "Go then to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples...", Thaddeus departs for Edessa. There he preaches the Gospel, and among his numerous miracles, also heals the king of Osrhoene named Abgar. In the year 44 A.D., Thaddeus travels on to Armenia and enters the domain of the pagan King Sanatrouk. After preaching in various parts of Armenia, St. Thaddeus converts many to Christianity, who become the foundation for the Armenian Church. The Apostle Thaddeus, while in the region of Artaz, gains access to the royal palace and converts Princess Sandoukht, the daughter of the king, to Christianity. The Armenian King Sanatrouk becomes aware of his daughter's conversion and exhorts her to return to her native heathen religion, but his efforts are in vain. The enraged king imprisons both the Virgin Sandoukht and St. Thaddeus and subjects them to severe torments. Another effort is made to persuade the Virgin to give up Christianity by the governor of the royal palace, an Armenian prince. This effort only ends with the prince becoming a Christian as well. The king, able to bear no more, finally orders the death of the Apostle Thaddeus and his own daughter, Sandoukht. They are martyred together in Shavarshan, the summer residence of the royal family.

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U. Թադեոս առաքյալը և U. Սանդուխտ կույսը Հայ Եկեղեցու ամենանշանավոր տոնելի սրբերից են, քանի որ նրանց անվան հետ է առնչվում հայոց լուսավորության պատմությունը։ Քրիստոսի Համբարձումից հետո, համաձայն Տիրոջ պատգամի՝ «Գնացե՛ք, ուրեմն աշակերտ դարձրեք բոլոր ազգերին, նրանց մկրտեցեք Հոր և Որդու և Սուրբ Հոգու անունով», Թադեոսը նախ գալիս է Եդեսիա, ավետարանում կենաց խոսքը, ի թիվս բազում հրաշքների բժշկում նաև Աբգար թագավորին, ապա՝ իրեն փոխարինող նշանակելով Եդեսիայում, գնում է Հայոց Սանատրուկ արքայի տիրույթները։ Այստեղ զանազան վայրեր քարոզելուց հետո բազմաթիվ հեթանոսների է քրիստոնեական հավատի բերում և հիմնադրում Հայ Առաքելական Սուրբ Եկեղեցին։

Գալով Արտազ գավառ, առաքյալը մտնում է հայոց արքունիք և դարձի բերում արքալադուստր Սանդուխտ կույսին։ դառնալով այս ամենին, Սանատրուկ հայոց արքան սկզբում հորդորում է դստերը ետ դառնալ նախկին հավատին, սակայն՝ ապարդյուն։ Չայրացած արքան թե՛ Թադեոս առաքյային, թե՛ Սանդուխտ կույսին նետում է բանտ և դաժան տանջանքների ենթարկում։ Արթունի իշխանագուն կառավարչի արքալադստերը տարհամոգելու վերջին փորձը ևս ապարդյուն է անցնում։ Քրիստոնյա է դառնում նաև կառավարիչը։ Ի վերջո, արքայի հրամանով Ս. Թադեոս առաքյայր և Ս. Սանդուխտ կույսր արքայական ամառանոց Շավարշավան նահատակվում են գյուղաքաղաքում։ Հայ Եկեղեցին Ս. Թադեոս առաքյայի հիշատակը տարվա մեջ ոգեկոչում է երկու անգամ, նախ՝ Ս. Բարդուդիմեոս առաքյալի, ապա՝ Ս. Սանդուխտ կույսի հետ։

### The first reading is from the First Letter of 1 Corinthians 1:25-30

For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your call, brethren; not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth; but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

# The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 18:10-14

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety nine on the hills and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish."





# 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.



# 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.

### 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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### 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.





Come join us for delicious traditional

Armenian food and wine.

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SEPTEMBER 12PM - 5PM

LIVE ARMENIAN MUSIC, RAFFLES, FUN ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND SO MUCH MORE

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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	Divine Liturgy is celebrated by Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian.  We welcome today the St. Nersess' High School conference participants. Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow after the services.
July 30, Sunday	Jashoo Service by the Deacons. Divine Liturgy will not be celebrated.
AUGUST 6, SUNDAY	Guest celebrant: Fr. Arshen Ayvazian
August 13, Sunday	Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God. Blessing of Grapes service.
SEPTEMBER 16, SATURDAY	Armenian School Reopening - 10am-12pm
SEPTEMBER 17, SUDNAY	Sunday School Registration - 10:30am-12pm
SEPTEMBER 17, SUNDAY	Women's Guild Membership Meeting and Guest Speaker - Rina Gallo, 12:30pm.
SEPTEMBER 24, SUNDAY	ANNUAL PICNIC with live music, kids activities, raffle and more, 12:00-5:00pm.
OCTOBER 21, SATURDAY	SAVE THE DATE: 25 <sup>th</sup> & 50 <sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA BANQUET at Brae Burn Country Club.