

# 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 30, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRANSFIGURATION Գ Կուրսսե ՁԿևր Վարդսվարը

#### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Corinthians 7:17-24

Matthew 19:3-8

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### Commemoration of St. Gregory the Illuminator's Sons and Grandsons – Sts. Aristakes, Vrtanes, Housik, Grigoris and Daniel

Aristakes was St. Gregory the Illuminator's youngest son. He led a monastic life from a very early age. He was consecrated a bishop by his father, and became one of St. Gregory's most valued supporters. In 325 A.D. he participated in the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, representing the first Catholicos and the entire Armenian Church. Following St. Gregory the Illuminator, he became Catholicos of All Armenians.

Vrtanes was St. Gregory the Illuminator's elder son. He was married and had two sons – Grigoris and Housik. Following the death of his brother, he ascended to the Catholicosal Throne. Although Christianity was already fairly well accepted as the official religion, some remnants of paganism and heathenism continued in remote areas and smaller villages. One region that had substantial resistance was the province of Daron. Vrtanes organized annual festive Christian celebrations in this province to gradually eliminate their pagan beliefs and practices.

Grigoris was the elder son of Vrtanes. He was sent by the Armenian Church to spread Christianity among the neighboring nations of Armenia. He was martyred upon the order of King Sanesan, the head of the nomadic Mazkut tribe.

Housik was the younger son of Vrtanes. He married with the daughter of the Armenian King Tiridates and had two sons – Pap and Antiochus. In 341 A.D. he was elected as the Catholicos of All Armenians.

He resisted and challenged the will of King Tiran, who wished to hang the portrait of Julianus the Betrayer in a church. He was severely beaten, martyred, and was buried in the village of Tordan, province of Daranaghi.

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Արիստակեսը Մ. Գրիգոր Լուսավորչի կրտսեր որդին էր և շատ վաղ հասակից մտել էր վանական կյանք։ Եպիսկոպոս է ձեռնադրվել իր հոր կողմից` դառնալով նրա գործակիցը։ 325 թվականին մասնակցել է Նիկիալի Ա տիեզերաժողովին։ Արիստակեսը հոր մահից հետո դարձել է հայոց հայրապետ։ Սպանվել է 333 թվականին Չորրորդ Հայքի Արքեղայոս իշխանի կողմից՝ նրա անուղղելի վարքը քննադատելու համար և թաղվել Թիլ ավանում։ Վրթանեսը Լուսավորչի անդրանիկ որդին էր։ Ամուսնացած էր և ուներ երկու զավակ՝ Գրիգորիսը և Հուսիկը։ Եղբոր մահից հետո բազմել է Հայոց հայրապետական աթոռին։ Թեև Հայաստանում քրիստոնեությունը հաստատվել էր որպես պետական կրոն, սակայն բազմաթիվ վայրերում դեռևս գոյություն ուներ հին հավատր։ Այդ պատձառով Վրթանես հայրապետն ամենամյա մեծահանդես պաշտամունք էր կազմակերպում Տարոնում՝ հեթանոսությունն աստիձանաբար վերացնելու Վրթանեսը վախձանվել է 341 թվականին և թաղվել Դարանաղլաց Թորդան ավանում, Լուսավորչի նշխարների մոտ։

### The first reading is from the First Letter of 1 Corinthians 9:1-14

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who at any time pays the expenses for doing military service? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not get any of its milk?

Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law also say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Or does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was indeed written for our sake, for whoever plows should plow in hope and whoever threshes should thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual things

among you, is it too much if we harvest material things? If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ. Do you not know that those who work in the temple service get their food from the temple and those who serve at the altar share in what is sacrificed on the altar? <sup>14</sup> In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

## The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew (19:3-8)

Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"

"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female, and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."



# 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.



### 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.

### 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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### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Jashoo Service by the Deacons. Divine Liturgy will not be celebrated.

Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow after the services.

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.

# 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.