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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 9, 2023
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
EVE OF THE FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Romans 11:13-24

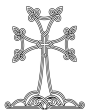
Matthew 14:13-21

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Janet Ozsolak

Chris Bonfiglio

Tom Daw



REQUIEM SERVICE REQUESTED FOR:

Janet Demirjian DiDonato and Silva Demirjian

Requested by: John DiDonato

Adrienne P. (Atamian) Dodakian

Requested by: Van & Priscilla Krikorian, and the family

***May God rest their souls in His eternal peace and presence and
grant their loved ones the comfort of the Holy Spirit.***

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Commemoration of Christ's twelve Apostles and thirteenth Apostle - St. Paul

Twelve Apostles elected by Our Lord Jesus Christ, were Christ's disciples and first preachers of His doctrine, as well as the Incarnate Christ's witnesses. "Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to drive out devil spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness." These were the names of the twelve Apostles Simeon (called Peter), Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddeus, Simon the Patriot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus. Later instead of Judas Iscariot Apostle Matthias was chosen, who was added to the group of eleven apostles.

Remaining faithful to Incarnate Christ's last message the apostles went to all peoples everywhere and preached and taught the Commandments of Jesus, baptized them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, thus becoming the founders of the Christ's Church. One of the greatest preachers of Christ's commandments is Apostle Paul, who is recognized by the Christian Church as the thirteenth Apostle.

The section of the Bible called "The Acts of the Apostles" is dedicated to the apostles' activity. And there are references on Apostle Paul's preaching, his person and his activity in his 14 letters addressed to the church communities, established by himself, and individual Christians.

Քրիստոսի 12 առաքյալների և Աբ. Պողոս 13-րդ առաքյալի

հիշատակության օր

Հիսուս Քրիստոսի ընտրած 12 առաքյալները Քրիստոսի աշակերտներն ու Քրիստոսի վարդապետության առաջին տարածողներն էին, հարուցյալ Քրիստոսի վկաները: «Եվ նա իր մոտ կանչելով իր տասներկու աշակերտներին՝ նրանց իշխանություն տվեց պիղծ դևերի վրա՝ հանելու դրանք և բժշկելու ամեն ցավ և ամեն հիվանդություն»: Պետրոս, Անդրեաս, Հակոբոս, Հովհաննես, Մատթեոս, Բարդուղիմեոս, Փիլիպոս, Թովմաս, Թադեոս, Հակոբոս (Ալփյան), Շմափոն (Կանանացի) եւ Հուդա առաքյալներն էին նրանք, որոնցից վերջինը եղավ Հիսուսի մատնիչը: Հետագայում 12 առաքյալների շարքում Հուդայի փոխարեն ընտրվեց Մատաթիա առաքյալը: Հավատարիմ Հարուցյալ Հիսուսի վերջին պատգամին, առաքյալները Հիսուսի պատվիրանները քարոզեցին ու ուսուցանեցին տարբեր ազգերի, «մկրտեցին նրանց Հոր և Որդու և Սուրբ Հոգու անունովե, այսպիսով դառնալով Քրիստոսի եկեղեցու հիմնադիրները: Քրիստոսի պատվիրանների ամենամեծ քարոզիչներից է Պողոս առաքյալը, որին քրիստոնյա եկեղեցին ճանաչում է իբրև 13-րդ առաքյալ:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the Letter of Romans 11:13-24

Inasmuch as I am an apostle to the gentiles, I celebrate my ministry in order to make my own people jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted among the others to share the rich root of the olive tree, do not boast over the branches. If you do boast, remember: you do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." That is true. They were broken off on account of unbelief, but you stand on account of belief. So do not become arrogant, but be afraid. For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen but God's kindness toward you, if you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. And even those of Israel, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

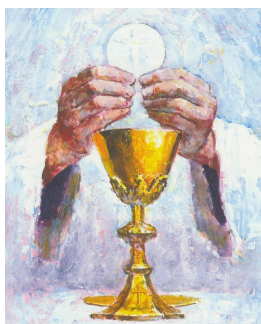
The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**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 saintgregorychurchwp@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 John DiDonato and Van & Priscella Krikorian 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.

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

Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan.

Fr. Mesrob will be traveling to Armenia after the service and will return on August 10th. Thirteen participants from our community will be traveling with Fr. Mesrob to explore Armenia until July 22nd.

JULY 16
SUNDAY

***Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord
Guest celebrant: Fr. Arshen Ayvazian.***

THE ANNUAL ALL AMERICAN BBQ - 12:30PM.

JULY 22,
SATURDAY

Book Discussion: Geraldine Brooks - Horse, 11:00am.

JULY 23,
SUNDAY

Guest celebrant: Fr. Mardiros Chevian

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,
SUNDAY

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: 25th & 50th ANNIVERSARY GALA BANQUET at Brae Burn Country Club.