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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 20, 2023**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER ASSUMPTION**

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**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

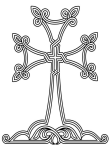
Luke 1:39-56

**PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:**

*Edik Eskandarian*

*Gayane Manukyan*

*Ronald Sanossian*



**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE OFFERED TODAY**

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## COMMEMORATION OF STS. JOACHIM AND ANNA, PARENTS OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, AND OIL-BRINGING WOMEN

The names of St. Joachim (Jehoiakim) and Anna are closely related to Jesus, as they are the parents of the Holy Mother of God.

According to tradition, wealthy Joachim was a descendant of King David, and Anna was the daughter of a priest. One day, when performing a service in the cathedral, the priest tells Joachim to stand in the end, as he had no son. Becoming upset, Joachim leaves the Cathedral and climbs up into the mountains, vowing not to descend until visited by God. Following his example, Anna stays home, and devotes herself to prayer and repentance. Anna sees the birds in the garden playing with their nestlings, becomes sad and cries, as she wasn't granted the grace of being a mother. Just at that moment the Angel of God visits Anna, telling her that God will be granting her a daughter who will be the mother of the Savior of the world. Joachim also has the same vision and becoming very happy, gives alms to the poor. The parents decide to devote the baby to the Church. The baby is named Mary, which means "Illuminated".

The oil-bringing women are the witnesses of Christ's torments and they are the first to give the good tidings of the Resurrection of our Lord. The Oil-Bringing women followed Christ during all days of realizing His earthly mission. The church calls them "Oil-Bringing Women" because on Sunday, they hurried to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus using the aromatic oils they prepared. Thanks to their devoutness they were first to see the Risen God and told the Apostles. They were in the upstairs room during Pentecost and together with the Apostles received the graces of the Holy Spirit. The Armenian Apostolic Church commemorates the memory of St. Joachim and Anna together with the oil-Bringing Women.

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Սուրբ Հովակիմի և Աննայի անուններն անմիջապես կապվում են Հիսուսի հետ՝ լինելով Աստվածամոր ծնողները: Ըստ ավանդության՝ բարեպաշտ և մեծահարուստ Հովակիմը Դավթի ցեղից էր՝ թագավորական տնից, իսկ Աննան՝ քահանայական տնից: Մի օր, տաճարում ընծա մատուցելիս, քահանան Հովակիմին պատվիրում է վերջում կանգնել, քանի որ նա անզավակ էր: Սրանից վշտացած՝ Հովակիմը դուրս է գալիս և անմիջապես լեռը բարձրանում՝ երդվելով չիջնել այնտեղից, մինչև Աստծո այցելությունը: Նրա օրինակով Աննան էլ տանն աղոթում և պաշխարելու է նվիրվում: Եվ մի օր, երբ Աննան պարտեզում տեսնում է իրենց ձագերի հետ խաղացող թռչունների, տխրում և լաց է լինում, քանզի ինքը գրկված ավետում, որ զավակ է ունենալու, ում երանի են տալու բոլոր ազգերը: Նույն տեսիլքը երևում է նաև Հովակիմին, որն ուրախությունից սկսում է ողորմություն բաժանել

աղքատներին: Աննան հղիանում է և ծնված հրեշտականման մանկանն անվանում են Մարիամ, որ նշանակում է լուսավորյալ: Յուդաբեր կանայք Հիսուսի չարչարանքների, թաղման և խաչելության ականատեսներն են: Նրանք Տիրոջ Հարության առաջին ավետաբերներն են: Յուդաբեր կանայք Քրիստոսին հետևեցին Իր ողջ երկրային առաքելության իրագործման ընթացքում: Եկեղեցու կողմից նրանք կոչվում են <<Յուդաբեր>>, որովհետև Միաշաբթի (Կիրակի) առավոտ գերեզման շտապ գնացին՝ Հիսուսի մարմինն իրենց պատրաստած անուշահոտ յուղերով օծելու: Իրենց անձնվիրության շնորհիվ նրանք առաջինը տեսան Հարուցյալ Փրկչին և այդ մասին հայտնեցին առաքյալներին: Նրանք նաև խմբովին ներկա էին Վերնատանը՝ Հոգեգալստին և առաքյալների հետ ստացան Սուրբ Հոգու շնորհները:

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

***The first reading is from First Letter of Paul to 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1***

What agreement has the temple of God with idols?

For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

“I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke 1:39-56***

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”



**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”.

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***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



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**ST. GREGORY ARMENIAN SCHOOL**

1131 NORTH STREET, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10605

**SCHOOL REOPENING - ՎԵՐԱՍՈՒՆԻՏ**

*FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS*

*SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2023*

*10:00 AM – 12:00 PM*

**IN PERSON LEARNING**

**AGES 3 AND OLDER**



**WE WELCOME  
NEW STUDENTS**

**WE TEACH:**

- ❖ READING
- ❖ WRITING
- ❖ CONVERSATION
- ❖ HISTORY
- ❖ MUSIC
- ❖ DANCE
- ❖ RELIGION
- ❖ CULTURE/ TRADITION



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St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church

WOMEN'S GUILD

**Aida's Book Club**

Invites you to a

**BOOK DISCUSSION**

**KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON**

By David Grann

The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI

**SATURDAY 08/26/2023 – 11 AM at Tutak Hall**

1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605



YOU ARE INVITED TO  
**ST. GREGORY'S**  
ANNUAL ARMENIAN

**Picnic**

Come join us for delicious traditional  
Armenian food and wine.

**24** SUNDAY **SEPTEMBER**  
**12PM - 5PM**

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

**Picnic 2023 baking Schedule**

We start at 10:30

- Friday Aug 25 - Simit
- Tuesday Aug 29 - Choeregs
- Thursday Sept 7 - Choeregs
- Wednesday Sept 13 - Nazook, Tahini Bread, Date cookies
- Saturday Sept 16 - Gata, Cheese Boeregs, Paklava
- Tuesday Sept 19 - Yalangi
- Wednesday. Sept 20 - Yalangi and general help
- Thursday Sept 21 - Khadayef
- Friday. Sept 22 - Hummus
- Saturday Sept 23. Luleh, Prep Pilaf.

*We need all the help we can get, thanks!*

To let us know of your availability please call or text:

Gladys Tachdjian  
914-325- 2232  
Dawn Kasparian  
914-560-6512

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	<p><i>Fr. Mesrob Hovsepian celebrates the Divine Liturgy on this Sunday. Blessing of the new choir robes and staff for Bishop and Vardapet.</i></p> <p><i>Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow after the service</i></p>
AUGUST 26, SATURDAY	<p><i>Aida's Book Club 11 am Tutak Hall RSVP to Ellie Krolian ebkrolian@gmail.com</i></p>
SEPTEMBER 10, SUNDAY	<p><i>ACYOA Juniors' meeting following the Divine Liturgy. All juniors ages 13-17 are invited to join.</i></p>
SEPTEMBER 16, SATURDAY	<p><i>Armenian School Registration and Reopening - 10am-12pm</i></p>
SEPTEMBER 17, SUNDAY	<p><i>Sunday School Registration and Reopening - 10:30am-12pm</i></p>
SEPTEMBER 17, SUNDAY	<p><i>Women's Guild Membership Meeting and Guest Speaker - Rina Gallo, 12:30pm.</i></p>
SEPTEMBER 24, SUNDAY	<p><i>ANNUAL PICNIC with live music, kids activities, raffle and more, 12:00-5:00pm.</i></p>
OCTOBER 21, SATURDAY	<p><i>SAVE THE DATE: 25<sup>th</sup> &amp; 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA BANQUET at Brae Burn Country Club.</i></p>



## **Fellowship Coffee Hour**

We appreciate the generosity of the Parish Council Members on duty 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.