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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 27, 2023**  
**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER ASSUMPTION**  
**FEAST OF DISCOVERY OF THE BELT OF THE**  
**HOLY MOTHER-OF-GOD**  
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**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

1 Corinthians 1:1-11

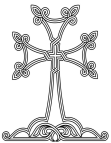
Mark 4:35-41

**PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:**

Arman Bedonian

Chris Bonfiglio

Joanne Chitjian



**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED FOR:**

**Aida Pisani (40th day)**

*Requested by: Valerie Pisani-Mendelson & the Family*

May God rest her soul in His eternal peace and presence and grant her loved ones the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

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## FEAST OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE BELT OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Since there are no relics of the Holy Mother's earthly body (as she was assumed into Heaven), her personal belongings became articles of pious devotion. As they were secretly kept during the time of persecution of the early church, they began to appear in later times. The first, her belt or girdle, was discovered in Jerusalem in the fifth century during the reign of Emperor Argadeos. This important article of clothing and decoration for Eastern women was later translated to Constantinople and placed in the Cathedral dedicated to the Holy Mother of God, where it was recorded to be at the time of Empress Zoe's miraculous recovery more than half a century later. The celebration of the Discoveries of the Belt and Box of the Holy Mother of God were introduced into the Armenian Church during the revisions made by Catholicos Simeon Yerevantzi (Catholicos 1763-1780) to the Directory of Feasts (Donatzouytz). The Discovery of the Belt is celebrated on the second Sunday following the Feast of Assumption and the Discovery of the Box on the fifth Sunday after Pentecost. Prior to Catholicos Simeon's revision, these were listed as voluntary celebrations and most likely were celebrated only in Constantinople for a long period of time. Later in Western Armenia, not only were these commemorations celebrated but also so were others connected to the Holy Mother's personal items deemed relics. After the 13th century, when the Latin's established their empire in Constantinople by means of the crusades, many ecclesiastic antiques and relics were translated from Byzantine to Europe.

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## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### ***The first reading is from First Letter of Paul to Corinthians 1:1-11***

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation. We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

### ***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark 4:35-41***

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

**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”.



**Fellowship Coffee Hour**

We appreciate the generosity of the family & friends of Aida Pisani 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.

St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church

# CALLING ALL Juniors

ACYOA



13 & UP

Are you looking to serve your community?  
Deepen your connection to your culture  
and faith? Go to sports weekends and  
meet other Armenian-American teens?  
Have your choice of unique service hour  
opportunities?

Then please join us for the first meeting of  
the ACYOA Jrs. on September 10 to learn  
more. We hope to see you there!



## SEPTEMBER 10 4:00-5:00PM

### HEK HALL

1131 North Street, White Plains

For questions contact:  
Tamar Donikyan  
tdonikyan@gmail.com  
or  
Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan  
frmesrob@gmail.com



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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

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ST. GREGORY ARMENIAN SCHOOL

1131 NORTH STREET, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10605

SCHOOL REOPENING - ՎԵՐԱՄԱՆՈՒՄ

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



FOR MORE DETAILS YOU CAN CALL OR EMAIL:

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## Sunday School Registration

We welcome all children to join us for the  
2023-2024 School Year!

Any questions?

Lauren  
Hoyaian

917-887-4037

teaticket67@  
netscape.net

Sunday

September 17

10:30-12:15

Ages 3-16

Contact  
Co-Superintendents:

Bruce  
Wiacek

914-944-0889

bew43@  
icloud.com





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

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

**Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy on this Sunday.**

**Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow after the service**

SEPTEMBER 10,  
SUNDAY

**ACYOA Juniors' meeting—4:00pm.  
All juniors ages 13-17 are invited to join.**

SEPTEMBER 16,  
SATURDAY

**Armenian School Registration and Reopening -  
10am-12pm**

SEPTEMBER 17,  
SUNDAY

**Sunday School Registration and Reopening -  
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

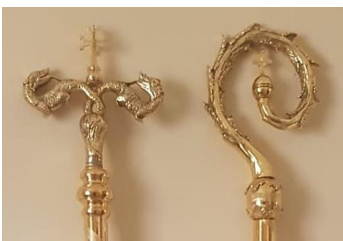
**SAVE THE DATE: 25<sup>th</sup> & 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA BANQUET at Brae Burn Country Club.**

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## NEW CHOIR ROBES AND CROSIERS FOR BISHOP AND VARDAPET



Last Sunday we blessed new robes and head covering kerchiefs for choir that were made and brought over from Armenia and were sponsored by our choir.



We also blessed new Bishop's and Vardapet's croziers (staff or *kavazan*) which were donated to our church by Dn. Miri-john and Anoush Givlekian.

We truly appreciate these generous donations to our choir and to our church which will be used for the years to come.