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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.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER ASSUMPTION

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

2 Corinthians 7:4-16

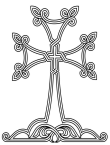
Mark 7:31-37

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Chris Bonfiglio

Arek Ohanissian

Ronald Sanossian



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED FOR:

Beatrice Berjouey Pidedjian

Requested by: Mr. & Mrs. Antovk & Ani Pidedjian; Mr. Haig Sarajian; Dr. & Mrs. Gregor and Nadine Koobatian & Family; and Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Ani Sarajian & family.

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

Our address: 1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605, www.stgregorywp.com

Office hours: Tuesday-Friday 9a.m.-3p.m., Mondays closed.

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Commemoration of the 318 Pontiffs Participating in the Council of Nicaea

This council is the First Ecumenical Council in the history of the Church, which was convened upon the order of the King Costandianos the Great in the town Nicaea near Constantinople, in 327 A. D. 318 prominent pontiffs representing the Universal Church participated in the Council. The reason for convening the council was priest Arios of Alexandria, who preached that Christ was not without beginning, that he was created upon the Will of God before times and centuries, in order the creation of God to be realized by means of Christ. The only one not having birth, the only one eternal and without beginning is God the father. Son has been created not from the essence of the Father, but from nothing. There was a time when the Son did not exist. Although the Son has received all the virtues of the Father and is adopted, he is not pure as the Father is, he is changeable, as all human beings.

Because of such viewpoints of Arios the Divinity of Christ was denied and the entire Christian doctrine was endangered. Archbishop Alexander of Alexandria opposed to Arianism. In his sermons he stressed that God is eternal, and Son is eternal, Father and Son are of the same time. Father does not precede the Son even for a moment, Father has always existed and Son has always existed. The false teaching of Arios is condemned during the first Ecumenical Council and it is declared to be heresy.

Aristakes, son of St. Gregory the Illuminator, also participates in the first Ecumenical Council. The doctrinal formulation adopted by the Council, which is known as Nicene Creed, is brought to Armenia by Aristakes and is presented to St. Gregory the Illuminator. The latter added to it the following passage: "As for us, we shall glorify him who was before the ages, worshipping the Holy Trinity and the one Godhead, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto ages of ages. Amen." The Nicene Creed, adopted in Nicaea, and the passage added by St. Gregory the Illuminator, continue to be used in the rites of the Armenian Apostolic Church without any change. Aristakes brings to Armenia also 20 canons adopted by the Council of Nicaea, which are also ratified by St. Gregory the Illuminator.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from 2 Corinthians 7:14-16

For if I have been somewhat boastful about you to him, I was not put to shame, but just as everything we said to you was true, so our boasting to Titus has proved true as well. And his heart goes out all the more to you, as he remembers the obedience of all of you and how you welcomed him with fear and trembling. I rejoice because I have complete confidence in you.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark 7:31-37

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

presented by The Center for Peace, Justice and Reconciliation and Bergen Community College *featuring STARS from Broadway, Opera, Dance, Classical, Global Hip-Hop, Art; Floating Procession of Light, Interactive Wishing Tree & Op/Art TALK honoring CJPJR's 2023 Award recipients Lynn Needle, dancer/choreographer & Michelle Ekizian, composer/writer*

ARSHILE GORKEY

A MUSICAL THEATER OPERA OF LOVE, COURAGE AND MODERN ART

Special Guests: MOIPEI, *female vocal trio from Kenya*; Art of Motion Dance Theatre
Matt Sullivan, oboe; Carmine Auliero, pianist; Adela Maria Bolet, actor; Hasmik Mekamejian, mezzo; John La Barbera, guitar;
Marlon Sobol, drums; Vikin Makochian, keyboard/vocals; Dr. Pellegrino D'Acierno, Dr. Youssef Yacoubi, guest speakers;
Vahakn Arslanian, artist; Hrair "Hawk" Khatcherian, photographer.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023, 7:30 p.m.
Cicccone Theatre, Bergen Community College 400 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ 07652

Suggested Dress: Dream Garden & Modern Art Fantasy!

Tickets \$10., students \$5. **Ticket Box Office** (201) 447-7428 **Inquiries** (914) 698-2996

"rich...exotic...and exhilarating." – CHICAGO TRIBUNE
(on Michelle Ekizian's musical exploration of the universal spirit of survival)



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ST. GREGORY ARMENIAN SCHOOL

1131 NORTH STREET, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10605

SCHOOL REOPENING - ՎԵՐՄԱՆՈՒՄ

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2023

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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WE WELCOME
NEW STUDENTS



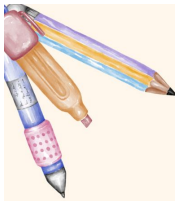
WE TEACH:

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

FOR MORE DETAILS YOU CAN CALL OR EMAIL:

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St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church
1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605

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@
ieloud.com



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

ATRIUM

1131 North Street, White Plains

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



ST. VARTAN
ARMENIAN CHURCH

THIS
CONCERT IS
IN HONOR OF
ARMENIAN
INDEPENDENCE DAY

150TH
RACHMANINOFF
120TH
KHACHATURIAN

WEDNESDAY
09.20.2023
8PM
ST. VARTAN
CATHEDRAL
NEW YORK CITY

ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATION
CONCERT AT THE CATHEDRAL

KARINE POGHOSYAN, PIANIST

MAESTRO JASON TRAMM
AND MIDATLANTIC PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

TICKETS \$40, 20 FOR STUDENTS.
FOR INFORMATION - TICKETS CONTACT 908.831.9178 OR 907.76.278.9097, FR. ALLA TERZIAN AT 97.471.4882
TICKETS AT STVARTANCONCERTEVENTBRITE.COM



YOU ARE INVITED TO
ST. GREGORY'S
ANNUAL ARMENIAN

Picnic

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

Picnic 2023 baking Schedule

We start at 10:30am

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

Armenian Wine Sale Event

Don't miss this opportunity to purchase hard-to-find wines from Armenia brought to us by Krush Armenian Wines!

Submit your wine orders before Sept. 22nd and pick up at the Armenian Picnic on Sept. 24th.



<https://bit.ly/armwines>

25% of sale proceeds will be donated to St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church.



Pick up on Sunday,
Sept. 24th



1131 North Street,
White Plains, NY 0605



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.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	Fr. Mesrob Hovsepian celebrates the Divine Liturgy on this Sunday. Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow after the service. 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: 25th & 50th ANNIVERSARY GALA BANQUET at Brae Burn Country Club.

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 crosiers (staff or *kavazan*) which were donated to our church by Dn. Miri-john and Anoush Givelekian.

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