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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.

**OCTOBER 29, 2023**

**FEAST OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE HOLY CROSS**

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**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

*1 Corinthians 4:3-18*

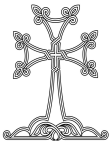
*Matthew 24:27-36*

**PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:**

*Joanne Chitjian*

*Edik Eskandarian*

*Ronald Sanossian*



**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY.**

**THE COMPLETE LIST OF NAMES CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 7.**

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### ***Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross***

The Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross is one of the four feasts dedicated to Christ's Holy Cross. In 327 AD Heghineh, the Mother of the Byzantine King Kostandianos, visited Jerusalem with the aim to search the holy Cross of the Lord. A Jew, named Judas, helped the King's mother to search the site where Christ was crucified – Golgotha. In the result of searches the wooden crosses of Christ and the two criminals crucified together with him were found. For recognizing the Lord's Cross, the remains of a young man were put on the crosses in turn. On one of the crosses the young man raised to life and thus the Lord's Cross was identified. After that miracle the Jew converted to Christianity and later became the Bishop Cyril of Jerusalem. After the discovery of the Holy Cross Heghineh renovated the Holy Places of Jerusalem and built the Church of Holy Resurrection of Golgotha, where later the Lord's cross was installed.

The Armenian Apostolic Church celebrates the Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross on the Sunday during the period October 23-29.

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## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

***The first reading is from the First Letter of Paul to Corinthians (1:18-24)***

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew (24:27-36)***

For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather. "Immediately after the distress of those days" "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken." "Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.



## **CELEBRATORY ANNIVERSARY BANQUET**

**October 21, 2023**

On October 21st we gathered at Brae Burn Country Club of Purchase, NY to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the formation of St. James Armenian community and the 25th anniversary of the consecration of our beloved St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church. By the grace of our Lord half a century ago our community members came together to establish our wonderful parish in the heart of Westchester County.

As we assembled together to celebrate these milestone anniversaries, we recognized and honored the commitment of our past Parish Council chairs for their tireless and exceptional work of leading our Parish over the years. Their leadership has assuredly kept our parish, as our dear friend and former Parish Council chair Zaven Tachdjian of blessed memory used to say, “as a well-oiled machine”.

We had a strong turnout for our anniversary celebration, which included parishioners, guest priests and friends of St. Gregory. We were honored to have the Primate, His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, preside over the banquet. The evening featured remarks by Richard Papalian (Master of Ceremonies), Elizabeth Shaghalian Vranka and Dawn Papalian (Banquet Co-Chairs), Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian (former pastor) and Rev. Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan (current pastor). We also welcomed the Mayor of White Plains Tomas Roach who addressed our congregation with his congratulatory remarks. We also received a proclamation from Senator Shelley Mayer recognizing our anniversaries.

Banquet guests also enjoyed a crowd-pleasing performance by the Shushi dance ensemble. At the conclusion of the program Bishop Mesrop shared his remarks and extended his blessings upon all attendees. It was a wonderful evening filled with high spirits and happy recollections, as it brought together many of our parishioners from near and far.

We are thankful for the work of our banquet committee members who planned the beautiful anniversary celebration, which has provided a joyful start to yet another chapter of our church history.

## 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.

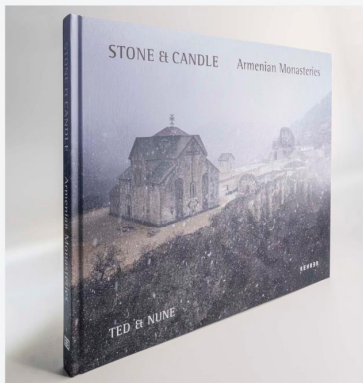
Your donation makes a **BIG** difference in sustaining our Church which:

- † 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  
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Cultural Programs  
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Church operational expenses  
Church maintenance





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### THE KISS OF PEACE

#### The GIVER says:

Christ is revealed amongst us.

Քրիստոս ի մէջ մեր յայտնեցաւ:  
Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.

#### The RECEIVER says:

Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

Օրհնեալ է յայտնութիւնն Քրիստոսի:  
Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.

### WHEN TAKING MAHS

#### The GIVER says:

May this be to you a share and portion of the Holy Sacrifice.

Մաս և բաժին եղիցի քեզ ի Սուրբ Պատարագէս:  
Mahs yev pazheen yegheetsee kez ee Soorp  
Badarakes.

#### The RECEIVER says:

My portion is God forever.

Բաժին իմ Աստուած յաւիտեան:  
Pahjeen eem Asdvadz haveedyan.

### THE PSALM OF DISMISSAL - PSALM 34

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall be at all times in my mouth.

Օրհնեցից ըզՏէր յամենայն ժամ, յամենայն ժամ,  
Օրհնութիւն նորա ի բերան իմ:

Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenayn zham  
orhnootyoon nora ee peran eem.

#### When approaching the Holy Gospel at the end of the Divine Liturgy you say:

May the Lord remember all your sacrifices.

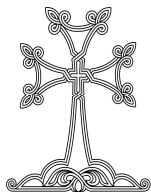
Յիշեցէ Տէր զամենայն պատարագս քո.  
Heeshestseh Der zamenayn Badarakus ko

#### The Priest answers:

May the Lord grant you according to your own heart, and fulfill all your desires. (Psalm 20:4)

Տացէ քեզ Տէր ըստ սրտի քում և զամենայն խորհուրդս քո ի բարիս նա կատարեցէ:

Datseh kez Der usd srdee koom yev zamenayn  
khorhoortus koh ee parees na gadarestseh.



**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED TODAY  
FOR:**

**Serope and Vartouhie Kouzoujian; Harry and Gloria Kou-  
zoujian; Zabelle and Peter Ambariantz, George Ambariantz**  
*Requested by: The Kouzoujian Family*

**Zaven Adourian, Karnik Adourian, Serpouhi and Toros Torosian,  
Siragan Torosian**  
*Requested by: Koko and Betty Salbashian*

**Osgan and Beatrice Kassapian**  
*Requested by: the Smaldone and Ajamian Families*

**Jon Andrew Wolohojian**  
*Requested by: John and Anita Wolohojian*

**Lionel Galstaun; George Omartian**  
*Requested by: The Cultural Committee*

**Anne Devejian**  
*Requested by: Alicia Devejian Wood, Walter, Armen and Anna Wood*

**Souren & Anne Zarookian; Edward & Isabel Bolsetzian**  
*Requested by: Robert Zarookian and Carol & Mardo Anastasian*

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

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

**Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy.**

**Farewell fellowship for John & Anita Wolohojian after the Liturgy.**

Please join us after the Divine Liturgy for farewell fellowship and to wish the Wolohojian's farewell on their next chapter!

NOVEMBER 19,  
SUNDAY

**"Stone & Candle. Armenian Monasteries"**  
Ted Andreasian and Nune Karamyan  
Book Presentation and Signing  
12:30 pm at Tutak Hall



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## **Fellowship Coffee Hour**

Today's fellowship hour is hosted in honor of John and Anita Wolohojian.

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.

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## **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".