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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.

JANUARY 14, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Timothy 1:1-11

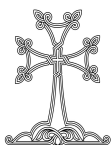
John 2:1-11

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Arman Bedonian

Tom Daw

Elizabeth Shaghalian Vranka



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED FOR:

George Watts (4 yrs)

Dr. Arthur Yesian (16 yrs)

Requested by: The Watts, DiBenedetto and Yesian Families

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

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Feast of Naming of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Each year, on January 13, the Armenian Apostolic Church celebrates the Feast of Naming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As Evangelist St. Luke writes in his Gospel, according to the Jewish tradition “On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.” (Lk 2:21). “Jesus” is a Hebrew word meaning “Savior”. According to the Gospel according to Luke when the angel Gabriel came to Mary to give her the good tidings of the birth of the Son of the Most High, he said that Mary would name the baby “Jesus”. “You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.” (Lk 1:31).

Parallel to the name “Jesus” the name “Christ” is given to the Savior, which is a Greek word meaning “Consecrated” and corresponding to the Hebrew word “Messiah”. On the Feast of Naming of Our Lord Jesus Christ a Divine Liturgy is celebrated in all Armenian Churches. On the eve of the feast, following the evening service a special service is conducted.

Տօն Քրիստոսի Անուանակոչութեան

Հրեական օրենքին համաձայն՝ ծննդեան ճրդ օրը Յիսուս, ինչպէս նորածին ամեն մի արու զավակ, թլփատուեցաւ և անուանակոչուեցաւ: Այդ մասին կը վկայէ Ս. Ղուկաս Աւետարանիչը. «Ուրբ օր ետք, երբ մանուկը թլփատելու ժամանակը հասաւ, Յիսուս կոչեցին զայն, այն անունով որ հրեշտակը տուած էր անոր՝ տակաւին Մարիամի որովայնին մէջ չղացած» (Ղուկ. 2:21): «Յիսուս» եբրայերէն բառ մըն է, որ կը նշանակէ փրկիչ:

Ս. Գաբրիէլ հրեշտակը, Սուրբ Աստուածամօրը աւետելով Աստուծոյ Որդու Ծննդեան մասին, Յիսուս անունը կը յիշատակէ: Այս մասին կրկին կը վկայէ նոյն Աւետարանիչը. «Ահա պիտի յղանաս և զաւակ մը ծնիս, որ Յիսուս պիտի կոչես» (Ղուկ. 1:31): «Յիսուս» անուանը զուգահեռ Փրկչին կը տրուի նաև «Քրիստոս» անունը: Այն յունարէն բառ մըն է, որ կը նշանակէ «Օծեալ» և կը համապատասխանէ եբրայերէնի «Մեսիայ»-ին:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy (1:1-11)

As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work—which is by faith. The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk. They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm. We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (2:1-11)

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

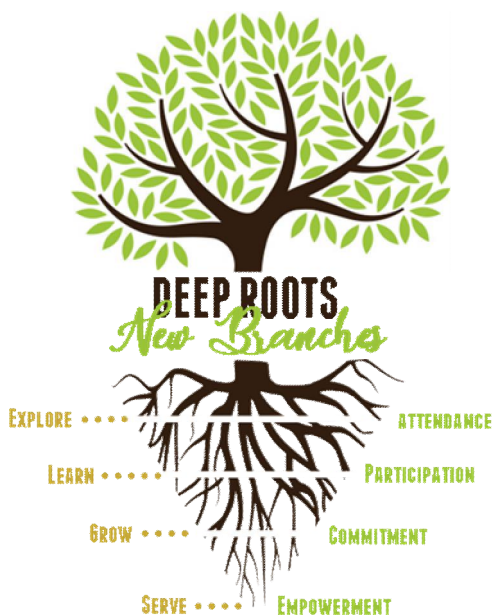


Holy Communion Distribution Guidelines

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.
 - 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.
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YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

**"The body does not
consist of one mem-
ber but of many"
(1 Corn. 12:14)**

Project ♥ Linus

Service PROJECT

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Please join fellow parishioners on this National Day of Service to create “no-sew” blankets for local children in need of comfort. St. Gregory will be partnering with Project Linus, a national not-for-profit that provides new hand-made blankets to children in need, to comfort youth in our community with gifts of blankets lovingly created by our volunteers. This is a wonderful project for all generations – ages 5 to 100 welcome! Instruction, supplies and refreshments will be provided.

***Please help us make our second
National Day of Service project a success!***



Kindly RSVP to
saintgregorychurchwp@gmail.com
by January 10
so we can properly plan for the day

Parish Council

ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER ARMENIAN CHURCH
1131 NORTH STREET, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10605

Thrift and Gift Shoppe will be open on MLK Day
Special Hours:
Monday, January 15th, Noon-4:00pm
Thursdays, Noon—4 pm



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to run for **Parish Council** for the upcoming two year term.

If you are interested or would like more information please feel free to contact any of the committee members. We look forward to hearing from you and hope that you would consider serving your parish in these important roles.

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PRE SUPER BOWL WEEKEND

Fun & Fellowship Night hosted by



St. Gregory Men's Club

Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 6:30pm

1131 North Street – White Plains, NY

Mezze & Tailgate refreshments

Soft drinks, Coffee/Tea, Desserts

\$30. per person (Adults 18+ please)

BYOB wine/beer/liquor



Poker Tables! Tavloo! Chess!

Super Bowl Fundraiser POOL \$25./box



Prepaid reservations appreciated before January 28th

Checks payable to: St. Gregory Men's Club

Reservation Name: _____

Number Attending: _____ @ \$30.pp \$ _____

Questions? Contact Chris Bonfiglio (914)707-2152 Email: JChrisBonfiglio@gmail.com

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".

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy.

Please join us for Fellowship hour after Badarak.

JANUARY 15,
MONDAY

Parish-Wide National Day of Service on MLK Day. Details inside.
10:30 am–Noon

JANUARY 28,
SUNDAY

**Morning Service–9:45, Divine Liturgy–10:15am
Annual Parish Assembly following the Liturgy**

FEBRUARY 3
SATURDAY

Pre Super Bowl Weekend– His & Hers Game Night Social, Fun & Fellowship sponsored by the St Gregory's Men's Club
6:30 PM. Details on the flyer.

FEBRUARY 3
SATURDAY

**SAVE THE DATE:
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GATHERING
(21 & older) – Medi Bistro (White Plains)**
Details to follow.

FEBRUARY 10,
SATURDAY

Poon Paregetan Family Fun Night
Hosted by the Armenian School
7 PM

MARCH 24,
SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 31,
SUNDAY

EASTER SUNDAY



Fellowship Coffee Hour

We appreciate the Watts, DiBenedetto and Yesian families for providing refreshments for fellowship hour today.

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.