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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 28, 2024**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE OCTAVE OF THEOPHANY**

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**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

2 Timothy 2:15-26

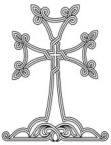
John 6:31-47

**PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:**

Edik Eskandarian

Janet Ozsolak

Elizabeth Vranka



**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED FOR:**

***Vera Hartunian (40th Day)***

*Requested by: The Hartunian & Yazujian Families*

***Lucine Adourian (40th day)***

*Requested by: The Adourian & Salbashian Families*

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

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## **ST. SARKIS, PATRON OF YOUTH AND LOVE**

In Armenia it is accepted to celebrate the Feast of St. Sarkis not only according to church rites and prayer, but also according to various folk traditions. St. Sarkis the Captain is the patron of youth. Many miracles happen thanks to his intercession. On the day of the feast young people pray to the saint asking him to make their prayers audible to God. St. Sarkis is the realizer of these love longings. There are many legends about St. Sarkis and one of them is the following.

Poor bard Gharib loved Shah-Sanam who was the daughter of a very rich man. Shah-Sanam loved him, too, but because the bard was poor, Shah-Sanam's father was against their marriage as he wished to marry his daughter to a rich man. Bard Gharib decided to go to foreign countries to earn money and accumulate wealth. But before leaving for foreign countries bard Gharib asked Shah-Sanam to promise to wait for him for seven years providing that if he were late even for one day the young woman might marry according to her father's will. That seven-year-period was a very difficult time for bard Gharib.

He couldn't see his beloved, had no news of her, nevertheless, he wasn't disappointed and waited for the time when they would meet, make a family and live together all their life. Working day and night for seven years bard Gharib accumulated wealth and started his way back to the motherland. However, on his way back he faced many difficulties and hardships. It seemed to him that he wouldn't be able to reach his beloved. So, he prayed with honest heart and righteous mind for the help of St. Sarkis. Listening to the prayer of the bard St. Sarkis immediately appeared sitting on his white horse, seated him on the back of the horse and in one moment brought him to Shah-Sanam. Seeing the bard's strong will, their sincere and deep love and devotion, Shah-Sanam's father blessed their union.

Fast of Catechumens established by St. Gregory the Illuminator precedes the feast. On the eve of the feast, young people eat salty cookies and relate the appearance of their future bride or bridegroom in their dream because they ate the salty cookie. On the night preceding the feast of St. Sarkis, the faithful people place a tray full of gruel before the door believing that while passing near their door at dawn St. Sarkis will leave his footprint on the gruel symbolizing the fulfilment of their dreams. People in love give each other cards, flowers or sweets on the occasion of the feast. On the day of the feast a Divine Liturgy is celebrated in all churches named after St. Sarkis. Following the Liturgy a special ceremony of blessing of young people will be offered.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

### ***The reading is from the Second Epistle of Paul to 2 Timothy (3:1-12)***

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over gullible women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these teachers oppose the truth. They are men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected. But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone.

You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

### ***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (6:22-38)***

The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal

life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.” Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.” Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

**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 բեզ 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)  
Տաքէ բեզ 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 gadaresteh.*

ALL COLLEGE GRADUATES AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS  
ARE WELCOMED TO JOIN

# Calling all Young Professionals

You are invited for the first gathering at

## Medi Bistro February 3

**21+ Older**

**7-10PM**

**\$50 P/PERSON**

Includes  
appetizers, kebab,  
dessert, tea, coffee  
and soft drinks!

**Location**

**MEDI BISTRO**  
**50 Main St,**  
**White Plains, NY**

Indoor  
garage/parking  
available

Organized by St. Gregory the Enlightener  
Armenian Church

A chance to connect with like-minded individuals,  
forge new friendships, enjoy food and drink and  
exchange thoughts and ideas. Your presence will  
make this special!

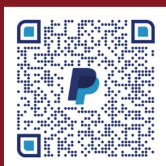
**Rsvp**

RSVP Required by February 1  
Nadia.Basil23@gmail.com  
Subject Line: "Medi RSVP"

**Payment**

\$50 per person through any of below methods:

- Zelle - [sgechurchtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:sgechurchtreasurer@gmail.com)
- Church website  
<https://stgregorywp.com/donate/>
- PayPal (QR below)



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**PRE SUPER BOWL WEEKEND**

Fun & Fellowship Night hosted by



St. Gregory Men's Club

Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 6:30pm

1131 North Street – White Plains, NY

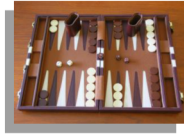
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**Mezze & Tailgate refreshments**

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**



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Prepaid reservations appreciated before January 28<sup>th</sup>

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

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**Fellowship Coffee Hour**

We appreciate the Parish Council members on duty 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 coordina-

tor: Adriane Keleshian Bonfiglio (914) 649-1072.



## Invitation to the Annual Parish Assembly Sunday, January 28, 2024

You Pastor and Parish Council  
cordially invite you to attend the  
51<sup>st</sup> Annual Parish Assembly to be  
held after Badarak at 12:00pm.

All our parishioners are invited to join us; only dues-paid members can take part in voting.

The binder of all reports and bios of nominees will be emailed to the members prior to the meeting. Please call the office to request a printed binder with all the reports and bios to be postal mailed to you prior to the meeting.

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	<b>Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy.</b> <b>Annual Parish Assembly.</b> The first part of the Assembly will take place immediately at the end of the Liturgy and will continue after the lunch break. <i>Please join us for Fellowship hour during the break.</i>
FEBRUARY 3 SATURDAY	<b>Pre Super Bowl Weekend– His &amp; Hers Game Night Social, Fun &amp; Fellowship sponsored by the St Gregory's Men's Club</b> 6:30 PM. Details on the flyer.
FEBRUARY 3 SATURDAY	<b>YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GATHERING (21 &amp; older) – Medi Bistro (White Plains)</b> Details inside.
FEBRUARY 10, SATURDAY	<b>Poon Paregetan Family Fun Night</b> Hosted by the Armenian School 7 PM
FEBRUARY 11, SUNDAY	<b>Last Sunday to receive communion before the Great Lent.</b> The next Sunday the Liturgy will be celebrated with closed curtain.  <b>Cultural Committee Meeting after services.</b>
FEBRUARY 18, SUNDAY	<b>Poon Paregetan – GREAT BAREKENDAN Liturgy will be celebrated with closed curtain Lent begins on Monday.</b>
FEBRUARY 19, MONDAY	<b>Beginning of the Great lent.</b>
MARCH 24, SUNDAY	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
MARCH 31, SUNDAY	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
MAY 5, SUNDAY	<b>Lionel Galstaun Memorial Concert</b> <b>Details to follow</b>