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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.

**FEBRUARY 18, 2024**  
**SUNDAY OF EXPULSION**  
**Արտաքսման Կիրակի**

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Matthew 5:17-48

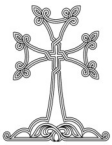
Romans 12:1-13:10

**PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:**

*Tom Daw*

*Edik Eskandarian*

*Janet Ozsolak*



**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED FOR:**

***Garabed Givelekian & John Dermanjian***

*Requested by: The Givelekian Family*

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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## SUNDAY OF EXPULSION

The second Sunday of the period of Great lent is called the Sunday of Expulsion. The basis of the mystery of and the name of the day can be found in the Holy Bible, the Book of Genesis: "So the Lord God sent him out of the Garden of Eden and made him cultivate the soil from which he had been formed" (Genesis 3:23). Prehistory is the following: The human being, listening to the deceitful words of Satan, disobeyed the divine commandments and ate the forbidden fruit. As punishment the human being, of course, didn't die at once, but was deprived of the eternity granted by God and was cursed. Since then, man must work hard and sweat to make the soil produce enough food, and woman will have pain in giving birth to her offspring. And in the end God said to the human being: "You were made from soil and you will become soil again". The church Fathers have given the Sundays of the Period of Great Lent such names and mysteries which symbolize mankind's way of life – birth, sinning, regret and repentance. This should serve for the human being as an occasion for thinking of himself/herself and his/her life so that the period of great Lent should be fruitful and productive.

### ԱՐՏԱՔՄՄԱՆ ԿԻՐԱԿԻ

Մեծ Պահքի երկրորդ կիրակին կոչվում է նաև Արտաքսման: Օրվա խորհրդի և անվան մասին Աստվածաշունչ մատյանի Ծննդոց Գրքում գրված է. «...Եվ արտաքսեց նրան Աստված Եդեմի պարտեզից, որպեսզի մշակի հողը, որից և ստեղծվել էր»: Նախապատմությունը հետևյալն է. մարդն ունկնդիր լինելով Մատանայի խաբեբայական խոսքերին, պատվիրանազանց գտնվելով՝ համոտեսեց արգելված պտղից: Որպես պատիժ, մարդն իհարկե, անմիջապես չմահացավ, սակայն զրկվեց Աստծո կողմից շնորհված անմահությունից և անիծվեց: Այսուհետ, մարդն իր քրտինքով պետք է վաստակի օրվա հացը և կինը պետք է ցավով ու տառապանքով զավակ ունենա և վերջում էլ ասվեց նրան. «...հող էիր և հող կդառնաս»: Եկեղեցական հայրերն իմաստուն կերպով Քառասնորդաց Պահքի շրջանի կիրակիներն այնպես են դասավորել և այնպիսի անվանումներ ու խորհուրդներ տվել, որոնցով ի հայտ է գալիս մարդկության կյանքի ուղին՝ ծնունդ, մեղսագործություն, զղջում, ապաշխարանք: Սա ինքնին մարդուն խորհելու ևս մեկ առիթ է սեփական անձին անդրադառնալու, պահոց շրջանն արդյունավետ անցկացնելու համար:

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### ***The reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (12:1-13:10)***

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

### ***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:17-48)***

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WOMEN'S GUILD

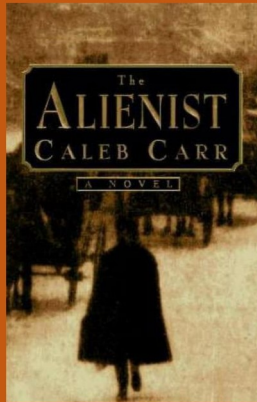
## Aida's Book Club

Invites you to a

**BOOK DISCUSSION**

**THE ALIENIST**

BY CALEB CARR



***SATURDAY 03/23/2024 at 2:00 PM***

1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605

Fast-paced and riveting, infused with historical detail, *The Alienist* conjures up Gilded Age New York, with its tenements and mansions, corrupt cops and flamboyant gangsters, shining opera houses and seamy gin mills.

It is an age in which questioning society's belief that all killers are born, not made, could have unexpected and fatal consequences.

**RSVP:** Ellie Krolian (914) 588-7047 [ebkrolian@gmail.com](mailto:ebkrolian@gmail.com)



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April 7 & 8, 2024

## MUSIC FROM ARMENIA

with Ara Dinkjian and Friends

Sunday, April 7, 3 pm \* Round Hill Community Church \* 395 Round Hill Road, Greenwich  
Monday, April 8, 7:30 pm \* Greenwich Arts Council \* 299 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich

**CLOSING OF ALTAR CURTAIN:** The curtain of the Altar will be closed on the Eve of Poon Paregentan. It will remain closed throughout the forty days of Great Lent until it is reopened on March 24, Palm Sunday. The closing of the curtain symbolizes the Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. The entire church is in repentance during this time.

- During Lent the Divine Liturgy (Badarak) is celebrated with the Main Altar curtain closed.
- The Kiss of Peace is not given.
- Holy Communion is not given. In special circumstances, Holy Communion may be received by making arrangements with Der Hayr after the service.
- The Gospel is not kissed at the end of Divine Liturgy.
- Mas is distributed during Lent.

# SEASON OF LENT 2024

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## LENTEN POTLUCK LUNCH AND PRESENTATION

**FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

*Potluck Lenten Lunch and Lenten Program following the Divine Liturgy*

*The first Lenten program will be hosted on Sunday this year.*

If you would like to contribute a Lenten dish to share during the potluck Lenten lunch, please contact Lisa Kouzoujian at 203-536-2622.

**Presentation by Dr. Ani Shahinian - Assistant Professor of the Grace & Paul Shahinian Lectureship in Armenian Christian Art & Culture Culture at the St Nersess Armenian Seminary**

**Title: "Armenian Christian Art and Architecture in History and Today".**

Free will donation.



## LENTEN DINNERS AND PRESENTATIONS

**MARCH 8, 2024**

*Lenten Friday Evening Dinner & Program.*

*6:30pm - Lenten Service, 7:00pm - Lenten Dinner, 7:30pm - Program.*

**Presentation by Sarah Stites on the humanitarian and development projects of AYO!**  
**a fundraising platform for Fund for Armenian Relief.**

**Lenten Dinner is sponsored by the Women's Guild.**

**MARCH 22, 2024**

*Lenten Friday Evening Dinner & Programs.*

*6:30pm - Lenten Service, 7:00pm - Lenten Dinner, 7:30pm - Program.*

**Presentation by Van Krikorian: Title: "Artsakh, Armenia, and America Today."**

**Lenten Dinner is sponsored by the Armenian & Sunday Schools.**

Donation: \$15/adults. Children 12 and under free



## Fellowship Coffee Hour

We appreciate the Givelekian Family 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.

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

***Sunrise Service/9:45am Divine Liturgy/10:15am Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy.***

***Sunday of Expulsion.*** The Lenten reflection will be given by Subdeacon Zareh Mirzayan (St. Nersess Student).

FEBRUARY 25,  
SUNDAY

***Sunday of the Prodigal Son.*** The Lenten reflection will be given by Deacon Garen Hamamjian (St. Nersess Student)

***Sunrise Service will be held at the end of the Liturgy.***

***Potluck Lenten Lunch and Lenten Program following the Divine Liturgy (the first Lenten program this year will be hosted on Sunday).***

***Presentation by Dr. Ani Shahinian (Assistant Professor of the Grace & Paul Shahinian Lecture-ship in Armenian Christian Art & Culture at the St Nersess Armenian Seminary)***

***Title: "Armenian Christian Art and Architecture in History and Today".***

MARCH 3,  
SUNDAY

***Sunrise Service/9:45am Divine Liturgy/10:15am***

***Sunday of the Steward.*** The Lenten reflection/Children's Sermon will be given by Deacon Andrew Kayaian.

MARCH 8,  
FRIDAY

***Lenten Friday Evening Programs.***

***6:30pm - Lenten Service, 7:00pm - Lenten Dinner, 7:30pm - Program.***

***Presentation by Sarah Stites on the humanitarian and development projects of AYO! a fundraising platform for Fund for Armenian Relief.***

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# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 9,  
SATURDAY

**ACYOA Junior's Lenten Retreat.**  
*Details to follow.*

MARCH 10,  
SUNDAY

**Sunday of the Judge.** The Lenten reflection will be given by Subdeacon Arin Parsanian (St. Nersess student)

**Sunrise Service will be held at the end of the Liturgy.**

MARCH 17,  
SUNDAY

**Sunrise Service/9:45am Divine Liturgy/10:15am**

**Sunday of the Advent.** The Lenten reflection will be given by Subdeacon Karo Boyadzyan (St. Nersess student)

MARCH 22,  
FRIDAY

**Lenten Friday Evening Programs.**

**6:30pm - Lenten Service, 7:00pm - Lenten Dinner, 7:30pm - Program.**

**Presentation by Van Krikorian: Title: "Artsakh, Armenia, and America Today."**

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MARCH 23  
SATURDAY

**Aida's Book Club Discussion of: The Alienist**  
Meeting in the Atrium 2pm

MARCH 24,  
SUNDAY

**PALM SUNDAY: Youth Sunday**  
**Blessing of the Children Service**  
*Details to follow.*

MARCH 31,  
SUNDAY

**EASTER SUNDAY**

MAY 5,  
SUNDAY

**Lionel Galstaun Memorial Concert**  
**Details to follow**