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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 25, 2024**  
**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**  
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**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

2 Corinthians 6:1-7:1

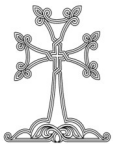
Luke 15:1-32

**PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:**

*Sylvia Kruizenga*

*Janet Ozsolak*

*Ron Sanossian*



**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED FOR:**

***Diramayr Seta K. Hovhanessian***

*Requested by: Dr. Simon Ovanessian and the Family*

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

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## SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

The third Sunday of the period of Great Lent is called the Sunday of the Lost Son according to the Parable of the Lost Son told in the Gospel of Luke. There was once a man who had two sons. Upon the request of the younger one he divided his property between his two sons. After a few days the younger son sold his part of the property and left home with the money. He went to a country far away, where he wasted his money in reckless living. He spent everything he had. Then a severe famine spread over that country and he was left without a thing. In that time of trouble he remembered his father's house, regretted his reckless living and returned to his father's home. Seeing that his younger son was regretful, the father received him joyfully. Whereas the elder son complained, saying that during all those years he had worked for his father like a slave and had never disobeyed his orders, and however, he had never deserved such honor. His father answered him: "My son, you are always here with me, and everything I have is yours. But we have to celebrate and to be happy, because your brother was dead, but now he is alive; he was lost, but now he has been found." The elder and the younger sons represent the righteous and the sinful souls, and their father receiving his lost son represents that in the same way, God receives the regretful sinner. The allegoric meaning of the parable is the elder son symbolizes all those who are righteous or think they are righteous. The parable admonishes all of us not to be self-conceited.

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Հայաստանյայց Առաքելական Սուրբ Եկեղեցին ապաշխարության և պահքի մի գեղեցիկ շրջան է սահմանել հավատացյալների համար, որի կիրակիներից յուրաքանչյուրն իր անվանումն ունի Աստվածաշնչի որևէ պատմությանը համապատասխան: Մեծ Պահքի երրորդ կիրակին կոչվում է Անառակի, ըստ Ղուկասի Ավետարանում հիշատակվող անառակ որդու մասին պատմող առակի մի մարդ իր կրտսեր որդու խնդրանքով ունեցվածքը բաժանում է երկու որդիների միջև: Կրտսեր որդին իր բաժինը վերցնելով գնում է հեռու երկիր, ապրում ցոփ ու շվայտ կյանքով, վատնում ամբողջ ունեցածը:

Այս դժվար դրության մեջ նա հիշում է հայրական տունը, զոջում կատարածի համար և վերադառնում: Հայրը, տեսնելով որդու զոջումը, ուրախությամբ ընդունում է նրան: Ավագ որդին դժգոհում է, որ ինքը միշտ հոր կողքին է եղել, սակայն նման պատվի երբեք չի արժանացել: Հայրը պատասխանում է, որ պետք է ուրախ լինել, քանի որ՝ ով մեռած էր, կենդանացավ: Ավագ, կրտսեր որդիներն արդար և մեղավոր հոգիներն են, և ինչպես հայրն է անառակ որդուն ընդունում, նույն կերպ էլ Աստված է իր գիրկն առնում զոջացող մեղավորին:

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

***The reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (6:1-7:1)***

As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, and now is the day of salvation. We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.

***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (15:1-32)***

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."



ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER ARMENIAN CHURCH

**YOUTH SUNDAY**

**HOSTED BY ACYOA JUNIORS**

# Palm Sunday Luncheon & Program

**24 MARCH, 2024 | 12:30 PM | TUTAK HALL**

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CHILDREN'S SERMON AND BLESSING OF  
CHILDREN/YOUTH SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE  
AT THE END OF THE DIVINE LITURGY

**JOIN US TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT  
TO OUR PARISH'S ACYOA JRS**

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**Please RSVP by March 17th to**  
saintgregorychurchwp@gmail.com or 914-428-2595

Adults: \$30 (*advance rsvp required*)  
Children under 12: \$15



ST. GREGORY CULTURAL COMMITTEE PRESENTS

21ST ANNUAL LIONEL GALSTAUN MEMORIAL CONCERT



SUNDAY  
MAY 5, 2024

**JARED BLAJIAN, CELLIST**

**NARA AVETISYAN, PIANIST**

Complimentary Luncheon following Badarak in Tutak Hall

Performance in the Sanctuary 1:30pm

RSVP 4/26 at [stgregoryculturalcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:stgregoryculturalcommittee@gmail.com) or call at 914.428.2595

Your generous donations will help support young Armenian musicians !

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**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.

# ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER

ACYOA JUNIORS

*Lenten Retreat*



Engage in Reflection  
and Connection  
Collaborative Discussion  
and Fellowship  
Baking, Lunch, Games,  
and lot of fun!



REGISTRATION FEE IS \$30 WITH CASH OR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO ST. GREGORY ACYOA JRS.

**MARCH 9TH | 9:30 - 5:00 | TUTAK HALL**  
AM PM



Please RSVP to Kyle Pidedjian at  
[kylevp@icloud.com](mailto:kylevp@icloud.com) or Sofia Donikyan at  
[sofiadonikyan@gmail.com](mailto:sofiadonikyan@gmail.com) by **March 2nd**

## 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.

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	<p><b>Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy. Divine Liturgy/10:00am   Sunrise Service/11:30am</b></p> <p><b>Sunday of the Prodigal Son.</b> The Lenten reflection will be given by Deacon Garen Hamamjian (St. Nersess Student)</p> <p><b>Sunrise Service will take place at the end of the Liturgy.</b></p> <p><b>Potluck Lenten Lunch and Lenten Program following the Divine Liturgy&gt;</b></p> <p><b>Presentation by Dr. Ani Shahinian (Assistant Professor of the Grace &amp; Paul Shahinian Lectureship in Armenian Christian Art &amp; Culture at the St. Nersess Armenian Seminary)</b></p> <p><b>Title: "Armenian Christian Art and Architecture in History and Today".</b></p>
MARCH 3, SUNDAY	<p><b>Sunrise Service/9:45am Divine Liturgy/10:15am</b></p> <p><b>Sunday of the Steward.</b> The Lenten reflection/Children's Sermon will be given by Deacon Andrew Kayaian.</p>
MARCH 8, FRIDAY	<p><b>Lenten Friday Evening Programs.</b></p> <p><b>6:30pm - Lenten Service, 7:00pm - Lenten Dinner, 7:30pm - Program.</b></p> <p><b>Presentation by Sarah Stites on the humanitarian and development projects of AYO! a fundraising platform for Fund for Armenian Relief.</b></p> <p><b>Lenten Dinner is sponsored by the Women's Guild.</b></p>
MARCH 9, SATURDAY	<p><b>ACYOA Junior's Lenten Retreat.</b></p> <p><b>Details to follow.</b></p>
MARCH 10, SUNDAY	<p><b>Sunday of the Judge.</b> The Lenten reflection will be given by Subdeacon Arin Parsanian (St. Nersess student)</p> <p><b>Sunrise Service at the end of the Liturgy.</b></p>

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

MARCH 23  
SATURDAY

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

MARCH 24,  
SUNDAY

**PALM SUNDAY: Youth Sunday**

MARCH 31,  
SUNDAY

**EASTER SUNDAY**

MAY 5,  
SUNDAY

**Lionel Galstaun Memorial Concert**

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

