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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.

MARCH 10, 2024
SUNDAY OF THE JUDGE
Դատաւորի կիրակի

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Philippians 3:1-4:9

Luke 17:20-18:14

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REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE OFFERED TODAY.

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SUNDAY OF THE JUDGE

The fifth Sunday of Great Lent is called the Sunday of the Judge. The message of the day teaches us with the parable of the widow and the Judge. This parable comes to us in the Gospel of St. Luke. The parable tells the story of a widow who repeatedly came to a judge, who neither feared God nor respected man, and pled for her rights. For a long period of time the judge refused to act, but in the end, he fulfilled her request, to put an end to her continuous appeals. Otherwise, he feared that she would continue to return indefinitely.

After telling this parable, the Lord assures everyone, that if a man as corrupt and unfair as this judge decided in favor of the widow, then God surely would judge in favor of his own people and grant the requests of all those who submit to Him through prayer. This parable exhorts us to always and continually pray, as prayer symbolizes the soul's eternal striving and thirst for God. The parable also contains an appeal from Christ. After telling the parable, Christ says: "But will the Son of Man find faith on earth when He comes?" In His words, Jesus gives a reference to the Second Coming, and sadness and anguish are felt in the Lord's remark. It is truly painful for the Savior that many people may be subject to just, yet cruel judgment, instead of becoming the inheritors of the Kingdom of God.

Դատավորի կիրակի

Մեծ Պահքի հինգերորդ կիրակին կոչվում է Դատավորի: Այդ օրվա խորհուրդը բացատրում է այրի կնոջ եւ դատավորի մասին առակը: Ըստ առակի՝ մի այրի կին, անընդհատ խնդրում է Աստծուց չերկնչող եւ մարդկանցից չվախեցող դատավորին՝ իր դատն անելու: Դատավորը կնոջից ազատվելու համար ստիպված բավարարում է նրա պահանջը: Այս առակը պատմելուց հետո Քրիստոս հավաստիացնում է բոլորին, որ եթե անարդար դատավորն այրի կնոջ դատը տեսավ, ապա Աստված առավել ևս կկատարի բոլոր նրանց խնդրանքները, ովքեր միշտ աղոթքով խնդրում են: Առակը հորդորում է ամեն ժամ աղոթել, որը խորհրդանշում է հոգու մշտական մղումն առ Աստված, բայց միևնույն ժամանակ իրական աղոթքի կոչ է: Առակը պատմելուց հետո Քրիստոս ասում է. «Իսկ երբ մարդու Որդին գա, արդյո՞ք երկրի վրա հավատ կգտնի: Առակում Հիսուսը տալիս է երկրորդ գալստյան գաղափարը: Տիրոջ բառերի մեջ տխրություն ու թախիծ է զգացվում: Փրկչի համար ցավալի է, որ շատ մարդիկ կարող են ենթարկվել Ահեղ դատաստանի՝ արքայության ժառանգորդներ լինելու փոխարեն:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians 3:1-4:9

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (17:20-18:14)

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’”But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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



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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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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



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".

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

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy. Sunrise Service will take place at the end of the Liturgy before the reflection.

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

Special viewing of Armenia, My Home after Badarak in Tutak Hall today

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)

Presentation by Sona Hovhannisyan on Haya Festival and Andrea Bocelli concert in Armenia.

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FRIDAY

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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

Luncheon & Program hosted by ACYOA Juniors.

Children's Sermon and Blessing of Children/Youth Service will take place at the end of the Divine Liturgy. RSVP by March 17.

MARCH 31,
SUNDAY

EASTER SUNDAY- FEAST OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

ACYOA Jr's bake sale after the Divine Liturgy.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 6,
SATURDAY

LITTLE SAINTS MINISTRY
FOR AGES 4 & UNDER.
Details to follow.

APRIL 7,
SUNDAY

Potluck Lunch following the Divine Liturgy
Farewell fellowship for Elizabeth Vranka.

APRIL 7 & 8

The Chamber Players of the Greenwich Symphony are proud to present:
Music From Armenia by Ara Dinkjian and Friends. The flyer is inside.

APRIL 14,
SUNDAY

Creative Painting Event hosted by the St. Gregory Women's Guild.

Design and paint your own wooden tray! Professional instruction, supplies and refreshments included in your registration payment. \$35 for adults, \$25 for 16 yrs. and under.

MAY 5,
SUNDAY

Annual Lionel Galstaun Memorial Concert featuring Jared Blajian, Cellist and Nara Avetisyan, Pianist.

Complimentary luncheon following Badarak in Tutak Hall. Your generous donations will help support young Armenian musicians! RSVP by April 26, at stgregoryculturalcommittee@gmail.com or 914-428-2595.

MAY 19,
SUNDAY

Armenian School Graduation, 2:00pm.

JUNE 1,
SATURDAY

Feast of St. Gregory's deliverance from the pit
Divine Liturgy will be celebrated.
Details to follow.

JUNE 2,
SUNDAY

Women's Guild General Meeting and Learn to Make Jingalov Hats

JUNE 15,
SATURDAY

Huyser Ensemble Concert
Details to follow.