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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 17, 2024
SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Colossians 2:8-3:17

Matthew 22:34-23:39

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SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT

The Sixth Sunday of Great Lent is called the Sunday of Advent. This Sunday teaches us about the first Advent of Christ – His Incarnation: His Holy Birth when God became Man. This proved the Truth found in the Scriptures that by the coming of the Savior, a second chance was given to mankind to be guided on the path leading towards salvation. This Sunday also symbolizes the Second Advent. In the Gospels and Apostolic Letters there are many references dedicated to the Second Advent, where our Lord warns us about His return. In the Gospel of St. Matthew, Christ says, “... Watch out and do not let anyone fool you. Many men, claiming to speak for me, will come and say, “I am the Messiah!” and they will fool many people. You are going to hear the noise of battles close by and the news of battles far away... Countries will fight each other; kingdoms will attack one another. There will be famines and earthquakes everywhere... And you will be hated by all nations for my Name’s sake... Many false prophets will appear and fool many people. Such will be the spread of evil that many people’s love will grow cold. But whoever holds out to the end will be saved” (Mt 24:4-13). The message of this Sunday is a call for endurance, piety and modesty. Through these we can patiently wait for the Glorious Resurrection of Christ, the purification of our souls and the triumph of the True Faith. All Christian Churches celebrate the feast of the Sunday of Advent.

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Մեծ Պահքի վեցերորդ կիրակին կոչվում է Գալստյան: Այս կիրակին Հիսուս Քրիստոսի Առաջին Գալստյան մարդեղության հիշեցումն է: Հաստատվեց այն ճշմարտությունը, որ Փրկչի Գալստյամբ հնարավորություն ընձեռնվեց մարդկությանն առաջնորդվել փրկության ուղով: Այս կիրակին մինևույն ժամանակ Երկրորդ Գալստյան խորհուրդն ունի: Ավետարաններում և առաքյալների թղթերում Երկրորդ Գալստյանը նվիրված բազում հատվածներ և անդրադարձեր կան: Տերը զգուշացնում է Երկրորդ Գալստյան և դրա նախանշանների մասին: «Չզույժ եղեք, զուցե մեկը ձեզ խաբի, որովհետև շատերը կգան իմ անունով ու կասեն, թե՛ ես եմ Քրիստոսը. և շատերին կմոլորեցնեն: Լսելու եք պատերազմների ձայներ և պատերազմների լուրեր...»

Ազգ ազգի դեմ պիտի ելնի, և թագավորությունն՝ թագավորության դեմ, և պիտի լինեն սով, համանարակ ու տեղ-տեղ երկրաշարժներ: Սակայն այս ամենը սկիզբն է երկանց ... Եվ բազում սուտ մարգարեներ պիտի ելնեն ու շատերին պիտի մոլորեցնեն: Եվ անօրինության շատանալուց՝ շատերի սերը պիտի ցամաքի: Բայց ով մինչև վերջ համբերեց, նա պիտի փրկվի»: Գալստյան կիրակիի խորհուրդը համբերության, բարեպաշտության, պարկեշտության կոչն է, որովհետև հոգու բյուրեղացմամբ և ճշմարիտ հավատով մարդ կարող է սպասել Տիրոջ Հրաշափառ Գալստյանը: Քրիստոնեական բոլոր եկեղեցիներն էլ ունեն Գալստյան կոչվող կիրակի:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians 2:8-3:17

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew (22:34-23:39)

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?"

"The son of David," they replied. ☩

He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'?"

For he says, "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.""

If then David calls him "Lord," how can he be his son?"

No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

"Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called 'Rabbi' by others.

"But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Ladies, Gents, Juniors & Friends of St. Gregory
are invited to participate in a
fun afternoon of Creative Painting

Sunday, April 14th, 1:00-3:00pm
Tutak Hall - St. Gregory Armenian Church
1151 North Street - White Plains NY 10605

\$35. pp, \$25. (age 16 + under) **Includes:**
Professional Tutorial Instruction by "Heather"
Fellowship refreshments, and all supplies needed to
create an individual, whimsical masterpiece on a
purposeful wood tray.... makes a great gift!

Prepaid RSVP ***absolutely necessary for supply order***
Kindly submit form (below) with payment prior to March 24th

Seating is limited to 30 person **Maximum class size**
Reserve your space now! No experience required!

Event Hosts: The Women's Guild of St. Gregory Armenian Church



Questions? Contact Adriane Keleshian Bonfiglio (914)649-1072



THE PLAYERS HEAR THE MUSIC SUPPORT THE CHAMBER PLAYERS SUBSCRIPTIONS/TICKETS CONTACT

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

ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER ARMENIAN CHURCH

YOUTH SUNDAY

HOSTED BY ACYOA JUNIORS

Palm Sunday Luncheon & Program

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

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**

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

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

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

ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER ARMENIAN CHURCH

WOMEN'S GUILD

Invites you to

SAINTLY WOMEN'S DAY

Celebrating

ST. HRIPSIME

Honored Saint of 2024

- ❖ Saturday April 27, 2024, 2:00 – 4:00 PM
- ❖ Service, Light Refreshments & Tea
- ❖ We will have a display of Armenian Embroidery and Lace
- ❖ \$35.00 donation per person
- ❖ RSVP: to Dawn Papalian at 310-850-6496 by Monday April 22, 2024
- ❖ St. Gregory Armenian Church
Tutak Hall
1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	<p>Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy. Divine Liturgy/10:15am Sunrise Service 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.</p>
MARCH 22, FRIDAY	<p>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.</p>
MARCH 23 SATURDAY	<p>Aida's Book Club Discussion of: The Alienist Meeting in the Atrium 2pm</p>
MARCH 24, SUNDAY	<p>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.</p>
MARCH 31, SUNDAY	<p>EASTER SUNDAY- FEAST OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. ACYOA Jr's bake sale after the Divine Liturgy.</p>
APRIL 7, SUNDAY	<p>Potluck Lunch following the Divine Liturgy During the fellowship hour we will be honoring Elizabeth Shaghalian Vranka as she concluded her responsibility as the Parish Council chair and has moved to RI a few month ago. Please contact Lisa Kouzoujian 203-536-2622 to let her know what you will be bringing!</p>
APRIL 7 & 8	<p>The Chamber Players of the Greenwich Symphony are proud to present: Music From Armenia by Ara Dinkjian and Friends. The flyer is inside.</p>

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 13,
SATURDAY

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

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, 3:00pm.

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.



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.