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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 24, 2024**  
**PALM SUNDAY**  
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

*Philippians 4:4-7*

*Matthew 20:29-21-17*

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

*Arek Ohanissian*

*Janet Ozsolak*

*Ron Sanossian*



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## PALM SUNDAY

One week before the Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Armenian Church celebrates the Feast of Palm Sunday, celebrating the Triumphant Entry of Christ into Jerusalem. Jesus comes into Jerusalem riding atop a donkey and the people gather to meet Him with reverence, thus fulfilling the words of the prophet from the Old Testament. The Gospel of St. Matthew, in relating the story, refers to the prophecy, "All this was done, that it might be fulfilled, that which was spoken by the prophet, saying "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you! He is humble and sitting on an ass, and a colt, the foal of an ass."

On His arrival, a large crowd of people gathers to greet Him, and spread their cloaks on the road before Him, while others cut branches from palm trees and place them on the path. The crowd exclaims: "Hosanna! Blessed is the King of Israel that comes in the Name of the Lord."

On Palm Sunday, churches are decorated with branches from willow trees and palm trees. Following a solemn morning service, the blessed branches are distributed to the faithful. This passage from the Gospels reminds each of us about the Coming of Christ, and teaches us to live in a manner that can make us worthy to stand before the Lord and exclaim: "Hosanna (Praise God)! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

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Հայ Եկեղեցին Սուրբ Հարությունը նախորդող կիրակի նշում է Ծաղկազարդը, որը Քրիստոսի՝ հաղթականորեն Երուսաղեմ մտնելու հիշատակն է: Հիսուսի մուտքը Երուսաղեմ ժողովուրդին ընդունել է խանդավառությամբ՝ ձիթենու և արմավենու ճյուղերի հետ իրենց զգեստները փռելով հանապարհի վրա և աղաղակելով. «Օվսաննա՛ Բարձյալին, օրհնյալ լինի Նա, Ով գալիս է Տիրոջ անունով, օրհնյալ լինի մեր հոր՝ Դավթի թագավորությունը, որ գալիս է: Խաղաղություն երկնքում և Փառք բարձունքներում»: Ըստ Եկեղեցու հայրերի՝ Հիսուսի առջև հանդերձներ փռելը խորհրդացեղ է մեղքերը Քրիստոսին խոստովանելը: Ոստեր և ճյուղեր ընծայելն ընդհանրապես առանձնակի պատիվներ և հանդիսավորություն էին նշանակում: Ձիթենին ընկալվել է իմաստության, խաղաղության, հաղթանակի և փառքի խորհրդացան: Մեռյալ Ղազարոսին հարություն տված Քրիստոսին Ձիթենու և արմավենու ճյուղերի ընծայումը խորհրդացնում է մահվան հանդեպ հաղթանակը:

Ծաղկազարդի նախօրեին՝ շաբաթ օրը, կատարվում է նախատանակ, բացվում է խորանի վարագույրը, իսկ հաջորդ օրը տոնական ս. պատարագը

մատուցվում է բաց վարագույրով:

Ծաղկագարդի առավոտյան եկեղեցիներում օրհնում են ձիթենու կամ ուռենու ոստեր և բաժանում ժողովրդին: Ուռենու ոստերը, որոնք անպտուղ են, խորհրդանշում են հեթանոսներին, ովքեր պտղաբերեցին միայն Քրիստոսին ընծայվելուց հետո: Ոստերի վափկությունը խորհրդանշում է Քրիստոսի հետևողների խոնարհությունը: Ուռենու հյուղերը մեր ընծաներն են Տիրոջը, ինչպես Սուրբ Ծննդյան օրը Արեւելից մոզերի բերած ընծաները:

Հիսուս Քրիստոս մուտք գործեց Երուսաղեմ որպես Թագավոր՝ խորհրդանշորեն ցույց տալով Իր Փառքի թագավոր լինելը, Ով վերացնում է անեծքը և կենդանություն պարգևում: Հիսուս եկավ ավետարանելու աղբատներին, բժշկելու սրտով բեկվածներին, գերիններին ազատելու և կույրերին տեսողություն պարգևելու, ինչպես մարգարեացել էր Եսայի մարգարեն:

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

***The reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians (4:4-7)***

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew (20:29-21:17)***

As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. There were two blind men sitting by the roadside. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" The crowd sternly ordered them to be quiet; but they shouted even more loudly, "Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!" Jesus stood still and called them, saying, "What do you want me to do for you?" They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes.

Immediately they regained their sight and followed him. When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey

...and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

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

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 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

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  
1151 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605



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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***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”.

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# LITTLE SAINTS

All Little Saints, birth to age four, are welcome to join us  
for our monthly interactive lesson led by Fr. Mesrob.

Second Saturday of each month  
10:30-11:30 AM

APRIL 13  
MAY 11  
JUNE 8  
JULY 13

Register Now | [frmesrob@gmail.com](mailto:frmesrob@gmail.com)



*Feast of*

## St. Gregory's Deliverance from the Pit

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**JUNE  
SATURDAY**

DIVINE LITURGY

10:30 am

PRESIDED BY

Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate

CELEBRANT

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan

HOMILIST

Fr. Abraham Malkhasyan

Lunch to follow

RSVP by May 26  
[frmesrob@gmail.com](mailto:frmesrob@gmail.com)

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

**Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy. Opening of the Doors service-10:00am  
Divine Liturgy -10:15am  
PALM SUNDAY: Youth Sunday  
Luncheon & Program hosted by ACYOA Juniors.**  
Children's Sermon and Blessing of Youth Service will take place at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

MARCH 31,  
SUNDAY

**EASTER SUNDAY- FEAST OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.**  
ACYOA Jr's bake sale after the Divine Liturgy.

APRIL 7,  
SUNDAY

**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 months ago.  
Please contact Lisa Kouzoujian 203-536-2622 to let her know what you will be bringing!

APRIL 7 & 8

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

APRIL 13,  
SATURDAY

**LITTLE SAINTS MINISTRY**  
FOR AGES 4 & UNDER. 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.

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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.  
The flyer can be found inside.**

JUNE 2,  
SUNDAY

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

JUNE 15,  
SATURDAY

**Huyser Ensemble Concert  
Details to follow.**

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### **MARCH 28**

#### Maundy Thursday

Washing of the Feet Service | 6:30 pm  
Commemoration of the Betrayal &  
Passion of our Lord | 8:30 pm

### **MARCH 29**

#### Good Friday

Order of the Crucifixion of Christ | 12:30 am  
Commemoration of Burial of our Lord | 7:00 PM

### **MARCH 30**

#### Holy Saturday

Reading of Scriptures | 5:00 pm  
Candlelight "Jrakalouytz" Badarak | 5:30 pm

### **MARCH 31**

#### Easter Sunday

Morning Service | 9:45 am  
Divine Liturgy | 10:15 AM  
Bake Sale by ACYOA Juniors

