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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 3, 2024**  
**SUNDAY OF THE UNJUST STEWARD**  
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

*Ephesians 4:17-5:14*

*Luke 16:1-31*

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## SUNDAY OF THE UNJUST STEWARD

The fourth Sunday of the period of Great Lent is called the Sunday of the Steward, and the message of the day teaches us with the parable of the unjust steward. This parable is mentioned only in the Gospel of St. Luke. In the parable, a wealthy man learns that the steward of his house is squandering his possessions. The rich man calls the steward, asking for an accounting, having decided to release him from employment. The steward, realizing that he may soon be without work, begins to act accordingly so that in the near future, others may accept him into their homes. The steward calls those men who have debts to his employer, and he relieves them of a portion of their debts. Following this act, the wealthy man praises the steward for his contrivance. At first glance, it seems as though there is a great contradiction in this commendation. But the unjust steward grants back to the debtors, only that which he had added to the debt originally for his own gain. Thus, the wealthy man is not injured by the actions of his steward. The master praises the steward for resigning himself from the gains that the steward would have realized in these transactions. Thus, high praise is given to resignation, or abstinence, which is one of the foundations of Great Lent. Lent teaches mankind about the ability we each have to resign ourselves from all forms of temptation, the beginning of which is self-control and self-denial. Christ says, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me". This parable admonishes every one of us that the journey towards salvation must include self-control and resignation. The allegorical meaning of the parable is in the wealthy man symbolizing God, and the unjust steward symbolizing the sinner. For an extended period of time, the sinner carelessly wastes the graces granted by God, until God calls him for an accounting of his life. The unjust steward symbolizes all who, upon regretting their actions, forgive those who have sinned against them, and become seekers of righteousness and the just.

### ՏՆՏԵՍԻ ԿԻՐԱԿԻ

Մեծ Պահքի չորրորդ կիրակին կոչվում է Տնտեսի՝ ըստ այդ օրվա խորհուրդը բացատրող անիրավ տնտեսի առակի: Առակի բովանդակությունը հետևյալն է. մի մեծահարուստ իմանում է, որ տնտեսը վատնում է իր ունեցվածքը, կանչում է նրան և հաշիվ պահանջում, որոշում հեռացնել աշխատանքից: Հասկանալով, որ կարող է անգործ մնալ, տնտեսը խորամանկության է դիմում: Նա կանչում է տիրոջ պարտապաններին, նրանց շնորհում իրենց պարտքի մի մասը: Եվ այս ամենից հետո տերը գովում է տնտեսին՝ հնարամտությամբ վարվելու համար: Առաջին հայացքից թվում է, թե հակասություն կա այս գովեստի մեջ:

Բայց անիրավ տնտեսը պարտապաններին շնորհում է այն, ինչն ավելիով գրել էր իր օգտին՝ պարտքի շնորհումով ոչ մի վնաս չպատճառելով իր տիրոջը: Տերը գովում է տնտեսին՝ ասելով թե որքան երանելի կլինենք, եթե նույն ժրաջանությունը, որը դրսևորում ենք մեր նյութական կարիքների բավարարման համար, առավել ցուցաբերենք մեր հոգևոր կարիքների համար:

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### ***The reading is from the Ephesians (4:17-5:14)***

Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. That is not the way you learned Christ! For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

### ***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (16:1-31)***

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'" The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.' "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' "Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.' "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' "A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.' "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are

more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight. The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing their way into it. It is easier for heaven and earth to disappear than for the least stroke of a pen to drop out of the Law.

**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 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

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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

# SEASON OF LENT 2024

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**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 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: Adri-

ane Keleshian Bonfiglio (914) 649-1072.

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

**Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy. Sunrise Service/9:45am Divine Liturgy/10:15am**  
**Sunday of the Steward.** Children's Sermon will be given by Deacon Andrew Kayaian.

MARCH 8,  
FRIDAY

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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 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)

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

MARCH 22,  
FRIDAY

**Lenten Friday Evening Programs.**  
**6:30pm - Lenten Service, 7:00pm - Lenten Dinner, 7:30pm - Program.**  
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# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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***

MARCH 31,  
SUNDAY

***EASTER SUNDAY***

APRIL 6,  
SATURDAY

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

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

***Women's Guild PAINTING event***  
***1-3pm***  
***Details to follow.***

MAY 5,  
SUNDAY

***Lionel Galstaun Memorial Concert***

MAY 19,  
SUNDAY

***Armenian School Graduation***

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.***