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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.

**APRIL 28, 2024**  
**APPARITION OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 John 1:1-10

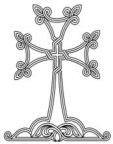
John 7:14-23

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Chris Bonfiglio

Sylvia Kruizenga

Sybil Postian



**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY**

*Please see page 7 of the bulletin  
for the complete list of names.*

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Fr. Mesrob: (804) 405-9399, [fr.mesrob@yahoo.com](mailto:fr.mesrob@yahoo.com)

## **Feast of the Apparition of the Holy Cross**

This feast is dedicated to the Apparition of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem. At noon on May 19, 351, a bright, luminous cross appeared over the skies of Jerusalem, centered over an area spanning from the Mount of Olives (where Christ was betrayed and arrested) to Golgotha (where Christ was crucified). Awestruck, the faithful of Jerusalem rush to church to give thanks and glorify the Lord. Bishop Cyril (later St. Cyril of Jerusalem) subsequently wrote a letter to Emperor Constantine of Byzantium wherein he describes the miraculous and beautiful scene. St. Cyril tells Constantine that the apparition is a true testimony of the orthodox faith of Christianity. Further, St. Cyril exhorts the Emperor that the appearance is a sign for him to remain steadfast in his faith, and to stop defending the heretical movement of Arianism and its promulgators. The Armenian translation of the Bishop's letter has been preserved by the Church, and is read each year on the Feast of the Apparition of the Holy Cross. The Armenian Church celebrates this feast 28 days following Easter Sunday.

### **ՍՈՒՐԲ ԽԱՉԻ ԵՐԵՎՄԱՆ ՏՈՆ**

Ս. Խաչի երևման տոնը Երուսաղեմում Ս. Խաչի նշանի երևման հիշատակն է: 351 թվականին՝ ցերեկվա ընթացքում, Գողգոթայից մինչև Ձիթենյայց լեռը երկնքում երևում է մի լուսե Խաչ: Այդ զարմանահրաշ դեպքի մասին Երուսաղեմի Կյուրեղ եպիսկոպոսը նամակ է գրում Կ. Պոլսի Կոստանդ կայսեր՝ այդ զարմանալի երևույթը համարելով իբրև ուղղափառ դավանության ճշմարտության ապացույց: Այդ պատճառով էլ Կյուրեղ Երուսաղեմացին հորդորում է Կոստանդ կայսեր հրաժարվել արիոսականների պաշտպանելուց:

Երուսաղեմի Կյուրեղ եպիսկոպոսի այդ նամակը թարգմանվել է հայերեն և ամեն տարի ընթերցվում է Ս. Խաչի երևման տոնին: Հայ Առաքելական Եկեղեցին Ս. Խաչի երևման տոնը նշում է Ջատիկից 28 օր հետո: Ս. Հարության տոնի շարժականության պատճառով Ս. Խաչի երևման տոնը կարող

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### ***The reading is from the First Epistle of John (1:1-10)***

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete. This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

### ***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (7:14-23)***

Not until halfway through the festival did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach. The Jews there were amazed and asked, "How did this man get such learning without having been taught?" Jesus answered, "My teaching is not my own. It comes from the one who sent me. Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him. Has not Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?"

## **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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## **Bake Sale**

The Women’s Guild will have a Bake Sale on Sunday, May 5th, after Badarak in the Atrium. Please stop by to buy delicious hand-made Armenian baked goods just in time for Mother’s Day!

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## **Fellowship Coffee Hour**

We appreciate the Tutak Family for arranging the 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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## **Graduates of 2024**

If you know of any St. Gregory parishioners graduating from high school, college, or graduate school this spring, please notify (or pass the word along and have them notify) the church office or Der Hayr by calling 914-428-2595 or emailing [saintgregorychurchwp@gmail.com](mailto:saintgregorychurchwp@gmail.com) Please share with us the student's name and photo, school, special achievements, future plans, etc., so we may share our pride in their accomplishments with our entire parish in the Enlightener eNewsletter. Congratulations to all graduates!

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**Today, please take a moment to remember in your prayers all the sick and recovering members of our community.**

**May God touch His faithful servants with His healing hand, and grant them good health & recovery.**

*Please inform Der Hayr if you have friends or family who are suffering any physical or spiritual distress and are in need of prayer, and he will add them to his prayer list where they will be remembered. We all need prayer – both to say for others and to be said for us.*

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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WOMEN'S GUILD

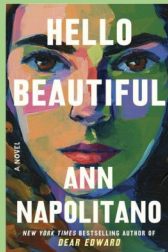
**Aida's Book Club**

Invites you to a

**BOOK DISCUSSION**

**HELLO, BEAUTIFUL**

BY ANN NAPOLITANO



***SATURDAY 05/11/2024 at 2:00 PM***

1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605

"Hello Beautiful is a profoundly moving and propulsive novel about the deepest connections of family and love, trauma and healing. In intricately elegant prose, Ann Napolitano explores both the cost and power of loyalty and honesty. This is a book to treasure and share with friends and loved ones."

**RSVP:** Ellic Krolian (914) 588-7047 [cbkrolian@gmail.com](mailto:cbkrolian@gmail.com)



Feast of

# St. Gregory's Deliverance from the Pit

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**1**  
**JUNE**  
**SATURDAY**

DIVINE LITURGY

10:30 am

PRESIDED BY

Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate

CELEBRANT

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepian

HOMILIST

Fr. Abraham Malkhasyan

Lunch to follow

RSVP by May 26  
frmesrob@gmail.com

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PRESENTS

**HUYSER**  
AND  
**FRIENDS**

**SATURDAY**  
**JUNE 15**  
**2024**

*International Rhythms*

AN OPEN-AIR CONCERT

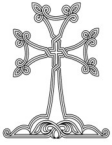
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CONCERT STARTS AT 7:30 PM

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12 & UNDER \$25

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REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED FOR:

**Nevart Kuntashian (40<sup>th</sup> Day)**

Requested by: Lisa Kuntashian and Gregory Kuntashian

**Simon & Cicek Tutak; Hayik & Vartuhi Tutakian;  
Setrak Kaprielian; Artin Gocer; Hagop and Jacklin Gocer;  
Mehran & Nivart Yesil; Benon & Pepron Gocer;  
Antranik & Alis Baberian; Ashot Tigranyan;  
Sarkis & Arshaluys Senocak Kaprielian;  
Jirair Senocak Kaprielian; Ohannes Senocak Kaprielian;  
Mayreni & Dikran Demirci; Horen & Seranush Tutak**  
Requested by: Hamparsoumian, Gurunian, Kaprielian, &  
Baberian families

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

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## **DONATION OF INTERACTIVE SMARTBOARDS FOR THE SCHOOL'S CLASSROOMS**

We express our heartfelt gratitude for the generous donation received from Ed and Carmen Gulbenkian to sponsor the installation of interactive smartboards in our school's classrooms. The interactive smartboards will be used by both Armenian and Sunday Schools.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on May 19, Sunday, at 2:30pm in the school. Everyone is welcome to join us.

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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  
11:30-12:30 PM**

**MAY 11  
JUNE 8  
JULY 13**

Register to [frmesrob@gmail.com](mailto:frmesrob@gmail.com)  
Registration is important to make sure we have enough supplies  
Parent should accompany the child(ren)

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY **Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy.**

*Please join us for Fellowship hour after Badarak.*

APRIL 30–  
MAY 4

**Fr. Mesrob will be attending the Annual Clergy Conference and Diocesan Assembly, Springfield, MA.**

MAY 5,  
SUNDAY

**Annual Lionel Galstaun Memorial Concert featuring Jared Blajian, Cellist and Nara Avetisyan, Pianist.** The flyer can be found inside.  
The Women's Guild Mother's Day Bake Sale will be held in the Atrium.

MAY 11,  
SATURDAY

**Aida's Book Club  
2:00 pm in the Atrium**

MAY 19,  
SUNDAY

**Ribbon cutting ceremony, Sunday School–2:30pm.  
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 Jinalov Hats**

JUNE 8,  
SATURDAY

**Co-ed BBQ and Game Night  
Hosted by the St. Gregory Men's Club**

JUNE 15,  
SATURDAY

**Huyser Ensemble Concert  
The flyer can be found inside.**