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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.

MAY 12, 2024
SECOND PALM SUNDAY
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 John 5:13-21

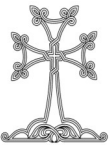
John 12:12-23

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Arman Bedonian

Chris Bonfiglio

Ron Sanossian



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY FOR:

Nierses Der-Sookias and Mardy Der-Sookias

Requested by: Benita Der-Sookias

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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SECOND PALM SUNDAY

On the Sunday following the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, the Armenian Church celebrates “Second” Palm Sunday. The name of the feast has been derived from Palm Sunday, which precedes Easter. In the week leading up to His betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection, the “first” Palm Sunday symbolized the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem where people met Him with great joy and glorified His Holy Name. The Second Palm Sunday is the commemoration of the triumphant entry of the Ascended Christ into the Heavenly Jerusalem, where the angels meet him with great happiness and delight.

According to tradition, during St. Gregory the Illuminator’s imprisonment in the pit, he was visited every day by the same angel. However one day, the angel did not come. The following morning, St. Gregory inquires to the reason for his absence, to which the angel responds that during the Ascension, Christ had passed through the ranks of the Angels, and they celebrate that feast each year. The angel visiting St. Gregory was from the fourth class of angelic hosts, and thus, on the fourth day following the Ascension, his rank of angels commemorates and celebrates Christ’s Ascension to heaven every year.

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Քրիստոսի Համբարձման տոնին հաջորդող կիրակի օրը Հայ Առաքելական Եկեղեցին նույն է Երկրորդ Ծաղկազարդը: Տոնի անվանումն առաջացել է Զատիկի՝ Սբ. Հարությունը նախորդող Ծաղկազարդի տոնի անվանումից: Վերջինս խորհրդանշում է Քրիստոսի հաղթական մուտքը Երուսաղեմ, երբ մարդիկ Տիրոջը դիմավորում էին փառաբանությամբ ու ցնծությամբ եւ ծառերի հյուղեր սփռում Նրա առաջ: Երկրորդ Ծաղկազարդն արդեն համբարձյալ Քրիստոսի Վերին Երուսաղեմ մտնելու հիշատակն է, երբ Նրան ցնծությամբ դիմավորում էին հրեռակները: Ավանդության համաձայն՝ Վիրապում բանտարկված Սբ. Գրիգոր Լուսավորչին ամեն օր այցելում էր հրեռակը: Մի օր նա բացակայում է: Հաջորդ օրը Սբ. Գրիգորը հարցնելով պատճառը, իմանում է, որ Համբարձման ժամանակ Հիսուս Քրիստոս անցել է հրեռակների դասերի միջով: Լուսավորչին այցելող հրեռակը չորրորդ դասից էր եւ Համբարձման չորրորդ օրը հրեռակների այդ դասն ամեն տարի տոնում էր Քրիստոսի Համբարձվելը երկինք: Հայ Առաքելական Եկեղեցու մեծ աստվածաբան Գրիգոր Տաթևացու մեկնության համաձայն, բացի հրեռակաց ամենաստորին դասից, որոնք էլ հենց ծառայում էին Քրիստոսին Նրա երկրավոր կյանքում, հրեռակների մյուս դասերը չգիտեին Տիրոջ փրկարար տնօրինության մասին մինչեւ Համբարձումը:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the First Epistle of John (5:13-21)

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that. All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.

We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them. We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (12:12-23)

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him. Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!" Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."

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”.

Bake Sale Today!

The Women’s Guild will have a Bake Sale today, May 12th, after Badarak in the Atrium. Please stop by to buy delicious hand-made Armenian baked goods just in time for Mother’s Day!



Fellowship Coffee Hour

We appreciate the Parish Council members on duty for their assistance and generosity with today’s fellowship coffee hour.

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.

“Her children arise and call her blessed.” (Prov. 31:28)

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

While the official recognition only comes around once per year, there is not a day that goes by that a wandering thought of our mothers don't enter our minds. So on the occasion of this holiday weekend, I hope that each of you in your own way enjoy the day as mothers and/or with your mothers and revel in the attention our mothers deserve!

May God bless you, watch over you and grant you health and happiness.

Special Prayer will be offered today for all mothers and mothers-at-heart following the Divine Liturgy.



Feast of

St. Gregory's Deliverance from the Pit

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The Primate will bring the relic of St. Gregory to be venerated during the service



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**JUNE
SATURDAY**

DIVINE LITURGY

10:30 am

PRESIDED BY

Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate

CELEBRANT

V. Rev. Fr. Simeon Odabashian

HOMILIST

Fr. Abraham Malkhasyan

Lunch to follow

If you plan to attend, please inform Fr. Mesrob
by May 26 | frmesrob@gmail.com

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. 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 eNews-letter. Congratulations to all graduates!

St. Gregory Men's Club FUNdraiser Guys 'n Gals BBQ Game Night

hosted by



St. Gregory Men's Club

Saturday, June 8th, 6:30pm

1131 North Street – White Plains, NY

Delicious BBQ dinner, Soft drinks, Coffee/Tea, Desserts

\$40. per adult **\$20.** *Under age 15*

BYOB wine/beer/liquor



Poker Tables! Tavloo! Chess! LRC! Raffles!

Prepaid reservations *appreciated* before June 1st

RSVP Chris Bonfiglio (914) 707-2152 Email: JChrisBonfiglio@gmail.com

Checks payable to: St. Gregory Men's Club, 1131 North St-White Plains, NY 10605

Reservation Name: _____

Number Attending: _____ @ \$40.pp \$ _____ @ \$20.pp *under age 15*

Additional donation toward SGMC Fundraiser \$ _____

Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ Date _____

Sorry, can't make the event, but would like to make a contribution

Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ Date _____

Thank you for your generous support of the St. Gregory MEN's CLUB

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. Eight (8) interactive smartboards were installed and are ready to 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.



A priest for 50 Years
Der Karekin turns 50 years old as a priest!

Please join us for Coffee Hour following Ba-darak on Sunday, May 19 to celebrate this milestone.



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JUNE 15
2024



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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	<p>Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy.</p> <p>Plan sale by Sunday School.</p> <p>The Women's Guild Mother's Day Bake Sale will be held in the Atrium—limited supply!</p>
MAY 19, SUNDAY	<p>A priest for 50 Years —Der Karekin turns 50 years old as a priest! Please join us for Coffee Hour following Badarak to celebrate this milestone.</p> <p>Ribbon cutting ceremony of interactive smart boards, Sunday School—2:30pm.</p> <p>Armenian School Graduation, 3:00pm.</p>
JUNE 1, SATURDAY	<p>Feast of St. Gregory's deliverance from the pit Divine Liturgy will be celebrated.</p> <p>Our Primate, Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, will preside over the service and bring the relic of St. Gregory to be venerated during the service.</p> <p>The flyer with more information is in the bulletin.</p>
JUNE 2, SUNDAY	<p>Women's Guild General Meeting and Learn to Make Jingalov Hats</p>
JUNE 8, SATURDAY	<p>Guys and Gals BBQ and Game Night</p> <p>Hosted by the St. Gregory Men's Club. RSVP form is on the flyer in the bulletin.</p>
JUNE 15, SATURDAY	<p>Huyser Ensemble Concert</p> <p>The flyer with more information is in the bulletin.</p>
JULY 14, SUNDAY	<p>All American BBQ fundraiser for Fuller Center.</p>