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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.

JUNE 2, 2024

**FEAST OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
HOLY ETCHMIADZIN**

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Hebrews 9:1-10

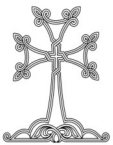
John 10:22-30

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Arman Bedonian

Ani Khachian

Janet Ozsolak



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED TODAY.

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

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FEAST OF THE CATHEDRAL OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN

One of the most celebrated feasts of the Armenian Church is the day when the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin was established, according to the inspired vision of St. Gregory the Illuminator. According to tradition, and hagiographic sources, following the declaration of Christianity as the Official Religion of Armenia in 301 AD, St. Gregory has a famous vision, wherein the Only Begotten Son of God – Jesus Christ, descends from Heaven, his face lit aglow, and with the strike of a golden hammer designates the site where the Mother Cathedral for the entire Armenian nation is to be founded. Hence, the name of the spiritual center for the Armenians, “Etchmiadzin”, means “the Descent of the Only Begotten” (Etch - descent, mi - only, dzin - begotten.) St. Gregory relayed the story about his vision to the Armenian King Tiridates, under whose royal auspices and support the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin was built. King Tiridates and Queen Ashkhen participated in the construction, as did the entire capital city of Vagharshapat by bringing stones from the biblical mountain of Ararat to lay the foundations. In the site marked by Christ, a Holy Altar of Descent was built. According of Patriarch Malachia Ormanian, from the days of her establishment, the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin has been the residence of the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians. Thus, it is the Mother See of the Armenian Church, and as such, her universal, spiritual and administrative headquarters. Another title bestowed upon the cathedral is “Catholic” - not to be confused with the Roman Catholic faith. Catholic is a Greek word meaning “Universal”. Theologically, the cathedral has been called “catholic” as a description of the catholicity (universality) of the Church.

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Հայոց եկեղեցու մեծ տոներից է Սք. Գրիգոր Լուսավորչի տեսիլքով Կաթողիկե Սք. Էջմիածնի հիմնադրման տոնը: Ըստ ավանդության՝ Խոր Վիրապի բանտարկությունից դուրս գալուց հետո Սք. Գրիգոր Լուսավորիչը տեսնում է նշանավոր տեսիլքը, ուր Միածինը, ողողված հրաշափառ լույսով, իջնում է երկնքից եւ ոսկե ուռով զարկում Մանդարամետի գետնափոր մեկյանը՝ ցույց տալով այն տեղը, ուր պետք է կառուցվեր հայոց սուրբ հավատի տաճարը: Այստեղից էլ առաջացել է «Էջմիածինն անունը, այսինքն՝ էջ՝ (գրաբար) իջավ Միածինը: Սք. Գրիգոր Լուսավորիչն իր տեսիլքը պատմում է հայոց Տրդատ թագավորին: Արքայի հովանավորությամբ կառուցվում է Սք. Էջմիածնի Աստվածածնին նվիրված Կաթողիկե Մայր Տաճարը: Քրիստոսի իջման տեղում էլ կառուցվում է Իջման Սք. Սեղանը: Էջմիածնի կառուցման աշխատանքներին ժողովրդի հետ մասնակցել են նաև Տրդատ թագավորը եւ Աշխեն թագուհին: կաթողիկե են անվանել զմբեթ ունեցող բոլոր եկեղեցիներն ընդհանրապես, իսկ աստվածաբանության մեջ այդ անվանումը համարվում է եկեղեցու ընդհանրականության խորհրդապատկերը: Այս երեք իմաստներն էլ համապատասխանում են Էջմիածնի Մայր Տաճարին, քանի որ այն

աթոռանիստ եկեղեցի է, գմբեթավոր եւ ընդհանրական է բոլոր հավատացյալների համար:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the Letter of Hebrews 9:1-10

Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand and the table with its consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place, which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered Ark of the Covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant. Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover. But we cannot discuss these things in detail now. When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still functioning. This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper. They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings—external regulations applying until the time of the new order.

The second reading is from Holy Gospel according to John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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! Tavlool Chess! LRCI 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 SGMFC 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



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JUNE 15
2024



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The Women's Guild

St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church - 1131 North Street - White Plains, NY 10605

2024

ANNUAL REGISTRATION & DUES FORM

** PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION**

Name (please PRINT) _____

Street Address _____

Email _____

Home Phone () _____ CELL () _____

\$25.00 annual WG membership dues for **2024**

TOTAL enclosed: \$ _____ Ck# _____ Dated: _____

Make checks payable to: **Women's Guild-St. Gregory Armenian Church**

Complete above form and return to St. Gregory Church Office or to: Rita Kurkjian, WG Membership/ Asst. Treas.
17 Eastway - Hartsdale, NY 10530
Membership & Dues Questions? (914) 522-8860

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Women's Guild of St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church

parish is a caring, dedicated and hard-working group of devoted women who plan, organize and implement various social, educational, religious, spiritual and humanitarian activities for all parishioners and families.

They serve faithfully and joyfully by dedicating their talents, time and efforts to their beloved Church.

In addition to their continuous fundraising efforts (for a variety of local, domestic & international projects),

the St. Gregory WG THRIFT & Gift SHOPPE is a constant source of pride and revenue for the Women's Guild & St. Gregory Parish missions.

Women's Guild Central Council

The Mission of the Women's Guild of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church is to live and share the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

through worship, education, witness, service and fellowship as expressed in the distinctive faith-experience of the Armenian people.

All women of the Armenian Church are invited to participate fully in this mission.

Local parish guilds, along with the WG Central Council, sponsor a variety of national and international projects.

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!



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY

Zaven Tachdjian

Requested by: The Tachdjian Family

Deacon Haroutune Kasparian

Requested by: Fr. Karekin Kasparian and Family

Adrienne Dodakian

Requested by: Van and Priscilla Krikorian and Family

Razmik, Rima, Ruzanna, and Zara Gukasyans

Requested by: Nellie & Tigran Gukasyan

Beloved Members of the St. Gregory Women's Guild

Requested by: The Women's Guild members

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



Fellowship Coffee Hour

We appreciate the gracious generosity of the St. Gregory Women's Guild for providing refreshments for 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.

THE KISS OF PEACE

The GIVER says:

Christ is revealed amongst us.

Քրիստոս ի մէջ մեր յայտնեցաւ:

Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.

The RECEIVER says:

Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

Օրհնեալ է յայտնութիւնն Քրիստոսի:

Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.

WHEN TAKING MAHS

The GIVER says:

May this be to you a share and portion of the Holy Sacrifice.

Մաս և բաժին եղիցի քեզ ի Սուրբ Պատարագէս:

Mahs yev pazheen yegheetsee kez ee Soorp Badarakes.

The RECEIVER says:

My portion is God forever.

Բաժին իմ Աստուած յաւիտեանէ:

Pahjeen eem Asdvadz haveedyan.

THE PSALM OF DISMISSAL - PSALM 34

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall be at all times in my mouth.

Օրհնեցիք ըզՏէր յամենայն ժամ, յամենայն ժամ, Օրհնութիւն նորա ի բերան իմ:

Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenayn zham orhnootyoon nora ee peran eem.

When approaching the Holy Gospel at the end of the Divine Liturgy you say:

May the Lord remember all your sacrifices.

Յիշեցէ Տէր զամենայն պատարագս քո.

Heeshestseh Der zamenayn Badarakus ko

The Priest answers:

May the Lord grant you according to your own heart, and fulfill all your desires. (Psalm 20:4)

Տացէ քեզ Տէր ըստ սրտի քում և զամենայն խորհուրդս քո ի բարիս նա կատարեսցէ:

Datseh kez Der uscd srdee koom yev zamenayn khorhoortus koh ee parees na gadarestseh.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

We welcome the Women's Guild members who are helping the Parish Council members in handling the responsibilities during the Liturgy (greeters, scripture readers, choir members, etc.) Second plate collection will be done by Women's Guild members to benefit CASP.

Please join us for Fellowship hour after Badarak.

Women's Guild General Meeting after Badarak
Learn to Make Jingalov Hats

JUNE 8,
SATURDAY

Guys and Gals BBQ and Game Night

*Hosted by the St. Gregory Men's Club.
RSVP form is on the flyer in the bulletin.*

JUNE 15,
SATURDAY

Huyser Ensemble Concert

The flyer with more information is in the bulletin.

Tickets are available to purchase. Ask Der Mesrob.

JUNE 22,
SATURDAY

Book Club will meet at 11:00am (please note the time change).

*The Crossing Places by Elly Griffiths.
Readers, please check your email for directions on reading the book!*

Contact Ellie at ebkrolian@gmail.com with questions.

JULY 14,
SUNDAY

All American BBQ fundraiser for Fuller Center.

AUGUST 18,
SUNDAY

Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God. Blessing of Grapes service.