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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 30, 2024
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
EVE OF THE FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Romans 11:13-24

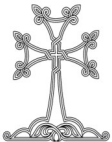
Matthew 14:13-21

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Commemoration of Christ's twelve Apostles and thirteenth Apostle - St. Paul

Twelve Apostles elected by Our Lord Jesus Christ, were Christ's disciples and first preachers of His doctrine, as well as the Incarnate Christ's witnesses. "Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to drive out devil spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness." These were the names of the twelve Apostles Simeon (called Peter), Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddeus, Simon the Patriot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus. Later instead of Judas Iscariot Apostle Matthias was chosen, who was added to the group of eleven apostles.

Remaining faithful to Incarnate Christ's last message the apostles went to all peoples everywhere and preached and taught the Commandments of Jesus, baptized them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, thus becoming the founders of the Christ's Church. One of the greatest preachers of Christ's commandments is Apostle Paul, who is recognized by the Christian Church as the thirteenth Apostle.

The section of the Bible called "The Acts of the Apostles" is dedicated to the apostles' activity. And there are references on Apostle Paul's preaching, his person and his activity in his 14 letters addressed to the church communities, established by himself, and individual Christians.

Քրիստոսի 12 առաքյալների և Սբ. Պողոս 13-րդ առաքյալի հիշատակության օր

Հիսուս Քրիստոսի ընտրած 12 առաքյալները Քրիստոսի աշակերտներն ու Քրիստոսի վարդապետության առաջին տարածողներն էին, հարուցյալ Քրիստոսի վկաները: «Եվ նա իր մոտ կանչելով իր տասներկու աշակերտներին՝ նրանց իշխանություն տվեց պիղծ դևերի վրա՝ հանելու դրանք և բժշկելու ամեն ցավ և ամեն հիվանդություն»: Պետրոս, Անդրեաս, Հակոբոս, Հովհաննես, Մատթեոս, Բարդուղիմեոս, Փիլիպոս, Թովմաս, Թադեոս, Հակոբոս (Ալփյան), Շմավոն (Կանանացի) եւ Հուդա առաքյալներն էին նրանք, որոնցից վերջինը եղավ Հիսուսի մատնիչը: Հետագայում 12 առաքյալների շարքում Հուդայի փոխարեն ընտրվեց Մատաթիա առաքյալը: Հավատարիմ Հարուցյալ Հիսուսի վերջին պատգամին, առաքյալները Հիսուսի պատվիրանները քարոզեցին ու ուսուցանեցին տարբեր ազգերի, «մկրտեցին նրանց Հոր և Որդու և Սուրբ Հոգու անունովե, այսպիսով դառնալով Քրիստոսի եկեղեցու հիմնադիրները: Քրիստոսի պատվիրանների ամենամեծ քարոզիչներից է Պողոս առաքյալը, որին քրիստոնյա եկեղեցին ճանաչում է իբրև 13-րդ առաքյալ:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the Letter of Romans 11:13-24

Inasmuch as I am an apostle to the gentiles, I celebrate my ministry in order to make my own people jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted among the others to share the rich root of the olive tree, do not boast over the branches. If you do boast, remember: you do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." That is true. They were broken off on account of unbelief, but you stand on account of belief. So do not become arrogant, but be afraid. For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen but God's kindness toward you, if you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. And even those of Israel, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

CLASS OF 2024

GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 2023-2024

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 saintgregory-churchwp@gmail.com. Please share with us the student's name, school, special achievements, future plans, etc., so we may share our pride in their accomplishments with our entire parish in the Enlightener Newsletter and eNewsletter. This year's graduates are the following (please let us know if we missed anyone):

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Nicholas Cehreci
Kelly Marina Parker
Kyle Vahan Pidedjian
Gregory Postian

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Pete Klanian Blonkvist
Cody Eskandarian
Nyrie Ovanessian
Taleen Postian

GRADUATE UNIVERSITY

Garo Bedonian

Congratulations to all graduates!



Fellowship Coffee Hour

We appreciate the gracious generosity of the Parish Council members on duty 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.



Holy Communion Distribution Guidelines

While we still haven't gone back to "previous normal" the Holy Communion will be distributed with some adjustments.

As parishioners approach to receive Holy Communion:

- Sanitize your hands in the chancel.
 - Place your right hand in the left hand and extend it to the celebrant.
 - The celebrant will place the Holy Communion in your palm.
 - Consume it in front of the celebrant **WITHOUT TOUCHING THE COMMUNION** with other fingers.
 - Wash your palm with the help of a deacon or a parishioner.
- There is a washing station on both sides of the sanctuary.
Return to your seat from the right side of the chancel.
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**YOU ARE INVITED TO
ST. GREGORY'S
ANNUAL ARMENIAN**



Picnic

**Come join us for delicious traditional
Armenian food and wine.**

22 **SUNDAY** **SEPTEMBER**
12PM - 5PM

**LIVE ARMENIAN MUSIC, RAFFLES,
FUN ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND SO MUCH MORE**

All-American BBQ

SUNDAY, July 14th, 2024

12:30 pm

Family Fundraiser

sponsored by The Women's Guild
St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church
1131 North Street – White Plains, NY 10605

\$40.pp (\$20. Children under 12, Children under 5 FREE)

All American BBQ Favorites

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Pulled Pork, Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans,
Corn-on-the-Cob, Watermelon, Apple Pie, Brownies, Lemonade, Iced Tea



Net proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to



Fuller Center for Housing in Armenia



toward completion of our 12th St. Gregory House



"Invite your Friends & Family to support this worthy organization"

Everyone WELCOME!

RSVP via cell/text: Adriane Keleshian Bonfiglio (914) 649-1072

****Please include NAME & number of adults/children in reservation****

We appreciate your Pre-Paid Advance Reservations for proper planning before July 7th

All-American BBQ FAMILY FUNDRAISER

Reservation Name: _____ Phone Contact: (____) _____

Number Attending: _____ @ \$40. per person \$ _____

Number of Children ***UNDER 12 years old*** _____ @ \$20. per child \$ _____

Under 5 years old FREE _____ *FREE* \$ _____

**** FCHA Donation (optional) **** \$ _____

Check # _____ **Total:** \$ _____

payable to: **Women's Guild / St. Gregory Armenian Church**
1131 North Street – White Plains, NY 10605

****optional** Separate DONATION payable to: Fuller Center for Housing/Armenia** Check # _____

MEMO: *St. Gregory the Enlightener/White Plains NY*

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$150 \$200 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other \$ _____

Cultural Committee of
St. Gregory the Enlightener
Armenian Church

**EARLY RECORDINGS OF
ARMENIAN CLASSICS**

presented by musician & composer

**ARA
DINKJIAN**



Sunday, October 6, 2024

12:30pm

Light lunch will be served after
Badarak

1:30pm

Presentation

Adults:

\$20 in advance/\$25 at door

Children 12 & Under: \$10



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RSVP by 9/30 at stgregoryculturalcommittee@gmail.com or call at 914 428 2595

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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy. <i>Please join us for Fellowship hour after Badarak.</i>
JULY 1-6	Fr. Mesrob will be staying at St. Vartan Camp to assist the camp Director and teach Religion lessons to the campers.
JULY 7, SUNDAY	Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord
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. Potluck Lunch following the Divine Liturgy Please contact Lisa Kouzoujian 203-536-2622 to let her know what you will be bringing!
SEPTEMBER 22, SUNDAY	SAVE THE DATE: Annual Picnic
OCTOBER 6, SUNDAY	“Early Recordings of Armenian Classics” presented by musician & composer Ara Dinkjian—12:30pm lunch, 1:30pm presentation. Organized by Cultural Committee

LITURGY TEXT CAPTIONING

We have set up a TV on a stand in the sanctuary to display the captioning of the Divine Liturgy. Our intention is to streamline participation by providing both Armenian transliteration and English translation of the text. Additionally, the display features the music notes encouraging congregational singing.

Your feedback regarding its effectiveness is invaluable to us. Please share whether this addition enhances your experience and if there are any modifications we can implement to further improve its utility for you.

Eventually two displays will be mounted on the wall if it works the way it is intended.