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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.

JULY 14, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRANSFIGURATION
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Corinthians 1:25-30

Matthew 18:10-14

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Ani Khachian

Betty Sagatelian Ortiz

Sybil Postian



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY

Azadhui Kazazian-Madjarian (20 yrs.)

Requested by: The Madjarian-Scalise Family

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

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Commemoration of the Apostle Thaddeus and the Virgin Sandoukht

St. Thaddeus the Apostle and St. Sandoukht the Virgin are two of the most venerated saints in the Armenian Church, as the “Great Conversion” of the Armenian nation to Christianity is significantly connected with their names. Following the Ascension of Christ, according to the Lord’s message: “Go then to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples...”, Thaddeus departs for Edessa. There he preaches the Gospel, and among his numerous miracles, also heals the king of Osrhoene named Abgar. In the year 44 A.D., Thaddeus travels on to Armenia and enters the domain of the pagan King Sanatrouk. After preaching in various parts of Armenia, St. Thaddeus converts many to Christianity, who become the foundation for the Armenian Church. The Apostle Thaddeus, while in the region of Artaz, gains access to the royal palace and converts Princess Sandoukht, the daughter of the king, to Christianity. The Armenian King Sanatrouk becomes aware of his daughter’s conversion and exhorts her to return to her native heathen religion, but his efforts are in vain. The enraged king imprisons both the Virgin Sandoukht and St. Thaddeus and subjects them to severe torments. Another effort is made to persuade the Virgin to give up Christianity by the governor of the royal palace, an Armenian prince. This effort only ends with the prince becoming a Christian as well. The king, able to bear no more, finally orders the death of the Apostle Thaddeus and his own daughter, Sandoukht. They are martyred together in Shavarshan, the summer residence of the royal family.

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Ս. Թաղեոս առաքյալը և Ս. Սանդուխտ կույսը Հայ Եկեղեցու ամենանշանավոր տոնելի սրբերից են, քանի որ նրանց անվան հետ է առնչվում հայոց լուսավորության պատմությունը: Քրիստոսի Համբարձումից հետո, համաձայն Տիրոջ պատգամի՝ «Գնացե՛ք, ուրեմն աշակերտ դարձրե՛ք բոլոր ազգերին, նրանց մկրտեցե՛ք Հոր և Որդու և Սուրբ Հոգու անունով», Թաղեոսը նախ գալիս է Եդեսիա, ավետարանում կենաց խոսքը, ի թիվս բազում հրաշքների բժշկում նաև Աբգար թագավորին, ապա՝ իրեն փոխարինող նշանակելով Եդեսիայում, գնում է Հայոց Սանատրուկ արքայի տիրույթները: Այստեղ զանազան վայրեր քարոզելուց հետո բազմաթիվ հեթանոսների է քրիստոնեական հավատի բերում և հիմնադրում Հայ Առաքելական Սուրբ Եկեղեցին:

Գալով Արտագ գավառ, առաքյալը մտնում է հայոց արքունիք և դարձի բերում արքայադուստր Սանդուխտ կույսին: Իրագեկ դառնալով այս ամենին, Սանատրուկ հայոց արքան սկզբում հորդորում է դստերը ետ դառնալ նախկին հավատին, սակայն՝ ապարդյուն: Զայրացած արքան թե՛ Թադեոս առաքյալին, թե՛ Սանդուխտ կույսին նետում է բանտ և դաժան տանջանքների ենթարկում: Արքունի իշխանագուն կառավարչի միջոցով արքայադստերը տարհամոզելու վերջին փորձը ևս ապարդյուն է անցնում: Քրիստոնյա է դառնում նաև կառավարիչը: Ի վերջո, արքայի հրամանով Ս. Թադեոս առաքյալը և Ս. Սանդուխտ կույսը նահատակվում են արքայական ամառանոց Շավարշավան գյուղաքաղաքում: Հայ Եկեղեցին Ս. Թադեոս առաքյալի հիշատակը տարվա մեջ ոգեկոչում է երկու անգամ, նախ՝ Ս. Բարդուղիմեոս առաքյալի, ապա՝ Ս. Սանդուխտ կույսի հետ:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the First Letter of 1 Corinthians 1:25-30

For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your call, brethren; not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth; but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 18:10-14

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety nine on the hills and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”

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
Isabella Ohanissian
Kelly Marina Parker
Kyle Vahan Pidedjian
Chloe Pisani
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 helping 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.



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.



**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 \$ _____

Community OUTREACH



OUT- REACH PROJECT

On August 18, 2024 (prepared on Aug. 17) our St. Gregory Parish will again have an opportunity to

prepare and provide lunch for "Art's Ecumenical Kitchen" at St Bartholomew's Church in White Plains. For many years they have provided weekly meals for those in need in our community.

On Saturday, August 17th at 10:30am we will need a few volunteers to help assemble the meal at our church. We will prepare sandwiches, a salad, and desserts for 45 people. If any youth in the parish need service hours this would be a good opportunity.

You can also support this worthy project by contributing financially to defray the cost of the meal and supplies. You may donate online at www.stgregorywp.com or mail a check made out to St. Gregory with the memo: **St. Barts Outreach**.

Please contact the church office or Ellie Krolian (ebkrolian@gmail.com) with any questions or to sign up to help.

It feels good to do good!

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".

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Please join us after Badarak for the **All American BBQ** fundraiser for Fuller Center.

AUGUST 4,
SUNDAY

Guest Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Bedros Kadehjian will celebrate the Liturgy on this day as Fr. Mesrob will be on break on July 30-Aug. 10.

AUGUST 17,
SATURDAY

Community Outreach Project, preparing sandwiches for "Art's Ecumenical Kitchen" at St Bartholomew's Church in White Plains, 10:30am.
Details can be found inside.

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.