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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 21, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRANSFIGURATION
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Corinthians 7:17-24

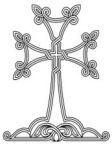
Matthew 19:3-8

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**Commemoration of St. Gregory the Illuminator's Sons and Grandsons –
Sts. Aristakes, Vrtanes, Housik, Grigoris and Daniel**

Aristakes was St. Gregory the Illuminator's youngest son. He led a monastic life from a very early age. He was consecrated a bishop by his father, and became one of St. Gregory's most valued supporters. In 325 A.D. he participated in the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, representing the first Catholicos and the entire Armenian Church. Following St. Gregory the Illuminator, he became Catholicos of All Armenians. Vrtanes was St. Gregory the Illuminator's elder son. He was married and had two sons – Grigoris and Housik. Following the death of his brother, he ascended to the Catholicos Throne. Although Christianity was already fairly well accepted as the official religion, some remnants of paganism and heathenism continued in remote areas and smaller villages. One region that had substantial resistance was the province of Daron. Vrtanes organized annual festive Christian celebrations in this province to gradually eliminate their pagan beliefs and practices. Grigoris was the elder son of Vrtanes. He was sent by the Armenian Church to spread Christianity among the neighboring nations of Armenia. He was martyred upon the order of King Sanesan, the head of the nomadic Mazkut tribe. Housik was the younger son of Vrtanes. He married the daughter of the Armenian King Tiridates and had two sons – Pap and Antiochus. In 341 A.D. he was elected as the Catholicos of All Armenians. He resisted and challenged the will of King Tiran, who wished to hang the portrait of Julianus the Betrayer in a church. He was severely beaten, martyred, and was buried in the village of Tordan, province of Daranaghi. The sons and grandsons of St. Gregory the Illuminator are remembered and commemorated by all Armenian Churches throughout the world for their service to the Church, their faithfulness to Christianity, and their commitment to the Armenian people.

**Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսավորչի որդիների և թոռների՝ Արիստակեսի, Վրթանեսի,
Հուսիկի, Գրիգորիսի և Դանիելի հիշատակության օր**

Արիստակեսը Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսավորչի կրտսեր որդին էր և շատ վաղ հասակից մտել էր վանական կյանք: Եպիսկոպոս է ձեռնադրվել իր հոր կողմից՝ դառնալով նրա գործակիցը: 325 թվականին մասնակցել է Նիկիայի Ա տիեզերաժողովին: Արիստակեսը հոր մահից հետո դարձել է հայոց հայրապետ: Սպանվել է 333 թվականին Չորրորդ Հայքի Արքեղայոս իշխանի կողմից՝ նրա անուղղելի վարքը քննադատելու համար և թաղվել Թիլ ավանում: Վրթանեսը Լուսավորչի անդրանիկ որդին էր: Ամուսնացած էր և ուներ երկու զավակ՝ Գրիգորիսը և Հուսիկը: Եղբոր մահից հետո բազմել է Հայոց հայրապետական աթոռին: Թեև Հայաստանում քրիստոնեությունը հաստատվել էր որպես պետական կրոն, սակայն բազմաթիվ վայրերում

դեռևս գոյություն ունեք հին հավատք: Այդ պատճառով Վրթանես հայրապետն ամենամյա մեծահանդես պաշտամունք էր կազմակերպում Տարնու՛մ՝ հեթանոսությունն աստիճանաբար վերացնելու համար: Վրթանեսը վախճանվել է 341 թվականին և թաղվել Դարանաղյաց Թորդան ավանում, Լուսավորչի նշխարների մոտ:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the First Letter of 1 Corinthians 7:17-24

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who at any time pays the expenses for doing military service? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not get any of its milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law also say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Or does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was indeed written for our sake, for whoever plows should plow in hope and whoever threshes should thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we harvest material things? If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ. Do you not know that those who work in the temple service get their food from the temple and those who serve at the altar share in what is sacrificed on the altar? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 19:3-8

Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?” “Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female, and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”



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ANNUAL ARMENIAN



Picnic

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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

As parishioners approach to receive Holy Communion:

- 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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Sunday, August 18, 2024



Feast of the Assumption of the
Holy Mother of God
Blessing of the Grapes Service

Morning Service - 9:45 AM

Badarak - 10:15 AM

Blessing of the Grapes Service - 11:45 AM

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ST. GREGORY'S ANNUAL ARMENIAN

Picnic

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024, NOON - 5PM

We appreciate your generous support of our beloved Annual Family Fair and Picnic.
This is a wonderful opportunity to show & share your generous spirit
with family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, and everyone in our community!

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THANK YOU from the 2024 Picnic Committee.

Please make checks PAYABLE to: St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church
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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!

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.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	<p>Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy. Rev. Fr. Ghevond Ajamian will deliver the sermon of the day.</p> <p>Today we welcome St. Nersess High School Summer Conference participants and staff. Please join us after Badarak for Fellowship Coffee Hour.</p>
AUGUST 4, SUNDAY	<p>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.</p>
AUGUST 17, SATURDAY	<p>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.</p>
AUGUST 18, SUNDAY	<p>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!</p>
SEPTEMBER 22, SUNDAY	<p>SAVE THE DATE: Annual Picnic</p>
OCTOBER 6, SUNDAY	<p>"Early Recordings of Armenian Classics" presented by musician & composer Ara Dinkjian—12:30pm lunch, 1:30pm presentation. Organized by Cultural Committee</p>

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".