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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 28, 2024**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRANSFIGURATION**  
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**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

1 Timothy 4:12-5:10

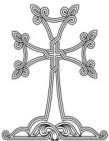
John 3:13-21

**PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:**

*Tom Daw*

*Sylvia Kruizenga*

*Ron Sanossian*



**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY**

*Please see page 7 for a complete list of names.*

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## **Commemoration of Patriarchs St. Athanasius and St. Cyril of Alexandria**

Patriarchs St. Athanasius and St. Cyril are among the most prominent figures of the Universal Church, who devoted their lives to the promulgation of the orthodoxy of Christianity, and the struggle against false conceptions and erroneous teachings.

St. Athanasius (295-373 A.D.) was born in Alexandria, to a Greek Christian family. He received his higher education in the famous Theological School of Alexandria. He was ordained to the diaconate by Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria, and participated in the Ecumenical Council of Nicea in 325, as the Patriarch's personal secretary. During the council he decisively defeated Arius and his followers who denied the Divine nature of Christ and purported that He was a created being. In his argument St. Athanasius stated the reality of Christ being God and explained the salvation in combining the human nature of Jesus with God, which is possible only through His incarnation. According to the formulation of St. Athanasius, salvation is nothing else but theosis – being adopted by God. Athanasius stated that God became incarnate, “so that sons of mortal men should become sons of God.”

In 328, St. Athanasius became Bishop of Alexandria. He continued to struggle against Arianism and forcefully defended the Nicene Orthodox teaching. Having been subjected to repeated persecutions, he spent 15 of his 47-year episcopal service in exile. His heroic efforts bore fruit, and eight years following his death his teachings were adopted by the Ecumenical Council of Constantinople, in 381. St. Athanasius made very significant contributions to the development of monastic life as well.

Patriarch St. Cyril of Alexandria is one of the brilliant representatives of the Alexandrian Theological School. He was born in 380, and was the nephew of Patriarch Theophils, whom he succeeded in 412. He struggled against Nestorius, the Patriarch of Constantinople, for the preservation of orthodox teaching. It was for this purpose that Emperor Theodoros II convened the Third Ecumenical Council in Ephesus, in 431. During the Council, Nestorius and his teachings were criticized and condemned, and the formulation of “Theotokos” (Birthgiver to God) was adopted by the Church as it related to St. Mary. The famous formulation of St. Cyril: “The one incarnate nature of God the Word”, has become the cornerstone of the Armenian Church regarding the nature of Christ. 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.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

***The first reading is from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy (4:12-5:10)***

Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Take heed to yourself and to your teaching: hold to that, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Do not rebuke an older man but exhort him as you would a father; treat younger men like brothers, older women like mothers, younger women like sisters, in all purity. Honor widows who are real widows. If a widow has children or grand children, let them first learn their religious duty to their own family and make some return to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God. She who is a real widow, and is left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day; whereas she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives. Command this, so that they may be without reproach. If any one does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his own family, he has disowned the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. Let a widow be enrolled if she is not less than sixty years of age, having been the wife of one husband; and she must be well attested for her good deeds, as one who has brought up children, shown hospitality, washed the feet of the saints, relieved the afflicted, and devoted herself to doing good in every way.

***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John 3:13-21***

No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.



YOU ARE INVITED TO  
**ST. GREGORY'S**  
ANNUAL ARMENIAN



**Picnic**

Come join us for delicious traditional  
Armenian food and wine.

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SEPTEMBER  
12PM - 5PM

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**Fellowship Coffee Hour**

We appreciate the gracious generosity of the Postian and Tashjian families 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  
MEMO: 2024 Picnic Sponsor  
Method: Check & Online

### ***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”.

# Community OUTREACH



## OUTREACH 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:ebkrolian@gmail.com)) with any questions or to sign up to help. *It feels good to do good!*

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### REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY



**Richard Tashjian (40<sup>th</sup> day)**

*Requested by: The Tashjian and Postian Family*

**George Postian (2 years)**

*Requested by: The Positan Family*

**Boghos Paul Mouradian (24 years)**

*Requested by: The Kooshakjian Family*

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

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	<p><b>Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy.</b> Please join us after Badarak for Fellowship Coffee Hour.</p>
AUGUST 4, SUNDAY	<p><b>Guest Celebrant:</b> 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><b>Community Outreach Project, preparing sandwiches for "Art's Ecumenical Kitchen" at St Bartholomew's Church in White Plains, 10:30am.</b> Details can be found inside.</p>
AUGUST 18, SUNDAY	<p><b>Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God.</b> Blessing of Grapes service. <b>Potluck Lunch following the Divine Liturgy</b> Please contact Lisa Kouzoujian 203-536-2622 to let her know what you will be bringing!</p>
SEPTEMBER 22, SUNDAY	<p><b>SAVE THE DATE: Annual Picnic</b></p>
OCTOBER 4, FRIDAY	<p><b>Clergy of our Diocese will receive the newly consecrated Holy Muron at St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral brought from Holy Etchmiadzin - 5:00 pm.</b></p>
OCTOBER 6, SUNDAY	<p><b>Divine Liturgy &amp; a special Blessing of Water Service with the new Holy Muron will be conducted following the Divine Liturgy.</b></p> <p><b>"Early Recordings of Armenian Classics" presented by musician &amp; composer Ara Dinkjian— 12:30pm lunch, 1:30pm presentation.</b> <b>Organized by Cultural Committee</b></p>