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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.

AUGUST 11, 2024
BAREKENDAN OF THE FAST OF ASSUMPTION
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Corinthians 13:11-14:5

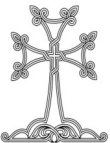
Mark 2:1-12

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Chris Bonfiglio

Joanne Chitjian

Sybil Postian



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE OFFERED TODAY.

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COMMEMORATION DAY OF 200 PONTIFFS PARTICIPATING IN THE ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF EPHESUS

The Ecumenical Council of Ephesus, which is the third Ecumenical Council that is accepted by our church was convened in 431 A. D., during the reign of the King Theodosius Small. 200 Pontiffs participated in the Council with the goal to criticize the false teaching of Nestorius, Patriarch of Constantinople. According to his teaching there were two independent - divine and human natures in Christ, contrasting each other. Nestorius preached that Christ was born as a simple man and only later Divinity was settled in His Person, and therefore, the Holy Virgin Mary was not Godmother, but the mother of a simple man. The Ecumenical Council of Ephesus condemns the teaching of Nestorius and adopts the teaching of St. Cyril of Alexandria as an orthodox teaching, according to which the divine and human natures of Christ do not exist separately, but are united unmixed, without confusion - one Lord, one Jesus, one face and one united divine and human nature. St. Mary is not the mother of a simple man, but she is Godmother as she gave birth to the Son of God. So, the formulation of St. Cyril of Alexandria: "One is the nature of the Incarnate Word of God" was adopted. The Armenian Church has not participated in that Ecumenical Council but has adopted its resolutions and ecumenical authority together with the previous Ecumenical Councils.

EVE OF THE FAST OF ST. MARY, HOLY GODMOTHER

This is the Sunday preceding the week prior to the Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary, Holy Godmother, one of the major feasts of Armenian Apostolic Church and one of the seven feasts dedicated to St. Mary. The fasting period lasts from Monday to Friday.

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the First Epistle of Paul to Corinthians (13:11-14:5)

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. Pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts, and especially that you may prophesy. For those who speak in a tongue do not speak to other people but to God; for nobody understands them, since they are speaking mysteries in the Spirit. On the other hand, those who prophesy speak to other people for their up building and encouragement and consolation. Those who speak in a tongue build up themselves, but those who prophesy build up the church. Now I would like all of you to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. One who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark (2:1-12)

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—"I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"



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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FUN ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND SO MUCH MORE

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1131 NORTH STREET, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10605



Fellowship Coffee Hour

We appreciate the gracious generosity of the Parish Council members 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.

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

Join us after Badarak on **Sunday, August 18**, for a special Fellowship Hour in celebration of the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God.

Please contact Lisa Kouzoujian, 203-536-2622, to let her know what you will be bringing to share.

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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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 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!*

St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church

WOMEN'S GUILD

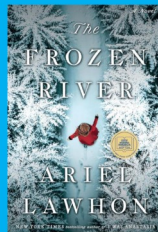
Aida's Book Club

Invites you to a

BOOK DISCUSSION

THE FROZEN RIVER

BY ARIEL LAWHON



SATURDAY 09/28/2024

11:00 AM at the Atrium

1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605

A gripping historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history

Any Questions: Ask Ellie Krolian (914) 588-7047 or ebkrolian@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy.

Please join us after Badarak for Fellowship Coffee Hour.

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

SEPTEMBER 28,
SATURDAY

Aida's Book Club, 11:00 am

The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

OCTOBER 6,
SUNDAY

"Early Recordings of Armenian Classics" presented by musician & composer Ara Dinkjian—12:30pm lunch, 1:30pm presentation.

Organized by Cultural Committee

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".