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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 18, 2024**

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Galatians 3:29-4:7

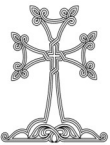
Luke 1:26-28

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*Ani Khachian*

*Sylvia Kruizenga*



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## **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Each year on the Sunday closest to the date of August 15, the Armenian Church celebrates the Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This feast is the fourth of five major feasts that are commemorated, and is the oldest one dedicated to St. Mary.

Following the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, the Holy Virgin remains in Jerusalem, and lives under the care of St. John the Evangelist. For nearly 12 years, St. Mary lives by praying, fasting, and often visiting the empty tomb of her beloved Son. During one such visit to the tomb, the Archangel Gabriel appears and gives her the news of her imminent assumption to heaven. St. Mary relays the news to her relatives and all Christians, asking them to bury her in the valley of Gethsemane. St. Mary also asks the Apostle John to celebrate a Divine Liturgy, so she may receive Holy Communion one final time. After receiving Holy Communion, St. Mary returns to her room. As the Apostles prepare to mourn her death, St. John asks the Mother of God to leave an image of her face on a board of wood. St. Mary takes the board, crosses herself and brings it close to her face. Moistening the board with her tears, she asks God that by means of the board, people would be cured from disease. As the Apostles surround St. Mary, an indescribable light appears. The Son of God and the angels of heaven appear in the room. Seeing Christ, St. Mary dies. St. Bartholomew the Apostle was absent and did not participate in the burial service of St. Mary. Upon his return to Jerusalem, he wishes to see St. Mary for the last time. Per his request, the Apostles open the tomb, yet they do not find the remains of St. Mary. According to His promise, Jesus Christ had delivered His mother to His heavenly kingdom. The Apostles give the board of St. Mary to St. Bartholomew for consolation.

According to Moses of Khoren, St. Bartholomew brings the board to Armenia. It is kept in the Province of Andzav, in a location called Darbnots. Years later, a church is built there in honor of St. Mary, and a convent is opened.

On the Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary, the Ceremony of the Blessing of the Grapes is conducted, and the harvest for the entire year is blessed on that day.

The Armenian Church has a deep and abiding respect towards St. Mary. Special emphasis is placed on her being a mother, her honesty, her unique spirit of humility, her virtuous behavior and her unselfish dedication. For Armenian women, the Holy Virgin is the embodiment of virtue, pious motherhood, and the protector of family sacredness.

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Վերափոխման տունին՝ հավարտ Ս. Պատարագի, բոլոր եկեղեցիներում կատարվում է խաղողօրհնության կարգ: Բոլոր պտուղներից առավել օրհնվում է խաղողի ողկույզը, քանի որ Տերը խաղողի որթը ամենագորավոր ծառերից ավելի վեր բարձրացրեց և պատվեց առավել, քան մյուս տնկիները՝ Իրեն Խաղողի որթ անվանելով՝ ըստ այն խոսքի, թե. «Ես եմ ճշմարիտ որթատունկը» (Հովհ. 15.1): Իսկ Տիրոջը սիրով կապվածներին ճյուղեր անվանեց և Հորը՝ Մշակ, որպեսզի Հայրը էտելով որթատունկը՝ այն պտղաբեր դարձնի արդարության գործում, իսկ էտված ճյուղերը հավիտենական կրակի նյութ դարձնի:

Միաձին Որդին Վերնատանը խորհրդավոր ընթրիքի ժամանակ գինին՝ խաղողի արյունը, Իր փրկական Արյան նյութը դարձրեց և Իր ձեռքերի մեջ վերցնելով՝ օրհնեց՝ ասելով. «Մա՛ է՛ Նոր ուխտի Իմ Արյունը»: Դրանով մենք գնվեցինք ու ազատվեցինք մեղքերի ծառայությունից ու մահից:

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

***The first reading is from the First Epistle of Paul to Galatians (3:29-4:7***

And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So through God you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then an heir.

***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (1:26-38)***

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



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**ST. GREGORY'S**  
ANNUAL ARMENIAN

  
**Picnic**

Come join us for delicious traditional  
Armenian food and wine.

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**Fellowship Coffee Hour**

We appreciate the gracious generosity of everyone who brought dishes to share during today's Potluck Fellowship 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  
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Join us today after Badarak for a special Fellowship Hour in celebration of the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God.

**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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WOMEN'S GUILD

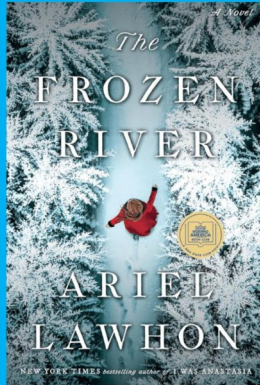
## Aida's Book Club

Invites you to a

**BOOK DISCUSSION**

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**11:00 AM at the Atrium**

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# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY ***Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God.*** Blessing of Grapes service.  
***Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy.***

***Potluck Fellowship Hour following the Divine Liturgy***

SEPTEMBER 15,  
SUNDAY

***Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross***  
ANTASDAN - Blessing of the Four Corners of the world service will take place at the end of the Liturgy.

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***

NOVEMBER 10,  
SUNDAY

***SAVE THE DATE:***  
***ST. GREGORY AWARD LUNCHEON***  
*Details to follow.*

DECEMBER 4,  
WEDNESDAY

***St. Gregory Women's Guild Christmas Luncheon at the Bronxville Field Club***  
*Details will follow.*

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## ***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".