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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 25, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE ASSUMPTION OF ST. MARY

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

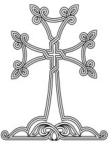
Luke 1:39-56

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Arman Bedonian

Betty Sagatelian Ortiz

Ron Sanossian



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY

Please see page 7 for a complete list of names.

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COMMEMORATION OF STS. JOACHIM AND ANNA, PARENTS OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, AND OIL-BRINGING WOMEN

The names of St. Joachim (Jehoiakim) and Anna are closely related to Jesus, as they are the parents of the Holy Mother of God.

According to tradition, wealthy Joachim was a descendant of King David, and Anna was the daughter of a priest. One day, when performing a service in the cathedral, the priest tells Joachim to stand in the end, as he had no son. Becoming upset, Joachim leaves the Cathedral and climbs up into the mountains, vowing not to descend until visited by God. Following his example, Anna stays home, and devotes herself to prayer and repentance. Anna sees the birds in the garden playing with their nestlings, becomes sad and cries, as she wasn't granted the grace of being a mother. Just at that moment the Angel of God visits Anna, telling her that God will be granting her a daughter who will be the mother of the Savior of the world. Joachim also has the same vision and becoming very happy, gives alms to the poor. The parents decide to devote the baby to the Church. The baby is named Mary, which means "Illuminated".

The oil-bringing women are the witnesses of Christ's torments and they are the first to give the good tidings of the Resurrection of our Lord. The Oil-Bringing women followed Christ during all days of realizing His earthly mission. The church calls them "Oil-Bringing Women" because on Sunday, they hurried to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus using the aromatic oils they prepared. Thanks to their devoutness they were first to see the Risen God and told the Apostles. They were in the upstairs room during Pentecost and together with the Apostles received the graces of the Holy Spirit. The Armenian Apostolic Church commemorates the memory of St. Joachim and Anna together with the oil-Bringing Women.

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Սուրբ Հովակիմի և Աննայի անուններն անմիջապես կապվում են Հիսուսի հետ՝ լինելով Աստվածամոր ծնողները: Ըստ ավանդության՝ բարեպաշտ և մեծահարուստ Հովակիմը Դավթի ցեղից էր՝ թագավորական տնից, իսկ Աննան՝ քահանայական տնից: Մի օր, տաճարում ընծա մատուցելիս, քահանան Հովակիմին պատվիրում է վերջում կանգնել, քանի որ նա անզավակ էր: Սրանից վշտացած՝ Հովակիմը դուրս է գալիս և անմիջապես լեռը բարձրանում՝ երդվելով չիջնել այնտեղից, մինչև Աստծո այցելությունը: Նրա օրինակով Աննան էլ տանն աղոթում և ապաշխարելու է նվիրվում: Եվ մի օր, երբ Աննան պարտեզում տեսնում է իրենց ձագերի հետ խաղացող թռչուններին, տխրում և լաց է լինում, քանզի ինքը գրկված ավետում, որ զավակ է ունենալու, ում երանի են տալու բոլոր ազգերը: Նույն տեսիլքը երևում է նաև Հովակիմին, որն ուրախությունից սկսում է ողորմություն բաժանել

աղքատներին: Աննան հղիանում է և ծնված հրեշտականման մանկանն անվանում են Մարիամ, որ նշանակում է լուսավորյալ: Յուդաբեր կանայք Հիսուսի չարչարանքների, թաղման և խաչելության ականատեսներն են: Նրանք Տիրոջ Հարության առաջին ավետաբերներն են: Յուդաբեր կանայք Քրիստոսին հետևեցին Իր ողջ երկրային առաքելության իրագործման ընթացքում: Եկեղեցու կողմից նրանք կոչվում են <<Յուդաբեր>>, որովհետև Միաշաբթի (Կիրակի) առավոտ գերեզման շտապ գնացին՝ Հիսուսի մարմինն իրենց պատրաստած անուշահոտ յուղերով օծելու: Իրենց անձնվիրության շնորհիվ նրանք առաջինը տեսան Հարուցյալ Փրկչին և այդ մասին հայտնեցին առաքյալներին: Նրանք նաև խմբովին ներկա էին Վերնատանը՝ Հոգեգալստին և առաքյալների հետ ստացան Սուրբ Հոգու շնորհները:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the First Epistle of Paul to 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

What agreement has the temple of God with idols?

For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

“I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke 1:39-56

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”



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 Parish Council members on duty for today's 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.
- Sanitize your hand before returning 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!

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other \$___

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\$750 (large message)

BUSINESS Name: _____
Contact Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

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

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WOMEN'S GUILD

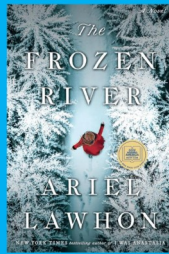
Aida's Book Club

Invites you to a

BOOK DISCUSSION

THE FROZEN RIVER

BY ARIEL LAWHON



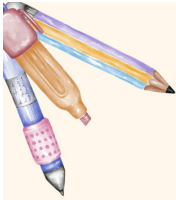
SATURDAY 09/28/2024

11:00 AM at the Atrium

1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605

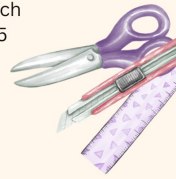
A gripping historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history

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



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Sunday School Registration



*We welcome all children to join us for the
2024-2025 School Year!*

Any questions?

**Lauren
Hayaian**

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**teaticket67@
netscape.net**

Sunday

September 22

10:30-12:15

Ages 3-16

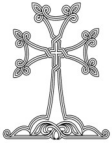
*Contact
Co-Superintendents:*

**Bruce
Wiacek**

914-944-0889

**bew43@
icloud.com**





REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED TODAY

Garabed & Kohar Kachian; Mgrditch & Rahan Kachian; Bedros & Marie Pidedjian; Mardig Kachian; Krikor & Berjohie Pidedjian

Requested by: The Pidedjian family

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

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AGES 3 AND OLDER**

SCHOOL REOPENING - ՎԵՐԱՍՈՒՅ

REGISTRATION, MEET YOUR TEACHER

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2024

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM



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- ❖ WRITING
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FOR MORE DETAILS YOU CAN CALL OR EMAIL:

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy.

Join us for Fellowship Hour following the Divine Liturgy

SEPTEMBER 14,
SATURDAY

**Armenian School Reopening and Registration,
10:00-1:00pm.**

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

**Sunday School reopening and Registration,
10:30-12:00pm.**

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 28,
SATURDAY

Aida's Book Club, 11:00 am
The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

OCTOBER 4,
FRIDAY

Service of the Reception of Holy Muron in St. Vartan Cathedral at 6:00 pm.

OCTOBER 6,
SUNDAY

Blessing of the Water service with the new Holy Muron received from Armenia, following the Divine Liturgy.

**“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.