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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.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Galatians 6:14-18

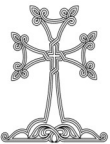
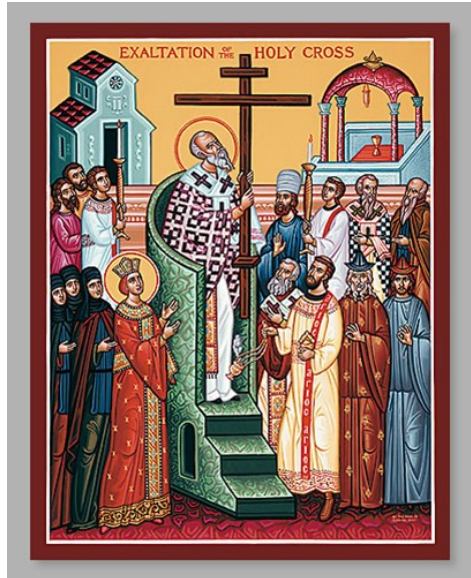
John 3:13-21

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REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE HELD TODAY

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Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is the last one of the five major feasts of the Armenian Apostolic Church. It is the most important feast among the feasts dedicated to the Holy Cross, as it is dedicated to the history of the return of the Holy Cross from imprisonment, its elevation and glorification. In the Armenian Apostolic Church the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is celebrated on Sunday during the period between September 11-17. This year that date is September 15, and the Monday following the Feast is a Memorial Day. In 610 A. D, the Persian King Khosrov with a large army attacks the Byzantine Empire. Enthusiastic about the initial victory, in 614 A. D. the Persian army enters Jerusalem. Many people are killed and many are imprisoned. Pontiff Zakaria, the Patriarch of Jerusalem is imprisoned, too. However, the Persians are not satisfied and enter the Church of Holy Sepulcher and take the Holy Cross kept in the Church. The Holy Cross had been found and installed in the Church for the Christians to worship by Heghineh, the mother of the King Costandianos, in the beginning of the 4th century. In 628 A. D., the Byzantine army led by the King Herakles fight against the Persians to return the Holy Cross. The Armenian army regiment, led by Mzhezh Gnonie, supported the Persian army. With the Lord's help the Byzantine army wins the battle. The Holy Cross is solemnly brought to the Armenian town Karin, from where it is carried to Constantinople, and then - to Jerusalem. On the way the Holy Cross was raised for the people to see and worship. For Christians the Cross is God's power and strength and pride of all prides, on which Christ's innocent blood was shed. By means of the Cross Jesus proved His love towards mankind, and the Cross became for us the symbol of hope, love and saving.

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Խաչվերացը Հայ Եկեղեցու հինգ տաղավար տոներից վերջինն է: Այն Խաչին նվիրված տոներից ամենակարևորն է, որովհետև նվիրված է գերությունից խաչի վերադարձի և փառաբանության հիշատակին: Հայաստանյայց Եկեղեցում Խաչվերացը տոնում են սեպտեմբերի 11-17-ն ընկած ժամանակահատվածում հանդիպող կիրակի օրը: Սուրբ Խաչը տոնվում է ի հիշատակ Տիրոջ խաչափայտի՝ պարսկական գերությունից Երուսաղեմ վերադարձի և Գողգոթայում կանգնեցման (վերացման): Այստեղից էլ տոնը կոչվում է Խաչվերաց: Սուրբ խաչի գյուտից հետո Հեղինե թագուհին սուրբ Կոստանդիանոս կայսեր հրամանով Գողգոթայի վրա կառուցեց «Սուրբ Հարության» տաճարը և այլ տնօրինական վայրերում տաճարներ և մատուռներ կառուցեց: Թագուհին հրամայեց մեծ հանդիսավորությամբ ութ օր տոնել սուրբ

տաճարների նավակատիքը: Այդ օրվանից կարգ սահմանվեց ամեն տարի՝ սեպտեմբերի 13-ին տոնել Խաչի նավակատիքը և Եկեղեցու տոնը, իսկ սեպտեմբերի 14-ին՝ Խաչի տոնը: Այդ օրը Հակոբոս Տյառնեղբոր օրինակով քահանայապետը բարձրացնում էր Տիրոջ խաչափայտը հավատացյալների պահպանության համար, այդ պատճառով էլ տոնը կոչվեց «Խաչվերաց»:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from Galatians 6:14-18

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one cause me trouble; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

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

“No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just 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, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have 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 people loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done 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

LIVE ARMENIAN MUSIC, RAFFLES, FUN ACTIVITIES FOR
CHILDREN AND SO MUCH MORE MORE!

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John Berberian & Ensemble

DJ Music



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Fellowship Coffee Hour

We appreciate the generosity of the Parish Council members for providing the refreshments for today's fellowship coffee hour.

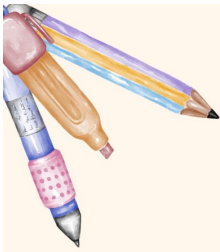
If you would like to sign-up for a future date to host and sponsor refreshments for the fellowship coffee hour on Sunday, kindly contact coordinator: Adriane Keleshian Bonfiglio (914) 649-1072.



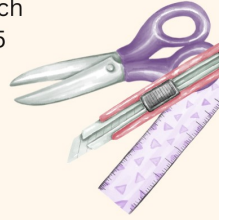
Holy Communion Distribution Guidelines

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.
 - Sanitize your hand before returning to your seat from the right side of the chancel.
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Sunday School Registration

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

Any questions?

**Lauren
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Sunday

September 22

10:30-12:15

Ages 3-16

*Contact
Co-Superintendents:*

**Bruce
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WOMEN'S GUILD

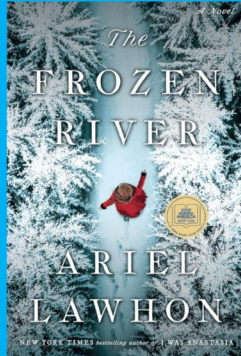
Aida's Book Club

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

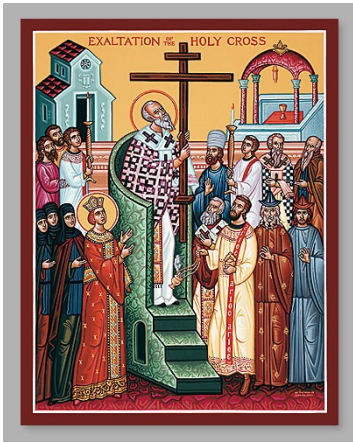
A gripping historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history

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

Today, please take a moment to remember in your prayers all the sick and recovering members of our community.

May God touch His faithful servants with His healing hand, and grant them good health & recovery.

Please inform Der Hayr if you have friends or family who are suffering any physical or spiritual distress and are in need of prayer, and he will add them to his prayer list where they will be remembered. We all need prayer – both to say for others and to be said for us.



EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Processional and Adoration According to the

Rite of the Armenian Church

*The Priest taking the cross from the tray,
shall raise it and bless the people with it, saying:*

EAST: Let the eastern part of the land and the Patriarchate and the Republic of the Armenian people, and the land of the United States of America, and all the orthodox bishops and priests, together with deacons, clerks and our entire people—men, women, the elderly and the young, and those in faith who are gathered in sanctuaries, as well as our towns and districts and all those who live in them according to the true faith—be blessed, protected and guarded by Providence by the sign of the holy Cross, and by the holy Gospel and by the grace of this day, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever.

WEST: Let the western side of the land and the kingdom of the land and all the Christian people be blessed, protected and guarded by Providence by the sign of the holy Cross and the holy Gospel and by the grace of this day, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever.

SOUTH: Let the south side of the land, the fields, vineyards and their fruit be blessed, protected and guarded by Providence, so that they may be spared from all harmful events, and may be highly productive by the sign of the holy Cross and the holy Gospel and by the grace of this day, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever.

NORTH: Let the north side of the land, the monasteries, hermitages and all the Armenian churches, as well as the clergy and the people be blessed, protected and guarded by Providence so that they may be in a state of prosperity, good order and peace by the holy Cross and the holy Gospel and by the grace of this day, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

***Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy.***

ANTASDAN - Blessing of the Four Corners of the world service will take place at the end of the Liturgy.

Join us for Fellowship Hour following the Divine 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

OCTOBER 23,
WEDNESDAY

Tea with the Primate at St. Vartan Cathedral
RSVP: Dawn Papalian by Oct. 9 (310)-850-6496
For car pool sign up

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.***