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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.

OCTOBER 27, 2024

FEAST OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE HOLY CROSS

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Corinthians 4:3-18

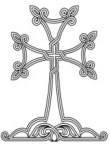
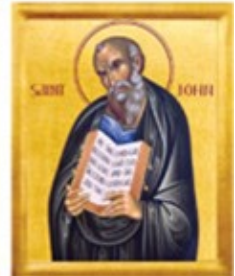
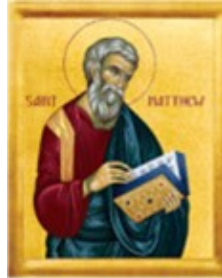
Matthew 24:27-36

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Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross

The Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross is one of the four feasts dedicated to Christ's Holy Cross. In 327 AD Heghineh, the Mother of the Byzantine King Kostandianos, visited Jerusalem with the aim to search the holy Cross of the Lord. A Jew, named Judas, helped the King's mother to search the site where Christ was crucified – Golgotha. In the result of searches the wooden crosses of Christ and the two criminals crucified together with him were found. For recognizing the Lord's Cross, the remains of a young man were put on the crosses in turn. On one of the crosses the young man raised to life and thus the Lord's Cross was identified. After that miracle the Jew converted to Christianity and later became the Bishop Cyril of Jerusalem. After the discovery of the Holy Cross Heghineh renovated the Holy Places of Jerusalem and built the Church of Holy Resurrection of Golgotha, where later the Lord's cross was installed.

The Armenian Apostolic Church celebrates the Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross on the Sunday during the period October 23-29.

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Խաչի Գիւտը Քրիստոսի խաչափայտին նվիրված չորս տոներից է: 327 թվականին բյուզանդական Կոստանդիանոս կայսեր մայրը՝ Հեղինեն, Տիրոջ խաչը գտնելու նպատակով այցելում է Երուսաղեմ: Հուդա անունով մի հրեա օգնում է կայսրուհուն գտնել Քրիստոսի խաչվելու վայրը՝ Գողգոթան, որտեղ որոնումների արդյունքում հայտնաբերվում են Հիսուսի և նրան խաչակից երկու ավագակների խաչերը: Տիրոջ խաչը ճանաչելու համար մի պատանու դիակ հերթով դնում են դրանց վրա, որոնցից մեկի վրա պատանին հարություն է առնում, և այդպես ճանաչվում է տերունական խաչը: Այդ հրաշքից հրեա Հուդան քրիստոնեություն է ընդունում և հետո դառնում է Երուսաղեմի Կյուրեղ եպիսկոպոսը: Խաչափայտի գյուտից հետո Հեղինեն բարեգարդում է Երուսաղեմի սրբազան վայրերը, իսկ Գողգոթայում կառուցում Ս. Հարություն եկեղեցին, որտեղ հետագայում գետեղվում է Տիրոջ խաչափայտը

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the First Letter of Paul to Corinthians (1:18-24)

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew (24:27-36)

For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather. "Immediately after the distress of those days" "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken." "Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

HOW TO CROSS YOURSELF



MAKING THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

Making the sign of the cross is repeated often in the Armenian Church, as it is in all the Eastern Churches. The holy sign of the cross, as a reminder of the life-giving suffering and sacrifice of the Lord, has been from the earliest times a sacred object of veneration. A special power is attributed to the use of this holy sign. It is the sacred symbol of Christ and the holy emblem of the Christian religion as a whole. Crossing oneself with three fingers signifies blessing oneself in the name of the Holy Trinity. It means also professing one's faith as a follower of the One Who was crucified. It is at the same time an expression of readiness to bear one's own cross as a good soldier of Christ.

The sign of the Cross is made when entering the church and on these occasions during the Divine Liturgy:

After each instance of bowing.

When doxology (*Park Hor*), that is to say, "Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit" is being said or sung.

When the sacred name of our Lord is being solemnly invoked.

At the beginning of the reading of the Gospel.

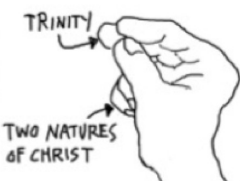
When peace or blessing is being given by the priest with the words: "Peace unto all" (*Khaghaghootune Amenetsoon*).

When a deacon or the priest swings the censer towards your direction.

When the most sacred and the central words of the Divine Liturgy are being spoken: "Take, eat, this is my body ..." and "Drink ye all, this is my blood ..."

When kissing the Gospel and leaving the church.

HOW TO MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS



Join the thumb, index and middle fingers of the right hand at the tips.

Bend the ring and little fingers into the palm at ease.

Touch the forehead with the tips of three joined fingers

saying: “In the name of the Father ...”

Next touch the middle of the chest, saying: “and of the Son ...”

Then touch first the left and then the right sides near the shoulders saying: “and of the Holy Spirit ...”

Finally, open your hand and put it on your heart, saying: “Amen.”

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ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER ARMENIAN CHURCH

Cordially invites you to a celebration
HONORING

Dn. Dr. Simon & Mrs. Annie Ovanessian

as the recipients of the

ST. GREGORY AWARD - 2023

Acknowledging their dedicated service to our church

Sunday November 10th, 2024

12:30 PM in Tutak Hall

Banquet & Program

Advance reservations are necessary

Kindly return completed form with your check by November 3rd

For questions, contact church office at 914-428-2595 or saintgregorychurchwp@gmail.com

LITTLE SAINTS

All Little Saints, 2 - 4 years old, are welcome to join us
for our monthly interactive lessons led by Fr. Mesrob

Saturdays
11:30-12:30 PM

NOVEMBER 2

DECEMBER 7

JANUARY 11

FEBRUARY 8

**Please inform Fr. Mesrob at frmesrob@gmail.com
if your child is able to join**

Parents should accompany the child(ren)

ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER
ARMENIAN CHURCH

WOMEN'S GUILD

invites you all to a

GENERAL MEETING

November 17, 2024 after Badarak

There will be Executive Board Elections

We will also make

GHAPAMA

Armenian stuffed pumpkin

Please RSVP to Dawn Papalian at 310-850-6496

to plan for the Ghapama making



INVITATION TO THE
SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
Հրաւեր Յատուկ Ծիսական
Անդամական Ժողովի
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Your Pastor and Parish Council cordially invite you to attend a Special Parish Assembly to be held on Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 12:30 PM in Tutak Hall.

Please be present and plan to participate in the discussions.



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.

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.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepian celebrates the Divine Liturgy.

Please join us for Fellowship hour after Badarak.

NOVEMBER 2,
SAURDAY

Little Saints for children ages 2-4 years old.
11:30-12:30pm

NOVEMBER 10,
SUNDAY

ST. GREGORY AWARD LUNCHEON

This year St. Gregory Award recipients will be **Deacon Simon and Annie Ovanessian**. We congratulate them and express our appreciation for their dedication to our parish. *The details will follow.*

NOVEMBER 17,
SUNDAY

SAVE THE DATE:
Special Parish Assembly following the Liturgy.

Women's Guild General Meeting
Details to inside.

NOVEMBER 23

Family pictures with Santa.
Details to follow.

DECEMBER 4,
WEDNESDAY

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

DECEMBER 7,
SATURDAY

Little Saints for children ages 2-4 years old.
11:30-12:30pm

DECEMBER 22,
SUNDAY

Lunch with Santa.
Details to follow.



Fellowship Coffee Hour

We greatly appreciate the generosity of the Parish Council members on duty for providing today's refreshments.

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.