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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.

**DECEMBER 1, 2024**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
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**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

1 Thessalonians 4:1-11

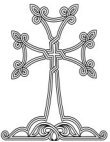
Luke 13:1-9

**PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:**

Ron Sanossian

Janet Ozsolak

Sybil Postian



**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY**  
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**Commemoration of Apostles  
St. Thaddeus and St. Bartholomew  
The First Preachers of Christianity in Armenia**

Apostles St. Thaddeus and St. Bartholomew were two of the twelve Apostles of Christ. They were the first apostles of Christ to go to Armenia to preach Christianity, thus deserving the title "the first illuminators." Still at the dawn of Christianity, they were martyred in Armenia. It was the result of their preaching and martyrdom that the Armenian people were the first nation in the world to proclaim Christianity as the state religion. Indeed, Apostles St. Thaddeus and St. Bartholomew played an important role in the history of the 2000-year-old Christian Armenian nation which has kept its unshaken faith and keen love towards its Mother Church. Each year a Divine Liturgy is celebrated in the Cathedral of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin in the memory of these St. Apostles.

**Սուրբ առաքեալներ և մեր առաջին լուսաւորիչներ**

**Ս. Թադէոս և Ս. Բարդուղիմէոս առաքեալներու օր**

Ս. Թադէոսը և Ս. Բարդուղիմէոսը Քրիստոսի անխոնջ 12 առաքեալներէն էին, որոնք գալով Հայաստան՝ քրիստոնէութիւն քարոզեցին հայ ժողովուրդին՝ արժանանալով «առաջին լուսաւորիչներ» կոչմանը: Դեռևս քրիստոնէութեան արշալոյսին անոնք նահատակուեցան Հայաստանին մէջ: Առաքեալներու գործունէութեան արդիւնքում 301 թուականին հայ ժողովուրդն աշխարհում առաջինը քրիստոնէութիւնը հռչակեցաւ իբրև պետական կրօն: Հիրավի, այս սրբազան առաքեալներու դերը կարևորվում է երկհազարամեայ քրիստոնէայ հայ ժողովրդի կեանքին մէջ, որը լի է հաւատով և ջերմեռանդ սիրով դէպի մայր եկեղեցին:

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

### ***The first reading is from the First Letter of Paul to Thessalonians (4:1-11)***

Finally, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus that, as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God (as, in fact, you are doing), you should do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control your own body in holiness and honor, not with lustful passion, like the gentiles who do not know God; that no one wrong or exploit a brother or sister in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, just as we have already told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. For God did not call us to impurity but in holiness. Therefore whoever rejects this rejects not human authority but God, who also gives his Holy Spirit to you. Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you.

### ***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (13:1-9)***

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'



## Fellowship Coffee Hour

We greatly appreciate the generosity of the Wood, Kouzoujian, Salbashian and Ajamian Smaldone families 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.



### **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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**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.

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BY ARMENIAN FILMMAKERS

2024  
FILMMAKERS

**I SPREAD MY WINGS**

Sona Saribekyan

**ROMEO**

Marina Arzumanova

**IT TAKES A VILLAGE**

Ophelia Harutyunyan

**AREG AND MANUSHAK**

Ruben Van Leer  
featuring Tigran Hamasyan

**FROM THE BORDER**

Artur Saribekyan

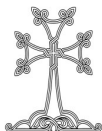
**THE TICKET**

Kevork Aslanyan

DEC.4.2024 | 8 PM  
FILM AT LINCOLN CENTER  
FRANCESCA BEALE THEATER  
144 W 65TH ST, NEW YORK, NY 10023

BUY TICKETS





## REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY

**Ruby Baboian (40th day), Ann Devejian, Kev Devejian,  
Martha Devejian, Jake Baboian, Arousiag Chorebanian,  
Anne Wood**

Requested by: The family of Alicia Devejian Wood, Walter Wood, Armen  
Wood and Anna Wood

**Harry and Gloria Kouzoujian, Serope and Vartouhi Kouzoujian,  
Peter and Zabelle Ambariantz, George Ambariantz**

Requested by: The Kouzoujian Family

**Lucine Adourian (1 year), Zaven Adourian, Serpouhi Torosian,  
Toros Torosian**

Requested by: Koko & Betty Salbashian family

**Osgan and Beatrice Kassapian**

Requested by the Ajamian Smaldone Family

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

St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church  
1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605

**THE WOMEN'S GUILD**

is having a

**FOOD SALE**

DECEMBER  
**1**  
SUNDAY

**12:30 PM After Holy Badarak**



# The Women's Guild

*of St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church  
invite you to share joy & fellowship of the holiday season*



*at a Christmas Luncheon  
on Wednesday, December 4th, 2024 at 12:30pm*

## **Bronxville Field Club**

40 Locust Lane, Mt. Vernon NY 10552  
(914)664-3585

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Mail completed reservation WITH check payable to: **Women's Guild- St. Gregory Armenian Church**  
**1131 North Street-White Plains, NY 10605**

*\$60. Per person includes luncheon with dessert, soft drinks, coffee/tea, tax and gratuity.  
Valet parking & cash cocktail/wine bar drinks available.*

*Our reserved private area is based on advance reservations, we cannot accommodate walk-ins.  
Kindly reply ASAP (before Nov.24<sup>th</sup>) Pre-Paid reservations only, please*

Questions? Contact: Adriane Keleshian Bonfiglio (914)649-1072

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## **2024 St. Gregory Women's Guild Christmas Luncheon**


Reservation NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$60. pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CK# \_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Will  Will not need car-pooling ride from St. Gregory Church parking lot.

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# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

**Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy.**

Food sale by Women's Guild following the service.

DECEMBER 4,  
WEDNESDAY

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

DECEMBER 6,  
FRIDAY

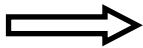
**Men's Club Christmas Lunch**—12:30 pm  
512 Bistro Bar & Restaurant in Briarcliff Manor, NY. RSVP Chris Bonfiglio 914-707-2152

DECEMBER 7,  
SATURDAY

**Presentation about St. Vartan Camp 10:30-11am. Little Saints** for children ages 2-4 years old.  
11:30-12:30pm

DECEMBER 8,  
SUNDAY

**Fr. Mesrob will deliver the Children's Sermon. Fellowship coffee hour will be sponsored by the Hovnanian School.**



**Armenian Dance lessons will begin from January. The dates to be announced.**

DECEMBER 15,  
SUNDAY

**Narrated Divine Liturgy. The Sunday School will hold a Poinsettia Sale after Badarak.**

DECEMBER 22,  
SUNDAY

**Lunch with Santa.**  
Details to follow.

JANUARY 4,  
2025  
SATURDAY

**Eve of the Nativity and Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ—J'arakalootz**  
Details to follow.

JANUARY 5,  
2025  
SUNDAY

**Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Potluck Fellowship Hour to follow.**

*Please contact Lisa Kouzoujian 203-536-2622 to let her know what you will be bringing!*

The celebration of the Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of our Lord (Armenian Christmas) will take place on January 4 & 5 because January 6<sup>th</sup> falls on a Monday in 2025.