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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.

NOVEMBER 10, 2024
NINTH SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

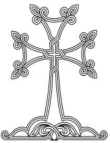
Ephesians 5:15-33

Luke 8:49-56

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Janet Ozsolak

Ron Sanossian



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE HELD TODAY

A special prayer service for the captives of Artsakh will be held
at the end of the Liturgy.

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Commemoraton of Archangels Gabriel and Michael and the Entire Heavenly Class

According to the Angelology of the Armenian Church the angels are un-fleshly, spiritual, independent, always moving, immortal creatures and God's servants. According to Church Fathers, the angels, as luminous creatures were created on the first day of Creation, together with the light. By God's order they are servants, and they have been created to serve human beings. Therefore, they are servants who despite their being dyophysite, participate in earthly life, act together with the human being living in time and space, and they act for the human being. The angels are called the messengers and agents of God, who realize God's will. According to Dionysius of Areopagus (Areopagite), there are nine orders of angels – Angels, Archangels, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Dominations, Throne, Cherubim and Seraphim. Archangel Gabriel, whose name means “God's man”, is God's direct servant, who is granted the grace to evangelize the Lord's mysteries. It was Archangel Gabriel, who was sent by the Lord to bring the good news to the Virgin about the birth of the Savior, and to Zechariah – to bring the good news about the birth of John the Baptist. Archangel Michael, whose name means “Who is like God?”, is the advocate for the Heavenly King's glory and His people's protection, who is granted the virtue to govern and rule. The name of Archangel Michael is mentioned in the Holy Scriptures four times (The Book of Daniel, 10:13, 12:1, The Letter from Jude 1:9, The Revelation to John 11:7).

Ս. Գարրիէլ և Մ. Միքայէլ հրեշտակապետերու և ամբողջ երկնային զօրքի յիշատակութեան օր

Հայ եկեղեցու հրեշտակաբանութեան համաձայն՝ հրեշտակներն անմարմին գոյացութիւններ են, Աստծոյ իմացական, անձնիշխան, մշտաշարժ, անսեռ, անմահ և սպասաւորներ: Ըստ եկեղեցու սուրբ հայրերի՝ հրեշտակները, իբրև լուսեղէն էակներ, ստեղծուած են արարչագործութեան առաջին օրը՝ լոյսի հետ միասին: Աստուծոյ հրահանգով նրանք կոչուած են սպասաւորել մարդ արարածին: Հետևաբար նրանք սպասաւոր հոգիներ են, և երկնաբնակ լինելով հանդերձ, իրենց մասնակցութիւնը բերած են նաև երկրաւոր կյանքի ընթացքին, և կը գործեն ժամանակի և տարածքի մէջ ապրող մարդու համար: Հրեշտակներին կ'անուանեն նաև Աստծո պատգամաւորներ, որոնք կ'իրականցնեն Տիրոջ կամքը: Սուրբ Գիրքը կը վկայէ, որ նրանք բազմաքանակ են: Ըստ Դիոնիսիոս Արիսպագացու՝ հրեշտակներն ունին ինը դաս՝ Աթոռներ, Քերովբէներ, Սերովբէներ, Տերութիւններ, Զօրութիւններ, Բշխանութիւններ, Պետութիւններ, Հրեշտակապետեր և Հրեշտակներ:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the Second Letter of Paul to Ephesians (5:15-33)

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (8:49-56)

While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.” When Jesus heard this, he replied, “Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved. “When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, “Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called out, “Child, get up!” Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

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.

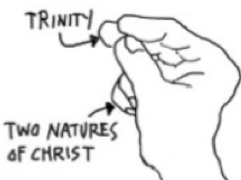
When peace or blessing is being given by the priest with the words: "Peace unto all" (*Khaghaghootune Amenetsoon*).

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

Reservation Name: _____ Phone: _____
Number of paid reservations: _____ Adults \$30.00/ea \$ _____
_____ Children (6-13) \$15.00/ea \$ _____
_____ Children (1-5) Free

Make checks payable to: St. Gregory Armenian Church

**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.

INVITATION TO THE
SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
Հրաւեր Յատուկ Ծիական
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.

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



THE ST. GREGORY ARMENIAN SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO:

PHOTOS AND HOT COCOA WITH SAINT NICK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Join us for an afternoon fundraiser for our school,
with professional photos with Santa, hot cocoa, holiday crafts,
letters to the North Pole, and more!


ENTRANCE FEE: \$40 PER FAMILY

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 16 BY VISITING [TINYURL.COM/STNICK24](https://tinyurl.com/STNICK24)



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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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	<p>Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy. A special prayer service for the captives of Artsakh will be held at the end of the Liturgy.</p> <p>ST. GREGORY AWARD LUNCHEON</p> <p>We congratulate Dr. Deacon Simon and Annie Ovanessian and express our appreciation for their dedication to our parish.</p>
NOVEMBER 16, SATURDAY	<p>Aida's Book Group—11am in the Atrium</p> <p>Please join us for a conversation about Ariel Lawhon's intriguing new novel, <i>The Wife, The Maid and The Mistress</i>.</p>
NOVEMBER 16, SATURDAY	<p>Little Saints for Children 2-4. Led by Fr. Mesrob. 11:30–12:30.</p>
NOVEMBER 17, SUNDAY	<p>Two Important Meetings after Badarak:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special Parish Assembly• Women's Guild General Meeting
NOVEMBER 23, SATURDAY	<p>Photos and Hot Cocoa with St. Nick</p> <p>Armenian School Fundraiser—1-4 pm</p>
DECEMBER 4, WEDNESDAY	<p>St. Gregory Women's Guild Christmas Luncheon at the Bronxville Field Club. Details inside.</p>
DECEMBER 7, SATURDAY	<p>Little Saints for children ages 2-4 years old. 11:30-12:30pm</p>
DECEMBER 22, SUNDAY	<p>Lunch with Santa.</p> <p>Details to follow.</p>
JANUARY 4, 2025 SATURDAY	<p>Eve of the Nativity and Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ—J'rakalooytz</p> <p>Details to follow.</p>
JANUARY 5, 2025 SUNDAY	<p>Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The celebration of the Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of our Lord (Armenian Christmas) will take place on January 4 & 5 because January 6th falls on a Monday in 2025.</p>