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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 3, 2024
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF HOLY CROSS
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Ephesians 1:1-14

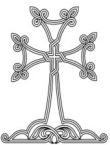
Luke 8:17-21

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Tom Daw

Betty Sagatelian-Ortiz

Sybil Postian



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY FOR:

Bayzar Saglamer

Requested by: Seranush Aksu and the family

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

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Feast of All Saints– The Old & The New, The Known & The Unknown

By this feast the Armenian Apostolic Church commemorates the memory of all those saints, whose names are not included in the Church Calendar, but whose names are registered in the sacredbook of the Heavenly Kingdom. Many people have been subjected to severe torments and have been martyred during the wars for the sake of faith. Unfortunately, we do not know their names. So the Church has established this feast in the Church Calendar in order to commemorate their memory. They are persons who shed their blood for the sake of Christ and His Church.

Տոն բոլոր սրբերի՝ հների և նորերի, հայտնիների և անհայտների

Հայ Եկեղեցին այս տոնով նշում է բոլոր այն սուրբերի հիշատակը, որոնց անունները չեն անցել Տոնացույցի կամ եկեղեցական օրացույցի մեջ, սակայն նրանց սուրբ անունները գրված են Երկնքի արքայ-յու-թյան սրբազան մատյանում: Քրիստոնեական հալածանք-ների և հավատի համար մղված բազում պատերազմների ժամանակ շա-տերն են նահատակվել, որոնց անունները, ցավոք, չեն պահպանվել և հասել մեզ: Ուստի, եկեղեցին հաստատել է այս նմիրական տոնը հենց նրանց հիշատակը ոգեկոչելու համար: Անձեր, որոնք իրենց թանկ արյունը հեղեցին հանուն Քրիստոսի և նրա խորհրդավոր մարմնի՝ եկեղեցու շինության:

COMMEMORATION OF THE PONTIFF ST. JOHN THE CHRYSOSTOM

The Pontiff St. John the Chrysostom is one of the most prominent and gracious Fathers of the Universal Church. He was born in Antioch, in 347 AD., studied in the Theological School of Antioch and advanced his skills in rhetoric art in the School of Libanios. Since a young age he led an ascetic life. In 381 AD he was ordained as deacon by Meletios of Antioch and in 386 he was ordained as priest by Flavianos. Thanks to his brilliant, eloquent speeches and sermons he deserved the title “Chrysostom”. In 398 AD he was elected the Patriarch of Constantinople against his will and zealously initiates renovation and reconstruction works of the capital city, which was far from the Christian mode of life and lived immoral life full of conflicts and disputes. St. John the Chrysostom criticized the wrong and immoral mode of life of the court which caused him to be exiled to Pontos and was martyred in the town Komana. His last words are: “Glory to You, God, glory to You, glory to You to for everything.” The saint’s remains are buried in the Church of St. Apostles, of Constantinople, in 438 AD. St. John the Chrysostom is the author of many interpretations, speeches, odes, epistles and letters, which have positively influenced on the history of the Christian mind. His works have been translated into Armenian still during his life.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the Second Letter of Paul to Ephesians (1:1-14)

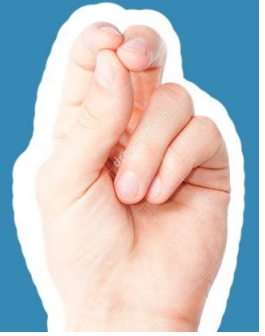
Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness

of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (8:17-21)

For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open. Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have will be taken from them." Now Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd. Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you." He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice."

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.

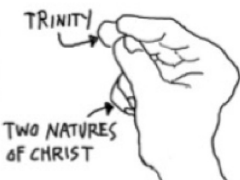
When peace or blessing is being given by the priest with the words: "Peace unto all" (*Khaghaghootune Amenetsoon*).

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 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.

ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER
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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





Fellowship Coffee Hour

We greatly appreciate the generosity of the Sunday School and Aksu family 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.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy.

Please join us for Fellowship hour after Badarak.

NOVEMBER 10,
SUNDAY

ST. GREGORY AWARD LUNCHEON

This year St. Gregory Award recipients will be **Dr. Deacon Simon and Annie Ovanessian.**

We congratulate them and express our appreciation for their dedication to our parish.

NOVEMBER 16,
SATURDAY

Aida's Book Group—11am in the Atrium

Please join us for a conversation about Ariel Lawhon's intriguing new novel, *The Wife, The Maid and The Mistress.*

NOVEMBER 16,
SATURDAY

Little Saints for Children 2-4 accompanied by parents & led by Fr. Mesrob. 11:30—12:30

NOVEMBER 17,
SUNDAY

Two Important Meetings after Badarak:

- **Special Parish Assembly**
- **Women's Guild General Meeting**

NOVEMBER 23,
SATURDAY

Photos and Hot Cocoa with St. Nick

Armenian School Fundraiser—1-4 pm

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.

JANUARY 4,
2025
SATURDAY

Eve of the Nativity and Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ—J'arakalooytz

Details to follow.

JANUARY 5,
2025
SUNDAY

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.