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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.

JANUARY 12, 2025

SEVENTH DAY AFTER NATIVITY

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Շնորհաւոր Նոր Տարի և Սուրբ Ծնունդ
Happy New Year & Merry Christmas!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Romans 1:1-7

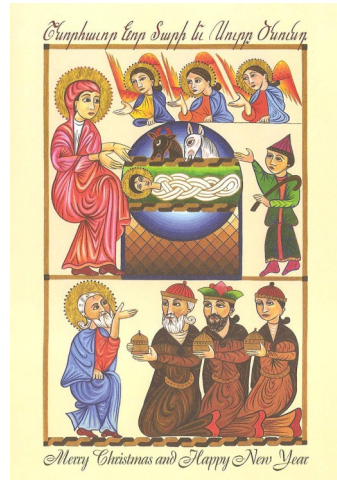
Luke 2:1-7

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

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REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE HELD TODAY

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FEAST OF THE NAMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Each year, on January 13, the Armenian Apostolic Church celebrates the Feast of Naming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As Evangelist St. Luke writes in his Gospel, according to the Jewish tradition “On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.” (Lk 2:21). “Jesus” is a Hebrew word meaning “Savior”. According to the Gospel according to Luke when the angel Gabriel came to Mary to give her the good tidings of the birth of the Son of the Most High, he said that Mary would name the baby “Jesus”. “You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.” (Lk 1:31). Parallel to the name “Jesus” the name “Christ” is given to the Savior, which is a Greek word meaning “Consecrated” and corresponding to the Hebrew word “Messiah.” On the Feast of Naming of Our Lord Jesus Christ a Divine Liturgy is celebrated in all Armenian Churches. On the eve of the feast, following the evening service a special service is conducted.

Տօն Քրիստոսի Անուանակոչութեան

Հրեական օրենքին համաձայն՝ ծննդեան ճրդ օրը Յիսուս, ինչպէս նորածին ամեն մի արու զավակ, թլփատուեցաւ և անուանակոչուեցաւ: Այդ մասին կը վկայէ Ս. Ղուկաս Աւետարանիչը. «Ուրբ օր ետք, երբ մանուկը թլփատելու ժամանակը հասաւ, Յիսուս կոչեցին զայն, այն անունով որ հրեշտակը տուած էր անոր՝ տակաւին Մարիամի որովայնին մէջ չղացած» (Ղուկ. 2:21): «Յիսուս» եբրայերէն բառ մըն է, որ կը նշանակէ փրկիչ:

Ս. Գաբրիէլ հրեշտակը, Սուրբ Աստուածամօրը աւետելով Աստուծոյ Որդու Ծննդեան մասին, Յիսուս անունը կը յիշատակէ: Այս մասին կրկին կը վկայէ նոյն Աւետարանիչը. «Ահա պիտի յղանաս և զաւակ մը ծնիս, որ Յիսուս պիտի կոչես» (Ղուկ. 1:31): «Յիսուս» անուանը զուգահեռ Փրկչին կը տրուի նաև «Քրիստոս» անունը: Այն յունարէն բառ մըն է, որ կը նշանակէ «Օծեալ» և կը համապատասխանէ եբրայերէնի «Մեսիայ»-ին:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the Second Letter of Paul to Romans (1:1-7)

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit^g of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (2:1-7)

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.



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.

Seeking a Nanny for a Loving Family in Our Parish

A new family in our parish is looking for a caring and experienced nanny to provide attentive care for their sweet 6-month-old baby girl. The position begins on **January 1, 2025**, with the following schedule: **Days:** Monday—Thursday **Hours:** 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM If you or someone you know is interested in this wonderful opportunity to support one of our parish families, please reach out to Masis Parseghian, masis.par@gmail.com or 201-693-2325 for more details.



Fellowship Coffee Hour

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

St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church

WOMEN'S GUILD

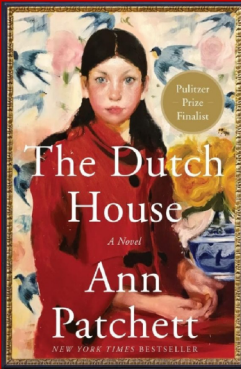
Aida's Book Club

Invites you to a

BOOK DISCUSSION

The Dutch House

By Ann Patchett



Set over the course of five decades, *The Dutch House* is a dark fairy tale about two smart people who cannot overcome their past. Despite every outward sign of success, Danny and Maeve are only truly comfortable when they're together. Throughout their lives, they return to the well-worn story of what they've lost with humor and rage. But when at last they're forced to confront the people who left them behind, the relationship between an indulged brother and his ever-protective sister is finally tested.

SATURDAY 01/18/2025

11:00 AM in the Atrium

Sunday School Schedule

- January 19—Students will participate in Badarak
- January 25 SATURDAY—Children's Day at the Cathedral. A special Children's Day event to bring together all the youth in faith and service. This gathering will provide a meaningful experience for students from 3rd grade to 8th grade and will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Vartan Cathedral. We are planning to have a bus trip to the Diocese. Please ask Der Mesrob to sign up your children to travel with us.
- January 26—No Class Scheduled

Project ♥ Linus

Service
PROJECT

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Please join fellow parishioners on this National Day of Service to create “no-sew” blankets for local children in need of comfort. St. Gregory will be partnering with Project Linus, a national not-for-profit that provides new hand-made blankets to children in need, to comfort youth in our community with gifts of blankets lovingly created by our volunteers. This is a wonderful project for all generations – ages 5 to 100 welcome! Instruction, supplies and refreshments will be provided.

***Please help us make our third
National Day of Service project a success!***



Kindly RSVP to
saintgregorychurchwp@gmail.com
by January 9
so we can properly plan for the day.

Parish Council

The Thrift Shoppe will be open on Monday, January 20
(MLK Day)

Stop by and browse the great deals on everything!

All proceeds go to support St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church and our Women’s Guild missions.

**ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
FEBRUARY 2, 2025**

Invitation to the Annual Parish Assembly
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Sunday, February 2, 2025

Your Pastor and Parish Council cordially invite you to attend the
52nd Annual Parish Assembly to be held after *Badarak* at
12:30pm.

All our parishioners are invited to join us;
only dues paid members can take part in voting.

Kitchen Fundraising Campaign Launched!

On Sunday, December 29, 2024, we officially launched our Kitchen Fundraising Campaign! This initiative marks a significant goal for our parish as we work together to bring our kitchen renovation project to life.

In November, during a special parish assembly, we gathered to review and unanimously approve the renovation plans. The presentation, which included detailed renderings, inspired enthusiasm and confidence in moving forward.

We are thrilled to announce the launch of a \$250,000 fundraising campaign to support this important project. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our parishioners, we've already received substantial donations, including a remarkable matching gift of up to \$50,000 from Ed and Carmen Gulbenkian.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our sponsors and donors who have shown their commitment to this effort. With your continued support, we are confident in reaching our goal and seeing this dream become a reality.

A special thanks to our Kitchen Fundraising Committee:

Rosalind Hewsenian (Chair), Arman Bedonian, Adriane Keleshian Bonfiglio, Joanne Chitjian, Meline Kasparian Longacre, Chris Bonfiglio (treasurer).

Your generosity and dedication to our church community are truly inspiring. Together, we look forward to the completion of this transformative project.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy.
Children's Sermon will be given at the end of the Liturgy.

JANUARY 18,
SATURDAY

Aida's Book Group
11:00 am—Details on the flyer in the bulletin

JANUARY 18,
SATURDAY

Reception for His Grace, Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan has been cancelled.

JANUARY 19,
SUNDAY

EPISCOPAL DIVINE LITURGY - His Grace, Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate of our Diocese, will celebrate the Liturgy. Blessing of the new curtains sponsored by the Women's Guild will take place at the end of the Liturgy.
New Year Parish Brunch will be hosted by St. Gregory's Women's Guild.

JANUARY 20,
MONDAY

Project Linus—Third Annual Day of Service
10:30—12:30
The Thrift Shoppe will be open—Please stop by!

JANUARY 25,
SATURDAY

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FEBRUARY 2,
SUNDAY

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY, 12:30pm.