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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 19, 2025
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Timothy 1:1-11

John 2:1-11

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Arman Bedonian

Ani Khachian

Betty Sagatelian Ortiz



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED FOR:

George Watts (5 years);
Dr. Arthur Yesian (17 years)

Requested by: Vera Watts, and the DiBenedetto and Yesian Families

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

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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 Ցրդ 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 First Letter of Paul to Timothy (1:1-11)

As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work—which is by faith. The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk. They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm. We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

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

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



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.

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



Calling for Volunteers!

We are going to deliver Valentine's Day gift bags to our Senior Parishioners this year.

Please consider signing up for:

Baking cookies or breads,

Gifts of jars of Jams,

Gifts of Chocolates,

And/Or to be a delivery person.

Due to the kitchen renovation, we will not be able to refrigerate for too long, so please bring your baked goods on Saturday, February 15th or 1-2 days before. We will assemble the gifts and deliver them the same day.

Your commitment to sharing the Love to our cherished Seniors who have done so much for us, is greatly appreciated!

Please respond without delay to Elise Meneshian, by phone: 914-428-2595 or mail: saintgregorychurchwp@gmail.com



CALLING YOUTH
GRADES 3-8

2nd annual!

DIOCESAN
ACTS OF KINDNESS
PROGRAM
AT ST. VARTAN
CATHEDRAL

CHILDREN'S DAY

Saturday, January 25, 2025, at 11 AM

PRAY TOGETHER
LEARN ABOUT GIVING
PREPARE MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED
EARN A COMMUNITY SERVICE CERTIFICATE



SCAN TO RSVP

LUNCH INCLUDED
ADMISSION FREE
RSVP REQUIRED
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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.

DATE CHANGE: THE ASSEMBLY IS POSTPONED
FROM FEB. 2 to FEB. 23

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
FEBRUARY 23, 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,

EPISCOPAL DIVINE LITURGY

His Grace, Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate of our Diocese, celebrates the Liturgy.

Blessing of the new curtains sponsored by the Women's Guild and the Kavazanswill 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

CHILDREN'S DAY AT THE DIOCESE

A special Children's Day event to bring together all the youth in faith and service at St. Vartan Cathedral. For students from 3rd grade to 8th grade – from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We are planning to have a bus trip to the Diocese. Please ask Der Mesrob to sign up your children to travel with us. **RSVP by Jan. 10th.**

FEBRUARY 15,
SATURDAY

Valentine's Gift Bags Assembly and Delivery Day. Please bring in your baked goods, etc. for delivery. Your commitment to sharing the Love to our cherished Seniors who have done so much for us, is greatly appreciated!



NEW CURTAINS AND CROSIERS FOR BISHOP AND VARDAPET

Today we will held the blessing of the new curtains that were sponsored by our Women's Guild.



Also, the new Bishop's and Vardapet's crosiers (staff or *kavazan*) will be blessed which were donated to our church by Dn. Mirijohn and Anoush Givelekian.

We truly appreciate these generous donations to our church which will be used for the years to come.