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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 26, 2025**  
**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY**  
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Timothy 4:12-5:10

John 3:13-21

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Arman Bedonian

Ani Khachian

Betty Sagatelian Ortiz



**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED FOR:**

**Michael Ansour (40th day)**

Requested by: The Ansour and Kruizenga families

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

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## **Commemoration of Patriarchs St. Athanasius and St.**

### **Cyril of Alexandria**

Patriarchs St. Athanasius and St. Cyril are among the most prominent figures of the Universal Church, who devoted their lives to the promulgation of the orthodoxy of Christianity, and the struggle against false conceptions and erroneous teachings.

During the council of Nicea in 325 he decisively defeated Arius and his followers who denied the Divine nature of Christ and purported that He was a created being. In his argument St. Athanasius stated the reality of Christ being God and explained the salvation in combining the human nature of Jesus with God, which is possible only through His incarnation. According to the formulation of St. Athanasius, salvation is nothing else but theosis – being adopted by God. Athanasius stated that God became incarnate, “so that sons of mortal men should become sons of God.”

Patriarch St. Cyril of Alexandria is one of the brilliant representatives of the Alexandrian Theological School. He was born in 380, and was the nephew of Patriarch Theophilus, whom he succeeded in 412. He struggled against Nestorius, the Patriarch of Constantinople, for the preservation of orthodox teaching. It was for this purpose that Emperor Theodoros II convened the Third Ecumenical Council in Ephesus, in 431. During the Council, Nestorius and his teachings were criticized and condemned, and the formulation of “Theotokos” (Birthgiver to God) was adopted by the Church as it related to St. Mary. The famous formulation of St. Cyril: “The one incarnate nature of God the Word”, has become the cornerstone of the Armenian Church regarding the nature of Christ.

## **Ս. Աթանաս և Ս. Կյուրեղ հայրապետների**

### **հիշատակության օր**

Ս. Աթանաս և Ս. Կյուրեղ հայրապետներն Ընդհանրական Եկեղեցու ամենակարկառուն գործիչներից են, ովքեր իրենց ողջ կյանքն ապրեցին հանուն քրիստոնեական հավատի ուղղափառության հաստատման ու տարածման՝ ընդդեմ մուլար ըմբռնումների և ուսմունքների:

Ս. Կյուրեղ Ալեքսանդրացի հայրապետն Ալեքսանդրյան աստվածաբանական դպրոցի փայլուն ներկայացուցիչներից մեկն է: Օնվել է 380 թվականին, Թեոփիլոս պատրիարքի եղբորորդին է, որին հաջորդել է 412 թվականին: Կ. Պոլսի պատրիարք Նեստորի դեմ պայքարել է ուղղափառ դավանանքի համար, որի պատճառով էլ Թեոդորոս Բ կայսրը 431 թվականին Եփեսոսում հրավիրել է երրորդ տիեզերական ժողովը: Ժողովի ընթացքում Նեստորի ուսմունքը դատապարտվել է, իսկ Մարիամի համար ընդունվել է «Աստվածածին» անվանումը: Կյուրեղի նշանավոր բանաձևը՝ «Մի բնություն Բանին մարմնացելը», դարձել է Հայ Առաքելական Եկեղեցու՝ Քրիստոսի բնության վարդապետության հիմնաքարը:

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

***The reading is from the First Epistle of Paul to Timothy (4:12-5:10)***

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you. Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (3:13-21)***

No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.



## **Holy Communion Distribution Guidelines**

As parishioners approach to receive Holy Communion:

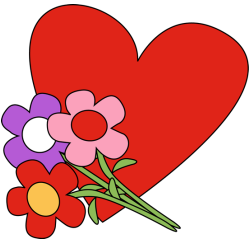
- Place your right hand in the left hand and extend it to the celebrant.
  - The celebrant will place the Holy Communion in your palm.
  - Consume it in front of the celebrant **WITHOUT TOUCHING THE COMMUNION** with other fingers.
  - Sanitize your hand before returning to your seat from the right side 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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### **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](mailto:saintgregorychurchwp@gmail.com)

# MOVIE SCREENING FOLLOWING THE LITURGY "BETWEEN BORDERS"

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

12:30pm

(\$13 admission fee to benefit the movie production)



In a crumbling Soviet Union, the Petrosyan family finds themselves as outcasts—wherever they go. Their Armenian heritage marks them for discrimination, first in their home country of Azerbaijan and then in Russia. After finding their eternal hope through a church planted by American missionaries, the hostility of everyday life pushes them to seek refuge in the United States. In the shadow of exile, hope became their home.

Based on a riveting true story of faith and hope set amidst great oppression, bring the story of BETWEEN BORDERS to your church.

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### ***Pastoral Care, Home and Hospital Visits***

Der Mesrob is always available and would like to visit homebound and hospitalized parishioners. If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized or homebound and would like to be visited, please call Der Mesrob directly at (804)-405-9399 to schedule the visit. Please note: when asked about your religion at a hospital, patients should list themselves as “Armenian Orthodox” or “Armenian” not “other”.

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  
52<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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**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,	<p><b>Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy this Sunday.</b> <b>No Sunday School classes today.</b> Fellowship hour to follow after the service.</p> <p>Please note: the kitchen will be out of use by mid-March.</p>
FEBRUARY 2, SUNDAY	<p><b>“Between Borders” movie screening following the Liturgy. Admission: \$13 (to benefit the movie production)</b></p> <p><b>ACYOA Juniors meeting.</b></p>
FEBRUARY 15, SATURDAY	<p><b>VALENTINE’S GIFT BAGS ASSEMBLY AND DELIVERY DAY.</b> 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!</p>
FEBRUARY 23, SUNDAY	<p><b>ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY following the Badarak.</b></p>
MARCH 1, SATURDAY	<p><b>Poon Paregentan Family Fun Night</b> Details to follow.</p>
MARCH 2, SUNDAY	<p><b>Poon Paregentan</b> Great Lent begins on Monday, March 3</p> <p><b>ACYOA Juniors meeting.</b></p>
MARCH 30, SUNDAY	<p><b>LECTURE BY ASYA DARBINYAN</b> <i>Following the Liturgy. Details to follow.</i></p>
APRIL 5, SATURDAY	<p><b>SAINTLY WOMEN'S DAY TEA</b> <b>Sponsored by the Women's Guild, 2:00–4:00pm.</b> Details to follow.</p> <p><b>ACYOA JUNIORS OVERNIGHT LENTEN RETREAT, APRIL 5–6.</b> Details to follow.</p>

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APRIL 13,  
SUNDAY

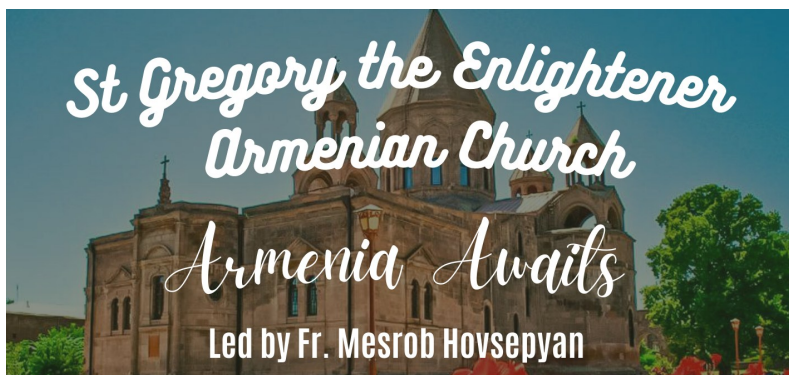
**Palm Sunday, ACYOA Day.**

APRIL 20,  
SUNDAY

**EASTER SUNDAY  
ACYOA JUNIOR EASER BAKE SALE**

MAY 4,  
SUNDAY

**ANNUAL LIONEL GALSTAUN MEMORIAL  
CONCERT.** *Details to follow.*



**\$2775/PERSON**

**LAND PACKAGE ONLY  
PLUS: AIRFARE**  
(Airfare needs to be reserved separately)

- Private Transportation
- Professional English Speaking Guide
- 7 nights in Tufenkian Hotel, 2 nights in Grand Hotel Jermuk, 2 nights in Harsnaqar Hotel, 2 nights in Gyumri
- All Entrance Fees
- Local Guides in the museums
- 13 breakfast, 11 lunch, 6 dinners in the regions, 1 farewell dinner
- Meet and greet service
- Brandy Degustation
- Choir performance in Geghard Monastery
- Duduk performance in Garni Temple
- Lavash baking master class in Areni
- Trekking making master class
- Jeeping to Smbataberd Fortress
- Special Lunch in the nature
- Wine degustation
- Unlimited bottled water in the bus
- 24/7 tour director



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