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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.

**FEBRUARY 23, 2025**

*Commemoration of the Pontiff St. Sahak Partev*

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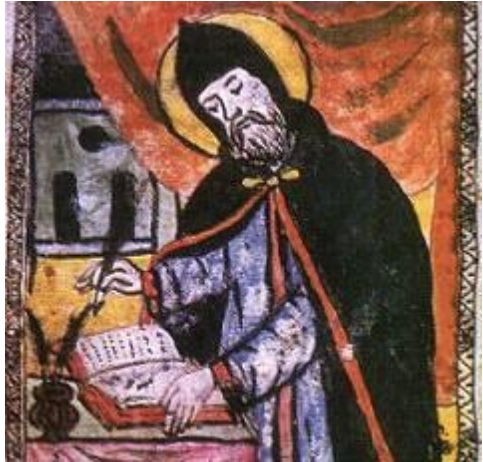
TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Titus 1:1-11

John 7:37-52

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

*All Members of the Parish  
Council are duty today.*



**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE HELD TODAY**

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## **Commemoration of the Pontiff St. Sahak of Partev**

Pontiff St. Sahak Partev was the elder son of Catholicos St. Nersess the Great, and the last Catholicos of the Armenian Church who descended from the lineage of St. Gregory the Illuminator. He became Catholicos of All Armenians in 387 A.D., and reigned for an astounding 52 years. Being talented in music and educated in the rhetorical arts, philosophy and linguistics, St. Sahak greatly contributed to the development of Armenian national culture. He was the strongest advocate for the creation of an Armenian Alphabet, and became its chief patron. Following the creation of the Armenian Alphabet, St. Sahak and St. Mesrop opened a school for translators in the city of Vagharshapat (Etchmiadzin). There they begin the translation of the Holy Bible into Armenian and did it so perfectly, that centuries hence the Armenian Translation is called the “Queen Translation of the Breath of God”. The first sentence translated from the Holy Bible is the opening verse of the Book of Proverbs: “To know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding.”

### **ՏՈՆ ՄԲ. ԻՍԱՀԱԿ ՊԱՐԹԵՎԻ ՀԱՅՐԱՊԵՏԻ**

Մբ. Իսահակ Հայրապետը Ներսես Մեծ կաթողիկոսի որդին էր, Մբ. Գրիգոր Լուսավորչի տոհմի վերջին ներկայացուցիչը, որ 387 թվականից սկսած 52 տարի եղել է հայոց հայրապետական աթոռի գահակալը: Լինելով կրթված և հմուտ երաժշտական, հռետորական արվեստների, իմաստասիրության և լեզվագիտության մեջ, Սահակ Պարթևը մեծ նպաստ է բերել հայ ազգային մշակույթի զարգացմանը, եղել հայոց գրերի ստեղծման ջատագովը, Մեսրոպ Մաշտոց վարդապետի հետ դարձել հայ դպրության ու եկեղեցական մատենագրության հիմնադիր: Տառերի գյուտից հետո Մբ. Սահակն ու Մբ. Մեսրոպը սկսում են Աստվածաշնչի թարգմանությունը և այնպես կատարյալ կերպով են կատարում այն, որ Աստվածաշնչի հայերեն թարգմանությունը դարեր հետո կոչվում է Աստվածաշնչի թարգմանությունների թագուհի:

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### ***The reading is from the Epistle of Paul to Titus (1:1-11)***

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that is in accordance with godliness, in the hope of eternal life that God, who never lies, promised before the ages began— in due time he revealed his word through the proclamation with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior, To Titus, my loyal child in the faith we share: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior. I left you behind in Crete for this reason, so that you should put in order what remained to be done, and should appoint elders in every town, as I directed you: someone who is blameless, married only once, whose children are believers, not accused of debauchery and not rebellious. For a bishop, as God's steward, must be blameless; he must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or addicted to wine or violent or greedy for gain; but he must be hospitable, a lover of goodness, prudent, upright, devout, and self-controlled. He must have a firm grasp of the word that is trustworthy in accordance with the teaching, so that he may be able both to preach with sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict it. There are also many rebellious people, idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision; they must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for sordid gain what it is not right to teach.

### ***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (7:37-52)***

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. On hearing his words, some of the people said, "Surely this man is the Prophet." Others said, "He is the Messiah." Still others asked, "How can the Messiah come from Galilee? Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David's descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?" Thus the people were divided because of Jesus. Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him.

# ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY FEBRUARY 23, 2025

## Invitation to the Annual Parish Assembly Հրաւիր Տարեկան Ծիսական Անդամական Ժողովի

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.



### FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR

We greatly appreciate the generosity of the Parish Council for providing today's fellowship coffee hour refreshments.

ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER ARMENIAN CHURCH  
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### WOMEN'S GUILD

Invites you to

*Season of Reflection: A Lenten Retreat*

*Led by Dn. Yervant Kutchukian*

*Spiritual Director, St. Nersess Seminary*

Join us at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary

- Saturday, March 22, 2025, Noon to 4 PM
- Lenten Lunch and refreshments served
- Lenten Service following retreat
- \$25 per person. Proceeds will benefit AYO

RSVP: Email or call Lisa Kouzoujian at  
Lisa.Kouzoujian@gmail.com or 203-536-2622  
by March 15, 2025

# Kitchen Fundraising Campaign Launched!

On Sunday, December 29, 2024, we officially launched our Kitchen Fundraising Campaign! 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.

ST. GREGORY ARMENIAN SCHOOL  
PRESENTS.

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**POON  
PAREGENTAN**

*family fun night*

**SATURDAY MARCH 1, 2025**

**6:30 TO 11 PM**

**MUSIC BY**

GUYS AND DOLLS DJ  
BETTY SAGATELIAN & CESAR ORTIZ

**FOOD BY**

MURAT CATERING

RAFFLE + CASH WINE BAR

**ADULTS \$55 EARLY RSVP | \$65 AT THE DOOR**  
**CHILDREN 5-10 YEARS \$25**

TUTAK HALL  
1131 NORTH STREET, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10605

RESERVE BY FEB 22 BY TEXT/CALL TO  
MARIA BEDONIAN AT (914) 329-5352 OR EMAIL  
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## WOMEN'S GUILD

Invites you to

### *SAINTLY WOMEN'S DAY*

Celebrating

### *ST. GAYANE - Honored Saint of 2025*

❖ Saturday April 5, 2025,  
2:00 – 4:00 PM

❖ Service in the sanctuary

❖ Light Refreshments & Tea

❖ \$40.00 per person. Donations  
will go towards WGCC, St.  
Gregory kitchen renovation  
and LA fire victims.

❖ RSVP: Email, call or text

Dawn Papalian at [dawn@papalian.com](mailto:dawn@papalian.com) or 310-850-6496 by  
March 31, 2025



# *St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church Armenia Awaits*

Led by Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan



**JULY 14 - 28**

**\$2775/ PERSON**

LAND PACKAGE ONLY  
PLUS: AIRFARE  
(AIRFARE NEEDS TO BE RESERVED  
SEPARATELY)

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	<p><b>Morning Service &amp; Divine Liturgy.</b> <b>Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy this Sunday.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Sunday School will have an interactive class.</li><li>- Women's Guild Dedication service following the Liturgy and before the Assembly</li><li>- ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY following the Women's Guild dedication service</li></ul>
MARCH 1, SATURDAY	<p><b>Poon Paregentan Family Fun Night</b> Details inside.</p>
MARCH 2, SUNDAY	<p><b>Poon Paregentan</b> Great Lent begins on Monday, March 3 <b>ACYOA Juniors meeting.</b></p>
MARCH 14, FRIDAY	<p><b>Lenten Friday Prayer Service ONLY– 7:00pm.</b> <b>First two Lenten Programs will be hosted on Sundays.</b></p>
MARCH 16, SUNDAY	<p><b>Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Sunrise Service will be held at the end of the Liturgy.</b></p> <p><b>First Potluck Lenten Lunch and Lenten Program following the Divine Liturgy (the first two Lenten programs this year will be hosted on Sundays).</b></p> <p><b>PRESENTATION BY DR. ANI SHAHINIAN. TITLE: "GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES": DISCIPLESHIP AND MARTYRDOM IN ARMENIAN CHRISTINANITY".</b></p>
MARCH 22, SATURDAY	<p>The Women's Guild invites you to attend a program- Season of Reflection: A Lenten Retreat at St. Nersess Seminary. More information on the flyer in the bulletin.</p>
MARCH 28, FRIDAY	<p><b>Lenten Friday Prayer Service ONLY– 7:00pm.</b></p>
MARCH 29, SATURDAY	<p><b>Aida's Book Group–11 am</b> <b>The Gambler by William C. Rempel</b></p>

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 30,  
SUNDAY

**Second Potluck Lenten Lunch and Lenten Program following the Divine Liturgy**  
**LECTURE BY ASYA DARBINYAN**  
*Details to follow.*

APRIL 5,  
SATURDAY

**SAINTLY WOMEN'S DAY TEA**  
**Sponsored by the Women's Guild, 2:00-4:00pm.**  
*Details to follow.*

**ACYOA JUNIORS OVERNIGHT LENTEN RETREAT, APRIL 5-6.** *Details to follow.*

APRIL 11,  
FRIDAY

**Lenten Friday Evening Programs.**  
**6:30pm - Lenten Service, 7:00pm - Lenten Dinner, 7:30pm - Program.** *Details to follow.*

APRIL 13,  
SUNDAY

**Palm Sunday, ACYOA Day.**  
**Details to follow.**

APRIL 20,  
SUNDAY

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**EASTER BAKE SALE by ACYOA Juniors**

APRIL 24,  
THURSDAY

**110TH COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**  
**FLAG RAISING CEREMONY - GREENWICH TOWN HALL - 9:00AM**  
**Details to follow.**  
**PRAYER SERVICE IN THE EVENING**  
**Details to follow.**

APRIL 26,  
SATURDAY

**Armenian School Talent Show.**  
**Details to follow.**

APRIL 27,  
SUNDAY

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER SERVICE**  
**110TH COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**

MAY 4,  
SUNDAY

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