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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.

**MARCH 16, 2025**

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

2 Corinthians 6:1-7:1

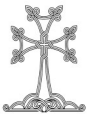
Luke 15:1-32

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

*Arman Bedonian*

*Tom Daw*

*Sylvia Kruizenga*



**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE HELD TODAY**

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### **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

The third Sunday of Great Lent is called the Sunday of the Lost Son, based on the Parable of the Lost Son from the Gospel of Luke. In the story, a man has two sons. The younger son asks his father for his share of the inheritance, which the father gives to him. The younger son then goes to a faraway country, where he spends all his money on reckless living. When a famine strikes and he has nothing left, he remembers his father's home and decides to return, feeling sorry for what he did. The father welcomes him back with joy. However, the older son, who had stayed and worked hard for his father, is upset. He feels it's unfair that his brother is being celebrated after wasting his inheritance. The father explains that they must celebrate because the younger son was lost but is now found, just as he was lost to sin but has returned.

The story represents how God welcomes back those who repent and return to Him, just as the father welcomed his son. The older son symbolizes people who think they are always righteous and may feel superior to others. The lesson warns us not to be prideful or self-righteous.

#### **ԱՆԱՌԱԿԻ ԿԻՐԱԿԻ**

Հայաստանյայց Առաքելական Սուրբ Եկեղեցին ապաշխարության և պահքի մի գեղեցիկ շրջան է սահմանել հավատացյալների համար, որի կիրակիներից յուրաքանչյուրն իր անվանումն ունի Աստվածաշնչի որևէ պատմությանը համապատասխան: Մեծ Պահքի երրորդ կիրակին կոչվում է Անառակի, ըստ Ղուկասի Ավետարանում հիշատակվող անառակ որդու մասին պատմող առակի մի մարդ իր կրտսեր որդու խնդրանքով ունեցվածքը բաժանում է երկու որդիների միջև: Կրտսեր որդին իր բաժինը վերցնելով գնում է հեռու երկիր, ապրում ցոփ ու շվայտ կյանքով, վատնում ամբողջ ունեցածը:

Այս դժվար դրության մեջ նա հիշում է հայրական տունը, զոջում կատարածի համար և վերադառնում: Հայրը, տեսնելով որդու զոջումը, ուրախությամբ ընդունում է նրան: Ավագ որդին դժգոհում է, որ ինքը միշտ հոր կողքին է եղել, սակայն նման պատվի երբեք չի արժանացել: Հայրը պատասխանում է, որ պետք է ուրախ լինել, քանի որ՝ ով մեռած էր, կենդանացավ: Ավագ, կրտսեր որդիներն արդար և մեղավոր հոգիներն են, և ինչպես հայրն է անառակ որդուն ընդունում, նույն կերպ էլ Աստված է իր գիրկն առնում զոջացող մեղավորին:

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

***The reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (6:1-7:1)***

As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, and now is the day of salvation. We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.

***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (15:1-32)***

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than

over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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## FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR

We greatly appreciate the generosity of the Armenian and Sunday Schools for hosting the Lenten fellowship following the service.

**CLOSING OF ALTAR CURTAIN:** The curtain of the Altar was closed on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, on the Eve of Poon Paregentan. It will remain closed throughout the forty days of Great Lent until it is reopened on April 13, on Palm Sunday. The closing of the curtain symbolizes the Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. The entire church is in repentance during this time.

- During Lent the Divine Liturgy (Badarak) is celebrated with the Main Altar curtain closed.
- The Kiss of Peace is not given.
- Holy Communion is not given. In special circumstances, Holy Communion may be received by making arrangements with Der Hayr after the service.
- The Gospel is not kissed at the end of Divine Liturgy.
- Mas is distributed during Lent.
- Sunrise service will be offered at the end of the Liturgy, following the sermon

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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

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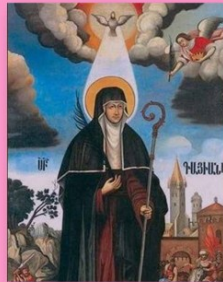
Invites you to

*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**



Greenwich Town Hall

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1915-2025

Years of Remembrance

# THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

## THURSDAY, APRIL 24

### FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

COMMEMORATION REMEMBRANCE

9:00 am

Flag Raising Ceremony & Proclamation presented by  
Fred Camillo, First Selectman of Greenwich

Remarks by Hagar Chemali,  
Former Director for Lebanon and Syria at the White House

*Connecticut and Westchester, NY politicians in attendance*

Greenwich Town Hall  
101 Field Point Rd, Greenwich, CT

EVERY ARMENIAN in the region needs to be a part of  
this observance in Greenwich.

St. Gregory the Enlightener  
Armenian Church  
Armenia Awaits

Led by Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan



JULY 14 - 28

\$2775/ PERSON

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PLUS: AIRFARE  
(AIRFARE NEEDS TO BE RESERVED  
SEPARATELY)

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	<p><b><i>Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Sunrise Service will be held at the end of the Liturgy.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>First Potluck Lenten Lunch hosted by Armenian and Sunday Schools and Lenten Program following the Divine Liturgy (the first two Lenten programs this year will be hosted on Sundays).</i></b></p> <p><b><i>PRESENTATION BY DR. ANI SHAHINIAN. TITLE: “GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES”: DISCIPLESHIP AND MARTYRDOM IN ARMENIAN CHRISTIANITY”.</i></b></p>
MARCH 22, SATURDAY	<p><b><i>SEASON OF REFLECTION: A LENTEN RETREAT BY WOMEN’S GUILD</i></b></p> <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><i>Lenten Friday Prayer Service ONLY– 7:00pm.</i></b></p>
MARCH 29, SATURDAY	<p><b><i>Aida’s Book Group–11 am</i></b></p> <p><b><i>The Gambler by William C. Rempel</i></b></p>
MARCH 30, SUNDAY	<p><b><i>Second Potluck Lenten Lunch and Lenten Program following the Divine Liturgy</i></b></p> <p><b><i>LECTURE BY ASYA DARBINYAN. TITLE: ARMENIAN GENOCIDE 110: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?</i></b></p>
APRIL 5, SATURDAY	<p><b><i>SAINTLY WOMEN'S DAY TEA</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Sponsored by the Women's Guild, 2:00-4:00pm.</i></b></p> <p><i>Details to follow.</i></p>
	<p><b><i>ACYOA JUNIORS OVERNIGHT LENTEN RETREAT, APRIL 5-6.</i></b> <i>Details to follow.</i></p>
APRIL 11, FRIDAY	<p><b><i>Lenten Friday Evening Programs.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>6:30pm - Lenten Service, 7:00pm - Lenten Dinner, 7:30pm - Program. Details to follow.</i></b></p>

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APRIL 13, SUNDAY	<b><i>Palm Sunday, ACYOA Day.</i></b> <b><i>Details to follow.</i></b>
APRIL 20, SUNDAY	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>EASTER BAKE SALE by ACYOA Juniors</b>
APRIL 24, THURSDAY	<b>110TH COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE</b> <b>FLAG RAISING CEREMONY - GREENWICH TOWN HALL - 9:00AM</b> <b><i>Details to inside.</i></b> <b>PRAYER SERVICE IN THE EVENING</b> <b><i>Details to follow.</i></b>
APRIL 26, SATURDAY	<b><i>Armenian School Talent Show.</i></b> <b><i>Details to follow.</i></b>
APRIL 27, SUNDAY	<b>INTERCESSORY PRAYER SERVICE</b> <b>110TH COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE</b>
MAY 4, SUNDAY	<b>ANNUAL LIONEL GALSTAUN MEMORIAL CONCERT.</b> <i>The flyer can be found in the narthex.</i>
JUNE 22, SUNDAY	<b>CHOIR APPRECIATION DAY.</b> <b><i>Details to follow.</i></b>

## **Sunday School Schedule**

March 16 - Class Scheduled, Parables

March 23 - Interactive Class, making Lenten food

March 30 - Class Scheduled, making a Kshotz

April 6 - Class Scheduled, completing the Kshotz

April 13 - Palm Sunday, short class and Badarak participation

April 20 - Easter Sunday, No Class Scheduled

April 27 - Class Scheduled