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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 23, 2025**

**SUNDAY OF THE UNJUST STEWARD**

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Ephesians 4:17-5:14

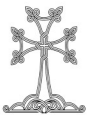
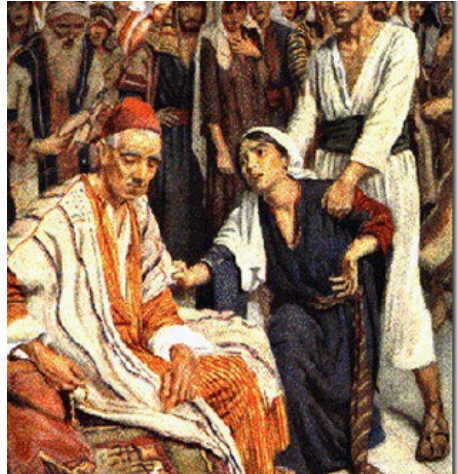
Luke 16:1-31

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

*Chris Bonfiglio*

*Ani Khachian*

*Arek Ohanissian*



**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY**

**Michael Mikaelian**

*Requested by: Rosanne DeSalvo*

**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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## **Sunday of the Unjust Steward**

The fourth Sunday of Great Lent is called the Sunday of the Steward, and its message is based on the parable of the unjust steward, which is found only in the Gospel of St. Luke. In the parable, a wealthy man learns that his steward has been wasting his possessions. The rich man calls the steward to account, telling him that he will be fired. Realizing that he will soon lose his job, the steward takes action to secure his future by seeking favor from others. He calls people who owe money to his master and reduces their debts. Surprisingly, the wealthy man praises the steward for his cleverness. At first, this praise seems contradictory, but the steward is not actually harming the rich man. The steward only forgives the extra charges he had added to the original debts for his own gain. The wealthy man praises the steward for giving up his personal profits in the transactions. This act of resignation—giving up what he could have gained—is significant and connects to one of the key themes of Great Lent. Lent teaches us to practice self-control, self-denial, and the ability to resist temptation. Christ's words, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me," remind us that salvation requires self-discipline and the willingness to let go of our own desires. In the parable, the wealthy man represents God, and the unjust steward represents the sinner. For a long time, the sinner squanders the graces God has given, but eventually, God calls for an account of his life. The steward also symbolizes those who, recognizing their wrongdoings, forgive others and seek righteousness. Ultimately, the parable teaches that self-control, resignation, and forgiveness are essential in our journey toward salvation.

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Մեծ Պահքի չորրորդ կիրակին կոչվում է Տնտեսի՝ ըստ այդ օրվա խորհուրդը բացատրող անիրավ տնտեսի առակի: Առակի բովանդակությունը հետևյալն է. մի մեծահարուստ իմանում է, որ տնտեսը վատնում է իր ունեցվածքը, կանչում է նրան և հաշիվ պահանջում, որոշում հեռացնել աշխատանքից: Հասկանալով, որ կարող է անգործ մնալ, տնտեսը խորամանկության է դիմում: Նա կանչում է տիրոջ պարտապաններին, նրանց շնորհում իրենց պարտքի մի մասը: Եվ այս ամենից հետո տերը գովում է տնտեսին՝ հնարամտությամբ վարվելու համար: Առաջին հայացքից թվում է, թե հակասություն կա այս գովեստի մեջ: Բայց անիրավ տնտեսը պարտապաններին շնորհում է այն, ինչն ավելիով գրել էր իր օգտին՝ պարտքի շնորհումով ոչ մի վնաս չպատճառելով իր տիրոջը: Տերը գովում է տնտեսին՝ ասելով թե որքան երանելի կլինենք, եթե նույն ժրջանությունը, որը դրսևորում ենք մեր նյութական կարիքների բավարարման համար, առավել ցուցաբերենք մեր հոգևոր կարիքների համար:

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

***The reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians  
4:17-5:14***

Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. That is not the way you learned Christ! For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ  
according to Luke (16:1-31)***

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'" The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.' "So he called in each one of his

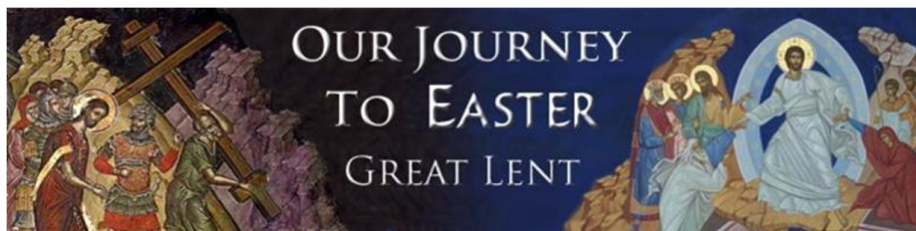
master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' "Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.' "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' "A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.' "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight. The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing their way into it. It is easier for heaven and earth to disappear than for the least stroke of a pen to drop out of the Law.

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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.



## LENTEN FELLOWSHIP & LECTURE

**March 30, Sunday  
12:30pm**

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**DR. ASYA DARBINYAN**

**Presents:**

**"ARMENIAN GENOCIDE 110<sup>th</sup>:  
WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?"**

Don't miss this insightful  
presentation.

**Potluck Lenten Fellowship  
following the Liturgy is hosted  
by the Women's Guild.**

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Dr. Asya Darbinyan is the Executive Director of Chhange (Center for Holocaust, Human Rights & Genocide Education) at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ. She is a member of the Armenian National Institute's (ANI) Academic Council, the Society for Armenian Studies' (SAS) Executive Council, and the Armenian Society of Fellows (ASOF).

After completing her Ph.D. in History at the Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University (Worcester, MA), Dr. Darbinyan taught courses on the Armenian Genocide, the Holocaust, and Gender and Genocide, at Stockton University, Northern Arizona University, and Clark University. Her research and teaching expertise stand at the intersection of genocide, refugees, and humanitarian interventions, with a focus on the agency and actions of refugees. Prior to pursuing her doctoral degree in the USA, Dr. Darbinyan was the Deputy Director of the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute in Yerevan, Armenia.

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## FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR

We greatly appreciate the generosity of the Parish Council members on duty for hosting the Lenten fellowship following the service.

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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



Greenwich Town Hall

# 110

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.

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

***Sunday of the Unjust Steward.  
Morning Service & Divine Liturgy.  
Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Li-  
turgy this Sunday.  
Sunrise Service will be held at the end of the Li-  
turgy.  
Dn. Andrew Kayaian will deliver the Lenten re-  
flection of the day.***

***A group of parishioners will have a spiritual dis-  
cussion in the Tutak Hall following the services  
with Dn. Simon Ovanessian and Der Mesrob.  
Everyone is welcome to join.***

MARCH 28,  
FRIDAY

***Lenten Friday Prayer Service ONLY– 7:00pm.***

MARCH 29,  
SATURDAY

***Aida's Book Group–11 am  
The Gambler by William C. Rempel***

MARCH 30,  
SUNDAY

***Second Potluck Lenten Lunch hosted by the  
Women's Guild and Lenten Program following  
the Divine Liturgy.  
LECTURE BY ASYA DARBINYAN. TITLE: ARMENI-  
AN GENOCIDE 110TH: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?***

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 RE-  
TREAT, APRIL 5-6. Details to follow.***

APRIL 11,  
FRIDAY

***Lenten Friday Prayer Service ONLY– 7:00pm.***

APRIL 13,  
SUNDAY

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

APRIL 20,  
SUNDAY

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

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 24, THURSDAY	<b>110TH COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE</b> <b>FLAG RAISING CEREMONY - GREENWICH TOWN HALL - 9:00AM</b> <b>Details to inside.</b> <b>ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE-6:30PM.</b> <b>Details to follow.</b>
APRIL 26, SATURDAY	<b>Special Program and performances by the children of our community dedicated to the 110th commemoration of the Armenia Genocide-1:00pm. Details to follow.</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. The flyer can be found in the narthex.</b>
MAY 18, SUNDAY	<b>The Women's Guild and Aida's Book Club are hosting Nancy Kricorian, author of The Burning Heart. She will be signing copies of her latest book after Badarak. Books available for purchase please contact Sylvia Kruizenga at 203-536-1241</b> <b>ARMENIAN SCHOOL GRADUATION-3:00PM.</b>
JUNE 22, SUNDAY	<b>CHOIR APPRECIATION DAY.</b> <b>Details to follow.</b>

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## Sunday School Schedule

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