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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 9, 2025**

**SUNDAY OF EXPULSION**  
Արտաքսման Կիրակի

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

*Romans 12:1-13:10*

*Matthew 5:17-48*

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

*Betty Sagatelian-Ortiz*

*Janet Ozsolak*

*Ron Sanossian*



**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY**

**GEORGE HAZZARD (40TH DAY)**

*Requested by: the Hazzard Family*

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 Expulsion**

The second Sunday of the period of Great lent is called the Sunday of Expulsion. The basis of the mystery of and the name of the day can be found in the Holy Bible, the Book of Genesis: “So the Lord God sent him out of the Garden of Eden and made him cultivate the soil from which he had been formed” (Genesis 3:23). Prehistory is the following: The human being, listening to the deceitful words of Satan, disobeyed the divine commandments and ate the forbidden fruit. As punishment the human being, of course, didn't die at once, but was deprived of the eternity granted by God and was cursed. Since then, man must work hard and sweat to make the soil produce enough food, and woman will have pain in giving birth to her offspring. And in the end God said to the human being: “You were made from soil and you will become soil again”. The church Fathers have given the Sundays of the Period of Great Lent such names and mysteries which symbolize mankind's way of life – birth, sinning, regret and repentance. This should serve for the human being as an occasion for thinking of himself/herself and his/her life so that the period of great Lent should be fruitful and productive.

### **ԱՐՏԱՔՍՄԱՆ ԿԻՐԱԿԻ**

Մեծ Պահքի երկրորդ կիրակին կոչվում է նաև Արտաքսման: Օրվա խորհրդի և անվան մասին Աստվածաշունչ մատյանի Մննդոց Գրքում գրված է. «...Եվ արտաքսեց նրան Աստված Եդեմի պարտեզից, որպեսզի մշակի հողը, որից և ստեղծվել էր»: Նախապատմությունը հետևյալն է. մարդն ունկնդիր լինելով Մատանայի խաբեբայական խոսքերին, պատվիրանազանց գտնվելով՝ համոտեսեց արգելված պտղից: Որպես պատիժ, մարդն իհարկե, անմիջապես չմահացավ, սակայն զրկվեց Աստծո կողմից շնորհված անմահությունից և անիծվեց: Այսուհետ, մարդն իր քրտինքով պետք է վաստակի օրվա հացը և կինը պետք է ցավով ու տառապանքով զավակ ունենա և վերջում էլ ասվեց նրան. «...հող էիր և հող կդառնաս»: Եկեղեցական հայրերն իմաստուն կերպով Քառասնորդաց Պահքի շրջանի կիրակիներն այնպես են դասավորել և այնպիսի անվանումներ ու խորհուրդներ տվել, որոնցով ի հայտ է գալիս մարդկության կյանքի ուղին՝ ծնունդ, մեղսագործություն, զղջում, ապաշխարանք: Սա ինքնին մարդուն խորհելու ևս մեկ առիթ է սեփական անձին անդրադառնալու, պահոց շրջանն արդյունավետ անցկացնելու համար:

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### ***The reading is from the Epistle of Paul to Romans 12:1-13:10***

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### ***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5:17-48***

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder,’ and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

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**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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## WOMEN'S GUILD

Invites you to

*SAINTLY WOMEN'S DAY*

Celebrating

*ST. GAYANE - Honored Saint of 2025*

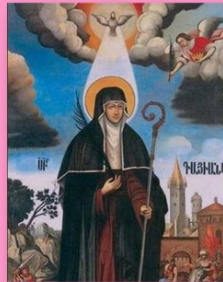
❖ Saturday April 5, 2025,  
2:00 – 4:00 PM

❖ 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

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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

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> <b>Sunday of Expulsion.</b> The Lenten reflection will be given by <b>Dn. Simon Ovanessian.</b> <b>Sunrise Service will be held following the reflection.</b> <b>Project Linus will take place after the Liturgy.</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 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).</b></p> <p><b>PRESENTATION BY DR. ANI SHAHINIAN. TITLE: “GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES”: DISCIPLESHIP AND MARTYRDOM IN ARMENIAN CHRISTIANITY”.</b></p>
MARCH 22, SATURDAY	<p><b>SEASON OF REFLECTION: A LENTEN RETREAT BY WOMEN’S GUILD</b> 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>
MARCH 30, SUNDAY	<p><b>Second Potluck Lenten Lunch and Lenten Program following the Divine Liturgy</b> <b>LECTURE BY ASYA DARBINYAN. TITLE: ARMENIAN GENOCIDE 110: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?</b></p>

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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 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.** The flyer can be found in the narthex.

JUNE 22,  
SUNDAY

**CHOIR APPRECIATION DAY.** Details to follow.