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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.

APRIL 13, 2025
PALM SUNDAY
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Philippians 4:4-7

Matthew 20:29-21-17

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REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE HELD TODAY

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PALM SUNDAY

One week before the Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Armenian Church celebrates the Feast of Palm Sunday, celebrating the Triumphant Entry of Christ into Jerusalem. Jesus comes into Jerusalem riding atop a donkey and the people gather to meet Him with reverence, thus fulfilling the words of the prophet from the Old Testament. The Gospel of St. Matthew, in relating the story, refers to the prophecy, "All this was done, that it might be fulfilled, that which was spoken by the prophet, saying "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you! He is humble and sitting on an ass, and a colt, the foal of an ass."

On His arrival, a large crowd of people gathers to greet Him, and spread their cloaks on the road before Him, while others cut branches from palm trees and place them on the path. The crowd exclaims: "Hosanna! Blessed is the King of Israel that comes in the Name of the Lord."

On Palm Sunday, churches are decorated with branches from willow trees and palm trees. Following a solemn morning service, the blessed branches are distributed to the faithful. This passage from the Gospels reminds each of us about the Coming of Christ, and teaches us to live in a manner that can make us worthy to stand before the Lord and exclaim: "Hosanna (Praise God)! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

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Հայ Եկեղեցին Սուրբ Հարությունը նախորդող կիրակի նշում է Ծաղկազարդը, որը Քրիստոսի՝ հաղթականորեն Երուսաղեմ մտնելու հիշատակն է: Հիսուսի մուտքը Երուսաղեմ ժողովուրդին ընդունել է խանդավառությամբ՝ ձիթենու և արմավենու հյուղերի հետ իրենց զգեստները փռելով հանապարհի վրա և աղաղակելով. «Օվսաննա՛ Բարձայլին, օրհնյալ լինի Նա, Ով գալիս է Տիրոջ անունով, օրհնյալ լինի մեր հոր՝ Դավթի թագավորությունը, որ գալիս է: Խաղաղություն երկնում և Փառք բարձունքներում»: Ըստ Եկեղեցու հայրերի՝ Հիսուսի առջև հանդերձներ փռելը խորհրդացեղ է մեղքերը Քրիստոսին խոստովանելը: Ոստեր և հյուղեր ընծայելն ընդհանրապես առանձնակի պատիվներ և հանդիսավորություն էին նշանակում: Ձիթենին ընկալվել է իմաստության, խաղաղության, հաղթանակի և փառքի խորհրդացան: Մեռյալ Ղազարոսին հարություն տված Քրիստոսին Ձիթենու և արմավենու հյուղերի ընծայումը խորհրդացնում է մահվան հանդեպ հաղթանակը:

Ծաղկազարդի նախօրեին՝ շաբաթ օրը, կատարվում է նախատանակ, բացվում է խորանի վարագույրը, իսկ հաջորդ օրը տոնական ս. պատարագը մատուցվում է բաց վարագույրով:

Ծաղկազարդի առավոտյան եկեղեցիներում օրհնում են ձիթենու կամ ուռենու

ուսեր և բաժանում ժողովրդին: Ուտենու ուսերը, որոնք անպտուղ են, խորհրդանշում են հեթանոսների, ովքեր պողպեթեցին միայն Քրիստոսին ընծայվելուց հետո: Ուսերի վափկությունը խորհրդանշում է Քրիստոսի հետևողների խոնարհությունը: Ուտենու հյուղերը մեր ընծաներն են Տիրուջը, ինչպես Սուրբ Ծննդյան օրը Արեւելից մոզերի բերած ընծաները:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 20:29-31

As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. There were two blind men sitting by the roadside. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" The crowd sternly ordered them to be quiet; but they shouted even more loudly, "Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!" Jesus stood still and called them, saying, "What do you want me to do for you?" They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes.

Immediately they regained their sight and followed him. When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

All are invited to join the ACYOA Jr's Palm Sunday Fellowship buffet after Badarak.

There will be raffle drawings for the baskets donated by friends and family! Free will donations gratefully accepted.

A.C.Y.O.A. DAY

BLESSING OF CHILDREN/YOUTH SERVICE
WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF
THE DIVINE LITURGY

*Palm Sunday
Fellowship*

*April 13, 2025
12:30pm*

PLEASE JOIN US AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT TO
OUR PARISH'S A.C.Y.O.A. JUNIORS!

FREE WILL DONATION
RAFFLE DRAWING FOR VARIOUS RAFFLE BASKETS
A PORTION OF PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT AYO PROJECTS



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.

THE **ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**
Years of Remembrance

1915-2025

ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER ARMENIAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO

ECUMENICAL PRAYER
Service

24 | 6:30
APRIL | PM

*"You shall love the Lord your God...
And your neighbor as yourself"
(Luke 10:27)*



Join us for a solemn
commemoration and
intercessory prayer
service for the
Holy Martyrs of the
Armenian Genocide.

*Refreshments will be served in
the fellowship hall after the
service.*

1131 NORTH STREET
WHITE PLAINS, NY 10605



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St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian School presents

REBIRTH

A CULTURAL EVENT IN COMMEMORATION OF
THE 110TH YEAR OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Saturday April 26 at 2:00 pm

St. Gregory the Enlightener Church
1131 North street
White Plains, NY 10605

St. Gregory The Enlightener Armenian Church

22nd Annual Lionel Galstaun Memorial Concert

STEPHANIE KELEDJIAN

SOPRANO

ACCOMPANIED BY

MAESTRO VAGHARSHAK OHANYAN

SUNDAY

MAY 4, 2025

COMPLIMENTARY LUNCHEON SPONSORED
BY THE CULTURAL COMMITTEE
FOLLOWING THE CHURCH SERVICE

PERFORMANCE
IN THE SANCTUARY
1:30 PM



JOIN US TO SUPPORT OUR YOUNG ARMENIAN ARTISTS!

RSVP 4/26 at stgregoryculturalcommittee@gmail.com or call at 914 428 2595

1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL BOOK
SIGNING AND MEET & GREET
WITH NANCY KRICORIAN,
THE BURNING HEART OF THE WORLD

Presented by Aida's Book Club and St. Gregory
Women's Guild



"AUTHOR OF THE
BESTSELLER, ZABELLE •
AUTHOR OF THE NEW YORK
TIMES REVIEWED, ALL THE
LIGHT THERE WAS • In
vivid, poetic prose, Nancy
Kricorian's *The Burning Heart
of the World* tells the story of a
Beirut Armenian family
before, during, and after the
Lebanese Civil War."

DATE: MAY 18TH (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FELLOWSHIP)

BOOKS WILL BE SOLD IN THE WEEKS LEADING TO THE BOOK
PRESENTATION AND AT THE PRESENTATION ITSELF FOR \$20

CONTACT SYLVIA KRUIZENGA AT 203 - 536 - 1241

COME CONNECT, CELEBRATE STORYTELLING, AND SUPPORT A
TALENTED ARMENIAN AUTHOR.

St Gregory The Enlightener Armenian Church
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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Palm Sunday. ACYOA Day.

Opening of the Doors Service & Divine Liturgy. Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy this Sunday.

All are invited to join the ACYOA Jr's Palm Sunday Fellowship buffet after Badarak.

There will be raffle drawings for the baskets donated by friends and family!

APRIL 20,
SUNDAY

EASTER SUNDAY

FEAST OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION

APRIL 24,
THURSDAY

110TH COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY - GREENWICH TOWN HALL - 9:00AM.

Details can be found on the flyer.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE – 6:30PM.

Details can be found on the flyer.

APRIL 26,
SATURDAY

Armenian School Presents: REBIRTH

The details can be found on the flyer.

APRIL 27,
SUNDAY

Intercessory Prayer Service

110th Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide

MAY 4,
SUNDAY

ANNUAL LIONEL GALSTAUN MEMORIAL CONCERT. The flyer is in this bulletin.

MAY 18,
SUNDAY

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 Kruiuzenga at 203-536-1241.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL GRADUATION–3:00 PM

JUNE 1,
SUNDAY

Hokehankist for our beloved Women's Guild members. St. Gregory Women's Guild food sale.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 22,
SUNDAY

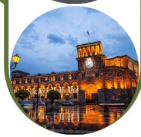
CHOIR APPRECIATION DAY.
Details to follow.

JUNE 29,
SUNDAY

Armenian Patriarch of Constantinople, Archbishop Sahak Mashalian will be celebrating Liturgy at St. Vartan Cathedral. Details to follow.

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)



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(s) before returning to your seat from the right side of the chancel.