

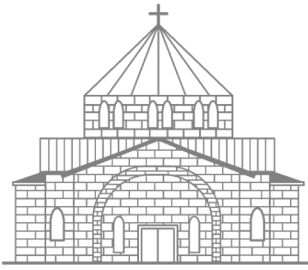
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**Christ is risen from the dead.  
Blessed is the resurrection of Christ.**



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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 20, EASTER SUNDAY**  
**ԱՊՐԻԼ 20, ՍՈՒՐԲ ԶԱՏԻՎ**  
**2025**

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Acts 1:15-26

Mark 16:2-8

**PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:**

**ALL PARISH**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Քրիստոս Յարեաւ ի Մեռելոց**  
**Christ is Risen!**

*As we celebrate the joyous miracle of our Lord's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, we extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones.*

*May this holy season of renewal fill your heart with boundless joy, strengthen your faith, and deepen your connection to the loving grace of God that surrounds us all.*

*Wishing you a peaceful and blessed Easter, filled with the conquering love of Christ.*

Today there will be no Requiem Service after Badarak.

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## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

### ***The reading is from the Second Epistle of Acts 1:15-26***

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."

With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.

"For," said Peter, "it is written in the Book of Psalms:

"May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,' and, 'May another take his place of leadership.'" Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

### ***The reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark 16:2-8***

Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

**EASTER MESSAGE OF  
BISHOP MESROP PARSAMYAN**  
*Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America*

**Who Will Remove the Stone?**

The Bible tells us that on the first Easter morning, the women who cared for Jesus made their way to His tomb: a tomb cut into rock, with a great stone sealing its entrance. Their hearts on that morning were heavy with grief. The tears they had shed on Good Friday were not yet dried. The pain of loss, the ache of disappointment, the crushing weight of despair: it all weighed on them like a great stone, pressing down on their hearts.

And as they walked, they asked a question that many of us have asked in our own lives: *Who will remove the stone?*

That stone represented *finality*. It marked the *end* of Jesus' story—or so it seemed. He who had healed the sick, who had opened blind eyes, who had spoken words of Life—He was gone. The One who had lifted burdens was now sealed behind a burden too heavy to move.

*Who would remove the stone?*

We ask that question ourselves, don't we? In our world today, it's easy to feel the weight of our struggles pressing down like heavy stones. We carry burdens of worry, fear, disappointment, and regret. Life has a way of piling these stones at the entrance to our hearts, sealing away the light, joy, and peace we so desperately seek.

But the message of Easter is clear: The power of Christ's Resurrection will roll away every stone that weighs down your soul. No matter how impossible our circumstances may seem, God will roll away our stones—*if we go towards Him*. He brings Life where there is death; Hope where there is despair; Light where there is darkness.

On the first Easter Sunday morning, when Mary Magdalene and her companions reached the tomb, they discovered that all of their anxiety had been for nothing. For the stone had *already* been rolled away! And for those women, it was more than just a *physical* barrier that had been removed. It symbolized the breaking of chains, the shattering of barriers that keep us from living fully in the light of God's love and mercy. The Resurrection of Jesus was for them—and *is for us*—a declaration by God that no force on earth, no magnitude of sin, no depth of despair can obstruct the power of His love.

Christ's Resurrection is not just an event that happened 2,000 years

ago. Indeed, we encounter its power throughout the history of the Armenian people. How many times have the forces of evil tried to place us in a tomb—in ancient times, during the Genocide, in our own day—with a heavy stone blocking the entrance? *But God rolled every stone away*—as our continuing presence in the world proves.

That same reality can *and will* transform our lives today. So lift your eyes to the Risen Lord. Let the power of His Resurrection flow into your life. Let it roll away the stones that block the entrance to your heart—preventing you from experiencing the joy and peace He offers.

The tomb is empty! *Jesus is alive!* And because He lives, we can face tomorrow with hope, courage, and unshakable confidence. We may still ask: “*Who will remove this stone?*” But Christ answers with authority: “*I did. I will.*”

May the power of the Risen Lord enter your soul this Easter, fill your heart with joy, and transform your life today and always.

*Krisdos hanyave ee merelotz! Orhnyal eh haroutiunun Krisdosi!*

Christ is raised from the dead! Blessed is the resurrection of Christ!

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## ՏՆՕՐՅԱԷՔ / EASTER HOME BLESSING

From the earliest times, the home was a sacred place, the center of family and ritual life. It is the most basic of all social structures, where we are born and live many years, a place where great family events transpire. Here we break bread, share joys and sorrows, pray, celebrate, worship. Here God is present in the loving relationships that transcend fragile human existence. Every family is a miniature of a “Little Church—Ecclesia” and in this “Little Church” the inexhaustible love and the very generous blessing of God permeate.

**Home Blessing /Dnorhnek/** is a beautiful tradition of the Armenian Church which is performed on several occasions: namely after the feasts of Holy Nativity and Holy Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, as well as on the occasion of moving to a new home.

Today, more than ever, we need the presence and blessing of the Lord in our homes and lives.

Schedule your Home Blessing with Der Hayr: direct (804) 405-9399, church office (914) 428-2595, email: [fr.mesrob@yahoo.com](mailto:fr.mesrob@yahoo.com).

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FEAST OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

The Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ or the Easter Feast is one of the five major feasts of the Armenian Church. The Mystery of Easter is the mystery of Jesus Christ, His Salutary Holy Blood shed for mankind and His Rising from the dead for mankind. The Son of God should incarnate, be subjected to tortures, be crucified, buried and the third day raise from death (Ps. 15:9-11, 29:4, 40:11-13, 117:16-17, Ho 6:2-3).

Following the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ His body was taken off the cross and placed into the tomb and the entrance to the tomb was closed by a large stone and the soldiers were ordered to control the entrance to the tomb. After three days the three women, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the Mother of James and Joseph, and the wife of Zebedee brought spices and perfumes to anoint the body of Jesus. They found the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb, so they went in but they didn't the body of the Lord. They stood there puzzled about this, when suddenly two angels dressed in white appeared and said to them, "Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive? He is not here, ha has been raised" (Lk. 24:5-6). The women returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven disciples and the rest. According to Peter more than 500 people saw Christ who had risen from the dead. So, this is the evangelical tiding of the fact of Easter or Holy Resurrection.

Resurrection of Christ became the basis of the Christian doctrine and faith. "If that is true, it means that Christ has been raised from death, then we have nothing to preach and you have nothing to believe". Christ rose from the dead, by means of His Death He destroyed Death and granted eternal life. "I am the Resurrection and I am the Life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die" (Jn. 11:25).

Christ died for the salvation of mankind and by His Blood took away the sin in the world, so that we should inherit eternal life.

On the day of the Easter feast people dye eggs red as a symbol of fruitful life, salvation and joy. St. Gregory of Datev considers the egg to be the symbol of the world, the shell of which is the sky, the membrane is the air, the white is the water and the yolk is the earth. Dyeing eggs red symbolizes the salvation of the world by means of Blood of Christ.



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

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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

## ***Pastoral Care, Home and Hospital Visits***

Der Mesrob is always available and would like to visit homebound and hospitalized parishioners. If you or someone you know is ill, Hospitalized or homebound and would like to be visited, please call Der Mesrob directly at (804)-405-9399 to schedule the visit. Please note: when asked about your religion at a hospital, patients should list themselves as “Armenian Orthodox” or “Armenian” not “other”.

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](mailto:stgregoryculturalcommittee@gmail.com) or call at 914 428 2595

1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605

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SIGNING AND MEET & GREET  
WITH **NANCY KRICORIAN**,  
*THE BURNING HEART OF THE WORLD*

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Kricorian's *The Burning Heart  
of the World* tells the story of a  
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before, during, and after the  
Lebanese Civil War."

DATE: MAY 18TH (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FELLOWSHIP)

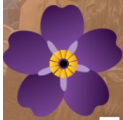
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NYC ANNUAL COMMEMORATION  
ON THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
**THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**

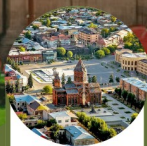


**SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 27, 2025**  
**1:30PM**  
**TIMES SQUARE**  
**7TH AVE & 46TH STREET**



*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

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

### **FEAST OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION**

*Morning Service & Divine Liturgy.*

*Fr. Mesrob Hovsepian celebrates the Divine Liturgy this Sunday.*

*The ACYOA Jr's Bake sale will take place following the Liturgy on the Atrium.*

*All are invited to join for the Fellowship Coffee Hour that will take place in the Tutak Hall.*

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

## **An Armenian cultural program in recognition of the 110th Commemoration of the Armenian genocide: REBIRTH**

*The details can be found on the flyer.*

APRIL 27,  
SUNDAY

## **Intercessory Prayer Service**

### **110th Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide**

*Armenian Genocide commemoration annual gathering in Times Square, 1:30pm.*

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**

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 1,  
SUNDAY

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

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 Arm. Church  
You're invited to the

# KITCHEN RE-OPENING

*Ribbon Cutting Ceremony*

Sunday, May 11, 2025 | 12:30pm

We invite all our donors, supporters, and parishioners to join us for this special ceremony.

1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605



## ***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.

• **PLEASE SANITIZE YOUR HAND(S) BEFORE RETURNING TO YOUR SEAT FROM THE RIGHT OR LEFT SIDE OF THE CHANCEL.**