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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 6, 2025

SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Colossians 2:8-3:17

Matthew 22:34-23:39

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REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE HELD TODAY

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SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT

The Sixth Sunday of Great Lent is called the Sunday of Advent. This Sunday teaches us about the first Advent of Christ – His Incarnation: His Holy Birth when God became Man. This proved the Truth found in the Scriptures that by the coming of the Savior, a second chance was given to mankind to be guided on the path leading towards salvation. This Sunday also symbolizes the Second Advent. In the Gospels and Apostolic Letters there are many references dedicated to the Second Advent, where our Lord warns us about His return. In the Gospel of St. Matthew, Christ says, "... Watch out and do not let anyone fool you. Many men, claiming to speak for me, will come and say, "I am the Messiah!" and they will fool many people. You are going to hear the noise of battles close by and the news of battles far away... Countries will fight each other; kingdoms will attack one another. There will be famines and earthquakes everywhere... And you will be hated by all nations for my Name's sake... Many false prophets will appear and fool many people. Such will be the spread of evil that many people's love will grow cold. But whoever holds out to the end will be saved" (Mt 24:4-13). The message of this Sunday is a call for endurance, piety and modesty. Through these we can patiently wait for the Glorious Resurrection of Christ, the purification of our souls and the triumph of the True Faith. All Christian Churches celebrate the feast of the Sunday of Advent.

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Մեծ Պահքի վեցերորդ կիրակին կոչվում է Գալստյան: Այս կիրակին Հիսուս Քրիստոսի Առաջին Գալստյան՝ մարդեղության հիշեցումն է: Հաստատվեց այն ճշմարտությունը, որ Փրկչի Գալստյամբ հնարավորություն ընձեռնվեց մարդկությանն առաջնորդվել փրկության ուղով: Այս կիրակին միևնույն ժամանակ Երկրորդ Գալստյան խորհուրդն ունի: Ավետարաններում և առաքյալների թղթերում Երկրորդ Գալստյանը նվիրված բազում հատվածներ և անդրադարձեր կան: Տերը զգուշացնում է Երկրորդ Գալստյան և դրա նախանշանների մասին.«Չզույշ եղեք, զուցե մեկը ձեզ խաբի, որովհետև շատերը կգան իմ անունով ու կասեն, թե՛ ես եմ Քրիստոսը. և շատերին կմոլորեցնեն: Լսելու եք պատերազմների ձայներ և պատերազմների լուրեր...»

Ազգ ազգի դեմ պիտի ելնի, և թագավորությունն՝ թագավորության դեմ, և պիտի լինեն սով, համանարակ ու տեղ-տեղ երկրաշարժներ: Սակայն այս ամենը սկիզբն է երկանց ... Եվ բազում սուտ մարգարեներ պիտի ելնեն ու շատերին պիտի մոլորեցնեն: Եվ անօրինության շատանալուց՝ շատերի սերը պիտի ցամաքի: Բայց ով մինչև վերջ համբերեց, նա պիտի փրկվի»: Գալստյան կիրակիի խորհուրդը համբերության, բարեպաշտության, պարկեշտության կոչն է, որովհետև հոգու բյուրեղացմամբ և ճշմարիտ հավատով մարդ կարող է սպասել Տիրոջ Հրաշափառ Գալստյանը: Քրիստոնեական բոլոր եկեղեցիներն էլ ունեն Գալստյան կոչվող կիրակի:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians 2:8-3:17

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 22:34-23:39

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied. He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him

'Lord'? For he says, "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet." If then David calls him "Lord," how can he be his son?" No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions. Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them. "Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called 'Rabbi' by others. "But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

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 AY0 PROJECTS





Greenwich Town Hall

1915-2025
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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
101 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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Sunday of the Judge. Morning Service & Divine Liturgy. Fr. Mesrob Hovsepian celebrates the Divine Liturgy this Sunday. Sunrise Service will be held at the end of the Liturgy before the sermon. Children's sermon will be delivered today.

APRIL 11,
FRIDAY

Lenten Friday Prayer Service ONLY– 7:00pm.

APRIL 13,
SUNDAY

Palm Sunday, ACYOA Day.

APRIL 20,
SUNDAY

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 24,
THURSDAY

***110TH COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE
FLAG RAISING CEREMONY - GREENWICH TOWN HALL - 9:00AM.
Details on the flyer in this bulletin.
PRAYER SERVICE IN THE EVENING–6:30PM.
Details on the flyer in this bulletin.***

APRIL 26,
SATURDAY

***Armenian School Presents: REBIRTH
The details are on the flyer in this bulletin.***

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 Kruizenga 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.



FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR

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

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



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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

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