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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.

**MAY 11, 2025**  
**RED SUNDAY**  
Կարմիր կիրակի

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

1 Peter 5:1-14

John 5:19-30

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**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE OFFERED TODAY.**

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## RED SUNDAY

In the Calendar of the Armenian Church, the third Sunday following the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ is known as Red Sunday. The color “red” has been used throughout history to represent many things. One of the symbolic meanings is the blood of the martyrs who were sacrificed for Christ, His Holy Church, and their Christian faith. During the early years of Christianity, faithful followers of Jesus Christ were subjected to severe persecutions and torments. Many elected to die rather than betray their principles of life and faith, which the Incarnate God - Christ Jesus - had endowed to them and all of mankind. The psalmist writes, “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of the saints.” Today, martyrdom is far less often an occurrence in the lives of Christians, yet it does happen. However, the greater struggle is the one against sin, which we can see manifested in many ways throughout the world. The battle against wickedness and evil, which will be victorious in the end, is the current expression of the significance of Red Sunday. The Apostle Paul writes that Christ Himself endured such opposition, that we should not grow weary in our battle against wickedness. In his letter to the Hebrews, Paul says: “In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.” We are to use the opportunity of Red Sunday to once again remind ourselves of Paul’s exhortation to remain steadfast in the Lord, and to continue our daily labors of goodness and righteousness.

### Կարմիր կիրակի

Հայաստանյայց Առաքելական Եկեղեցու տոնացույցում Մբ. Չատիկին հաջորդող կիրակիներն հատուկ խորհրդանշական անվանումներ ունեն: Չատիկի չորրորդ կիրակին կոչվում է Կարմիր: Կարմիրը Քրիստոսի եկեղեցու եւ հավատի համար մարտիրոսացած նահատակների սուրբ արյան խորհրդանիշն է: Քրիստոնեության վաղ շրջանում, երբ քրիստոնյաները դաժան հալածանքներ էին ենթարկվում, շատերը գերադասեցին մեռնել, քան դավաճանել հավատի այն սկզբունքներին, որ մարդկությանն ավանդել էր մարդացյալ Աստված՝ Քրիստոս: «Տիրոջ աչքում հարգելի է մահն իր սրբերի»: Սակայն այսօր նահատակության անհրաժեշտություն չկա, եւ արյուն թափելը, մահը, պայքարն ու հաղթանակն այլ իմաստ են ձեռք բերել՝ ընդդեմ մեղքի ու չարիքի: «Չլինի թե հոգնեք և հուսալքվեք, դուք, որ կռվի մեջ դեռ արյուն թափելու չափ

չհակառակվեցիք մեղքին», - սսում է Պողոս առաքյալը եւ իբրեւ պատգամ բոլոր քրիստոնյաներին խրատում. «Նա, որ մեռավ, մեղքի համար մեռավ մեկընդմիջտ, եւ նա, որ կենդանի է, կենդանի է Աստծո համար: Նույնպես եւ դուք ձեզ մեռած համարեցեք մեղքի համար, բայց կենդանի՝ Աստծո համար, մեր Տեր Հիսուս Քրիստոսով»:

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## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### ***The reading is from the First Epistle of Peter 5:1-14***

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

### ***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John 5:19-30***

Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomever he wishes. The Father judges no one

but has given all judgment to the Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. “Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to judge, because he is the Son of Man.

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**Join us today for the Kitchen Re-Opening  
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony!**



**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

*Church Kitchen*

**Sunday School Schedule**

**May 11—class and Mother's Day plant sale**

**May 18th—class**

**May 25th—No class for Memorial Day weekend**

**June 1—Class is scheduled**

**June 8—Graduation Ceremony**

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  
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vivid, poetic prose, Nancy  
Kricorian's *The Burning Heart  
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Beirut Armenian family  
before, during, and after the  
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**Books will be available for purchase by cash or check  
after Badarak on Sundays.**

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# WELCOME HIS BEATITUDE ARCHBISHOP SAHAK II MASHALIAN

FOR A SPECIAL CELEBRATION AT  
ST. VARTAN CATHEDRAL  
630 SECOND AVE. NEW YORK

## SUNDAY JUNE, 29

PATRIARCHAL DIVINE LITURGY

### 10AM

PATRIARCH SAHAK WILL BE  
THE CELEBRANT AND  
DELIVER THE HOMILY

A CELEBRATORY BANQUET  
WILL FOLLOW IN HAİK & ALICE  
KAVOOKJIAN AUDITORIUM

ADMISSION: \$125 // YOUTH UNDER 14: \$50

THE ENTIRE  
COMMUNITY IS INVITED  
TO GREET PATRIARCH  
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HIS BLESSING.

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## Graduates of 2025!

If you know of any St. Gregory parishioners graduating from high school, college, or graduate school this spring, please notify the church

office or Der Hayr by calling 914-428-2595 or  
by email [saintgregorychurchwp@gmail.com](mailto:saintgregorychurchwp@gmail.com)

Please share with us the student's name, school, special achievements, future plans, etc., so we may share our pride in their accomplishments with our entire parish in the Enlightener eNewsletter.

Please RSVP to Sylvia Kruiuzenga 25SylviaKruiz@gmail.com  
203-536-1241 about attending this special luncheon to be held at  
St. Vartan Cathedral.



**His Grace**  
**Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan**

cordially invites you to attend a  
Women's Guild Luncheon  
in honor of

**His Beatitude**  
**Sahak II Mashalian**

Armenian Patriarch of Constantinople  
on the occasion of his distinguished visit to  
the Eastern Diocese.

**Tuesday, June 24, 2025**

**12:00 Noon**

at the

**St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral Guild Hall**  
**630 Second Avenue**  
**New York, NY 10016**

We are honored, and hope you will join us on  
this special occasion.

Kindly RSVP to your Women's Guild  
Chairperson.



**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.**

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY **Morning Service & Divine Liturgy. Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy.**

**The Mother's Day plant sale by the Sunday School.**

**Kitchen Re-Opening Ceremony, 12:30pm**

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**

MAY 31,  
SATURDAY

**MOVIE NIGHT: THE KINGS OF KINGS  
4:00PM. Details to follow.**

JUNE 1,  
SUNDAY

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

JUNE 8,  
SUNDAY

**Sunday School Graduation following the Liturgy.**

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.**

AUGUST 17,  
SUNDAY

**Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary  
Blessing of Grapes service.**

**All-American BBQ, Women's Guild.  
Details to follow.**

SEPTEMBER 21,  
SUNDAY

**Armenian Picnic  
Details to follow.**