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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 18, 2025  
APPARITION OF THE HOLY CROSS  
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 John 1:1-10

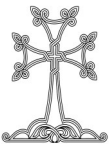
John 7:14-23

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Tom Daw

Gary Oztemel

Ron Sanossian



**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY**

*Please see page 3 of the bulletin  
for the complete list of names.*

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## APPARITION OF THE HOLY CROSS

This feast is dedicated to the Apparition of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem. At noon on May 19, 351, a bright, luminous cross appeared over the skies of Jerusalem, centered over an area spanning from the Mount of Olives (where Christ was betrayed and arrested) to Golgotha (where Christ was crucified). Awestruck, the faithful of Jerusalem rush to church to give thanks and glorify the Lord. Bishop Cyril (later St. Cyril of Jerusalem) subsequently wrote a letter to Emperor Constantine of Byzantium wherein he describes the miraculous and beautiful scene. St. Cyril tells Constantine that the apparition is a true testimony of the orthodox faith of Christianity. Further, St. Cyril exhorts the Emperor that the appearance is a sign for him to remain steadfast in his faith, and to stop defending the heretical movement of Arianism and its promulgators. The Armenian translation of the Bishop's letter has been preserved by the Church, and is read each year on the Feast of the Apparition of the Holy Cross. The Armenian Church celebrates this feast 28 days following Easter Sunday.

### ՍՈՒՐԲ ԽԱՉԻ ԵՐԵՎՄԱՆ ՏՈՆ

Ս. Խաչի երևման տոնը Երուսաղեմում Ս. Խաչի նշանի երևման հիշատակն է: 351 թվականին՝ ցերեկվա ընթացքում, Գողգոթայից մինչև Ձիթենյայց լեռը երկնքում երևում է մի լուսե Խաչ: Այդ զարմանահրաշ դեպքի մասին Երուսաղեմի Կյուրեղ եպիսկոպոսը նամակ է գրում Կ. Պոլսի Կոստանդ կայսեր՝ այդ զարմանալի երևույթը համարելով իբրև ուղղափառ դավանության ճշմարտության ապացույց: Այդ պատճառով էլ Կյուրեղ Երուսաղեմացին հորդորում է Կոստանդ կայսեր հրաժարվել արիոսականների պաշտպանելուց:

Երուսաղեմի Կյուրեղ եպիսկոպոսի այդ նամակը թարգմանվել է հայերեն և ամեն տարի ընթերցվում է Ս. Խաչի երևման տոնին: Հայ Առաքելական Եկեղեցին Ս. Խաչի երևման տոնը նշում է Ջատիկից 28 օր հետո: Ս. Հարության տոնի շարժականության պատճառով Ս. Խաչի երևման տոնը կարող է տատանվել ապրիլի 19-ից մինչև մայիսի 23-ը:

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### ***The reading is from the First Epistle of John 1:1-10***

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete. This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

### ***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John 7:14-23***

Not until halfway through the festival did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach. The Jews there were amazed and asked, "How did this man get such learning without having been taught?" Jesus answered, "My teaching is not my own. It comes from the one who sent me. Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him. Has not Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?"



## 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.**



## Fellowship Coffee Hour

We appreciate the gracious generosity of the Derderian Family for providing refreshments for fellowship hour today.

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If you would like to sign-up for a future date to host and sponsor refreshments for the fellowship coffee hour on Sunday, kindly contact Elise Hingson at the church office at 914-428-2595.

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THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA  
BISHOP MESROP PARSAMYAN, PRIMATE  
REJOICES TO

# 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 HAIK & ALICE  
KAVOOKJIAN AUDITORIUM

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

THE ENTIRE  
COMMUNITY IS INVITED  
TO GREET PATRIARCH  
SAHAK AND RECEIVE  
HIS BLESSING.

THE 85TH  
ARMENIAN  
PATRIARCH OF  
CONSTANTINOPLE



MAKE BANQUET  
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JUNE 20

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**Author presentation and book signing - 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**



*“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.**

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**Sunday School Schedule**

**May 18th—class**

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

**June 1—Class is scheduled**

**June 8—Graduation Ceremony**



**THE KING OF KINGS**  
A Story Told by Charles Dickens  
may 31 @ 4:30PM

PG mofac

Tickets: Adults | \$13  
Children | \$11  
ANGEL

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For tickets: Scan the QR code above  
to pay online or pay at the door

## 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.

ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER ARMENIAN CHURCH

# CHOIR DAY

*Appreciation*

**SUNDAY, JUNE 22**  
**12:30 PM**

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP

**Performance by the  
Choir Members**

Free Will Donation

1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605

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## **REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED FOR:**

***Rose and Aris Derderian, Alice and Puzant Balaian,  
Nazaret and Noyem Derderian, Mgrdich and Johar Sanossian  
Araxie and Nishan Avakian, Sirma and Hagop Balaian***

***Leon Sanossian, Dr. Sona Avakian***  
***Requested by: The Derderian Family***

***May God rest their souls in His eternal peace and presence and  
grant their loved ones the comfort of the Holy Spirit.***

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	<p><b>Morning Service &amp; Divine Liturgy. Fr. Mesrob Hovsepian celebrates the Divine Liturgy.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>ARMENIAN SCHOOL GRADUATION—3:00 PM</b></p>
MAY 31, SATURDAY	<p><b>MOVIE NIGHT: THE KINGS OF KINGS 4:30PM. Details inside.</b></p>
JUNE 1, SUNDAY	<p><b>Hokehankist for our beloved Women's Guild members. St. Gregory Women's Guild food sale.</b></p> <p><b>St. Gregory Award Committee meeting—1:00pm.</b></p>
JUNE 8, SUNDAY	<p><b>Sunday School Graduation following the Liturgy.</b></p> <p><b>Meeting with the group of travelers to Armenia—1:00pm.</b></p>
JUNE 22, SUNDAY	<p><b>CHOIR APPRECIATION DAY.</b></p> <p><b>Details inside.</b></p>
JUNE 29, SUNDAY	<p><b>Armenian Patriarch of Constantinople, Archbishop Sahak Mashalian will be celebrating Liturgy at St. Vartan Cathedral. Details to follow.</b></p>
AUGUST 17, SUNDAY	<p><b>Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary</b></p> <p><b>Blessing of Grapes service.</b></p> <p><b>All-American BBQ, Women's Guild.</b></p> <p><b>Details to follow.</b></p>
SEPTEMBER 21, SUNDAY	<p><b>Armenian Picnic</b></p> <p><b>Details to follow.</b></p>