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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 4, 2025
SUNDAY OF THE WORLD CHURCH
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Peter 2:1-10

John 2:23-3:12

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Joanne Chitjian

George Krikorian

Arek Ohanissian



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE OFFERED TODAY.

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SUNDAY OF THE WORLD CHURCH (Green Sunday)

Ashkharamadran Giragi

The second Sunday following the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ is the Sunday of the World Church. It commemorates the first Church of Jerusalem, established by Christ. On the first day of the Jewish festival of Passover, Jesus instructs two of the Apostles, Peter and John, to go into Jerusalem and meet a man, who would direct them to a house where Christ and His Apostles could celebrate the Passover Feast. Peter and John are led to the "Upper Room" of a house, where they make the necessary preparations for the meal. Later that evening Christ and the Twelve Apostles sit together to eat supper.

Christ speaks to them and says, "I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the Kingdom of God. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come." And he took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave unto them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me." Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." (Lk 22:15-20)

This "Last Supper" was the event where Jesus Christ established the Sacrament of Holy Communion, which we celebrate every Sunday during the Divine Liturgy in Armenian Churches throughout the world. The Upper Room in Jerusalem is considered to be the first Church, as founded by Christ. The Sunday of the World Church is also called "Green" Sunday, which according to Archbishop Malachia Ormanian, is the popular name of the feast and is linked with the awakening of nature in the springtime.

Աշխարհամատրան կիրակի (Կանաչ կիրակի)

Յիսուս Քրիստոսի Յարութեան՝ Սբ. Ջատկին հաջորդող երրորդ կիրակին կը կոչվուի Աշխարհամատրան կիրակի, ի յիշատակ Երուսաղեմի առաջին եկեղեցու հիմնադրման: Այս եկեղեցին Սիոնի վերնատունը կը համարուի, ուր Յիսուս Քրիստոս յաստատեց Հաղորդութեան խորհուրդը: Աշխարհամատրան կիրակին կը կոչվուի նաև Կանաչ կիրակի, որը ըստ Մաղաքիա արք.Օրմանեանի՝ տօնի ժողովրդական անուանումն է, կապուած բնութեան, զարնանային զարթօնքի յետ:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the First Epistle of Peter 2:1-10

So put away all malice and all guile and insincerity and envy and all slander. Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation; for you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and he who believes in him will not be put to shame." To you therefore who believe, he is precious, but for those who do not believe, "The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner," and "A stone that will make men stumble, a rock that will make them fall"; for they stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were no people but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John 2:23-3:12

Now he was in Jerusalem at the Passover feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs which he did; but Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew all men and needed no one to bear witness of man; for he himself knew what was in man.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can this be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earth-

ly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

St. Gregory The Enlightener Armenian Church
**22nd Annual Lionel Galstaun
Memorial Concert**

STEPHANIE KELEDJIAN
SOPRANO

SUNDAY
MAY 4, 2025

ACCOMPANIED BY
MAESTRO VAGHARSHAK OHANYAN

*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!

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Sunday School Schedule

May 11—class and Mother's Day plant sale

May 18th—class

May 25th—No class for Memorial Day weekend

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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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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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**Author presentation and book signing - please RSVP to Ellie Krol-
ian at 914-588-7047.**

**Books will be available for purchase by cash or check after Badarak
on Sundays.**

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 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.

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St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church Armenia Awaits

Led by Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan



JULY 14 - 28

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(AIRFARE NEEDS TO BE RESERVED
SEPARATELY)

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 and will give a Children's Sermon this Sunday.

ANNUAL LIONEL GALSTAUN MEMORIAL CONCERT TO BE HELD AT 1:30 IN THE SANCTUARY.

MAY 11,
SUNDAY

MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

KITCHEN RE-OPENNING 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

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.

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.***