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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.

JUNE 15, 2025
REMEMBRANCE OF THE PROPHET ELIJAH
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

James 5:16-20

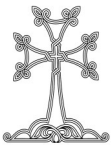
Luke 4:25-30

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

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Arek Ohanissian

Gary Oztemel



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY

*Please see page 5 of the bulletin
for the complete list of names.*

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REMEMBRANCE OF THE PROPHET ELIJAH

Prophet Elijah is one of the major prophets of the Old Testament, distinguished for his loyalty to the Lord, for his zealous struggle against idolatry spread in Israel by the apostate king Ahab and his idolatrous wife, Queen Jezebel.

Prophet Elijah lived in the IX century B.C. In the First Book of Kings (17-18) and the Second Book of Kings (1-2) is told about the activity of the Prophet Elijah. Evangelists also mention the name of the Prophet Elijah.

In the First Book of Kings it is told that being the true herald of the Word of God Elijah, by the Lord's will appeared before the apostate king Ahab and warned about the upcoming drought. His prophecy came true and after three years the Prophet again went to the king Ahab. Proving the weakness of the idolatrous, Prophet Elijah prayed God asking to send down fire for the sacrifice and a heavy rain. It is also told that thanks to the divine grace the Prophet Elijah helped the widow in Zarephath making so that her bowl wouldn't run out of flour and her jar wouldn't run of oil, also restored the widow's dead son to life.

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Հին Կտակարանի մեծ մարգարեներից է, որ հայտնի է Տիրոջ հանդեպ ունեցած հավատարմությամբ, հավատուրաց Աքաաբ թագավորի ու նրա կռապաշտ չեզարեկ թագուհու կողմից Իսրայելում սերմանված կռապաշտության դեմ նախանձախնդիր պայքարով: Եղիա մարգարեն ապրել և գործել է Քրիստոսից առաջ 9-րդ դարում: Նրա մասին պատմվում է Թագավորաց Գ և Դ գրքերում: Եղիա մարգարեի անունը հիշատակում են ավետարանիչները: Թագավորաց գրքում գրված է, թե ինչպես Եղիան, իբրև Աստծո խոսքի ճշմարիտ բանբեր, Տիրոջ տնօրինությամբ հայտնվում է հավատուրաց Աքաաբի առջև և հայտարարում սպասվող երաշտի մասին:

Կատարվում է Եղիայի մարգարեությունը և երեք տարի անց մարգարեն կրկին ներկայանում է Աքաաբին: Ապացուցելով կռապաշտների անգորությունը, Եղիան աղոթքով վառում է իր ողջակեզի կրակը, ապա դիմելով աստծուն, հորդառատ անձրևի բերում: Եղիա մարգարեին են վերագրում զանազան հրաշարագործություններ, թե ինչպես աստվածային գորությամբ միշտ լի է պահում այրի կնոջ ալյուրի և յուղի ամանները, հարություն տալիս նրա մահացած որդուն եւ այլն:

Հայ Առաքելական Եկեղեցու տոնելի սրբերի շարքում Եղիա մարգարեին առանձնահատուկ տեղ է հատկացված: Ի տարբերություն մյուս սրբերի, որոնց հիշատակությունը տոնում են շաբաթվա սովորական օրերին, Եղիա մարգարեի հիշատակությունը կատարվում է Հոգեգալստին հաջորդող միայն կիրակի օրը:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the First Epistle of James 5:16-20

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.

Elijah was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit.

My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke 4:25-30

But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.



**Wishing all of our Fathers and
Fathers at heart a very happy
Father's Day!**

Fellowship Coffee Hour

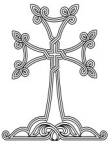


We appreciate the gracious generosity of the Hamparsoumian, Gurunian, Kaprielian, Baberian, Quinn, Khachian, and Keleshian Bonfiglio families for providing refreshments for fellowship hour today.

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.

**Second Plate Collection will be done
by the Women's Guild at the end of the Liturgy on
Sunday, June 22, 2025**

The collection will benefit Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program. Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program (CASP), is supported by the Women's Guild of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (WGCC), to help and support vulnerable children in need until they reach the age of 18. Currently, 900 children are enrolled in CASP. Thanks to this program, and your generosity, a yearly stipend provides these children with clothing, school supplies and helps contribute to their food so that they can thrive. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED FOR:

Simon & Cicek Tutak;
Hayik & Vartuhi Tutakian;
Setrak Kaprielian;
Artin Gocer;
Hagop & Jacklin Gocer;
Mehran & Nivart Yesil;
Benon & Pepron Gocer;
Antranik & Alis Baberian;
Ashot Tigranyan;
Sarkis & Arshaluys Senocak Kaprielian;
Jirair Senocak Kaprielian;
Ohannes Senocak Kaprielian;
Mayreni & Dikran Demirci;
Horen & Seranush Tutak

*Requested by: The Hamparsoumian family, the Gurunian family,
The Kaprielian family, and the Baberian family*

Richard Khachian (20 years)

Requested by: Nancy and Karl Quinn, Gary and Ani Khachian

Vincent James Bonfiglio (40th day)

Requested by: J. Christopher & Adriane Keleshian Bonfiglio

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



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

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 Enlightenment eNewsletter.

CHOIR APPRECIATION DAY

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Potluck Fellowship following the Divine Liturgy

If you would like to bring food to share with others,
please contact Lisa Kouzoujian at 203-536-2622

A short program will be presented by members of our
Choir during the fellowship.

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

THE EASTERN DIOCESE OF
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
CONSTANTINOPI



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Please note that the Divine Liturgy will NOT be celebrated at our church this Sunday, June 29, 2025.

We warmly encourage all our parishioners to attend the Divine Liturgy at St. Vartan Cathedral, where it will be celebrated by His Eminence Archbishop Sahak Mashalian, the Armenian Patriarch of Constantinople. This is a rare and blessed opportunity to worship together with our broader Armenian community and receive the prayers and blessings of the Patriarch.

Details above.

However, our church will still be open Sunday morning:

- Morning Service will be offered from 10:30–11:00 AM.
 - The sanctuary will remain open for personal prayers and reflection.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	Morning Service & Divine Liturgy. Fr. Mesrob Hovsepian celebrates the Divine Liturgy.
JUNE 22, SUNDAY	CHOIR APPRECIATION DAY. Details inside. If you would like to bring food to share for the potluck fellowship, please contact Lisa Kouzoujian at 203-536-2622
JUNE 24, TUESDAY	Lunch with the Armenian Patriarch of Constantinople, Archbishop Sahak Mashalian on Tuesday, June 24 th . The luncheon will take place at noon at St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral.
JUNE 29, SUNDAY	Divine Liturgy will NOT be celebrated at our church this Sunday. Details inside. The church will still be open Sunday morning: Morning Service - 10:30-11:00 AM.
JULY 20, SUNDAY	Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Ghevond Ajamian. Fr. Mesrob will be traveling to Armenia along with parish trip participants and will return on August 12.
JULY 26 SATURDAY	Aida's Book Group 11 am
JULY 27, SUNDAY	Guest celebrant: Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Arshen Ayvazian.
AUGUST 3, SUNDAY	Guest celebrant: Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Arshen Ayvazian.
AUGUST 10, SUNDAY	Guest celebrant: Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian.
AUGUST 17, SUNDAY	Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary Blessing of Grapes service. All-American BBQ, Women's Guild.
SEPTEMBER 21, SUNDAY	Armenian Picnic Details to follow.