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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 8, 2025**  
**PENTECOST**  
**ՀՈԳԵԳԱԼՈՒՄ**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 2:1-21

John 14:25-31

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

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

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## PENTECOST

The Feast of Pentecost is the commemoration of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the fiftieth day following the Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Armenian Church celebrates this feast 50 days following Easter Sunday. The Holy Spirit is one of the three persons in the Holy Trinity coexisting with, and equal to, the Holy Father and the Holy Son. During His earthly life and ministry Christ spoke to the Apostles about the coming of the Holy Spirit. Recording the words of Christ, St. John writes, "The Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you.". The descent of the Holy Spirit is described in the Acts of the Apostles: "When the day of the Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak. In the book of Acts, St. Luke further records the names of various countries, and that men from those countries were surprised, when each of them heard his native language. Among the mentioned places are Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia. Two of the saints of the Universal Church, both of Roman origin, Tertullian and Augustine, have written that the word "Armenia" should possibly be substituted instead of "Judea," as it is more logical that Armenia would be mentioned among those as a "foreign" country, as the apostles were living in Judea. Moreover, with regards to geographical position, Armenia was situated between Mesopotamia and Cappadocia. Therefore, the people living in Armenia may have been among the first witnesses of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

### ՀՈԳԵԳԱԼՈՒՍՏ (Պենտեկոստե)

Առաքյալների վրա Ս. Հոգու իջման հիշատակության Տոնն է, որ տեղի է ունեցել Ս. Հարության հիսուներորդ օրը: Այդ պատճառով էլ Հոգեգալուստը միշտ տոնում են Չատիկից հիսուն օր հետո: Սուրբ Հոգին Սուրբ Երրորդության երեք անձերից մեկն է, համագո և հավասար Հորը և Որդուն: Քրիստոս Իր երկրային գործունեության ընթացքում առաքյալների հետ խոսել էր Ս. Հոգու գալստյան մասին. «Իսկ Մխիթարիչը՝ Սուրբ Հոգին, որին Հայրը կուղարկի Իմ անունով, ևա ձեզ ամեն բան կուսուցանի և ձեզ կհիշեցնի այն ամենը, ինչ Ես ասացի ձեզ: Սուրբ Հոգու գալուստը նկարագրված է «Գործք Առաքելոց»-ում. «Երբ Պենտեկոստեի օրերը լրացան, բոլորը միասիրտ, միատեղ էին: Եվ հանկարծակի երկնից հնչեց մի ձայն՝ սաստիկ հողմից եկած ձայնի նման. և լցրեց այն տունը: Եվ նրանց երևացին բաժանված լեզուների՝ նման բոցեղեն լեզուների, որոնք նստեցին յուրաքանչյուրի վրա: Եվ բոլորը լցվեցին Սուրբ Հոգով ու սկսեցին խոսել ուրիշ լեզուներով, ինչպես որ Սուրբ Հոգին նրանց խոսել էր տալիս:»

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### ***The reading is from the First Epistle of Acts 2:1-21***

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

### ***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John 14:25-31***

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.



## **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.**

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## **Fellowship Coffee Hour**

We appreciate the gracious generosity of the Sunday School 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.

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***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.

## THE KISS OF PEACE

### The GIVER says:

Christ is revealed amongst us.  
Քրիստոս ի մէջ մեր յայտնեցաւ:  
Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.

### The RECEIVER says:

Blessed is the revelation of Christ.  
Օրհնեալ է յայտնութիւնն Քրիստոսի:  
Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.

## WHEN TAKING MAHS

### The GIVER says:

May this be to you a share and portion of the Holy Sacrifice.

Մաս և բաժին երիցի քեզ ի Սուրբ Պատարագէս:  
Mahs yev pazheen yegheetsee kez ee Soorp  
Badarakes.

### The RECEIVER says:

My portion is God forever.  
Բաժին իմ Աստուած յաւիտեան:  
Pahjeen eem Asdvadz haveedyan.

## THE PSALM OF DISMISSAL - PSALM 34

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall be at all times in my mouth.

Օրհնեցից ըզՏէր յամենայն ժամ, յամենայն ժամ,  
Օրհնութիւն նորա ի բերան իմ:

Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenayn zham  
orhnootyoon nora ee peran eem.

### When approaching the Holy Gospel at the end of the Divine Liturgy you say:

May the Lord remember all your sacrifices.  
Յիշեցէ Տէր զամենայն պատարագս քո.  
Heeshestseh Der zamenayn Badarakus ko

### The Priest answers:

May the Lord grant you according to your own heart,  
and fulfill all your desires. (Psalm 20:4)

Տացէ քեզ Տէր ըստ սրտի քում և զամենայն խորհուրդս քո  
ի բարիս նա կատարեսցէ:

Datseh kez Der usd srdee koom yev zamenayn  
khorhoortus koh ee pareas na gadarestseh.

## 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 Enlightenment eNewsletter.

## 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".

# **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

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**Performance by the**  
**Choir Members**

Free Will Donation

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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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JUNE 20

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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. Children's Sermon will be delivered today.**

**Sunday School Graduation following the Liturgy.  
ACYOA Juniors gathering—12:30pm.  
Meeting with the travelers to Armenia—1:00pm.**

JUNE 22,  
SUNDAY

**CHOIR APPRECIATION DAY.  
Details inside.**

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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 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.**