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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.

**AUGUST 3, 2025**  
**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRANSFIGURATION**  
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**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

1 Corinthians 1:25-30

Matthew 18:10-14

**PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:**

*Arman Bedonian*

*Ani Khachian*

*Gary Oztemel*



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

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## **Commemoration of the Apostle Thaddeus and the Virgin Sandoukht**

St. Thaddeus the Apostle and St. Sandoukht the Virgin are two of the most venerated saints in the Armenian Church, as the “Great Conversion” of the Armenian nation to Christianity is significantly connected with their names. Following the Ascension of Christ, according to the Lord’s message: “Go then to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples...”, Thaddeus departs for Edessa. There he preaches the Gospel, and among his numerous miracles, also heals the king of Osrhoene named Abgar. In the year 44 A.D., Thaddeus travels on to Armenia and enters the domain of the pagan King Sanatrouk. After preaching in various parts of Armenia, St. Thaddeus converts many to Christianity, who become the foundation for the Armenian Church. The Apostle Thaddeus, while in the region of Artaz, gains access to the royal palace and converts Princess Sandoukht, the daughter of the king, to Christianity. The Armenian King Sanatrouk becomes aware of his daughter’s conversion and exhorts her to return to her native heathen religion, but his efforts are in vain. The enraged king imprisons both the Virgin Sandoukht and St. Thaddeus and subjects them to severe torments. Another effort is made to persuade the Virgin to give up Christianity by the governor of the royal palace, an Armenian prince. This effort only ends with the prince becoming a Christian as well. The king, able to bear no more, finally orders the death of the Apostle Thaddeus and his own daughter, Sandoukht. They are martyred together in Shavarshan, the summer residence of the royal family .

### **Ս. ԹԱՂԵՈՍ ԱՌԱՔՅԱԼԻ և Ս. ՍԱՆԴՈՒԽՏ ԿՈՒՅՍԻ ՀԻՇԱՏԱԿՈՒԹՅԱՆ ՕՐ**

Ս. Թաղեոս առաքյալը և Ս. Սանդուխտ կույսը Հայ Եկեղեցու ամենանշանավոր տոնելի սրբերից են, քանի որ նրանց անվան հետ է առնչվում հայոց լուսավորության պատմությունը: Քրիստոսի Համբարձումից հետո, համաձայն Տիրոջ պատգամի՝ «Գնացե՛ք, ուրեմն աշակերտ դարձրե՛ք բոլոր ազգերին, նրանց մկրտեցե՛ք Հոր և Որդու և Սուրբ Հոգու անունով», Թաղեոսը նախ գալիս է Եդեսիա, ավետարանում կենաց խոսքը, ի թիվս բազում հրաշքների բժշկում նաև Աբգար թագավորին, ապա՝ իրեն փոխարինող նշանակելով Եդեսիայում, գնում է Հայոց Սանատրուկ արքայի տիրությունը: Այստեղ զանազան վայրեր քարոզելուց հետո բազմաթիվ հեթանոսների է քրիստոնեական հավատի բերում և հիմնադրում Հայ Առաքելական Սուրբ Եկեղեցին:

Գալով Արտազ գավառ, առաքյալը մտնում է հայոց արքունիք և դարձի բերում արքայադուստր Սանդուխտ կույսին: Իրագեկ

դառնալով այս ամենին, Սանատրուկ հայոց արքան սկզբում հորդորում է դատերը ետ դառնալ նախկին հավատին, սակայն՝ ապարդյուն: Ջայրացած արքան թե՛ Թադեոս առաքյալին, թե՛ Սանդուխտ կույսին նետում է բանտ և դաժան տանջանքների ենթարկում: Արքունի իշխանագուն կառավարչի միջոցով արքայադստերը տարհամոզելու վերջին փորձը ևս ապարդյուն է անցնում: Քրիստոնյա է դառնում նաև կառավարիչը: Ի վերջո, արքայի հրամանով Ս. Թադեոս առաքյալը և Ս. Սանդուխտ կույսը նահատակվում են արքայական ամառանոց Շավարշավան գյուղաքաղաքում: Հայ Եկեղեցին Ս. Թադեոս առաքյալի հիշատակը տարվա մեջ ոգեկոչում է երկու անգամ, նախ՝ Ս. Բարդուղիմեոս առաքյալի, ապա՝ Ս. Սանդուխտ կույսի հետ:

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### ***The reading is from the First Epistle of 1 Corinthians 1:25-30***

For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your call, brethren; not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth; but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

### ***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 18:10-14***

See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety nine on the hills and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.



## **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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### **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

Please note that church office hours will be limited from July 14 through August 1.

Fr. Mesrob will be leading a group of parishioners on the Parish Trip to Armenia on July 14-28. He is expected to return on August 12.

If you need immediate pastoral assistance during this time, please contact the church office: 914-428-2595 to leave a message that will be returned as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding!

## GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 2024-2025



If you know of any St. Gregory parishioners who have recently graduated from high school, college, or graduate school please notify (or pass the word along and have them notify) the church office or Der Hayr by calling 914-428-2595 or emailing [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 Newsletter and eNewsletter. This year's graduates are the following (please let us know if we missed anyone):

### **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

Annika Aslanian  
Benjamin Arthur Bazarian

### **COLLEGE GRADUATES**

John Aslanian  
Christopher Koobatian

### **UNIVERSITY GRADUATE**

Greg Mekenian

***Congratulations to all graduates!***

Please submit the names of any graduates not included on the list.



### ***Fellowship Coffee Hour***

We appreciate the generosity of the Parish Council members on duty 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, please contact the church office (914) 428-2595.

# All-American BBQ

SUNDAY, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

12:30 pm

## Women's Guild Annual Fundraiser

St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church  
1131 North Street – White Plains, NY 10605



**\$25.pp** (\$15. Children ages 5-12, Children under 5 FREE)

### *All American BBQ Favorites*

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Pulled Pork, Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Mac&Cheese, Corn-on-the-Cob, Watermelon, Apple Pie, Brownies, Lemonade, Iced Tea

**\*Invite your Friends & Family to join us\* Everyone WELCOME!\***

RSVP via cell/text: Adriane Keleshian Bonfiglio (914) 649-1072  
\*\*Please include NAME & number of adults/children in reservation\*\*

*We appreciate your Pre-Paid Advance Reservations for proper planning before August 8<sup>th</sup>*

### All-American BBQ FAMILY FUNDRAISER

Reservation Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Contact: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25. per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children ages 5-12 years old \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15. per child \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Under 5 years old FREE\* \_\_\_\_\_ \*FREE\* \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Donation to St.Gregory Women's Guild \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

payable to: **Women's Guild / St. Gregory Armenian Church**  
1131 North Street – White Plains, NY 10605

Not able to attend, but want to support the St. Gregory Women's Guild Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMO:** Donation

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$150 \$200 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## JOB OPPORTUNITY AT ST. NERSESS



St. Nersess Armenian Seminary is looking for a full-time cook/chef for the upcoming academic year.

Please contact the Seminary office for more information: 914-273-0200.



# YOU ARE INVITED TO ST. GREGORY'S ANNUAL ARMENIAN

## Picnic

Come join us for delicious traditional  
Armenian food and wine.

**21** SUNDAY SEPTEMBER  
12PM - 5PM

LIVE ARMENIAN MUSIC, RAFFLES, FUN ACTIVITIES FOR  
CHILDREN AND SO MUCH MORE!

### LIVE ARMENIAN MUSIC BY

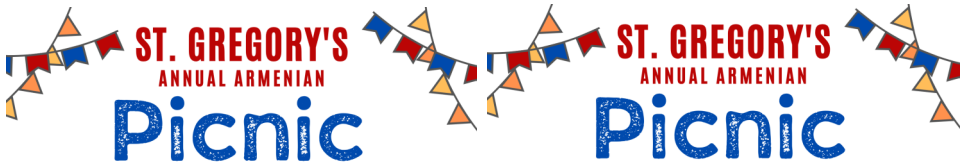
John Berberian & Ensemble  
DJ Music



### MORE INFO

reach us at 914-428-2595  
saintgregorychurchwp@gmail.com  
www.stgregorywp.com  
Free Admission

1131 NORTH STREET, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10605



## ST. GREGORY'S ANNUAL ARMENIAN Picnic

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025, NOON - 5PM

## ST. GREGORY'S ANNUAL ARMENIAN Picnic

**PICNIC RAFFLE**  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025, NOON - 5PM

We appreciate your generous support of our beloved Annual Family Fair and Picnic.

This is a wonderful opportunity to show & share your generous spirit  
with family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, and everyone in our community!

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other \$\_\_\_\_  
In HONOR of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other \$\_\_\_\_  
In MEMORY of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL Sponsorship \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other \$\_\_\_\_  
Sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS Sponsorship \$250 (bus. name) \$350 (bus. card) \$500 (small message)  
\$750 (large message)

BUSINESS Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU from the 2025 Picnic Committee.

Please make checks PAYABLE to: St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church  
MEMO: 2025 Picnic Sponsor  
Method: Check & Online

### THREE CASH PRIZE WINNERS

Drawing on day of the Picnic  
Winners will be contacted, no need to be present at drawing

GRAND Prize \$2,500  
2nd Prize \$1,000  
3rd Prize \$500

Note: Balance of RAFFLE ticket income goes directly to  
St. Gregory Armenian Church

### YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT, TO WIN IT!

Donation: \$50 per ticket, 3 tickets for \$100  
Payment must be received before 4:00pm on Sept. 21st, 2025

Questions? Need tickets? Contact:  
Adriane Keleshian Bonfiglio (914) 649-1072

Please make checks PAYABLE to: St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church  
MEMO: 2025 RAFFLE  
1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

**Morning Service & Divine Liturgy.**

**Guest celebrant: Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Arshen Aypazian.**

**Fr. Mesrob is currently in Armenia leading the group of participants on a parish pilgrimage and will return on August 12.**

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 13,  
SATURDAY

**NextGen of St. Gregory (Young Professionals) Social Event.** Details to follow.

SEPTEMBER 21,  
SUNDAY

**Armenian Picnic**  
Details inside.

OCTOBER 18,  
SATURDAY

**An Evening of Jazz hosted by the Cultural Committee.** Details to follow.

OCTOBER 21,  
TUESDAY

**Trip to the Bruce Museum with The Women's Guild** - Details to follow.

NOVEMBER 23,  
SUNDAY

**Thanksgiving Brunch sponsored by the Women's Guild** - Details to follow.

DECEMBER 6,  
SATURDAY

**The Women's Guild Advent by Candlelight Tea** - Details to follow.