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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 17, 2025

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Galatians 3:29-4:7

Luke 1:26-38

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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Each year on the Sunday closest to the date of August 15, the Armenian Church celebrates the Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This feast is the fourth of five major feasts that are commemorated, and is the oldest one dedicated to St. Mary.

Following the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, the Holy Virgin remains in Jerusalem, and lives under the care of St. John the Evangelist. For nearly 12 years, St. Mary lives by praying, fasting, and often visiting the empty tomb of her beloved Son. During one such visit to the tomb, the Archangel Gabriel appears and gives her the news of her imminent assumption to heaven. St. Mary relays the news to her relatives and all Christians, asking them to bury her in the valley of Gethsemane. St. Mary also asks the Apostle John to celebrate a Divine Liturgy, so she may receive Holy Communion one final time. After receiving Holy Communion, St. Mary returns to her room. As the Apostles prepare to mourn her death, St. John asks the Mother of God to leave an image of her face on a board of wood. St. Mary takes the board, crosses herself and brings it close to her face. Moistening the board with her tears, she asks God that by means of the board, people would be cured from disease. As the Apostles surround St. Mary, an indescribable light appears. The Son of God and the angels of heaven appear in the room. Seeing Christ, St. Mary dies. St. Bartholomew the Apostle was absent and did not participate in the burial service of St. Mary. Upon his return to Jerusalem, he wishes to see St. Mary for the last time. Per his request, the Apostles open the tomb, yet they do not find the remains of St. Mary. According to His promise, Jesus Christ had delivered His mother to His heavenly kingdom. The Apostles give the board of St. Mary to St. Bartholomew for consolation.

According to Moses of Khoren, St. Bartholomew brings the board to Armenia. It is kept in the Province of Andzav, in a location called Darbnots. Years later, a church is built there in honor of St. Mary, and a convent is opened.

On the Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary, the Ceremony of the Blessing of the Grapes is conducted, and the harvest for the entire year is blessed on that day.

The Armenian Church has a deep and abiding respect towards St. Mary. Special emphasis is placed on her being a mother, her honesty, her unique spirit of humility, her virtuous behavior and her unselfish dedication. For Armenian women, the Holy Virgin is the embodiment of virtue, pious motherhood, and the protector of family sacredness.

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Վերափոխման տոնին՝ հավարտ Ս. Պատարագի, բոլոր եկեղեցիներում կատարվում է խաղողօրհնության կարգ: Բոլոր պտուղներից առավել օրհնվում է խաղողի ողկույզը, քանի որ Տերը խաղողի որթը ամենագորավոր ծառերից ավելի վեր բարձրացրեց և պատվեց առավել, քան մյուս տնկիները՝ Իրեն Խաղողի որթ անվանելով՝ ըստ այն խոսքի, թե. «Ես եմ ճշմարիտ որթատունկը» (Հովհ. 15.1): Իսկ Տիրոջը սիրով կապվածներին ճյուղեր անվանեց և Հորը՝ Մշակ, որպեսզի Հայրը էտելով որթատունկը՝ այն պտղաբեր դարձնի արդարության գործում, իսկ էտված ճյուղերը հավիտենական կրակի նյութ դարձնի:

Միաձին Որդին Վերնատանը խորհրդավոր ընթրիքի ժամանակ գինին՝ խաղողի արյունը, Իր փրկական Արյան նյութը դարձրեց և Իր ձեռքերի մեջ վերցնելով՝ օրհնեց՝ ասելով. «Մա՛ է՛ Նոր ուխտի Իմ Արյունը»: Դրանով մենք գնվեցինք ու ազատվեցինք մեղքերի ծառայությունից ու մահից:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the First Epistle of Galatians 3:29-4:7

And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So through God you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then an heir.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke 1:26-38

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



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.**

***Calling All Bakers & Helpers to prepare for our Church Picnic!
No Experience Needed!***

Baking & Prep Schedule:

Wednesday, August 27 – Choeregs

Tuesday, September 2 – Nazook & Tahini Bread

Friday, September 5 – Cheese Boeregs

Thursday, September 11 – Gata & Date Cookies

Monday, September 15 – Yalanchi Prep

Tuesday, September 16 – Grape Leaves: Rolling & Baking

Wednesday, September 17 – Plate Yalanchi, Baklava Syrup, Noodle/Pilaf Prep

Thursday, September 18 – Hummus & Brownies

Friday, September 19 – Cream Khadayef & Mezze Platters

Saturday, September 20 – Luleh Kebab

If you're able to join us on any day **(s)**,
please text Gladys Tachdjian at 914-325-2232.

Thank you in advance for helping make this year's
picnic a success!

With gratitude,
On behalf of St. Gregory's Women's Guild



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Deadline for registration is November 1, 2025



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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 17th, 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 8th

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 \$ _____



YOU ARE INVITED TO ST. GREGORY'S ANNUAL ARMENIAN

Picnic

Come join us for delicious traditional
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21 SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER
12PM - 5PM

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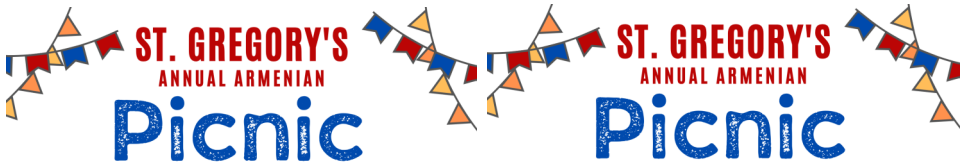
John Berberian & Ensemble
DJ Music



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

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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 \$_____

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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

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MEMO: 2025 RAFFLE
1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	<i>Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary Morning Service & Divine Liturgy. Fr. Mesrob will celebrate the Divine Liturgy. Blessing of Grapes service. All-American BBQ, Women's Guild.</i>
AUGUST 23, SATURDAY	<i>St. Bartholomew's Outreach Meal Prep The meal preparation will take place at 10:30-11:30am in the atrium.</i>
SEPTEMBER 13, SATURDAY	<i>NextGen of St. Gregory (Young Professionals) Social Event. Details to follow.</i>
SEPTEMBER 21, SUNDAY	<i>Armenian Picnic</i> Details inside.
OCTOBER 18, SATURDAY	<i>An Evening of Jazz hosted by the Cultural Committee. Details to follow.</i>
OCTOBER 21, TUESDAY	<i>Trip to the Bruce Museum with The Women's Guild. Details to follow.</i>
NOVEMBER 2, SUNDAY	<i>St. Gregor Award Banquet.</i> Details to follow.
NOVEMBER 23, SUNDAY	<i>Thanksgiving Brunch sponsored by the Women's Guild. Details to follow.</i>
DECEMBER 6, SATURDAY	<i>The Women's Guild Advent by Candlelight Tea.</i> Details to follow.

St. Bartholomew's Outreach

Volunteers needed to help with meal preparation on **Saturday, August 23rd at 10:30-11:30am** in the atrium.

Please contact Ellie Krolian to sign up, 914-588-7047 or ebkrolian@gmail.com