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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.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

BAREKENDAN OF THE FAST OF THE HOLY CROSS OF VARAK

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Mark 10:1-12

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

George Krikorian

Betty Sagatelian-Ortiz

Gary Oztemel



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Eve of the Fast of the Holy Cross of Varague

This is the Sunday preceding the feast of the Appearance of the Holy Cross on Mount Varague. In the 7th century, a miracle led to the discovery of the Lord's Wooden Cross, hidden by St. Hripsime on Mount Varague. This sacred event inspired the Armenian Apostolic Church to establish a national feast, now celebrated as the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varague, honoring the Holy Cross and its profound significance in Armenian tradition.

Բարեկենդան Վարագա Սուրբ Խաչին

Այս կիրակին նախորդում է պահքին, որը նվիրված է Վարագա լեռան վրա Սուրբ Խաչափայտի մասունքը գտնելուն: Ավանդույթի համաձայն՝ տեսիլքով նրանց երևում է Սբ. Աստվածածինը և պատվիրում մեկնել Արարատյան երկիր՝ Հայաստան: Կույսերը գալիս են Վաղարշապատ: Ճանապարհին, Վարագա լեռան մոտով անցնելիս, Հռիփսիմեն Սբ. Խաչափայտից մի մասունք, որը ժառանգաբար էր ստացել եւ միշտ կրում էր իր պարանոցին, ամփոփում է հայոց հողում: Այդ մասունքը հրաշքով գտնվում է 7-րդ դարում, որից հետո Հայ Առաքելական Եկեղեցին խաչի տոների շարքում սկսում է տոնել նաև Վարագա խաչի տոնը:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the Second Letter of Paul to Corinthians (9:6-15)

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark (10:1-12)

Our Lord Jesus Christ: And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again; and again, as his custom was, he taught them. And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to put her away." But Jesus said to them, "For your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one." So they are no longer two but one. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."



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.**



St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church Women's Guild



Join us for our General Membership Meeting on October 5, 2025, with a special guest speaker Angela Ciminello, Interim Chief Development Officer, who will share how My Sisters' Place works to end domestic violence.

Meeting immediately following Badarak in Tutak Hall.



Ending domestic violence and human trafficking through comprehensive services, advocacy, and community education in Westchester County.

How You Can Help

At this meeting, we invite you to support **My Sisters' Place** by donating **gift cards** for the women and families they serve.

Requested Gift Cards

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YOU ARE INVITED TO
ST. GREGORY'S
ANNUAL ARMENIAN


Picnic

Come join us for delicious traditional
Armenian food and wine.

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SEPTEMBER
12PM - 5PM

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**Today, please take a moment to remember in your prayers all
the sick and recovering members of our community.**

**May God touch His faithful servants with His healing hand, and
grant them good health & recovery.**

Please inform Der Hayr if you have friends or family who are suffering any physical or spiritual distress and are in need of prayer, and he will add them to his prayer list where they will be remembered. We all need prayer – both to say for others and to be said for us.



ST. GREGORY'S ANNUAL ARMENIAN Picnic



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
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!

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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
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ST. GREGORY'S ANNUAL ARMENIAN Picnic



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

THREE CA\$H 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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With gratitude,
On behalf of St. Gregory's Women's Guild

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".

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	<p>Morning Service & Divine Liturgy. Fr. Mesrob Hovsepian celebrates the Divine Liturgy.</p> <p>Join us for the St. Gregory Annual Armenian Picnic immediately following the Liturgy!</p>
OCTOBER 5, SUNDAY	<p>St. Gregory Women's Guild General Membership Meeting after Badarak. Guest Speaker: Angela Ciminello</p>
OCTOBER 18, SATURDAY	<p>An Evening of Jazz hosted by the Cultural Committee. Details to follow.</p>
OCTOBER 21, TUESDAY	<p>Trip to the Bruce Museum with The Women's Guild. Details to follow.</p>
NOVEMBER 2, SUNDAY	<p>SAVE THE DATE: ST. GREGORY AWARD LUNCHEON This year St. Gregory Award recipients will be Deacon Mirijohn and Anoush Givelekian. We congratulate them and express our appreciation for their dedication to our parish. The details to follow.</p>
NOVEMBER 8, SATURDAY	<p>NextGen of St. Gregory (Young Professionals) Social Event. Details to follow.</p>
NOVEMBER 23, SUNDAY	<p>Thanksgiving Brunch sponsored by the Women's Guild. Details to follow.</p>
DECEMBER 6, SATURDAY	<p>The Women's Guild Advent by Candlelight Tea. Details to follow.</p>

Sunday School Monthly Calendar

September 21, Picnic Set Up
September 28, Gardening