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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.

OCTOBER 26, 2025

FEAST OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE HOLY CROSS

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Galatians 4:3-18

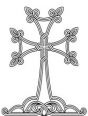
Luke 4:14-23

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Arman Bedonian

Ani Khachian

Gary Oztemel



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED TODAY.

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Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross

The Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross is one of the four major feasts dedicated to Christ's Holy Cross. According to tradition, in the year 327 AD, Queen Hekhineh—the mother of Byzantine King Kostandianos—traveled to Jerusalem to search for the True Cross, the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified.

In her search, she was helped by a local Jew named Judas, who eventually led her to the site of Golgotha, the place where Christ was crucified. There, they uncovered three wooden crosses—believed to be the crosses of Jesus and the two criminals who were crucified alongside Him.

To determine which cross was the True Cross, they brought the body of a recently deceased young man and laid it on each of the three crosses. When they placed him on one of the crosses, he miraculously came back to life. This confirmed that they had found the True Cross of Christ. Witnessing this miracle, Judas converted to Christianity and became known as Bishop Cyril of Jerusalem.

Following the discovery, Queen Hekhineh had the holy sites in Jerusalem restored, and she commissioned the construction of the Church of the Holy Resurrection, on the site of Golgotha. The True Cross was placed there for veneration.

The Armenian Apostolic Church celebrates the Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross on the Sunday during the period October 23-29.

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Խաչի Գիւտը Քրիստոսի խաչափայտին նվիրված չորս տոներից է: 327 թվականին բյուզանդական Կոստանդիանոս կայսեր մայրը՝ Հեղինեն, Տիրոջ խաչը գտնելու նպատակով այցելում է Երուսաղեմ: Հուդա անունով մի հրեա օգնում է կայսրուհուն գտնել Քրիստոսի խաչվելու վայրը՝ Գողգոթան, որտեղ որոնումների արդյունքում հայտնաբերվում են Հիսուսի և նրան խաչակից երկու ավագակների խաչերը: Տիրոջ խաչը ճանաչելու համար մի պատանու դիակ հերթով դնում են դրանց վրա, որոնցից մեկի վրա պատանին հարություն է առնում, և այդպես ճանաչվում է տերունական խաչը: Այդ հրաշքից հրեա Հուդան քրիստոնեություն է ընդունում և հետո դառնում է Երուսաղեմի Կյուրեղ եպիսկոպոսը: Խաչափայտի գյուտից հետո Հեղինեն բարեգարդում է Երուսաղեմի սրբազան վայրերը, իսկ Գողգոթայում կառուցում Ս. Հարություն եկեղեցին, որտեղ հետագայում գետեղվում է Տիրոջ խաչափայտը

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the First Letter of Paul to Corinthians (1:18-24)

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew (23:27-36)

For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather. "Immediately after the distress of those days" "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken." "Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.



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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ARMENIAN CHURCH PRESENT

FROM HEART TO

Hayastan

COAT DRIVE

OCT 5TH - NOV 2ND

Due to the Armenian-Azerbaijani war, many Armenians have been displaced, losing all of their belongings. Now, with winter coming, they will need protection from the cold. Donate your gently used coats and help someone stay warm in Armenia through these winter months

**PUFFER/LIGHTWEIGHT COATS
RECOMMENDED**

***DONATIONS WELCOME TO
DEFRAY SHIPPING COST**

Call to
sgechurchtreasurer@gmail.com



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ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER
ARMENIAN CHURCH

Cordially invites you to a celebration
HONORING

DEACON MIRIJOHN &
ANOUSH GIVELEKIAN

as the recipients of the

ST. GREGORY AWARD - 2024

acknowledging their dedicated service to our Church

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

SUNDAY at 12:30pm

BANQUET & PROGRAM

Advanced reservations are necessary

Kindly return completed form with your check by October 20

For questions contact church office at 914-428-2595 or saintgregorychurchwp@gmail.com

Reservation Name: _____ Phone (____) _____

Number of Paid Reservations: _____ Adults \$25.00/ea \$ _____

_____ Children (6-13) \$10.00/ea \$ _____

_____ Children (1-5) Free

Donation in honor of recipients \$ _____

TOTAL PAID \$ _____

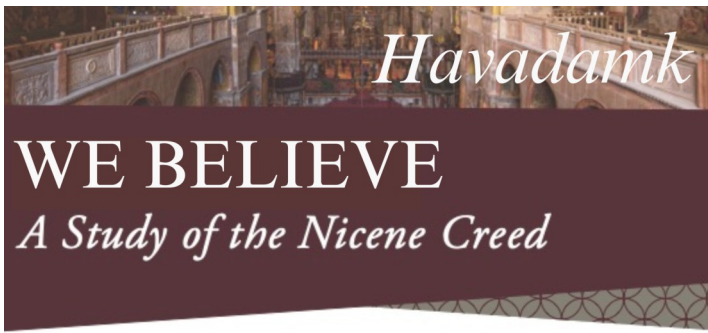
Make check payable to: St. Gregory Armenian Church
1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605

Without reservations: charge at the door is \$30/person

**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.



Havadamk

WE BELIEVE

A Study of the Nicene Creed

NOVEMBER

9, 16

DECEMBER

14, 28

JANUARY

18

Sundays

*Studying the
Nicene Creed
is a great way of
knowing and living
more deeply our
Orthodox Faith.*

12:45-1:30



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Armenian Church
1131 North Street,
White Plains, NY 10605

Join the Saint Gregory Women's Guild

as we give thanks and celebrate the season with food, fellowship, and gratitude at our **Thanksgiving Luncheon**

Date: Sunday, November 23rd, 2025

Time: Immediately following Badarak

Location: Tutak Hall

\$25 for adults; Children 5 to 12 years old \$15; Children 5 and under - free

Bring your appetite and your thankful heart!
Delicious food and a warm community await.
Families and friends are welcome! Don't forget to visit our bake sale for homemade treats to take home.

Please RSVP by November 15th, 2025:

Alicia Wood

awood@wcv3.com

Call/Text: (203) 246 - 7420



*NextGen of St. Gregory
Invites You To
Paint & Sip Night!*

November 15, 2025 | 6:00pm
St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church
White Plains, NY
Church Hall

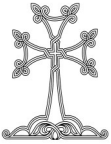
Featuring an art instructor
from "Paint the Town" who
will lead a fun and creative
experience!

All art materials provided

Beverages & light bites
included

**\$40 per person
Must be 21+**

Please RSVP by November 5:
Nadia Basil
(914) 843 - 4478
nadia.basil23@gmail.com



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY

**Nouritza Djirdjirian, Levon and Makrouhi Kelekian,
Aram and Sima Djirdjirian, Michael Djirdjirian, Vasken and
Anahid Kelekian, Charles and Zaroug Davitian**

Requested by: Lenna Bischoff and Michael Djirdjirian

Bashar Issa

Requested by: Lena Baroutjian and the family

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



Fellowship Coffee Hour

We appreciate the generosity of the Djirdjirian family for providing refreshments. Also to Louise Tezel for her fellowship donation towards coffee 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.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Morning Service & Divine Liturgy.

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy.

Join us for the fellowship coffee hour following the Liturgy.

NOVEMBER 2,
SUNDAY

SAVE THE DATE:

ST. GREGORY AWARD LUNCHEON

This year St. Gregory Award recipients will be

Deacon Mirijohn and Anoush Givlekian.

We congratulate them and express our appreciation for their dedication to our parish.

The details inside.

NOVEMBER 8,
SATURDAY

Aida's Book Club—12:00 noon at Tutak Hall

See the flyer for details.

NOVEMBER 9,
SUNDAY

Havadamk—A Study of the Nicene Creed

12:45-1:30.

NOVEMBER 15,
SATURDAY

ACYOA Juniors Thanksgiving Cooking event—

10:00am-3:00pm.

NOVEMBER 15,
SATURDAY

NextGen of St. Gregory (Young Professionals) Social Event—6:00pm.

Details inside.

NOVEMBER 16,
SUNDAY

Havadamk—A Study of the Nicene Creed

12:45-1:30.

NOVEMBER 22,
SATURDAY

Photos and Hot Cocoa with St. Nick

Armenian School Fundraiser—1-4 pm

NOVEMBER 23,
SUNDAY

Thanksgiving Brunch sponsored by the Women's

Guild. Bake Sale! Details inside.

DECEMBER 6,
SATURDAY

The Women's Guild Advent by Candlelight Tea.

2:00-4:00pm.

DECEMBER 14,
SUNDAY

Havadamk—A Study of the Nicene Creed

12:45-1:30.