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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.

NOVEMBER 30, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Thessalonians 4:1-11

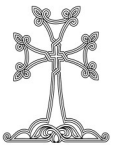
Luke 13:1-9

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Arman Bedonian

George Krikorian

Annie Shalian



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY

Kathleen R. Murphy (40th Day)

Requested by: Lillian Boyajian

May God rest her soul in His eternal peace and presence and grant her loved ones the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

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**Commemoration of Apostles
St. Thaddeus and St. Bartholomew
The First Preachers of Christianity in Armenia**

Apostles St. Thaddeus and St. Bartholomew were two of the twelve Apostles of Christ. They were the first apostles of Christ to go to Armenia to preach Christianity, thus deserving the title "the first illuminators." Still at the dawn of Christianity, they were martyred in Armenia. It was the result of their preaching and martyrdom that the Armenian people were the first nation in the world to proclaim Christianity as the state religion. Indeed, Apostles St. Thaddeus and St. Bartholomew played an important role in the history of the 2000-year-old Christian Armenian nation which has kept its unshaken faith and keen love towards its Mother Church. Each year a Divine Liturgy is celebrated in the Cathedral of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin in the memory of these St. Apostles.

**Սուրբ առաքեալներ և մեր առաջին լուսաւորիչներ
Ս. Թադէոս և Ս. Բարդուղիմէոս առաքեալներու օր**

Ս. Թադէոսը և Ս. Բարդուղիմէոսը Քրիստոսի անխոնջ 12 առաքեալներէն էին, որոնք գալով Հայաստան՝ քրիստոնէութիւն քարոզեցին հայ ժողովուրդին՝ արժանանալով «առաջին լուսաւորիչներ» կոչմանը: Դեռևս քրիստոնէութեան արշալոյսին անոնք նահատակուեցան Հայաստանին մէջ: Առաքեալներու գործունէութեան արդիւնքում 301 թուականին հայ ժողովուրդն աշխարհում առաջինը քրիստոնէութիւնը հռչակեցաւ իբրև պետական կրօն: Հիրավի, այս սրբազան առաքեալներու դերը կարևորվում է երկհազարամեայ քրիստոնէայ հայ ժողովրդի կեանքին մէջ, որը լի է հաւատով և ջերմեռանդ սիրով դէպի մայր եկեղեցին:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the 1st Letter of Thessalonians 4:1-11

Finally, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus that, as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God (as, in fact, you are doing), you should do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control your own body in holiness and honor, not with lustful passion, like the gentiles who do not know God; that no one wrong or exploit a brother or sister in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, just as we have already told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. For God did not call us to impurity but in holiness. Therefore whoever rejects this rejects not human authority but God, who also gives his Holy Spirit to you. Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke 13:1-9

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'

You are cordially invited to
attend an **Advent by
Candlelight Tea**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 2025
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Hosted by the St Gregory Women's Guild
1131 North Street - White Plains, NY 10605

\$40. pp

*Includes canapés, refreshments & holiday
entertainment*

Checks payable to St. Gregory Women's Guild

**Advanced reservations
required for proper
planning**

Please RSVP by 11/30:
Dawn Papalian
dawn@papalian.com
Cell/Text: (310) 850 -
6496



**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.

BUS TRIP TO THE DIOCESE

We are planning a bus field trip to the Diocese and encourage all children of our community (grades K to 5) join us for a fun day of activities.

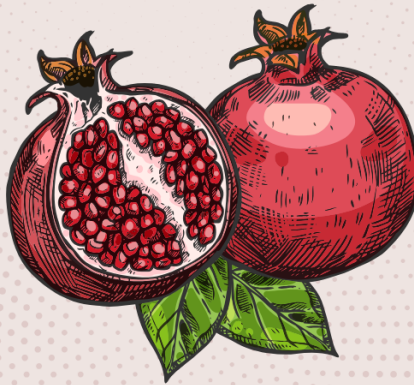
The bus will be leaving from St. Gregory the Enlightener Arm. Church on Dec. 6th at 9:30am and should be back before 3:30pm.

The bus trip is free and sponsored by our Parish Council.

BLESSING OF POMEGRANATES

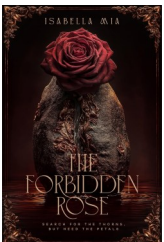
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

immediately following the Divine Liturgy



Donations are welcomed to defray the cost of the pomegranates

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



The Forbidden Rose by Isabella Mia

We extend our warm congratulations to **Isabella Mia Ortiz** on the publication of her new book, *The Forbidden Rose*.

For more information you can find the book on Amazon and on www.isabellamiaproductions.com.



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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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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.**

RECITING THE NICENE CREED IN ENGLISH

The **Nicene Creed** is one of the most important parts of our Divine Liturgy. In it, we proclaim the core of our Christian faith—our beliefs, our theology, and the truths handed down to us from the early Church. By reciting the Creed, we unite our voices with generations of faithful who have confessed these same teachings throughout the centuries.

To deepen our understanding and strengthen our communal prayer, we will begin **reciting the Nicene Creed in English every other Sunday** during the Divine Liturgy. This will allow all parishioners to fully participate, reflect more deeply on the meaning of the words, and grow together in the faith we profess.

November 30 - Armenian

December 7 - English

14 - Armenian

21 - English

28 - Armenian

January 4 - English



During the recitation of the Nicene Creed in the Armenian Church, members place their **palms together with fingers closed and the right thumb folded over the left**.

This posture is a symbol of:

- Professing the Christian faith.
- Showing unity as the body of Christ.
- Singleness of heart and the upward elevation of the soul in prayer.

This specific hand position is used on only a few occasions during the Divine Liturgy (Badarak), including the recitation of the Nicene Creed, the singing of the Angelic Hymn, and the elevation of the Gospel book.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Morning Service & Divine Liturgy.

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepian celebrates the Divine Liturgy.

Join us for the fellowship coffee hour following the Liturgy.

DECEMBER 6,
SATURDAY

The Women's Guild Advent by Candlelight Tea.
2:00-4:00pm.

Thrift & Gift Shoppe will be open for special hours Noon to 4pm

DECEMBER 13,
SATURDAY

Khachkar carving workshop—1:00-2:00pm.
Details to follow.

DECEMBER 14,
SUNDAY

Havadamk—A Study of the Nicene Creed
12:45-1:30.

DECEMBER 20,
SATURDAY

Christmas by the Armenian School students
Details to follow.

DECEMBER 21,
SUNDAY

Lunch with Santa following the Liturgy.
Details to follow.

DECEMBER 24,
SATURDAY

Aida's Book Club - 11am.
Anyone is free to join the group.

DECEMBER 28,
SUNDAY

Morning Service & Divine Liturgy
Blessing of Pomegranates Service to follow after the Liturgy.

JANUARY 5,
2026
MONDAY

EVE OF THE NATIVITY AND THEOPHANY
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - J'RAKA-
LOOYTZ

6:00pm - Scripture readings

6:30pm - Candlelight Divine Liturgy

JANUARY 6,
2026
TUESDAY

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY AND THEOPHANY
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Matins - 9:45am

Christmas Badarak & Blessing of Water Service -
10:15am

Potluck Luncheon