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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.

JANUARY 18, 2026
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Timothy 1:1-11
John 2:1-11

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Ani Khachian
Gary Oztemel
George Krikorian



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE HELD TODAY

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FEAST OF THE NAMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Each year, on January 13, the Armenian Apostolic Church celebrates the Feast of Naming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As Evangelist St. Luke writes in his Gospel, according to the Jewish tradition “On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.” (Lk 2:21). “Jesus” is a Hebrew word meaning “Savior”. According to the Gospel according to Luke when the angel Gabriel came to Mary to give her the good tidings of the birth of the Son of the Most High, he said that Mary would name the baby “Jesus”. “You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.” (Lk 1:31). Parallel to the name “Jesus” the name “Christ” is given to the Savior, which is a Greek word meaning “Consecrated” and corresponding to the Hebrew word “Messiah.” On the Feast of Naming of Our Lord Jesus Christ a Divine Liturgy is celebrated in all Armenian Churches. On the eve of the feast, following the evening service a special service is conducted.

Տօն Քրիստոսի Անուանակոչութեան

Հրեական օրենքին համաձայն՝ ծննդեան Ցրդ օրը Յիսուս, ինչպէս նորածին ամեն մի արու զավակ, թլփատուեցաւ և անուանակոչուեցաւ: Այդ մասին կը վկայէ Ս. Ղուկաս Աւետարանիչը. «Ուրբ օր ետք, երբ մանուկը թլփատելու ժամանակը հասաւ, Յիսուս կոչեցին զայն, այն անունով որ հրեշտակը տուած էր անոր՝ տակաւին Մարիամի որովայնին մէջ չղացած» (Ղուկ. 2:21): «Յիսուս» եբրայերէն բառ մըն է, որ կը նշանակէ փրկիչ:

Ս. Գաբրիէլ հրեշտակը, Սուրբ Աստուածամօրը աւետելով Աստուծոյ Որդու Ծննդեան մասին, Յիսուս անունը կը յիշատակէ: Այս մասին կրկին կը վկայէ նոյն Աւետարանիչը. «Ահա պիտի յղանաս և զաւակ մը ծնիս, որ Յիսուս պիտի կոչես» (Ղուկ. 1:31): «Յիսուս» անուանը զուգահեռ Փրկչին կը տրուի նաև «Քրիստոս» անունը: Այն յունարէն բառ մըն է, որ կը նշանակէ «Օծեալ» և կը համապատասխանէ եբրայերէնի «Մեսիայ»-ին:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the First Letter of Timothy 1:1-11

As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work—which is by faith. The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk. They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm. We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John 2:1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Make a Meaningful Difference in Our Church Community by Offering Your Service!

We are seeking parishioners who would like to be nominated to serve on the Parish Council. Those nominated may be elected at the Annual Parish Assembly in March 2026.

For parishioners looking for a meaningful way to become more involved in the heart and life of the church, serving on the Parish Council offers a wonderful opportunity. Parish Council members play an active role in welcoming newcomers and longtime parishioners on their scheduled Sundays, assisting with elements of the Badarak, and preparing refreshments for Fellowship Hour gatherings.

In addition to Sunday responsibilities, members participate in monthly board meetings. Through these meetings, they gain a deeper understanding of the many committees and ministries that help the church community thrive. Council members are supported and guided as they learn how we fulfill our ministry as a Church community.

Those who feel called to share their time, talent, and warm presence are encouraged to consider this meaningful role. Your involvement helps sustain the spirit and rhythm of our parish community.

The Nominating Committee will be reaching out to parishioners in January. Anyone interested in being placed on the ballot is invited to contact the committee directly.

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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”.



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.
- Sanitize your hand before returning to your seat from the right side of the chancel.

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LANDSCAPE OF ENDURANCE

EXHIBITION



WALKTHROUGH AND Q/A
Feb. 08, 2026 | 5:00 pm



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RECITING THE NICENE CREED IN ENGLISH

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.

January 18 - English
25 - Armenian
February 1 - English
8 - Armenian
15 - English

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**Ecumenical Prayer Service at the
Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan
Cathedral of the Holy Trinity**

*"There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one
hope of your calling"*

Ephesians 4:4

You are cordially invited to join His
Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of
America and Christian Leaders from the New
York Metropolitan Area in this ecumenical
gathering to pray for Christian unity.

*Reception to follow prayer service in
Chiotos Hall.*

**Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan
Cathedral of the Holy Trinity**

337 E 74th Street
New York, NY 10021
January 29th, 2026
6:30 PM



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.
JANUARY 19, MONDAY	Project Linus—Fourth Annual Day Of Service 10:30–12:30. Also, the Women’s Guild Thrift Shoppe will be open, 12-4pm
JANUARY 24, SATURDAY	Aida’s Book Club Our next book will be The Barbizon by Paulina Bren at 11am. As always, anyone is free to join us.
JANUARY 31 SATURDAY	Prayer for Healing with Orthodox Clergy See the flyer for details.
FEBRUARY 1, SUNDAY	Women’s Guild General Membership Meeting
FEBRUARY 7, SATURDAY	Poon Paregentan Family Fun Night See the flyer for details.
FEBRUARY 15, SUNDAY	Poon Paregentan Great Lent begins on Monday, February 16
MARCH 1, SUNDAY	Annual Parish Assembly to be held after Badarak
MARCH 14, SATURDAY	Women’s Guild Lenten Retreat at St. Nersess Seminary
MARCH 28, SATURDAY	Saintly Women’s Day Details to follow
MARCH 29, SUNDAY	Palm Sunday, ACYOA Day Details to follow.
APRIL 5, SUNDAY	Easter Sunday

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

APRIL 19,
SUNDAY

LIONEL GALSTAUN MEMORIAL CONCERT
Details to follow.

MAY 31,
SUNDAY

CULTURAL COMMITTEE EVENT
Details to follow.

JUNE 6,
SUNDAY

HUYSER ENSEMBLE CONCERT
Details to follow.

Project ♥ Linus

Service
PROJECT

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Please join fellow parishioners on this National Day of Service to create "no-sew" blankets for local children in need of comfort. St. Gregory will be partnering with Project Linus, a national not-for-profit that provides new hand-made blankets to children in need, to comfort youth in our community with gifts of blankets lovingly created by our volunteers. This is a wonderful project for all generations - ages 5 to 100 welcome! Instruction, supplies and refreshments will be provided.

**Please help us make our fourth
National Day of Service project a success!**



Kindly RSVP to
saintgregorychurchwp@gmail.com
by January 11
so we can properly plan for the day.

Parish Council

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"The Lord heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds." #PSALM 147

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

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The Healing Prayers service, known in Armenian as Բուժանոթի խորհուրդ (Buzhanotkhorh) is a cherished and ancient tradition of the Armenian Church devoted to prayer, renewal, and healing. During this service, water will be blessed through the immersion of the Holy Cross.

At the end of the service, the blessed water, which serves as a sign of renewal and cleansing from infirmities, will be distributed to the faithful for spiritual and physical healing.

It's a peaceful time to pray for our own healing, for others who are suffering, and for the world.

ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER ARMENIAN CHURCH

AREA ORTHODOX CLERGY WILL JOIN
FR. MESROB HOVSEPIAN

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026
6:30 PM.

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW

Those who wish to contribute a dish to share are kindly asked to contact Lauren Kayayan at 917-887-4037.

1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605

ALL ARE WELCOME



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**Armenian Mardi Gras
FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2026 - 6:30PM

\$55.00/ADULTS, \$25.00/CHILDREN [AGES 5-12]

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MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BEFORE FEBRUARY 1ST
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