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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.

FEBRUARY 8, 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE OCTAVE OF THEOPHANY
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Titus 1:1-11

John 7:37-52

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

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Ani Khachian

Betty Sagatelian Ortiz



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COMMEMORATION OF THE PONTIFF ST. SAHAK PARTEV

Pontiff St. Sahak Partev was the elder son of Catholicos St. Nersess the Great, and the last Catholicos of the Armenian Church who descended from the lineage of St. Gregory the Illuminator. He became Catholicos of All Armenians in 387 A.D., and reigned for an astounding 52 years. Being talented in music and educated in the rhetorical arts, philosophy and linguistics, St. Sahak greatly contributed to the development of Armenian national culture. He was the strongest advocate for the creation of an Armenian Alphabet, and became its chief patron. Following the creation of the Armenian Alphabet, St. Sahak and St. Mesrop opened a school for translators in the city of Vagharshapat (Etchmiadzin). There they begin the translation of the Holy Bible into Armenian and did it so perfectly, that centuries hence the Armenian Translation is called the "Queen Translation of the Breath of God". The first sentence translated from the Holy Bible is the opening verse of the Book of Proverbs: "To know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding."

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Մբ. Իսահակ Հայրապետը Ներսէս Մեծ կաթողիկոսի որդին էր, Մբ. Գրիգոր Լուսավորչի տոհմի վերջին ներկայացուցիչը, որ 387 թվականից սկսած 52 տարի եղել է հայոց հայրապետական աթոռի գահակալը: Լինելով կրթված և հմուտ երաժշտական, հռետորական արվեստների, իմաստասիրության եւ լեզվագիտության մեջ, Սահակ Պարթեւը մեծ նպաստ է բերել հայ ազգային մշակույթի զարգացմանը, եղել հայոց գրերի ստեղծման ջատագովը, Մեսրոպ Մաշտոց վարդապետի հետ դարձել հայ դպրության ու եկեղեցական մատենագրության հիմնադիր: Տառերի գյուտից հետո Մբ. Սահակն ու Մբ. Մեսրոպը սկսում են Աստվածաշնչի թարգմանությունը եւ այնպես կատարյալ կերպով են կատարում այն, որ Աստվածաշնչի հայերեն թարգմանությունը դարեր հետո կոչվում է Աստվածաշնչի թարգմանությունների թագուհի:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that is in accordance with godliness, in the hope of eternal life that God, who never lies, promised before the ages began— in due time he revealed his word through the proclamation with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior, To Titus, my loyal child in the faith we share: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior. I left you behind in Crete for this reason, so that you should put in order what remained to be done, and should appoint elders in every town, as I directed you: someone who is blameless, married only once, whose children are believers, not accused of debauchery and not rebellious. For a bishop, as God's steward, must be blameless; he must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or addicted to wine or violent or greedy for gain; but he must be hospitable, a lover of goodness, prudent, upright, devout, and self-controlled. He must have a firm grasp of the word that is trustworthy in accordance with the teaching, so that he may be able both to preach with sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict it. There are also many rebellious people, idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision; they must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for sordid gain what it is not right to teach.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John 7:37-52

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. On hearing his words, some of the people said, "Surely this man is the Prophet." Others said, "He is the Messiah." Still others asked, "How can the Messiah come from Galilee? Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David's descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?" Thus the people were divided because of Jesus. Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him.



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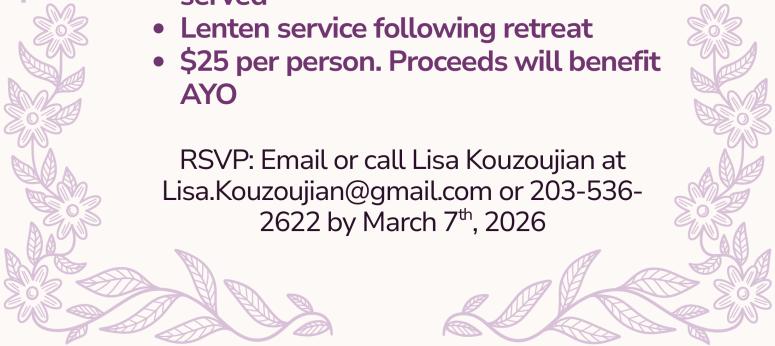
Women's Guild invites you to

Season of Reflection: Lenten Retreat.
Led by Dn. Yervant Kutchukian, Spiritual
Director, St. Nersess Seminary

Join us at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary

- Saturday, March 14th, 2026
- Noon to 4 PM
- Lenten lunch and refreshments served
- Lenten service following retreat
- \$25 per person. Proceeds will benefit AYO

RSVP: Email or call Lisa Kouzoujian at
Lisa.Kouzoujian@gmail.com or 203-536-
2622 by March 7th, 2026



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

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.

February	8 - Armenian
	15 - English
	22 - Armenian
March	1 - English
	8 - Armenian
	15 - English
	22 - Armenian
	29 - 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.

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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Fellowship Coffee Hour

We appreciate the generosity of the Parish Council for providing the refreshments for today's fellowship coffee hour.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Morning Service & Divine Liturgy.
Fr. Mesrob Hovsepian celebrates the Divine Liturgy.
Children's sermon will be delivered at the end of the service.
Join us for the fellowship coffee hour following the Liturgy.

Landscape of Endurance Walkthrough
5:00-6:00pm
Location: Ted&Nune Studio
45 Main Street Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, 10706

FEBRUARY 15,
SUNDAY

Poon Paregentan
Great Lent begins on Monday, February 16

MARCH 1,
SUNDAY

Annual Parish Assembly to be held after Badarak

MARCH 7,
SATURDAY

Aida's Book Club at 11 am in the Atrium
"The Alice Network" by Kate Quinn

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

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.