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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.

MARCH 15, 2026

SUNDAY OF THE JUDGE

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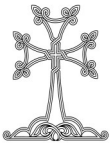
TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Philippians 3:1-4:9

Luke 17:20-18-14

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Joanne Chitjian
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REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY

Please see page 7 of the bulletin for a complete list.

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Sunday of the Judge

The fifth Sunday of Great Lent is called the Sunday of the Judge. The message of the day teaches us with the parable of the widow and the Judge. This parable comes to us in the Gospel of St. Luke. The parable tells the story of a widow who repeatedly came to a judge, who neither feared God nor respected man, and pled for her rights. For a long period of time the judge refused to act, but in the end, he fulfilled her request, to put an end to her continuous appeals. Otherwise, he feared that she would continue to return indefinitely.

After telling this parable, the Lord assures everyone, that if a man as corrupt and unfair as this judge decided in favor of the widow, then God surely would judge in favor of his own people and grant the requests of all those who submit to Him through prayer. This parable exhorts us to always and continually pray, as prayer symbolizes the soul's eternal striving and thirst for God. The parable also contains an appeal from Christ. After telling the parable, Christ says: "But will the Son of Man find faith on earth when He comes?" In His words, Jesus gives a reference to the Second Coming, and sadness and anguish are felt in the Lord's remark. It is truly painful for the Savior that many people may be subject to just, yet cruel judgment, instead of becoming the inheritors of the Kingdom of God.

Դատավորի կիրակի

Մեծ Պահքի հինգերորդ կիրակին կոչվում է Դատավորի: Այդ օրվա խորհուրդը բացատրում է այրի կնոջ եւ դատավորի մասին առակը: Ըստ առակի՝ մի այրի կին, անընդհատ խնդրում է Աստծուց չերկնչող եւ մարդկանցից չվախեցող դատավորին՝ իր դատն անելու: Դատավորը կնոջից ազատվելու համար ստիպված բավարարում է նրա պահանջը: Այս առակը պատմելուց հետո Քրիստոս հավաստիացնում է բոլորին, որ եթե անարդար դատավորն այրի կնոջ դատը տեսավ, ապա Աստված առավել ևս կկատարի բոլոր նրանց խնդրանքները, ովքեր միշտ աղոթքով խնդրում են: Առակը հորդորում է ամեն ժամ աղոթել, որը խորհրդանշում է հոգու մշտական մղումն առ Աստված, բայց միևնույն ժամանակ իրական աղոթքի կոչ է: Առակը պատմելուց հետո Քրիստոս ասում է. «Իսկ երբ մարդու Որդին գա, արդո՞ք երկրի վրա հավատ կգտնի: Առակում Հիսուսը տալիս է երկրորդ գալստյան գաղափարը: Տիրոջ բառերի մեջ տխրություն ու թախիծ է զգացվում: Փրկչի համար ցավալի է, որ շատ մարդիկ կարող են ենթարկվել Ահեղ դատաստանի՝ արքայության ժառանգորդներ լինելու փոխարեն:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians 3:1-4:9

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke 17:20-18:14

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" To some who were

confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’” But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’” “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

WOMEN'S GUILD CENTRAL COUNCIL WOULD
LIKE YOU TO ATTEND

Saintly Women's Day 2026

In honor of Saint Ashkhen and Saint
Khosrovitoukht



Saint Ashkhen and Saint Khosrovitoukht are revered figures in Armenian Christian history. Through their faith and courage, they persuaded King Tiridates III to free St. Gregory the Illuminator and supported Armenia's conversion, making it the first Christian nation

Saturday, March 28th, 2026, at 11:00 AM
Lunch and refreshments to be served
\$25 per person

St. Vartan Cathedral
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Kindly RSVP to your Women's Guild Chairperson

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”.

CLOSING OF ALTAR CURTAIN: The curtain of the Altar was closed on Sunday, February 15 on Poon Paregentan. It will remain closed throughout the forty days of Great Lent until it is reopened on March 29, on Palm Sunday. The closing of the curtain symbolizes the Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. The entire church is in repentance during this time.

- During Lent the Divine Liturgy (Badarak) is celebrated with the Main Altar curtain closed.
- The Kiss of Peace is not given.
- Holy Communion is not given. In special circumstances, Holy Communion may be received by making arrangements with Der Hayr after the service.
- The Gospel is not kissed at the end of Divine Liturgy.
- Mas is distributed during Lent.
- Sunrise service will be offered at the end of the Liturgy, following the sermon

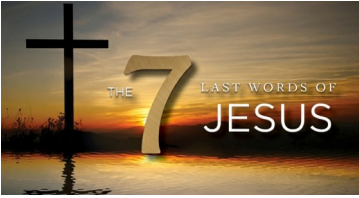
RECITING THE NICENE CREED IN ENGLISH

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.

March 15 - English
 22 - Armenian
 29 - English

LENTEN SUNDAY SERMON SERIES



The Seven Words of Christ from the Cross

This Great Lent, we invite you to join us for a Sunday sermon series reflecting on the Seven Words of Christ from the Cross. Spoken in the final hours of our Lord's

earthly life, these brief yet powerful statements reveal the heart of Christ and the meaning of His saving work. Each Sunday of Great Lent will focus on one word spoken by Jesus from the Cross, helping us slow down, listen attentively, and prepare our hearts for the mystery and joy of Easter.

Series Schedule:

- March 15: "Today you will be with Me in Paradise."
- March 22: "Woman, behold your son... Behold your mother."
- March 29: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"
- April 2: "It is finished." - *Maundy Thursday service*

All are encouraged to attend and journey together through Great Lent as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Easter.

SATURDAY
JUNE 6
2026

HUYSER
AND
FRIENDS

BACK BY
POPULAR
DEMAND

International Rhythms
AN OPEN-AIR CONCERT

ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER CHURCH
WHITE PLAINS, NY

- SAVE THE DATE -

GREAT LENTEN SERIES:



Rev. Fr. Belson
Paulose Kuriakose

March 27, 2026

*Friday, Lenten Service - 6:30 pm / Lenten
Dinner - 7:00 pm / Program - 7:30 pm*

*"Carrying the cross without losing the faith"
presented by Rev. Fr. Belson Paulose Kuriakose*

The Lenten dinner will be hosted by the
Armenian and Sunday Schools.

Hosanna in the Highest!

St. Gregory's ACYOA Juniors Present:

MARCH 29, 12:30 PM

**PALM
SUNDAY**

**LUNCHEON AND
PROGRAM**

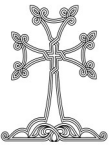
JOIN US TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR
OUR PARISH'S ACYOA JUNIORS

SPECIAL BLESSING OF CHILDREN/YOUTH
WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF THE
LITURGY

*ADULTS: \$35 (ADVANCE RSVP REQUIRED)
CHILDREN UNDER 12: \$15

Please RSVP by March 22 to saintgregorychurchwp@gmail.com or 914-428-2595

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REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY

Lucy Krolian (40th Day) & Flora Naturian

Requested by: The Kayaian Family

Garabet Givelekian

Requested by: The Givelekian Family

Armen Azaryan & Martiros Manukyan

Requested by: Norayr and Gayane Manukyan Azaryan

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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Today

Sunday of the Unjust Steward.
Morning Service & Divine Liturgy.
Fr. Mesrob Hovsepian celebrates the Divine Liturgy.
Sunrise service will be offered at the end of the Liturgy.

Lenten Series presents:
"Women Creating Space for Faith" presented by Dr. Roberta Ervine
Lenten fellowship will be hosted by the Choir and Cultural Committee.

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FRIDAY

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MARCH 28,
SATURDAY

Saintly Women's Day
The flyer can be found in the narthex.

MARCH 29,
SUNDAY

Palm Sunday, ACYOA Day
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APRIL 2,
THUSDAY

Maudy Thursday: Washing of the Feet service & Commemoration of the betrayal and passion of Christ.

APRIL 5,
SUNDAY

Easter Sunday
Easter bake sale by ACYOA Juniors

APRIL 12,
SUNDAY

St. Gregory Women's Guild General Membership Meeting after the Divine Liturgy.

APRIL 19,
SUNDAY

LIONEL GALSTAUN MEMORIAL CONCERT
The flyer can be found in the narthex.

JUNE 6,
SUNDAY

Huyser Ensemble Concert
Details to follow.