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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 22, 2026**

**SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT**

**Դատավորի կիրակի**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

*Colossians 2:8-3:17*

*Matthew 22:34-23:39*

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**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE HELD TODAY**

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## **Sunday of the Advent**

The Sixth Sunday of Great Lent is called the Sunday of Advent. This Sunday teaches us about the first Advent of Christ – His Incarnation: His Holy Birth when God became Man. This proved the Truth found in the Scriptures that by the coming of the Savior, a second chance was given to mankind to be guided on the path leading towards salvation. This Sunday also symbolizes the Second Advent. In the Gospels and Apostolic Letters there are many references dedicated to the Second Advent, where our Lord warns us about His return. In the Gospel of St. Matthew, Christ says, "... Watch out and do not let anyone fool you. Many men, claiming to speak for me, will come and say, "I am the Messiah!" and they will fool many people. You are going to hear the noise of battles close by and the news of battles far away... Countries will fight each other; kingdoms will attack one another. There will be famines and earthquakes everywhere... And you will be hated by all nations for my Name's sake... Many false prophets will appear and fool many people. Such will be the spread of evil that many people's love will grow cold. But whoever holds out to the end will be saved" (Mt 24:4-13). The message of this Sunday is a call for endurance, piety and modesty. Through these we can patiently wait for the Glorious Resurrection of Christ, the purification of our souls and the triumph of the True Faith. All Christian Churches celebrate the feast of the Sunday of Advent.

### **ԳԱԼՍՏՅԱՆ ԿԻՐԱԿԻ**

Մեծ Պահքի վեցերորդ կիրակին կոչվում է Գալստյան: Այս կիրակին Հիսուս Քրիստոսի Առաջին Գալստյան՝ մարդեղության հիշեցումն է: Հաստատվեց այն ճշմարտությունը, որ Փրկչի Գալստյամբ հնարավորություն ընձեռնվեց մարդկությանն առաջնորդվել փրկության ուղով: Այս կիրակին միևնույն ժամանակ Երկրորդ Գալստյան խորհուրդն ունի: Ավետարաններում և առաքյալների թղթերում Երկրորդ Գալստյանը նվիրված բազում հատվածներ և անդրադարձեր կան: Տերը զգուշացնում է Երկրորդ Գալստյան և դրա նախանշանների մասին.«Չզույշ եղեք, գուցե մեկը ձեզ խաբի, որովհետև շատերը կգան իմ անունով ու կասեն, թե՛ ես եմ Քրիստոսը. և շատերին կմոլորեցնեն: Լսելու եք պատերազմների ձայներ և պատերազմների լուրեր...

Ազգ ազգի դեմ պիտի ելնի, և թագավորությունն՝ թագավորության դեմ, և պիտի լինեն սով, համանարակ ու տեղ-տեղ երկրաշարժներ: Սակայն այս ամենը սկիզբն է երկանց ... Եվ բազում սուտ մարգարեներ պիտի ելնեն ու շատերին պիտի մոլորեցնեն: Եվ անօրինության շատանալուց՝ շատերի սերը պիտի ցամաքի: Բայց ով մինչև վերջ համբերեց, նա պիտի փրկվի»: Գալստյան կիրակիի խորհուրդը համբերության, բարեպաշտության, պարկեշտության կոչն է, որովհետև հոգու բյուրեղացմամբ և ճշմարիտ հավատով մարդ կարող է սպասել Տիրոջ Հրաշափառ Գալստյանը: Քրիստոնեական բոլոր եկեղեցիներն էլ ունեն Գալստյան կոչվող կիրակի:

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

### ***The reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians 2:8-3:17***

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

### ***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 22:34-23:39***

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied. He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him

'Lord'? For he says, "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet." If then David calls him "Lord," how can he be his son?" No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions. Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them. "Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called 'Rabbi' by others. "But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

**St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian School**

Invites you to its

# OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, March 28, 2026, 10:30AM - 11:30AM**

**1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605**

**For parents of existing students**

Come and observe classroom and enrichment activities

**For parents of prospective students**

Bring your school-aged children, ages 3 - 13, to be introduced to classrooms, teachers and classmates

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**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

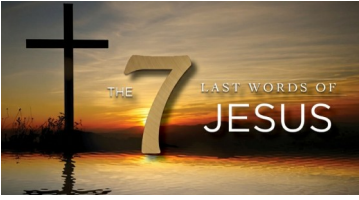
### **RECITING THE NICENE CREED IN ENGLISH**

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	22 - Armenian
	29 - English
April	5 - Armenian
	12 - 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 22: "Woman, behold your son... Behold your mother."
- March 29: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"
- April 2: "It is finished." - *Maunder Thursday service*

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

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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

RAFFLE DRAWING FOR VARIOUS RAFFLE  
BASKETS

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](mailto:saintgregorychurchwp@gmail.com) or 914-428-2595

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# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today**

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

A special viewing of the documentary **The Spear of Christ** will be shown after Badarak, featuring vivid reenactments and historical imagery that explore the story and enduring significance of this sacred relic.

MARCH 27,  
FRIDAY

***Lenten Series presents:  
Friday, Lenten Service - 6:30 pm / Lenten Dinner - 7:00 pm / Program - 7:30 pm  
Presentation by Rev. Fr. Belson Paulose Kuria-kose.  
The Lenten dinner will be hosted by the Armenian and Sunday Schools.***

MARCH 29,  
SUNDAY

***Palm Sunday, ACYOA Day***  
The flyer can be found in the bulletin.

APRIL 2,  
THURSDAY

***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.

APRIL 24,  
FRIDAY

***111 Years of Remembrance: Flag Raising Ceremony at Greenwich Town Hall- 10:00am  
Ecumenical Prayer Service - 7:00pm***

JUNE 6,  
SUNDAY

***Huyser Ensemble Concert***  
***Details to follow.***