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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 29, 2026**

**PALM SUNDAY**

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

*Philippians 4:4-7*

*Matthew 20:29-21:17*

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

*Arman Bedonian*

*Ani Khachian*

*Gary Oztemel*



**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE HELD TODAY**

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## **Palm Sunday**

One week before the Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Armenian Church celebrates the Feast of Palm Sunday, celebrating the Triumphant Entry of Christ into Jerusalem. Jesus comes into Jerusalem riding atop a donkey and the people gather to meet Him with reverence, thus fulfilling the words of the prophet from the Old Testament. The Gospel of St. Matthew, in relating the story, refers to the prophecy, "All this was done, that it might be fulfilled, that which was spoken by the prophet, saying "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you! He is humble and sitting on an ass, and a colt, the foal of an ass."

On His arrival, a large crowd of people gathers to greet Him, and spread their cloaks on the road before Him, while others cut branches from palm trees and place them on the path. The crowd exclaims: "Hosanna! Blessed is the King of Israel that comes in the Name of the Lord."

On Palm Sunday, churches are decorated with branches from willow trees and palm trees. Following a solemn morning service, the blessed branches are distributed to the faithful. This passage from the Gospels reminds each of us about the Coming of Christ, and teaches us to live in a manner that can make us worthy to stand before the Lord and exclaim: "Hosanna (Praise God)! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

### **ԾԱՂԿԱԶԱՐԴ. ՀԻՍՈՒՄԻ ՀԱՂԹԱԿԱՆ ՄՈՒՏՔԸ ԵՐՈՒՍԱՂԵՄ**

Հայ Եկեղեցին Սուրբ Հարությունը նախորդող կիրակի նշում է Ծաղկագարպը, որը Քրիստոսի՝ հաղթականորեն Երուսաղեմ մտնելու հիշատակն է: Հիսուսի մուտքը Երուսաղեմ ժողովուրդին ընդունել է խանդավառությամբ՝ ձիթենու և արմավենու հյուղերի հետ իրենց զգեստները փռելով հանապարհի վրա և աղաղակելով. «Օվսաննա՛ Բարձայլին, օրհնյալ լինի Նա, Ով գալիս է Տիրոջ անունով, օրհնյալ լինի մեր հոր՝ Դավթի թագավորությունը, որ գալիս է: Խաղաղություն երկնում և Փառք բարձունքներում»: Ըստ Եկեղեցու հայրերի՝ Հիսուսի առջև հանդերձներ փռելը խորհրդացեղ է մեղքերը Քրիստոսին խոստովանելը: Ոստեր և հյուղեր ընծայելն ընդհանրապես առանձնակի պատիվներ և հանդիսավորություն էին նշանակում: Ձիթենին ընկալվել է իմաստության, խաղաղության, հաղթանակի և փառքի խորհրդացան: Մեռյալ Ղազարոսին հարություն տված Քրիստոսին Ձիթենու և արմավենու հյուղերի ընծայումը խորհրդացնում է մահվան հանդեպ հաղթանակը:

Ծաղկագարպի նախօրեին՝ շաբաթ օրը, կատարվում է նախատանակ, բացվում է խորանի վարագույրը, իսկ հաջորդ օրը տոնական ս. պատարագը մատուցվում է բաց վարագույրով:

Ծաղկագարպի առավոտյան եկեղեցիներում օրհնում են ձիթենու կամ ուռենու

ուսեր և բաժանում ժողովրդին: Ուտենու ուսերը, որոնք անպտուղ են, խորհրդանշում են հեթանոսների, ովքեր պողպեթեցին միայն Քրիստոսին ընծայվելուց հետո: Ուսերի վիպիկությունը խորհրդանշում է Քրիստոսի հետևողների խոնարհությունը: Ուտենու հյուղերը մեր ընծաներն են Տիրուջը, ինչպես Սուրբ Ծննդյան օրը Արեւելից մոզերի բերած ընծաները:

Հիսուս Քրիստոս մուտք գործեց Երուսաղեմ որպես Թագավոր՝ խորհրդանշումով ցույց տալով Իր Փառքի թագավոր լինելը, Ով վերացնում է անեծքը և կենդանություն պարգևում: Հիսուս եկավ ավետարանելու աղբատների, բժեկելու սրտով բեկվածների, գերիների ազատելու և կույրերին տեսողություն պարգևելու, ինչպես մարգարեացել էր Եսայի մարգարեն:

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

***The reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians 4:4-7***

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 20:29-21:17***

As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. There were two blind men sitting by the roadside. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" The crowd sternly ordered them to be quiet; but they shouted even more loudly, "Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!" Jesus stood still and called them, saying, "What do you want me to do for you?" They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes.

Immediately they regained their sight and followed him. When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

## 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	29 - English
April	5 - Armenian
	12 - English
	19 - Armenian



The poster features a stylized illustration of the church's facade with a large archway on the left and a building on the right. The background is a vibrant, abstract sky in shades of orange, yellow, and red. At the top left is a small icon of a church dome. The text is centered and reads: "ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER ARMENIAN CHURCH PRESENTS HUYSER AND FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL RHYTHMS AN OPEN-AIR CONCERT". The bottom left corner contains pricing information, and the bottom right corner contains the date and time.

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INTERNATIONAL  
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AN OPEN-AIR CONCERT

**\$45** INCLUDING  
WINE + CHEESE

12 & UNDER **\$25**

**SATURDAY  
JUNE 6  
7:30 PM**

INVITATION TO THE SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY  
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**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026**

Your Pastor and Parish Council cordially invite you to attend a Special Parish Assembly to be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026 at 11:00 AM in Tutak Hall.

The purpose of the Special Assembly is to convene and discuss the opportunity of installing solar panels on the church property in order to reduce energy costs.

Please be present and plan to participate in the discussions.

ST. GREGORY CULTURAL COMMITTEE PRESENTS

**23rd Annual Lionel Galstaun  
Memorial Concert**

SUNDAY  
APRIL 19, 2026



DIRECT FROM CARNEGIE HALL TO ST. GREGORY CHURCH

**Angelina Tozlyan, violinist  
Seiran Tozlian, pianist**

Complimentary Luncheon following Church Service

Performance in the Sanctuary 1:30pm

RSVP 4/12 at [stgregoryculturalcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:stgregoryculturalcommittee@gmail.com) or call at 914 428 2595

**JOIN US TO SUPPORT OUR YOUNG ARMENIAN ARTISTS!**

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# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**MARCH 29**

2026

## Palm Sunday

Morning Service	9:45 am
Divine Liturgy	10:15 am
Opening of Doors Service	11:45 am
Blessing of Youth Service & Blessing of Palms following the Liturgy	

Lunch and Program hosted by ACYOA Juniors will follow after the services

**APRIL 2**

## Holy Thursday

Washing of the Feet & Ten Maidens' Services	7:00 pm
Commemoration of the Betrayal & Passion of our Lord	8:30 pm

**APRIL 3**

## Good Friday

Order of the Crucifixion of Christ	12:30 pm
Commemoration of Burial of our Lord	7:00 pm

**APRIL 4**

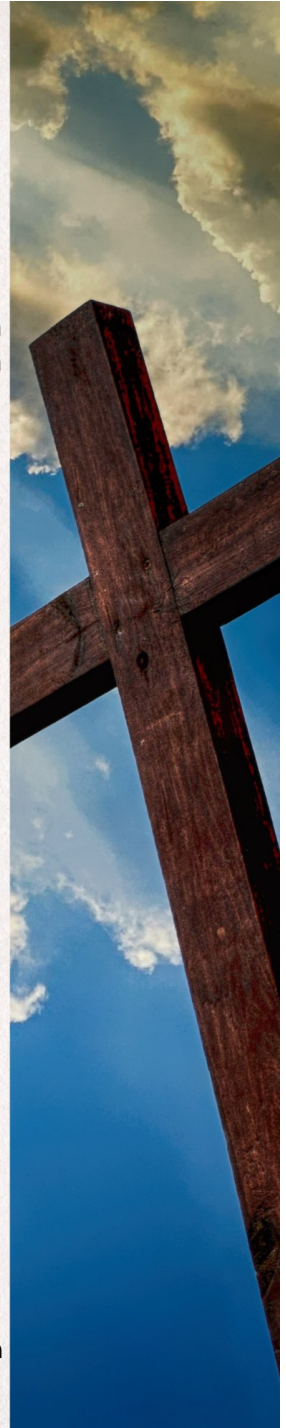
## Holy Saturday

Reading of Scriptures	5:00 pm
Candlelight "Jrakalouytz" Badarak	5:30 pm

**APRIL 5**

## Easter Sunday

Morning Service	9:45 am
Divine Liturgy	10:15 am
Bake Sale by ACYOA Juniors	



**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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### ***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".

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today**

***Palm Sunday.***

***Morning Service & Divine Liturgy.***

***Fr. Mesrob Hovsepian celebrates the Divine Liturgy.***

***Following the Liturgy: Opening of the Doors service; Sermon; Blessing of Children and Youth Service.***

ACYOA Day and the Palm Sunday Luncheon will be held today.

APRIL 2,  
THURSDAY

***Holy Thursday: Washing of the Feet & Ten Maidens' Services- 7:00 pm  
Commemoration of the Betrayal & Passion of our Lord-8:30pm***

APRIL 3,  
FRIDAY

***Good Friday: Order of the Crucifixion of Christ-  
12:30 pm.  
Commemoration of Burial of our Lord-7:00 pm***

APRIL 4,  
SATURDAY

***Holy Saturday: Reading of Scriptures- 5:00 pm  
Candlelight "Jrakalouytz" Badarak-5:30 pm***

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 18,  
SATURDAY

***Special Parish Assembly, 11:00am.***

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.***