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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.

**APRIL 19, 2026**  
**SUNDAY OF THE WORLD CHURCH (GREEN SUNDAY)**  
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Peter 2:1-10

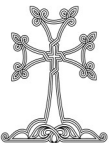
John 2:23-3:12

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Chris Bonfiglio

Arek Ohanissian

Ron Sanossian



**REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE OFFERED TODAY.**

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## **SUNDAY OF THE WORLD CHURCH (Green Sunday)**

### **Ashkharamadran Giragi**

The second Sunday following the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ is the Sunday of the World Church. It commemorates the first Church of Jerusalem, established by Christ. On the first day of the Jewish festival of Passover, Jesus instructs two of the Apostles, Peter and John, to go into Jerusalem and meet a man, who would direct them to a house where Christ and His Apostles could celebrate the Passover Feast. Peter and John are led to the “Upper Room” of a house, where they make the necessary preparations for the meal. Later that evening Christ and the Twelve Apostles sit together to eat supper.

Christ speaks to them and says, “I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the Kingdom of God. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.” And he took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave unto them, saying, “This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.” Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.” (Lk 22:15-20)

This “Last Supper” was the event where Jesus Christ established the Sacrament of Holy Communion, which we celebrate every Sunday during the Divine Liturgy in Armenian Churches throughout the world. The Upper Room in Jerusalem is considered to be the first Church, as founded by Christ. The Sunday of the World Church is also called “Green” Sunday, which according to Archbishop Malachia Ormanian, is the popular name of the feast and is linked with the awakening of nature in the springtime.

### **Աշխարհամատրան կիրակի (Կանաչ կիրակի)**

Յիսուս Քրիստոսի Յարութեան՝ Սբ. Ջատկին հաջորդող երրորդ կիրակին կը կոչվուի Աշխարհամատրան կիրակի, ի յիշատակ Երուսաղեմի առաջին եկեղեցու հիմնադրման: Այս եկեղեցին Սիոնի վերնատունը կը համարուի, ուր Յիսուս Քրիստոս յաստատեց Հաղորդութեան խորհուրդը: Աշխարհամատրան կիրակին կը կոչվուի նաև Կանաչ կիրակի, որը ըստ Մաղաքիա արք.Օրմանեանի՝ տօնի ժողովրդական անուանումն է, կապուած բնութեան, զարնանային զարթօնքի յետ:

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

### ***The reading is from the First Epistle of Peter (2: 1-10)***

So put away all malice and all guile and insincerity and envy and all slander. Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation; for you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and he who believes in him will not be put to shame." To you therefore who believe, he is precious, but for those who do not believe, "The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner," and "A stone that will make men stumble, a rock that will make them fall"; for they stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were no people but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy.

### ***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (2:23-3:12)***

Now he was in Jerusalem at the Passover feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs which he did; but Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew all men and needed no one to bear witness of man; for he himself knew what was in man. Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can this be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

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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## ***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".

## ՏՆՈՐՅՆԷՔ / EASTER HOME BLESSING



From the earliest times, the home was a sacred place, the center of family and ritual life. It is the most basic of all social structures, where we are born and live many years, a place where great family events transpire. Here we break bread, share joys and sorrows, pray, celebrate, worship. Here God is present in the loving relationships that transcend fragile human existence. Every family is a miniature of a “Little Church–Ecclesia” and in this “Little Church” the inexhaustible love and the very generous blessing of God permeate.

**Home Blessing /Dnorhnek/** is a beautiful tradition of the Armenian Church which is performed on several occasions: namely after the feasts of Holy Nativity and Holy Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, as well as on the occasion of moving to a new home.

Today, more than ever, we need the presence and blessing of the Lord in our homes and lives.

Schedule your Home Blessing with Der Hayr: direct (804) 405-9399, church office (914) 428-2595, email: fr.mesrob@yahoo.com.

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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.

April 19 - English  
26 - Armenian  
May 3 - English  
10 - Armenian  
17 - English

# 111 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE

1915 – 2026

## THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

FRIDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>,  
2026 AT 10:00 AM

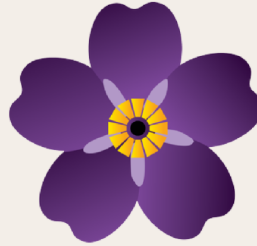
FLAG RAISING CEREMONY/  
COMMEMORATION REMEMBRANCE

Greenwich Town Hall  
101 Field Point Rd, Greenwich, CT

Flag Raising Ceremony &  
Proclamation presented by Fred  
Camillo, First Selectman of  
Greenwich

Connecticut and Westchester, NY  
politicians in attendance

EVERY ARMENIAN in the region needs  
to be a part of this observance in  
Greenwich



**THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**  
Years of Remembrance  
1915-2026  
ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER ARMENIAN CHURCH  
INVITES YOU TO  
**ECUMENICAL PRAYER**  
*Service*  
24 | 7:00  
APRIL | PM  
*"You shall love the Lord your God...  
And your neighbor as yourself"  
(Luke 10:27)*  
Join us for a solemn  
commemoration and  
intercessory prayer  
service for the  
Holy Martyrs of the  
Armenian Genocide.  
Refreshments will be served in  
the fellowship hall after the  
service.  
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ARMENIAN CHURCH

PRESENTS

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# INTERNATIONAL RHYTHMS

AN OPEN-AIR CONCERT

**\$45** INCLUDING  
WINE + CHEESE

**12 & UNDER \$25**

**SATURDAY  
JUNE 6  
7:30 PM**

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Kindly return completed form with check/payment by May 29.  
Your check/payment is your reservation.

RESERVATION NAME _____	PHONE (____) _____ - _____
NUMBER OF PAID RESERVATIONS _____	ADULTS \$45.00/EA \$ _____
_____	CHILDREN (12 & UNDER) \$25.00/EA \$ _____
	TOTAL \$ _____

\* Make Checks Payable to St. Gregory Armenian Church\*  
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# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Today</b>	<b>SUNDAY OF THE WORLD CHURCH</b> <i>Morning Service &amp; Divine Liturgy.</i> <i>Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy this Sunday.</i>
	<b>LIONEL GALSTAUN MEMORIAL CONCERT</b> <i>After the Divine Liturgy.</i>
APRIL 24, FRIDAY	<b>111 Years of Remembrance: Flag Raising Ceremony at Greenwich Town Hall– 10:00am</b>  <b>Ecumenical Prayer Service - 7:00pm</b>
MAY 3, SUN- DAY	<b>Health Lecture following the Liturgy.</b> <i>Details below.</i>
MAY 7, THURSDAY	<b>Women's Guild Invites: Cinco De Mayo celebration at Boxcar Cantina at 7:00pm.</b> <i>RSVP to Roz Hewsanian at 310-567-8205 by May 1<sup>st</sup>.</i>
MAY 9, SAT- URDAY	<b>Aida's book club - 11:00am in the atrium.</b> <i>Book to read: "Theo of Golden by Allen Levi"</i>
MAY 10, SUNDAY	<b>The Women's Guild Mother's Day Bake Sale–</b> <i>following immediately after Badarak.</i>
MAY 16, SATURDAY	<b>Armenian School graduation, 1:00pm.</b>
MAY 22-25	<b>ACYOA Sports Weekend, Watertown, MA</b>
JUNE 6, SUNDAY	<b>Huyser Ensemble Concert</b> <i>Details inside.</i>

## **Health Lecture following the Liturgy** **Sunday, May 3, 2026**

[Toward Health](#) is a telehealth medical practice, out of Rockland County, focused on weight loss and metabolic health through practical, sustainable lifestyle changes. This talk can cover simple, realistic approaches to weight loss and better health that you can apply in everyday life.