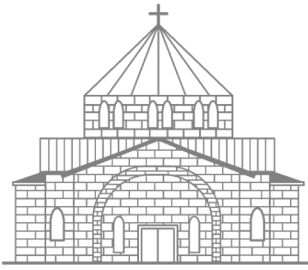


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# WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER

ARMENIAN CHURCH

FR. MESROB HOVSEPYAN , PASTOR

MORNING SERVICE: 9:45 A.M.

DIVINE LITURGY: 10:15 A.M.

## APRIL 5, EASTER SUNDAY ԱՊՐԻԼ 5, ՍՈՒՐԲ ԶԱՏԻԿ 2026

### Քրիստոս Յարեալ ի Սեռելոյց **Christ is Risen!**

*As we celebrate the joyous miracle of our Lord's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, we extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones.*

*May this holy season of renewal fill your heart with boundless joy, strengthen your faith, and deepen your connection to the loving grace of God that surrounds us all.*

*Wishing you a peaceful and blessed Easter, filled with the conquering love of Christ.*

#### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 1:15-26

Mark 16:2-8

#### PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

**ALL PARISH**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Today there will be no Requiem Service after Badarak.

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## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

### ***The reading is from the Second Epistle of Acts 1:15-26***

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."

With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.

"For," said Peter, "it is written in the Book of Psalms:

"May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,' and, 'May another take his place of leadership.'" Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

### ***The reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark 16:2-8***

Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

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**FEAST OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

The Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ or the Easter Feast is one of the five major feasts of the Armenian Church. The Mystery of Easter is the mystery of Jesus Christ, His Salutory Holy Blood shed for mankind and His Rising from the dead for mankind. The Son of God should incarnate, be subjected to tortures, be crucified, buried and the third day raise from death (Ps. 15:9-11, 29:4, 40:11-13, 117:16-17, Ho 6:2-3).

Following the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ His body was taken off the cross and placed into the tomb and the entrance to the tomb was closed by a large stone and the soldiers were ordered to control the entrance to the tomb. After three days the three women, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the Mother of James and Joseph, and the wife of Zebedee brought spices and perfumes to anoint the body of Jesus. They found the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb, so they went in but they didn't find the body of the Lord. They stood there puzzled about this, when suddenly two angels dressed in white appeared and said to them, "Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive? He is not here, he has been raised" (Lk. 24:5-6). The women returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven disciples and the rest. According to Peter more than 500 people saw Christ who had risen from the dead. So, this is the evangelical tiding of the fact of Easter or Holy Resurrection.

Resurrection of Christ became the basis of the Christian doctrine and faith. "If that is true, it means that Christ has been raised from death, then we have nothing to preach and you have nothing to believe". Christ rose from the dead, by means of His Death He destroyed Death and granted eternal life. "I am the Resurrection and I am the Life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die" (Jn. 11:25).

Christ died for the salvation of mankind and by His Blood took away the sin in the world, so that we should inherit eternal life.

On the day of the Easter feast people dye eggs red as a symbol of fruitful life, salvation and joy. St. Gregory of Narek considers the egg to be the symbol of the world, the shell of which is the sky, the membrane is the air, the white is the water and the yolk is the earth. Dyeing eggs red symbolizes the salvation of the world by means of Blood of Christ.



## 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.

**PLEASE SANITIZE YOUR HAND(S) BEFORE RETURNING TO YOUR SEAT FROM THE RIGHT OR LEFT SIDE OF THE CHANCEL.**

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## ՏՆՕՐՅԱԷՐ / 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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## 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”.

THE EASTER MESSAGE OF  
BISHOP MESROP PARSAMYAN

*Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America*

**Opposite the Tomb**

Years ago, while I was serving as a parish pastor, one of my parishioners lost her husband. After the funeral she would faithfully visit her beloved husband's grave at the cemetery. She would bring a small chair with her, and sit by the headstone for hours. It was my privilege to accompany her on occasion, whenever she asked me to offer formal blessings at his burial site. But in my youth, I struggled to understand why she would remain there, just sitting, for so long afterwards.

Over time, however, I came to realize what kept her there. Not habit nor loneliness, but Love. Love that refused to walk away. Love that chose to stay present, close at hand—even when the only response to that presence was silence.

That same love appears in the Gospel. The Scriptures tell us that after the burial of Lord Jesus, “Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there, opposite the tomb.” (Matthew 27:61)

In front of them was a massive stone, a dark silence, a place that appeared to hold only loss. Everything they loved seemed closed behind that stone. They could have turned away and departed, like everyone else. But they chose to stay, facing the sealed grave—out of Love.

Earlier this year, on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, I too sat where they sat, opposite the Holy Sepulcher: the Tomb of Christ. I will never forget the stillness of that place. The quiet. The weight of history. And I thought about those women: the ones in the Gospel, and the one in my early ministry.

Many of us have been to this place symbolically in our own lives. We believe; we pray; we trust in God. Yet we feel we are staring at something closed. A relationship that seems over. A prayer that seems unanswered. A future that looks blocked. We are doing all we know to do—and *still*, the stone is there.

But like the women at the tomb, *we stay*. Sometimes that is ex-

actly what faith asks of us: to stay in place. To stay near God, even when you don't understand. To stay in prayer, even when you don't yet see results. To stay hopeful, even when everything in front of you says, "It's over."

The women stayed – and because they stayed, they were among the first to witness God's victory: the fulfillment of Christ's promise that "*I am the Resurrection and the Life.*" They learned that waiting with God is never wasted time. Love that remains near God is always rewarded.

My friends, if you are facing a stone in your life today, do not lose heart. Do not turn away – but *stay*. Stay in prayer. Stay in trust. Stay close to God, even when you cannot see the outcome. Jesus showed us that Resurrection follows faithful waiting. Light follows the long night. Life has the final word.

Jesus Christ is truly risen. And because He lives, every stone that stands before you is temporary. But God's promise is eternal.

May that promise be alive in our hearts this Easter, as we proclaim:

Christ is raised from the dead!

Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ!

*Krisdos haryav ee merelotz!*

*Orhnyal eh haroutiunun Krisdosi!*

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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.

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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## St. Gregory Women's Guild Membership Meeting

Following Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, April 12th**

We invite you to join us for our first  
Women's Guild Membership Meeting of  
2026. We are fortunate to welcome  
Reverend Father Mardiros Chevian from  
St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, who will  
lead and engaging discussion on  
Jerusalem.

We hope to see you there!

**ST GREGORY WOMEN'S GUILD  
INVITES YOU TO A**



## Cinco De Mayo Celebration

**Thursday Evening, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm  
at Boxcar Cantina, 44 Old Field Point  
Rd, Greenwich, CT**

**Family-Style  
Menu:**

- Chips, salsa and guacamole
- Assorted quesadillas, tacos, and mini burritos
- Mexican chocolate brownies

**Self-pay, approximately \$50 per person, including beverage of  
choice, tax and tip**

**Note: Cost will vary based on the number of attendees.  
Restaurant requires one check, which will be split evenly.  
Reimbursement to the payer in the form of cash or Venmo**

**RSVP to Roz Hewsensian by May 1st, 2026: Cell: 310-567-8205  
Email: rozhewsensian@aol.com**

# 111 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE

1915 – 2026

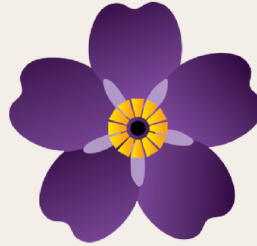
## THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

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

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Years of Remembrance  
1915-2026  
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**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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# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today**

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**FEAST OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION**  
*Morning Service & Divine Liturgy.*  
*Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy this Sunday.*

*The ACYOA Jr's Bake sale will take place following the Liturgy on the Atrium.*

*All are invited to join for the Fellowship Coffee Hour that will take place in the Tutak Hall.*

APRIL 12,  
SUNDAY

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

APRIL 18,  
SATURDAY

**Special Parish Assembly, 11:00am.**  
**All dues-paying members are invited to join.**

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**

MAY 3,  
SUNDAY

**Health Lecture following the Liturgy.**  
*Details to follow.*

MAY 9,  
SATURDAY

**Aida's book club - 11:00am in the atrium.**  
*"Theo of Golden by Allen Levi"*

MAY 10,  
SUNDAY

**The Women's Guild Mother's Day Bake Sale-**  
*following immediately after Badarak.*

MAY 26-27

**ACYOA Sports Weekend, Watertown, MA**

JUNE 6,  
SUNDAY

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