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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.

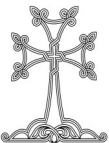
MAY 10, 2026
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTERTIDE
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 John 3:2-6
John 9:33-10:10

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Ellie Krolian
Greg Sahagian
Annie Shalian



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY
PLEASE SEE PAGE 7 FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF NAMES

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FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Armenian Church celebrates the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord on the fortieth day following the Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Savior Jesus Christ which this is year is on May 14th. Following His Resurrection and defeat of death, Christ remained on earth for forty days, and continued to appear to His disciples. On the fortieth day, Christ is seen by His disciples for the last time. He blesses them and leaves them with instructions, after which He ascends into heaven. Two of the Gospel writers, St. Mark and St. Luke, testify about Christ's ascension. There is also an account of it in the Acts of the Apostles. Following a final meeting of Christ with the eleven remaining apostles, St. Mark writes, "So then, after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God." (Mark 16:19) St. Luke gives a little greater detail as he writes, "And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen." (Luke 24: 50-53). The hymn that is sung in the Armenian Church on Ascension Day mentions the miraculous event of Christ's Ascension into heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. In the Armenian Church, the day of Jesus Christ's Ascension is also commemorated for another reason as well. On this date in 1441, the See of the Catholicosate of All Armenians was returned to its historical origins. The Patriarchal See was relocated from the city of Sis in Western Armenia to the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin. Following his vision of Christ striking the ground with a golden hammer, St. Gregory the Illuminator had founded the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin in 303. However, less than 200 years later, in 484, the Patriarchal See was forced to relocate, and for the next 1000 years, settled in various cities throughout Armenia. The decision to return the throne of the Catholicos to the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin was the fulfillment of a national dream for the Armenian people.

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Տոնը նշվում է Քրիստոսի Հարության 40-րդ օրը, 35 օրվա շարժունակությամբ՝ ապրիլի 30-ից մինչև հունիսի 3-ը՝ հինգշաբթի: Հարությունից հետո Քրիստոս 40 օր մնում է երկրի վրա եւ երեւում էր աշակերտներին: Այդ ընթացքում Հիսուս էր վարդապետությունն ուսացանում էր նրանց, իսկ վերջին հանդիպման ժամանակ օրհնում ու պատգամներ էր տալիս առաքյալներին, որից հետո համբարձվում երկինք: Քրիստոսի Համբարձման մասին վկայում են Սարկոս եւ Ղուկաս ավետարանիչները, վկայություններ կան նաեւ Գործք Առաքելոցում. «Եւ Ինքը՝ Տէր Հիսուս, նրանց հետ խոսելուց հետո, դեպի երկինք վերացավ եւ նստեց Հոր աջ կողմը»: Հայ Առաքելական Եկեղեցին Համբարձման տոնին հիշատակում է նաև Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսության Աթոռը Սիս քաղաքից Մայր Աթոռ Սբ. Էջմիածին փոխադրելը:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the First Epistle of John (3:2-6)

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (9:39-10:10)

Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains. "Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

THE KISS OF PEACE

The GIVER says:

Christ is revealed amongst us.

Քրիստոս ի մէջ մեր յայտնեցաւ:
Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.

The RECEIVER says:

Blessed is the revelation of Christ.

Օրհնեալ է յայտնութիւնն Քրիստոսի:
Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee.

WHEN TAKING MAHS

The GIVER says:

May this be to you a share and portion of the Holy Sacrifice.

Մաս և բաժին եղիցի քեզ ի Սուրբ Պատարագէս:
Mahs yev pazheen yegheetsee kez ee Soorp
Badarakes.

The RECEIVER says:

My portion is God forever.

Բաժին իմ Աստուած յաւիտեան:
Pahjeen eem Asdvadz haveedyan.

THE PSALM OF DISMISSAL - PSALM 34

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall be at all times in my mouth.

Օրհնեցից ըզՏէր յամենայն ժամ, յամենայն ժամ,
Օրհնութիւն նորա ի բերան իմ:

Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenayn zham
orhnootyoon nora ee peran eem.

When approaching the Holy Gospel at the end of the Divine Liturgy you say:

May the Lord remember all your sacrifices.

Յիշեցէ Տէր զամենայն պատարագս քո.
Heeshesteh Der zamenayn Badarakus ko

The Priest answers:

May the Lord grant you according to your own heart, and fulfill all your desires. (Psalm 20:4)

Տացէ քեզ Տէր ըստ սրտի քում և զամենայն խորհուրդս քո
ի բարիս նա կատարեցէ:

Datseh kez Der usd srdee koom yev zamenayn
khorhoortus koh ee parees na gadarestseh.



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.

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.

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.

May 10 - Armenian

17 - English

24 - Armenian

31 - English



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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.

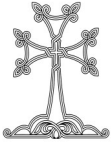
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NUMBER OF PAID RESERVATIONS _____ ADULTS \$45.00/EA \$ _____

_____ CHILDREN (12 & UNDER) \$25.00/EA \$ _____

TOTAL\$ _____

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REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED TODAY

**George Sami Doumad (40th day),
Narmnaz Shahbazian Doumad, Barbara Doumad
Yeghisabet Shahbazian**

Requested by: the Doumad and Campos Families

All of our departed beloved Mothers

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

WOMEN'S GUILD MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE - MAY 10TH, 2026

Celebrate Mother's Day with delicious homemade specialities prepared with love! Stock your table or gift something sweet to the special mothers in your life.

Frozen - Ready to Bake

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| Spinach Boereg tray. | \$25 |
| Cheese Boereg tray. | \$25 |

Fresh Baked Goods

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| Lahmajune 10/pack. | \$25 |
| Choeregs. | \$15 |
| Choeregs w Basterma. | \$15 |
| Gata. | \$15 |
| Baklava Rolls | \$15 |
| Simit | \$12 |
| Nazook | \$12 |
| Nazook w dates and nuts | \$12 |
| Tahini Bread | \$12 |
| Khadayef 2 pieces | \$12 |
| Box of assorted cookies | \$20 |



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Today

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTERTIDE

Morning Service & Divine Liturgy.

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepian celebrates the Divine Liturgy this Sunday.

The Women's Guild Mother's Day Bake and Sunday School Plant Sale - After Badarak

MAY 16,
SATURDAY

Armenian School graduation, 1:00pm.

MAY 22-25

ACYOA Sports Weekend, Watertown, MA

JUNE 6,
SUNDAY

HUYSER ENSEMBLE CONCERT

Kindly RSVP by May 29

Details inside.

JUNE 14,
SUNDAY

*Hokehankist for Women's Guild past members,
General membership meeting/fellowship*

AUGUST 16,
SUNDAY

Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary

Blessing of Grapes service.

SEPTEMBER 20,
SUNDAY

Annual Armenian Picnic: SAVE THE DATE!

NOVEMBER 1,
SUNDAY

**Visit of His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan,
Primate of the Eastern Diocese**

Details to follow.

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".