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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.

JUNE 21, 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Romans 7:25-8:11

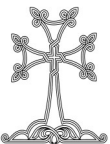
Matthew 12:38-45

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COMMEMORATION DAY OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE RELICS OF ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR

The Commemoration Day of the discovery of the relics of St. Gregory the Illuminator is one of the three significant feast days dedicated to the memory of the Patron Saint of Armenia. According to Holy Tradition, following Armenia's conversion to Christianity, in his final years, St. Gregory led an ascetic life in the cave of Mane on the Mountain named Sepuh where he died in 326 A.D. Shepherds, finding his body, buried him not recognizing the Armenian Pontiff. One of his students, Garnik from Basen sees a vision, where Gregory identifies the location of his relics. The relics were thereupon transferred to the village of Tordan, in the province of Daranagh, and buried there. The relics of St. Gregory the Illuminator are one of our most revered within the Armenian Church, as well as all Christian Churches. Following their discovery, some were taken to various places for safekeeping, among them Etchmiadzin, Byzantium, and Italy. The Right Hand of the Saint, preserved in the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, is one of the most important sanctities of the Armenian Church, and is used by the Catholicos of All Armenians during the blessing of the Holy Chrism (Muron). To commemorate the day, Divine Liturgy is celebrated in our Churches.

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Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսավորչի նշխարների գյուտը հայոց մեծագույն սրբերից մեկի հիշատակին նվիրված երեք տոներից մեկն է: Ըստ ավանդության՝ հայոց մեծ դարձից հետո Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսավորիչն իր կյանքի վերջին տարիներն ավարտում է ճգնակեցությամբ՝ Սեպուհ լեռան Մանեի այրում, որտեղ էլ վախճանվում է 326 թվականին: Նրա մարմինը գտնում են հովիվները, որոնք, չճանաչելով մահացած կաթողիկոսին, մարմինը ծածկում են քարակույտի տակ: Հետագայում Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսավորիչը տեսիլքով այտնում է իր նշխարների տեղն աշակերտներից Գառնիկ Բասենցուն, որից հետո Հայրապետի նշխարները տեղափոխվում և ամփոփվում են Դարանաղի գավառի Թորոզան գյուղում: Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսավորչի շխարները բոլոր քրիստոնեական եկեղեցիների ամենամեծ սրբություններից են: Հայոց Հայրապետի նշխարները գտնվելուց հետո նրանցից մի մասն իբրև թբազան մատուք տարվել է Վաղարշապատ, Բյուզանդիա, Իտալիա: Մայր Աթոռ Ս. Էջմիածնում պահվող Լուսավորչի Ս. Աջը Հայ եկեղեցու քնորագույն սրբություններից մեկն է, որով օրհնվում է սրբազան մյուռոնը: Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսավորչի նշխարների գյուտի տոնը նշվում է Հոգեգալստից հետո, չորրորդ շաբաթ օրը: Տոնի օրը եկեղեցիներում մատուցվում է Ս. Պատարագ: Տոնի առիթով Հայ եկեղեցին սահմանել է շաբաթապահք: Տոնն ունի նաև իր նախատոնակը:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the First Epistle of Romans 7:25-8:11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God really dwells in you. Any one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit who dwells in you.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 12:38-45

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to him, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign; but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will arise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will arise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he passes through waterless places seeking rest, but he finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and brings with him seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. So shall it be also with this evil generation."



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.

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.

June	21 - Armenian
	28 - English
July	5 - Armenian
	12 - English

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”.

ՏՆՕՐՅՆԷՔ / 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.

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.

Heeshestseh Der zamenayn Badarakus ko

The Priest answers:

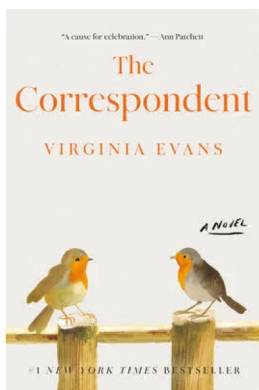
May the Lord grant you according to your own heart, and fulfill all your desires. (Psalm 20:4)

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.*

**YOU ARE INVITED TO AIDA'S BOOK CLUB
MEETING!**

**Please join us on Saturday, June 27th, 2026 at
11:00 a.m. in the atrium for our next book club
meeting!**



The Correspondent is a bestselling debut epistolary novel by Virginia Evans, that tells the story of retired lawyer Sybil Van Antwerp through her letters and emails. The book follows Sybil as she confronts past trauma, grief, and the need for forgiveness through her correspondence with family, friends, and even literary idols like Joan Didion, exploring themes of connection, aging, and finding solace in literature.

RSVP TO ELLIE KROLIAN AT: EBKROLIAN@GMAIL.COM

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Graduates of 2026!

If you know of any St. Gregory parishioners graduating from high school, college, or graduate school this spring, please notify the church office or Der Hayr by calling 914-428-2595 or by email saintgregorychurchwp@gmail.com. Please share with us the student's name, school, special achievements, future plans, etc., so we may share our pride in their accomplishments with our entire parish in the Enlightener eNewsletter.

Wrapping Up Another Great Year in Sunday School

As we wrap up another wonderful year of Sunday School, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated teachers, devoted families, and all those who helped make this year a success.

Thank you to our teachers for sharing their time, talents, and faith with our children, and to our families for their continued support and commitment to Christian education. Together, you help nurture the faith of the next generation and strengthen the life of our parish.

May God bless you all for your dedication and service. We look forward to another blessed year ahead!



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Today

Morning Service & Divine Liturgy.

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy.

Special Prayer will be offered today at the end of the Liturgy for Father's Day.

Join us for the fellowship coffee hour following the Liturgy.

June 27,
Saturday

***Aida's Book Club
11 am in the Atrium***

JULY 12,
SUNDAY

***Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord
Vartavar***

JULY 19,
SUNDAY

All American BBQ - Save the date!

AUGUST 16,
SUNDAY

***Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary
Blessing of Grapes service.***

SEPTEMBER 20,
SUNDAY

Annual Armenian Picnic: SAVE THE DATE!

OCTOBER 18,
SUNDAY

SAVE THE DATE: A Taste of Armenian Heritage: An Interactive Cooking Event with Cookbook Author and Historian, Prof. Mari Firkatian. Presented by the Cultural Committee and Women's Guild.

NOVEMBER 1,
SUNDAY

***Visit of His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate of the Eastern Diocese
Details to follow.***

SEEKING ROOM FOR RENT

A middle-aged Armenian woman is currently seeking a room to rent in the Westchester area. If you may know of any available accommodations or possible leads, please kindly speak with Der Mesrob. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.