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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 7, 2026
**FEAST OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
HOLY ETCHMIADZIN**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Hebrews 9:1-10

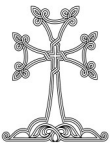
John 10:22-30

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REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY

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FEAST OF THE CATHEDRAL OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN

One of the most celebrated feasts of the Armenian Church is the day when the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin was established, according to the inspired vision of St. Gregory the Illuminator. According to tradition, and hagiographic sources, following the declaration of Christianity as the Official Religion of Armenia in 301 AD, St. Gregory has a famous vision, wherein the Only Begotten Son of God – Jesus Christ, descends from Heaven, his face lit aglow, and with the strike of a golden hammer designates the site where the Mother Cathedral for the entire Armenian nation is to be founded. Hence, the name of the spiritual center for the Armenians, “Etchmiadzin”, means “the Descent of the Only Begotten” (Etch – descent, mi – only, dzin – begotten.) St. Gregory relayed the story about his vision to the Armenian King Tiridates, under whose royal auspices and support the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin was built. King Tiridates and Queen Ashkhen participated in the construction, as did the entire capital city of Vagharshapat by bringing stones from the biblical mountain of Ararat to lay the foundations. In the site marked by Christ, a Holy Altar of Descent was built. According of Patriarch Malachia Ormanian, from the days of her establishment, the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin has been the residence of the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians. Thus, it is the Mother See of the Armenian Church, and as such, her universal, spiritual and administrative headquarters. Another title bestowed upon the cathedral is “Catholic” – not to be confused with the Roman Catholic faith. Catholic is a Greek word meaning “Universal”. Theologically, the cathedral has been called “catholic” as a description of the catholicity (universality) of the Church. The feast of the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin is celebrated 64 days following Easter. A Divine Liturgy is celebrated, and during services, a special hymn is sung, written by the eighth century Catholicos Sahak of Dzorap, telling of St. Gregory’s vision and the Cathedral’s construction.

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Հայոց եկեղեցու մեծ տոներից է Սբ. Գրիգոր Լուսավորչի տեսիլքով Կաթողիկե Սբ. Էջմիածնի հիմնադրման տոնը: Ըստ ավանդության՝ Խոր Վիրապի բանտարկությունից դուրս գալուց հետո Սբ. Գրիգոր Լուսավորիչը տեսնում է նշանավոր տեսիլքը, ուր Միածինը, ողորված հրաշափառ լույսով, իջնում է երկնքից եւ ոսկե ուռով զարկում Սանդարամետի գետնափոր մեխանը՝ ցույց տալով այն տեղը, ուր պետք է կառուցվեր հայոց սուրբ հավատի տաճարը: Այստեղից էլ առաջացել է «Էջմիածինե անունը, այսինքն՝ էջ (գրաբար) իջավ Միածինը: Սբ. Գրիգոր Լուսավորիչն իր տեսիլքը պատմում է հայոց Տրդատ թագավորին: Արքայի հովանավորությամբ կառուցվում է Սբ. Էջմիածնի Աստվածածնին նվիրված Կաթողիկե Մայր Տաճարը: Քրիստոսի իջման տեղում էլ կառուցվում է Իջման Սբ. Սեղանը: Էջմիածնի կառուցման աշխատանքներին ժողովրդի հետ մասնակցել են նաև Տրդատ թագավորը եւ Աշխեն թագուհին: Կաթողիկե են անվանել զմբեթ ունեցող բոլոր եկեղեցիներն ընդհանրապես,

համապատասխանում են Էջմիածնի Մայր Տաճարին, քանի որ այն աթոռանիստ եկեղեցի է, գմբեթավոր եւ ընդհանրական է բոլոր հավատացյալների համար: Կաթողիկե Սբ. Էջմիածնի տոնը նշվում է Սբ. Զատիկից 64 օր հետո կամ Հոգեգալստյան կիրակիին հաջորդող երկրորդ կիրակին: Տոնի օրը մատուցվում է Սբ. Պատարագ, իսկ ժամերգությունների ընթացքում այլ շարականների հետ երգվում է նաև նշանավոր «Էջ Միածինն ի Հօրէէ շարականը, որը գրել է 8-րդ դարի կաթողիկոս Սահակ Զորափորեցին: Շարականը Գրիգոր Լուսավորչի տեսիլքի եւ տաճարի կառուցման մասին է: իսկ աստվածաբանության մեջ այդ անվանումը համարվում է եկեղեցու ընդհանրականության խորհրդապատկերը: Այս երեք իմաստներն էլ համապատասխանում են Էջմիածնի Մայր Տաճարին, քանի որ այն աթոռանիստ եկեղեցի է, գմբեթավոր եւ ընդհանրական է բոլոր հավատացյալների համար: Կաթողիկե Սբ. Էջմիածնի տոնը նշվում է Սբ. Զատիկից 64 օր հետո կամ Հոգեգալստյան կիրակիին հաջորդող երկրորդ կիրակին: Տոնի օրը մատուցվում է Սբ. Պատարագ, իսկ ժամերգությունների ընթացքում այլ շարականների հետ երգվում է նաև նշանավոր «Էջ Միածինն ի Հօրէէ շարականը, որը գրել է 8-րդ դարի կաթողիկոս Սահակ Զորափորեցին: Շարականը Գրիգոր Լուսավորչի տեսիլքի եւ տաճարի կառուցման մասին է:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the First Epistle of Hebrews 9:1-10

Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand and the table with its consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place, which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered Ark of the Covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant. Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover. But we cannot discuss these things in detail now. When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still functioning. This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper. They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings—external regulations applying until the time of the new order.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."



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

7 - Armenian

14 - English

21 - Armenian

28 - English

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.

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

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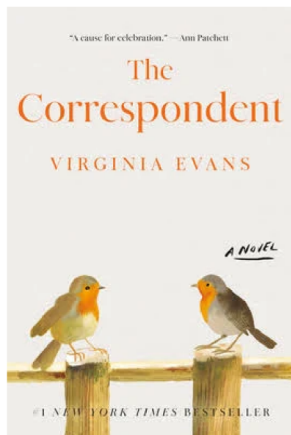
May the Lord grant you according to your own heart, and fulfill all your desires. (Psalm 20:4)

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.

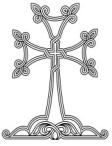
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Graduates of 2026!



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



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED TODAY

Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian (40th Day)
Requested by: the Kasparian, Longacre and
Costa families

Simon and Cicek Tutak
Hayik and Vartuhi Tutakian
Setrak Kaprielian
Mayreni and Dikran Demirci
Horen and Seranush Tutak
Artin Gocer
Hagop and Jacklin Gocer
Mehran and Nivart Yesil
Benon and Pepron Gocer
Antranik and Alis Baberian
Ashot Tigranyan

Sarkis and Arshaluys Senocak Kaprielian
Jirair Senocak Kaprielian
Ohannes Senocak Kaprielian

Requested by: The Hamparsoumian, Gurunian,
Baberian, and Kaprielian families

Zaven Tachdjian
Requested by: the Tachdjian family

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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Today

Morning Service & Divine Liturgy.

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy. Last day of the Sunday School.

Children's Sermon will be delivered at the end of the service.

Special Prayer service on the Feast of the Holy Etchmiadzin will be offered before the Requiem service.

Join us for the Presentation of the Zaven Tachdjian Scholarship Award during the fellowship coffee hour following the Liturgy.

JUNE 14,
SUNDAY

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

JULY 12,
SUNDAY

Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Vartavar

AUGUST 16,
SUNDAY

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

All American BBQ - Save the date!

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".