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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.

JULY 12, 2026
FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION
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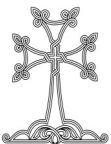
TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 John 1:1-7

Matthew 16:13-17:13

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Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the five main “Tabernacle” feasts of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Holy Church. It commemorates the transformation or the “transfiguration” that came over Jesus while He was praying. Christ’s face shone like the sun and his clothes became a radiant and gleaming white. The Apostles Peter, James and John witnessed that event which occurred on a high mountain named Tabor. Evangelists St. Matthew, St. Mark and St. Luke testify about the transfiguration of Jesus in the Gospels. “As they looked on, a change came over Jesus: his face was shining like the sun and his clothes were dazzling white. Then the three disciples saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. So Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, “Lord, how good it is that we are here! If you wish I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” While he was talking, a shining cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased – listen to him!” When the disciples heard the voice, they were so terrified that they threw themselves face downward on the ground. Jesus came to them and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid!” So they looked up and saw no one there but Jesus. In the Armenian Church, the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ is celebrated 98 days following Easter. The Feast also is known by the common name of “Vardavar”. This day is associated with an old Armenian tradition of pouring water on one another. Some sources attribute the tradition as a remnant of an Armenian pre-Christian celebration. The Monday following the Feast is a Memorial Day.

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Եկեղեցու կարեւոր տօներէից մէկն էՔրիստոսի Այլակերպութիւնը կամ Պայծառակերպութիւնը, որը կոչւում է նաեւ Վարդավառ եւ համարւում է եկեղեցու հինգ տաղաւարներէից մէկը: Աւետարանները հետեւեալ կերպով են նկարագրում Յիսուսի Այլակերպութիւնը: Յիսուսը Պետրոս, Յակովբոս եւ Յովհաննէս առաքեալների հետ հեռանում է քաղաքից եւ բանձրանում է լեռ՝ աղօթելու համար: Մինչ Ինքն աղօթում էր, առաքելքները օրուայ աշխատանքից յոգնած, քնել էին: Յանկարծ, Յիսուսի դէմքը արեւի լոյսի նման փայլում է ու պայծառանում եւ զգեստը սպիտակում ձիւնի նման: Քիչ յետոյ երեւում են նաեւ Մովսէսն ու Եղիան եւ խօսում Նրա հետ: Յիսուսի դէմքն այնքան է փայլում ու պայծառանում, որ ամբողջ լեռը լոյսով է ողողւում: Այդ փայլից առաքեալներն արթնանում են խոր քնից եւ նկատում Վարդապետի պայծառ դէմքը եւ այն երկու մարդկանց, որոնց Յիսուսը մտերիմ զրոյցի մէջ էր: Պետրոս առաքեալը յափտակուած ու շփոթուած, յանգցնում է խզել լուրջիւնը եւ ասում է. «Վարդապետ, բարւոք է մեզ աստ լինել»։ Վարդապետ լաւ է որ մենք այստեղ մնանք. առաջարկում է նաեւ երեք հատ տաղաւար պատրաստել: Այդ բոլորէին լուսաւոր մի ամպ ծածկում է նրանց, եւ առաքեալները տարսափած գետին են ընկնում: Լոյսի ցոլքերի միջից լսւում է խորհրդաւոր մի ձայն. «Դա է որդի իմ սիրելի ընդ որ հաճեցայ, դա՛ս լուարուք»: Յիսուսը մօտենում է առաքեալներին եւ ասում. «Ուրիշ ելէ՛ք, մի՛ վախենա՛ք»: Առաքեալները հանդարտած վեր են նայում եւ տեսնում եւ միայն իրենց

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the First Epistle of John 1:1-7

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 16:13-17:13

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." The disciples asked him, "Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?" Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things. But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist.



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.

July	12 - English
	19 - Armenian
	26 - English
August	2 - Armenian

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”.

All-American BBQ

SUNDAY, July 19th, 2026

12:30 pm

St. Gregory Women's Guild Annual Fundraiser

St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church
1131 North Street
White Plains, NY 10605



\$25.pp (\$15. Children ages 5-12, Children under 5 FREE)

All American BBQ Favorites

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Pulled Pork, Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans,
Mac&Cheese, Corn-on-the-Cob, Watermelon, Apple Pie, Brownies, Lemonade, Iced Tea

*** ICE CREAM SUNDAE BAR ***

Invite your Friends & Family to join us* Everyone WELCOME!

RSVP via cell/text: **SYLVIA KRUIZENGA (203)536-1241**
Please include NAME & number of adults/children in reservation

We appreciate your Reservations before July 13th



All-American BBQ FAMILY FUNDRAISER

proceeds to benefit the St. Gregory Women's Guild in support of local & Armenian charitable organizations

Reservation Name: _____ Phone Contact: (____) _____

Number Attending: _____ @ \$25. per person \$ _____
Number of Children ages 5-12 years old _____ @ \$15. per child \$ _____
"Under 5 years old FREE" _____ "FREE" \$ _____

Optional Donation to St.Gregory Women's Guild \$ _____

Check # _____ Total: \$ _____

payable to: St. Gregory Women's Guild
1131 North Street – White Plains, NY 10605

Not able to attend, but want to support the St. Gregory Women's Guild

Check # _____

MEMO: Donation

☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$150 ☐ \$200 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ Other \$ _____





SAVE THE DATE:
ST. GREGORY'S ANNUAL ARMENIAN
Picnic

Come join us for delicious traditional Armenian food and wine.



20 SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER
12PM - 5PM

Save
The Date



Primate's Visit
Deacons' and Acolytes' Ordination
November 1, 2026

Come Join Our Team of Cooks and Bakers!

Help prepare for our Annual Armenian Picnic!

Meeting in the Kitchen at 10:00 am on the following days:

Tuesday 8/18

Saturday 8/22 Choeregs

Thursday 8/27 Simit

Wednesday 9/2 Boeregs

Friday 9/4 Date cookies

Tuesday 9/8 Nazook and Tahini Bread

Saturday 9/12 Baklava & Gata

Monday 9/14

Tuesday 9/15 Yalangi

Wednesday 9/16 Khadayef & Brownies.

Thursday 9/17 Hummus and Prep Pilaf

Friday 9/18 Mezze platters and Eech prep

Saturday 9/19 Luleh & Eech

SUNDAY. 9/20. PICNIC DAY.

No Experience Necessary - All Are Welcome!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Today	Morning Service & Divine Liturgy. Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Vartavar Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy. <i>Join us for the fellowship coffee hour following the Liturgy.</i>
JULY 19, SUNDAY	All American BBQ <i>Details inside.</i>
AUGUST 2, SUNDAY	Guest celebrant: Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Ghevond Ajamian. St. Nersess High School Conference participants will join him.
AUGUST 9, SUNDAY	Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by a Guest celebrant.
AUGUST 16, SUNDAY	Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary Blessing of Grapes service.
SEPTEMBER 20, SUNDAY	SAVE THE DATE! Annual Armenian Picnic:
SEPTEMBER 27, SUNDAY	Citizens Preparedness Corps Event will be presented by New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) following the Liturgy. Details to follow.
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 <i>Details to follow.</i>