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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 26, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRANSFIGURATION
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Corinthians 7:17-24

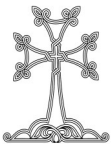
Matthew 19:3-8

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Chirs Bonfiglio

Greg Sahagian

Annie Shalian



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY

Khachatur Haji-Hakobyan

Requested by: Anna Kazanchyan

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

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**Commemoration of St. Gregory the Illuminator's Sons and Grandsons –
Sts. Aristakes, Vrtanes, Housik, Grigoris and Daniel**

Aristakes was St. Gregory the Illuminator's youngest son. He led a monastic life from a very early age. He was consecrated a bishop by his father, and became one of St. Gregory's most valued supporters. In 325 A.D. he participated in the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, representing the first Catholicos and the entire Armenian Church. Following St. Gregory the Illuminator, he became Catholicos of All Armenians. Vrtanes was St. Gregory the Illuminator's elder son. He was married and had two sons – Grigoris and Housik. Following the death of his brother, he ascended to the Catholicos Throne. Although Christianity was already fairly well accepted as the official religion, some remnants of paganism and heathenism continued in remote areas and smaller villages. One region that had substantial resistance was the province of Daron. Vrtanes organized annual festive Christian celebrations in this province to gradually eliminate their pagan beliefs and practices. Grigoris was the elder son of Vrtanes. He was sent by the Armenian Church to spread Christianity among the neighboring nations of Armenia. He was martyred upon the order of King Sanesan, the head of the nomadic Mazkut tribe. Housik was the younger son of Vrtanes. He married the daughter of the Armenian King Tiridates and had two sons – Pap and Antiochus. In 341 A.D. he was elected as the Catholicos of All Armenians. He resisted and challenged the will of King Tiran, who wished to hang the portrait of Julianus the Betrayer in a church. He was severely beaten, martyred, and was buried in the village of Tordan, province of Daranaghi. The sons and grandsons of St. Gregory the Illuminator are remembered and commemorated by all Armenian Churches throughout the world for their service to the Church, their faithfulness to Christianity, and their commitment to the Armenian people.

**Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսավորչի որդիների և թոռների՝ Արիստակեսի, Վրթանեսի,
Հուսիկի, Գրիգորիսի և Դանիելի հիշատակության օր**

Արիստակեսը Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսավորչի կրտսեր որդին էր և շատ վաղ հասակից մտել էր վանական կյանք: Եպիսկոպոս է ձեռնադրվել իր հոր կողմից՝ դառնալով նրա գործակիցը: 325 թվականին մասնակցել է Նիկիայի Ա տիեզերաժողովին: Արիստակեսը հոր մահից հետո դարձել է հայոց հայրապետ: Սպանվել է 333 թվականին Չորրորդ Հայքի Արքեպոստոլ իշխանի կողմից՝ նրա անուղղելի վարքը քննադատելու համար և թաղվել Թիլ ավանում: Վրթանեսը Լուսավորչի անդրանիկ որդին էր: Ամուսնացած էր և ուներ երկու զավակ՝ Գրիգորիսը և Հուսիկը: Եղբոր մահից հետո բազմել է Հայոց հայրապետական աթոռին: Թեև Հայաստանում քրիստոնեությունը

հաստատվել էր որպես պետական կրոն, սակայն բազմաթիվ վայրերում դեռևս գոյություն ունեի հին հավատը: Այդ պատճառով Վրթանես հայրապետն ամենամյա մեծահանդես պաշտամունք էր կազմակերպում Տարոնում՝ հեթանոսությունն աստիճանաբար վերացնելու համար: Վրթանեսը վախճանվել է 341 թվականին և թաղվել Դարանաղյաց Թորդան ավանում, Լուսավորչի նշխարների մոտ:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the First Epistle of 1 Corinthians 7:17-24

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who at any time pays the expenses for doing military service? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not get any of its milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law also say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Or does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was indeed written for our sake, for whoever plows should plow in hope and whoever threshes should thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we harvest material things? If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ. Do you not know that those who work in the temple service get their food from the temple and those who serve at the altar share in what is sacrificed on the altar? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 19:3-8

Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female, and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."



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	26 - English
August	2 - Armenian
	9 - English
	16 - 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”.

ST. GREGORY'S PICNIC PREPARATION SCHEDULE 2026

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Whether you're a longtime volunteer or would like to help for the very first time, we invite **people of all ages** to join us as we prepare for our Annual Church Picnic.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22	CHOREGS
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 27	SIMIT
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2	BOEREGS
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4	DATE COOKIES
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8	NAZOOK & TAHINI BREAD
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12	BAKLAVA & GATA
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15	YALANCHI
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16	KHADAYEF & BROWNIES
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17	HUMMUS & PILAF PREP
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18	MEZZE PLATTERS & EECH PREP
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19	LULEH & EECH
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - CHURCH PICNIC DAY!

If you are able to help on any of these dates, please text or call Gladys Tachdjian at 914 - 325 - 2232



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

Sunday, August 16, 2026



Feast of the Assumption of the
Holy Mother of God
Blessing of the Grapes Service

Morning Service - 9:45 AM

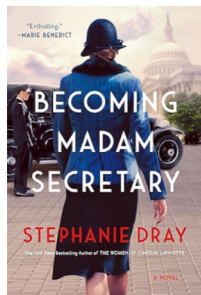
Badarak - 10:15 AM

Blessing of the Grapes Service - 11:45 AM

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YOU ARE INVITED TO AIDA'S BOOK CLUB
MEETING!

Please join us on Saturday, September 26th, 2026
at 11:00 a.m. in the atrium for our next book club
meeting!



New York Times bestselling author
Stephanie Dray returns with a captivating
and dramatic novel about an American
heroine Frances Perkins.

Raised on tales of her revolutionary
ancestors, Frances Perkins arrives in New
York City at the turn of the century, armed
with her trusty pen and an unyielding
determination to make a difference.

Frances is destined to rise in a political
world dominated by men, facing down the
Great Depression as FDR's most trusted
lieutenant—even as she struggles to balance
the demands of a public career with
marriage and motherhood. And when
vicious political attacks mount and
personal tragedies threaten to derail her
ambitions, she must decide what she's
willing to do—and what she's willing to
sacrifice—to save a nation.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Today	Morning Service & Divine Liturgy. Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy. Join us for the fellowship coffee hour following the Liturgy.
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	Guest celebrant: Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian.
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 Firakatian. 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.