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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 5, 2026
EVE OF THE FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Romans 11:13-24

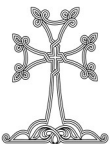
Matthew 14:13-21

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Jennifer Gurahian

Arek Ohanissian

Annie Shalian



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY

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Commemoration of Christ's twelve Apostles and thirteenth Apostle - St. Paul

Twelve Apostles elected by Our Lord Jesus Christ, were Christ's disciples and first preachers of His doctrine, as well as the Incarnate Christ's witnesses. "Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to drive out devil spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness." These were the names of the twelve Apostles Simeon (called Peter), Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddeus, Simon the Patriot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus. Later instead of Judas Iscariot Apostle Matthias was chosen, who was added to the group of eleven apostles.

Remaining faithful to Incarnate Christ's last message the apostles went to all peoples everywhere and preached and taught the Commandments of Jesus, baptized them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, thus becoming the founders of the Christ's Church. One of the greatest preachers of Christ's commandments is Apostle Paul, who is recognized by the Christian Church as the thirteenth Apostle.

The section of the Bible called "The Acts of the Apostles" is dedicated to the apostles' activity. And there are references on Apostle Paul's preaching, his person and his activity in his 14 letters addressed to the church communities, established by himself, and individual Christians.

Քրիստոսի 12 առաքյալների և Սբ. Պողոս 13-րդ առաքյալի հիշատակության օր

Հիսուս Քրիստոսի ընտրած 12 առաքյալները Քրիստոսի աշակերտներն ու Քրիստոսի վարդապետության առաջին տարածողներն էին, հարուցյալ Քրիստոսի վկաները: «Եվ նա իր մոտ կանչելով իր տասներկու աշակերտներին՝ նրանց իշխանություն տվեց պիղծ դևերի վրա՝ հանելու դրանք և բժշկելու ամեն ցավ և ամեն հիվանդություն»: Պետրոս, Անդրեաս, Հակոբոս, Հովհաննես, Մատթեոս, Բարդուղիմեոս, Փիլիպոս, Թովմաս, Թադեոս, Հակոբոս (Ալփյան), Շմավոն (Կանանացի) եւ Հուդա առաքյալներն էին նրանք, որոնցից վերջինը եղավ Հիսուսի մատնիչը: Հետագայում 12 առաքյալների շարքում Հուդայի փոխարեն ընտրվեց Մատաթիա առաքյալը: Հավատարիմ Հարուցյալ Հիսուսի վերջին պատգամին, առաքյալները Հիսուսի պատվիրանները քարոզեցին ու ուսուցանեցին տարբեր ազգերի, «մկրտեցին նրանց Հոր և Որդու և Սուրբ Հոգու անունով, այսպիսով դառնալով Քրիստոսի եկեղեցու հիմնադիրները: Քրիստոսի պատվիրանների ամենամեծ քարոզիչներից է Պողոս առաքյալը, որին քրիստոնյա եկեղեցին ճանաչում է իբրև 13-րդ առաքյալ:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the First Epistle of Romans 11:13-24

.Inasmuch as I am an apostle to the gentiles, I celebrate my ministry in order to make my own people jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted among the others to share the rich root of the olive tree, do not boast over the branches. If you do boast, remember: you do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." That is true. They were broken off on account of unbelief, but you stand on account of belief. So do not become arrogant, but be afraid. For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen but God's kindness toward you, if you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. And even those of Israel, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.



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	5 - Armenian
	12 - English
	19 - Armenian
	26 - 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”.

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.



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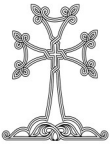
SUNDAY

**SEPTEMBER
12PM - 5PM**

*Save
the Date*



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



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED TODAY

Janet Demirjian DiDonato (6 years)

Silva Demirjian (18 years)

Requested by: John DiDonato

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

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	<i>Morning Service & Divine Liturgy.</i> <i>Fr. Mesrob Hovsepian celebrates the Divine Liturgy.</i> <i>Join us for the fellowship coffee hour following the Liturgy.</i>
JULY 12, SUNDAY	<i>Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Vartavar</i>
JULY 19, SUNDAY	<i>DATE CHANGE: All American BBQ</i> <i>Details inside.</i>
AUGUST 16, SUNDAY	<i>Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary</i> <i>Blessing of Grapes service.</i>
SEPTEMBER 20, SUNDAY	<i>SAVE THE DATE! Annual Armenian Picnic:</i>
SEPTEMBER 27, SUNDAY	<i>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.</i>
OCTOBER 18, SUNDAY	<i>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.</i>
NOVEMBER 1, SUNDAY	<i>Visit of His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate of the Eastern Diocese</i> <i>Details to follow.</i>

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.