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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.

AUGUST 23, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE ASSUMPTION OF ST. MARY

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

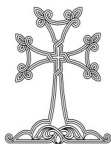
Luke 1:39-56

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Ellie Krolian

Ron Sanossian



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COMMEMORATION OF STS. JOACHIM AND ANNA, PARENTS OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, AND OIL-BRINGING WOMEN

The names of St. Joachim (Jehoiakim) and Anna are closely related to Jesus, as they are the parents of the Holy Mother of God.

According to tradition, wealthy Joachim was a descendant of King David, and Anna was the daughter of a priest. One day, when performing a service in the cathedral, the priest tells Joachim to stand in the end, as he had no son. Becoming upset, Joachim leaves the Cathedral and climbs up into the mountains, vowing not to descend until visited by God. Following his example, Anna stays home, and devotes herself to prayer and repentance. Anna sees the birds in the garden playing with their nestlings, becomes sad and cries, as she wasn't granted the grace of being a mother. Just at that moment the Angel of God visits Anna, telling her that God will be granting her a daughter who will be the mother of the Savior of the world. Joachim also has the same vision and becoming very happy, gives alms to the poor. The parents decide to devote the baby to the Church. The baby is named Mary, which means "Illuminated".

The oil-bringing women are the witnesses of Christ's torments and they are the first to give the good tidings of the Resurrection of our Lord. The Oil-Bringing women followed Christ during all days of realizing His earthly mission. The church calls them "Oil-Bringing Women" because on Sunday, they hurried to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus using the aromatic oils they prepared. Thanks to their devoutness they were first to see the Risen God and told the Apostles. They were in the upstairs room during Pentecost and together with the Apostles received the graces of the Holy Spirit. The Armenian Apostolic Church commemorates the memory of St. Joachim and Anna together with the oil-Bringing Women.

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Սուրբ Հովակիմի և Աննայի անուններն անմիջապես կապվում են Հիսուսի հետ՝ լինելով Աստվածամոր ծնողները: Ըստ ավանդության՝ բարեպաշտ և մեծահարուստ Հովակիմը Դավթի ցեղից էր՝ թագավորական տնից, իսկ Աննան՝ քահանայական տնից: Մի օր, տաճարում ընծա մատուցելիս, քահանան Հովակիմին պատվիրում է վերջում կանգնել, քանի որ նա անգավակ էր: Սրանից վշտացած՝ Հովակիմը դուրս է գալիս և անմիջապես լեռը բարձրանում՝ երդվելով չիջնել այնտեղից, մինչև Աստծո այցելությունը: Նրա օրինակով Աննան էլ տանն աղոթում և ապաշխարելու է նվիրվում: Եվ մի օր, երբ Աննան պարտեզում տեսնում է իրենց ձագերի հետ խաղացող թռչուններին, տխրում և լաց է լինում, քանզի ինքը զրկված ավետում, որ զավակ է ունենալու, ում երանի են տալու բոլոր ազգերը: Նույն տեսիլքը երևում է նաև Հովակիմին, որն ուրախությունից սկսում է

ողորմություն բաժանել աղքատներին: Աննան հղիանում է և ծնված հրեշտականման մանկանն անվանում են Մարիամ, որ նշանակում է լուսավորյալ: Յուդաբեր կանայք Հիսուսի չարչարանքների, թաղման և խաչելության ականատեսներն են: Նրանք Տիրոջ Հարության առաջին ավետաբերներն են: Յուդաբեր կանայք Քրիստոսին հետևեցին Իր ողջ երկրային առաքելության իրագործման ընթացքում: Եկեղեցու կողմից նրանք կոչվում են <<Յուդաբեր>>, որովհետև Միաշաբթի (Կիրակի) առավոտ գերեզման շտապ գնացին՝ Հիսուսի մարմինն իրենց պատրաստած անուշահոտ յուղերով օծելու: Իրենց անձնվիրության շնորհիվ նրանք առաջինը տեսան Հարուցյալ Փրկչին և այդ մասին հայտնեցին առաքյալներին: Նրանք նաև խմբովին ներկա էին Վերնատանը՝ Հոգեգալստին և առաքյալների հետ ստացան Սուրբ Հոգու շնորհները:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the First Epistle of 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke 1:39-56

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”



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.

August	23 - English
	30 - Armenian
September	6 - English
	13 - Armenian
	20 - 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”.

 **SAVE THE DATE!**
October 31, 2026

WOMEN'S GUILD RETREAT

"Sisters in Christ"

Join us for a Women's Retreat designed to nurture your soul, ignite your passions, and surround you with a sisterhood of strength and support.

- ✓ Mindful workshops
- ✓ Heart-opening conversations



**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 31, 2026**

9:30am Registration and
Continental Breakfast
1:00pm Lunch
4:00pm Retreat Ends
Cost for the retreat is \$35.00
Dinner afterwards on our own



ST. NERSESS SEMINARY
486 Bedford Road
Armonk, NY 10504

**Hosted by Women's Guild
Central Council**



Armonk, NY



Come Join Our Team of Cooks and Bakers!

Help prepare for our Annual Armenian Picnic!

No Experience Necessary - All Are Welcome!
Meeting in the Kitchen at 10:00 am on the following days:

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



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

BLESSING OF THE NEW ROBES, STOLES AND VESSELS FOR ANNOINTING



Last Sunday we blessed new robes and oorars (stoles) for our altar servers. These beautiful robes were made and brought from Armenia and are sponsored by the Kayaian family in loving memory of Lucy Krolian, Adrina and Berge Kayaian.

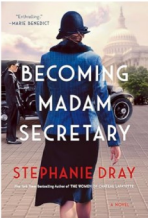
We also blessed two new liturgical vessels used during the Sacrament of Baptism: the **Aghavni (Dove Vessel)** for the Holy Muron and the **Butnots (Vessel for Anointing)**. The Aghavni is donated by the Kayaian family in loving memory of Lucy Krolian, Adrina and Berge Kayaian, while the Butnots is donated by the Women's Guild of St. Gregory.



We are deeply grateful for these generous gifts to our church. These sacred items will serve our parish and future generations for many years to come.

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.

Based on tales of her revolutionary ancestor, Frances Perkins arrives in New York City at the turn of the century, armed with her fiery passion 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 tragedy threatens to derail her ambitions, she must decide what she's willing to do—and what she's willing to sacrifice—to save a nation.

RSVP TO ELLIE KROLIAN AT: EBKROLIAN@GMAIL.COM

St Gregory The Enlightener Armenian Church
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St. Gregory Women's Guild Presents

A morning at the Bruce Museum

Tuesday, October 20th, 2026 at 11:00 am

Join us for a fun and enriching morning exploring the newly renovated Bruce Museum, featuring fascinating exhibits in art, science and natural history.

After the tour, everyone is welcome to join us for lunch at the museum cafe.

Please note, lunch will be at individual expense

Free admission
Free parking on premises

RSVP to:
Dawn Papalian
dawn@papalian.com
Call Text: 310 850-6496

Bruce Museum
1 Museum Drive
Greenwich, CT 06830

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Today

**Second Sunday after the Assumption
Morning Service & Divine Liturgy.
Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by
Rev. Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan.**

**Join us for the fellowship coffee hour following
the Liturgy.**

**SEPTEMBER 13,
SUNDAY**

**Sunday School opening and registration,
10:30-12:15pm**

**SEPTEMBER 19,
SATURDAY**

**Armenian School opening and registration,
10:00am.**

**SEPTEMBER 20,
SUNDAY**

SAVE THE DATE! Annual Armenian Picnic:

**SEPTEMBER 26,
SATURDAY**

**Aida's Book Club to meet in the Atrium at 11am.
View the flyer in the bulletin for details.**

**SEPTEMBER 27,
SUNDAY**

**Citizens Preparedness Corps Event will be pre-
sented by New York State Division of Homeland
Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) fol-
lowing the Liturgy. Details to follow.**

**OCTOBER 18,
SUNDAY**

**SAVE THE DATE: A Taste of Armenian Heri-
tage: An Interactive Cooking Event with Cook-
book Author and Historian, Prof. Mari Fir-
katian. Presented by the Cultural Committee.**

**OCTOBER 20,
TUESDAY**

**Women's Guild trip to the Bruce Museum
View the flyer in the bulletin for more details.**

**OCTOBER 31,
SATURDAY**

**Women's Guild Retreat, "Sisters in Christ," from
12:00-4:00 PM at St. Nersess Armenian Semi-
nary. Lunch and refreshments will be served.
\$35 per person. Hosted by the Women's Guild
Central Council.**

**NOVEMBER 1,
SUNDAY**

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