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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 30, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE ASSUMPTION OF ST. MARY

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

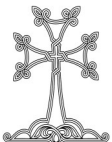
Mark 4:35-41

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

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Jennifer Gurahian

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REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE HELD TODAY

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FEAST OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE BELT OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Since there are no relics of the Holy Mother's earthly body (as she was assumed into Heaven), her personal belongings became articles of pious devotion. As they were secretly kept during the time of persecution of the early church, they began to appear in later times. The first, her belt or girdle, was discovered in Jerusalem in the fifth century during the reign of Emperor Argadeos. This important article of clothing and decoration for Eastern women was later translated to Constantinople and placed in the Cathedral dedicated to the Holy Mother of God, where it was recorded to be at the time of Empress Zoe's miraculous recovery more than half a century later. The celebration of the Discoveries of the Belt and Box of the Holy Mother of God were introduced into the Armenian Church during the revisions made by Catholicos Simeon Yerevantzi (Catholicos 1763-1780) to the Directory of Feasts (Donatzouytz). The Discovery of the Belt is celebrated on the second Sunday following the Feast of Assumption and the Discovery of the Box on the fifth Sunday after Pentecost. Prior to Catholicos Simeon's revision, these were listed as voluntary celebrations and most likely were celebrated only in Constantinople for a long period of time. Later in Western Armenia, not only were these commemorations celebrated but also so were others connected to the Holy Mother's personal items deemed relics. After the 13th century, when the Latin's established their empire in Constantinople by means of the crusades, many ecclesiastic antiques and relics were transported from Byzantine to Europe.

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Մբ. Աստվածածնի գոտու գյուտը Տիրամորը նվիրված Հայ Առաքելական Եկեղեցու յոթ տոներից է: Մի հանգամանք, որն ակնհայտ կերպով ցույց է տալիս Մբ. Կույսի՝ հայ ժողովրդի հոգևոր կյանքում ունեցած կարևոր և նշանակալից տեղի ու դերի մասին: Նա, որպես մայրության և առաքինության կատարյալ օրինակ, դարեր ի վեր իր այդ հատկանիշներով կերտել ու ձևավորել է հայ օրիորդի, կնոջ և մոր նկարագիրն ու դիմագիծը՝ միաժամանակ հրաշագործություններով այսօր էլ շարունակում է իր կենդանի ներկայությունն ու ներգործությունն ունենալ մեր կյանքում: Արկաղիոս կայսեր օրոք (395 - 408թթ.): Երուսաղեմում էր գտնվում Մբ. Աստվածածնի գոտին, որը հատուկ ուշադրությամբ և հարգանքով տարվում է Կ. Պոլիս: Այստեղ հավատացյալները մեծ երկյուղածությամբ այն զետեղում են եկեղեցում: Հույները հետագայում Ս. Մարիամին նվիրված նոր եկեղեցի են կառուցում և գոտին դնում այնտեղ՝ հավատացյալների համար պաշտամունքի և տոնակատարության առարկա դարձնելով:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the First Epistle of Paul to 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation. We do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia, for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many may give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark 4:35-41

“On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Be silent! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”



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 30 - Armenian

September 6 - English

13 - Armenian

20 - English

27 - 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”.

 **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:

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.

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ST. GREGORY ARMENIAN SCHOOL

1131 NORTH STREET, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10605

IN PERSON LEARNING

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SCHOOL REOPENING - ԿԵՐԱՄԱՆՆԻՏ

REGISTRATION, MEET YOUR TEACHER

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM



WE WELCOME

NEW STUDENTS

WE TEACH:

- ✦ READING
- ✦ WRITING
- ✦ CONVERSATION
- ✦ HISTORY
- ✦ MUSIC
- ✦ DANCE
- ✦ RELIGION
- ✦ CULTURE/ TRADITION



FOR MORE DETAILS YOU CAN CALL OR EMAIL:

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St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church

1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605



Sunday School

Registration

We welcome all children to join us for the

2026-2027 School Year!

Any questions?

Lauren Hovseian

917-887-4037

teaticket67@natscape.net

Sunday

September 13

10:30-12:15

Ages 3-16

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Bruce Wlasek

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Today

**Third 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

**A Taste of Armenian Heritage: An Interactive
Cooking Event with Cookbook Author and Histo-
rian, Prof. Mari Firkatian. Presented by the Cul-
tural 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. 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.**

NOVEMBER 7,
SATURDAY

**SAVE THE DATE: NextGen of St. Gregory in-
vites young professionals to Armenian Cooking
101 event. Details to follow.**