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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 9, 2026
BAREKENDAN OF THE FAST OF ASSUMPTION
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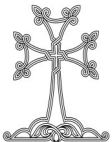
TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Corinthians 13:11-14:5

Mark 2:1-12

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

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Jennifer Gurahian
Greg Sahagian



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE HELD TODAY

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COMMEMORATION DAY OF 200 PONTIFFS PARTICIPATING IN THE ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF EPHESUS

The Ecumenical Council of Ephesus, which is the third Ecumenical Council that is accepted by our church was convened in 431 A. D., during the reign of the King Theodosius Small. 200 Pontiffs participated in the Council with the goal to criticize the false teaching of Nestorius, Patriarch of Constantinople. According to his teaching there were two independent - divine and human natures in Christ, contrasting each other. Nestorius preached that Christ was born as a simple man and only later Divinity was settled in His Person, and therefore, the Holy Virgin Mary was not Godmother, but the mother of a simple man. The Ecumenical Council of Ephesus condemns the teaching of Nestorius and adopts the teaching of St. Cyril of Alexandria as an orthodox teaching, according to which the divine and human natures of Christ do not exist separately, but are united unmixed, without confusion - one Lord, one Jesus, one face and one united divine and human nature. St. Mary is not the mother of a simple man, but she is Godmother as she gave birth to the Son of God. So, the formulation of St. Cyril of Alexandria: "One is the nature of the Incarnate Word of God" was adopted. The Armenian Church has not participated in that Ecumenical Council but has adopted its resolutions and ecumenical authority together with the previous Ecumenical Councils.

EVE OF THE FAST OF ST. MARY, HOLY GODMOTHER

This is the Sunday preceding the week prior to the Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary, Holy Godmother, one of the major feasts of Armenian Apostolic Church and one of the seven feasts dedicated to St. Mary. The fasting period lasts from Monday to Friday.

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the First Epistle of 1 Corinthians 13:11-14:5

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. Pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts, and especially that you may prophesy. For those who speak in a tongue do not speak to other people but to God; for nobody understands them, since they are speaking mysteries in the Spirit. On the other hand, those who prophesy speak to other people for their up building and encouragement and consolation. Those who speak in a tongue build up themselves, but those who prophesy build up the church. Now I would like all of you to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. One who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark 2:1-12

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—"I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"



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	9 - English
	16 - Armenian
	23 - English
	30 - Armenian
September	6 - 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”.

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.

Based on tales of her revolutionary
anecdotes, Frances Perkins arrives in New
York City at the turn of the century, armed
with her tenacity, 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
advisor, 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.

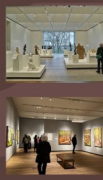
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St. Gregory
Women's Guild
Presents

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	Morning Service & Divine Liturgy. Guest celebrant: Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian. Join us for the fellowship coffee hour following the Liturgy.
AUGUST 16, SUNDAY	Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary Blessing of Grapes service.
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 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.
OCTOBER 20, TUESDAY	Women's Guild trip to the Bruce Museum View the flyer in the bulletin for more details.
NOVEMBER 1, SUNDAY	Visit of His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate of the Eastern Diocese Details to follow.