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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.

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Feast of All Saints– The Old & The New, The Known & The Unknown

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Ephesians 1:1-14

Luke 8:17-21

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

All Parish Council Members on Duty



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE OFFERED TODAY.

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Feast of All Saints– The Old & The New, The Known & The Unknown

By this feast the Armenian Apostolic Church commemorates the memory of all those saints, whose names are not included in the Church Calendar, but whose names are registered in the sacred book of the Heavenly Kingdom. Many people have been subjected to severe torments and have been martyred during the wars for the sake of faith. Unfortunately, we do not know their names. So the Church has established this feast in the Church Calendar in order to commemorate their memory. They are persons who shed their blood for the sake of Christ and His Church.

Տոն բոլոր սրբերի՝ հների և նորերի, հայտնիների և անհայտների

Հայ Եկեղեցին այս տոնով նշում է բոլոր այն սուրբերի հիշատակը, որոնց անունները չեն անցել Տոնացույցի կամ եկեղեցական օրա-ցույ-ցի մեջ, սակայն նրանց սուրբ անունները գրված են Երկնքի արքա-յու-թյան սրբազան մատյանում: Քրիստոնեական հալածանք-ների և հավատի համար մղված բազում պատերազմների ժամանակ շա-տերն են նահատակվել, որոնց անունները, ցավոք, չեն պահպանվել և հասել մեզ: Ուստի, եկեղեցին հաստատել է այս նվիրական տոնը հենց նրանց հիշատակը ոգեկոչելու համար: Անձեր, որոնք իրենց թանկ արյունը հեղեցին հանուն Քրիստոսի և նրա խորհրդավոր մարմնի՝ եկեղեցու շինության:

COMMEMORATION OF THE PONTIFF ST. JOHN THE CHRYSOSTOM

The Pontiff St. John the Chrysostom is one of the most prominent and gracious Fathers of the Universal Church. He was born in Antioch, in 347 AD., studied in the Theological School of Antioch and advanced his skills in rhetoric art in the School of Libanios. Since a young age he led an ascetic life. In 381 AD he was ordained as deacon by Meletios of Antioch and in 386 he was ordained as priest by Flavianos. Thanks to his brilliant, eloquent speeches and sermons he deserved the title “Chrysostom”. In 398 AD he was elected the Patriarch of Constantinople against his will and zealously initiates renovation and reconstruction works of the capital city, which was far from the Christian mode of life and lived immoral life full of conflicts and disputes. St. John the Chrysostom criticized the wrong and immoral mode of life of the court which caused him to be exiled to Pontos and was martyred in the town Komana. His last words are: “Glory to You, God, glory to You, glory to You to for everything.” The saint’s remains are buried in the Church of St. Apostles, of Constantinople, in 438 AD. St. John the Chrysostom is the author of many interpretations, speeches, odes, epistles and letters, which have positively influenced on the history of the Christian mind. His works have been translated into Armenian still during his life.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the Second Letter of Paul to Ephesians 1:1-14

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will– to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment–to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession–to the praise of his glory.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke 8:17-21

For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open. Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have will be taken from them." Now Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd. Someone told him, "Your
mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you. "He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice."



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.

November 1 - Armenian
8 - English
15 - Armenian
22 - 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” <u>not</u> “other”.



Today, please take a moment to remember in your prayers all the sick and recovering members of our community.

May God touch His faithful servants with His healing hand, and grant them good health & recovery.

Please inform Der Hayr if you have friends or family who are suffering any physical or spiritual distress and are in need of prayer, and he will add them to his prayer list where they will be remembered. We all need prayer – both to say for others and to be said for us.

SENIORGEN MINISTRY

Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan has introduced a new ministry, **SeniorGen**, created to honor, support, and spiritually nurture older adults in the Armenian Church.

You're Invited!

DETAILS



When: First Wednesday of every month
Fee: $10, including lunch
Time: 11 AM
Location: Atrium

Each gathering will include:

🙏 **A short prayer service**
💬 **discussion, or interactive program (musical program, guest speaker)**
🍽️ **Lunch and fellowship**

RSVP

Please RSVP to **Lauren Kayaian,** Text or call **917-887-4037 or** call the **St. Gregory Church Office** at **914-428-2595**

Come join us for prayer, fellowship, learning, and friendship!
We look forward to welcoming you to SeniorGen!

*The mission of SeniorGen is to help older adults live more **engaging, meaningful, and Spirit-filled lives** while creating a vibrant community that values the wisdom and experiences of seniors. The ministry also seeks to support their unique needs and strengthen **intergenerational connections within the church.***

The Acolyte and the Deacon: The Minor Orders and the Acolyte

One who receives these four minor ranks is known as a *tbir* (or clerk). Through the minor orders, the *tbir* is conferred special privileges which are the foundation of his service to the church as a participant during the worship services. There are four distinct functions of a *tbir*: door-keeper (*trnaban*), reader (*untertsogh*), exorcist (*yertm'netsootsich*), and candle bearer (*momagal*).

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The Four Ranks of Acolytes

1. Doorkeeper – Trnaban (Դռնապան)

The doorkeeper is entrusted with the care and protection of the church and its sacred spaces. The key given during ordination symbolizes this

responsibility. Spiritually, this rank reminds the acolyte to be watchful, faithful, and mindful of the sacredness of God's house.

2. *Reader – Untertsogh* (Ընթերցող)

The reader is entrusted with proclaiming the Word of God and assisting in the reading of Scripture during church services. This rank symbolizes the responsibility to study, understand, and faithfully share God's Word with the faithful.

3. *Exorcist – Yertm'netsootsich* (Երդմնեցուցիչ)

This rank is associated with prayers of renunciation of Satan and the rejection of evil, particularly in connection with the sacrament of Baptism. It symbolizes the commitment to resist evil, remain faithful to Christ, and help others turn toward God's light and truth.

4. *Candle Bearer – Momagal* (Մոմակալ)

The candle bearer is entrusted with lighting and carrying candles during church services and assisting with certain liturgical preparations. The candle symbolizes the light of Christ, reminding the acolyte to carry that light in his own life and reflect it through faith, service, and good works.

Deacon in the Armenian Apostolic Church

A deacon (sargavak) is an ordained minister who assists the priest and bishop during the Divine Liturgy and other church services. The deacon proclaims Scripture, leads liturgical responses, assists at the Holy Altar, and helps guide the congregation in prayer.

The word deacon is derived from the Greek word diakonos, meaning "servant", "minister", or "messenger." In the beginning, the Apostles were the sole ministers in the Church. They were teachers, sanctifiers and rulers in the Church. They even saw to the material needs of the faithful. However, as the membership of the Church increased, the Apostles created other officers to assist them. The first order thus established was that of Deacon. The first deacons were elected by the faithful and were appointed and ordained by the Apostles to distribute aid, as well as to serve the public dinner tables at which Holy Communion was administered (Acts 6:1-7).

At present Deacons, assist the priests in the Church during celebration of the Divine Liturgy, by singing, censing and bringing the gifts (bread and wine) to the Holy Altar. During the ordination, the Bishop endows Deacons with the following ritual privileges; reading of the Gospel, raising to the Holy Sacrament, as well as to help the priests in his pastoral activity in general.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Today	***Episcopal Divine Liturgy & Ordination*** ***Divine Liturgy is celebrated by*** ***Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan*** ***Luncheon & Program to follow.***
November 4, Wednesday	***SeniorGen - 11 am in the Atrium–light lunch.*** ***Please rsvp: Lauren Kayaian 917-887-4037***
Novsember 7, Saturday	***NextGen of St. Gregory invites young professionals to Armenian Cooking 101 event.*** *Details inside.*
November 13, Friday	***Game Night: Let's play pickleball at the HEK Hall, 6:30-8pm.***
November 15, Sunday	***Women's Guild Membership Meeting & Elections.*** *Annie Ovanessian will be leading a spiritual discussion for this meeting.*
November 22, Sunday	***Thanksgiving Luncheon sponsored by the Women's Guild.*** *Details to follow!*
December 2, Wednesday	***SeniorGen Gathering*** 11:00 AM in the Atrium.
December 5, Saturday	***Aida's Book Club–****Whistler* by Ann Patchett. 11:00 AM in the Atrium.
December 6, Sunday	***Presentation by Anahid Benlian following the Liturgy–***"From the Highland to the Holy Land"
Sunday 9, Wednesday	***The St. Gregory Women's Guild Christmas Luncheon.*** *Cost: $70 per person.*