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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.

OCTOBER 25, 2026
FEAST OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE HOLY CROSS
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Galatians 4:3-18

Luke 4:14-23

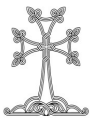
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REQUIEM SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED TODAY.
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Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross

The Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross is one of the four major feasts dedicated to Christ's Holy Cross. According to tradition, in the year 327 AD, Queen Heghineh—the mother of Byzantine King Kostandianos—traveled to Jerusalem to search for the True Cross, the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified.

In her search, she was helped by a local Jew named Judas, who eventually led her to the site of Golgotha, the place where Christ was crucified. There, they uncovered three wooden crosses—believed to be the crosses of Jesus and the two criminals who were crucified alongside Him.

To determine which cross was the True Cross, they brought the body of a recently deceased young man and laid it on each of the three crosses. When they placed him on one of the crosses, he miraculously came back to life. This confirmed that they had found the True Cross of Christ. Witnessing this miracle, Judas converted to Christianity and became known as Bishop Cyril of Jerusalem.

Following the discovery, Queen Heghineh had the holy sites in Jerusalem restored, and she commissioned the construction of the Church of the Holy Resurrection, on the site of Golgotha. The True Cross was placed there for veneration.

The Armenian Apostolic Church celebrates the Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross on the Sunday during the period October 23-29.

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Խաչի Գիւտը Քրիստոսի խաչափայտին նվիրված չորս տոներից է: 327 թվականին բյուզանդական Կոստանդիանոս կայսեր մայրը՝ Հեղինեն, Տիրոջ խաչը գտնելու նպատակով այցելում է Երուսաղեմ: Հուդա անունով մի հրեա օգնում է կայսրուհուն գտնել Քրիստոսի խաչվելու վայրը՝ Գողգոթան, որտեղ որոնումների արդյունքում հայտնաբերվում են Հիսուսի և նրան խաչակից երկու ավազակների խաչերը: Տիրոջ խաչը ճանաչելու համար մի պատանու դիակ հերթով դնում են դրանց վրա, որոնցից մեկի վրա պատանին հարություն է առնում, և այդպես ճանաչվում է տերունական խաչը: Այդ հրաշքից հրեա Հուդան քրիստոնեություն է ընդունում և հետո դառնում է Երուսաղեմի Կյուրեղ եպիսկոպոսը: Խաչափայտի գյուտից հետո Հեղինեն բարեզարդում է Երուսաղեմի սրբազան վայրերը, իսկ Գողգոթայում կառուցում Ս. Հարություն եկեղեցին, որտեղ հետագայում զետեղվում է Տիրոջ խաչափայտը

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the First Letter of Paul to Corinthians (1:18-24)

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew (23:27-36)

For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather. "Immediately after the distress of those days" "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken." "Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

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.

October	25 - English
November	1 - Armenian
	8 - English
	15 - 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” <u>not</u> “other”.



St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church cordially invites you to

Primate's Visit & Ordination

His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan
Primate of the Eastern Diocese
Celebrant and Officiant

Divine Liturgy & Ordination - 10:00am
Luncheon & Program - 12:30pm

Advanced reservations required

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November, 2026

Reservation Name: _____ Phone (___) _____

Number of Paid Reservations: _____ Adults $25.00/ea $ _____

_____ Children (6-14) $12.00/ea $ _____

_____ Children (1-5) Free

Donation in honor of recipients $_____

Kindly RSVP by October 25, 2026 TOTAL PAID $ _____

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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.

Join the Saint Gregory Women's Guild as we give thanks and celebrate the season with food, fellowship, and gratitude at our **Thanksgiving Luncheon**

Date: Sunday, November 22nd, 2026
Time: Immediately following Badarak
Location: Tutak Hall

$25 for adults; Children 5 to 12 years old $15; Children 5 and under - free

Bring your appetite and your thankful heart! Delicious food and a warm community await. Families and friends are welcome! Don't forget to visit our bake sale for homemade treats to take home.

Please RSVP by November 14th, 2026:
Alicia Wood
awood@wcw3.com
Call/Text: (203) 246 - 7420

NEXTGEN OF ST. GREGORY
INVITES YOU TO

ARMENIAN COOKING 101: LET'S MAKE MANTI!



Join us for a hands-on cooking lesson and learn how to **make manti**, a beloved, delicious Armenian dish!
Designed for young adults ages 18–45

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH
3PM

ST. GREGORY CHURCH KITCHEN
1131 NORTH STREET
WHITE PLAINS, NY

Please make your reservations by October 24th by emailing:
stgregorynextgen@gmail.com

SCAN FOR @STGREGORYWP VENMO

$20 per person

- Includes cooking materials, light bites & beverages
- **Advanced payment is encouraged**
  - **Venmo:** @stgregorywp, cash or check
  - **Checks:** Please make checks payable to: St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church + mail to St. Gregory
  - Cash only at the door

Requiem Service Will Be Held Today

***Elisa Khachian* (2 years)**
Requested by: The Khachian and Quinn Families

D. Aram Mushegian* (1 yr) & *Daniel Aram Mushegian
Requested by: The Mushegian Family: Sara, and Siroui, Setta, & Anoush

Andre Polissedjian
Requested by: The Polissedjian Family

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

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.***

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Today	***Morning Service & Divine Liturgy.*** ***Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan.*** ***Join us for Fellowship hour after Badarak.***
November 1, Sunday	***Visit of His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate of the Eastern Diocese.*** *Details inside.*
November 4, Wednesday	***SeniorGen - 11 am in the Atrium–light lunch $10 per person.*** ***Please rsvp: Lauren Kayaian 917-887-4037***
November 6, Friday	***Game Night: Let's play pickleball at the HEK Hall, 6:30-8pm.***
Novsember 7, Saturday	***NextGen of St. Gregory invites young professionals to Armenian Cooking 101 event.*** *Details inside.*
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.*