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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.

DECEMBER 4, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Thessalonians 4:1-11

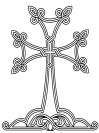
Luke 13:1-9

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Tom Daw

Nectar Munro

Gregory Sahagian



REQUIEM SERVICE REQUESTED FOR:

Gerard Cesar Polissedjian;

Marie Azniv Polissedjian; & Jessica Lynn Polissedjian

Requested by: Martine Polissedjian-Roussel who also donated the altar flowers in memory of her loved ones.

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

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**COMMEMORATION OF APOSTLES
ST THADDEUS AND ST BARTHOLOMEW
THE FIRST PREACHERS OF CHRISTIANITY IN ARMENIA**

Apostles St. Thaddeus and St. Bartholomew were two of the twelve Apostles of Christ. They were the first apostles of Christ to go to Armenia to preach Christianity, thus deserving the title "the first illuminators." Still at the dawn of Christianity, they were martyred in Armenia. It was the result of their preaching and martyrdom that the Armenian people were the first nation in the world to proclaimed Christianity as the state religion. Indeed, Apostles St. Thaddeus and St. Bartholomew played an important role in the history of the 2000-year-old Christian Armenian nation which has kept its unshaken faith and keen love towards its Mother Church. Each year a Divine Liturgy is celebrated in the Cathedral of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin in the memory of these St. Apostles.

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եկեղեցին:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the First Letter of Paul to Thessalonians (4:1-11)

Finally, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus that, as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God (as, in fact, you are doing), you should do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control your own body in holiness and honor, not with lustful passion, like the gentiles who do not know God; that no one wrong or exploit a brother or sister in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, just as we have already told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. For God did not call us to impurity but in holiness. Therefore whoever rejects this rejects not human authority but God, who also gives his Holy Spirit to you. Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (13:1-9)

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'

ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER
MEN'S CLUB

Year End Christmas Holiday Dinner
Men's Fellowship evening

Thursday, DECEMBER 8th, 2022
6:30pm at the bar ** 7:00pm dinner



50 Gedney Way – White Plains NY 10605

Savory & Plentiful 4-course Bistro Style Dinner

Soft Drinks, coffee/tea included with Dinner/Dessert

*** Happy Hour cocktail pricing ** Free parking in rear lot ***

\$65. pp

***** Advance Reservations Necessary to confirm private room *****

***** Please RSVP before Nov. 30th ** Contact: Chris Bonfiglio***

phone/text: (914) 707-2152 email: JChrisBonfiglio@gmail.com

***** Include Name, contact info, and number of Guests attending in your reservation *****

Pre-payment requested ** All checks payable to: St. Gregory MEN's CLUB



CHRISTMAS PARTY



You're invited to our

SUNDAY
DECEMBER

18

12:30
PM

ST. GREGORY'S
TUTAK HALL

All children are welcome to attend the
Western Christmas Party following
the church services.

Organized by the Armenian School
and Sunday School



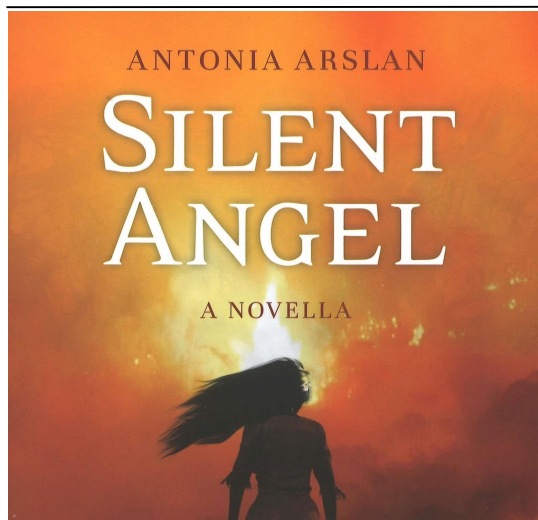


Fellowship Coffee Hour

We appreciate the generosity of Janice Tepikian for providing the refreshments for today's fellowship coffee hour.

If you would like to sign-up for a future date to host and sponsor refreshments for the fellowship coffee hour on Sunday, kindly

contact coordinator: Adriane Keleshian Bonfiglio (914) 649-1072.



December 11, Book Presentation—12:30pm Tutak Hall

Join us in welcoming author Antonia Arslan, and Professor Siobhan Nash-Marshall as they discuss Ms. Arslan's novella, *Silent Angel*.



The Women's Guild

*of St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church
invite you to share joy & fellowship
at a Christmas Luncheon
on Wednesday, December 14th, 2022 at 12:30pm*

Bronxville Field Club

40 Locust Lane, Mt. Vernon NY 10552
(914)664-3585

REALM—Church Management Platform

We are upgrading our church record keeping to allow us to engage more directly with our parishioners and to give parishioners access to church resources and allow them to connect to one another more easily. We will be using a cloud based solution called Realm that manages the over 500 names and profiles that are associated with our church. Realm's benefits are:

- ensures the church has your latest contact information - you go online and update your information;
- allows events such as concerts, Women's Guild luncheons, Men's Club dinners and special events like the St. Gregory Award Dinner and the New Year's Eve party to be managed and paid online with a check-in kiosk;
- stores Marriage and Baptism dates and information as a backup record keeping;
- allows you to pay membership dues and to make donations through your computer or mobile device and, if desired, set up payment plans and be assured that it appears in your Giving Statement;
- improves work life for our volunteers with a full church accounting systems and reporting package that is connected to the other modules of information; and
- has a dashboard of key metrics to ensure we have reached out to new guests, donors and those that have stopped coming (to assist where we can)

With Realm, you'll be able to connect with one another, keep your own information up to date, and manage your giving to the church all in one convenient place.

Scan the QR code below to sign up and download the app "REALM CONNECT". Realm is very easy to navigate, and we are excited about its potential benefits for our Church and parishioners.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan celebrates the Divine Liturgy this Sunday.

DECEMBER 8
THURSDAY

**The St. Gregory Men's Club Christmas Dinner and Fellowship Gathering
6:30 pm at Sam's of Gedney Way Restaurant
Pre Paid RSVP by November 30**

DECEMBER 11
SUNDAY

Book Presentation—1 pm Tutak Hall
Join us in welcoming author Antonia Arslan, and Professor Siobhan Nash-Marshall as they discuss Ms. Arslan's novella, Silent Angel.

DECEMBER 14
WEDNESDAY

**The St. Gregory Women's Guild Christmas Luncheon at the Bronxville Field Club, Mt. Vernon NY
Pre Paid RSVP by November 30**

DECEMBER 18,
SUNDAY

**Christmas Party co-sponsored by Armenian & Sunday Schools. All children are invited.
Following the Divine Liturgy**

DECEMBER 24,
SATURDAY

**Commemoration of St. Stephen the Protomartyr and the first martyr
Western Christmas Eve
Evening Vespers - 5:30pm
Followed by sing-along Christmas Caroling**

DECEMBER 25,
SUNDAY

**WESTERN CHRISTMAS
Morning Service ONLY - 11:00-12:00pm**

Divine Liturgy will not be celebrated on this day



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

JANUARY 1, 2023 SUNDAY	<i>Blessing of Pomegranates Service to follow immediately after the service.</i>
JANUARY 5, THURSDAY	<i>EVE OF THE NATIVITY AND THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - J'RAKALOOYTZ</i> 6:00pm - Scripture readings 6:30pm - Candlelight Divine Liturgy
JANUARY 6, FRIDAY	<i>FEAST OF THE NATIVITY AND THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</i> Matins - 9:45am Christmas Badarak & Blessing of Water Service - 10:15am Potluck Luncheon
JANUARY 8, SUNDAY	<i>FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF NATIVITY</i> <i>Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Water Service</i> <i>Christmas Brunch hosted by Women's Guild</i>
JANUARY 21 SATURDAY	<i>The Women's Guild Book Discussion Group—</i> <i>The Island of Missing Trees 2-4 pm</i> <i>Details to follow</i>
JANUARY 28, SATURDAY	<i>Afternoon Movie sponsored by the St. Gregory Women's Guild</i> <i>Details to follow.</i>
FEBRUARY 19,	<i>Poon Paregentan</i> Great Lent begins on Monday, Feb. 20
FEBRUARY 26, SUNDAY	<i>Annual Parish Assembly following the Badarak</i>
APRIL 9, SUNDAY	<i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>
APRIL 28, FRIDAY	<i>Evening Movie and Simple Supper</i> <i>Sponsored by the St. Gregory Women's Guild</i> <i>Details to follow.</i>