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SUNDAY BULLETIN

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WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER ARMENIAN CHURCH!

"Under One Roof"

The Morning Service starts at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays
and is followed by *Soorp Badarak* (Divine Liturgy) at 10:15 a.m.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Ellie Krolian, Edik Eskandarian, Lauren Kayaian

Today's Scripture Readings: Hebrews 1:1-14. Luke 17:1-10

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Requiem Service was requested for the souls of:

Jon Andrew Wolohojian & Dr. Albert Wolohojian

By: John & Anita Wolohojian, & Florence Wolohojian

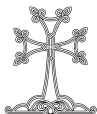
Rose 'Serpoui' Jamgochian

By: The Jamgochian & Aslanian Families

Sofie Kimeshian (1 yr)

By: Sara Hatchadoorian & Family

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



COMMEMORATION OF THE PONTIFF ST. JAMES OF NISIBIS, HERMIT ST. MARUGE AND BISHOP ST. MELITUS

Pontiff St. James of Nisibis is one of the authoritative and beloved saints of the Universal Church. He has deserved the epithet "Thaumaturge" (Wonderworker) for the numerous miracles relating to his name. According to hagiographical sources St. James was from a Parthian dynasty and the nephew of St. Gregory the Illuminator. When the family members of Anak the Parthian were killed nurses secretly fled to Caesaria taking with them baby Suren and James where they were educated in Christian spirit. Soon baby James and his sister Sakden were taken to Persia and for a while lived in the royal palace. However, James refused from safe and well-to-do life and became a hermit. He left for Nisibis where he met hermit St. Maruge, who was famous for leading a life befitting saints. Learning from the hermit Maruge that many people despite their conversion to true faith were skeptic and suspicious about the existence of Noah's Ark James decided to climb the mountain in order to see the Ark and bring a piece of it. Despite his inflexible will-power he couldn't reach the peak and after long sufferings he had a short nap. The angel visited him in his dream and put a piece of the Ark under his head. According to the tradition in the place where St. James had lain down appeared a cold stream having healing and miraculous qualities. In the future a church bearing the saint's name was built nearby the stream. The piece of the Ark is up to date kept in the museum of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin. He is one of the clergymen participating in the Nicene Council in 325. After the death of the Bishop of Nisibis God appeared to Maruge and told him that St. James was the deserving candidate for the Bishop of Nisibis. St. James passed away in 350, after leading the flock for a long time. Bishop St. Melitus was born in Melitene, Armenia Minor. In 358 he was the Bishop of Sebastia. In 360 he ascended the throne of Antioch. He struggled against the Arians. In 381 he presided the Second Ecumenical Council convened in Constantinople but unfortunately passed away before the end of the Council.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the Second Letter of Paul to Hebrews 91:1-14)

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (17:1-10)

Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. So watch yourselves." If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them." The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you. "Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'

ACOLYTE TRAINING PROGRAM

All boys (ages 8 and over) and girls (ages 8-12) who are interested in becoming altar servers are encouraged to speak with Fr. Mesrob.

The Acolytes Training Program is tailored for young boys/girls who would like to learn to participate in the liturgical services of the Armenian Church as altar servers. Knowledge of Armenian Language is not a prerequisite for serving on the altar.

For more information or sign up your child(ren) please talk to Fr. Mesrob
Cell # 804-405-9399 or email fr.mesrob@yahoo.com.

ԻԻՂԱԳԻՆ - YUGHAKIN

Ըստ Հին Կտակարանի, տաճարներուն մէջ կանթեղները ձեռով կը վառուէին: Հաւատացեալները այդ նպատակին համար ձեռք կամ իւղ կը բերէին եկեղեցի: Իղագինը, ուրեմն, եկեղեցի բերուած ձեռքին արժեզինն է, որ կ'ապահովէ եկեղեցւոյ ներքին լուսաւորութիւնը: Եկեղեցւոյս հովին ու ծխական խորհուրդը շնորհակալութիւն կը յայտնեն անցեալի ձեռ նուիրատուութեանց համար: Կը յուսանք այս տարի եւս ձեր առատաձեռն Իղագինի նուէրները պիտի բարեհաճիք ուղարկել եկեղեցւոյս հասցէին ներփակեալ ծրարով:

Christmas Yughakin tradition is an ancient custom which goes back to the Old Testament times. The faithful would bring oil to the temple of God so its servants would have enough to eat. Later this custom became a part of the Christian religion when oil was brought to church by the believers in order to illuminate it by lighting the candles.

Today, yugh-a-kin (yugh-oil, kin-price) is simply the price or value of oil donated to the church, or in our era, the cost of our Church utilities.

The Pastor and the Parish Council of S. Gregory thank you for your support in the past years. We hope you will continue generously supporting our *yughakin* donations this year as well. Please send in your donations in the enclosed envelope to the church address.



**St. Gregory the
Enlightener
ARMENIAN SCHOOL
is in session.**

**Every Saturday
9:30am-1:30pm**

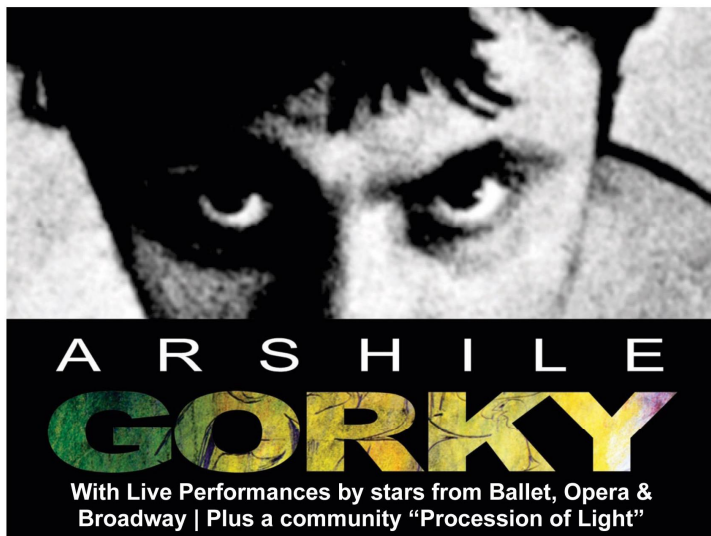
Gorky's Dream Garden

2018 Sneak Peek

a musical theater opera of love, courage and...modern art!

Sunday Dec. 16 | 12:45pm

"Forceful and intricate...tense, colorfully scored...affecting, haunting...an inspired touch." **THE NEW YORK TIMES** (on preview)



A multimedia glimpse into the Broadway/Yerevan Bound Show

Created by award winning composer Michelle Ekizian

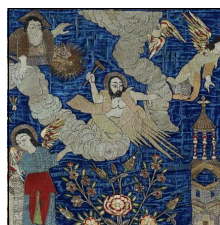
RSVP Required: (914) 428-2595

Pre-program Lunch | 12:15pm

Adults \$20 | Students & Children FREE

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DO NOT MISS
Landmark Exhibition at The Met
Medieval Armenia

SEPTEMBER 22, 2018– JANUARY 13, 2019

*Today, please take a moment to remember in your prayers
Arshaluys Kaleli, Girair Poladian, Agnes Krikorian,
Gloria Ohanian, Bernard & Lucy Tepikian,
Diane Davidian, Ann Devejian
as well as 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 before "the Holy and
Immortal Lamb of God" during the Eucharist.*

We all need prayer – both to say for others and to be said for us.



Women's Guild/White House

Thrift Shoppe **HOLIDAY** **SALE**

SATURDAY

December 15th, 2018

11:00am – 4:00pm

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St. Gregory Men's Club
and

The Women's Guild

COAT DRIVE



In lieu of this year's annual GIVING TREE , our St. Gregory Men's Club and Women's Guild are joining together to collect & distribute winter coats & jackets for donation to men & women living in shelters, in need of warm outer wear and Christian kindness.

Beginning on **Sunday, December 16th thru Sunday January 6th**, kindly leave your donation of **NEW or GENTLY USED (clean)** garments in designated area of St. Gregory Church Narthex. Most shelters accept MENS & WOMAN sizes only.

The St. Gregory Men's Club and Women's Guild appreciate your support.....
whether it be small, medium or large!



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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

A REMINDER— if you have not yet paid your church membership (voting) dues for 2018, please do so before the end of December to ensure your status and the right to participate in the upcoming Annual Assembly.

According to Diocesan Bylaws, payments received after Jan 1, 2019 will be credited towards 2019 dues and you will not be eligible to participate in the voting in the upcoming Parish Assembly in February of 2019. We want your vote to be heard so please be sure to renew your membership.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

<p><i>Today</i></p>	<p>Divine Liturgy. Sunday School is in session. Meeting with ACYOA Central Council & ACYOA Juniors & Seniors</p> <p>Arshil Gorky Virtual Opera</p>
<p><i>December 24, Monday</i></p>	<p>Commemoration of St. Stephen the Protomartyr and Western Christmas Eve Christmas Musicale - instrumental music – 6:00 St. Stephen's Feast Vespers (Bilingual) - 6:30 pm Christmas Pageant by Sunday School Students – 7:00 Refreshments to follow in Tutak Hall</p>
<p><i>January 5, 2019 Saturday</i></p>	<p>EVE OF THE NATIVITY AND THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - J'RAKALOOYTZ 6:00-6:30 pm Reading of Holy Scriptures in both languages by Armenian School & Sunday School students 6:30-7:45 pm Divine Liturgy of Light - J'rakalootzee Soorp Badarak</p>
<p><i>January 6, 2019 Sunday</i></p>	<p>FEAST OF THE NATIVITY AND THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST 9:45am Matins - Singing Armenian Christmas Hymns 10:15am Christmas Badarak & Blessing of Water Service Followed by Christmas Brunch</p>