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SUNDAY BULLETIN

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August 7, 2016

WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER ARMENIAN CHURCH!

"Legacy of Our Martyrs: A Gift to Carry Forward"

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:

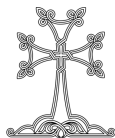
Lauren Kayaian, Arman Bedonian, Gayane Hamparsoumian

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: 1 Cor 13:11-14:5 Mk 2:1-12

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Second Sunday after Transfiguration.

Eve of the Fast of St. Mary, Holy Godmother



Requiem Service will be offered for the souls of:

**Cicek & Simon Tutak; Simon & Lusia Tutak; Vartuhi
Tutak; Krikor Tutak; and Srvar Cakir**

By: The Tutak Family

Barbara Souad Doumad (40th day)

By: Elizabeth Villegas & Betty Doumad

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

COMMEMORATION DAY OF 200 PONTIFFS PARTICIPATING IN THE ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF EPHESUS (AUG. 8)

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 unmixedly, 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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Պահքի սկիզբն է, որը նախորդում է Հայ Առաքելական եկեղեցու տաղավար տոներից և Սուրբ Աստվածածնին նվիրված տոներից մեկին, այսինքն՝ Սուրբ Աստվածածնի վերափոխմանը: Այս պահքը տևում է երկուշաբթիից մինչև շաբաթ:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The first reading is from the First Epistle of St. Paul to 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!"



Harry & Edna Keleshian New Hall Update

Dear Parishioners:

We are excited to let you know of the progress we have made in building the Harry and Edna Keleshian Hall. See attached pictures of the work done: location of the new playground is complete, and the 18 parking spaces and the building is in progress. It will be ready for when we have our picnic and many activities are planned in this area for our children at the picnic.



For the New Hall structure: By early-August we should be ready to have structure delivered to site.

As you know we will need to raise \$700,000 to complete the project. Harry always encouraged us to donate through a matching process, as he firmly believed that ALL parishioners should participate in any fund raising drive. In 2014, Harry pledged that he would increase his donation by 60% by matching up to \$200,000 of any additional funds we raised for the Hall. Let's not lose this special pledge to get us to our goal.

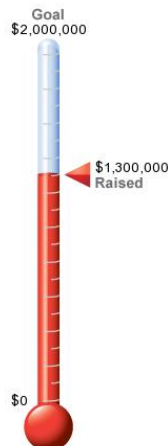
It is never too late to add to your donation and again we appreciate anything you can do to help us create this hall for our future generations.

God bless you and your family!

The Harry and Edna Keleshian Hall Committee



**Now you can also make your donations online by
Credit/Debit Cards.**



The structure is delivered to the site



New Parking Lot (almost done)



Family "FALL FAIR" & Armenian PICNIC



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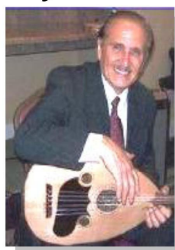
Dance Music & Entertainment by the one & only



*ONNIK Dinkjian &
The Johnny Berberian Ensemble*

The word is out!

Tell everyone you know &
join in the festivities!



Save the Date

Sunday, September 18th, 2016

Donations for the Blessing of the Grapes



Parishioners who wish to make donation on the occasion of the Blessing of the Grapes for the Feast of the Assumption, may give their donations to Parish Council members or mail it to the church office.

Today, please take a moment to remember in your prayers

Lucine Adourian, Arshaluys Kaleli, Gale Perzigian,

Catherine Papalian, Dorothy Koresian,

Haykanush Sadoyan (Der Hayr's mother)

*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.

PASTORAL CARE: HOME AND HOSPITAL CLERGY VISIT

Der Mesrob is always available and would like to visit homebound and hospitalized parishioners. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized and would like to be visited, please call Der Hayr at (804) 405-9399 or the church office at (914) 428-2595. Please note: when asked about religion at a hospital, patients should list themselves as "Armenian Orthodox" or "Armenian" not "other."



The
Fuller Center
for Housing
Armenia

We have completed donations for the 5th house sponsored by our parish. Donations now are accepted for the house N6.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

| <i>Today</i> | Divine Liturgy. |
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| <i>August 14, Sunday</i> | <p>Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God. Blessing of the Grapes service.</p> <p>Women's Guild General Membership Meeting immediately following Fellowship Hour.</p> <p>**New Members always welcome**</p> <p>**Please share this information with others**</p> |
| <i>September 11, Sunday</i> | <p>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.</p> <p>First day of Sunday School. Registration & School opening.</p> |
| <i>September 17, Saturday</i> | <p>First day of Armenian School. Registration & School opening.</p> |
| <i>September 18, Sunday</i> | <p>FAMILY "FALL FAIR" & ARMENIAN PICNIK</p> <p><i>Details inside of the bulletin.</i></p> |

Housing needed:

A young lady who is a recent graduate of American University of Armenia and has arrived from Armenia to start her job as an Administrative Assistant at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary on August 12, 2016 is looking for a temporary place to stay in Westchester County, preferably close to White Plains.

If you have a spare room and are interested in hosting her, please talk to Der Mesrob.