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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.

**FEBRUARY 16, 2020**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE OCTAVE OF THEOPHANY**

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

*Titus: 1:1-11*

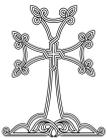
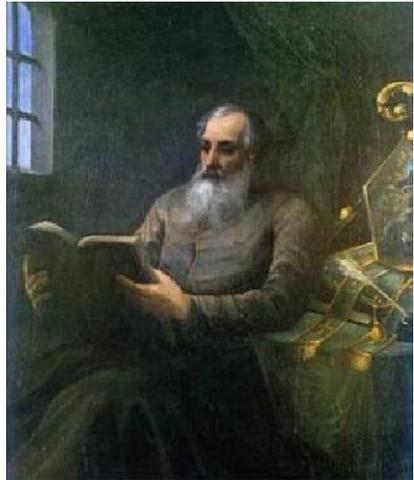
*John 7:37-52*

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

*Lauren Kayaian*

*Ellie Krolian*

*Noone Janjigian*



Today there will be no Requiem Service after Badarak.

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**COMMEMORATION OF THE PONTIFF  
ST. SAHAK PARTEV**

Pontiff St. Sahak Partev was the elder son of Catholicos St. Nersess the Great, and the last Catholicos of the Armenian Church who descended from the lineage of St. Gregory the Illuminator. He became Catholicos of All Armenians in 387 A.D., and reigned for an astounding 52 years. Being talented in music and educated in the rhetorical arts, philosophy and linguistics, St. Sahak greatly contributed to the development of Armenian national culture. He was the strongest advocate for the creation of an Armenian Alphabet, and became its chief patron.

Following the creation of the Armenian Alphabet, St. Sahak and St. Mesrop opened a school for translators in the city of Vagharshapat (Etchmiadzin). There they begin the translation of the Holy Bible into Armenian and did it so perfectly, that centuries hence the Armenian Translation is called the "Queen Translation of the Breath of God". The first sentence translated from the Holy Bible is the opening verse of the Book of Proverbs: "To know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding".

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## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

### ***The reading is from the Second Epistle of Paul to Titus(1:1-11)***

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness—in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time, and which now at his appointed season he has brought to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior, To Titus, my true son in our common faith:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

### ***The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (7:37-52)***

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. On hearing his words, some of the people said, "Surely this man is the Prophet." Others said, "He is the Messiah." Still others asked, "How can the Messiah come from Galilee? Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David's descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?" Thus the people were divided because of Jesus. Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him.

Finally the temple guards went back to the chief priests and the Pharisees, who asked them, "Why didn't you bring him in?" "No one ever spoke the way this man does," the guards replied. "You mean he has deceived you also?" the Pharisees retorted. "Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him? No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law—there is a curse on them." Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own number, asked, "Does our law condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he has been doing?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee, too? Look into it, and you will find that a prophet does not come out of Galilee."

## ՏՆՕՐՅՆԷՔ / CHRISTMAS HOME BLESSING



**Home Blessing /Dnorhnek/** is a beautiful tradition of the Armenian Church which is performed on several occasions: namely after the feasts of Holy Nativity and Holy Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, as well as on the occasion of moving to a new home.

Today, more than ever, we need the presence and blessing of the Lord in our homes and lives. The revival of this centuries old custom will certainly bring us close to our Lord.

Schedule your Home Blessing with Der Hayr: direct (804) 405-9399, church office (914) 428-2595, email: fr.mesrob@yahoo.com.

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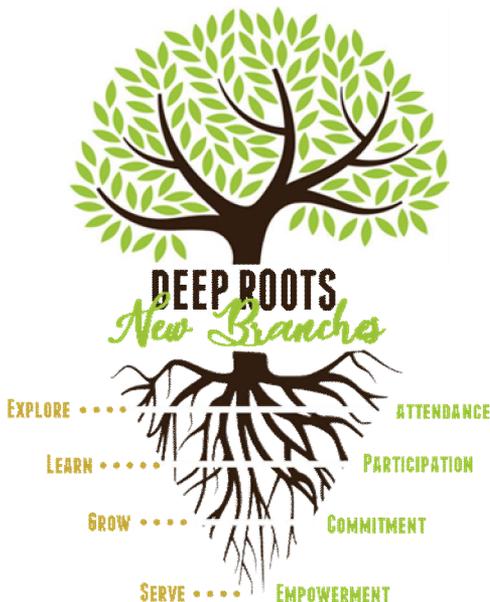
## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

**A REMINDER**– if you have not yet paid your church membership dues for 2019, please do so as soon as possible to ensure your status and the right to participate in the upcoming Annual Assembly on February 23, 2020.

We want your vote to be heard so please be sure to renew your membership.

The annual membership due is \$100 p/person and the membership forms can be found in the narthex.

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## YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

**“The body does not consist of one member but of many”  
(1 Cor. 12:14)**



## **Wanted: Old iPads**

Not sure what to do with your old iPad? We can find use of 1 or 2 iPads (preferably 12.9" screen size) during the Morning worship services for music notes and service files instead of printing.

Smaller screen iPads (9.7 or 10.2) can possibly be used by our choir to replace and upgrade the binders of the music notes of the Divine Liturgy.

Perhaps your gently used iPad can find a new home at church! Please contact Fr. Mesrob if you have an iPad you would like to donate.

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# INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

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FEBRUARY 23, 2020  
SUNDAY

**ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER ARMENIAN CHURCH**  
1131 NORTH STREET, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10605



# BLESSING OF THE COUPLES SERVICE

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**FEBRUARY 16, 2020**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY**  
THE DIVINE LITURGY BEGINS AT 10:15AM AND  
THE SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SERMON.

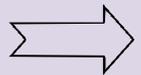
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In observance of the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Temple we will perform Blessing of the Couples service in our church. Whether you are married for a year, ten years or more, it is important for couples to remind each other about the commitment and the vows they have taken and ask God's continued blessings upon their families.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
***ACYOA Juniors***  
***Overnight***

**LENTEN RETREAT**

**Begins at 1:00 pm Saturday March 21, 2020**  
**Ends at 1:00 pm Sunday, March 22, 2020**





# JOÃO KOUYUMDJIAN

Sunday February 16, 2020

18th Annual Lionel Galstaun Memorial Concert

*Sponsored by the St. Gregory Cultural Committee*

Complimentary Luncheon in Tutak Hall after Badarak followed by  
Classical Guitar performance in the Sanctuary

**Kindly RSVP to John Wolohojian @ [ohan90@yahoo.com](mailto:ohan90@yahoo.com)** ❖ *Free will donations accepted*

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MARDI GRAS MASK!

ST. GREGORY  
THE ENLIGHTENER  
ARMENIAN SCHOOL  
Invites You to Celebrate



# POON PAREGENTAN



PLENTY OF MEZZAS  
LULEH & CHICKEN KEBAB  
HOMEMADE DESSERTS, BYOB  
MUSIC - KID'S ACTIVITIES - TAVLOO & CARDS FOR ADULTS

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020 @ 6:30PM**

**TUTAK HALL**

**1131 NORTH STREET, WHITE PLAINS, NY**

**ADULTS: \$35.00 - CHILDREN 5-10 YEARS OLD: \$15.00**

MAKE RESERVATIONS BY FEBRUARY 14, 2020 BY CALLING OR EMAILING  
MARIA BEDONIAN (914)747-2521 - [MARIA.BEDONIAN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MARIA.BEDONIAN@GMAIL.COM)  
OR NADINE SARKISSIAN (203)979-0101 [NADINE\\_SARKISSIAN2004@YAHOO.COM](mailto:NADINE_SARKISSIAN2004@YAHOO.COM)

# got Questions?

*the Bible has the answers,  
we'll find them for you!*



## **Got a Question for Der Hayr?**

Is there a question on faith/spirituality/Armenian Church that you would like to be answered or a topic that you would like to hear a sermon about?

Please drop your questions and topic suggestions into the suggestion box placed in the narthex. The questions and the topic suggestions will help Der Mesrob to prepare and deliver an interactive sermon on the last Sunday of a month.

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## **Children's Communion and Sermons**

Communion will be distributed to Sunday School students and Children's sermon will be delivered by Der Mesrob on the first Sunday of the month.

All the children of our community are encouraged to join us on those special Sundays.

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## **A NOTE OF APPRECIATION FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

St. Gregory's Sunday School would like to thank Mrs. Gloria Aslanian for generously inviting friends and family to forward donations totaling \$470 in lieu of birthday gifts to our Sunday School.

We greatly appreciate her kindness and generosity!!

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## **ADULT DANCE LESSONS**

We are happy to announce Armenian Dance lessons for adults held twice a month on Saturdays. If you are interested to join the group please contact Fr. Mesrob for details.

The lessons are instructed by Arsen Sargsyan.



# *Great Lent*

## **LENTEN SERMON SERIES**

### **Who Christ is...**

#### **The “I am” sayings of Jesus in the Gospels**

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**FEBRUARY 23 / The Sunday of Good Living**

“I’m the bread of life” (John 6:35) - **Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan**

**MARCH 1 / The Sunday of the Expulsion**

“I’m the true vine” (John 15:1) - **Arpi Nakashian**

**March 8 / The Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

“I’m the light of the world” (John 8:12) - **Annie Ovanessian**

**MARCH 15 / The Sunday of the Steward**

“I’m the way, the truth and the life” (Jn. 14:6) - **Anoush Givelekian**

**MARCH 22 / The Sunday of the Judge**

“I’m the good shepherd” (John 10:11) - **Subdeacon Andrew Kayaian**

**MARCH 29 / The Sunday of Advent**

“I’m the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25) - **Deacon Timothy Aznavourian**

**APRIL 5 / Palm Sunday - “I’m the door” (John 10:7) - Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan**

**Blessing of Children Service following the Divine Liturgy**

*Sermon series will be delivered at the end of the Divine Liturgy.*

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	<p><b>Divine Liturgy. Sunday School is in session. Blessing of the Couples Service following immediately the Divine Liturgy</b></p> <p><b>Lionel Galstaun Annual Memorial Concert.</b> <i>The flyers can be found in the bulletin.</i></p>
FEBRUARY 22, SATURDAY	<p><b>Family Fun Event organized by the Armenian School</b> <i>For details see the flyer in the bulletin.</i></p>
FEBRUARY 23, SUNDAY	<p><b>POON PAREKENTAN ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY</b> <i>following immediately the Divine Liturgy</i></p>
MARCH 1, SUNDAY	<p><b>Potluck Sunday: Please bring refreshments to share with parishioners during the coffee hour</b></p> <p><b>ACYOA Juniors Meeting following the Badarak</b></p>
MARCH 6, FRIDAY	<p><b>LENTEN FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE AND PRESENTAION</b> 6:30pm - Lenten Service 7:00pm - Lenten Dinner 7:30pm - Program <b>“Building up the Body of Christ”</b> presented by Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan</p>
MARCH 15, SUNDAY	<p><b>The Sunday School Graduating class of 2020 will host the Department of Ministries of the Diocese and present “Bread &amp; Salt” videos.</b></p>
MARCH 20, FRIDAY	<p><b>LENTEN FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE AND PRESENTATION</b> 6:30pm - Lenten Service 7:00pm - Lenten Dinner 7:30pm - Program <b>“Follow me: Exercising the Body of Christ.”</b> presented by Subdeacon Andrew Kayaian.</p>

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MARCH 21-22,  
SATURDAY-  
SUNDAY

**Annual ACYOA Jrs. Regional  
Lenten Retreat**

All youth ages 13 and up are invited to attend the retreat. Youth from the Armenian communities of NY, NJ, PA, and CT will be invited. For details please contact Chris Pahrigan [cpahigian@friendsny.org](mailto:cpahigian@friendsny.org) or Taleen Postian at [taleen.postian@gmail.com](mailto:taleen.postian@gmail.com).

APRIL 3,  
FRIDAY

**LENTEN FRIDAY EVENING  
SERVICE AND PRESENTATION**

6:30pm - Lenten Service  
7:00pm - Lenten Dinner  
7:30pm - Program

**“To Build Up, We Must Give”**

presented by Deacon Eric Vozzy

APRIL 5,  
SUNDAY

**PALM SUNDAY.** Annual ACYOA Day Luncheon.  
**Blessing of the Children Service.**  
*Details to follow.*

APRIL 12,  
SUNDAY

**Easter Sunday:  
Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of  
our Lord Jesus Christ**

APRIL 19,  
SUNDAY

**Talent Show by the young members of our  
community.**  
*Details to follow.*

APRIL 26,  
SUNDAY

**Narrated Divine Liturgy**

Divine Liturgy will be celebrated along with narrations in English which will help us to follow the Badarak with greater understanding.

**Movie Presentation**

The Stateless Diplomat: Diana Apar's Heroic Life.

*For details see the flyer in the narthex.*

APRIL 28-  
MAY 3

**DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY &  
CLERGY CONFERENCE, Dallas, TX**

JUNE 28-  
JULY 11

**Parish Trip to Armenia**

*Detailed itinerary and registration form can be found in the narthex.*