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FEAST OF THE NATIVITY AND THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

On January 6th, we as Armenian Orthodox Christians unwrap our sacred gift and unpack the spiritual implications of the blessed Christmas season.

The feast of the Nativity and Theophany, the birth and revelation of our Lord, once again arrived with the promises of remembrance and celebration. We celebrate the birth of the Light that overcame the darkness. The birth of Christ in Bethlehem was not only the fulfillment of biblical prophecy but the dawn of a new age. As the angels declared to the shepherds, this infant is, “a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

We read in the prophecy of Isaiah: “The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. Those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on

them” (Isaiah 9:2). These words from the prophet Isaiah told of the coming of the Prince of Peace, and of the light and life He would bring.

This is the very essence of the birth of the Savior. The image of light dispelling darkness is central to our understanding of the incarnation and its meaning.



When Isaiah told of the coming of the Prince of Peace, he spoke of light dispelling darkness. The metaphor of light is central to our celebration of the Nativity of Christ. After all, even as John introduces his gospel by identifying Jesus as the Word

who became flesh, John also describes Jesus as “the True Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man” (John 1:9)

The metaphor of light makes sense only against a background of darkness.

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY AND THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

In the Bible, darkness is a rich metaphor that points to a double reality. In one sense, darkness points to the simple fact of human ignorance. Those who are, “in the dark”, are those who lack knowledge. To the Jewish mind, this metaphor had particular application to the Gentile world—a world that had not received the grace of God through the revelation of the prophets, and the written revelation of God.



Even today, we know that there are millions who still live in deep darkness, having never heard about our God and our Savior.

In a second sense, darkness refers to evil and willful blindness. This points beyond the simple fact of ignorance. In this sense, darkness refers to the fact that many will reject the light. As John explains in his gospel, “He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came into His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him” (John 1:10-11).

This is hard to believe – the Son of God took on human flesh and came to live among the humanity, but the vast majority did not recognize Him for who He was.

As a celebration of light, the feast of the Nativity points to Christ’s birth as the central event of human history—the dividing line between the age of darkness and the age of light.

When the birth of Christ is rightly understood, we know that God loves us. We also understand that this love is demonstrated in the gift of the Son, who would die for our sins and would be raised by the Father in order to secure our salvation.

God has been speaking throughout history to reveal

Himself to us. He wants us to know Him, to love Him, and to worship Him. God reveals Himself through His creation, through the sunrise and sunset, through the sun, moon, and stars.

Jesus came to reveal His Heavenly Father, to make Him known to us in ways that we can understand.

When we pay close attention to the story of the Na-

tivity, Jesus was born at night, in darkness. We know that the light is easily seen in darkness, the light of the stars is brighter at night. It is our human nature to draw near the light when we are in darkness. Whenever we experience challenges in life, whenever we feel down and hopeless, we draw near to Christ, we

are awakened from the sleep of ignorance. But when life goes back to normal, when there is sunshine outside, we don’t feel the need of the light of the star of Bethlehem anymore.

We experienced the darkness at the beginning of the pandemic; some people are still experiencing that darkness in different areas of their lives. But we have to recognize that our Lord, our Divine Light, is with us not only in dark times, but every day of our lives, and we need to draw near to that Light at all times, not only when it is dark.

On the soul-renewing day of the Nativity and Epiphany, let us pray that our lives be illuminated with the heralding light of Christmas, that the Armenian Church be eternally enhanced through the dedicated and fruitful ministry and committed life of our faithful people, so that our lives may be filled with the love and hope of our Savior.

May our Lord grant His blessings to the entire world and keep in peace and safety our countries of the United States, Armenia and Artsakh, and fill our hearts with His divine love, light and presence for now and always. Amen.

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan



BLESSING OF POMEGRANATES SERVICE

We began the New Year by celebrating Divine Liturgy on the first Sunday of the New Year, on January 3rd. Following the service we offered our prayers for the beginning of the year and held a Blessing of Pomegranates service.

We prayed that this year be a fruitful one to come, so that we all come together again in our beautiful sanctuary to sing, pray, and worship our Lord and share God's abundant love with each other.

THE FEAST THE OF HOLY NATIVITY AND THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST / BLESSING OF WATER SERVICE



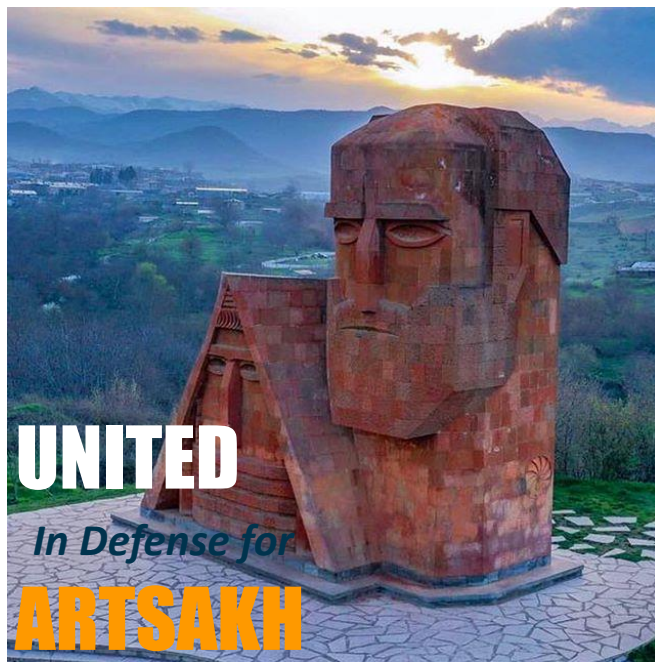
The celebration of the Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ began on January 5th with *Jrakalootzee Badarak* (Candlelight Divine Liturgy). At the end of the service, the attending parishioners took the light announcing the birth of our Lord to their homes. On January 6th, we continued the celebration of the Nativity and Theophany of our Lord. The Morning Service began with Matins; singing of Armenian Christmas Hymns followed by Badarak. According to our tradition, on this day we celebrate the birth and baptism of our

Lord, which is expressed by the Blessing of Water Service. During the service Dn. Fraij Yapoujian served as the "Godfather of the Cross".

The celebration of the Nativity and Epiphany of Lord was continued on January 10th, and the Blessing of Water Service was held again for those who were not able to attend the service on the 6th. Sam Avedis Bazarian served as the "Godfather of the Cross". The traditional Christmas lunch "Agape Meal" was not held this year out of abundance of caution due to the then-current situation with the pandemic.



ARTSAKH AID SUMMARY - 2020/2021



While 2020 started off as a challenging year for the entire world due to Covid-19, it ended up being an especially devastating year for our brothers and sisters in Artsakh and Armenia, with its aftermath continuing into 2021. With thousands of deceased and wounded heroes, tens of thousands of displaced people, territorial concessions, billions of dollars in property damage, and resulting political instability, 2020-2021 will be remembered as one of the worst years in Armenia's recent history.

Within a matter of hours after the start of the war on September 27, 2020, the Armenian communities all around the world were hard at work on several fronts – raising awareness, petitioning government officials and organizations, protesting and demonstrating, calling for boycotts, and, most importantly, donating money, supplies, time, and professional services.

community also participated in many of those activities, rallies, demonstrations, fundraisers, and other events. We also organized several successful fundraising events during the months of October and December of 2020 to donate money and supplies in support of Artsakh and Armenia. As a result of these events, we raised over \$220,000 in cash (which included \$50,000 matched by St. Gregory's Parish Council), boxes of goods and supplies that were shipped to Armenia, and over 2000 lb. of clothing. This extraordinary result was a testament to our unity, communal spirit, and generosity. The names of all the donors can be found on pages 32-33.

Although the war is over, the situation in Artsakh and Armenia is still very tense. Armenia is going through political, economic, and military turmoil, there are still many uncertainties, and there are many unmet needs. We should stay united in support of Armenia and Artsakh, and we should continue our efforts to help rebuild and strengthen our homeland.



Gregory's organizations actively took part in the fundraising effort, and many individuals contributed by providing necessary items to the frontline (p. 32).

We would like to thank our parishioners, volunteers, and all the participants for their selfless dedication. We would also like to thank all of our friends who stepped forward and helped our cause with their generosity. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

We would like also to recognize the generous donations of many of our parishioners directly to Hayastan All Armenian Fund, AGBU, Armenian Wounded Heroes Fund, and other funds. In addition, St.

WAR IN ARTSAKH



The Artsakh War of 2020 has left Armenia and Artsakh with a humanitarian crisis that persists to this day. Some 40,000 Armenian residents of Artsakh fled the fighting and now have no home or livelihood to return to.

Artsakh (also known as Nagorno-Karabakh), a de facto independent territory and historical Armenian land with a majority population of ethnic Armenians,

was attacked by the military forces of Azerbaijan. Turkey provided military support to Azerbaijan along with transporting foreign mercenary groups to take part in the war. Turkey's involvement is thought to have been an attempt to extend its sphere of influence, both by giving Azerbaijan the upper hand in the conflict and by marginalizing Russia's influence over the region.

The war was marked by the deployment of drones, sensors, long-range heavy artillery and missile strikes, as well as by state propaganda and the use of official social media accounts in online information warfare. In particular, Azerbaijan's widespread use of drones was seen as crucial in determining the conflict's outcome. Numerous countries and the United Nations strongly condemned the fighting and called on both sides to de-escalate tensions and resume meaningful negotiations without delay. Three ceasefires brokered by Russia, France, and the United States failed to stop the conflict.

Amnesty International has confirmed that the Azeris were dropping cluster bombs on Artsakh and targeting civilians and churches. On October 8, the Azeris bombed the 150 year-old Holy Savior Ghazanchetsots Cathedral, the seat of the Armenian Church's Artsakh diocese. There were no military installations near the Cathedral: it was a purely religious site.

Following the capture of Shushi, the second-largest city in Artsakh, on November 9th, 2020 a ceasefire agreement was signed between the President of Azerbaijan, the Prime Minister of Armenia, Nikol Pashinyan, and the President of Russia, Vladimir Putin, ending all hostilities in the area.

Following the end of the war, an unconfirmed number of Armenian prisoners of war have been held captive in Azerbaijan, and there are reports of mistreatment. Despite calls for their immediate release by the EU and international organizations, Azerbaijan has filed criminal charges against them. Armenia filed a case against Azerbaijan at The International Court of Justice in September 2021 requesting application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, with hearings taking place in October 2021 in The Hague.

At this time of great need, St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church launched an urgent campaign to provide humanitarian relief to the brave soldiers fighting the war in Artsakh and the people being displaced by the violence and destruction. 100% of the funds raised was put toward humanitarian relief efforts.

VIRTUAL HOME BLESSING HELD VIA ZOOM, SUNDAY, JANUARY 31



In consideration of the current restrictions with the pandemic and limitations on pastoral visitations, Fr. Mesrob hosted a virtual Home Blessing service over Zoom. Home Blessing kits were prepared with the help of our community members and were distributed to or picked up by our parishioners. Many joined virtually on Zoom while having prepared the elements (bread, salt, and water) for the Home Blessing service in their homes.

While this did not in any way replace the traditional (in-person) home blessing, it was an alternative way to join in prayer together at the same time and ask our Lord to bestow His blessing upon our homes and families. The “Home Blessing Kits,” blessed at the Church during the virtual Home Blessing service, were made available to our parishioners.

CHOREG DELIVERY TO OUR PARISHIONERS

During the week following Armenian Christmas, the senior generation of our church family was greeted with a *choreg* delivery made on behalf of our ACYOA Juniors. The Women’s Guild “elves” did the baking, while “Gaghant Baba and Mama” handled the deliveries. We express our appreciation to Vicky and Melina Gurunian, Pearl Katchadourian, Lauren Kayaian, Sylvia Kruizenga, Gladys Tachdjian, Der Karekin and Yeretzgin Dawn Kasparian, and Meline Longacre for making this outreach effort possible. Special gratitude is due to Meline Longacre, the new ACYOA Juniors' advisor, for coordinating the baking and delivery activities. The Juniors look forward to gathering together in person for more outreach projects in the near future, as well as fellowship with each other and the larger church community.

WOMEN'S GUILD LENTEN FOOD SALE



On Friday, February 26th, our Women's Guild members coordinated the pick-ups of all the orders of the Lenten food sale. We express our heartfelt gratitude to all the women who worked hard for a few weeks cooking and preparing the delicious food.

Our special appreciation goes to Gladys Tachdjian and Lauren Kayaian for coordinating all volunteers and cooking sessions.

WHY MEMBERSHIP MATTERS? IT IS A COMMITMENT TO CARE!

As followers of Jesus we are commanded to love one another (John 13:34-35), encourage one another (1 Thess. 5:11), pray for one another (James 5:16), carry one another’s burdens (Gal. 6:2), and rescue one another from going astray (James 5:19-20). All of these are made possible when we make a mutual commitment to each other.

Your membership with St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church is an expression of your commitment to one other and to our Lord Jesus Christ. **Let’s build up the Body of Christ TOGETHER!**

ANNAUL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Annual Parish Assembly was held on March 14th in a hybrid format. More than 20 dues-paying members joined on Zoom and more than 30 joined in-person. We held an election of new Parish Council members, Nominating Committee, and Auditing Committee. The new members elected to the Parish Council were: Armen Arsenyan, Chris Bonfiglio, Sylvia Kruizenga, Nectar Munro, Janet Ozsolak, and Greg Sahagian. Also, the following were electing to serve on the Nominating Committee: Ann Daw, Ellie Krolian, Lauren Kayaian, and Alice Leylegian. Richard Papalian was elected to serve on the Auditing Committee. We congratulate the new and re-elected members.

Special Acknowledgement and Thanks

We wish to acknowledge and extend our appreciation to all our organizations and committees of St. Gregory, along with their chairs and committee members, for their commitment and support during the entire year. We all experienced an unprecedented year which was affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Despite all the difficulties we faced last year, we praise our Lord for guiding us through this challenging time and helping us find ways to connect and continue our ministry.



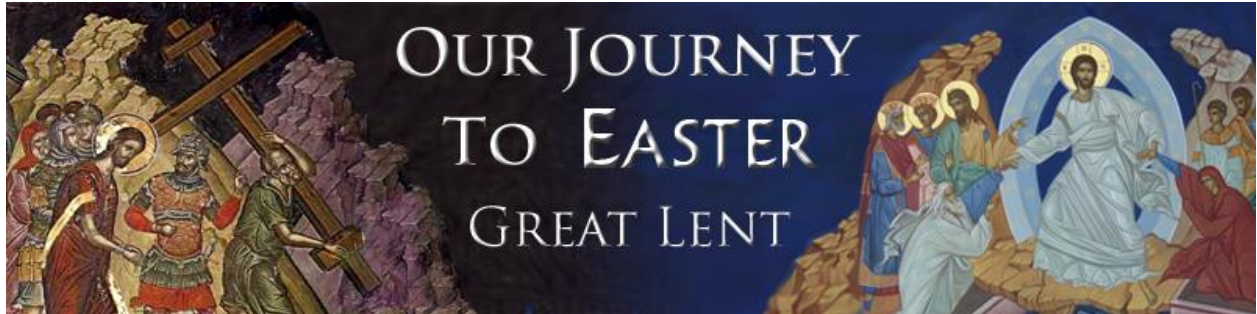
The harmonious work of our Parish Council members, Elizabeth Vranka (chair), Gregory Sahagian (vice chair), Chris Bonfiglio (treasurer), Arman Bedonian (assistant treasurer), Janet Ozsolak (recording secretary), Sylvia Kruizenga (corresponding secretary), Joanne Chitjian (advisor), Rita Kurkjian (advisor, missing from the picture), Nectar Munro (advisor), was greatly appreciated throughout the year. They worked together as a great team during the entire year. I extend my gratitude to Parish Council members Lau-

ren Kayaian and Gayane Hovakimyan who completed their terms in April of 2021, and Edik Eskandarian, Gayane Manukyan, and Armen Arsenyan who had to resign from their Parish Council duties due to work and relocation.

Our special appreciation is owed to the Women's Guild members, who worked tirelessly during the entire year preparing the delicious food for food/bake sales. In addition, we also appreciate the dedication of the Women's Guild's Thrift Shoppe committee, which under the leadership of Adriane Keleshian Bonfiglio was able to keep the doors of the Shoppe open and raise funds in support of our Women's Guild and parishes ministries.

We also would like to recognize the dedicated work of the superintendents and staff of both Armenian and Sunday Schools whose commitment makes it possible to keep the doors of our schools open and to ensure providing of quality lessons for young members of our community.

Finally, we would like to thank ALL of our parishioners for being a source of encouragement and inspiration as we continue our ministry in our parish and for their continuous support in these challenging and unprecedented times.



WISDOM OF THE PARABLES

At the beginning of the Lenten period, we hosted a series of virtual spiritual discussions with Der Mesrob Hovsepyan. For eight weeks, eight parables were discussed every Wednesday via Zoom. We reflected on eight parables from the New Testament with our parishioners, discovering their meaning and implications for our lives. Thank you to all those who joined the group discussions during those 8 weeks.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS BY SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS

As part of their service project, our Sunday School graduating class presented reflections on the meaning of each Sunday of Great Lent. Some of the reflections were delivered in-person in lieu of the sermon and some in the form of video recordings due to social isolation restrictions. The following are the names of the Sunday School students who presented their reflections:

February 12st, Christie Blonkvist-Leylegian gave her reflection on the Sunday of Expulsion.

February 28th, Tanya Postian gave her reflections on the Sunday of the Prodigal Son.

March 7th, James Findikyan gave his reflections on the Sunday of the Unjust Steward.

March 14th, Sam Bazarian gave his reflections on the Sunday of the Unjust Judge.

March 21st, Alice Vranka gave her reflections on the Sunday of the Advent.

FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD - EASTER SUNDAY



The Blessing of the Four Corners of the Earth (*Antastan*) service was performed at the end of the Easter Liturgy.

On Easter Sunday, it was especially heartwarming to see the sanctuary, once again, full of many of our parishioners who joined us for this great celebration.

We commemorated Holy Week and the last days of our Lord's life on earth with ancient, solemn, and meaningful church services. This year we had to limit the participating parishioners in the Washing of the Feet service, but all the services were held completely in-person with full participation, and were also livestreamed.

Holy Week culminated on Easter Eve and Easter Sunday celebrating the resurrection of our Lord as we proclaimed: "Christ is Risen from the dead".



Our appreciation goes to the Parish Council members who arranged the “covid safe” fellowship hour, distributing coffee and individually wrapped choregs’ to our parishioners.



EASTER VIRTUAL CANDLES ON FACEBOOK AND EASTER YUGHAKIN



Due to the social gathering restrictions in force at the time, we had to adopt some new ways to connect to each other. As a support to our parish many parishioners and friends joined our fundraiser "Light a Virtual Candle" on Facebook fundraiser. "Lighting a candle" was a way of extending one's prayer "virtually" and showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered. Jesus said to the people, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

Fr. Mesrob lit candles in front of the Resurrection icon in the sanctuary on behalf all who joined the fundraiser and lit a virtual candle online.

We appreciate all generous donations submitted during the Facebook fundraiser, and also all Yughakin and Easter offerings that we received.

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life"

John 8:12

AJC SACRED SPACES MEMBERS' VIRTUAL VISIT

On Sunday, April 18th, the American Jewish Committee's Sacred Spaces' members virtually visited St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church.

Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan held a virtual tour of the church sanctuary and spoke to the members of AJC Sacred Spaces about the faith and beliefs of the Armenian Church. Following the introduction, they joined our congregation for the Narrated Divine Liturgy via YouTube livestream.

The AJC Sacred Spaces Program is an inter-religious group which provides opportunities to interact and build relations between members of different faiths in the community. The members visit one another's houses of worship, or cultural centers, and play host in their own sacred spaces. They have made visits to Catholic, Protestant, Episcopal, Sikh, Jewish, Coptic, and Buddhist houses/centers, to name a few.

ACYOA JUNIORS "PITCH IN FOR PARKS" EVENT



On April 24th, the ACYOA Juniors participated in the annual Westchester County "Pitch in for Parks" event at the Bronx River Reservation at the County Center. The Juniors, with their adviser Meline Longacre, volunteered their time to clean up the Bronx River reservation along with other volunteers from the area.

"I CONFESS WITH FAITH" ST. NERSES SHNORHALI THE GRACIOUS

A prayer for every hour of the day

1. I confess with faith and worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, uncreated and immortal Essence, creator of angels, humans and of all that exists. Have mercy upon your creatures, and on me, a manifold sinner.

2. I confess with faith and worship you, O Indivisible Light, unified Holy Trinity and one Godhead; creator of light and dispeller of darkness, dispel from

my soul the darkness of sin and ignorance, and enlighten my mind at this moment, so that I may pray to you according to your will, and receive from you the fulfillment of my requests.

Have mercy upon your creatures, and on me, a manifold sinner.

3. Heavenly Father, true God, who sent your beloved Son to seek the lost sheep.

I have sinned against heaven and before you; receive me as the prodigal son, and clothe me with my former garment, of which I was deprived by sin. Have mercy upon your creatures, and on me, a manifold sinner.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY MARTYRS

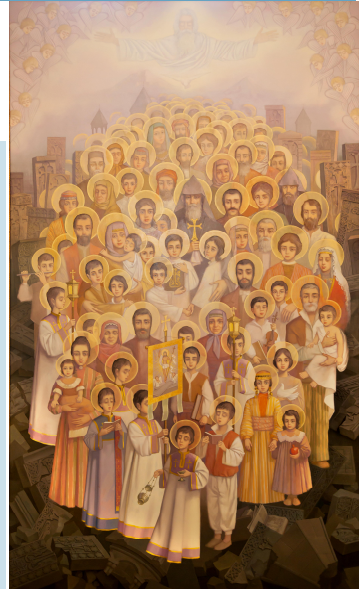
On Saturday, April 24th, the Order of Intercessory Prayer for the Holy Martyrs was held after the Divine Liturgy on the occasion of the 106th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Christ our God, you crown your saints with triumph and you do the will of all who fear you, looking after your creatures with love and kindness.

Hear us from your holy and heavenly realm by the intercession of the Holy Mother of God and by the prayers of all your saints, especially the holy martyrs who gave their lives during the Armenian Genocide for faith and for the homeland. Hear us Lord, and show us your mercy. Forgive, redeem and pardon our sins.

Make us worthy thankfully to glorify you with the Father and with the Holy Spirit. Now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.



SUNDAY SCHOOL PROJECT DEDICATED TO THE HOLY MARTYRS



In commemoration of the 106th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and of the Holy Martyrs, in April of 2021, St. Gregory's Sunday School students created individually painted and decorated crosses in loving memory of their families. Each cross was unique with its intricate and creative design and was placed in the circle in front of the main entrance.

We express our appreciation to the superintendents of the Sunday School, Alice Lylegian and Bruce Wiacek, for initiating the project and have the students prepare the beautiful crosses.



MOTHER'S DAY DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD AND BAKE SALE



On May 8th, our Women's Guild members organized a Mother's Day drive-through food and bake sale. They coordinated the pick-ups of all the orders and welcomed our parishioners to enjoy the delicious food prepared by the dedicated members.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to all the women who worked hard for several weeks cooking, baking, and preparing the delicious food. Our special appreciation goes to Gladys Tachdjian and Lauren Kayaian for coordinating all volunteers and baking sessions.



FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST



The feast of Ascension of our Lord was marked with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy in the Armenian Church of the Holy Ascension of Trumbull, CT. This celebration was presided by our Diocesan Primate, His Grace, Bishop Daniel Findikyan, who was accompanied by a dozen Armenian clergy from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ commemorates the bodily Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ into heaven. It is one of the universally celebrated feasts of Christian churches celebrated 40 days after the glorious Resurrection of Christ, Easter Sunday. Following the account of Acts 1:3, our risen Lord appeared to his disciples for 40 days prior to his Ascension. On the fortieth day of Easter, Jesus ascended to heaven witnessed by all the disciples.

Rev. Fr. Voski Galstyan, Pastor of St. George Armenian Church, Hartford, CT was the celebrant and Rev. Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan, Pastor of St. Gregory the Enlightener, was the preacher.

We express our appreciation to Fr. Untzag Nalbandian, the priest of the Armenian Church of the Holy Ascension, for organizing this beautiful celebration.

ST. NERSESS HOLDS GRADUATION CEREMONY



On May 14th, St. Nersess Armenian Seminary held an outdoor ceremony to formally honor its graduating classes of both 2020 and 2021. The long-awaited event, postponed during the pandemic last year, brought together a limited number of attendees to celebrate the graduation of Dn. Timothy Aznavourian (Class of 2020), Dn. Armen Terjimanian (Class of 2020), and Andrew Kayaian (Classes of 2020, 2021).

Make sure to visit St. Nersess Seminary's website at www.stnersess.edu to read more and view photos.

FR. MESROB EARNED MASTER'S DEGREE



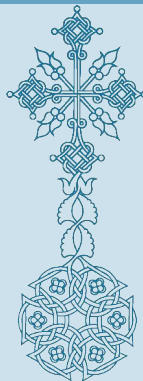
On May 21st, Fr. Mesrob graduated from Iona College with a Master of Science degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. As part of the program, Fr. Mesrob completed 500 hours of supervised face-to-face clinical experience time with individuals, couples and families in clinics located at Iona College, Bridgeport (CT), Mamaroneck (NY), and Yonkers (NY). The clinical experience gave him valuable hands-on knowledge.

"It was a long and indeed worthwhile journey. I am thankful to all who supported and encouraged me through the entire length of the program, especially His Eminence Archbishop Khajak Barsamian, former Primate of our Diocese, my wife, Yn. Ruzanna, and our children."

A Few Wordsé

On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, we celebrate the Antasdan service with a solemn procession through the Church, which while blessing the four compass points (north, south, east, west), we bless the entire world in the form of a cross.

At the conclusion of the service, the faithful venerate the cross and receive basil from the priest, as it was the fragrant plant which sprouted where the true Cross of Christ was found by Queen Helen in 326.



Reflection

How is the Cross elevated in your own life, as a source of healing from those things which all you, which yield sin and corruption, which draw you away from God?

Does the Cross define how you love others - selflessly, sacrificially?

Do others witness the fragrant life and hope of Jesus Christ by how you live?

Visit www.vemkar.us to learn more.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL GRADUATION



We have completed another academic year with our Armenian School, now registered in the pages of our parish's history. On Friday, May 28th, we celebrated the graduation of the Armenian School students which was postponed from the last year due to the pandemic. The students used the last year productively and were able to complete another year of remote studies.

The 2021 graduates were: Nane Arsenyan, Nareh Hovsepyan, Mariam Markarian, Alina Sarkissian, and Arpi Tikranian.

Also, two students graduated from the kindergarten: Ella Ohanissian and Robert Ervolina.

We congratulate all the 2021 graduates and encourage them to cherish everything they learned over their student years. May our Lord continue bestowing His blessings upon them and guide them in the next stages of their lives.



SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION



We celebrated the graduation of five Sunday School students on June 6th: Alice Vranka, Christie Blonkvist, James Findikyan, Samuel Bazarian, and Tanya Postian. The celebration included speeches by the graduates, Superintendents Alice Leylegian and Bruce Wiacek, and congratulatory remarks and a blessing by Fr. Mesrob. Following the ceremony at the church everyone enjoyed the cake and a slideshow at coffee hour.

We congratulate the graduates on their hard work for their years in Sunday School and look forward to seeing them develop in their faith and succeed in all of their endeavors.



ST. GREGORY WOMEN'S GUILD MEMBERSHIP MEETING



For the first time in nearly 18 months, the St. Gregory Women's Guild was able to plan and host a Back Together Again membership meeting on June 12th. This lovely, outdoor, boxed lunch meeting was enjoyed by all in attendance. Joined in prayer by Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan, 28 ladies of the parish witnessed the spiritual re-dedication of the devoted WG Executive Board.

Present were Dawn Papalian (Co-Chair and Recording Secty), Gladys Tachdjian (Treasurer), Rita Kurkjian (Asst. Treasurer and Membership Coordinator), Adriane Keleshian Bonfiglio (Corresponding Secretary and Events promotion), Maria Bedonian (Advisor), Sylvia Kruiuzenga (Advisor). Board members not present: Lauren Kayaian (Co-Chair), Victoria Gurunian (Advisor), and Adrienne Sakalian Sirinian (Advisor).

Included on the agenda was Dawn Papalian's warm welcome to all, a current financial report submitted by Gladys Tachdjian, including a \$10,000 contribution presentation to Fr. Mesrob/St. Gregory parish on behalf of the WG fundraising efforts during the recent pandemic, and congratulations to Fr. Mesrob on his recent graduation from Iona College.

Afternoon entertainment was graciously provided by Holly Malkasian Staudinger. The group all welcomed, and participated in, Holly's 15-minute instruction in relaxing chair yoga.

THE ST. GREGORY MEN'S CLUB SPONSORED A NEW FOOD DRIVE



St. Gregory had previously made a monetary donation to "Feeding Westchester" at the height of the pandemic, with the help of our generous parishioners. As blessed as most of us are, it is hard to imagine that there are food-challenged individuals and families right here in our own backyard. There was a new food collection box located in the Narthex of our Church, set up to facilitate a new food drive for this year and all collected food was donated to "Feeding Westchester".

WOMEN'S GUILD ALL-AMERICAN BBQ

On July 25th, St. Gregory the Enlightener held an All-American BBQ in Tutak Hall. This annual event is graciously and bountifully hosted every year by our Women's Guild. It is a family fundraiser to benefit the Fuller Center for Housing in Armenia. This year, as one of our parish's first post-pandemic gatherings, approximately 85 adults and children enjoyed an afternoon of delicious American BBQ favorites and much long overdue fellowship.

The Women's Guild was especially proud of this year's event, as it concluded fundraising for the *TENTH* St. Gregory House in Armenia! We extend a heartfelt thank you to the WG team leaders and members who helped plan and execute the event, along with those able to be in attendance, and most especially, our sincere gratitude to the very generous and faithful donors. To learn more about Fuller Center for Housing in Armenia, please visit www.fullercenterarmenia.org.

Anyone wishing to donate toward a future St. Gregory House should contact Gladys Tachdjian (WG Treasurer) for details.



VISIT TO MEWS OF GREENWICH

In a continuing effort to stay in touch with our elders and parishioners, on May 25th Fr. Mesrob visited some of our elder parishioners at the Mews of Greenwich, Senior living facility. Among the residents are Hagop and Sylviagene Meneshian (on right), long-time members of our community. Fr. Mesrob extended his greetings to all on behalf of our community and offered his prayers for all of them.



HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS VISIT ST. GREGORY



On Tuesday, August 10th, St. Nersess High School Conference participants enjoyed a morning excursion to St. Gregory the Enlightener to spend time with the Der Mesrob. Later they had lunch and spent their free time in the Harry and Edna Keleshian Hall before leaving for St. Nersess.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF ST. MARY BLESSING OF THE GRAPES SERVICE



FAREWELLS TO JANJIGIAN AND ARSENYAN FAMILIES

FAREWELL TO JANJIGIAN FAMILY



the family for the passing of Noone's father, Rafael Ganjumyan. We are sad to see them move away from Westchester County to Massachusetts but know that wherever they go their kindhearted spirit will follow them. We wish them Godspeed in their move and hope to see them in their home-parish on occasions.

We want to share with our community that the Janjigian family has moved to Wayland, MA. They have been affiliated and involved with the St. Gregory community for the past 24 years. Noone Janjigian has assumed her new position as the Director of Executive Compensation with Thermo Fisher Scientific and Vahan Janjigian will continue his position as Chief Investment Officer at Greenwich Wealth Management. We also express our condolences to

FAREWELL TO ARSENYAN FAMILY



We also share the news that Armen and Alvard Mayilyan Arsenyan and their children, Nane and Areg (missing from the picture) moved to Atlanta, GA. They have been affiliated and involved with our community for the past seven years. Armen Arsenyan has assumed his new position as Financial Reporting and Accounting Manager with Orange Business Services. We wish them all the best as they begin a new chapter of their lives in Atlanta.

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS AND HOMECOMING SUNDAY



On September 12th, we celebrated the major Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Part of the celebration included the blessing of basil plants.



Following the Liturgy, a special Recognition Award was given to Deacon Mirijohn Givlekian, his wife Anoush Givlekian, and their son Deacon Michael Givlekian, on behalf of the Parish Council, Rev. Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan, and former pastor Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian. The special award was given to Dn. Mirijohn, Anoush, and Dn. Michael in recognition and gratitude for their many years of dedication and service to our parish. Dn. Mirijohn has been the choir director of our parish for more than 20 years, accompanied by his wife Anoush as assistant to the choir director, while Dn. Michael has served on the altar.

We especially recognized their continued commitment at the beginning of the pandemic, between the months of March – July 2020, when the church was closed to parishioners. Because of their commitment, the Divine Liturgy continued to be celebrated and livestreamed for our parishioners without interruptions. Following the recognition, the Antasdan service was held outdoors, at the main entrance.



ARMENIAN SCHOOL OPENING

On September 18th, after a year of “pandemic-break”, we welcomed all our former and new students at the Armenian School.

We express our appreciation to the Armenian School teachers who were able to keep the school open virtually as all the classes were held on Zoom until May which gave the students an opportunity to stay connected to each other.

WELCOME BACK TO ST. GREGORY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

On September 26th, our Sunday School opened its doors again for parents and students! Although we had extraordinary challenges before us, we have had an exciting and innovative school year.

Since September, Lauren Kayaian and Bruce Wiacek were leading the Sunday School as Co-Superintendents. Lauren Kayaian replaced Alice Leylegian who stepped down as Superintendent.



Fr. Mesrob and the Parish Council of St. Gregory would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to Alice Leylegian. She has volunteered for years working hard to keep our Sunday School up and running, first with Tom Daw, and more recently with Bruce Wiacek. Alice has been a steady and constant guiding force for our Sunday School students.

Last year proved to be, with all the challenges that covid presented, a testament to our Sunday School staff's determination that Sunday School would not only be in session with in person classes, but that the students would learn, thrive, and enjoy their time. So, THANK YOU, to our superintendents and teachers from your St. Gregory parish family.

ACYOA JRS. MEETING

On October 3rd, the ACYOA Juniors held their first meeting of the season. The executive board was selected based on interests of the Juniors. They also discussed various events to be planned and set the schedule for the next few months. We welcome new members to join our ACYOA Juniors, attend the meetings, and join the scheduled events.



FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Every autumn, the Armenian Church celebrates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross—one of the five major feasts of the Church, and the most important of the four feasts of the Holy Cross.

The Exaltation refers to the True Cross on which Christ was crucified, which according to Church tradition was ceremoniously elevated for veneration on three occasions.

On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the Divine Liturgy is marked with an *antasdan* service (blessing of the fields) during which the processional cross is adorned with basil (a symbol of royalty) and the four corners of the church are blessed as a symbol for all the world.

WELCOME BACK BBQ



On October 17th, we hosted the Welcome Back BBQ which took the place of the annual picnic. It was a great day for all! THANK YOU to all of our parishioners and friends for supporting our Welcome Back BBQ!

It was heartwarming to see all our parishioners and friends as they arrived to pick up their orders, stayed to enjoy their meals while listening to the live music by HYE Guys band, and to re-connect with one another. We have missed our St. Gregory family and community!!



We extend our sincere gratitude to the members of the Parish Council, Women's Guild, Welcome Back BBQ Committee, and all of the dedicated members of our parish organizations who together gave countless hours to plan and organize a successful event.

Planning this year's event, which replaced our annual picnic, required much time in preparations, while keeping the health and safety of our community in mind. We truly appreciate the collaborative efforts of each and every person who spent time working together to make it a success. Thank you for working together, for your commitment and hard work for St. Gregory, and for your selfless devotion to our parish, especially during these challenging times.



Thank you also to our generous sponsors and donors, and all who ordered meals and baked goods in support of this year's event. Your support is greatly appreciated.



"The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?"
Psalm 27:1

CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS



On October 16th, we completed an outreach project for our community's college-aged church members. As an act of love and support, we put together and mailed out Halloween care packages to the young men and women while they are away. Over the course of a few weeks, we compiled the list of the young people ages 18-22 who are currently in college or taking a temporary break from college. The packages included homemade *choreg*, homemade chocolate-dipped pretzel rods, homemade chocolate

chip cookies, Halloween candies, a Starbucks gift card, and a microwavable popcorn pack, as well as a personalized letter written by Der Mesrob for all the recipients. The parish mailed nearly 40 of these care packages. The reception was overwhelmingly positive. This is one of several such outreach projects planned for the upcoming year, to extend a small gesture of love and joy to the beloved members of the St. Gregory family.

We express our appreciation to Alicia Wood, Lisa Kouzoujian, Anna Wood, Ani Kachian, Lauren Kayaian, Andrew Kayaian, along with ACYOA Junior volunteers, Arpi Tigranian and Nareh Hovsepyan, for their help baking some of the goodies and putting the packages together.

HALLOWEEN GATHERING FOR CHILDREN



On October 31st, our Youth Activities Committee organized a Halloween Party for children ages 2-8 years old who gathered at the HEK Hall. They enjoyed crafts, games, and activities set up for them.

Our appreciation goes to the Youth Activities Committee for bringing the children together.

LIONEL GALSTAUN ANNUAL MEMORIAL CONCERT



The St. Gregory's Cultural Committee was pleased and proud to host the annual Lionel Galstaun Memorial Concert on November 7th. Performing this year was the young cellist Laura Navasardian, who played a variety of pieces composed by Armenian and non-Armenian musicians. She was accompanied on piano by her mother, Lilit Navasardian.

The concert was enjoyed by over 100 attendees, especially as this was the first gathering since the imposition of social gathering restrictions.

ST. GREGORY AWARD BANQUET



On November 21st, we hosted the St. Gregory Award Banquet honoring Gregory Sahagian. Surrounded by his extended family and many friends, Greg Sahagian's work and dedication to the parish was noted by the many speakers. Tutak Hall was full of people celebrating and enjoying the festivities.

After sharing the toast by Elizabeth Shaghalian Vranka, the event's emcee, Chris Bonfiglio invited all the speakers who shared their reflections about Greg Sahagian. The speakers were: Ann Giragosian Daw, Ellie Krolian, Carly Sahagian, Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian, and Rev. Fr. Mesrob Hovsepyan. The program featured a piano performance by Joel A. Martin: "Jazzical: Komitas – Passion of Fire". Joel A. Martin is the creator and registered trademark owner of Jazzical®; he is a classical and jazz pianist, producer, composer, and arranger who has collaborated with, and/or written music for, Grammy® Award-winners. He played folk songs of Komitas in his jazzical arrangement. The performance was overwhelmingly enjoyed by all.



We congratulate Greg and express our appreciation for his dedication to our parish for many years.



WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS ADVENT CANDLELIGHT TEA



A truly festive and lovely event was hosted by the St. Gregory Women's Guild from 2pm-4pm in the afternoon of Saturday, December 4th, 2021. The theme was a Christmas Advent Candlelight Tea with a spiritual and musical program. Twenty Women's Guild members were joined by 40 additional guests, parishioners, families and friends, young and old alike. Everyone in at-

tendance participated in singing "Silent Night" (by candlelight) and all were left with a feeling of peace, joy, and love to begin this magical and blessed season of Christmas Advent (celebrating the coming of Christ).

Delicious homemade refreshments were generously served. Holiday entertainment was contracted through *Holiday Matters Christmas Carolers*, a vintage costumed acapella quartet from NYC.

The Women's Guild Executive Board is grateful to the committee responsible for the festive room and table décor and for the delicious savory and sweet refreshments.

Advent Tea committee participants: Maria Bedonian, Adriane Keleshian Bonfiglio, Yn. Dawn Kasparian, Lauren Kayaian, Pearl Khachadoorian, Sylvia Kruizenga, Rita Kurkjian, Donna Keleshian Mitchell, Kathy Gopoian Palermo, Dawn Papalian, and Gladys Tachdjian.



CHRISTMAS BASKETS' FOR ELDERLY



On December 11th, our parishioners prepared and delivered Christmas baskets for our elderly parishioners. After the great success of the College-age Youth Outreach baskets, the St. Gregory's Outreach Committee created 38 Christmas baskets filled with homemade treats, jams, sweets, and puzzle books for delivery to our senior parishioners. The Christmas Gift Baskets for the elderly parishioners were part of the parish's ongoing outreach initiatives. The team of volunteers put forth an amazing effort and was comprised of Parish council



members, ACYOA Junior members, Women's Guild members, many parishioners, and of course our Der Hayr. The spirit of Christmas filled the atrium while the baskets were filled and wrapped, while Christmas music and singing made the task all the more fun. We have heard from many of our seniors, who were grateful and expressed their appreciation to all the volunteers who delivered the packages; the baskets filled them with true Christian love.

Thank you to everyone who supported the effort, baked, shopped, wrapped or delivered the baskets, including: Adriane and Chris Bonfiglio, Joanne Chitjian, Anoush Givlekian, Yeretzgin Dawn Kasparian, Lauren and Robert Kayaian, Lisa Kouzoujian, Ellie Krolian, Rita Kurkjian, Chris Pahigian LeFevre, Meline Longacre, Greg Sahagian, Elizabeth Vranka, and Alicia Devejian Wood and Walter Wood, with special thanks to David Forte, a member of the ACYOA Juniors.



MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER

Although group gatherings have been limited, the St. Gregory MEN'S CLUB (SGMC) rallied together, as needed, in support of the parish. Their donation of a new BBQ grill served very helpful when manning the outdoor cooking for the "Welcome Back" BBQ and the Women's Guild's All-American BBQ. In November, SGMC participants assisted with the WG Thrift Shoppe's "Outdoor Furniture Clearance Sale". The Annual COAT DRIVE (sponsored by the SGMC) this year not only served the local folks in need, but also displaced victims of the huge apartment fire in the Bronx NY. "Feeding Westchester" food boxes (located in the Narthex at St. Gregory) were also sponsored by the SGMC with continued efforts to help those in need through Christian kindness and outreach.

Always on the agenda was a festive and fun Christmas dinner, which was held on Friday, December 10th at the Rye Grill and Bar. A hearty group of new and old faces joined the camaraderie, with 25 men enjoying a social night of dinner and drinks at the Rye Grill and Bar. Fr. Mesrob led the men in blessing the food and starting the evening with a welcoming prayer. Tavloo boards were set for the enjoyment of the "pros" amongst the group!

We hope to bring back evening gatherings in 2022, including the special GRILL NIGHT event.



ST. GREGORY WOMEN'S GUILD THRIFT AND GIFT SHOPPE



only open 4 hours/week, Thursdays, noon-4pm). Thrift shop lovers continued shopping non-stop, even calling to make special appointments while the shop (and church complex) needed to close for a 6-month hiatus. Gratitude is extended to the customers who frequent the shop, as well as to our faithful donors contributing endless inventory.



Pandemic?! What pandemic?!

The St. Gregory Women's Guild Thrift and Gift Shoppe has thrived for the past several years. It continues to be a one-of-a-kind treasure trove for White Plains and surrounding communities. For those who are not familiar, the Shoppe contains a variety of elegant, economical, practical, distinctive, and desirable finds from all eras, in many styles, for all budgets. Regarding the inventory, there is absolutely NO "supply chain" issue these days, nor is there any problem with turn-over (even though it is



The Women's Guild, and particularly the Shoppe volunteers, are proud to have contributed \$11,000 to the parish in 2020, and a record breaking \$25,000 in 2021. The small staff of dedicated volunteers works tirelessly to keep it a most desirable destination for the neighborhood. Monthly sales promotions, holiday specials, and clearance events are offered year-round.

Stop in, you'll be glad you did!

ACYOA JUNIORS ACTIVITIES



Our ACYOA Jrs. had a full slate of fall activities following a "welcome back" meeting held outside the atrium in October. After mingling and enjoying pizza for dinner, the group discussed different opportunities for gathering and service efforts this year. This fall, members of our group have participated in fellowship events (hosted by our parish's Youth Activity Committee and Welcome Back Day at St. Nersess, sponsored by the Holy Martyrs ACYOA Jrs. chapter), service to the church (BBQ and St. Gregory Award banquet), and outreach projects (Christmas outreach effort to elderly parishioners and pajama drive benefiting the Community Center of Northern Westchester).

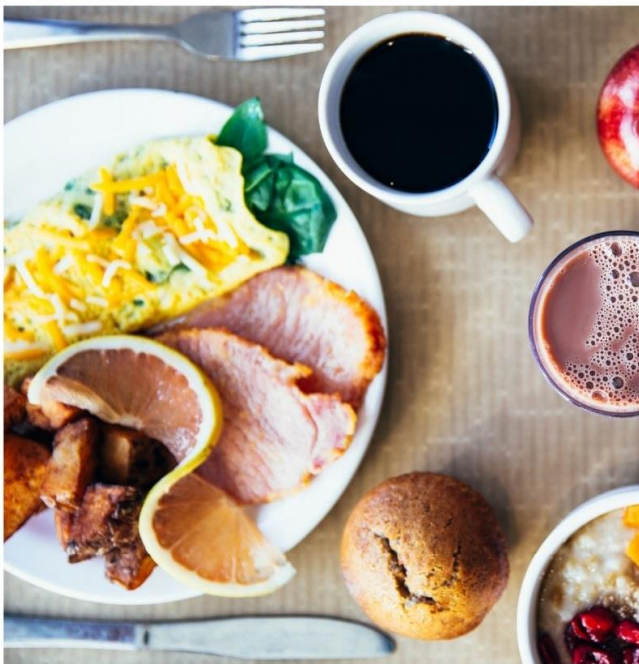
ON December 18th, our ACYOA Jrs. invited neighboring ACYOA chapters to Keleshian Hall for a Christmas social. More than 25 young adults were joined by Der Mesrob, Greg Sahagian, our Parish Council liaison, and Meliné Longacre, advisor. Everyone enjoyed our beautiful facility and hospitality, and, most importantly, the fellowship of other Armenian youth. Attendees played soccer, basketball, ping pong and foosball.

The Juniors. appreciate all the donations from members, parishioners, and Christmas social attendees to our holiday pajama drive for kids. We shared the collected items with the Community Center of Northern Westchester to distribute to their clients. The group looks forward to more opportunities to be together following the holidays and into the spring.

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE

POON PAREGENTAN

Sunday, February 27, 2022
immediately following Badarak



FESTIVE & BOUNTIFUL
BRUNCH

HOSTED BY
ST. GREGORY WOMEN'S GUILD



THE TRADITION OF POON PAREGENTAN



Poon Paregentan is the eve of Great Lent, the last day before we start the 40-day fasting period. The word *Paregentan* means "good living" or "good life", as we are called to spend it cheerfully, joyfully, and be happy.

Poon Paregentan is a reminder for all of us that man was originally created in a happy state of life, and is destined to eternal and endless happiness by our Creator.

God created Adam and Eve in perfect happiness and enjoyment so they would celebrate every single day of their existence in paradise in God's presence.

They didn't realize the special gift granted to them until they lost it.
Join us to celebrate this day together!



Free admission
Free will donations welcome



St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church
1131 North Street, White Plains, NY

ARMENIAN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY



On December 18, 2021, the Armenian School hosted its annual Christmas party. The students sang songs and presented recitations in Armenian, dedicated to the New Year and the birth of Christ. At the end of the program, the children welcomed Gaghand Baba who brought gifts for both the children and teachers.



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



On December 19th, the Sunday School sponsored a fun Christmas luncheon, in lieu of the conventional Western Christmas Eve Pageant. Santa Claus visited our community, sitting to hear the Christmas gift wishes of the kids, to take pictures, and spread Christmas cheer. He was joined and assisted by his faithful Chief Elf. Additionally, there were other activities for the children to enjoy, like watching an animated video on the Nativity of Christ, decorating Christmas cookies, and recreating the Nativity Scene in stickers. A jolly time was had by all who attended.



ST. GREGORY THE ENLIGHTENER
ARMENIAN CHURCH
TUTAK HALL

1131 North St. White Plains
NY 10605

FRIDAY
MARCH 4
2022
6:30PM



Tatev Amiryan, composer, piano



Anna Hayrapetyan, soprano

SPRING CONCERT
SOUNDS *of* ARMENIA

Program:

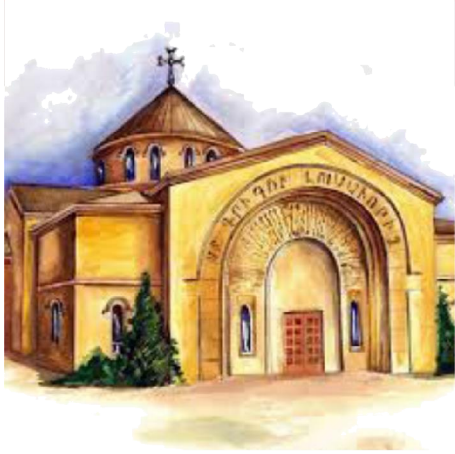
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Sponsored by St. Gregory's Parish Council

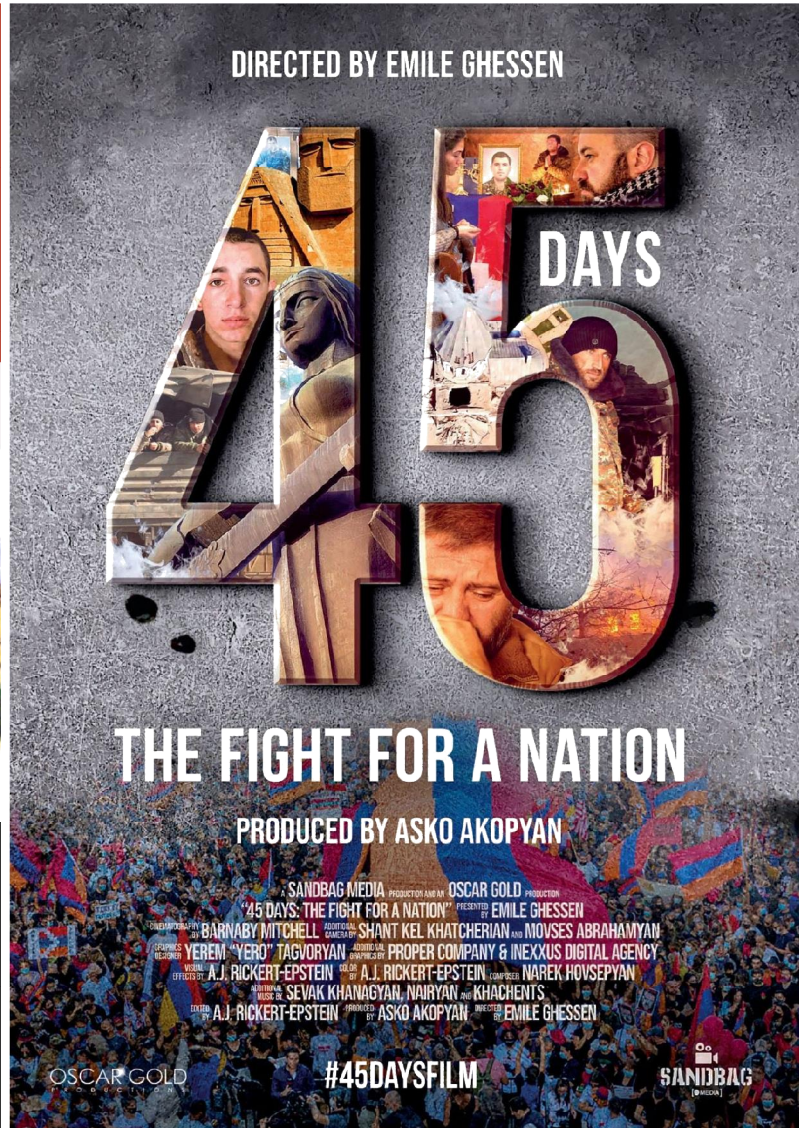
RSVP required by Feb.22:
914-428-2595 or
saintgregorychurchwp@gmail.com

Tickets \$15
Tickets can be purchased on www.eventbrite.com or
reserved from the church office
Light refreshments will be served
between 6:00-6:30pm

April
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Donation: \$10
Will Benefit
Artsakh Outreach
2:00pm
Tutak Hall



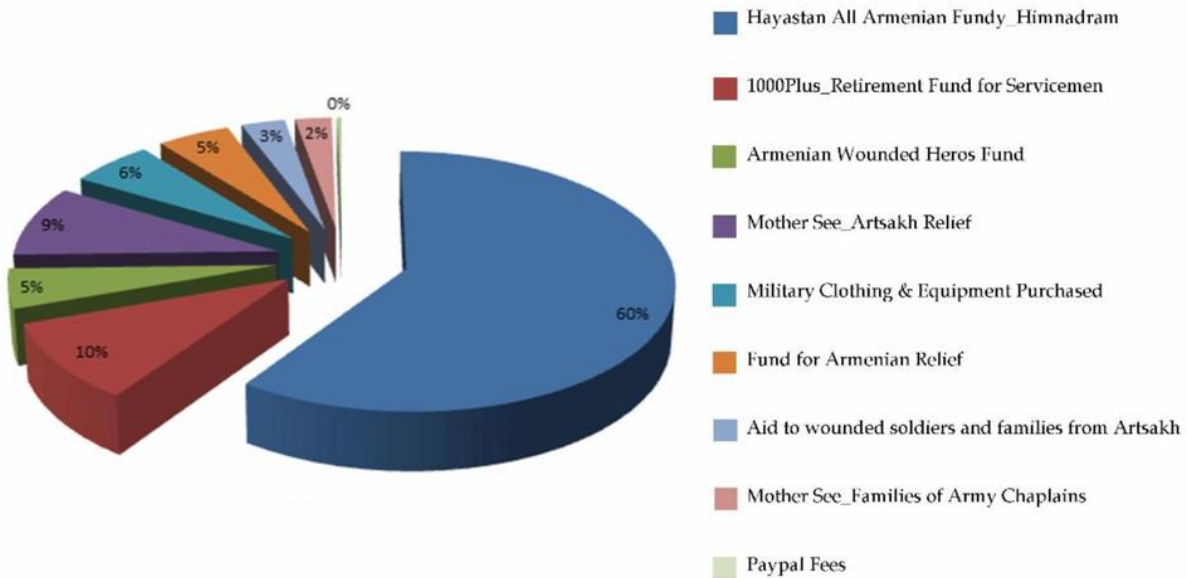
Presented by St. Gregory Women's Guild & Cultural Committee

St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church, 1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605

On Sept 27, 2020 Azerbaijani forces supported by NATO member Turkey, launched full scale attacks on the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh, also known as Artsakh, against Armenian Armed Forces. Former Royal British Marines Commando turned documentary filmmaker, Emile Ghessen, traveled to the region to see firsthand what was going on. The raw unseen footage of "45 Days: The Fight For A Nation" tells the story of the war and post war from an Armenian perspective in a humanization feature documentary film.

ARTSAKH RELEIF AID SUMMARY - 2020/2021

Artsakh Relief Funds Disbursements



Below are some of the special appreciations and recognitions.

Women's Guild, ACYOA Seniors, and anonymous—directly sponsored items

The list of those who donated items via Amazon Shopping Cart

Arman and Maria Bedonian | Avetik Harutyunyants | Jacqueline Baydar | Jennifer Gurahian |
Kristen Shapiro | Michael Hagopian | Nadine Sarkissian | Wayne and Monique Hartunian |
Anonymous (4 ind.)

Also, special thanks to

Yeva Kochian, who personally delivered all items collected via Amazon by traveling to Armenia and delivering them to the Armed Forces in Sisian region.

Gayane Manukyan, for distributing financial assistance to 6 wounded soldiers on behalf of our community.

Arevik Avagyan, for purchasing necessary items for needy families from Artsakh who live in villages and delivering them on behalf of our community.

Special Fundraiser Projects by our parishioners

Lori Janjigian, taught Yoga classes, matched the proceeds, and donated to Himnadram Hayastan All Armenian Fund.

Alvard Mayilian and Friends – “Gata for soldiers” bake and sale, proceeds donated to 1000Plus/Insurance Foundation for Servicemen.

Marie and Fraij Yapoujian – homemade raspberry jam and masks sale, proceeds donated to Artsakh Relief Funds.

ARTSAKH RELIEF DONATIONS

ACYOA Seniors | Aghazadian, Adele | Akopyan, Arusyak Adzhi | | Alexanian, Denise P. | Alyanikian, Rose | Anastasian, Carol R. & Zarookian, Robert | Anastasian, Dr. George | Ansoorian, Shirley | Antreasyan, Arsam & Mari | Arakelian, Lida & George | Aram, Lori | Arsenyan, Armen | Arushanyan, Zarine | Asadorian, Roobik & Caroline | Aslanian, Gloria | Ayaz, Angel | Ayvazian, Robert & Siranoush | Azarian, Linda | Babakian, Pauline | Bashian, Ani | Bashian, Garo & Annette | Bashian, George Jr. & Susan | Basil, Mack & Dr. Grace | Bedonian, Arman & Maria | Bedoukian, Robert | Berberian, Antranig | Bezirjian, Romana | Bonomo, Tom & Alyssa Keleshian | Boyajian, Lillian | Brandstadter, Loretta | Carucci, Lucia Ann | Cassetta, Edna | Cehreci, Fram & Anahid | Chadrjian, Lita | Chekmeyan, Raffi & Addie | Chitjian, Mark & Joanne | Christon, Alexa | Darmanian, Denise | Daw, Thomas & Ann | Del Balzo, Mathew & Nicole | Demirjian, Charles | Demirjian, Diana | Demirjian, Joan | Demirjian, Mike & Amanda | Derderian, Olivia | Dersookias, Nuvarth | Devejian-Wood, Alicia | Dorian Donna | Dorian Jr, Edward & Ani | Elmadjian, Malvina | Encababian | Ermoian, Glenn P. | Eskandarian, Anahid & Andranik | Eskandarian, Eddie & Edna | Findikyan, Stephan & Kristina | Garibian, Narek & Romina | Gaytan, Juan | Gharibian, Henrik | Gopoian, Juliet | Gould, David | Gregory, Amy | Gukasyan, Nelli | Gurahian, Jennifer | Hagopian, Michael | Harooni, Faroozan | Haroutounian, Lucy | Hartooniani, Jaqueline | Hartunian, Wayne & Monique | Hartunian, Vera | Harutyunyants, Avetik | Hayrapetyan, Anna | Hayrapetyan, Lilia | Haytaian, John & Marie | Hewsenian, Rosalind | Hingson, Elise | Hovakimian, Armen & Gayane | Hovsepian, April | Hovsepyan, Rev. Mesrob & Yn. Ruzanna | Hughes, John & Susan | Ionescu, Macrine | Iskandaryan, Ani | Iskenderian, Peter | Jamal, Sweetlana | Jinivizian, Barkeve & Lena | Jordan, Sheri S | Kaleli, Arsaluys | Kalemkerian, Dn. Joseph & Rev. Louise | Kantarian, Arlen & Ann | Karozichian, Armen | Kassabian, Ashod | Katchadurian, Adrine | Kayaian, Andrew | Kayaian, Woodrow & Gloria | Kayaian, Robert & Lauren | Kazanchyan, Dr. Anna | Kechejian, Hagop & Alenoosh | Keleshian, Edna | Keosayian, Marilyn | Kevorkian, George & Alice | Kevorkian, Steven & Lisa | Khachian, Gary & Ani | Kilerciyan, Artur | Kozak, Jennifer | Krikorian Esq. Van & Priscilla | Krolian, Dennis & Eleanor | Krolian, Lucy | Kruizenga, Derek & Sylvia | Kurkjian, Arman & Rita | Larkin, Rebecca | Leylegian, George | Licht, Jodi | Longacre, Meline J. | Lukas, Madeleine | Manookian, Artin & Virginia | Manougian, Mariette | Manukyan, Gayane | Mardikian, Vahan & Karen | Markarian, Vrej | Maronian, Stephen & Lisa | Mazzacco, Joan | Mekenian, Stephen & Lily | Melikian, Asieh Alexy | Melikian, Heros & Joanne | Micheletti, Chris & Barbara | Mirzayan, George & Ayda | Mirzayan, Janet | Nakian, Paul S. | Ochoa, Herbert & Belinda | Ogullukian, A&V | Ovanessian, Dr. Simon & Annie | Ozsolak, Kaprel & Janet | Papalian, Richard & Dawn | Papazian, Edmund & Joyce | Petrossian, Wilma | Picone, Anthony & Esther | Pisani, Aida K | Pisani, John Haig & Stacy | Poghosyan, Valentina | Postian, George & Beatrice | Postian, Gregory, & Sybil | Quinn, Nancy L | Sahagian, Gregory | Sakalian, John B | Sarkisian, Sylvia | Scarselli, David & Heather A | Sevulyan, Berg | Sevulyan, Vagharshak & Mary | Shkolnik, Eric & Paula | Sirabian, Stephen | Sirabian, Violet | Sirinian, Adrienne & Sarven | Sohigian, Paul & Carrie | Sohigian, Mary | St. Gregory the Enlightener | St. Gregory Cultural Committee | St. Gregory Women's Guild | Staudinger, Holly Malkasian | Tachdjian, Zaven & Gladys | Tegnazian, Kohar | Ter Poorten, Mary Elizabeth | Tezel, Louise | Tikranian, Dr. Haroutyoun | Troisi, Louie & Mary | Vanishkhian, John & Bertha | Varadian, Richard & Linda | Vorperian, John & Milder | Vranka, Larry & Elizabeth | Watts, Vera | Wilson, Christopher | Wolohojian, John & Anita | Yapoujian, Vrej & Mari | Yesian, Bea | Yeterian Jr., Dr. Massis | Yeznaian, Alfred & Diana | Young, Shakeh | Zartarian, Vahan & Stella | Zorthian, Gregory | Zorthian, Gregory & Robin | Gata for Soldiers_Fundraiser for Artsakh

Total: \$222,629

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Derderian, Sevan	Mekenian, Stephen	Wolohojian, John
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DiBenedetto, Sergio	Munro, Colin	Yapoujian, Marie
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Donikyan, Tamar	Nakian, Paul	Yeznaian, Alfred
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Hamparsoumian, Hera	Ozsolak, Janet	
Hamparsoumian, Margrit	Palladino, Queenie	
Hamparsoumian, Gayane	Papalian, Dawn	
Haroutounian, Lucy	Papalian, Richard	

** If you cannot find your name on this list but mailed your membership form, please contact the church office or our treasurer.*

Please let us know if you would like to receive additional information about membership

STEWARDSHIP

Adourian, Kevork & Anisia
Akopyan, Arusyak Adzhi
Alexanian, Adrienne D.
Alexanian, Vahram & Adrienne
Alyanakian, Rose
Andriano, Aida
Arushanyan, Zarine
Aslanian, Gloria
Ayaz, Angel
Azarian, Linda
Babakian, Pauline
Balthazar, Luiza B
Bashian, Garo & Annette
Basil, Mack & Dr. Grace
Baydar, Aret
Bazarian, Gregory & Gigi
Bedonian, Arman & Maria
Berberian, Antranig
Bonfiglio, Chris & Adriane
Keleshian
Bonomo, Tom & Alyssa Keleshian
Boyajian, Florence
Boyajian, Lillian
Braccini, Richard & Irene
Chadrjian, Lita
Chambers, David James & Kristina
Chitjian, Mark & Joanne
Dadian, Nishan & Gayanne
Daw, Thomas & Ann
Derderian, Peter & Sevan
Derderian, Mark & Elizabeth
DiBenedetto, Artemis & Sergio
Elaine Garry
Findikyan, Stephan & Kristina
Gukasyan, Nelli
Gurahian, Jennifer
Guroian, Gregory & Lena
Hagopian, George & Christine
Hagopian, Michael & Amy
Haroutounian, Lucy
Hartunian, Vera
Hatchadoorian, Sara
Hewsenian, Rosalind
Hovsepyan, Rev. Mesrob &
Yn. Ruzanna
Hughes, John & Susan

Ionescu, Macrine S. M.D.
Janjigian, Vahan & Noone
Jebejian, Andrea Montalbano &
Diron
Kabarajian, Liza & Dickran
Kaladjian, Alice
Kalemkerian, Dn. Joseph & Rev .
Louise
Kantarian, Arlen & Ann
Karozychian, Armen & Kathleen
Kasparian, Rev. & Yn. Karekin &
Dawn
Kassabian, Dr. Simon & Jennifer
Katchadurian, Adrine
Katchadurian, James A.
Kayaian, Woodrow & Gloria
Kayaian, Robert & Lauren
Keleshian, Edna
Keosayian, Marilyn
Keosayian, Marilyn
Kevorkian, Steven & Lisa
Keyishian, Paul & Gail
Khachadoorian, Pearl
Khachian, Gary & Ani
Krikorian Esq. Van & Priscilla
Krolian, Dennis & Eleanor
Krolian, Lucy
Kruizenga, Derek & Sylvia
Kuntashian, Nevart
Kunterian, Raffi
Kutnerian, Raffi & Louise
Leylegian, George
Longacre, Meline J.
Longobardo, Guy & Anna
Wiacek, Dianne & Bruce
Mekenian, Stephen & Lily
Mekenian, George & Dorothy
Munro, Colin & Nectar
Nakashian, Harry & Vilma
Nakian, Paul S.
Ohanissian, Andre & Nancy
Omartian, Florence
Melikian, Asieh Alexy
Melikyan, Feliks
Mendelson, Richard & Valerie
Mergerdichian, Alan

Ovanessian, Dr. Simon & Annie
Papalian, Richard & Dawn
Papanicolaou, George & Carolyn
Papazian, Edmund & Joyce
Parker, Chris & Larissa
Poghosyan, Valentina
Postian, David & Cindy
Postian, George & Beatrice
Quinn, Karl & Nancy
Sahagian, Gregory & Lori
Sakalian, John B
Samaan, Asaad & Manoushag
Sanossian, George & Carolyn
Sargsyan, Hasmik
Sarkissian, Haig & Davidian, Mary
Shadoian, Irene
Shegirian, Roseanne
Sirabian, Stephen
Sirabian, Violet
St. Gregory Cultural Committee
Staudinger, Holly Malkasian
Sukiasyan Family
Tachdjian, Zaven & Gladys
Tatarian, Alice
Tatarian, Mary A
Tavitian, Harry & Kathy
Tepikian, Janice M.
Tepikian, Sona
Ter Poorten, Mary Elizabeth
Tezel, Louise
Tikranian, Dr. Haroutyoun & Lu-
sine
Topchyan, Tamara A
Toppi, Vincent & Lori
Varadian, Richard & Linda
Vranka, Larry & Elizabeth
Watts, George & Vera
Wiacek, Bruce & Dianne
Wolohojian, John & Anita
Wood, Walter & Alicia
Yesian, Beatrice
Zarookian, Robert & Carol
Zorthian, Gregory & Robin

Total: \$98,323

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ARSALUYS KALELI

Agabap, Rupen & Yerka | Aida Pisani | Baberian, Aram & Anita | Basil, Mack & Dr. Grace | Bechirian, Alex Maria | Bedonian, Arman & Maria | Bonfiglio, Chris & Adriane Keleshian | Camcikyan, Mari | Derderian, Mark & Elizabeth | Ebrimian, Mardiros & Maria | Epstein, Fred & Maria | Esenyan, Vartan & Nadya | Givlekian, Mirijohn & Anoush | Green, Toni | Gurunian, Harry & Victoria | Hajatian, Lynn | Hamparsoumian, Dr. Hagop & Margrit | Kaprielian, Setrak & Nargis | Kasparian, Rev. & Yn. Karekin & Dawn | Kouzoujian, Lisa | Krolian, Dennis & Eleanor | Kruizenga, Derek & Sylvia | Kurkjian Rita | Kurkjian, Arman & Rita | Manukyan, Gayane | Minnetyan, Ani Ankin | Munro, Colin & Nectar | Postian, George & Beatrice | Rubino, Deborah | Scalise, Anthony & Zepure | St. Gregory Women's Guild | Tatarian, Mary | Topakbashian, Alexis & Alex | Topakbashian, Aris & Seta | Topakbashian, Seta | Torosian, Erika | Varadian, Richard & Linda | Vartanian, Stephanie & Harry | Watts, Vera | Wolohojian, John & Anita | Yelegen, Mr. Arsen

Total: \$3,690

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ALICE TATARIAN

Azarian, Linda | Kayaian, Robert & Lauren | Keleshian, Edna | Bonfiglio, Chris & Adriane | Bedonian, Arman & Maria | Yetman, Donna | Wickersham, Lisa | Krolian, Dennis & Eleanor | Postian, George & Beatrice | Stepanian, Deanna | Masselli, Elenn & Steven | Kruizenga, Derek & Sylvia | Tachdjian, Zaven & Gladys | St. Gregory Women's Guild | Daw, Thomas & Ann | Bonomo, Alyssa & Tom | Stepanian, Bryan & Maria | Kurkjian, Arman & Rita | Galasso, John & Joanne | Dadourian, Lucia & Vartan | Kubicki, Kevin | Manukyan, Gayane | Travin, Bette | Fanelli, Marianne | Timson, Karen

Total: \$2,275

IN LOVING MEMORY OF HARRY NAKASHIAN

Bedminster Eye and Laser Ctr. | Bedonian, Arman & Maria | Daw, Thomas & Ann | Janjigian, Dr. & Mrs. Vahan & Noone | Patruno, Linda & Paul | Pidedjian, Antovk & Ani | Shelengian, Connie | Siverstein, Linda | Tatian, Mrs. Iris | Varadian, Richard & Linda | Watts, Vera | Wolohojian, John & Anita

Total: \$1,050

IN LOVING MEMORY OF RAFAEL GANJUMYAN

Alpert, Ryan | Atayan, Anahit | Bedonian, Arman & Maria | Daw, Thomas & Ann | Haratunian, Stephen & Arda | Harrison, Lynn & Tonya | Hochberg, Jonathan & Stacy | Hovakimian, Armen & Gayane | Janjigian, Joann | Janjigian, Kayane | Kapreilian, Sam & Lucine | Keleshian, Edna | Kelly, Michael & Mary Jan | Khachian, Gary & Ani | Krikorian Esq. Van & Priscilla | Krolian, Dennis & Eleanor | Kruizenga, Derek & Sylvia | Manukyan, Gayane | Marino, Richard & Karine | Mekenian, Stephen & Lily | Nazerian, Artemis | Odabashian, Anahis | Rubenstein, Bruce & Sandy | Sarkissian, Haig | Setrakian, Ashken & Aram | Staudinger, Holly Malkasian | Tachdjian, Hour | Tekirian, Maral | Wolohojian, John & Anita | Yapoujian, Vrej & Mari

Total: 3,185

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROBERT KHADJEHTURIAN

Akopyan, Arusyak | Adzhi Arakelian, Lida & George | Asadorian, Roobik & Caroline | Bashian, Garo & Annette | Bedonian, Arman & Maria | Carucci, Lucia Ann | Dersookias, Nuvarth | Eskandarian, Anahid & Andranik | Findikyan, Stephan & Kristina | Garibian, Narek & Romina | Hartooniani, Jaqueline | Haytaian, John & Marie | Kassabian, Ashod | Kozak, Ms Jennifer | Krolian, Dennis & Eleanor | Licht, Jodi | Longacre, Meline | J. Mazzacco, Joan | Micheletti, Chris & Barbara | Mirzayan, George & Ayda | Mirzayan, Janet | Ogullukian, A&V | Troisi, Louie & Mary | Yeznaian, Alfred & Diana | Zartarian, Vahan & Stella

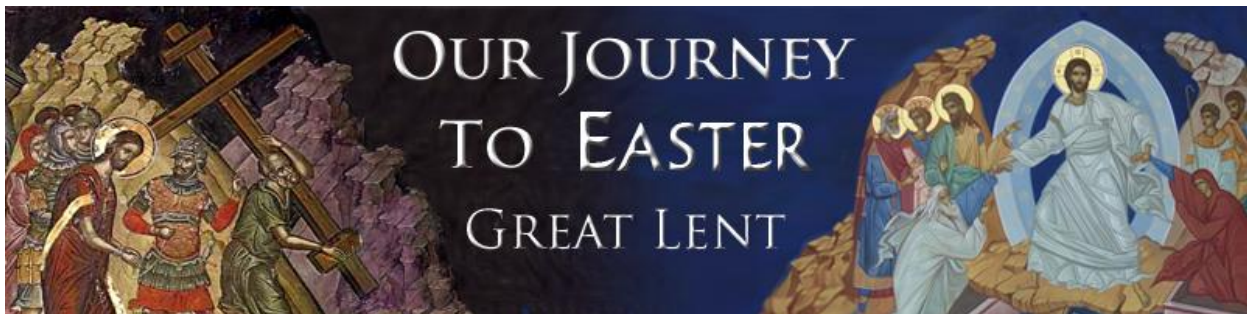
Per family's request the funds were donated towards Artsakh Relief

Total: \$3,305

CHRISTMAS YOUGHAKIN

Alexanian, Adrienne | Alyanagian, Rose | Anastasian, Carol R. & Zarookian, Robert | Antreasyan, Arsam & Mari | Babakian, Pauline | Bashian, Garo & Annette | Basil, Mack & Dr. Grace | Bedonian, Arman & Maria | Bedrosian, Gregory & Elena | Berberian, Antranig | Bonfiglio, Chris & Adriane | Boyajian, Lillian | Cachoian, Denise Maralle | Chekmeyan, Raffi & Addie | Demirjian, Joan | Dersookias, Nuvarth | DiBenedetto, Artemis & Sergio | Guroian, Michael & Elizabeth | Hatchadoorian, Sara | Hazzard, George | Hewsenian, Rosalind | Kalemkerian, Dn. Joseph & Rev. Louise | Kevorkian, Steven & Lisa | Krolian, Dennis & Eleanor | Krolian, Lucy | Kurkjian, Arman & Rita | Magarian, Michael & Colleen | Manookian, Artin & Virginia | McMahon, William & Shakeh | Mekenian, George & Dorothy | Melikian, Asieh Alexy | Ovanessian, Annie & Dr. Simon | Papalian, Richard & Dawn | Picone, Anthony & Esther | Pisani, Michael & Aida | Postian, George & Beatrice | Quinn, Karl & Nancy | Randazzo, Rocco & Alice | Sakalian, John | Sakalian, Susan | Sarkisian, Sylvia | Scalise, Anthony & Zepure | Sevulyan, Vagharshak & Mary | Shadoian, Irene | Shimshidian, Alice | Sirabian, Violet | Sohigian, Paul & Carrie | Staudinger, Holly Malkasian | Stepanian, Deanna | Tachdjian, Zaven & Gladys | Tatarian, Mary A. | Tegnazian, Kohar | Tezel, Louise | Tigranian, Dr. Haroutyoun | Toppi, Lori | Watts, Vera | Wiacek, Dianne | Yesian, Beatrice

Total: \$4,945.00



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Friday Dinners & Programs – 2022

Food, Fellowship, and Spiritual Nourishment

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



March 11 – “From the Depths of the Heart: The practice of Armenian Christian Meditation “

presented by Very Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan

The Lenten Dinner is sponsored by the Armenian and Sunday Schools

March 25 – “Beyond Mercy: Voghomoutiun in the Armenian Tradition”

presented by Deacon Yervant Kutchukian

The Lenten Dinner is sponsored by Women’s Guild



April 8 - The dinner is sponsored by the Choir and Cultural Committee

Special Speaker & Topic: TBD

Donation: \$15/adults. Children 12 and under free

BAPTISMS AND CHRISMATIONS

MAY 1, 2021

Frank George Oliver IV

Parents: Frank and Ani Oliver

MAY 16, 2021

Lyla Ani Hamparsumian

Parents: Aris and Tanya Hamparsumian

MAY 16, 2021

Lucas Kilerciyan

Parents: Artur and Juliana Kilerciyan

JUNE 19, 2021

Clare Latrice Carr

Parents: David and Noelle Carr

JUNE 19, 2021

Emilia Athena Hernandez

Parents: Miguel and Adrena Daw Hernandez

AUGUST 8, 2021

Haik Joseph Hovnanian

Parents: Haig and Sarah Hovnanian

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

Aiden Garabed Aksu

Parents: Aydin and Angie Aksu

SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

Ariana & Lilly Genosyan

Parents: Zohrab and Ani Genosyan

OCTOBER 2, 2021

Colt Joseph Cooke & Kaia Jewel Cooke

Parents: Joseph and Ashley Malikian Cooke

WEDDINGS

AUGUST 14, 2021

Nadia Basil and Frank Capobianco

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Capobianco; Mack and Grace Ilanjian Basil

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

Aydin Atom Aksu to Angie Chipoco

Parents: Garabed and Seranus Aksu; Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Chipoco

OCTOBER 3, 2021

Andrew Grosso to Lauren Turrisi

Parents: Robert and Patricia Grosso; Lawrence and Karen Jamgochian Turrisi

FUNERALS

February 4, 2021

MARGARITA PAPAZYAN

March 25, 2021

ARSALUYS KALELI

April 13, 2021

WILLIAM A. PPAZIAN

April 30, 2021

HARRY NAKASHIAN

August 12, 2021

ALICE KELESHIAN TATARIAN

August 21, 2021

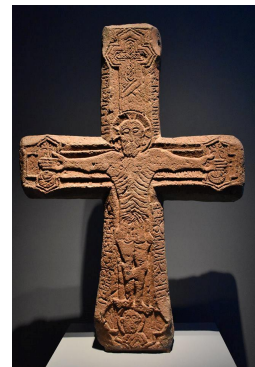
GEORGE MEKENIAN

August 19, 2021

RAFAEL GANJUMYAN

October 22, 2021

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Sunday School Superintendents	Bruce Wiacek (914) 944-0889 Lauren Kayaian (914) 723-7153
ACYOA Jrs. Chair	Ani Costa (914) 813-2519
ACYOA Srs. Chair	Michael Givlekian (203) 565-9880
Women's Guild Chair	Dawn Papalian (203) 769-1819
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Men's Club Chair	Chris Bonfiglio (914) 741-6220

OTHER CHURCH CONTACTS

Church Secretaries	Elise Meneshian-Hingson (203) 249-3339
Librarian	Aida Pisani (914) 793-4007
Culture Committee Chair	John Wolohojian (212) 724-2575
Property Manager	Greg Sahagian (914) 667-1597
Facilities Rental	Chris Bonfiglio (914) 707-2152

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Matins (Morning Service)	9:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy	10:15 a.m.
Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

Pastoral Care, home and hospital clergy visits: The pastor 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 the Church Office at (914) 428-2595. Please note: when asked about your religion at a hospital, patients should list themselves as "Armenian Orthodox" or "Armenian" not "other".

Funerals: Families should make arrangements with the funeral director of their choice, who will contact the Church Office to arrange the funeral service. Generally, St. Gregory coordinates funerals with Ballard-Durand Funeral Home in White Plains, who is familiar with our church traditions. Funerals may not be performed on religious holidays, major feast days, Saturdays after 3:00 p.m., or Sundays.

For Baptism, Weddings and other services: please call the Pastor as soon as possible to set up an appointment to discuss arrangements. Hokehankisd services (Requiem services) are held on the first Sunday of the month. Arrangements for the donation of altar flowers and altar candles should be made through the Church office by Wednesday. Please send all pictures, articles and correspondence to: saintgreorychurchwp@gmail.com



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

February 27, Sunday - Poon Paregentan: Brunch Following the Service will be hosted by the Women's Guild. Lent begins on Monday.

MARCH

March 4, Friday - Spring Concert: Sounds of Armenia, 6:30pm.

March 6, Sunday - Annual Parish Assembly, 12:15pm.

March 11, Friday - Lenten Friday Evening Program, 6:30pm - Lenten Service, 7:00pm - Lenten Dinner, 7:30pm - Program.

March 19, Saturday - Book discussion sponsored by Women's Guild, 2-4pm. All are Welcome!

March 25, Friday - Lenten Friday Evening Program, 6:30pm - Lenten Service, 7:00pm - Lenten Dinner, 7:30pm - Program.

APRIL

April 8, Friday - Lenten Friday Evening Program, 6:30pm - Lenten Service, 7:00pm - Lenten Dinner, 7:30pm - Program.

April 9/10 - Food Sale by St. Gregory's Armenian School.

April 10, Sunday - Palm Sunday: ACYOA DAY.

April 17, Sunday - Easter Sunday, Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

April 23, Saturday - Movie Screening: 45 Days: The Fight for a Nation. Presented by St. Gregory Women's Guild & Cultural Committee - 2:00pm.