

St Gregory Armenian Church Parish Directory

Parish Council	Asbed Tatoulian	(818) 923-1113
Ladies Society	Aida Sethian	(626) 695-8013
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Saturday School	Norayr Dadouryan	(626) 683-7211
Sunday School	Marguerite Hougasian	(626) 351-8137
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Fellowship Ministry		

Requiem - Հոգեհանգիստ

- A requiem service in the memory of **Maritsa Sahinian, Hovsep Zokian and all Shahinian and Zokian** family deceased is requested by Lena and Maral Shahinian and Mari Shahinian.
- A requiem service in the memory of **Sooren Sanasarian** is requested by Alis Sanasarian and daughters Anahid, Sonig and Sevan and families, Araxie Shahinian and family, Veronica Haggerty and family.
- Հոգեհանգստեան պաշտօն կը խնդրուի **Մարիձա Ծահինեանի, Յովսէփ Զոգեանի** հոգիներուն համար: Խնդրողներն են՝ Լենա եւ Մարալ Ծահինեան եւ Մարի Ծահինեան:
- Հոգեհանգստեան պաշտօն կը խնդրուի **Սուրեն Սանասարեան** հոգիին համար: Խնդրողներն են՝ Ալիս Սանասարեան եւ դուստրերը՝ Անահիտ, Սօնիկ եւ Սեւան եւ ընտանիքներ, Արաքսի Ծահինեան եւ ընտանիք, Վերօնիքա Հակերթի եւ ընտանիք:

1 Peter (Ա. Պետրոս) 2:1 – 10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, He is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

“Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

Ուրեմն, թօթափելով ամէն չարամտութիւն եւ ամէն ցեղութիւն, կեղծաւորութիւնները, նախանձներն ու բոլոր բամբասանքները, նորածին երեխաներու պէս տենչացէ՛ք Աստուծոյ խօսքին անխարդախ կաթի, որպէսզի աճիք անով մինչեւ փրկութիւն, եթէ համտեսած էք Տէրոջ քաղցր ըլլալը: Մօտեցէ՛ք անոր՝ ապրող վէմին, որ արդարեւ մարդոցմէ մերժուած է, բայց Աստուծմէ ընտրուած ու պատուական է: Դո՛ւք ալ՝ ապրող քարերու պէս՝ կը շինուիք իբր հոգեւոր տաճար մը, սուրբ քահանայութիւն մը, որպէսզի մատուցանէք հոգեւոր զոհեր, Աստուծոյ ընդունելի՝ Յիսուս Քրիստոսի միջոցով: Որովհետեւ Գիրքին մէջ ալ կայ. «ահա՛ Սիոնի մէջ կը դնեմ ծայրագոյն անկիւնաքար մը, ընտիր պատուական, եւ ո՛վ որ հաւատայ անոր՝ բնա՛ւ ամօթահար պիտի չըլլայ»: Ուրեմն ձեզի՛ որ կը հաւատաք՝ պատուական է ան, իսկ անհնազանդներուն համար՝ «այն քարը՝ որ կառուցանողները մերժեցին, անիկա՛ եղաւ անկիւնաքարը, ու սայթաքումի քար եւ գայթակղութեան ժայռ» անոնց՝ որ խօսքին անհնազանդ ըլլալով կը գայթակղին, որուն համար ալ սահմանուած էին: Բայց դուք ընտրուած ցեղ մըն էք, թագաւորական քահանայութիւն մը, սուրբ ազգ մը, սեփական ժողովուրդ մը, որպէսզի հոշակէք առաքիցիութիւններ անոր՝ որ կանչեց ձեզ խաւարէն իր սբանչելի լոյսին: Ժամանակին ժողովուրդ չէիք, բայց հիմա Աստուծոյ ժողովուրդն էք:

Յովհաննու Աւետարանէն (John) 2:23 – 3:12

Եւ Փարիսեցիներուն մէջ Նիկողեմոս անունով մարդ մը կար, որ Հրեաներու Իշխանաւորներէն մէկն էր: Ան գիշերով եկաւ Յիսուսի քով եւ ըսաւ անոր. «Ռաբբի, գիտենք որ Աստուծմէ եկած ես իբրեւ վարդապետ, որովհետեւ ոչ ոք կրնայ կատարել այն նշանները զոր դուն կ'ընես, եթէ Աստուած անոր հետ չ'ըլլայ»: Յիսուս պատասխանեց եւ ըսաւ անոր. «Ճմարիտ, ճմարիտ կ'ըսեմ քեզի, եթէ մէկը վերստին չ'ծնի՝ չի կրնար Աստուծոյ արքայութիւնը տեսնել»: Նիկողեմոս ըսաւ անոր, «Ինչպէ՞ս կրնայ ծնիլ մարդ մը, որ ծեր է, միթէ կարելի՞ է իր մօրը որովայնը կրկին անգամ մտնել եւ ծնիլ»: Յիսուս պատասխան տուաւ եւ ըսաւ. «Ճմարիտ, ճմարիտ կ'ըսեմ քեզի, եթէ մէկը ջուրէն եւ հոգիէն չ'ծնի՝ չի կրնար Աստուծոյ արքայութիւնը մտնել, որովհետեւ մարմինէն ծնածը մարմին է, իսկ հոգիէն ծնածը՝ հոգի: Դուն մի՛ զարմանար, որ ըսի քեզի թէ՛ դուք պետք է վերստին ծնիք, որովհետեւ հովը կը փչէ ուր որ ուզէ, եւ դուն անոր ձայնը կը լսես, բայց չես գիտեր թէ ուրկէ կու գայ եւ ուր կ'երթայ. այսպէս է նաեւ ամէն ոք, որ հոգիէն ծնած է»:

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with Him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

What the Church Fathers say About: Guides to Christian Living

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:1-2

The Orthodox Church has been graced with wisdom of the Church Fathers, who, shortly after the ascension of Christ, prepared the groundwork of the theology of the Church. Their testimony remains for us an inspirational tool. The following are passages as valuable today, as when they were first expressed centuries ago.

To yield and give in to our sinful desires is the lowest form of slavery. To rule over such base desires is true freedom.
Justin Martyr

If we remain ignorant to God the Father, we don't injure Him; rather, we deprive ourselves of His friendship.
Justin Martyr

As Christians, rather than laying down our souls for money, we ought to lay our money down for our souls.
Tertullian

The business of a Christian is nothing else than to be ever-preparing for death.
Irenaeus

A man cannot live an authentically human life as a man, unless he has become a child of God. Augustine

Do what you can. Then pray that God will give you the power to do what you cannot.
Augustine

He who gives to no one, is truly poor!
Clement

The greater our trials, the greater our rewards!
Tertullian

You abuse the commandments of the Lord, yet you call yourselves His sons!
Cyprian

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The things you teach cannot have any weight unless you be the first to practice them.

Lactantius

Make Christ a partner with you in your earthly possessions, so that He may make you a fellow heir with Him in His heavenly Kingdom.

Cyprian

If we are not ready to die into Christ's sufferings, His life is not in us at all.

Justin Martyr

Prosperity in the eyes of God, consists of nothing else then to live according to the truth.

Justin Martyr

It may be a poor man who holds out his hand, but it's God Himself who receives whatever you give to the poor.

St. John Chrysostom

It is right to supply needs; but it is not right to support laziness.

Clement

There is more weight in a small number of wise men than in a great number of ignorant persons.


Lactantius

He who divides the Church of Christ cannot possess the seamless garment of Christ.

Cyprian

If someone expects to comprehend all things about God only through his physical senses, he will surely fall short of the truth.


Clement



**ST. GREGORY ARMENIAN
CHURCH PASADENA**
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Fr. Sarkis Petoyan
Pastor

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Մատչելի Գիներ

Արժեքաւոր Պատմական Հատորներ Ձեր
Ընտանիքին եւ Բարեկամներուն Համար

Ամէն Կիրակի Ս. Պատարագէն ետք

Երգչախումբը սիրով կ'ընդունի նոր անդամներ:
 Հետաքրքրուողներէն կը խնդրուի հեռաձայնել
 Էլիզ Թաշճեանին՝ Երգչախումբի ղեկավարին
The Choir welcomes new members.
If you are interested, please see Elise Tashjian,
the Choir Director

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pastor is available to visit our parishioners in the hospital, nursing homes, or conduct Home Blessings, and other sacramental needs and consultations. Please call the church office at 626-449-1523. We would like to increase our outreach to church members who are unable to attend services. Any parishioner who has a concern is welcome to call the pastor or the Parish Council

Կը խնդրուի անջատել ձեր բջիջային
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Հոգեհանգստեան Խնդրանքներ

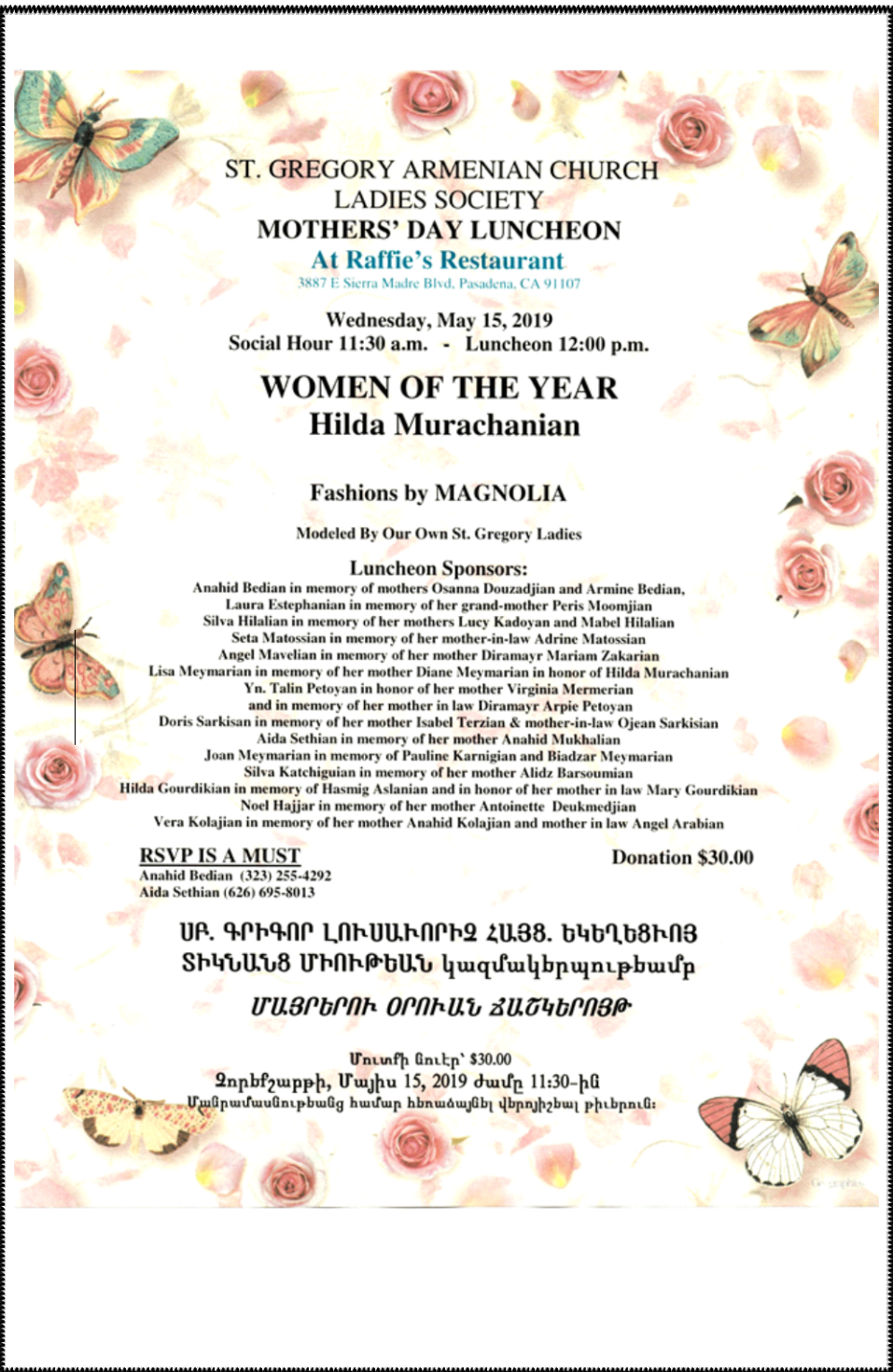
Հոգեհանգստեան խնդրանքները հանձնելք ներկայացնել մինչեւ Հինգշաբթի կէսօր, որպէսզի կարելի ըլլայ տպել թերթիկին մէջ:

Requiem Services

We ask those who wish to have hokehankisd conducted for their loved ones on a given Sunday, to please submit their names by Thursday noon for printing in the Sunday Bulletin

Remember The Church In Your Will

If certain information is omitted, missing or incorrect in this issue, please contact the Church Office, so we may make the correction in the next issue.



**ST. GREGORY ARMENIAN CHURCH
 LADIES SOCIETY
 MOTHERS' DAY LUNCHEON
 At Raffie's Restaurant
 3887 E Sierra Madre Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91107**

**Wednesday, May 15, 2019
 Social Hour 11:30 a.m. - Luncheon 12:00 p.m.**

**WOMEN OF THE YEAR
 Hilda Murachanian**

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Luncheon Sponsors:
 Anahid Bedian in memory of mothers Osanna Douzadjian and Armine Bedian,
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 Lisa Meymarian in memory of her mother Diane Meymarian in honor of Hilda Murachanian
 Yn. Talin Petoyan in honor of her mother Virginia Mermerian
 and in memory of her mother in law Diramayr Arpie Petoyan
 Doris Sarkisian in memory of her mother Isabel Terzian & mother-in-law Ojean Sarkisian
 Aida Sethian in memory of her mother Anahid Mukhalian
 Joan Meymarian in memory of Pauline Karnigian and Biadzr Meymarian
 Silva Katchiguian in memory of her mother Alidz Barsoumian
 Hilda Gourdikian in memory of Hasmig Aslanian and in honor of her mother in law Mary Gourdikian
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 Vera Kolajian in memory of her mother Anahid Kolajian and mother in law Angel Arabian

RSVP IS A MUST
 Anahid Bedian (323) 255-4292
 Aida Sethian (626) 695-8013

Donation \$30.00

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For more info please contact Mr. Norayr Daduryan
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(626) 683 7211

AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP

If you would enjoy the opportunity of investing in the growth of our parish, please consider sponsoring one of the following items, either in your name or in memory of your loved one:

Stained Glass Window near steps to Balcony	\$5,000
Small Chandelier	\$5,000
Narthex Doors (main/inside)	\$15,000
Elevator	\$25,000
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Easter Offerings:

Youghakeen Fourth List donations to St. Gregory were recieved from the following faithfuls

Berj & Hilda Berj Gourdikian
Peter & Melanie Vetrano
Chake Yerevanian

PARISH FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Our Parish Fellowship Hour, which follows Divine Liturgy each week in the Yegavian Hall, is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to meet, greet and enjoy one another's company. It's truly one of the most important aspects of our community life, and is more than a time to enjoy coffee, tea and refreshments.

We have always relied on parishioners to host the Parish Fellowship Hour, for which we are grateful. In that tradition, we ask that any individual, couple, family or group of families to come forward and pledge their support in hosting Fellowship Hour on either a happy occasion or in memory of a loved one.

We take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who have hosted the Parish Fellowship Hour thus far, as we encourage others to come forward and do likewise.

To host a Parish Fellowship Hour or learn more about this program, please contact the church office at 626-449-1523, email at stgregoryarmenianchurch@yahoo.com, or call Sevan Sarkisian at 626-808-1460



UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. GREGORY ARMENIAN CHURCH, PASADENA

- **Friday–May 3, 2019 -**
Family First Friday - Mexican Night.
- **Wednesday–May 8, 2019 - 12:00 p.m.**
Friendship Club Luncheon.
- **Wednesday–May 15, 2019 - 12:00 p.m.**
Ladies society Mother's Day Luncheon.

DEACON VAHE CHARKHUTIAN (562) 715-8730

St. Gregory Sunday School Sunday Morning 11:00a.m. 12:30p.m. Dunaians Hall

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Teaching Sharagan, Prayer & Tradition
of the Armenian Church**

**For information call
Marguerite Hougasian (626) 351-8137**

**“Train up a child in the way he should go
And when he is old, he will not depart from it.”
Proverbs 22:6**

**Սբ. Գրիգոր Լուսավորիչ Եկեղեցույ
Կիրակնօրեայ Վարժարան
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Առակաց 22:6

What the Church Fathers say About: Penance

(Part I)

This, my son, is how you should begin your life according to God. You should continually and unceasingly call to mind all the blessings which God, in His love, has bestowed upon you in the past and still bestows for the salvation of your soul. You must not let forgetfulness of your evil works or laziness make you grow unmindful of these many and great blessings (and so pass the rest of your life uselessly and ungratefully. For this kind of continual recollection moves it constantly to confession and humility, to thanksgiving with a contrite soul.

Venerable Mark the Ascetic

Enter into the Church and wash away your sins. For there is a hospital for sinners and not a court of law.

St. John Chrysostom

God's bountiful mercy has come to help stumbling sinners regain hope of eternal life, not only through the grace of Baptism, but through the medicine of penitence, as well. These remedies come from the goodness of God. They have been so arranged that His pardon cannot be obtained without the intercession of priest.

St. Leo of Rome

Priests have the power to bind and loosen, to forgive and retain sins, which is not given even to the angels. It is a power given to them by God through the promise of Christ.

St. John Chrysostom

Message to Priests:

Do not observe the sins of others and do not behave unfriendly (inwardly or outwardly) towards those who sin. Rather, present your own sins and deeply repent for having committed them, considering yourself worse than all. Pray lovingly for those who sin, knowing that we are all inclined to every sin.

St John of Kronstadt

Penance is a remission of sins through repentance, during which the sinner bathes his bed in tears and his tears become his bread by day and night, during which he is not ashamed to show his sin to the priests of the Lord for the remedy.

Origen

Do not be ashamed to enter the Church to confess. Be ashamed when you sin and don't confess.

St. John Chrysostom

Cry out, O sinner, with all your might and spare not your throat, for your Lord is merciful and loves those who repent. As soon as you return, your Father will come out to meet you and rejoice in you.

St. Ephraim the Syrian

To all the believers He grants remission of sins until the Master agrees with the opinion of His slaves.

St. John Chrysostom

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Please be reminded that the parking in the retail shopping center on Colorado Blvd., next door to St. Gregory is for patrons only. Your car will be subjected to towing if you leave your car in their parking lot during church services.

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