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Holy Trinity Armenian Church LOOYS



Cheltenham, PA

April to June 2013



Your Parish Council

Hours of Worship

- Morning Service: 10:00 AM
- Divine Liturgy: 10:30 AM
- Sunday Church School:
10:00 AM

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Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan***



Upcoming Events

- September 14 - ACYOA Srs. Dance
- October 6 – Presentation on the Life of
Patriarch Torkom Manoogian
- November 10 – Musicale Luncheon
- October 25, 26, 27 – Harvest Bazaar
- December 1 – Anniversary Celebration

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Beginning a Series on the Ten Commandments

The Ten Commandments, which are found in the book of Exodus in the Old Testament, were the laws that God gave to the Israelites on Mount Sinai through Moses for all God's people to obey.

The First Commandment

"I am the Lord your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before Me" (Exodus 20:2-3).

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light" (Gen. 1:1-3).

"Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed" (Gen. 2:7-8).

Above we can see that, the word "Lord God" is used many times. The Lord God said, the Lord God created, the Lord God formed, and the Lord God planted. These verses show that the Lord God is the beginning of everything. It shows that He is the Author of this world. He put everything in its place. He has given all things purpose, from the stars in the heaven to the birds in the air. And only to Him is befitting glory, dominion and honor.

"You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3). In order to understand this Commandment we need to examine the context in which it is found. In Exodus 20:2 God says, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt." He is reminding us that we have been saved by His love and mercy. In other words, God does not love us and save us because we obey His rules. God chose to love us and save us before we had any rules to obey. The Ten Commandments show us how we should live our temporary life on this earth. If we truly loved God and trust in Him alone, there would be no problem.

The Second Commandment

"You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them for I am the Lord your God....." (Exodus 20:4-6).

But in those days and today also, people worship man-made idols in the forms of various animals or objects such as the sun or moon. People in India bow down to cows, others in Africa worship mountains. Our problem is that we love and enjoy the gifts that God gives to us, but we forget about the Giver and reject Him. That's why God says "You can't serve both God and mammon".



Let me give you a few examples of false gods, which can be like wealth, food, alcohol, T.V., hobbies, work, popularity, friends and even family. Jesus Christ Himself said "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10:37).

Today God says these words to each one of us: "I am the Lord your God, Who brought you out of Egypt." God loved us and saved us while we were nothing but sinners. God sent His Only Begotten Son to give His life up to save us and lead us out of our "Egypt," which is our sinful life.

Dear faithful, Our Lord God loves us very much, that's why He wants us to love Him and remove false gods from before His face, so that we can see Him alone, follow Him and be saved by Him; and enjoy everlasting life with Him.

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan

Chairman's Report

It has been an extremely busy quarter. After approval of our Parish elections by the Diocese, we held elections. Your officers for this year are:

Chairman: John Kash
Vice Chairman: Jeanette Der Hagopian
Secretary: Don Parechan
Treasurer: John Hanamirian
Assistant Treasurer: Gregory Javardian



Responsibility for the Pillars are:

- Pillar 1 Financial: John Hanamirian, Greg Javardian & John Kash
- Pillar 2 Building Maintenance & Hall Rental: Robert Damerjian, Jr. & John Kash
- Pillar 3 Membership: Jeanette Der Hagopian & Don Parechan
- Pillar 4 Spiritual Development & Ministries: Bryan Peckjian & Steve Hovnanian
- Pillar 5 Social Services/Events/Technology: Rick Mukalian, Barbara Harmon & Steve Aslanian

The easement project is almost complete. The EPA fences and hay bales were removed and the areas seeded. Many areas along the parking lot/driveways were filled in and re-seeded. We will finalize the fence extension along the tracks by September. We purchased a bigger, better tractor mower to maintain the back lot and the results are apparent. Robert D's crew weeded and mulched the front lawn.

We had a major leak in the hot water church heating boiler and it had to be shut down for a major repair. The total cost of the repair would have been \$6,232. Fortunately, we were able to obtain \$2,400 under warranty; and the remaining parts worth \$700 were donated by Ron and Nick Kashkashian. This reduced our cost to \$ 3132 which is still a tidy sum.



The brick project was successful enough to pay for replacing the steps and landings in front of the church. The low bidder is being evaluated and the committee (Greg Andonian, Steve Hovnanian and Robert Damerjian, Jr.) will work with the suppliers to get the bricks engraved and shipped for installation. This should be completed by August.

Hall rentals are a little better and we have met budget for the year. We received the ACEF income of \$19,444 for last year which was per budget and is detailed in an endowment article elsewhere in this issue.

The Diocesan Assembly was attended by our three delegates and Bryan Peckjian representing the Chair. Congratulations to Antranig Garibian who was elected to the Diocesan Council.

Der Hayr will be away for three weeks for the Jerusalem trip with our Church members and vacation (June 16, 23 & 30). He has obtained the services of Der Vertanes Kalayjian to celebrate Badarak on the 23rd; Deacon services will be held on the 16th and 30th.

We had a good turnout for the picnic, the Sunday/Armenian School graduation, plus an Armenian Christianity history enacted in Armenian by our youngsters. Thanks to Rob Barone and his team for the picnic and all the teachers for organizing the event.

The ACYOA Jrs. attended Sports Weekend with 26 attendees which was the 3rd largest group from the Diocese. The number of youngsters we see every week indicates a bright future for the Church.

The events schedule is filling up. The ACYOA Srs. will have a multi-generational dance on September 14. The Bazaar work is in progress and will be held the weekend of October 26 & 27. Der Hayr is working with candidates for possible future ordinations. And later this year, we hope to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the founding of the original North Philadelphia parish from which we evolved...sounds like a banquet in the making!!

Until next time, have a nice summer.

John Kash
Parish Council Chair

Women's Guild Spring Update

A few issues of the Looy's have gone to press without any articles from the Women's Guild. Funny thing is no one apparently missed the column. I started writing about our concerns and the decline in our membership a year ago. Volunteers were invited to step up to serve on the board and we welcomed ideas and suggestions to revitalize the organization. To my surprise I heard from only one member who was saddened upon reading about our dilemma. With such a poor response I decided to skip writing for the next two issues. I was surprised again when it was obvious no one noticed our updates were missing.

What to do next? I decided to attend the Women's Guild Assembly this past May to learn about the other guilds and glean new ideas. I had the pleasure to meet delegates who represented over 30 guilds in our Diocese. There are 44 churches with 35 active organizations. Many are succeeding and a few are dealing with the same issues we have before us.

The highlight of the sessions was the roundtable discussions facilitated by the WGCC. The clergy was dispersed among the chairladies and we were to plan parish level guild activities. These ideas would lay the groundwork for the future. We were encouraged to share our faith and culture with the community. Unfortunately for us, our location tends to isolate us from our community. Although we are in Cheltenham, we are much closer to a changing Philadelphia.



As Armenian Christian women we should continue helping sheltered women, engage in the local habitat, send "goodie packages" to our students away at schools, invite non-Armenian women to our church, reach out to isolated women of our parish encouraging them to participate, and celebrate advent, the coming birth of Christ. Just as the Gospel is the backbone of the church, the Women's Guild is the backbone of Holy Trinity and not a "cooking ministry".

As the discussions developed we talked about how the Women's Guild is perceived. Many view us as cooks, bakers, & bazaar supporters while others think we are some sort of clique. These perceptions are old, outdated, and poor excuses for not participating. It is time for change. As we engage new members, especially younger ladies, we should think about developing a "Moms & Monoogs" sub-group. They would do whatever they wanted on their own schedule. Guilds should support clubs such as knitters or moviegoers. There might be women who want to establish a Bible study with Christ centered discussions. It's all about bringing the women together. Some projects may be small & intimate while others are all encompassing.

Just as we were opening up avenues and developing possible platforms, we were told we had run out of time. When we reassembled the clergy had moved on to another meeting. There was no further opportunity to tie up loose ends. We hope the Diocese will bring us back together in the near future to complete our discussions and create an innovative framework for the future.

When the afternoon session opened, we heard from Garnik Nanagouljian who spoke on behalf of FAR. There is an Elder Program in Armenia that needs additional financial support. The video was very interesting and should be seen in every church in our diocese.

The CASP report was presented by Lucy Murad, Tanya Bukucuyan, and Anne Terkanian. In 2012 a total of 1108 children were enrolled in the program, which has 554 sponsors. Unfortunately there were also 230 children still waiting for sponsorship. Additional Guild business rounded out the session.

The following morning session was very interesting. We participated with the delegates in the Diocesan Assembly Roundtable. We focused on living the Gospel of Christ and making the five major feast days more meaningful. The afternoon session focused on emotional intelligence. I came away from the meetings feeling extremely positive and hoping we can reach out to more women in our parish at each age level.

When I returned home it was time to celebrate Mother's Day. This year was special because there was no preparing, cooking, or cleaning up! Forty ladies went to brunch at Peddler's Village in New Hope. We were queens for the day as we enjoyed our sisterhood. Thanks to Jeanette Der Hagopian for planning our outing. As for the future, the James Michener Museum is planning an exhibit honoring the life of Grace Kelly that might interest us and we hopefully will celebrate Advent with a holiday luncheon at church. Let us not forget the bazaar is right around the vacation corner.

I am again reaching out to the women of Holy Trinity. Please step up to the plate and volunteer for our board. Let's create some interesting plans and have fun along the way. Call me at 610-449-2236 or send an email message to lizbarone04@gmail.com. Looking forward to hearing from YOU!!!

Elizabeth Barone

200 Club Winners

NOVEMBER 2012

\$1,000 - HARRY SARKISIAN - #51
\$ 400 - CECELIA GARIBIAN - #170
\$ 200 - MICHAEL SCUTTI - #93
\$ 200 - ROBERT SARKISIAN - #199
\$ 200 - GEORGE D. MUKALIAN - #128

DECEMBER 2012

\$ 500 - RONALD MUKALIAN - #180
\$ 200 - EDWARD ATTARIAN - #14
\$ 100 - RICHARD WEINSHEIMER - #141
\$ 100 - HARRY ANDONIAN - #177
\$ 100 - RONALD ASADOORIAN - #143

JANUARY 2013

\$ 500 - ELIZABETH BARONE - #27
\$ 200 - ROSEMARIE ZARZATIAN - #32
\$ 100 - PEARL & MARY JAMGOCHIAN - #167
\$ 100 - LARRY DERHAGOPIAN - #69
\$ 100 - MARY & ROBT. SARKISIAN - #144

FEBRUARY 2013

\$ 500 - JOHN KASH - #196
\$ 200 - RONALD ASADOORIAN - #143
\$ 100 - JEFF THOMPSON - #2
\$ 100 - MICHAEL PARETCHAN - #55
\$ 100 - HELEN GALLAGHER - #175

MARCH 2013

\$ 500 - HAIG DADOURIAN - #94
\$ 200 - ROMAN RADYNSKY - #21
\$ 100 - RICHARD MUKALIAN, JR - #188
\$ 100 - GEORGE D. MUKALIAN - #128
\$ 100 - FRANK AGHAZARMIAN - #108

APRIL 2013

\$ 500 - HARRY SARKISIAN - #50
\$ 200 - BRYAN PECKJIAN - #20
\$ 100 - ARAM KUMKUMIAN - #190
\$ 100 - MERLE SANTERIAN - #75
\$ 100 - HARRY SARKISIAN - #46

MAY 2013

\$ 500 - LAWRENCE DERHAGOPIAN - #69
\$ 200 - JOHN KASH - #38
\$ 100 - CHRIS PEACOCK - #26
\$ 100 - CARLENE THOMASSIAN - #110
\$ 100 - HARRY MIRIJANIAN - #109



ACYOA JRs –That's a Wrap!

Thank you for a great year of religious, community and cultural enrichment. ACYOA Jrs. fulfilled its mission of Worship, Witness, Fellowship, Education and Service with the help of our parishioners and Parish Council. Below are some ACYOA Junior's impressions of our last few activities of the Sunday School year 2012-2013.

GENOCIDE WALK

When I first got to the Mher Statue I met up with Ani Javardian, Krikor Javardian and Brenda Yazujian. It was a beautiful day with a decent crowd and friendly atmosphere. We put carnations on the statue in memory of those killed. Once we started the walk people were talking, chatting and waving their Armenian Flags. As we continued walking, people on the sidewalks were asking about what we were doing and why we were doing it. We told them and handed out papers with information on them. A street performer said he would eat more turkey at Thanksgiving because Turkey committed genocide...I guess he understood. We walked about 4 miles from the Art Museum all the way to Independence Mall. This was my first year doing this type of event. I learned a lot about the ways people have been affected by genocide from the two speakers. This really opened my eyes to hear a first-hand account. Afterwards we ate lunch with some of the Holy Trinity participants.

Andrew Movsesian

AID FOR FRIENDS

During Aid for Friends we made food for people who could not leave their home to get food for themselves. The main meal included meatloaf that we shaped and cooked. We also included pilaf and a vegetable. Everyone worked hard together making the food. Once it was cooked we cut the meatloaf in half and poured gravy over it. The meal looked delicious. Each of us did our part in packaging it and getting it ready to be sent out. This was a great experience because it taught us how to help those who are less fortunate than us. *

Andrew Movsesian

**Thank you to Florence Boyajian, Jeanette DerHagopian and Vicki Shakarjian for their guidance in the Kitchen. Thanks to Merle Santerian and Nancy Basmajian for the bible lesson about Hunger.*

ACYOA DAY, PALM SUNDAY

By Bennett Oskanian

This year I just joined the ACYOA Jrs, and was looking forward to serving during lunch. It was a wonderful experience to see everyone talking, laughing, joking and having a great time. I learned how stressful the job of a waiter is and proper serving skills. I enjoyed this and took away from this.



ACYOA Seniors Update

By Krikor Javardian

The ACYOA Seniors have been keeping busy the past few months by participating in various events. The first of these events we participated in was the Philadelphia Armenian Genocide Walk, which was held on April 27th. Several of us participated in the walk while others volunteered for the event. It was quite inspiring to see members from the Philadelphia Armenian churches join together for one tremendously significant cause that touches us all.

Several of us also attended the Mer Doon Dance held in Santerian Hall on May 18th. The event was held to raise money to support the Mer Doon organization, which helps young women in Armenia transition from orphanages to society. It was a very entertaining night which included DJing by Robbie Barone, raffle prizes, a delicious spread of mezze and sweets, and a video presentation on the Mer Doon organization. The event involved attendees of all ages intermingling and enjoying the night while supporting a very special organization.

On May 19th, the Holy Trinity men's basketball team won the Armenian Basketball League championship for the second consecutive year. The league consists of Armenian churches in the area with some churches having enough players to field two teams. Most of the members of the Holy Trinity team consisted of our ACYOA Seniors who would compete together for the past few months on Sunday nights at Beverly Hills Middle School in Upper Darby, PA. Holy Trinity defeated St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Church in the championship game to reclaim the Armenian Basketball League trophy. From May 23-27 many of our ACYOA Seniors made the annual trip to ACYOA Seniors Sports Weekend which was held in Rhode Island this year. We had over 20 participants from Holy Trinity which made it one of the best turnouts for our parish in quite some time. We fielded volleyball and basketball teams which both advanced out of their regional divisions but unfortunately lost in the following rounds. At night we took part in the dances, which included a Saturday night Kef Time dance which was attended by over 500 people. Overall, the weekend was a huge success and all of our participating members had an outstanding time in Rhode Island during Memorial Day Weekend.

Thank you everyone for your support and have a great summer!

Church School Corner

Recently, our Church School's Teen Seminar (grades 9-11) students selected a few verses from the Old Testament Book of Proverbs and, after dropping the last part of each verse, asked the 2nd and 3rd graders in Grace Meranshian's class to give them a new ending. Take a look at the results:

Don't listen to bad people because...

- they are bad.
- they will kill you.
- you will follow them.
- something bad could happen to you.
- they can lead you the wrong way.
- they are mean.

All wisdom comes from the Lord and so does...

- money.
- the world.
- heaven.
- meaningful lessons.
- advice.
- peace.

All who refuse correction will...

- be really bad people.
- be punished.
- won't be better.
- pay.
- cry.
- not be smart.

You can be sure that the Lord will protect you from...

- danger.
- the bad.
- evil.
- bad people.
- mean people.
- tarantulas.

If you are smart, you will...

- get rewarded, be happy and be a good boy.
- succeed.
- succeed in life.
- be good.
- be challenged.
- know what to do.

Make your father truly happy by...

- giving him a present.
- promising him you will tell the truth.
- hugging him.
- being nice to him.
- swimming.
- getting good grades and doing what he wants you to do.

When you are invited to eat with the king...

- be nice and listen to what he is saying.
- be polite.
- you should be respectful.
- have good manners.
- talk to him about why he rules.
- be good.

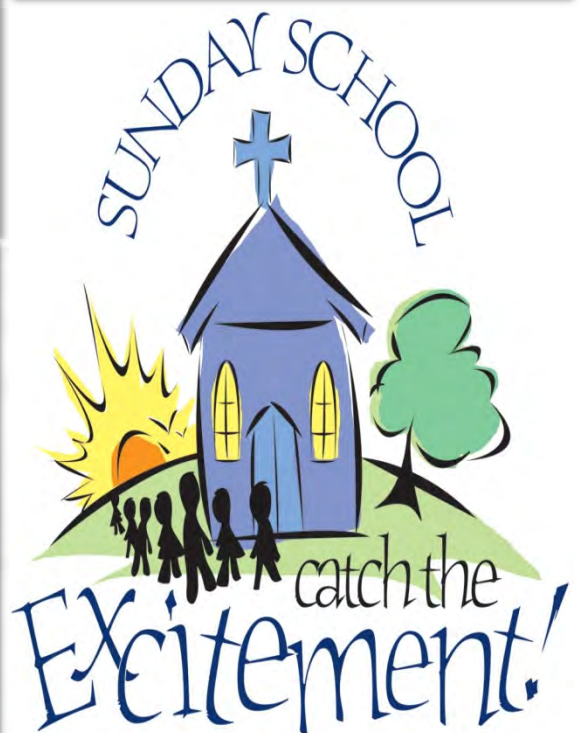
A lazy person says...

- I'm tired.
- No, I don't want to do anything but sleep.
- Sit down.
- Lazy things.
- Be quiet.
- I'm going to do it later (and never does it).

If you lie to your parents, you will...

- get in trouble (4 students replied this way)
- get the consequences.
- get in trouble and go to "timeout."





Holy Trinity Church School News

The end of the school year is here already. Our students have been very busy since the last issue of the Looy's. They performed at the Palm Sunday Banquet, planted flowers outside of church (donated by Robert Damerjian, Jr.), raised \$480 towards the Diocesan Annual Lenten Drive by creating blankets that we then delivered to the Astra Zeneca Hope Lodge (a place in Cheltenham for patients undergoing cancer treatments, run by the American Cancer Society), held a graduation ceremony, and had their end-of-year Hantes.

The teachers, Yn. Anna and I are so proud of our students for their hard work and dedication. Our pilot project this past year of combining religion and language classes seems to have been a success that we plan on continuing in the next school year. We could not have done this without the support of Der Hayr, the Parish Council and our parents. Thank you to all!

As part of the program, the first Sunday of the month is dedicated to bringing the students to participate in church and take communion. We would like to thank the Knights of Vartan for providing a wonderful breakfast on May 5th for the students and teachers.



June 2nd was graduation and the annual Hantes. Congratulations to our two graduates - Sophia Carnevale and Taline King - for successfully completing their course. A short graduation service was performed by Der Hayr in church following Badarak. Nancy Basmajian then presented them with diplomas and gift. The Hantes took place downstairs in the hall following graduation and pictures. A BIG thank you to Ara Shakarjian for always being there to photograph our activities!!!!

Two hundred people watched as our younger students, ages four to thirteen, sang songs and recited poems in Armenian. Students thirteen to seventeen performed a play celebrating the conversion of Armenia to Christianity. (The Feast of St. Gregory the Enlightener's deliverance from the pit, is celebrated in the Armenian Church on June 1st.) We were all so proud of all of the students for a job "well done."

Sunday School is the place for children to learn about their faith, church, and culture. It is a "home away from home," where the children can come together and feel accepted and safe. It is where they will make life-long friends and memories.

We had forty-one students registered this past school year. We pray that number will increase in the fall! Have a wonderful summer!



Yn. Anna and Nancy Hovnanian

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Holy Trinity (PA) ACYOA Chapter Hosts Palm Sunday/ACYOA Day Banquet

By Krikor Javardian

On March 24th, Holy Trinity Armenian Church (Cheltenham, PA) held a Palm Sunday/ACYOA Day Banquet hosted by the church's ACYOA Chapter. The program was held after church services and was attended by nearly two hundred church parishioners. Holy Trinity was honored to have His Eminence Archbishop Vicken Aykazian in attendance as he made the trip from Washington D.C. to bless us with his presence. The program began with Srpazan Hayr providing the blessing of the table. Following the blessing I, Krikor Javardian, provided a welcoming and background information on the ACYOA including its history, mission, and its focus on the Five Circles of the Cross (Worship, Witness, Service, Education, and Fellowship). Fifteen of the church's ACYOA Juniors worked as food servers for the banquet. Prior to their serving, each of the ACYOA Juniors was introduced to the crowd with a brief few lines about their education, activities, hobbies, and interests.

After the serving of the Lenten meal, which was prepared by Anne Terkanian and her hardworking kitchen staff, the crowd was treated to a beautiful piano performance by ACYOA Junior, Taline King. The piece was titled "Bagatelles op. 5, no. 6" by Alexander Tcherepnin. Following the piano piece was a performance skit titled "Thine is the Kingdom: A Skit of the Lord's Prayer" which was performed by ACYOA Juniors Andrew Movsesian and Ani Javardian. The skit provided some laughs but also allowed for us all to realize the power and importance of prayer. Next up was Holy Trinity Parishioner and Diocesan Delegate, Mr. Antranig Garibian, who was the keynote speaker. The speech, titled "Everybody's Church - Meeting the Needs of the Entire Church Family", was based off of a survey Mr. Garibian conducted about how the Armenian Church is viewed. The speech was especially intriguing and really allowed for all of us to reflect upon what we are doing right and what we can do to improve the church for our church family. Next, was another piano piece, but this one was performed by 10-year-old Maria Danielyan. She amazed us with her playing of "A Tale of Strange Lands" by Aram Khachaturian. Our final musical performer was Anzhela Hovhannisyan who played two absolutely breathtaking pieces on the violin. The first was "Krounk" by Komitas and the second was "Uzun-Dara" by Aram Khachaturian.



The remainder of the program involved the honored members of the head table speaking. First was Parish Council Chairman, John Kash, who provided brief remarks thanking all those who serve the church. Next, Holy Trinity's beloved Yn. Anna Gevorgyan spoke about the importance of the ACYOA and how her family and friends in Armenia are forming a similar organization for the youth. Following Yn. Anna was our revered parish leader, Der Hakob Gevorgyan who gave his message about how imperative the youth is to the future of our church and the Armenian Church at large. He also expressed his deep appreciation for the ACYOA and how the church is always there to support the ACYOA. Der Hayr then introduced the final speaker, His Eminence Archbishop Vicken Aykazian. Srpazan Hayr provided a riveting speech in which he discussed how the church is central to all Armenians. Srpazan Hayr stated, "Church is the family of Armenian people wherever you go. Whether you speak English, or Armenian, or Turkish, or French, or German, wherever you go, which part of the world you go you see a church and you know that it's your church. It's an Armenian church and it's your church. It's your home." Srpazan Hayr stressed the importance of making sure that we all connect with each other after church services and stay after to bond with each other which in turn will allow for a church to grow. He also expressed his gratitude to all of those that serve the church and to all of those that serve God. It was the perfect ending to an afternoon at Holy Trinity filled with superb talent, reflection, laughter, great food, and long-lasting memories.

The Armenian Church celebrates the Transfiguration of Christ on July 7 this year.

The following is a meditation by Dn. Albert Keshgegian:



Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. Mt. 17:1-8

The Transfiguration celebrates the time when Jesus took three of his disciples and went with them to a high mountaintop (Mt. Tabor) away from everything else. What was going to happen was not for everyone to see, only those whom Jesus chose. There, on that mountaintop, something extraordinary did happen. Jesus was transfigured.

The word transfiguration has two meanings – "to be changed in appearance" and "to be exalted or glorified." Both of these happened in Jesus' transfiguration. He shone like a bright light, like the sun, and his clothes became white. Prophets from long ago, Moses and Elijah, who had been dead for years, appeared with Jesus and talked with him.

We see events like this in horror movies and on TV and they're meant to be frightening. But God didn't do all this to frighten the disciples; he did this to explain dramatically, in a way that would get attention, who Jesus was. God affirmed the divinity of the man Jesus. The disciples were afraid, though. But what did Jesus do? He went to them; he touched them and told them not to be afraid.

This event is meaningful for each of us, besides being a story in the Gospels from Jesus' life. First of all, it shows us the power God has, even in our own lives. God's power is strong and could be frightening, but his power is with us and helps us, just as Jesus touched the disciples and told them not to be afraid.

Second, the transfiguration tells us that Jesus was not just another good man or another prophet like Moses or Elijah. What did God the Father say about Jesus? He said that Jesus was his beloved Son. Jesus was the Son of God and actually one of the three persons who together are God. Jesus was both the fulfillment of the Jewish law (represented by Moses) and the prophets (represented by Elijah) who foretold the coming of the Messiah.

And finally, remember that this all took place away from most people, high on a mountaintop set apart. How can we be with Jesus and share in the power and love of God? The Father explains how when he says, "This is my Son, the Beloved; ... listen to him." If we listen to what Jesus tells us, if we hear and understand and do it, we can become transfigured – changed – into followers of Christ in the love of God. We can share in the power of God and in his brightness. And we can be filled in our hearts with the joy that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, who can save us from sin and from darkness, and bring us to the light of God.



\$ 4984/Week

Some of our church attendees have no comprehension of what it takes to keep the doors open. They ask “Why do we need dues, Stewardship, contributions or have fundraising events?”

The answer is simple. We have all these fundraising approaches to raise the \$4984/week, every week, to pay all of our bills every week throughout the year. This enables us to keep our doors open and be available for all of your religious needs including rites, education (Armenian/Sunday School), youth sponsorships, and fellowship to name a few. No one does it for us so we have to do it ourselves.



The income is budgeted to come from the following sources:

Dues	\$ 959
Stewardship	\$ 575
Contributions	\$1021
Church Affairs	\$ 815
Church organizations	\$ 522
Interest and hall rental	<u>\$1092</u>
Income/week required	\$4984

This is equal to \$712/day in 2013.

As you can see, every category is important and requires the involvement of every attendee, not just members. We ask each and every attendee to do their share not only financially, but also in participation.

About our Family

As we approach the “lazy, hazy days of summer,” we are happy to report that several of our members who have had surgery are doing much better, specifically Lucy Aghazarian and Robert Damerjian, Sr. May they continue in good health.....Wedding bells rang for Nadia Silk and Vache' Soghomonian who were married at St. Vartan Cathedral on April 13 with no fewer than eight clergy sharing in the honors. Many in our church and community were happy to be witnesses at this happy event and we wish them many more blessings. They are currently residing in California but we look for them to return to us soon....We are so enjoying the many new babies being born in our community and you will too! Welcome to: Allesandra Rose Garibian (daughter of Sabrina and Antranig and sister to big brother Raffi); Ani Khachikyan (daughter of Deacon Ardak and Hasmig and sister to big brother Hrant); Joseph Aram Topakbashian (second son of Alexis and Alex and baby brother to Jacob and Jemma); and Elias John Terkanian (second son of Amy and Nick and baby brother to Lucas). We congratulate their families including the many joyous grandparents who continue to be blessed with their arrival...Our deepest sorrows go out to the Mahserejian Family on the passing of their husband, father and grandfather, and our devoted Deacon Krikor who served at our Holy Altar for 45 years. He lovingly guided and taught so many of the young men who are serving today and he will surely be missed..... Get well wishes to Helen Terzian Gallagher who has been under doctor's care for an extended period of time. We pray her health will soon turn for the better.... Our Church Family extends condolences to the families of Alice Der Pilbosian, Evelyn Meranshian and Noubar Mangasarian, all of whom were long-time Holy Trinity members....“Hometown boy makes good” and so it was when Antranig Garibian was elected for the first time to the Diocesan Council at this year's annual Diocesan Assembly. We are proud of him for the contribution he is now making at this level.....If you are seeking a grand dining experience, look no more. Tavitt Murray is the new Executive Chef at Georges on the Main Line, having trained under the famed George Perrier. Tav was previously chef de cuisine for well-known restaurateur, television personality and author Geoffrey Zakarian. One look at the menu will tell you you're in for a treat!...It's a “new day” for our esteemed Parish Council Treasurer, John Hanamirian, who branched out and opened a law firm with offices in Moorestown and Manhattan. John continues his practice in corporate, mergers and acquisitions, business planning and governance, tax and white collar defense matters. We wish him continued success.....Of the many new babies having been born in the last six months, two of them are already “regulars” in church: Stepan Andonian (son of Karinne & Krikor) and Maneh Keshgegian (daughter of Armenouhi and Jimmy). Both babies are becoming accustomed to the sites & sounds in the sanctuary, and we are becoming accustomed to their sweet presence.....and before we end, we congratulate our own Nancy Basmajian who retired from her many facets of full-time work at our Diocese in New York after 34 years. We have always known how fortunate our parish was to have someone with her theological training, teaching and guiding us in Christian education.... A safe and fun summer to all – and don't be a stranger these next few months!!



Our Grads

Skye Jilajian is part of the graduating class of 2013 from Lenape High School in Medford, NJ. She will be attending Montclair State University in the fall, with plans to pursue a profession in Speech Pathology. She is the daughter of Brenda Jilajian and granddaughter of Alyce Jilajian and the late Ara Jilajian.



Brenda Mariam Yazujian, daughter of Greg and Diane Yazujian and granddaughter of Jack and Helen Vishab and Vera Hartunian, is a member of the 2013 graduating class of North Penn High School. Brenda will be attending Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York, in the fall; and will be majoring in Fashion Merchandising. At North Penn High School, Brenda was very active in the Class Cabinet, the Fashion Club, the Best Buddies Club and the French Club. Brenda is a graduate of the Holy Trinity Sunday School, the Chairman and Co-chairman of the Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors for the last four years, and has been assisting in the Holy Trinity Sunday School this past year. This summer, Brenda will be a Senior Counselor at AGBU (Armenian General Benevolent Union) Camp Nubar in the Catskill Mountains of New York.

Jaclyn King recently graduated Cum Laude from Robert Morris University with a Bachelor of Arts in Media Arts, with a concentration in TV/Video Production. While attending RMU in Pittsburgh, she was very involved in her sorority as vice president, student program board media historian, student government association, and the National Society of Leadership & Success. She also completed two different internships, one with the Pittsburgh Steelers, specifically Steelers TV, and another with an advertising agency in Aspinwall, PA, known as 321 Blink. She also was lucky enough to earn some awards and accolades during her schooling including the Outstanding Media Arts Student, Dean's Scholar, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges, the AMC Leadership Award, and a Bronze Telly while working with RMU TV. After a lot of hard work and dedication to her studies, Jaclyn would like to thank her family and friends for all of their love and support over this four-year-long journey. Jaclyn is the daughter of Janice and Robert King and granddaughter of Albert and Naomi Kapeghian.



Kristin Hoepfl, daughter of Mark & Lynne (DeMirjian) Hoepfl, graduated from Holy Family University with a degree in Psychology for Business. Kristin was a member of the Society for Human Resource Management, Psi Chi Honor Society, Kappa Theta Epsilon Honor Society and on the Dean's List several times. Her family would like to congratulate her on her many accomplishments and wish her happiness and success in the future years to come.

Frederick J. Jordan Jr. (Freddie), son of Fred and Janet Jordan and grandson of Rosemarie Zarzatian is graduating from Bensalem High School on June 19th, 2013. While at Bensalem, Freddie was in Marching Band, Symphonic Winds and Concert Band. He was also a member of the Drama Club's Stage Crew. Freddie is also an Eagle Scout. Freddie plans to attend The College of New Jersey with a major in Computer Engineering.



Megan Aslanian, a graduate of Neshaminy High School, has decided to attend Immaculata University in Immaculata, PA. She will be majoring in Music Therapy. Parents Steve and Dorie and brother Danny are very proud of her achievements and wish her the best in all her future endeavors.

Maritsa Sherenian, daughter of Michael and Suzanne Sherenian, graduated from Ithaca College with a Master's Degree in Speech and Language Pathology. While at Ithaca, Maritsa was a member of several honor societies and organizations. She was employed as a teaching assistant at the college for the past two years. Maritsa recently completed two externships at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and at Butler Elementary School in the Central Bucks School District. Maritsa is presently applying for her Clinical Fellowship Year, and will be employed within a hospital or educational setting.



KRISTINA SCALA/The Moorestown Sun

Moorestown resident Robert Damerjian, 11, holds a plaque he earned at the state wrestling championship on Sunday, March 17. Damerjian appeared at the championship for the first time and ranked in the top five of 95-pound novice.

New Member

We welcome the following new dues-paying member to our church family: Eric Silk

Baptisms

April 3, 2013: HOVIK PETROSYAN (Adult Confirmation)
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alesha Petrosyan

April 7, 2013: MILANA ABRAMIAN
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Valeri Abramian
Godfather: Olessandr Rozdobudko
Godmother: Anna Kucherenko

May 5, 2013: ALEXIA ZAKARYAN
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vahe Zakaryan
Godfather: Artak Zakaryan
Godmother: Daria Zakaryan

May 5, 2013: NATALIE ZAKARYAN
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vahe Zakaryan
Godfather: Robert Zakaryan
Godmother: Marina Kolyada



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God's
opinion that
the world
should
go on."***

— Carl Sandburg

Weddings

April 6, 2013:

MERUZHAN SUKIASYAN

& MARIANNA SARIBEKYAN

Best Man: Mushegh Andreasyan



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Eric Silk

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Endowments

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A way of donating to the church is in the form of an endowment. It can be for a specific purpose or for the general fund. The income for specified purposes is used to: subsidize camp for the children of our dues-paying members if needed; support the ACYOA SRs.; and to assist the Sunday School in their programming. The rest is budgeted to help cover our annual expenses.

Every year we receive a check from the Armenian Church Endowment Fund and income from three self-invested endowments we hold. This is tabulated below:

ARMENIAN ENDOWMENT FUND INCOME 2012

Account Name	Income
Lillian Avrigian Memorial Fund	\$52.32
Acabe & Roxie Boornazian Endowment Fund	\$601.67
Aram & Rose Boornazian Endowment Fund	\$261.59
Chalikian Family Memorial Fund	\$2,889.62
Nicole Der Hagopian Memorial Fund	\$1,161.98
Donchian, Hajeian, Chirkinian Fund	\$489.07
Karapet B. Garibian Endowment Fund	\$675.55
Niaz Garibian Memorial Fund	\$52.32
Mary Mirakian Sunday School Fund	\$397.03
Elsie Parnagian Youth Endowment Fund	\$310.50
Dr. Corinne Santerian Moore Endowment Fund	\$363.28
Ned Santerian Family Endowment Fund	\$575.51
Elizabeth Tookmanian Endowment Fund	\$116.69
HT Investments	\$10,509.13
V. Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Melkonian Endowment Fund	\$714.42
Nicole Der Hagopian Memorial Fund	\$273.07
Totals:	\$19,443.75

Self Invested Endowments	Income
George Ananian I	\$6123
George Ananian 11	\$28,987
Vera Kazigian	\$1,532
Totals:	\$36,642

How Your Endowment Gift Helps



Funerals

LUCY GARABEDIAN entered into her eternal rest on March 9, 2013. Funeral services were held on March 16, 2013 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

ELAINE JAMGOCHIAN entered into her eternal rest on March 11, 2013. Funeral services were held on March 15, 2013 at Kish Funeral Home. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

NOUBAR MANGASARIAN entered into his eternal rest on March 29, 2013. Funeral services were held on April 2, 2013 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

ALICE DER PILBOSIAN entered into her eternal rest on April 10, 2013. Funeral services were held on April 15, 2013 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

ROSE THOMASSIAN entered into her eternal rest on April 20, 2013. Funeral services were held on April 25, 2013 at Sunset Memorial Park. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

KRIKOR MAHSEREJIAN

entered into his eternal rest on May 10, 2013. Funeral services were held on May 14, 2013 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

EVELYN MERANSHIAN entered into her eternal rest on May 13, 2013. Funeral services were held on May 16, 2013 at Holy Trinity.

The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.



HOLY TRINITY MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>July</u>		
Richard Weinsheimer – 1	Nicklas Terkanian - 23	Gregory Keshgegian – 14
Fred Hess - 2	Lili Oflazian - 24	Hermine Bennuhan - 15
Nazig Rafiyev - 2	Lindsey Santerian - 24	Norik Gyulnazaryan - 15
Linda Santerian - 2	Setta Nazarethian - 25	Richard Maloumian – 15
Sarkis Hashas – 3	Noushig Hovhannesian - 26	Robert Zane - 15
James Der Hagopian - 4	Logan Radell - 26	Marguerite Arslanian - 17
Michael Hanamirian - 5	Peter Oskanian – 27	Kimberly Asadoorian - 17
Rose Minassian – 5	Kristine Koengetter - 28	Stephanie Williams – 17
Colleen Papazian - 5	Melissa Paretchan - 28	Millie Asadourian - 18
Martin Attarian - 6	Christine Peacock - 28	Larry Der Hagopian - 19
Lynn Hajatian - 6	Virginia Knott - 29	Daniel Mazmanian - 19
Jon Sarkisian - 6	Frederick Oskanian - 29	Nazareth Hajinian - 20
Christian Balint - 7	Christine Temoyan - 29	Araxie Radynsky - 20
Alice Charles – 7	Harry Sarkisian - 30	George Nazarethian - 22
Kim Willard – 7		Mary Sarkisian - 22
Brennan Pica - 8	<u>August</u>	Tavit Murray - 23
Melani Burrows - 9	Breanna Asadoorian - 1	Azlen Oskanian - 23
Antranik Garibian - 9	Jessica Sarkisian – 1	Harry Santerian – 23
Martin LeCompte - 9	Gine Terkanian – 1	Azlen Theobald - 23
Andrea Alexanian - 10	Diana Boghosian - 2	Albert DerPilbosian - 24
Maxwell Hanamirian – 11	Michael Hanamirian Jr - 2	Sue Injaian – 26
Artur Gyulnazaryan - 12	Rose Kalafian - 2	Helen Kazigian – 26
Mary Jamgochian - 12	Albert Santerian – 2	Donna Sarkisian - 27
Merle Santerian - 12	Richard Doudoukjian – 3	Aram Kumkumian - 28
Garen Boghosian - 16	Nane Hovsepian Arpajian - 3	William McGarvey - 28
Anne Terkanian – 17	Elizabeth Kapeghian – 3	Arthur Baldadian - 30
Judy Paretchan - 18	Meredith Hanamirian – 4	Richard Maloumian – 30
Alex Alexanian – 19	Jeff Hajatian - 6	Shirley Hajatian - 31
Jeannine Carol Juskalian - 19	Heather Maloumian - 6	Cate Zane - 31
Susan DerHagopian - 20	Helen Mirijanian - 6	
Janet Jordan - 20	Kristen Santerian - 9	<u>September</u>
Robert Barone - 21	Ohannes Hashas - 10	Brayden Asadoorian - 1
Raffi Kaprielian - 21	Mary Ohnigian – 10	Gary DerHagopian - 3
Garob Garibian - 22	Adrienne Movsesian - 11	Gianna Tancredi - 3
Jessica Jordan - 23	Kelsey Sarkisian - 12	Jenna Tancredi – 3
	John DerHagopian - 14	George Terkanian - 4
		Andrew Movsesian - 5
		Paul Oflazian Jr - 6
		Marie Hagopian – 7
		Richard Nalbandian – 8
		Sabrina Garibian - 9
		Patrice Keshgegian - 10
		Mark Santerian – 10
		Ralph Arpajian – 11
		George Medzigian - 12
		David Santerian – 12
		Robert Zoolalian - 12
		Ani Gargan – 14
		Vahan Paretchan – 16
		Annabelle Alexanian - 17
		David Brann - 18
		John Alexanian - 19
		Alice Andonian - 19
		Arpena Hajatian - 19
		John Juskalian Jr - 19
		John Lillis - 21
		Valerie Santerian – 21
		Greg Bilazarian – 22
		Raffi Garibian - 23
		Diana McGarvey – 23
		Legna Santerian - 23
		Clarence Kalenian - 25
		Ani Peckjian - 25
		Christopher Boyajian – 26
		Carlene Thomassian - 26
		Christopher Owens – 28
		Tyler Juskalian - 29
		Robert Ohnigian – 29



HOLY TRINITY MEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



<u>July</u>	
Albert & Naomi Kapeghian - 7/3/1954	Gary & Sonia Papazian - 8/28/1954
Sarkis & Katie Hashas - 7/12/1959	Gregory & Karinne Andonian - 8/28/2010
William & Diana McGarvey - 7/12/1986	Serge & Adrienne Minassian - 8/31/1957
Mark & Silva Santerian - 7/16/1988	
Gary Jr & Colleen Papazian - 7/24/2009	<u>September</u>
Antranig & Sabrina Garibian - 7/25/2009	Fred & Michele Oskanian - 9/3/1994
Garen & Diana Boghosian - 7/27/????	Kim & Gena Willard - 9/9/2001
	Richard & Naomi Mukalian - 9/13/1981
	Peter & Theresa Hovnanian - 9/14/1986
	Robert, Sr & Lorraine Damerjian - 9/15/1962
	George & Marguerite Arslanian - 9/19/1965
	Robert, Jr & Melody Damerjian - 9/19/1993
	Van & Suzanne Injaian - 9/24/1961
	Michael & Dori Juskalian - 9/26/1998
	Henry & Brenda LeCompte - 9/27/????
	Harry & Valerie Santerian - 9/29/1996
	John, Jr & Adrienne Juskalian - 9/29/1984
<u>August</u>	
Daniel & Kimberly Dunigan - 8/11/1996	
Garob & Cecelia Garibian - 8/12/2011	
Michael & Lynn Hajatian, Jr. - 8/12/1972	
Paul & Leslie Movsesian - 8/18/1990	
Vartan & Elize Mazmanian - 8/19/1962	
Aram & Lucy Aghazarian - 8/22/1964	
George & Setta Nazarethian - 8/22/1950	
Ara & May Arzoumanian - 8/27/2005	



STEWARDSHIP 2012

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Walter Bagian
Arthur and Casey Baldadian
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Alice Charles
Bob and Lorraine Damerjian

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Larry D. Der Hagopian
Albert and Valerie DerPilbosian
Melinee Derassouyan
Elizabeth Hovsepien
Mary Jamgochian
Pearl Jamgochian
Harry and Rose Kalafian
Berj and Alice Kalustyan
Alice Karabian
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Richard and Helen Kazigian
Albert and Patrice Keshgegian
Virginia Knott
Serge and Adrienne Minassian
George and Setta Nazarethian
Robert and Jean Ohnigian

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Michael and Tanya Paretchan
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Harry Sarkisian
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George and Anne Terkanian
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Edward Terzian
Jack and Helen Vishab
Richard and Evelyn Weinsheimer
Kim and Gena Willard
Greg and Diane Yazujian
Rosemarie Zarzatan

Total: \$26,430.00

STEWARDSHIP 2013 (* New stewards since last listing)

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Hagop Arzoumanian
Steve and Doretta Aslanian
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Richard and Helen Kazigian
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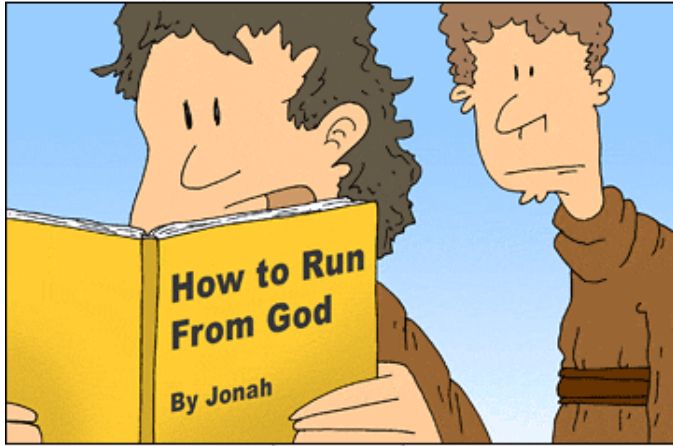
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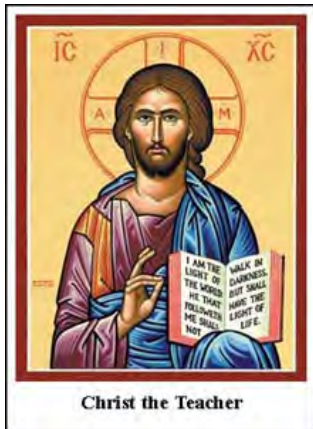
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Archdeacon Krikor Mahserejian (1930-2013)



Krikor Mahserejian, the second child of Kevork and Khatoun, was born in Aleppo, Syria on March 3, 1930. At age four he lost his mother and upon his father's remarriage to Zabel, Krikor was blessed. Zabel raised him with tender care and offered him two more brothers and two sisters.

Krikor was the son of a family of ten. In his earlier life he was obligated to work as a mechanic to help alleviate the financial burden of the family. From his childhood Krikor loved the Armenian Church and served as an acolyte and as a member of the choir of Sourp Asdvadzadzin Church. He got involved also in the community life as an active athlete scout. An ambitious youth, Krikor joined the athletic

club "HMM" (Armenian Athletic Union). His constant participation to the annual athletic games of "HMM" in Beirut, Lebanon, paved him the way for new friendships, and he was liked by all both in Aleppo and in Beirut.

Afterwards, he worked as a public and private bus driver.

In 1955 Krikor married Anais Mahserejian and were blessed with three children, Kevork, Zepure and Movses. Krikor and his wife became the proud grandfathers of four grandchildren, Matthew and Jason, Lori and Melanie, children of their son Kevork and daughter Zepure.

In 1968 Krikor and his family moved to the United States and lived in Philadelphia permanently, where he was involved in the life of Holy Trinity Armenian Church in Cheltenham wholeheartedly. He served on the Altar as a devout and knowledgeable sub-deacon. For his dedicated and faithful service to the church, the Primate Archbishop Torkom Manoogian ordained him deacon, and later bestowed on him the title of Archdeacon. He served the church all his life to the end with love and complete dedication.

In 2005 His Holiness Karekin II Catholicos of All Armenians awarded Archdeacon Krikor Mahserejian a Pontifical Encyclical "appreciating his lifelong and unwavering service to the Armenian Church faithfully over decades".

Along years of turmoil, hard work and concern, lately Krikor Sargavak lost his health and felt weak physically, but spiritually uplifted and hopeful. He ignored all infirmities and wasted no time for his church. On the Altar of Holy Trinity Armenian Church Archdeacon Krikor Mahserejian felt always comforted and strong. He remained optimistic to the end and looked forward to continuing his service wherever needed.

It was a great loss indeed when Deacon Krikor Mahserejian, a devoted father, a loving and caring grandfather, a prayerful servant of the Lord, departed from this life on Friday, May 10, surrounded by his loved ones.

May the memory of the righteous be blessed.

Deacon Hagop Gagossian



For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God (Job 19:25-26)

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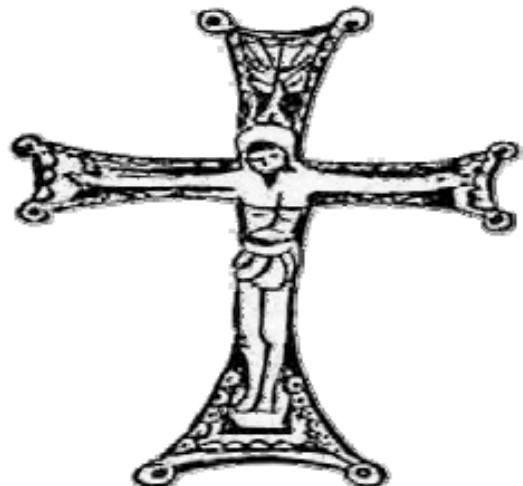
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Walk Thru the Bible Old Testament - A Big Hit!

On Saturday, November 9, over 100 people from all five Armenian churches in the Philadelphia area (including clergy) gathered at our church to do something they never imagined they would ever do – they mimed, spoke, gestured, laughed and prayed their way through the entire Old Testament in a mere six hours.

“Walk Thru the Old Testament” was sponsored by the Diocesan Department of Youth and Education in generous partnership with both Holy Trinity and Sts. Sahag & Mesrob. The costs of the breakfast and lunch were generously donated mainly by individuals of Holy Trinity. (A listing appears elsewhere in this issue.)

The day’s instructor was Roger Petersen, a professor at Cairn University in Langhorne, PA for over thirty years and an instructor for the Walk Thru the Bible organization for 35. (Walk Thru the Bible is an international organization employing thousands of instructors throughout the world, including Armenia). With advanced degrees in education and Biblical/narrative studies and decades of ministry experience as a preacher and teacher, Petersen had many in the audience nodding nostalgically when he related that his earliest memories of the Old Testament were flannelgraph stories in Sunday School.

From the moment Petersen took the stage, the audience was mesmerized. Between brief explanations of content, he led participants through gestures and mnemonic techniques to help them learn and remember the Old Testament story, from Creation through the prophetic voices that preceded the coming of Christ. He called on a host of talents, assuming different voices, even masterfully employing ventriloquism (his storytelling has been featured on a CD of Hans Christian Andersen’s Christian-themed tales). It was a wondrous exercise in imagination: at one point he had everyone picture themselves as standing on a map of the ancient Near East and locate the great cities, rivers, and seas of Bible times (youngest participant Peter Ohnigian, an 8th grade Sunday School student was designated the city of Ur). By day’s end, he had participants almost eager for another chance to go through the story themselves, from the beginning. “We never thought it would be possible to learn so much in such a short time in such an interesting way!” observed Larry and Kim Der Hagopian.

Petersen would frequently pause in prayerful reflection and apply Old Testament lessons to people’s daily lives. As a result, many people later cited a desire to grow more trusting, more loyal, more faithful and more loving in their relationship with Jesus Christ as well as extend those goals into all their relationships from friendships to marriages. Among other inspiring moments was the final exercise when the entire audience of over 100 faced each other in two groups and in responsorial style read verses from Genesis and then Revelation; people were stunned to see the parallels and how all was promised fulfillment in time “when death and sorrow would be no more and we would once again see the Lord’s face “ (Rev 21:4; 22:4).

If the success of a program can be marked by early arrivals (especially in an “Armenian time” environment), then this one was clearly off to a great start as participants arrived in huge numbers even before registration time. They were checked in, handed their name tags and textbooks, and guided to a breakfast buffet. In the same spirit, Der Hakob warmly welcomed the audience and the day began.

This Walk Thru is the third sponsored by the Diocese in different regions, an effort to infuse parishioners of all ages with the infectious joy that comes from knowing Scripture and growing closer to Christ. In keeping with the new Diocesan theme “Living the Gospel of





Christ,” subsequent Walk Thru events will focus on the New Testament. “This Walk Thru on the Bible was a great step in the right direction for the Armenian Church – bringing Scripture to life for us all to experience,” shared Diana Lulejian, a vibrant young adult, eager to see a New Testament seminar.

The enthusiasm of the audience and their glowing evaluations and pledges of spiritual commitment at day’s end affirmed the DYE vision of Christian education as a never-ending, life-long process. As he was locking up after the last person departed after a long joyful day, Der Hagop cheerfully declared: “Now when do we schedule a Walk Thru of the New Testament!?” --sentiments echoed by many participants heading home “filled with the Spirit.”

Before concluding this article, special mention must be made of those people who worked both visibly and behind the scenes to provide an outstanding day for all who attended: Ara Shakarjian (technology); Gloria Basmajian and Margo Silk (registration); and the cooks: Florence Boyajian, Barbara Harmon, Berjoohy Murray, Merle Santerian and Angel Tookman, all overseen by Jeanette Der Hagopian. Finally, deep appreciation to our very own Nancy Basmajian and Elise Antreassian from the Diocese, who navigated us through this program to help make it an incredible, and hopefully, life-changing day!



to the following who willingly helped defray the food costs for the Walk Thru the Old Testament event:

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Lenten Series 2013

We continued with our tradition of Friday evening Peace & Rest Services, followed by a Lenten meal and another year of informative and interesting programs. We extend a sincere thank-you to all those who kindly and willingly hosted our meals: Ella & Boris Avakyan; the Barone Family; Naomi & Rick Mukalian and Fran & Tom Torcomian; Anne & George Terkianian; and Lynn & Mike Hajatian and Gay & Haig Hagopian

Equally important were the subjects covered: Reflections on the Liturgy of the Word (Dr. Albert Keshgegian); The Three Trials of Jesus (Dr. Garo Garibian); Badarak Beyond the Words (Very Rev. Fr. Dr. Daniel Findikyan); Beginning to Pray: A How-to Guide (Nancy Basmajian); and ending with the always popular Armenian Church Jeopardy.



Mary Parnagian, Alice Torossian, Lorraine Damerjian, Berjoohy Murray, Maria Javardian and Karine Karakhanyan. This was indeed a real treat and made everything that much more special.

We wish to thank in particular Father Hakob, our donor who wishes to be anonymous and, of course, our audio/visual guy Ara Shakarjian!

In addition, a special thanks to the Derassouyan and DeMirjian families for their donation of time, hard work and patience. All of us were truly honored to work on this event!

Diana DeMirjian McGarvey

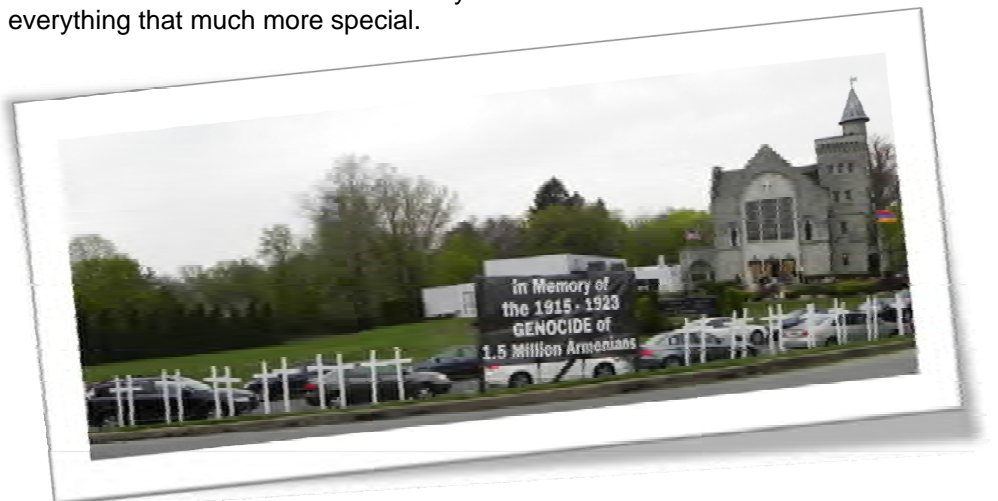
Though our attendance was not what we had hoped, those who came left with both physical and spiritual nourishment. Thank you to all who made this another successful series

Another Genocide Commemoration

On Sunday, April 21st we honored our ancestors with a special luncheon and the showing of "Aghet" a documentary film. The showing of this film on our Genocide was compelling and often painful. But, as time passes the suffering of our ancestors remains undiminished.

Immediately after Badarak all the guests were served a delicious luncheon prepared with skillful and loving hands by my family and members of our Women's Guild. The entire presentation was complimentary to all in attendance and over 120 platters were served.

One of the special pleasures were the delicious Armenian homemade pastries prepared and donated by Florence Boyajian,





In Honor of Nancy Basmajian

Following Badarak on Sunday, May 19, the Parish Council hosted an elaborate Coffee Hour in honor of Nancy Basmajian as she prepares to retire from her full-time work at the Diocese, culminating in a remarkable 34-year career.

Nancy joined the Diocese in 1979 after receiving her theological education at St. Nersess Seminary and served in many varied roles including ACYOA Juniors coordinator, co-director of the Department of Religious Education, and program director of St. Vartan Camp. In 2003 she began her association with the ACYOA Seniors when she was appointed as its Executive Secretary, a position she held longer than any previous occupant.

Although Nancy was dedicated in all the work she did throughout the Diocese for many different parishes, we at Holy Trinity were truly the beneficiaries of her leadership and guidance as she taught by example in her life-long commitment to her own parish. Not only was she the teacher of the upper and graduating classes of our Sunday School for more years than we can count, she has led Bible Studies and Women's Retreats, helped organize faith-based events, and has been a speaker many times over during the years at the annual Lenten Series and various other programs that have taken place.

During the informal Coffee Hour, Der Hakob Gevorgyan shared his thoughts about Nancy's commitment to her faith and the Armenian Church which were evident in the few short years he has known her. Following that, Krikor Javardian, Ani Peckjian and Alise Peckjian spoke about the influence she has had in their lives, not only in our parish but during weekend retreats, St. Nersess Summer Programs and countless other activities. As one of them said, "We have been fortunate, in our Church, to have a Sunday School Teacher who not only has kept us connected to our Armenian faith in the final years of Sunday School, but also to our Armenian community through the ACYOA."

In true humility that is Nancy's innermost spirit, this small recognition was even too much for her. Had she allowed it, we would have done so much more to honor her for all she has done, not only for the Diocese, but most especially for our parish. We salute Nancy as she continues in her service to God, the Armenian people and her fellow man.

Philadelphia-Regional Oriental Orthodox Concelebrated Liturgy **"A tangible manifestation of the unity of the Oriental Orthodox Churches"**

Medford, NJ - Holy Trinity (Cheltenham) and St. Sahag & St. Mesrob (Wynnewood) Armenian Churches participated in the first ever, regional Oriental Orthodox Concelebrated Liturgy on April 6. Hosted by St. Anthony Coptic Orthodox Church in Medford, NJ, nearly 200 parishioners of Oriental Orthodox churches attended the event. With over 27 deacons and 10 clergy hailing from 7 area churches, the occasion was quite



a success. "It was an eye opening experience," said Vaché Soghomonian, parishioner of St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Church who attended the liturgy.

Participating churches included: St. Anthony Coptic Orthodox Church, Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church, St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church, St. Gregory's Armenian Apostolic Church, Debre Ganet Kidus Gabriel Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, St. Peters Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, and St. George Coptic Orthodox Church.

For the Armenian clergy, it was their first time participating in a concelebration. Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan of Holy Trinity said, "It was a really wonderful opportunity to meet and pray with my fellow Oriental Orthodox clergy in the area."



Following the Liturgy, a Lenten lunch (the Coptic church has not yet celebrated Easter) was served accompanied with a keynote speech by Very Reverend Father Melake Ganet Tesfa Eyesus of Debre Ganet Kidus Gabriel Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church. In his speech, "Oriental Orthodox Cooperation in Evangelism," he blessed the audience with a beautiful sermon and lively Q&A. Fr. Tesfa also spoke powerfully and at length on the great necessity of our obedience to our hierarchs and lawful synods.

"To me, the concelebrated liturgy is not only the ultimate expression of our unity, but an icon of Heaven on Earth," Nicholas Siniari, committee member and deacon from St. Anthony Church. "As I stood with the other deacons this morning, watching our fathers, the priests raising incense to our Lord and offering the sacrifice upon the altar of God, I saw before me an earthly preview of the celestial paradise,

and a quote from the book of Revelation filled my mind:"

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and tribes, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God who sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.(Revelation 7:9-10)

The event was spearheaded by a small group of faithful of the Coptic, Armenian and Malankara Syriac churches. "Today's event is one of the first regional concelebrated liturgies performed under the official hand of SCOPOCH," said Nadia Silk, event committee member. "We pray that this become an annual tradition in our area and that Oriental Orthodox Churches in other regions are blessed with the opportunity to concelebrate together."

About SCOPOCH:

The Standing Conference of Oriental Orthodox Churches in America (SCOPOCH) was established in 1973 under the auspices of the late, then Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, together with His Eminence Mar Athanasius Yeshue Samuel, the late Syrian Orthodox Archbishop of the United States and Canada, as co-chairmen. It was felt that such an official organization would help to address the growing needs and challenges facing the Oriental Orthodox Churches in America.



An important activity of SCOPOCH has been a series of concelebrated hierarchical liturgies held at various locations. The first such celebration was held in Philadelphia at the time of the 41st International Eucharistic Congress of the Roman Catholic Church in August, 1976. Now hosted annually by one of the sister churches, in its own liturgical tradition, with the participation of the hierarchs, clergy and choirs of all of the sister churches, the concelebration provide a tangible manifestation of the sacramental unity enjoyed by the Oriental Orthodox Churches, as well as a wonderful opportunity for its faithful to meet and worship together. www.scooch.org

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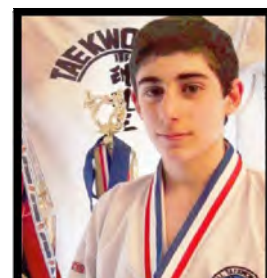
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Attending clergy, Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, Very Rev. Fr. Oshagan Gulgulian, and Rev. Nishan Bakalian led prayers at the start of the walk as well as the start of the program.



Walk chairperson, Krikor Yeremian, welcomed everyone to the 6th consecutive walk in Philadelphia. The walk is designed to educate the public on the Turkish denial of the atrocities committed against the Armenians by the Ottoman Empire, 1915-1918.

Anna Astvatsaturian Turcotte, author of "Nowhere, A Story of Exile" spoke movingly of the plight of Armenians during the pogroms in Baku, comparing her community's nightmare to that of 1915.

Nora Kzirian of the Armenian National Committee encouraged us to make a difference by being more active in having the Armenian Genocide recognized by our government. She challenged us with a "call to action" – to contact our legislators on this issue.

The program culminated with a lovely dance performance by the Hamazkayin Meghry Dance Group.

Though the number of attendees was disappointingly small, it was a lovely and inspiring day for all that were present.





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