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# Holy Trinity Armenian Church



# LOOYS



Cheltenham, PA

January to March 2011



**Քրիստոս Յարեալ է  
Մեռելոց**

**Christ is risen from  
the dead.**

**Օրհնեալ է  
Յարութիւնն  
Քրիստոսի**

**Blessed is the  
resurrection of  
Christ!**

#### Hours of Worship

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

***Come celebrate with  
Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan***



#### Upcoming Events

- March 27 - Mitchink Luncheon
- April 2 - Sainly Women's Day
- April 23 - Genocide Walk
- April 25 - Martyrs' Day Intercommunal
- May 10 - Annual Mother's Day Dinner
- June 5 - Sunday School Closing and Picnic
- October 28-29 - Harvest Bazaar

# Prayer

*Jesus says "But when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites. They love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. When you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father who is unseen. Then your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them. For your Father knows what you need before you ask Him." Matthew 6:5-8*

It is a fact that everyone prays. You don't have to be a believer to pray. Listen to the people around you, they remember God when crisis hits their lives, and during their normal lives they might not even think about the existence of God.

"Oh God, please help me!" this is the most common expression when people feel helpless. Why don't they remember God when everything is good in their life? I believe because they are busy with enjoying their lives.

Why do we pray if God already knows what we need? To pray doesn't mean to ask something from God, it means to have an honest conversation with our Creator and it shows about our relationship with our Heavenly Father. Every day we talk with our physical parents but we forget to talk with our spiritual Parent, who is more important than anybody else in this world. This short story will confirm what I just said.

A College president once spoke at the Theological Institute and said that the day before, he had a chance to talk with the Vice President. Two hours later he spoke briefly with the President. Then smiling broadly, he said, "But that's nothing! Today I talked with God!"

I spoke about people who forget or don't care to pray. It is weird, but there are people who believe that if fewer people pray then God can carefully listen to those who are praying. It is important to know that God is Omnipotent and He can listen to millions of prayers at the same time. The person of this story is one of those.

A man who needed millions of dollars for an important deal went to church to pray for the money. By chance he knelt next to a man who was praying for \$100 to pay an urgent debt. This man took out his wallet and pressed \$100 into the other man's hand.

Overjoyed, the man got up and left the church. And then the other one closed his eyes and prayed, "And now, Lord, now that I have Your undivided attention...."

To pray as Christians is to put ourselves in the situation where we see God as Father and speak to Him as His children. When children speak to their parents, there is hardly a right or wrong way.

Prayer is spiritual bread for us and it is necessary to eat every day. Without bread and water our bodies will be very weak and without prayer our spirits will be hungry and weak.

Dear faithful, let's be honest with our Heavenly Father and open our hearts up to Him every day. And if we want to improve our prayer, we should focus on improving our personal relationship with God. Amen

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan



# Parish Council Corner

This will be my last official Parish Council Corner remarks. My six years (three terms) on the Parish Council have come to an end. I have served on previous Parish Councils over my many years at Holy Trinity, in various positions, and in many other organizations in this church; but this one has been the most interesting, and challenging, one for me.

Being a Parish Council Chairman is no easy job to which many previous Chairs can attest. The many facets of church life including the various personalities of Board members, parishioners and the Pastor require finding a happy balance so that the work of the church is done in a positive way. And, in the case of the Board that I served on for six years, two of which as Parish Council Chairman, it was not easy, especially when, for most of those six years, we were without proper spiritual leadership. During that time, we suffered financially, and our membership dropped. As for myself, I feel that I have been blessed to have had the last of those six years under my leadership, because the first four years of the six, were the hardest; and, I am thankful that we had leaders like Bob Damerjian and John Kash who bore the brunt of the problem when we didn't have the proper spiritual leadership.

Once again, I have to say that as Vice Chairman under John Kash's leadership, during which time our biggest problems in recent years occurred, I learned a lot. This enabled me to feel comfortable when I was nominated to be Chairman. With his help as an outgoing Chairman, we were able to obtain our present Pastor, Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, who has shed a big ray of light on our church community. This past year has taken a load off our backs, by not having to find a priest every Sunday to do Badarak when we did not have a permanent one. He has worked out so well with our parish. He is gracious, humble, accommodating and a pleasure with whom to work.

We recently had our Parish Assembly on February 6, 2011, at which time we covered many things we wish to accomplish this year and going forward. We were blessed with the two wonderful monetary gifts: one from the George Ananian Estate that is presently being invested to preserve our future, and another from the PAND organization which will help us to provide scholarships for our children to attend Diocesan activities, religious retreats, help our Sunday school, Armenian Language school, etc. The Board, Der Hakob and I have worked on events we would like to see take place this year. The new Hayastantzies who have embraced our church are getting more involved and the future is looking brighter.

My term ends in the next month and I am looking forward to continue working in my parish, possibly going back to teaching Sunday school, my first love; and helping whenever I can and wherever I am needed. Holy Trinity is an intricate part of my life, and I will remain active, God willing, for as long as He wills it.

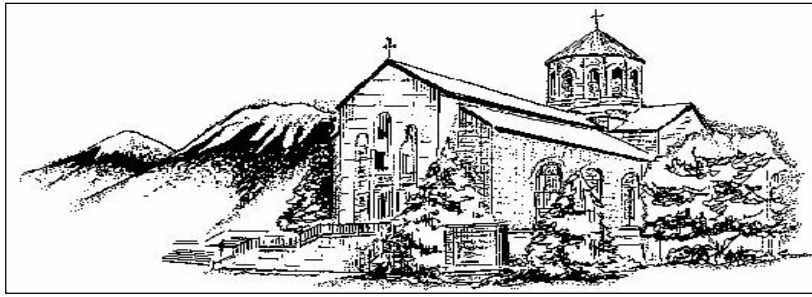
Merle Santerian

## Success

*You can use most any measure  
When you're speaking of success.  
You can measure it in fancy home,  
Expensive car or dress.*

*But the measure of your real success  
Is the one you cannot spend.  
It's the way your kids describe you  
When they're talking to a friend.*

*(reprinted from "Keepers" by Dear Abby)*



## Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church

Cheltenham, Pennsylvania

Presents



### 2011 Lenten Services

Services 6:30pm

Dinner 7:00pm

Program to Follow



Friday, March 11, 2011

Topic: Javaxq

Speaker: Fr. Babken Salbian

Friday, April 1, 2011

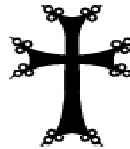
Topic: "The Lesser Known Parables  
of Lenten Sundays"

Speaker: Albert Keshgegian

Friday, March 18, 2011

Topic: 8<sup>th</sup> Century Armenia

Speaker: Gregory Andonian



Friday, April 8, 2011

Topic: "Words from the Cross"

Speaker: Garo Garibian

Friday, March 25, 2011

Topic: Prospects of Development of  
Armenia and the Armenian World

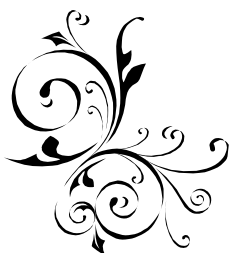
Speaker: Vartan Bezhanyan PhD.

(Student at University of  
Pennsylvania Law School)

Friday, April 15, 2011

Topic: Armenian Church Jeopardy  
with Host Al Trebekian

Speaker: Nancy Basmajian



A Lenten dinner will be served following Services

\$5.00 Adults

\$3.00 Children (ages 5-12)





# *EASTER SERVICES 2011*

## *Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church*



*April 21, 2011 Holy Thursday*


7:00 PM - Washing of the Feet

8:00 PM - Betrayal and Passion of Our Lord



*April 22, 2011 Great and Holy Friday*

7:00 PM - The Entombment of Our Lord Jesus Christ



*April 23, 2011 Great and Holy Saturday*  
*Easter Eve*

7:00 PM - Divine Liturgy

8:00 PM - Home Blessing/Fellowship



*April 24, 2011 Easter Sunday*

*The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*

10:00 AM - Morning Services

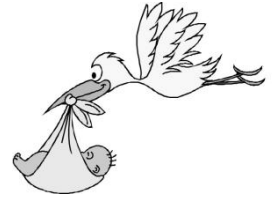
10:30 AM - Divine Liturgy

*HAPPY EASTER*

# Church News

## Welcoming the arrival of Vartan Gevorgyan

Born to Der Hakob and Yn Anna on February 15, 2011 (9 lb. 13 oz.)



### STEWARDSHIP 2011

With deep appreciation, the Parish Council thanks the following parishioners who have pledged to become Stewards of Holy Trinity Armenian Church with their treasure.

*"Give generously .... and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to." (Deut 15.10)*

Stephen and Jean Ajemian  
Florence Altoonian  
Harry and Alice Andonian  
John Arslanian  
Hagop Arzoumanian  
Steve and Doretta Aslanian  
Arthur and Casey Baldadian  
Florence Boyajian  
David and Marta Brann  
Ayshe Chakmaklian  
Robert and Lorraine Damerjian

Larry and Jeanette Der Hagopian  
Larry D. Der Hagopian  
Garo Garibian  
Mary Jamgochian  
Pearl Jamgochian  
Harry and Rose Kalafian  
Alice Karabian  
John Kash  
Ronald Kashkashian  
Richard and Helen Kazigian  
Albert and Patrice Keshgegian

Patrick and Joyce Killian  
Virginia Knott  
Serge and Adrienne Minassian  
George and Setta Nazarethian  
Donald and Judy Paretchan  
Michael and Tanya Paretchan  
Charles and Alice Sisian  
Richard and Linda Vishab  
Gregory and Diane Yazujian

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**David Vraim, FD.**

### SUPREME SPIRITUAL COUNCIL MEETS AT HOLY ETCHMIADZIN,

St. James Brotherhood Convenes in Jerusalem

The Supreme Spiritual Council met at Holy Etchmiadzin from November 13 to 14, under the presidency of His Holiness Karekin II, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians.

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese, co-chaired the meeting with Archbishop Norvan Zakarian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of France.

Participants received updates from the worldwide dioceses of the Armenian

Church, discussed inter-church relations, and heard a report on the joint Canonical Committee of the Catholicate of All Armenians and the Catholicate of the Great House of Cilicia.

### General Assembly of the St. James Brotherhood

At the conclusion of the Supreme Spiritual Council meeting, Archbishop Barsamian traveled to the Holy Land for the 19th session of the General Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. James.

The meeting was convened at the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem, from November 15 to 18, with His Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Patriarch, presiding.

Archbishop Barsamian was elected as co-chairman of the General Assembly. 28 members of the Brotherhood participated, and discussed issues concerning education, real estate, finances, the dominical sites, and other matters.

During the meeting, the Patriarch presented a memorandum to the officers expressing his wish that, in consideration of his health and the monastery's future, the General Assembly of the Brotherhood consider electing a co-adjutor Patriarch. To that end Patriarch Torkom asked that articles fulfilling the stipulations of the Bylaws be prepared, and advised that Archbishop Barsamian chair the Bylaws Committee.

It is the wish of His Beatitude that these articles can be brought for approval in the spring of 2011.



# Church News

## TO ELEVATE, OR NOT TO ELEVATE...

Late last year, I was asked to determine what the costs would be to install an elevator which I presented at the Parish Assembly. Using the Internet, I obtained the names of three companies. Each was asked to submit a quote for a two-person elevator making three stops: starting at the Records room, going up to the Church and also up to the choir loft. We encountered a few concerns, such as an access panel in the records room, cutting through two concrete floors, and moving the air conditioning unit in the choir loft. A major concern was that everyone would still have to enter through the lobby, go up the eight steps and walk down the hallway past the Sunday school rooms in order to reach the elevator at the end. Wheelchair users would still have to enter the church from the front and exit out the front.

What was the cost? The quotes for an elevator and the related construction costs ranged from \$128,000 to \$141,430.

At the Parish Assembly some parishioners supported the idea of an elevator, while others disagreed. It was noted that other churches have elevators. Also, some felt that as our parishioners get older, an elevator will become more important. However, there was some concern about the planned location of the elevator.

Can the elevator be placed elsewhere? Answer: Probably not. The construction engineer who surveyed the church feels the 'Records Room to Choir Loft' scenario is almost ideal for elevator placement.

What about other options? Alternative suggestions included: valet parking, installing closed-circuit TV in the hall, and trying to obtain handicapped parking in front of the church.

Finally, after much discussion, the Chairman of the Parish Assembly indicated that the Parish Council would continue to pursue this important matter as well as seek creative alternatives.

Don Paretchan  
Secretary of Parish Council

## BIBLE STUDY @ Holy Trinity

Our little Bible Study has grown. On March 15, a small group of seekers joined Der Hayr as he led us in a Bible Study. There was teaching, sharing and growing in the Word as the participants asked questions and shared stories of faith. If you would like to join us, mark your calendar for the third Tuesday of every month at 10 am. We are currently studying the Gospel of Mark.



## ABOUT OUR FAMILY

With great joy, we welcome **Vartan Gevorgyan** to our church family and send our love and best wishes to Der Hayr and Yeretzgin on the birth of their second son. We look forward to watching him grow. Narek is now the big brother! ...A big "shout-out" to **Alice and Harry Andonian** on the occasion of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. What a milestone! May the years ahead be peaceful and healthy...Another new baby in our midst...**Dave and Nadine Hoplamazian** welcomed Baby Gianna Meline in February. Congrats also to grandparents Carol and Jack Hoplamazian, and great-grandpop Crosby Goshgarian.....Paree Janabar to **Diane and Brenda Yazujian** who are having a "girls trip" to Paris, France just before Easter to celebrate Brenda's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. How sweet is that! .....More Yazujian family news: **Michael** (son of Diane and Greg) certainly takes after his father. He is the President of Marymount Manhattan College's Improv Troupe as well as the assistant head writer of the Sketch Comedy Group. Maybe he can share his humor with us sometime in a Comedy Night at HTAC...Also good luck and Paree Janabar to **Natalie Movsesian and Allison Moore** who are going to Armenia to work with Fuller Habitat to help build homes. They will be accompanied by **Mom/Aunt Leslie (Movsesian)**. We wish them a successful endeavor and look forward to hearing about it when they return ....People in the news include **Caryn Babaian**, daughter of Sarah and Tom Babaian. She has been recognized nationally for her artwork, including placing second for best illustration in Science Magazine's 2006 visualization challenge. She is a biology professor at Bucks County Community College where her students say she inspires them in areas that are usually a challenge for them. Way to go, Caryn.....Have you noticed the beautiful sign-up posters in the lobby for all of our different upcoming events. We have our secretary, **Maggie Coyne**, to thank. Just one of the many things she does to keep us on top of things!....We end with a hope that Punxsutawney Phil was right – we WILL have an early Spring!!!





# Church News

## BAPTISMS

February 19, 2011: ANNABEL TAMAR HOVNANIAN  
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garo Diran Hovnanian  
Godfather: Ara Jeknavorian  
Godmother: Karinne Andonian

March 6, 2011: TALINE NOELLE KAPEGHIAN  
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Krikor Kapeghian  
Godfather: Paul Zakian  
Godmother: Berta Zakian

March 13, 2011: NICHOLAS ROBERT BOKAS  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Bokas  
Godfather: Jake Terkianian  
Godmother: Jessica Clark

March 19, 2011: NICOLE JAVAKOV  
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marat Javakov  
Godfather: Oleg Amayev  
Godmother: Liana Amayev

## FUNERALS: 2011

MARTIN MIRAKIAN Funeral services were held on January 3, 2011 in New Jersey. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

MARY KANGIAN entered into her eternal rest on January 10, 2011. Funeral services were held on January 15, 2011 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

## WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW DUES-PAYING MEMBERS TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Robbie Barone, John and Berjouhy Bosnian, Hagop and Sonia Ergenian, Sabrina Garibian, Tina Hagopian, Christopher and Dianne Hajinian, Garo and Tamar Hovnanian, Artur Marukyan, Marianna Montenez, Margo Silk, Nadia Silk, Helen Terzian-Gallagher, Alice and Karnig Torossian

## CONGRATULATIONS

Jessica Jordan, daughter of Fred and Janet Jordan and granddaughter of Rosemarie Zarzatian and the late Edward Zarzatian was honored for her outstanding community service in Bensalem Township at the Building A Better Bensalem Together Annual Awards Luncheon on March 7th, 2011. Jessica is the co-chairperson of Building A Better Bensalem Youth Committee. Congratulations Jessica!!!

## Church Photo Directory



## HOLY TRINITY NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY 2011

Our new church Directory has gone to print and will arrive shortly. We wish to thank the committee, Margo Silk, Chairman, Maggie Coyne our Church Secretary, Armena Bartow, Marta Brann and Merle Santerian for their time and effort in undertaking this arduous task to produce this Directory.

Parishioners whose dues are paid up for 2010 and those who had pictures taken for the Directory will receive one book per member free. All others who are not dues paid members and who wish to obtain a book will be charged \$10 per book. If dues paid member wishes to buy an extra book the fee will be \$5.

We hope you will all enjoy this much needed revised book.  
Parish Council

## THANK YOU's

Heartfelt thanks for prayers, love and concern during my recent illness.

Annabelle Alexanian

Dear parishioners and friends,

We would like to thank all of you for your congratulation cards, for your best wishes and gifts for our new born baby Vartan. You will always be in our prayers. May God bless you and your family members.

With prayers,

Rev. Fr. Hakob and Yn. Anna Gevorgyan

My family and I would like to thank the friends of my wife, Bettie, for preparing the Coffee Hour in her honor on the occasion of the first year of her passing. Also, I want to say, it was not only prepared by them, but they also served our members with the wonderful cakes, cookies and fruit.

They were Deskouhy Attarian, Armena Bartow, Alice Charles, Jeanette Der Hagopian, Doris Kodikian and Araxie Radynsky

Thank You again,  
The Arslanian Family





# Church News



## “AN UNEXPECTED GIFT”

In accordance with PAND's mission to foster cultural and social unity and provide financial assistance to the Philadelphia churches, PAND held a reception to distribute \$40,000.00 to each of the five Armenian churches, namely Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Cheltenham; Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church, Wynnwood; St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church, Roxboro; Armenian Martyr's Congregational Church, Havertown; and St. Marks Armenian Catholic Church, Havertown, Pa.

These latest donations bring PAND's financial assistance to these churches, since its inception, in 1982, to nearly \$500,000.00. In addition, PAND contributed \$40,000.00 this year to the Armenian Sister's Academy, Radnor, Pa., for scholarship and/or financial aid services, in recognition of the vital role it plays in our community.

The check presentation/reception was held at St. Gregory's The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church's new "Founders Hall", lasting two hours in length with over 50 representatives from their Boards and Clergy in attendance. The reception was an overwhelming success and after a brief opening statement from PAND's President, Michael Santerian, each church, along with their PAND representatives, was asked to come up to take a picture and receive their donation. A question and answer session followed that was informative, insightful, and dare we say "unifying". One by one, representatives stood up to tell their story about PAND and the good works it has done and continues to do for the Philadelphia Armenian community. Particularly striking was how a simple message like "unity" still resonated with so many of the representatives present, and appeared to have reconnected them with PAND and its endeavors, as if new life had been breathed into a forgotten ideal. With God's willingness and a renewed enthusiasm for "unity", the last chapter of PAND's unique success story, among Armenian communities, will not be written for decades to come.

## POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

On February 6, 2011, Sophia Mangasarian participated in her first Lewes Polar Bear Plunge. Sophia is in third grade and attends the Armenian Sisters Academy and Holy Trinity Sunday School.

The event benefited Special Olympics Delaware, an athletic training and competition program for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. A record 3,094 Bears raised a record \$550,000 at the Lewes Polar Bear Plunge, sponsored by Wawa and Comcast. The air temperature was 42 degrees and the water 36 degrees at 1 p.m. when the plunge took place. Sophia personally raised \$627.00 for Special Olympics. All the plungers agreed that "It was frigid; it was shocking," "It does not make sense. You have to force yourself in" but it is for a worthwhile cause. Total money raised for Special Olympics Delaware in the event's 20-year history is over \$5,550,000.



# Birthdays/Anniversaries

## Member Birthdays

### April

Lucille Thomassian - 1  
Erika Hajatian - 2  
Nezihe Hashas - 3  
Jacob Terkanian - 4  
Jake Terkanian - 4  
Gena Willard - 4  
Christine Williams - 4  
Michael Paretchan - 5  
Jeanette Der Hagopian - 6  
Virginia Shakarjian - 6  
Megan Aslanian - 7  
Narek Gevorgyan - 7  
Harout Nalbandian - 7  
Maggie Tandourjian - 11  
Harry Andonian - 13  
Kalie Kalustyan - 13  
Lynne Asadourian - 14  
Berjouhy Bosnian - 14  
Ani Gooshian - 14  
Veron Monokian - 14  
Tanya Paretchan - 14  
Elize Taylor Radall - 15  
Vani Hanamirian - 17  
Satenik Gyulnazaryan - 19  
Silva Hovhannesian - 19  
Viola Karagheuzian - 19  
Alexander Oskanian - 21  
Donald Paretchan - 23  
Rita Stepanian - 23  
Pauline Chapjian - 25  
Ani Javardian - 25  
Richard Kazigian - 25  
Cathy Gargan - 26  
Anita Mirijanian - 26  
Cole Owens - 26  
Lorraine Damerjian - 28

### May

Dorothy Grocott - 1  
Charles Sisian - 1  
George Terkanian - 1  
Ankine Kapeghian - 5  
Jack C. Goushian - 7  
John Paul Santerian - 7  
Christopher Bennuhan - 9  
Harry Injaian - 9  
Lauren Mukalian - 9  
Paul Oflazian - 10  
Patrick Killian - 11  
Stephanie Balint - 12  
Diane Doudoukjian - 12  
Daniel Dunigan - 15  
Melissa DerPilbosian - 16  
Silva Santerian - 17  
Kayli Tancredi - 18  
Ana Torcomian - 18

Diane Yazujian - 18  
Ronald Asadoorian - 19  
Peter Bilazarian - 20  
Albert Kapeghian - 20  
Mark Keshgegian - 21  
Ara Shakarjian - 21  
Beatrice Brown - 22  
Stephen Hovnanian - 22  
Gary Papazian - 22  
Lucas Terkanian - 22  
Gustavo Alexanian - 23  
Richard Vishab - 23  
Krikor Javardian - 24  
April Kumkumian - 24  
Lori Vishab - 25  
Garro Hovnanian - 26  
Audrey Movsesian - 28  
Cameron Santerian - 28  
Edward Attarian - 30  
Denise Hess - 30  
Mikaela Juskalian - 30  
Gregory Meranshian - 31

### June

Patyl Oflazian - 1  
Ethel Terzian - 1  
Alexandra Brod - 3  
Evelyn Meranshian - 3  
Bryan Peckjian - 6  
Barbara Harmon - 7  
Alyssa Santerian - 7  
Talene Peckjian - 9  
Ines Alexanian - 13  
Ernest Peacock - 13  
Mary Injaian - 14  
Dominique Damerjian - 15  
Tom Harmon - 17  
Harry Kalafian - 18  
John Chalikian - 20  
Armena Bartow - 21  
Germaine Hashas - 21  
Sara Baker - 22  
Narthy Hajinian - 22  
Steven Balint - 23  
Susan Lillis - 23  
Yn. Anna Gevorgyan - 24  
Carol Temoyan - 24  
Chloe Dunigan - 25  
Sarine Kaprielian - 26  
Berj Yeretzian Jr. - 26  
Rosemary Zarzatian - 27  
Gregory Javardian - 30

## Member Wedding Anniversaries

### April

Albert & Linda Santerian - 4/5/1964  
George & Anne Terkanian - 4/8/1972  
Patrick & Joyce Killian - 4/17/1971  
Richard & Diane Doudoukjian - 4/17/1977  
Timothy & Cathy Gargan - 4/17/1988  
Harry & Rose Kalafian - 4/19/1947  
Larry & Dorothy Grocott - 4/19/1968  
Richard & Linda Vishab - 4/20/1968  
Nazareth & Narthy Hajinian - 4/22/1956  
Ronald & Ani Gooshian - 4/22/1979  
Fred & Denise Hess - 4/30/????  
Harry & Anita Mirijanian - 4/30/1949

### May

Robert & Carol Temoyan - 5/7/1972  
Michael, Jr. & Melissa Paretchan - 5/13/2006  
Robert & Jean Ohnigian - 5/14/1994  
Gregory & Grace Meranshian - 5/16/1982  
David & Alyssa Santerian - 5/17/1992  
Thomas & Francesca Torcomian - 5/17/1980  
Peter & Robin Bilazarian - 5/22/????  
Janice & Christopher Owens - 5/24/????  
John & Diane Williams - 5/24/1980  
Stephen & Nancy Hovnanian - 5/24/1975  
Gregory & Diane Yazujian - 5/25/1985  
Arthur & Casey Baldadian - 5/27/1976  
Michael & Legna Santerian - 5/28/2002  
Fred & Janet Jordan - 5/30/1992  
John & Meredith Hanamirian - 5/30/????

### June

Berj & Mary Yeretzian, Sr - 6/3/1950  
Robert & Mary Sarkisian - 6/6/????  
Martin & Deskouhy Attarian - 6/7/1952  
Nicklas & Amy Terkanian - 6/9/2007  
Ronald & Millie Asadoorian - 6/9/1963  
Jack & Helen Vishab - 6/10/1967  
Charles & Alice Sisian - 6/14/1959  
Harry & Mary Injaian - 6/15/1952  
Ohannes & Nezihe Hashas - 6/20/1955  
Roman & Araxie Radynsky - 6/21/1953  
Russ & Maggie Tandourjian - 6/21/1958  
Kristine & Jonothan Koengetter - 6/28/2008

*Wishing everyone  
a Happy Birthday and  
a wonderful Anniversary.*

# Fallen Asleep In Christ

## **MARY KANGIAN**

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Alexanian  
 John Arslanian  
 Marion Aslanian  
 Melena Ayjian  
 Jean Barger  
 Florence Boyajian  
 David and Marta Brann  
 George Brown  
 Eleanor Cantando  
 Albert and Pauline Chapjian  
 Adam and Wendy Cutler  
 Robert & Lorraine Damerjian  
 Josephine Davidian  
 Larry D. Der Hagopian  
 Larry and Jeanette Der Hagopian  
 Angela DiAugustine  
 and Michael McKee  
 Kevin and Patricia Durkin  
 George Endrigian  
 Rose Garabedian  
 Alyce Hovsepian Gordan  
 Martin Gutchigian  
 Annahit Guveyian  
 Mary Haigazian, Rosemarie  
 & Berjoohy and Families  
 Mike and Penny Hajatian  
 Harry A. Hudson Jr.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kapeghian  
 Mrs. Viola and  
 Ms. Sonia Karagheuzian  
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*When someone you love becomes a memory,  
the memory becomes a treasure.*

- Author Unknown

HOLY TRINITY WELCOMES **TOM MOORADIAN** TO DISCUSS HIS FASCINATING MEMOIR

## **THE REPATRIATE**



It began as an adventure for the 19 year old Armenian-American from Detroit and became a struggle for survival, demonstrating the indomitable Armenian spirit. In the final months of 1947, Tom Mooradian joined 150 other Armenian-Americans going to Soviet Armenia, unknowingly renouncing his American citizenship. While waiting to obtain an exit visa, Tom developed his basketball talents and became one of the brightest stars on the courts in the Soviet Union, representing Soviet Armenia. He crossed paths with many Americans, including Roy Essoyan, a foreign correspondent assigned to Moscow, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, and the Harlem Globetrotters. Few can accurately portray what the Soviet world was like from 1947-1960.

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# Organizations



## THE WOMEN'S GUILD AWAITS SPRING and the PROMISES IT HOLDS

Is winter over yet? We hope so. Does anyone remember the forecasts our area meteorologists made public last fall that promised a moderate winter for the Philadelphia area? Did they realize it is a sin to tell a lie, especially the whoppers we experienced! Those days are behind us and we look forward to bright sunny days that energize and get us motivated.

Congratulations to Der Hayr, Yn. Anna and Narek on the birth of their son and new brother. Mom and son Vartan are doing well. We look forward to welcoming Yn. Anna back to church and meeting their beautiful baby.

Easter is quite late this year and, consequently, so is our annual Lenten luncheon. On Sunday, March 27 we invite our congregation to join us in the hall where we shall enjoy a tasty lunch prepared by our excellent cooks.

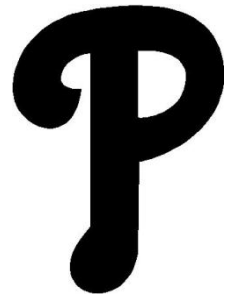
Six days later we return to church to celebrate Sainly Women's Day. This year's Sainly Women are Lydia, a businesswoman who found Christ and opened her home to worshippers, and Sahagtookhd who quietly gave her life to Christ. The church service is followed by lunch and our guest speaker is Maria Bakalian who is the Bible study leader at the Armenian Martyrs' Church. What makes this program so special is we invite the Women's Guild members from the other four Armenian churches in the area. It is truly a joyful celebration.

Our members have expressed an interest to visit the Barnes Foundation in Wynnwood before it closes and relocates to Philadelphia. Thanks to Margo Silk we have an outing scheduled for Thursday, April 7 followed by lunch in Bala Cynwyd. We hope to plan similar activities in the future.

The Annual Mother's Day Dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> in our hall. Save this date to meet and greet Der Hayr & Yn. Anna's new son Vartan. In addition to celebrating the joy and happiness a new baby brings, we have a special surprise for our guests. Details will soon follow.

Our closing activity last year was a night with our Phillies at Citizen Bank Park. It was so successful we will return on Tuesday, June 7 to watch our home team challenge the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Men's Club will join us for this fun event. Our block of tickets sold out quickly and we are now accepting names for the stand by list.

Last but not least, Women's Guild membership fees are now due. Please see Lorraine Damerjian or mail your \$10 check to Lorraine at 733 Willow Grove Ave., Glenside, PA 19038. If you have a suggestion for an activity or a service to our church, please share your ideas with us. In the meantime go out and enjoy the improving weather.



*Christians are windows through which Jesus can shine.*

## MEN'S CLUB 200 CLUB WINNERS

### NOVEMBER 2010

\$1,000 JEFFREY THOMPSON - #2  
\$ 400 EDWARD TERZIAN - #91  
LAWRENCE DERHAGOPIAN  
ROMAN RADYNSKY  
RICHARD WEINSHEIMER  
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GEORGE NAZARETHIAN (25%)  
HARRY MIRIJANIAN (25%)  
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\$ 200 ARAM KUMKUMIAN - #139

### DECEMBER 2010

\$ 500 HARRY SARKISIAN - #41  
\$ 200 STEVE ASLANIAN - #172  
\$ 100 MARTIN GUTCHIGIAN - #101  
\$ 100 ETHEL TERZIAN - #8  
\$ 100 RICHARD KAZIGIAN - #52

### JANUARY 2011

\$ 500 EDWARD TERZIAN - #9  
\$ 200 JOHN TERZIAN - #134  
\$ 100 PHILIP VISHABAZOON - #99  
\$ 100 FRANK AGHAZARMIAN - #108  
\$ 100 HARRY ANDONIAN - #178



### FEBRUARY 2011

\$ 500 GRACE KESHGEGIAN - #170  
\$ 200 HARRY SARKISIAN - #153  
\$ 100 ALBERT DERPILBOSIAN - #70  
\$ 100 RICHARD WEINSHEIMER - #114  
\$ 100 ROBERT JR. & SR. DAMERJIAN - #191

***Congratulations to all  
the winners!***



# Organizations

## AID FOR FRIENDS

In November a group from the Daughters of Vartan (see picture) came to church on a Saturday and prepared (and paid for) 86 meals for the isolated and elderly shut-ins in the Philadelphia area who are lovingly tended to by *Aid for Friends*. This group included Diane Williams, Marta Brann, Margaret Yacoubian, Virginia Shakarjian, Jennifer Hagopian, Talene Peckjian and Merle Santerian. We thank them for their sincere desire to help the less fortunate through this Outreach.

The next group of cooks included Armena Bartow, Deskouhy Attarian, Alice Charles, Roxie Radynsky and yours truly. This group is part of the regulars who are always ready and willing to help out. Another 90 meals were prepared!

In order to keep this ministry self-sufficient so that no funds come from our church budget, we rely on the generosity of our church members. Since our last article, donations were received by Carol and Bob Temoyan, Lorraine and Bob Damerjian, Linda and Richard Vishab, and Mary and Berj Yeretizian. Kudos to these caring people for coming forward on their own to help cover the cost of so many meals.



This, dear parishioners, is truly "Stewardship in Action"!

*Gratefully, Jeanette Der Hagopian*



## ACYOA SENIORS

ACYOA Central Council held its third annual Chapter Workshop January 14-16, 2011 at St. David Armenian Church in Boca Raton, FL. Krikor Javardian and I were 2 of the 30 attendees from 13 churches in the Eastern Diocese. This year's theme was the 5 circles of the cross: witness, education, service, fellowship, and worship.

The weekend started off Friday night with dinner at church and an ice breaker game to get everyone acquainted. The ice breaker was followed by Armenian Church Jeopardy and the night concluded with Vespers.

Saturday's program consisted of speakers and exercises addressing the topics of the 5 circles of the cross, their role in our organization, and how we can integrate them into our ACYOA chapters.

The highlight of the day was when the group participated in service and made sandwiches for a local soup kitchen. It was great to see everyone working together to do something positive for the community. It showed how easy it is to do a service project with a little bit of help. We implemented what we were learning, making it a rewarding experience.

Saturday night the group had dinner in town, spending time with old friends and making new ones.

The weekend wrapped up on Sunday with Divine Liturgy and a farewell lunch prepared by St. David's parish. The weekend gave us the chance to think about our Armenian culture and faith individually and together as an organization.

We want to thank Parish Council and the Holy Trinity Parish for sending us to the workshop and giving us the opportunity to exchange ideas amongst our peers, and to reinforce the mission of ACYOA.

We would also like to thank everyone who contributed to the FAR Holiday Outreach Drive. Chapters throughout the East Coast, including Holy Trinity's, participated in the Fund for Armenian Relief Outreach Drive, which collected a number of unused items to send to the Children's Center in Yerevan, Armenia. The Children's Center is the only institution in Armenia that performs crisis intervention and rehabilitation. The center is also a national, full-service facility where children and their families can access shelter, counseling, outreach services, healthcare, and legal assistance 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The ACYOA Seniors will be participating in two big upcoming events in Philadelphia: the Genocide Walk for Justice on April 23, 2011, and ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend hosted in Philly May 26-30, 2011.

--Tina Hagopian

# Organizations

## ACYOA JUNIORS

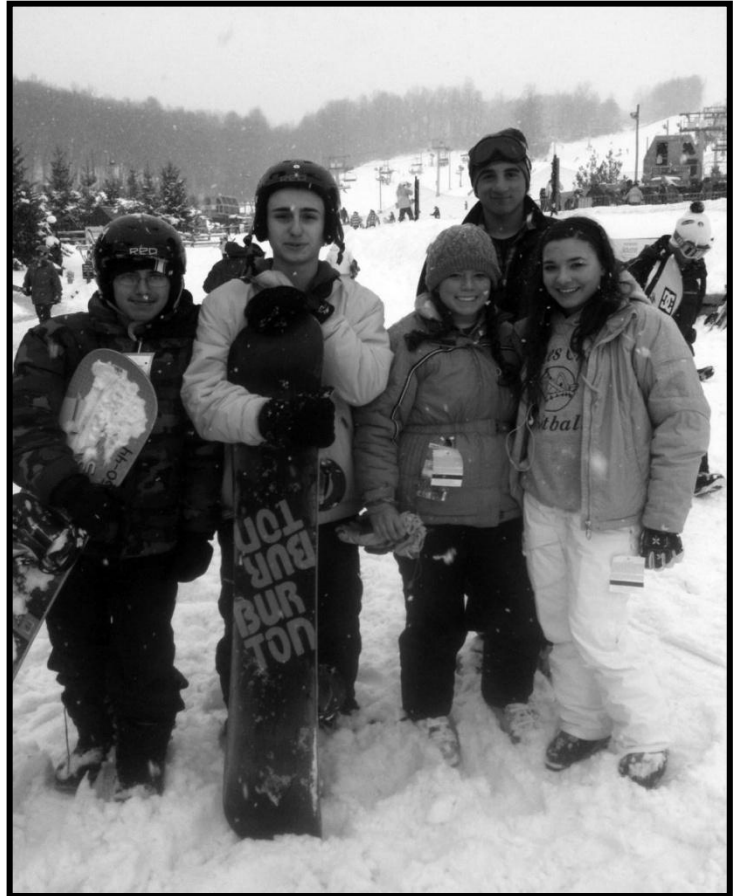
On Saturday, January 29, 2011, the Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors had a ski trip to Bear Creek Mountain in Macungie, Pennsylvania. We invited the ACYOA Juniors of St. Sahag & St. Mesrob to join us. We had an amazing day of skiing and snowboarding! The weather was perfect for skiing and snowboarding, and it snowed most of the time we were on the mountain. The slopes looked beautiful. There were approximately fifteen participants from both ACYOA's, and the beginners took lessons to improve their skills. We took a few breaks and met in the ski lodge where our parents spent the day enjoying each other's company. We all had a great time.

Then on Saturday, February 12th, some of the Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors traveled to St. Leon's Armenian Church in Fairlawn, New Jersey to attend their ACYOA Juniors Mardi Gras Dance. The dance was well attended by members of the ACYOA Juniors from various parishes. It was great to see many of our friends from the Armenian summer camps and conferences we attend in the summers, and to see many of the friends we made at our Sports Weekend in Philly this past fall. Thank you to our parents for driving us to and from North New Jersey that evening.

This Spring, we have the New York/New Jersey/Mid-Atlantic Regional ACYOA Juniors Retreat in Stony Point, New York during the first weekend in April. We enjoyed the retreat last year and look forward to attending it again this year. We will once again participate in the 3rd Annual 3K St. Nersess Walk for Faith on Sunday April 3rd.

Palm Sunday is ACYOA Day, and we will be holding our annual Palm Sunday Banquet. Please make plans to join us that day.

Brenda M. Yazujian  
ACYOA Juniors Co-Chairperson



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office at 215-663-1600 to inquire and receive an Application and Criteria for Scholarship Award information. Application must be presented one month prior to the program.





# ACYOA

## Holy Trinity Armenian Church

The Members of the ACYOA of Holy Trinity  
invite you to join them in the  
Celebration and Commemoration of

## ACYOA DAY

Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011

Guest Speaker: Hasmig Tattiosian  
Project Coordinator  
Fund for Armenian Relief

Following the Divine Liturgy  
a Banquet and Program will take place  
in Santerian Hall at 1:00 p.m.

### Donation:

Adults \$20.00

Children (age 7-12) \$10.00

Children (age 6 and under) Free

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

Tables of eight (8) to ten (10) may be reserved by making a list on the reverse side.

Please fill out the bottom portion of this flyer and mail your check payable to

Holy Trinity Armenian Church

101 Ashmead Rd. Cheltenham, PA 19012 by April 3, 2011.

Deadline: April 3, 2011

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children (age 12-7): \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children (age 6 & under): \_\_\_\_\_ x Free = \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

This event is sponsored by Donna Sarkisian and family  
in memory of Nicole Der Hagopian

# Stewardship

## \$744 Per Day

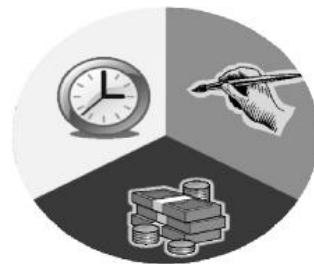
In 2010 it cost us \$744 per day to operate the church.

Based on our 2011 Budget and the 230 voting (dues paying) members, it will cost us \$658 per day to operate the church. This is a 17% reduction in cost compared to last year but it is still a big number. This operating cost does NOT include money we spend on our youth and ministry which are funded from our endowment interest income.

Dues and Stewardship contributions provide \$374/voting member and both are critical to meet our ongoing expenses. The major remaining portion of the income required to break even is provided by the Time and Talent of our parishioners in organizing and presenting events. This includes Picnics, Bazaar, Country Store, Men's club, Hall Rentals, etc

Thus, in order to meet our operating costs, the time, talent and treasure that all of us can offer is necessary.

Remember, we are only giving back a small part of what GOD has given us.



## 2011 Stewardship ("treasure") Pledge Form

***Stewardship: a sharing of our time, talent and treasure for the Glory of God***

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**Total for all names listed above** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Stewardship ("time and talent")**

Please check off the area of your time and talent in which you would like to share/participate:

\_\_\_\_\_ Special events (bazaars, banquets, etc.); \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday School; \_\_\_\_\_ ACYOA Jrs.; \_\_\_\_\_ Aid for Friends;

\_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising; \_\_\_\_\_ Choir/Altar Servers; \_\_\_\_\_ Building Maintenance.

Please share with us another way you wish to share your talent \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Poon Paregentan

Our annual Poon Paregentan Party was held on Sunday, March 6, 2011. Over 130 people were in attendance for our day of **GOOD LIVING, GOOD FOOD AND GOOD FUN**. The younger children were entertained by Dana of Makin Music.com who sang interactive songs, which encourages maximum participation by using finger-plays, chants, shaker egg and rhythm stick songs and other musical props. All the children enjoyed face painting and balloon twisting by Jane of Fabulous Faces. Children played games while enjoying cotton candy. A beautifully decorated Mardi Gras cake was enjoyed by all. Thanks go out to Berjoohy Murray and her kitchen crew who prepared a delicious Chicken Teriyaki Sandwich with a side of tater tots, plus GOOD HUMOR ice cream was served for dessert.



# History, Past & Present

## Diarnuntarach

In the midst of a frigid winter, we were fortunate that the temperature rose enough on Sunday, February 13, to allow parishioners and friends to go outside after Badarak to partake in the Antasdan Service (Blessing of Four Corners). This feast celebrates the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple which takes place forty days after His birth. One of the customs associated with this feast is the building of a fire over which newly married couples jump. Since this is the first year this was

done at Holy Trinity, all married couples were invited to "jump the fire." Special thanks to Der Hakob for "re-igniting" this ancient tradition and to Bryan Peckjian for coordinating the construction of the fire with the assistance of Robert Damerjian, Jr.



*It's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years!*  
(Abe Lincoln)

## One Stitch at a Time

Jaime Yeretian, daughter of Candy Morken and the late Ed Yeretian, and granddaughter of Mary and Berj Yeretian, went to Thailand in 2009 to teach English for one year, but stayed on to help in the creation of a knitting ministry. Jaime's words follow below.

### Our Story

When I first came to Thailand I taught English for a year in Mae Sot on the Burma border. I saw many Hill Tribe people fleeing Burma's persecution living in town and in refugee camps. The Karen people are the biggest people group from Burma and are located directly across the border. The Burmese in general are constantly exploited, having to leave their families and homes to live in factories in order to survive on their meager salaries or sold off into some form of slavery. This truly disturbed me and seeing how little anyone knew about this situation made me want to tell the world. I wanted to give the people a hope to keep stay in their villages and keep their languages alive and their families together.

After my one year was up I decided to change my focus. A friend gave me the idea of taking my knitting to a Karen village. I thought it through, I knew hats were a big seller in the States and my family lived in a ski town. If I ship them and sell them back home it would workout. So, Salinee, thank you for your idea and for introducing me to Ole at Blessed Home Orphanage. They have taken me under their wing, with the most beautiful kids to work with and a place to knit. Alisha Niswander is working stateside to keep things moving and selling. Thank you for being there to promote the line and take it one step further by bringing it to the right hands. I believe we can make a change, one person at a time!



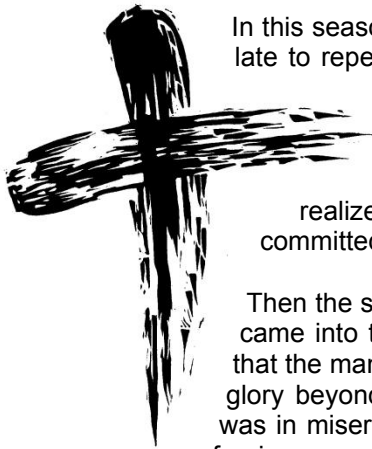
*'Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened.'* (Matthew 7:7)

Jaime Yeretian  
66 80-839-5861  
info@amfreekaren.org

# Meditation on Repentance

By Deacon Albert Keshgegian

*One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong". And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:39-43)*



In this season of crucifixion and resurrection, our thoughts may turn to repentance: is it ever too late to repent, to ask God's forgiveness for our sins? Even when you're hanging on a cross, dying, next to Jesus himself, it's not too late. There were two thieves crucified with Jesus, one on each side of him. One of the thieves was angry and derisive to the end, mocking Jesus, and daring him to save both himself and the thieves, if he was indeed the Christ, the Messiah. But the other thief chastised the first. He realized that they were receiving the punishment they deserved for the crimes they had committed, but that Jesus was being punished unjustly, for he had done nothing wrong.

Then the second thief said something remarkable. He asked Jesus to remember him when he came into the kingdom. He asked for forgiveness. What faith this man had! He recognized that the man Jesus dying next to him in shame and humiliation would some day have power and glory beyond comprehension. Jesus' reply was even more remarkable. Although he himself was in misery and agony, he found the strength to have mercy upon that thief and to grant him forgiveness.

There are several lessons in this compelling story. First, it's never too late to ask for forgiveness, as long as we have the breath of life. But does this mean that we should continually put off the request, waiting until our last day of life? Not at all. Death may come suddenly and not give us the chance to repent. And if we keep putting off such a profound request, how sincere could we be? Christ does not want us just to say the words; this is not real. Christ wants us to feel the need for forgiveness in our hearts. For some, like the thief, this realization may indeed come at the last hours or minutes of life. But how much better it is if the desire for forgiveness and the acceptance of Christ comes earlier in life, giving us that much more time to live a life that is pleasing to God and to do his good works.

Will God respond to our honest plea of repentance? Jesus, dying on the cross, granted forgiveness to someone who had broken many laws and hurt many people. How could he not accept our request, if it is from the heart?

There is also another aspect of this story. Just as the thieves spoke to Jesus, we speak to him in prayer. How do we speak to Jesus? Are we like the first thief, with anger in our voice, demanding something from God? Or are we like the second, speaking with respect, asking for God's forgiveness and mercy? We have no rights before God. Nothing is due us from him. Whatever we receive from God comes purely because he loves us and grants us forgiveness.

*Jesus, you forgave the thief in your darkest hour,  
only because he asked.  
Help us, Jesus to feel what he felt,  
And to ask for forgiveness, too.  
And like the thief who had such faith,  
Remember us, Lord, when your Kingdom comes.*

God's  
Love  
Never  
Fails

Friday, September 24, 2010

## Hovnanian sons spawn enviro-firm JSH International

Philadelphia Business Journal - by Peter Key Staff Writer

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. — Peter and Stephen Hovnanian are best known as the sons in the name of **J.S. Hovnanian & Sons LLC**.

But they think another company they own has the potential to have a reach far beyond the South Jersey and Delaware communities where the company started by their grandfather, Stepan K. Hovnanian, builds homes.

**JSH International** LLC has developed products from peat for three uses: enabling plants to grow faster with less fertilizer and water; breaking down fats, oils and grease in grease traps and pipes; and enhancing wastewater treatment.

The brothers have invested millions in developing the products and two years ago brought in Kevin Mulvihill, who has worked in the consumer and biotechnology industries, to be JSH's CEO.

Under Mulvihill, JSH has formed three divisions, one for each product, and begun selling the products locally even as it continues to have studies performed upon them.

The company employs 15, including a few workers it shares with J.S. Hovnanian & Sons, and has a processing plant in Akron, Ohio, as well as its headquarters in Mount Laurel. Additionally, it's bringing on sales and distribution partners in preparation for expanding nationally and overseas.

"Our expectations are very high," Mulvihill said.

JSH's products stem from a product developed from peat by Hal Hartung, a chemical engineer and a friend of Peter and Stephen Hovnanian's father, Jirair S. Hovnanian. The product stimulated microbes in the soil, which did wonders for J.S. Hovnanian's roses. Hartung and J.S. Hovnanian also thought the product could be used to stimulate the growth of the microbes that break down wastewater.

After J.S. Hovnanian died in 2007, Peter and Stephen Hovnanian took over JSH, put more money into it and brought in Mulvihill, whom they had known for many years, to run it. "Based on our work with the wastewater treatment, we began to find that our product would eliminate grease and odor" and so developed a version of it that could be used by restaurants to clean out their pipes and grease traps, Mulvihill said.

Mulvihill broke JSH into three divisions, one for each of its products.

Nature'sWonder makes the company's original product, now called Apex-10, which is able to be used in organic growing operations. Its users include Joseph's Landscaping and Irrigation in Williamstown, which said the product has cut its plant loss rate in half.

Greenovative Technologies makes Total System Solution (TSS), which is marketed to restaurants. The division's website features testimonials from seven restaurant owners.

Prodex Products makes Biological Activity Enhancer (BAE) that is marketed to wastewater treatment plants.

The Cinnaminson Sewerage Authority has been using BAE since 2003. Paul Phillips, the authority's superintendent of operations, said the product has saved it more than \$100,000 a year by enabling the microbes in the authority's wastewater treatment plant to break down the waste more thoroughly, which reduces the amount of chemicals needed by the plant and the amount of sludge the plant has to have hauled off.



# 2011 Membership Form

Membership Dues for 2011.....\$\_\_\_\_\_

Total for all dues paying members. Annual dues per person:

\*\$260.00 Adult Membership (21 & over)

\*\$150.00 Seniors (age 65+)

\*\$75.00 Students (ages 18-22)

A dues paying member of Holy Trinity Armenian Church must be at least 18 years of age and pay the required annual dues in order to be a member in good standing.

Please list the names of those who wish to be dues paying members:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. Please mail this form to the church office as soon as possible. If you have any questions about how to complete this form, please call the church office (215-663-1600).

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**walk for justice**

Take action against Genocide denial by joining the Philadelphia Armenian community and renowned attorney Mark Geragos in a march for justice from the Philadelphia Art Museum to the lawn of the National Constitution Center - followed by a commemorative rally.

- \* March from Philadelphia Art Museum begins at 1pm
- \* Rally at National Constitution Center begins at 2:30pm

Register for the main event and bus transportation on [ArmenianGenocideWalk.com](http://ArmenianGenocideWalk.com)



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