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Holy Trinity Armenian Church



LOOYS



Cheltenham, PA

July to September 2011

“The best gift for the younger generation is a good example from the older generation.”



Don't let these gifts go to waste!

Check out the Annual Harvest Bazaar!

Hours of Worship

- Morning Service: 10:00 AM
- Divine Liturgy: 10:30 AM
- Sunday School: 10:30 AM
- Armenian School: 12:30 PM

*Come celebrate with
Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan*



Upcoming Events

- Oct. 29 & 30 – Harvest Bazaar
- Nov. 13 - Final day for shoeboxes
- Nov. 20 - 45th Anniversary Celebration
- Dec. 11 - Sunday School Christmas Pageant and visit with Santa
- Bible Study - 3rd Tue. every month - 10 am
- Young Adult Bible Study - 3rd Thu. every month - 7 pm

The Seven Sacraments of the Armenian Church

Chrismation or Confirmation

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

The Sacrament of Chrismation, also called Confirmation, is always done in the Armenian Apostolic Church following Baptism. In Armenian we call it “Droshm” or “Knunq”. It is the sacrament of sealing by the Holy Spirit which the Neophyte (newly baptized person) receives after his/her Baptism.

During Chrismation we use Holy Muron which is the symbol of the Holy Spirit and an important component of the Sacraments. Muron is a Greek word which means perfumed or sweet-smelling oil. Holy Muron is usually blessed by the Catholicos of all Armenians once every seven years in the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin. The main component of Holy Muron is olive oil mixed with 40 different kinds of flowers and roots.

During the blessing of the oil and added ingredients, all of the clergy present pray with His Holiness asking for the graces of the Holy Spirit to descend from Heaven and bless the ingredients. They are added into the cauldron one at a time and the lid is sealed. The cooking process will take three full days, during which time, the cauldron is constantly attended to by the monks and deacons of the Brotherhood of Holy Etchmiadzin. As the fire below the cauldron cooks the ingredients, the clergy stand a 24-hour vigil and offer their continuous prayers. When the cooking process comes to an end, the mixture is allowed to rest for three full days. During this time, the cauldron is never left unattended and is always accompanied by the prayers and psalms of the priests and deacons. Finally, the mixture is strained and prepared for the actual blessing of the Holy Muron. On the last day, a portion of the old Holy Muron is added to the mixture which confirms the continuity of the Holy Muron from the past to the present. Holy Muron is the symbol of unity for Armenians all over the world, which means that the Holy Spirit is the One who connects us all.

During Chrismation the priest anoints the nine parts of the Neophyte and says a special prayer for each part of the body. After that the Neophyte becomes the adopted child of God.

Dear faithful, each time we participate in the Baptism and Chrismation of a person (child or adult) let us pray and ask God to send the gifts of the Holy Spirit to those who are being baptized and sealed with Holy Muron. Amen.

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan



Parish Council Report

The Chairman's report will be by Pillar as explained in the last Loos.



Financial:

- Cheltenham Township has advised that the bridge on Ashmead Rd at Tacony Drive will be replaced within the next two-three years. In addition the two natural gas transmission companies feeding the storage/delivery stations (across the street and next door) will have to relocate their transmission lines that run under the bridge. Specter, the one across the street, approached us with an offer for an easement to run their underground pipeline under our property, but their financial offer was way too low to be considered so we rejected it. The Council will meet in September to determine what offer we would consider acceptable. Transco, the company next door, will begin their pipeline relocation in September and we negotiated a \$1,000 donation from them to have their employees use the back of our lot for their personal vehicles for the month.
- The investment committee has expanded from 3 to 5 to handle the endowments.

Building Management & Rentals

- Our maintenance and upgrades continue. The front light underground wiring system was replaced. A maintenance contract was initiated for the air conditioning systems. Our annual fire extinguisher updates took place. We have a water seepage in the dome that drips (pours may be a better word) on the first pew when we have hurricanes. This will be addressed this month. The Sunday School rooms were re-furbished as noted below.
- Hall rentals will meet budget this year, but we have no backlog for next year, yet. We had a very fancy affair in July. They held their service in the picnic area; had a horse and carriage bring in the bride; and did a fabulous decorating job in the hall and foyer. The Council has approved the use of the hall for Baptisms by voting members for a reduced fee plus the custodian as required.

Membership

- Membership dues and stewardship are behind last year. A letter was sent to past members to remind them. Your quarterly contribution statements that go out in October will be a follow-up reminder. It is important that we grow both spiritually and numerically.



Spiritual & Educational

- Our Sunday School term began with registration on September 11. Nancy Hovnanian, our new Superintendent and our teachers have developed new programs for the students. At Nancy's request we refurbished the Sunday School rooms with newly painted walls and ceilings, white boards, new lighting, new carpet as required, and ceiling fans.
- Der Hayr has kept busy visiting parishioners as well as baptizing and marrying many newcomers (he had one open day in July).
- Bible study for both adults and young adults continues
- Two partial scholarships were given for camp

Social Services (events) & Technology

- The picnic was held indoors and was successful
- We will have a 45th Anniversary event in November (see write up) and of course, our Bazaar in October.
- Our web-site has been updated to make it more user friendly and to provide more information. We have also incorporated E-Blasts so we can advise of any emergencies or other vital information.

A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.

Anonymous

Organization News

MEN'S CLUB 200 CLUB WINNERS

- JUNE 2011
\$1,000 MARY PARETCHAN - #117
\$ 400 DAVID & MARTA BRANN - #171
\$ 200 MICKEY SHERIAN - #169
\$ 200 ALBERT DERPILBOSIAN - #70
\$ 200 ROBERT JR. & SR. DAMERJIAN - #85

*Men's Club 200 Club Raffle
Tickets still available
First Drawing - October
Call Larry or Harry*

THE WOMEN'S GUILD IS GEARING UP!!



The lazy, hazy days of summer 2011 have slowly slipped into our memories. Hopefully it was a wonderful season to enjoy the company of our families, visit with old friends, and explore our shrinking planet. Like school children we look forward to fall recharged with new energies.

Our kick-off meeting is planned for Tuesday, Sept. 20, 7pm. We hope our guests enjoy an evening scooping up their blessings. Included on the agenda will be possible trips to visit the Nemours Mansion in Wilmington, Delaware, a trip to the Art Museum to view Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus. Zumba returns on Sunday, Sept. 25 in our hall after the coffee hour. No experience is necessary and your body will thank you for participating.

Coming up is the Bazaar where we will help wherever needed. We plan to participate with the Aid for Friends Program. In fact we will do almost anything that interests our members. We just need to know. Check your mail, the Sunday Messenger, and emails for future details.

Volunteers Needed

ACYOA Seniors Update

2011 General Assembly & Sports Weekend

As many of you know, the 2011 ACYOA General Assembly & Sports Weekend was hosted by our PA-sister church St. Sahag and St. Mesrob. The weekend was full of faith, fun and fellowship. Events were held at sites throughout Philadelphia, including a banquet at the U.S. Constitution Center and competitions held at Philadelphia University. Holy Trinity came in third place in Volleyball. Congratulations to our team!



Young Adult Bible Study (By: Diana Lulejian)

Once a month since June, a group of young adults led by Der Hakob have been meeting to discuss the Bible, their lives and current events. This is probably one of the most refreshing Bible studies I've attended in a long time. There's a sense of connection through our ethnicity, which is very important. We all share an understanding and can relate well with each other because of our similarities in age and ethnic upbringing. The Bible has something to tell everyone about our current lives; not simply stories about the past. 2 Timothy 3:16-17- "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

We currently have been reading the book of Mark and studying the life of Christ. All young adults are welcome to join us for refreshments and continuing through the Bible. We all share a little bit about our own life experiences, are free to ask questions, and it really is a time for us to connect with each other. Der Hakob has a great insight on God's Word and is very patient and willing to share stories about his own life experiences. It's important for the Armenian youth in our community to reach out to each other with the way the world is today. 1 Thessalonians 5:11- "Encourage one another and build each other up." And that's exactly the feeling I get every time I leave our Bible Study. I look forward to seeing some new faces on September 22nd at 7 pm.

Shoeboxes are Coming!!!

It's not too soon to start shopping for your Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. They can be brought to church On Nov 6 or 13. For more information, contact Jeanette @ 215-672-4188 or choirboss@hotmail.com. Let's try to surpass last year's tally!



Harvest Bazaar 10/29 @ 5PM & 10/30 after church

ACYOA JRs. News

SUMMER FUN!

Brenda Yazujian- This summer I spent time at the beach and time with my Armenian friends. I was a Counselor-in-Training at AGBU Camp Nubar in the Catskill Mountains for seven weeks and had a fantastic time! I taught photography and was a counselor for the youngest girls' cabin, G-1.



Alex Brod- This summer I enjoyed being a counselor at Camp Nubar for eight weeks and had great times with old friends. Also, I had fun going on day trips to the beach and just enjoying summer!

Natalie Movsesian-This summer I went to Armenia for two weeks. Then I spent a couple weeks home at my horse barn and horse competitions. Then I enjoyed a week at the shore with my family! After that back to my horse barn to sit for 2 weeks!

Skye Jilajian- This summer I spent two and a half weeks at St. Nersess. The first session I was a counselor for the younger kids. Next was my session where I reunited with many close friends and made many new ones. During this time we learned about God through Bible studies getting closer to him.



Ani Javardian- This summer I was at St. Vartan Camp for two weeks, then I came home and went down to the shore with my friends. I then went to Armenia for two weeks.

Megan Aslanian – I was very busy this summer participating in our Community Theater and Marching Band.

Danny Aslanian – I joined the Marching Band this summer and met a lot of new friends. I also went to the Adirondacks with the Boys Scouts for summer camp.

Both Megan and Danny went down to visit their Grandmother in Florida who is recovering from a fall to help her feel better.

ACYOA JUNIORS MID-ATLANTIC REGION RETREAT

Once again, Jennifer Morris, the Youth Outreach Coordinator of the Diocese, did a great job organizing the Mid-Atlantic Region ACYOA Juniors Retreat that was held in Stony Point, New York. Throughout the weekend we took time to worship God, discuss our religious views and learn more about the Armenian culture. As always, seeing our friends and meeting new ones were a highlight, but we were also able to learn about our faith and culture.

PALM SUNDAY BANQUET

The ACYOA held their traditional Palm Sunday Celebration. The dinner was sponsored by Donna Sarkisian and her family in memory of Nicole DerHagopian. One of our speakers was Hasmig Tatirossian, who is the Project Coordinator for the Fund for Armenian Relief. Ms. Tatirossian spoke about the ACYOA and FAR partnership. Everyone enjoyed the musical entertainment which was provided by Megan Aslanian on the flute, and Taline King on the piano. The banquet was a success. Thank you to all those who attended the Banquet and the ACYOA members who helped serve the dinner.

SPRING SPORTS WEEKEND

Every Memorial Day Weekend, the ACYOA Juniors Spring Sports Weekend is held in Watertown, Massachusetts. Three of our members, Drew Doudoukjian, Skye Jilajian and Brenda Yazujian, attended the weekend. At the sporting events during the day, the Philly Girls Basketball team won second place. Our sports teams were a combination of the members from our church and the members from our sister church, St. Sahag & St. Mesrob. It was great to reunite with old friends and meet new ones. Lots of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Yazujian for providing transportation, we really appreciated it.

Skye Jilajian



The kids go Marching to Sunday School...

Welcome Back!

Sunday School opened Sunday September 11th to:

- Newly renovated classrooms, including new overhead fans in each room.
- A New Start – 10am weekly Assembly with Steve Hovnanian teaching sharagans and other popular Armenian songs...
- New updated curriculum consistent with the new Diocesan standards.
- And a new theme for this school year – “The Saints Go Marching”

Sunday School is the place our children not only learn about God and our Church, but also how to apply Christian behavior to their everyday lives. Sunday School is also a place where our children make their lifelong friends and a place where they will always be a part of an extended family and community.

This year our goal is to provide not only a quality education but also help the children to really feel as if coming to Sunday School and Church is worth giving up other activities for.

We live in a world where everyone is being pulled in many directions and sometimes it is hard for parents to “fit it all in”. We need the help of our entire community to consistently bring our children every Sunday to class on time. To anyone who knows of someone who may need help getting their children to Church – reach out to them.

Calendar for Sunday School 2011 – 2012

September 11	Opening Day and Registration
October 2	Communion Sunday
November 6	Communion Sunday
December 4	Communion Sunday
December 11	Christmas Pageant and Santa
December 25	No Sunday School
January 1, 2012	No Sunday School
January 8	Communion Sunday
February 5	Communion Sunday
February 19	Poon Paregentan
April 1	Palm Sunday
April 8	Easter
June 3	Closing Day

The renovation of the classrooms this past summer could not have been done without the help of many devoted people. A BIG THANK-YOU goes out to Don Paretchan for coordinating the project, Steve Hovnanian for getting his supplier to donate the fans, George Terkanian and Rick Mukalian and their crew for installing the fans and new lights, and to Pat Killian for building a closet in the new ACYOA room and other carpentry projects he so graciously did for us.

I invite everyone to stop by and see what is going on in our Sunday School.

Starting in October start to ask the children for facts about the September Saint we will be learning – St. John the Baptist and the October Saints – Sts. Sahag and Mesrob.

Happily submitted by,
Nancy Hovnanian. Superintendent



*I went outside to find a friend
But could not find one there;*



*I went outside to be a friend;
And friends were everywhere.*

(Payne – reprinted by Our Daily Bread)

Young Adults Trip to Armenia

My trip to Armenia through the Fuller Center for Housing program* was a trip to remember. One thing that I specifically liked was the bonds we made; whether it was between my friends and me or between the family, who we were building the house for, and me. We were helping to finish a home for a family of a mom and two teenagers who had lost their father in a construction accident in Russia. When we first met the family they were very quiet, reserved and kept themselves secluded from us. The mom especially looked very sad all the time. Over the next 2 weeks the kids, Karen and Susan, started to warm up to all of us. They started trying to talk with us, eat with us and play with us. During the breaks everyone would play soccer, blast music, play catch, Frisbee and jump rope. Karen, Susan and their friends would also join us. When they played they had so much fun which seemed to be something that they haven't done in a very long time. Also, very often we would see the mom cheering up and smiling when she spoke with all the parents. At the end of the trip when we were all saying our goodbyes the mom started tearing up and when the translator translated what she was saying she said that she was so happy that we came and helped her and was thankful for all the kindness that everyone showed toward the family. All in all, the trip was amazing and I couldn't have asked for a better first trip to Armenia!

By Natalie Movsesian

When I left for Armenia I did not know what to expect! After the long 12 hour flight there, all I wanted to do was sleep, but as soon as we got there, we were introduced to the Fuller Center family. They were all so welcoming, appreciative, and friendly! The Fuller Center for Housing for Armenia is an amazing organization. Working with them was an eye-opening experience. When we were introduced to the family we were working for, I became excited to work for them because they were all so kind. Working in the village was so different than any other place I've ever been to. We had to do a lot of hard labor but it was worthwhile. We cemented sidewalks and scaped the walls. A lot of the locals helped us as well. Working on this house was an amazing journey. I learned so much from this trip. After spending so much time with this one family, I learned that I have to be appreciative for everything I have and thankful for what I am given. The family was quiet at first when we met them but by the end of the two weeks, it seemed as if I had known them forever. We all became so close to the family. As time went by and the 2 weeks quickly came to an end, we had made a lot of progress to the house and many long lasting memories.

By Allison Moore



**Fuller Center for Housing Armenia (FCHA) is a Non-government Charitable Organization that supports community development in the Republic of Armenia by assisting in building and renovating simple, decent and affordable homes, as well as advocating the right to decent shelter as a matter of conscience and action. FCHA provides long-term, no inflation included, interest-free loans to low-income families. (The Fuller Center for Housing Armenia brochure) Natalie, her cousin Allison and Natalie's mom joined a group of volunteers from our area and North Jersey for a 14 day trip to Armenia in which they built concrete floors, plastered walls and interact with an Armenian family in the village of Dasht.*

Anne Terkanian Honored in Gyumri

The most recent distribution of stipends of the Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program (CASP) in Gyumri was also an opportunity to honor one of CASP's most dedicated volunteers: Ms. Anne Terkanian.

Ms. Terkanian is a member of the Women's Guild Central Council, which runs CASP. She serves on the CASP Board, whose members include two other dedicated volunteers: Ms. Lucy Murad and Ms. Tanya Bukucuyan.

During the distribution in Gyumri this month, 90 children received stipends, which will help cover educational, health, and other expenses for these most underprivileged children of Armenia.

Ms. Terkanian relayed to the children the support of CASP donors from around the world. "In addition to my own children, I have over 1,000 kids whom I keep in my heart," she said.

My summer at St. Nersess (by Skye Jilajian)

This summer I spent two-and-a-half weeks at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary. First, I attended the Junior High session as a counselor for my first time. During this week, I helped plan fun activities and be a part of running the different events and classes throughout each day. Brenda Jilajian, one of many guests, came to make prayer boxes with everyone. When my session came, I was more than excited to see all my friends, some that I haven't seen for as long as a year.

A normal day at Nersess consists of everything from Bible studies, to Armenian classes as well as a long relaxing free time. Chapel is twice a day, about fifteen minutes each time. This is your time to relax and become close with God. Not only is there chapel to help become closer with God, but a Bible study once a day where you discuss different topics about our Christian faith. Right after lunch everyone participates in clean-up. This is followed by a couple of hours of free time. Many kids play sports, take naps, play ping pong, and just hang out with friends.

Being a part of the High School session, one of our big events is going to Point Pleasant beach, leaving late morning and having lunch on the bus so that when we arrive, we can spend the rest of the day lying on the beach and swimming in the ocean. Before dinner we shower and get ready to walk the boardwalk with friends, play games and go on rides until it is time to head back to our home. By the end of the nine days spent at St. Nersess, it becomes your home. The friends that you meet become part of your family. This session we had 35 participants, all coming in as friends and leaving as a close knit family.



What I Learned At Camp Vartan

By Peter Ohnigian

I learned many things at Camp Vartan. I learned some Armenian dances, heritage, and language.

In Armenian language, I learned the numbers up to one million. I learned the days of the week, foods and other words in Armenian.

In Heritage, I learned Armenian dances like the Kochari. And I also learned about Armenian heroes and heroines like Sts. Gregory and Vartan. We would watch slide shows about them, then the counselors would dress up like the people in the slideshow and we could ask them questions.

In Religion, we would read bible stories and talk about them.

The highlight of my trip was the shaving cream fight against the CITs (Counselors in Training). I learned that shaving cream in your eyes can burn.

This is the end of my essay. I hope you liked it. Also, St. Vartan wants more campers in Session A. I'd like it if you would tell your friends about it.

Thank you for supporting me.



A Milestone for Our Vehapar

On Sunday, August 21, on the occasion of the 60th birthday of His Holiness Karekin II, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, a Pontifical Prayer was offered at Holy Etchmiadzin. Primate of dioceses across Armenia, members of the Brotherhood of Holy Etchmiadzin, and the faithful asked God to protect Holy Etchmiadzin, and to continue to grant strength to His Holiness as he leads the Armenian Church and people.

In a congratulatory letter, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian wrote on behalf of the entire Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America to convey fond wishes to Catholicos Karekin II.

His Holiness Karekin II was born in the village of Voskehat in 1951. He entered the seminary of Holy Etchmiadzin in 1965, and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood in 1972. He was elected the 132nd Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians on October 27, 1999.

Church eNews

The church has recently upgraded their eNews information. If you would like to church news, Armenian event news and more. Sign up at the church website www.holytrinity-pa.org. It is safe and you can opt out anytime you wish.

Don't Miss the Harvest Bazaar 10/29 & 10/30

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Pew Cushions

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that one item which was on our parishioners "Wish List" and which was passed by the 2010-2011 Parish Council has been accomplished. Pew cushions have been purchased for our 36 church pews and will be installed in time for our 45th Anniversary celebration. Mr. Haig Torigian has graciously donated \$1,000.00 toward the four Choir Loft cushions and the 32 pew cushions for the Sanctuary are being paid for by part of the donation (approximately \$9,000) presented to Holy Trinity last November as a gift from PAND. We look forward to having all our parishioners enjoy the comfort of the new addition of pew cushions to our church which will enhance their participation in our beautiful Badarak (Divine Liturgy).

As we remember the 10th anniversary of 9/11, we are reminded of
"The Little Things" that spared peoples' lives.

The Little Things

- The head of a big company got in late that day because his son started kindergarten.
- Another fellow was alive because it was his turn to bring donuts.
- One woman was late because her alarm clock didn't go off in time.
- One was late because of being stuck on the NJ Turnpike due to an accident.
- One of them missed his bus.
- One spilled food on her clothes and had to take time to change.
- One's car wouldn't start.
- One went back to answer the telephone.
- One had a child that dawdled and didn't get ready as soon as he should have.
- One couldn't get a taxi.
- And....one man put on a new pair of shoes, but by the time he arrived at work, he had developed a blister on his foot and stopped at a drugstore to buy a Band-Aid.



*So when we are stuck in traffic, or miss an elevator, or stop to get the phone, let's remember that we are exactly where
God wants us to be at that very moment.*

"...give thanks in all circumstances..." (1 Thessalonians 5:18a)

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About OUR Family



Congratulations to newlyweds Jimmy and Armenuhi Keshgegian who were united in Holy Matrimony at Holy Trinity in June. Jimmy is one of our regular altar servers and the son of Patrice and Albert Keshgegian. Armenuhi comes from Detroit and we extend a warm welcome to the bride into our Holy Trinity family It was a "Destination Wedding" as Garo Garibian and Cece DeRantz (and many of their family and friends) travelled to Armenia to exchange vows in the very ancient Geghard Monastery. We send them our best wishes and officially welcome Cece to our HT family.... Baby bells rang for Marina and Milan Slatnicky as they presented Silva Hovhannesian with her first grandchild named Michael Vartan. Continued blessings to all of them.... Good luck to Michael Alexanian who is off to Michigan to begin law school. We shall miss him in our community and especially his service at our Holy Altar and look forward to his visits back home.....Congratulations to Robin Barone who received a Masters in Business Administration from INSEAD in Fontainebleau, France this summer. We'll be looking for her name in the news!!....Get-well wishes are sent to Armena Bartow, Butch Kumkumian, Mike Hajatian Sr. and Krikor Mahserajian who are at different stages of healing from their various infirmities. May their recovery soon be complete. Please keep them in your prayers.... Good luck to Silva Hovhannesian who is beginning a second career, having earned a degree as a Medical Assistant. She will also be continuing in her dressmaking/alteration business while she works part-time in her new career....And another career change: Vahan Parechan, who has been in California for several years, is now a producer of small boutique films. His third film will "wrap" in October. We look forward to seeing one of his productions on the big screen And kudos to John Hanamirian who has been named one of the top tax attorneys in this area, according to SJ Magazine, Southern New Jersey. He is a real gentleman and top-notch in everything he does, including being an outstanding Parish Council Treasurer.....Happy Fall to all of you!

A Sincere Thank You!

With deep gratitude, I would like to thank all of my Holy Trinity friends for their prayers, cards, phone calls and visits during my recent illness. Special appreciation is extended to Der Hakob for his visits and uplifting words. The kindness shown to me was a great source of encouragement which aided in my recovery. I hope it won't be too long before I will be able to be with all of you again at church.

Armena Bartow

Dear Der Hayr and my entire church family:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the gifts, cards, phone calls and other expressions of kindness my family and I received during my recent illness.

I especially would like Der Hayr to know how much his prayers and visitations guided me through my recovery.

I thank God for blessing me with such a wonderful church community who has seen me and my family through a most difficult time.

Rose Minassian

College Graduate

Maritsa Sherenian, daughter of Michael and Suzanne Sherenian graduated from Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY. She received her B.S. in Speech and Language Pathology, graduating Magnum Cum Laude, in addition to several other academic honors. Maritsa will continue her education at Ithaca College, in order to obtain her Masters of Science in Speech and Language Pathology.

LOOYS Donation

Vicki Vosbikian, Rose Minassian, Harry & Mary Injaian



Bill & Diana(De Mirjian) McGarvey celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary this past July on a 12-day Mediterranean Cruise. They were married by their beloved friend and priest, Father Haigazoun Melkonian on July 12th, 1986.

BAPTISMS

June 4, 2011: CECELIA M. DERENTZ (Adult Confirmation)
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Quinn

September 3, 2011: MARGARITA VEDENSKAYA
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dmitriy Vedenskiy
Godfather: Ararat Aluhasyan
Godmother: Angelina Aluhasyan

September 17, 2011: PAUL CHARLIE TERKANIAN
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Terkanian
Godfather: Christopher Vosbikian
Godmother: Kristen Vosbikian

September 18, 2011: MELKON JON ALAYAN
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Hovhannes Alayan

*On the occasion of the Feast of Blessed Virgin Mary and
the Rite of the Blessing of Grapes,
the following have made donations to our Church:*



* Rima Mardirosian

* In memory of MARTIN PARNAGIAN, BEDROS and VERKIN SEMERJIAN
by Mrs. Mary Parnagian.

* In memory of VAHAG BOYAJIAN by Florence Boyajian.

* In memory of MARY SARDARIAN by Walter Bagian.

* In memory of my cousin, MARY MINASSIAN (MAZMANIAN) by Jack C. Goushian, Esquire.

* In memory of AGHAVNEY KALAFIAN and HRIPSIME MAMASIAN
by Harry & Rose Kalafian.

* In memory of GEORGE, MARGARET & ARYA TAIOIAN by John and Edward Taioian.

* In memory of MARI HAJATIAN by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hajatian Sr.

* In memory of AVEDIS, MARITZA and ZAVEN TERZIAN by Mr. Edward Terzian.

* In memory of the KAPEGHIAN & CHOLAKIAN FAMILIES by Elizabeth Kapoghian.

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10:30 AM - Solemn Divine Liturgy with
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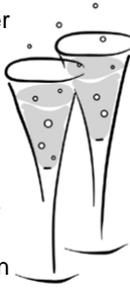
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Anniversaries and Birthdays

MEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

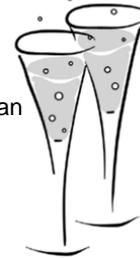
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Michael & Carol Hanamirian	10/7/1989
Richard & Evelyn Weinsheimer	10/9/1971
Steven & Stephanie Balint	10/12/1997
Berj & Michele Yerezian, Jr	10/14/1989
Gregory & Maria Javardian	10/15/1983
Ara & Virginia Shakarjian	10/16/1955
Kimon & Sheryl Hatza	10/16/1982
Donald & Judy Paretchan	10/18/2009
Michael & Arpena Hajatian, Sr	10/19/1947
Jake & Gina Terkanian	10/20/2007
Larry & Jeanette Der Hagopian	10/24/1964
Steve & Sona Brod	10/28/1990
Berj & Alice Kalustyan	10/29/1955



November

Albert & Pauline Chapjian	11/1/????
Sarkis & Pauline Dedeian	11/1/1955
Gary & Eileen Altoonian	11/5/????
Ernest & Christine Peacock	11/6/1976
Haig & Gay Hagopian	11/11/1979
John & Susan Lillis	11/12/1988
Steve & Doretta Aslanian	11/15/1987
John & Margaret Bandaian	11/25/2005
Ralph & Nane Arpajian	11/26/2010
Richard & Florence Maloumian	11/27/1968
David & Marta Brann	11/29/1980



December

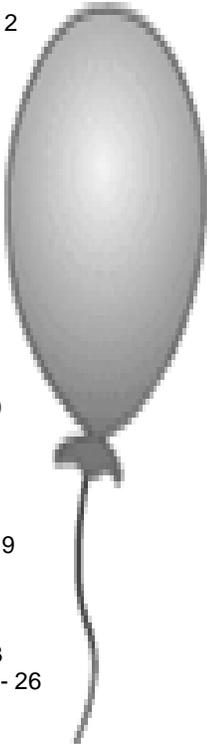
Terri & David Sadjian-Mears	12/1/1984
Robert & Janice King	12/3/1983
Albert & Patrice Keshgegian	12/22/1974
Hacadur & Janet Hashas	12/25/1949
Melani & Kyle Burrows	12/29/2007
Robert & Elizabeth Barone	12/30/1972

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October

Marina Hovhannesian - 2
 Grace Meranshian - 4
 Steve Aslanian - 5
 Aram Attarian - 5
 Robert King - 5
 Jack Vishab - 5
 Haig Hagopian - 6
 Philip Kazanjian - 6
 Matthew Santerian - 6
 Lauren Lillis - 7
 Janice Owens - 7
 Jennifer Hagopian - 8
 Carol Momjian - 9
 Brianna Juskalian - 10
 Jeannine Juskalian - 10
 Mary Paretchan - 12
 Richard Carlucci - 14
 Rose Thomassian - 16
 Marta Brann - 18
 Florence Maloumian - 19
 Mary Parnagian - 19
 Peter Hovnanian - 20
 Jean Ohnigian - 21
 Peter Oskanian, Jr. - 23
 Christopher Torcomian - 26
 Laura Bilazarian - 29
 John Bosnian - 29
 Adrienne Minassian - 29
 Tara Zane - 29
 Kyle Dunigan - 31
 Katie Hashas - 31
 Michelle Oskanian - 31
 Alice Sisian - 31



November

Naomi Kapeghian - 1
 Rosaleen Oskanian - 1
 Scott Santerian - 1
 Harry Mirijanian - 2
 Annabel Hovnanian - 3
 John Oskanian - 3
 Dori Juskalian - 4
 Kimberly Dunigan - 6
 Emin Najaryan - 7
 Bennett Ohanes Oskanian - 8
 Thomas Torcomian - 8
 Lesly Attarian - 10
 Angel Tookmanian - 12
 Robert Sarkisian - 15
 Gary Altoonian - 16
 Selma Alexanian - 17
 Elizabeth Barone - 17
 Shawn Carnevale Jr - 18
 Veronica Carnevale - 18
 Alice Kalustyan - 18
 Raffi Rafiyev - 18
 Janet Hashas - 20
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 Stefanie Vishab - 22
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 Gabrielle Meranshian - 28
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 Joyce Killian - 29
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December

Alice Karabian - 1
 Roman Radynsky - 1
 Kimberly Kalustyan - 2
 John Terzian - 3
 Nancy Basmajian - 4
 Alise Peckjian - 4
 Abigail Zane - 4
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 Denise Sisian - 18
 Helen Terzian Gallagher - 22
 Theresa Hovnanian - 22
 Grayson Oskanian - 22
 Natalie Movsesian - 24
 Baby Jesus - 25
 Maria Javardian - 25
 Christina Juskalian - 25
 Isabella Balint - 27
 Alise Jilajian - 27
 Elize Mazmanian - 27
 Jonothan Koengetter - 28
 John Tatoian - 28
 Alexis Javardian - 29
 Adrienne Juskalian - 29



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My Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Written by Michael Alexanian

June 2011 embarked a once in a lifetime experience for me; it was my first trip to the Holy Land – Jerusalem. It was absolutely the most heartfelt and spiritual trip of my life thus far. I was very honored to have taken part as a pilgrim, walking in the footsteps of Christ, with Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese. Our group of about 40 Armenian churchgoers age 19-26 flew out of Newark and had a direct flight into Tel Aviv where we all anxiously awaited the start to an amazing trip to come.

We gathered together at 8 am the first morning in Jerusalem and took part in the beginning of our memorable trip. We all participated in Badarak at the Church of the Virgin Mary. This church houses the tomb of the Virgin Mary located underneath the Armenian altar. After Badarak, we then went to see the Garden of Gethsemane. Here, Jesus prayed before His arrest directly following the betrayal of Judas. It is said that Jesus was praying so hard that he began to sweat blood! We then visited the Church of All Nations, which housed the actual rock that Jesus had prayed upon right before His arrest. We then went to the Mt. of Olives where Jesus had ascended into heaven. Shortly after, we went to see the Church of the Pater Noster, also called the Church of the Lord's Prayer. Here, the Lord's Prayer is written in a total of 169 different languages. They were all written on ceramic tiles covering all over the walls of the church. I felt chills in my body once I saw the Hayr Mer (the Lord's Prayer in Armenian). Shortly after we walked through the entire church, we then went to the "Dominus Flevit" or "Jesus Wept" Church. This is the place where Jesus cried for Jerusalem.

What had just been said in the preceding paragraph was only Day 1 of our trip! As you can tell, our days were jam-packed with tons of site seeing. I recall our Armenian tour guide saying that what we did in half of a day is what most people complete in 2 days! Our next day of site seeing was filled with some fun by going into Palestine and seeing where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found at Qumran. We were also able to go swimming in the Dead Sea. We had many leadership discussions and Bible readings every day at many of the different locations in the Holy Land. I must say that the most memorable part of my trip to the Holy Land was on our 4th day. We had gone to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and to Bethlehem. At 4 am that morning, Badarak was preformed at this church in which the Tomb of Christ is held. Once you enter the church, you can't help but get emotional; I believe just about every member of our group shed a tear. The feelings you get while being in there are unexplainable. Not only is there the Tomb of Christ, but there are also many Armenian paintings, mosaics, and altars inside the church. On this same day, we also went to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity. There in the Grotto sits the Star of Bethlehem where Jesus is said to have been born. During our journey, we also did many other things like visit His Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem. We visited the Armenian Quarter, the Vank, the Seminary, the Church of Saints James, and also had many social events with the local Armenian kids of Jerusalem. As well, we also went to the Wailing Wall and the Dome of the Rock.

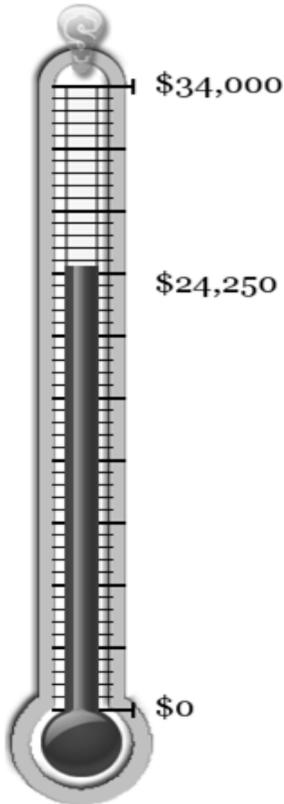


The Armenians have such a huge presence throughout the Holy Land - it makes me feel so proud to be an Armenian! I truly feel that every Armenian needs to visit Jerusalem in his/her lifetime. Jerusalem changed me spiritually and has humbled me greatly. If you ever doubt your faith, go to the Holy Land. You can feel the Lord's presence everywhere you go - He is with you always! This was truly a trip of a lifetime and I would like to take this moment to thank Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan for giving me the honor of being selected to represent Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church.

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Just Another Day At The Office For Our Choir and Deacon Members



A Meditation by Deacon Albert Keshgegian

*Madik arr Der yev arek uzlooyis.
Draw near to the Lord and take the light.
-- Hymn of Communion*

The phrase above is one of my favorites from the Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak). It is from the hymn that is sung just before Confession and Communion, when the curtain is closed and the people are coming forward to the altar.

What is this light that the hymn is talking about? Of course it is the light of God in the context of the body and blood of Christ that we receive in Communion. The idea of God as light occurs a number of times in the Gospels. The beginning of the Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the "true light that enlightened every man. This light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it" (Jn. 1:4b-5). Later in the Gospel of John Jesus also says about himself "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk darkness, but will have the light of life" (Jn. 8:12).

We all know how important light is for us. The first thing we do when we walk into a dark room is flick on the light switch. The sun gives us light and warmth so that we won't freeze and so that we can see outdoors and so plants can grow and provide food for us.

But the light that this hymn and the Gospel of John speak about is different. It's not like a light bulb or the sun, which give us physical light. This is light that gives life to our souls. God's light draws us into the warmth of his kingdom. God lights the eyes of our souls to show us the way to do good deeds, to do the work of God. When we have God's light, our souls will never walk in darkness. When we have God's light, we will not stumble or fall or get lost. We see clearly the path leading to our goal, which is life forever with God.

God is in a battle with Satan for our souls --a battle of light versus darkness and ignorance, a battle of good versus evil and sin. But we know that God has already won that battle. We know because we see the power of Christ in his many miracles. We also see the power of Christ in the greatest miracle of all, his resurrection, when he defeated death and Satan.

How can we share in Christ's light and have our eyes opened to the way to go to God? The next line of that same hymn is another of my favorites and it answers this question:



*Jashagetzek yev desek zi kaghtsr eh Der.
O taste and see that the Lord is sweet.*

Who doesn't like something sweet? Cakes, pies, ice cream, chocolate candies. But the sweetest tasting of all is Christ in Communion --taking Christ himself within us, tasting his love, tasting of his power to perform miracles and to give us eternal life.

Every week Christ calls us to a banquet. He calls us through his boundless love and through this beautiful hymn. The main course of the banquet is mentioned in an earlier line of the same hymn:

*Zmarmin yoor dah mez geragoor.
His body he gives us for food.*

The main course is the sweet taste of Christ himself. And the dessert? The dessert is the hope of eternal life in the joy of heaven. How could we say no?

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A Pilgrimage and A Wedding

By Nadia Silk

As a bit of a backstory, this August, about twenty-five Philadelphians - including mostly Holy Trinity parishioners and our Der Hakob - traveled to Yerevan for Dr. Garo Garibian and his bride Cece's wedding. It would include a full week of site seeing leading up to the wedding celebration on Friday, August 12.

For many of the travelers, it was our first time to the motherland. As a first timer myself, I was "prepped" and advised throughout the months leading up to the trip. All of the recounts and impressions varied, depending on when the person had traveled, but everyone was in unity over one thing - I would love it.

So with no expectations (except that it would need to be the most incredible experience of my life), I packed my bags (which didn't actually arrive in Armenia) and left. In appropriate fashion, we started the trip with a traditional Armenian dinner and kef night. For the non-Armenians on the trip, this evening full of copious vodka genatzs, more food than we could imagine and live Armenian music and dancing set the tone for the rest of the week.

Although we were all on this voyage for a celebration (and celebrate we did), we were also there to visit many sites and learn about the history and significance to our heritage and religion. For brevity sake, I won't provide a detailed recap of each journey, but to highlight: we attended Badarak at Holy Echmiadzin, visited several churches and monasteries, ate many feasts, and toured meaningful landscapes such as Lake Sevan. We were lucky enough to experience special additions, including a trip to the Turkish border at Arax River, a dinner feast graciously prepared for us by Yeretzgin Ana, Diramayr and Dirahayr, renewal of wedding vows in the Saghmosavank Monastery at Amberd, and our own Fran Torcomian's confirmation into the Armenian Church at Kohr Virap.



In spite of some warnings I received, I did not encounter too many "developing country" foibles. I never personally felt unsafe and we weren't hassled by beggars or cons. George Terkanian - who we coincidentally nicknamed "Chief of L & I" - can fill you in on his infrastructure and mechanical concerns.

Every single thing was beautiful. The landscapes, the views of Ararat, the churches, stonework, fruits and vegetables, the people. Even in dolor and solemnity, we could find beauty. Our visit to Mer Doon, the post-Orphanage home for women, was beautiful because of the warmth and love these girls were capable of sharing in spite of their hardships. Similarly, we saw beauty at the Tsiternakaberd Armenian Genocide Monument and Museum in the way that this tragic event in our history was displayed and memorialized.



The emotion I felt most powerfully throughout the trip was pride. Pride in a patriotic sense, for Armenia. Proud to be an Armenian; that several roots of Christianity stem from our ancestral home; that we survived many attacks to defend our religion; that we maintained our culture in spite of opposition; and even that the non-Armenians on the trip recognized these traits and were captivated throughout our journey.

To exemplify, I think it is appropriate to quote the words of Cece's son Jared about the visit to Echmiadzin:

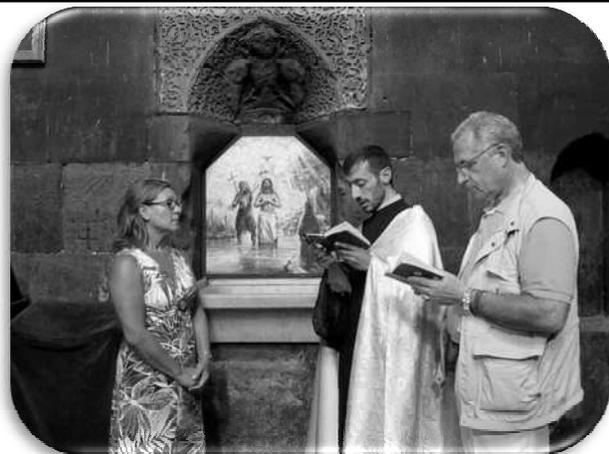
Today, Sunday, we started our day by going to mass at a church that Jesus himself would have been proud of. Architecture is immediately noticeable, and the church was the prime example. While I am not the most religious of men, I am no stranger to understanding things that are important and prevalent in the creation of this crazy world we live in. It matters, and everything we saw mattered. A museum followed with treasures that words cannot describe.

In closing, below I leave you with my recipe for a successful trek to Hayastan. Fortunately for us, we were blessed with all of the ingredients:

- A vibrant and quirky group of travelers to keep it funny and interesting;
- A trip leader named Garo Garibian who knows just about everyone in the country including all of the clergy at each site you visit;
- A tour guide and bus driver that know the country inside and out so that you don't miss a beat while you arrive safely at each destination;
- The priest from your own parish to enforce your sense of community and pilgrimage and to pray with you at each significant location;
- A tolerance for heat, since your air conditioned bus will be set at 85 degrees (on a good day);
- A wedding with ten clergy, local pop stars, and overflowing love to culminate the pilgrimage;
- And of course, energy, a thirst for exploration and faith so that you can appreciate the experience in a meaningful way.



Even though these few words do not begin to illustrate what an inspiring and amazing occasion it was for me, everyone was right, I loved it.





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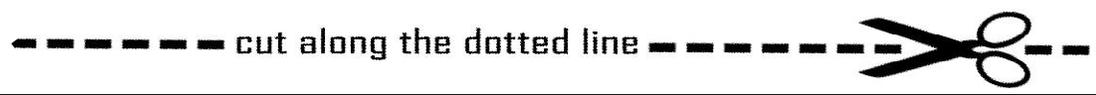
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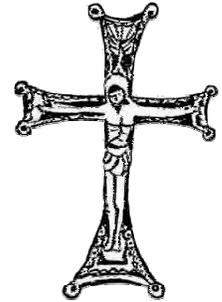
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