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Holy Trinity Armenian Church

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Cheltenham, PA

October to December 2012



Hours of Worship

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

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



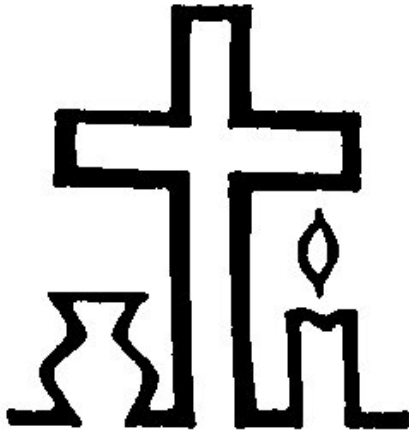
Upcoming Events

- So many events upcoming, there is not enough room to list them all. Please check them out on the inside.
- Bible Study - 3rd Tue. every month - 10 am
- Young Adult Bible Study - 3rd Thu. every month - 7 pm

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Mankind has different kinds of sicknesses. Some of our sicknesses are because of ignorance and mistakes, some of them are inherited and some others have no explanation. Anointing of the sick is very similar to the Sacrament of Penance (Confession and Repentance).



What is anointing of the sick?

Anointing of the sick was an old Jewish custom which continued in the Christian Church. When Jesus Christ gave authority to His disciples to preach and teach the Holy Gospel to all nations, He also gave them authority to anoint and heal sick people. "They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them." (Mark 6:12-13) "Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness." (Matthew 10:1) The Apostle James said, "Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven." (James 5:14-15)

Why doesn't the Armenian Church anoint the sick now?

Originally we had this custom in the Armenian Church, but we have stopped doing it for a very logical reason. The reason is that people don't know when, where and how they are going to be sick and die - at home, when they are traveling, suddenly, or after long period of sickness. Our church fathers decided to join the last anointing to the first anointing, which is Chrismation. In this way everyone can receive it. During Baptism and Chrismation we anoint nine parts of the child: the forehead, the eyes, the ears, the nostrils, the mouth, the hands, the heart, the back and the feet. The first three parts belong to the Chrismation and the rest belong to the Last Anointing.



When did the Armenian Church stop doing the Last Anointing?

Centuries ago, faithful people believed instead of being washed from their sins through confession, they could rely on the fact that on the day before they died they would receive the Last Anointment and be justified. Many churches still continue with the practice of final anointing to this day. However, the earliest mention of anointing in our church was by St. Gregory of Tatev (14th & 15th centuries) who said that the first anointing (Chrismation) and the last anointing are done together. He said that confession is a very important aspect in the life of the believer and, along with repentance, should be done actively throughout their life and not only in the last days before they die (often without knowing when that would be).

This is why our Church fathers decided to discontinue the practice of Last Anointing.

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan

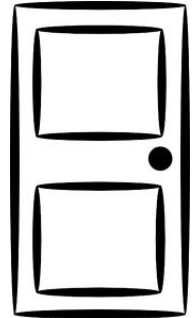
***What is done for Christ right now
will be rewarded in eternity.***

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

We had a very exciting and productive quarter. As all of you who have been at church have seen, the end result of the easement project has provided us with a much more scenic view with the new parking lot and refinished back lot. Trees will soon be added along the railroad embankment.

The front doors of the Church were refinished and new bottom plates installed. Next year, we will determine how to improve the lighting around the grounds.

Our next project will be to replace the front steps and landings. We have instituted a Memorial Brick program to install bricks on the top landing. A detailed announcement is in this issue and a mailing will follow. Timing is important so that we know how many of each of the two sizes to order and whether or not we have allocated enough space in the design. The project is expected to be completed before our annual Genocide Remembrance.



Choosing the Best

The downstairs lobby will be made more attractive with some new furniture donated by Steve Hovnanian. Existing pictures from other areas of the church were hung in this newly decorated area.

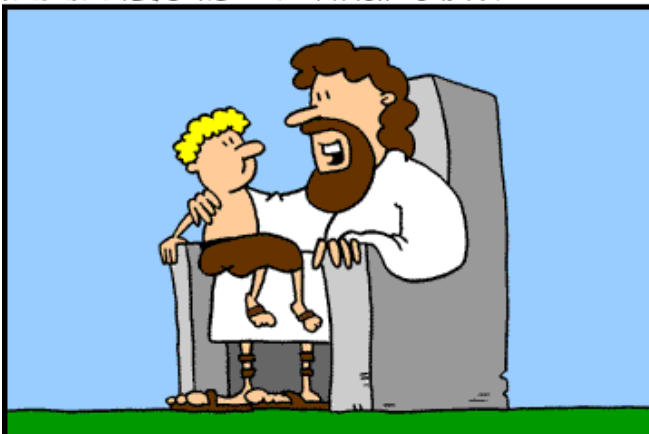
We held a meeting with seven of our Hayastantzi newcomers to determine what could be done to help meet their needs. The first thing that was done was to combine Armenian School and Sunday School. This year we have the first increase in enrollment in five years. It also appears that attendance is on the increase.

The first event suggested to us was the Dolma Contest. Sixteen families made dolma and competed for "Best Dolma". This was really a fun and tasty day. The next event will be a dance in January. Two of our newcomers joined the Armenian School teaching staff. I urge each of you to take the time to meet all newcomers. We also had two volunteers act as greeters (Russian and Armenian speaking) on occasion to help welcome new members.

A Fortieth Day service was held for the late Patriarch Torkom Manoogian. Many of us could relate stories of how he influenced our lives and Dr. Garo Garibian narrated a great video presentation on Surpazan's life and funeral which he prepared especially for our parish. The Parish Council decided to form an Endowment Fund in his memory and will donate \$10,000 in matching funds. The income in future years will be used to help fund Diocesan trips to Jerusalem and educational programs for the youth of our church.

We also met with the heads of all our organizations to hear what they plan to do next year and what help they will need.

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On Stewardship Sunday we stressed that Stewardship consisted of giving back some of the time, talent and treasure that God has given us and asked for 2013 pledges. We are about \$4,000 below our budgeted goal for 2012 and request that those who haven't fulfilled their pledge please do so.

Activity in the ACYOA Jrs is still high and they are really involved. The Srs. will get a kick start this year starting with the January dance.

Church attendance is on an upswing and we'll provide some details from the records we have kept since Sept 2005 in future articles.

The Parish Council wishes all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



REMEMBERING PATRIARCH TORKOM MANOOGIAN



On Sunday, December 2, the Holy Trinity family enjoyed a wonderful video presentation on the life and funeral of His Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, 96th Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem who passed away at the age of 93. The video was lovingly prepared by Dr. Garo Garibian who narrated it, over a background of sharagans of Gomidas Vartabed.

He recounted the remarkable 73 years of service His Eminence gave to the Armenian Church and Nation, beginning with his ordination as a celibate priest at the young age of 20. We were reminded of the great contributions that Torkom Patriarch made over the many years he served. He was brought to the USA by Archbishop Diran Nersoyan of blessed memory in 1946, and served from 1946-1951 as a young parish priest of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church in North Philadelphia (now the Cheltenham parish). This was to be his only parish as a pastor, because after that he went on to become the Vicar of the Eastern Diocese, was then elected as Primate of the Western Diocese, was then elected as Primate of the Eastern Diocese, and in 1990 returned to Jerusalem where he was elected by the Jerusalem Brotherhood to become the 96th Patriarch to occupy the throne of Sts. James.

His service as Primate of the Eastern Diocese was life-changing for our people and he was highly respected and admired by all in the non-Armenian community. He was known to be an expert on Gomidas Vartabed; wrote books of poetry; composed music; and wrote the first Divine Liturgy pew books that helped worshippers to follow in English and Armenian. This Liturgy pew book was unique in that it was laid out with simultaneous texts of Armenian, English as well as a transliteration text (for those that could not read in Armenian), thus allowing generations of American-Armenians to be able to follow and understand the Badarak in the language they felt most comfortable.

The video movie took us all to the Jaffa Gate of the Old City on Sunday October 21, where the open casket of His Beatitude was carried solemnly by members of the Brotherhood through the narrow streets of Jerusalem to the beautiful Armenian Cathedral of Sts. James, where he was laid out in state for the viewing.

On the following morning, we found ourselves by the open casket of His Beatitude, now dressed in full vestments of a Patriarch, surrounded by four clergymen who read quietly and continuously from the book of Psalms, until the start of the Divine Liturgy.

The Divine Liturgy was officiated by Archbishop Navasart Kjoyan, representative of the Mother See of Echmiadzin. As is customary for the funeral of a clergyman of the Armenian Church, the casket of His Beatitude was taken to the altar before the Kiss of Peace, and he was re-anointed into his newly resurrected life, and the Kiss of Peace was then received from his newly anointed hands for the last time on this earth by the Brotherhood of Jerusalem as well as the delegation of clergymen.

The open casket of His Beatitude was then carried by members of the Brotherhood in full procession of the clergy and hundreds of attendants to his final resting place at the Church of the Holy Savior (Soorp Purgich) on Mount Zion, the official burial sites of Armenian Patriarch for centuries. He was laid to rest next to the tomb of Archbishop Diran Nersoyan, his mentor.

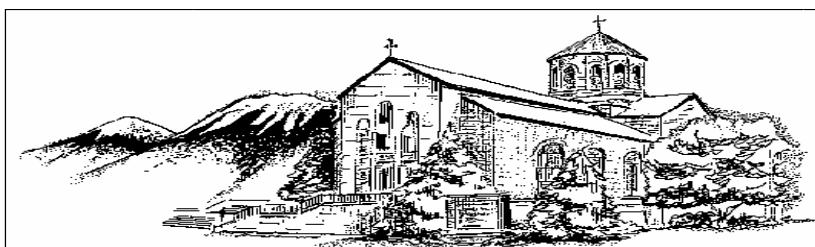
The video ended with a repertoire of pictures spanning the remarkable life of Torkom Surpazan as Pastor, Primate, and Patriarch.

The video shared something that few people ever get to see: a glimpse of the funeral of a much-loved, high-ranking clergyman of our church halfway around the world, and all who attended were moved by the presentation and shared with each their own reminiscences of His Beatitude. We were also very happy that Surpazan's sister, Zovig (Devletian) and her husband, George, could be with us on this day which coincided with the karasoonk in church.

For those who could not attend, they will be able to view the video on our church website: www.holytrinity-pa.org



As previously stated, the Parish Council of Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church is pleased to announce the creation of the Patriarch Torkom Manoogian Endowment Fund, the earnings of which will earmarked for educational purposes or a Jerusalem pilgrimage for young members of our church. Those wishing to make a donation to this Fund in memory of our beloved former pastor are asked to make a check payable to "HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH, Memo: Patriarch Torkom" and mail to the Church. All donations received will be matched by the church up to \$10,000.



Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church
Cheltenham, Pennsylvania

Christmas Services 2013

Saturday January 5, 2013

Christmas Eve

7:00 PM



Sunday January 6, 2013

Christmas Day

Blessing of the Water

10:30 AM



The Pastor and Parish Council of Holy Trinity
and all of your friends listed below wish you a
very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Andonian

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the Glad Tidings of Christmas with all our Church Family and Friends.

A Meditation on the Celebration of Christmas/Theophany

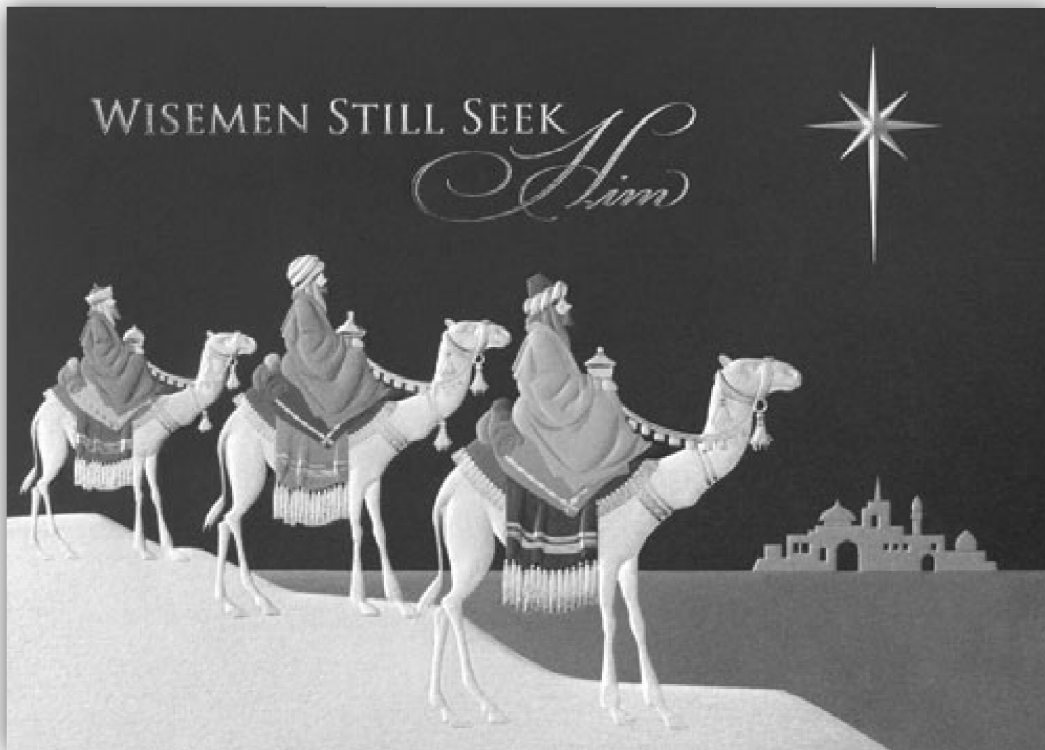
by Deacon Albert Keshgegian

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ... When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus. Mt. 1:18-25

The Gospels don't tell us much about Joseph. We know that he was a descendant of David and that he worked as a carpenter in Nazareth. We can also tell from this passage that Joseph was a man of high principle and of compassion. When Joseph found out that his fiancée Mary was pregnant, and knew that he was not the father, Joseph thought he had two choices. He could publicly announce what had happened and divorce her. At that point the Jewish authorities could decide to have her stoned as punishment. But Joseph didn't want to humiliate Mary, and decided just to divorce her quietly.

But then something happened. An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and presented him with a third option, one that he had not even thought to consider. The angel told Joseph to go ahead and take Mary as his wife, and to accept the child she was carrying and raise it as his own. This of course turned out to be the best course of action, which would eventually bring the hope of salvation to the whole world.

In our own lives, we are also often faced with difficult decisions that we have to make. We may carefully weigh the pros and cons of each choice, and proceed in a deliberate manner to reach a conclusion. What we often forget is to include God in this process. God's wisdom far exceeds our own. If we follow God's guidance, we may see options and choices that we would not think of on our own, just as Joseph did. And, like Joseph's decision, a decision made with God's guidance may lead to an outcome for us far better than any we could have imagined by ourselves.



Exciting New Brick Project to Start Spring 2013

At a recent Parish Council meeting, the new brick project for the entrance to our church was approved. "This has been presented for the past number of years and we are excited to see it moving forward" says Jeanette Der Hagopian, long time parishioner and current Parish Council Member.

The landing entering the church has been in need of repair for quite some time, so an idea was presented by Chairman, John Kash, to not only replace this area but to make it a project that would enable parishioners an opportunity to memorialize and/or honor loved ones and family names in perpetuity, while at the same time helping to offset the cost of replacing the concrete landing at the front entrance of the church.

"This is a project that the entire congregation can get behind" says Chairman, John Kash, and continues by saying "contrary to most brick projects, which are very expensive, we were very mindful of the cost and feel that this should fit just about everyone's budget."

The initial installation of the engraved bricks will be in the Spring of 2013. So if you would like to be one of the first to have your engraved brick placed in our new landing design, get your order in quickly.

Details, forms and purchase prices can be found in a display, in the front lobby and are in this copy of the Looys.

Thank you for your continued support.

2012-2013 Parish Council

A stylized illustration of a classical building facade. It features a central pediment supported by three large, dark arches. The building is flanked by two green rectangular sections. The roof is brown, and the base is a light brown grid pattern.

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ACYOA Seniors Update

By Krikor Javardian

The Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors have been involved with several events the past few months. We have held monthly Bible Study sessions at church with Der Hakob leading our group. Our Bible Study sessions not only involve analyzing Bible passages, but they also consist of relating passages to our everyday lives. As young adults, these sessions help us become more spiritual and allow us to reflect upon our fast-paced lifestyles.

Several of our group members helped out with our church's Harvest Bazaar on October 26, 27, and 28. We helped by setting up, cooking the shish kebab, serving food and cleaning up. The Harvest Bazaar was a complete success as always, and I already can't wait for next year's Bazaar (mostly because I get to eat Mihran's shish kebab for a week straight)!

Our group also ventured out of state to attend events. On November 10, several of us attended a benefit dance at St. James Church in Watertown, MA. The dance benefited *Mer Doon*, a non-governmental organization which provides care for young female adults in Armenia. Also, on November 24, Eric Silk and I attended an Oriental Orthodox Conference at St. Peter's University in Jersey City, New Jersey. Attendees of the conference included more than 500 individuals from various Oriental Orthodox churches. It was a very spiritual experience, but it also allowed for us to converse and exchange ideas with other young adults involved with their churches.

Lastly, we are looking for a Holy Trinity representative to help with the Armenian Genocide Walk in April. Please e-mail me at gjavardian@gmail.com if you are interested. Thank you and we hope everyone has a happy and healthy holiday season!



ACYOA JRs

The ACYOA Juniors Church year 2012 to 2013 has started off with a flurry of fellowship and service activities. Our group of eleven teenagers held officer elections in September and nominated Brenda Yazujian as Chairman, Skye Jilajian as Vice Chairman, Megan Aslanian as Treasurer, and Ani Javardian as Secretary.

Three of our members, Andrew Movsesian, Peter Ohnigian and Ani Javardian, represented our church at Sports Weekend in Rhode Island on Columbus Day weekend. The combined Philly team of Holy Trinity and Sts. Sahag & Mesrob, PA won six trophies including Overall team winner. Krikor Javardian, chairman of the ACYOA Srs., chaperoned and coached our group to many of their wins. While in Rhode Island our teens enjoyed vesper services and Badarak with over 150 of their fellows and participated in making packages for a local charity.

Our teens have helped our church community by serving Sunday School's parish Communion Breakfast to the Sunday School students, assisting with the Kid's Activity Room at the Bazaar, and preparing the candy bags for the Bazaar Halloween Parade. They also donated and bagged the candy for the Parade and donated a \$100 Teen basket for the Chinese Auction items at the Bazaar. In November they extended their service outside of the church by collecting food for a local Food Pantry in Cheltenham and donating \$30 from our November Soft Pretzel fundraiser to Hurricane Sandy Relief. In addition to gathering food donations from our parishioners, our teens donated an additional \$30.00 of food to the

food drive by purchasing food at the local Acme in a fun game of Super Market Sweep. It was teams of three, girls vs. guys, and they had \$15/team and 10 minutes to shop. The team who provided the most nutritional servings was declared the winner. Before beginning this activity, they read from Matthew 25:31-46 to give additional meaning to their efforts. In December they wrote Holiday Cards to Holiday Mail for Heroes sponsored by the Red Cross and enjoyed a Christmas Party with their favorite desserts and holiday gift giving game.



We have also been very busy fundraising to support our activities and donations. We have held monthly soft pretzel sales September through November and seasonal flower sales in October and December. We plan to pre-sell spring flower flats and Easter flowers this spring so please consider purchasing your flowers through our organization. Thank

you to all of our church members for your tremendous support and encouragement!

Leslie Movsesian
Parent Advisor



CHURCH NEWS

Dear Parish Member,

Please be advised that 2013 Membership Dues are now due. If you are in arrears for the year 2012 we would appreciate your bringing your account up to date.

If you wish to be a voting (dues-paying) member, you may pay your dues annually, quarterly, monthly or weekly, whichever is convenient for you.

In the back of the Loos is the form that lists the total of annual dues per person for 2013. Please complete this form and return it to the church office.

Sincerely,

Parish Council

We welcome the following new dues-paying members to our church family:

- R. Lucy Aghazarian
- Ashot Avakyan



Membership

- Right to vote and have your voice heard at the Parish Assembly (requires at least six months of membership)
- Eligibility to run for office for any of the church organizations (requires one full year of membership)
- Special hall rental discount for Baptisms

We invite you to complete the Membership Form which appears elsewhere in this issue and return it to church as soon as you can. Be a true part of the Holy Trinity Family with all the benefits and privileges that accord membership. Besides all the items mentioned above, the most important is being part of God's family and expanding beyond your own nuclear family many times over.

As an added thought, we encourage dues to be sent in as early in the year as possible in order to help us work within our budget which is passed annually at our Parish Assembly. Your dollars help us stay on track during the course of the year.

All About Membership

A new year means a re-commitment to being a Voting Member of our church. For those unfamiliar with some of the benefits of paying dues annually, we include them here:

- Discounts on sacrament fees
- Discounts on hall rental for private events

Proud of my

Armenian heritage!

SHARING OUR HERITAGE

On Wednesday, September 19th Janice (De Mirjian) Owens and her Aunt, Diana (De Mirjian) McGarvey participated at an event at Janice's work at the nearby Naval Supply Systems Command for the Dept. of Navy for their yearly multicultural festival, with over 1,000 guests and dignitaries in attendance. Janice made Armenian Tea Cookies for about 500 people from her Grandmother's recipes (all donated). Diana provided Armenian books, photos, music, religious items and Der Hakob graciously loaned a painting of Mount Ararat for the exhibit. The two ladies were well-prepped and stood by the exhibit all afternoon answering questions. Janice is a member of our Holy Trinity family and has worked at the NSSC for over 30 years! The event was well-attended and many compliments were received, one in particular from Commander King himself.

NOTES FROM OUR MEMBERS

Dear Holy Trinity Community,

On behalf of my mother and brother, I would like to thank everyone who called and sent cards and messages following the passing of my father, Jack. Your kind words and expressions of sympathy are what have sustained us through this difficult time.

I would also especially like to thank Tina, Marie, Jimmy, Gary, Erika, Michael, Chris, Ana, Ricky, Lauren, John, Mike, Kiki, Alexis, Karinne', Alyk, and Harout ("my ACYOA Kids" as I described you all to my mother) for your thoughtful gift. I was really touched by your generosity and love, despite how much time has passed, how many miles are between us, or what changes have occurred in all of our lives.

Again, thank you all so much.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Hagopian





September 28, 2012: HAYK HARUTYUNYAN

- Son of Mr. and Mrs. Davit Harutyunyan
- Godfather: Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan
- Godmother: Anna Gevorgyan

October 21, 2012: KYLEMORE GREGORY HAJINIAN

- Son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Hajinian
- Godfather: Nazareth Gregory Hajinian

November 10, 2012: KAITLIN AMAEV

- Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oleg Amaev
- Godfather: Javakov Marat
- Godmother: Liliya Shakaryants



FUNERALS

BERDJ MOVSESIAN entered into his eternal rest on November 18, 2012.

Funeral services were held on November 23, 2012 at Bradley Funeral Home. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

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WHO KNEW???

WASHINGTON (CBSDC) – One needs to travel to Eastern Europe to find the happiest teenagers in the world. A recent study put out by the World Health Organization finds that Armenia is home to the happiest teens on the planet, while Canadian teens are least happy. The World Health Organization reports that Macedonia came in second, while Israel, Holland, Iceland, and Spain all tied for third.

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - 2012



For the eighth year in a row, we participated in Operation Christmas Child by filling 57 shoeboxes, bringing our total number of boxes since we began to 531. This is the year that Samaritan's Purse passed the 100 million mark of shoeboxes collected and delivered since the program was

implemented in 1993. I'm sure that the organization never envisioned that they could impact children all over the world in such a way, all with the main goal of teaching that God loves every one of us.

Thank you for responding to our call. We're still hoping to break the 100 mark and next year, if everyone can influence just one new person to fill a shoebox, then we can do it!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 5, 7 PM – Armenian Christmas Eve
- January 6, 10:30 AM – Armenian Christmas
- January 26 – Armenian/American Dance
- February 10 – Poon Paregentan
- February 11- First day of Lent
- February 17 - Dyaruntarach
– Blessing of Married Couples
- February 17 - Parish Assembly
(snow dates: Feb. 24 or Mar. 3)
- March 9 - Walk through the Old Testament Seminar



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MEMBERS IN ACTION

Thank you to Kim Willard of Economy Roofing for roof repairs and drain cleaning, which saved our church hundreds of dollars.

WE GIVE THANKS

Our parish is grateful for the generosity shown when we asked for financial support for the Armenians in Syria as they were facing great hardships in that war-torn country; and for those who lost much as a result of Hurricane Sandy. Monies were received through plate collections and individual checks with the following results: Syria Relief: \$1055 and Hurricane Sandy: \$580. All monies collected were sent to the Diocese for their distribution.

ATTIC TREASURES AT THE BAZAAR

I want to thank you for your help with our Attic Treasures. You supplied our inventory and then came and bought it back! What loyalty!

Our booth is fun and is enjoyed by so many. We even have an established clientele. It's like opening a crackerjack box you don't know what you might find. Aside from fun, it was a financial success (\$1850!!).

If it is God's will, we plan to do it again next year, so please find a corner in your home to start storing our collectibles.



Thanks to Grace Meranshian and Pauline Chapjian for all that they did, but very special thanks to Elizabeth Barone who did most of the “heavy lifting.” She was never too busy or too tired, nor did she use the word NO.

It was a labor we all enjoyed doing.
Ayshe Chakmaklian



WHERE IS THE SAFEST PLACE?

- Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
- Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
- Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
- Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.
- Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in hospitals. So, above all else, avoid hospitals.

BUT

You will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at CHURCH ! And . . . Bible study is safe too !

The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less.

So, attend church and read your Bible. *IT WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE!*

To understand God, you must stand under God.



ARMENIA IN THE NEWS

Globe Spots, an international tourism organization has recently included Armenia in a list of Top Ten countries that tourists should visit in 2013, occupying the fifth position. The organization highlighted that Armenia was the first country in the world to adopt Christianity as a state religion and travelers would enjoy an abundance of churches and monasteries. According to Globe Spots, "those willing to dig a little deeper will discover a truly amazing country with a beautiful landscape.....with genuinely nice people always ready to offer them a shot of aragh, introduced by never-ending toasts!" They also said that the locals are always ready with an invitation to their picnics to enjoy the grilled meats being prepared.

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2012 | THE TUSCALOOSA NEWS
(ALABAMA)

Ala. man wins world chess title

By Lance Griffin of
The Dothan Eagle
(ALABAMA)

DOTHAN | It wasn't long at all after Clarence Kalenian won the U.S. Amateur Chess Championship in 1971 that he decided he wanted to do a little better.

Forty-one years later he boarded a Greyhound bus in Dothan bound for Philadelphia and the World Senior Open Amateur Chess Championships.

At 86, Kalenian doesn't move around as quickly as he once did, and he says his mind doesn't move as fast either. His opponents, however, may disagree.

He endured the eternal bus ride — made even longer when the stern driver stopped prior to Charlotte, N.C., to deal with three unruly passengers and caused Kalenian to stay overnight after missing his connecting bus.

When he finally arrived, 38 senior chess whizzes were waiting.

If the bus trip took a toll physically, it didn't mentally. Kalenian finished the event tied for first place and earned the title of World Senior Chess Champion.

Then, he boarded another bus and came home to Dothan.

"I had been wanting for a long time to do a little better than the U.S. Amateur Championship," Kalenian said. "Now I'm a world

champion, or I guess co-champion. Now I suppose all I can do better is win it outright."

Kalenian grew up in Chicago, the son of a checker expert. A high school friend introduced him to chess.

"For three years, my friend was the high school chess champion. The last year, I was the high school chess champion," Kalenian said.

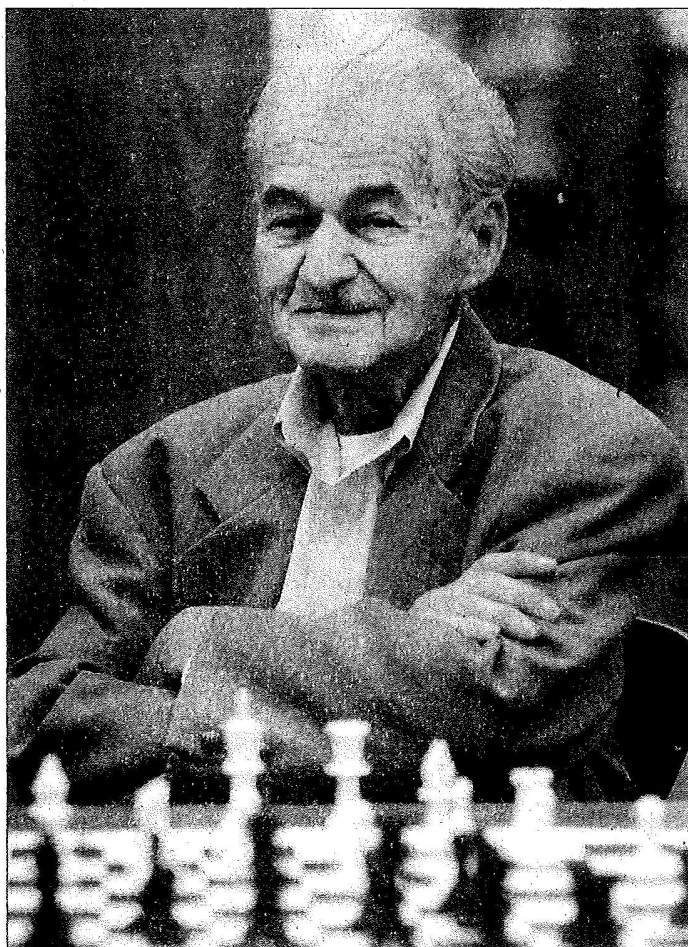
After that, Kalenian left with a chess trophy just about everywhere he landed. He spent a few years in the U.S. Navy, winning chess tournaments on Midway Island and in Tokyo.

He won championships at the Illinois Institute of Technology and went on to win the Miami Amateur Chess Championship and Florida Chess Championship in 1950. Until recently, his crowning achievement was the U.S. Amateur title in 1971.

He is also a member of the Philadelphia Chess Hall of Fame.

Kalenian said he based much of his chess philosophy on the book "Chess the Easy Way" by Reuben Fine, an international chess grandmaster who flourished in the 1930s and 1940s.

Kalenian won three matches and tied three others in Philadelphia, earning him 4 1/2 points and a tie with five others for the championship. He took home \$166.67. (\$1,000 ÷ 6).



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clarence Kalenian, 86, sits in front of his chess set in Dothan. Kalenian recently returned from Philadelphia, Pa., where he tied for first place in the World Senior Open Chess Championships. Kalenian has won state chess championships in Florida and Pennsylvania and won the U.S. Amateur Chess Championship in 1971.

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Martin Gutchigian - 28
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John Hanamirian - 30
Pauline Dedeian - 31



February

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It's a Party!



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Gary & Susan DerHagopian	1/31/1981

February

Alex & Annabelle Alexanian	2/4/????
Philip & Marie Kazanjian	2/6/1955
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Robert & Tara Zane	2/26/2000



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We ask you to prayerfully consider your role in the ministry at Holy Trinity and determine what you personally can do to help keep our mission strong. ***"Every person should give what they have decided in their heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*** (2 Cor 9:7)

Please mail or bring the pledge form (elsewhere in this issue) to church by December 31, 2012. Every single pledge is important – no matter the size - we want ***EVERYONE*** to be a part of this ministry. ***But these financial gifts are only powerful when combined with gifts of time and talent to fulfill the mission of the church.***

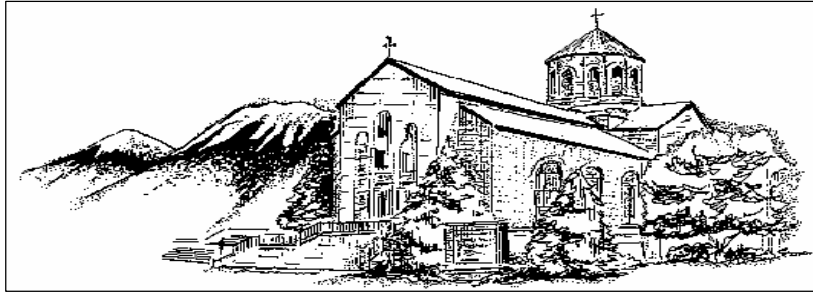
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***Stewardship: a sharing of our time, talent
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2013 Lenten Services

Services 6:30pm

Dinner 7:00pm

Program to Follow



Friday, February 15, 2013

Topic: "Beginning to Pray:
A How to Guide"

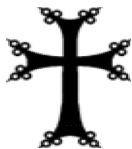
Speaker: Nancy Basmajian



Friday, February 22, 2013

Topic: "The Three Trials
of Jesus"

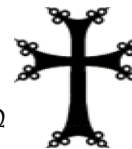
Speaker: Dr. Garo Garibian



Friday, March 1, 2013

Topic: Badarak Beyond the Words

Speaker: Very Rev. Fr. Dr. Daniel Findikyan



Friday, March 15, 2013

Topic: "Reflections on the Liturgy
of the Word"

Speaker: Dr. Albert Keshgegian



Friday, March 22, 2013

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)





HARVEST BAZAAR

As Superstorm Sandy rapidly approached the East Coast, a superstorm of a different kind was occurring at Holy Trinity Armenian Church - final preparations were underway for the 2012 Harvest Bazaar.

After months of work and planning, the dates of October 26, 27 & 28 were finally upon us. The shish kebab, chicken kebab and lule kebab were ready for grilling; souboreg, boregs, pilaf, kuftehs, mezza items, borma, paklava and kadaif (to name some of the many items) were ready for serving. All of our wonderful volunteers were in their places ready to serve. The doors opened and it was time to start the festivities.

Even with the impending storm, we had great attendance. Our Country Store, Bake Shop and Attic Treasures booths had constant

visitors all three days. Our vendors had their beautiful wares to sell and the Chinese Auction had wonderful gifts to bid on. On Friday night the children were entranced by noted children's author and illustrator, Gene Barretta. Both Friday and Saturday nights we had a children's room set up to occupy the children while their parents ate, shopped and met with friends old and new. In keeping in the spirit of the season, our children's Halloween parade was held on Sunday with the children of Holy Trinity Church dressed in their scariest and definitely their cutest Halloween outfits. Then as a surprise for the children, the balloon man was on hand to make fun balloon animals for them.

Sunday was the day of the big raffle drawing. 3rd prize of \$250 went to Linda Preske; 2nd prize of \$500 went to John Buchalgian; and the 1st prize of \$1,000 went to Bob Ohnigian. Congratulations to all of our winners.

Of course, all of this could not be done without the help of all of our wonderful volunteers who gave up so much of their time to get all of the food made, the hall set up and decorated and the Bazaar working smoothly - **we thank you all!!!** Another big thank you goes to Donna Sarkissian and Jon's Bar & Grill for all of their donations to this event. And a special thank you to our Church secretary, Maggie for all of her wonderful assistance.

Finally, thank you to our sponsors and placemat sponsors who helped defray the cost of this event.:



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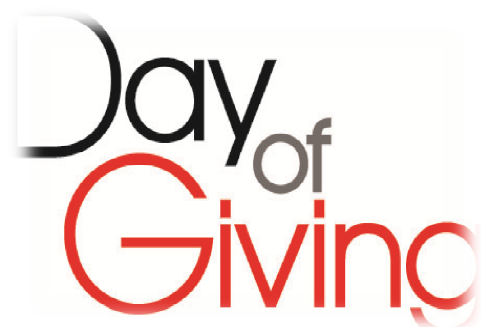
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The Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church in Cheltenham, Pa, held a fall dinner dance on September 29th to honor six couples celebrating their 40th wedding anniversaries. The couples were: Michael & Tanya Parechan; George & Anne Terkanian; Bob & Carol Temoyan, Michael & Lynn Hajatian; George & Linda Paroonagian; and Robert & Liz Barone.



After Der Hakob Gevorgyan blessed the food, the warm and lively crowd of 170 people enjoyed an excellent dinner prepared by Mihran catering. The music, provided by Ricky Mukalian and Chris Torcomian, included "Hyestantzi" dance music, and everyone enjoyed it.

The evening was more than just the anniversary celebration of these six couples....it was an example of how these 12 individuals grew up in the church, created friendships, were married, supported the various church organizations, and are still serving the church today. It also demonstrated how the church has assimilated approximately 30 of our new friends from Yerevan, who danced the night away. We were very excited to have so many young people attending this event and enjoying it. The new members are already planning to have more events at the church in the future.

We are proud to salute the six couples and look forward to their continued support of Holy Trinity Armenian Church.

This article would be incomplete without a shout-out to the following for their part in a successful event: Don Parechan who conceived the idea; Pauline Chapjian who took charge, almost single-handedly; Merle Santerian for help in

countless ways; and Rosemary Zarzatian and Ethel Terzian, two of our church members who are always available to help where and when needed.





“Meet & Greet” a Great Success

Though the attendance was a mere 75 people, those who attended the “Meet & Greet” on November 13, enjoyed a most unusual evening as we had an opportunity to meet two renowned artists from Armenia: Martin Aharonyan (composer/songwriter) and Aleksandr Sasha Mirzakhanyan (film producer). Guests had the opportunity to view a video about Mer Doon in Armenia produced by Mr. Mirzakhanyan which brought tears to many an eye. Following that, everyone thoroughly enjoyed a guitar (and occasional vocal) performance by Mr. Aharonyan. The evening was casual in nature, allowing those who attended to enjoy conversations, one-on-one, with the artists. It was an evening that will not be forgotten, and those who missed it, REALLY missed it!





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world because it can
change people.

~ Bono



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2013 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership Dues for 2013..... \$_____

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

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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:

Name _____ DoB _____

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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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Contact Information



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Items for inclusion in the Sunday Messenger or requests for Requiem Services or Special Prayers should be sent to the church office by Wednesday for the upcoming Sunday. For all emergencies, please contact Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan at the church 215-663-1600 (cell 917-213-8658) or Parish Council Chair, John Kash @ 215-549-3689.

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REGULAR SUNDAY HOURS OF WORSHIP

Morning Service: 10:00 AM
Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak): 10:30 AM
Armenian / Sunday School: 10:30 AM

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