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# Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church LOOYS



Cheltenham, PA

October to December 2014

## Celebrating our 2014 St. Vartan Award Recipients



### Hours of Worship

- Morning Service: 10:00 AM
- Divine Liturgy: 10:30 AM
- Sunday Church School:  
10:15 AM

*Come celebrate with  
Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan*



### Upcoming Events

**Check inside for these and more upcoming events**  
Church School Alumni Breakfast, Christmas Pageant,  
Armenian Christmas Eve, Armenian Christmas, Water  
Blessing Service, Day of Remembrance, Der Hakob 5th  
Anniversary Celebration, Parish Assembly, ...

**Pray Until Something Happens**

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## You Shall Not Steal



This is the 8th commandment that our Lord gave to the people of Israel through Moses (Exodus 20:15).

Why do people steal? Very often people steal because they don't want to work. They prefer the easy out to get whatever they need. People also steal, because they want to live a high lifestyle. It is better to live a peaceful, simple and happy lifestyle than to live a lifestyle that is based on something that has been stolen and not earned by your own ability and works.

Not only the poor but the rich also steal. This fact is surprising. Why do rich people steal? They have everything

that they need. Then where is the problem? Actually rich people steal because they have to satisfy not only their stomach but also their eye. One plate of food can satisfy one stomach; but, one plate of gold will never satisfy an unsatisfied rich person's eye. Very often rich people steal because they are greedy and what they have is never enough. They are always looking to impress others that they have the best and the most of everything.

I believe that we all know about these above-mentioned cases. Now I would like to talk about how people steal from God.

During our lifetime we see many successful and famous people who become so proud of themselves that they steal the glory from God. They think that all the glory of this world belongs to them. Little do they realize that God is the source of everything, and the glory of this world belongs to Him only.

Imagine that you work in a business and have successfully completed a great project. Your boss receives the credit, knowing that you are the one who did the entire job and deserves the credit; but he accepts the praise and never mentions your name or gives you the credit, because he wants to receive all the credit and praise. I am sure that in this case you would feel terrible. That's why whenever people praise us we should return that praise or credit back to God, because everything that we have belongs to Him.

We steal from the Lord when we don't want to help or share what we have with others because our Lord has said, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you did for Me" (Matthew 25:40), which means by not adhering to His words, we are stealing from Him.



In the Gospel, Jesus is telling us that we should not worry about our life, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink' or 'What will we wear?' For it is Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things." (Matthew 6:25-32).

Dear faithful, this doesn't mean that we should not work. We should work hard and believe that God will provide us the ability to attain everything that we need. "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). Always remember that by helping others we are giving back from our gifts to God who owns everything.

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan

*He who is a partner with a thief hates his own life; He hears the oath but tells nothing.*

Proverbs 29:24

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

We had another exciting, active quarter culminating in the very successful Anniversary Banquet, which also celebrated the ordination of two Deacons. A very successful Harvest Bazaar followed a month later. Our thanks to all the people involved.

The increase in Church School is very noticeable and heartwarming to see all the youngsters, which indicates future growth. The Nursery was upgraded and we have two new teachers for the very young.

We also had a presentation led by Seda Hovhannisyan to Church School students on Armenian coins and their history.

There were many repairs and remodeling to get done:

- We added light sensing LED lamps in the lot to save power and surveillance cameras for safety.
- Pillars at the hall entrance were repaired.
- We bought 325 chairs for the hall, negotiated a refund for some damages and auctioned off the old chairs to keep the cost well within the donation of \$3,000.
- The walk-in freezer and refrigerator units are being replaced for \$23,000, but due to incorrect parts which the factory will replace, it will take more time than planned.
- A new computer was bought and new programs for recordkeeping and financials will be installed after year end.
- A new roof was put on the kitchen (thank you Kim Willard).
- The water cooler in the Church School area will be replaced.

The Council is developing a strategic plan to seek new members by specific groups, which will be implemented in 2015. In the interim, we will update the web site.

Financially, we will reach at least break even as planned and approved without taking all of the growth income from investments (approved budget was \$34,500) providing we reach our Membership and Stewardship goals.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you at Der Hayr's 5th Anniversary party on Sunday January 25, 2015!



And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life,  
and this life is in his Son.

1 John 5:11



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## HOLY TRINITY CELEBRATES MILESTONE 80th ANNIVERSARY

It was a special day in the life of Holy Trinity Cheltenham as we celebrated the 80th anniversary of the establishment of this parish with the theme of “past, present and future.” It began with the hope for our future when, in a very moving ceremony during the Badarak, Krikor Andonian and Antranig Garibian were called to the Diaconate and ordained as Deacons by our Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian. These young men have been serving our church for many years and Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, Pastor of Holy Trinity, felt they were now ready to join their mentors as they continue their service in our liturgy and beyond.

### *Reflections*

**Krikor Andonian:** “It is an honor to be ordained as a deacon in one of the longest standing churches. It was a very emotional moment for me as I accepted the call to service in front of a community whom I love very dearly and has given me so much more than I will ever be able to give back. I will continue to pray for the health of our community and the Armenian Church everywhere. I hope that I will be able to guide others to be ordained for the continuity of our church.”

**Antranig Garibian:** “For me, being ordained as a deacon meant that my community was giving me a sacred trust. As the service took place, I felt the souls of my grandparents and loved ones with me and guiding me. It is an honor but more so, an enormous responsibility. I love my church and this opportunity to serve is truly a gift.”

The celebration continued with a sold-out banquet following the Divine Liturgy which was attended by 350 guests. During the program, His Eminence presented the St. Nersess Shnorhali Medal to Deacon Garo Garibian, M.D. for his many years of service not only to his own parish but to the Diaspora, Armenia and Jerusalem. Along with the medal, an encyclical was read from His Holiness, Karekin II, Catholicos of all Armenians. Garo did not want to accept the award on his behalf, and instead accepted this honor “on behalf of all those who have helped build and serve our church throughout the years as well as the two newly ordained deacons.”

Guests were treated to a poignant and deeply emotional video presentation artfully created by Artur and Karine` Petrosyan from the Communications Department of the Diocese in collaboration with committee members. It took the viewers through the humble beginnings of the creation of the church in North Philadelphia, the building of parish life, the fire by an arsonist that destroyed its first permanent home and the unexpected blessing that led to the Cheltenham location. The video was filled with fond memories of long ago, reflections of current members – both senior and youth, and hope for a bright, faith-filled future. Each family was gifted with a copy of the video to enjoy in the comfort of their homes.

As the keynote speaker, Dr. Garibian talked about the three defining periods in the life of our parish: the arrival of a young priest by the name of Fr. Torkom Manoogian in 1946 who would bring new vitality, invigorate the youth and influence so many post- WWII Armenian Americans; the fifteen golden years of Fr. Haigazoun Melkonian, who awakened our youth and inspired a generation of ACYOA members, many of whom are now becoming our leaders not only in our church but the Diocese as well; and the blessing of having Der Hakob who not only teaches the Gospels to us on Sundays but lives them, teaching us by his good example.”

Deacon Garo continued, “Worship is the fundamental purpose of any church life. Everything else is secondary to that. The last time this parish witnessed an ordination of deacons was 25 years ago when our Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian came to Philadelphia and ordained two deacons. That drought ended today with the ordination of Deacons Antranig and Krikor.”





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Deacon Garo used the opportunity to speak about the person of Nersess Shnorhali, after whom the award was named. He told us that St. Nersess was a 12th century bishop who became the Catholicos of Armenia at a time that the nation was centered in Cilician Armenia. He was referred to by his contemporaries as “Shnorhali” which means “filled with Grace”. It was said that he was so filled with Grace that it flowed over to fill others. He asked that we follow the example of St. Nersess and all try to be full of Grace in our lives.

As the program continued, a second unexpected presentation was made when the Primate presented the St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Medal to Nancy Basmajian, along with an encyclical from His Holiness, Karekin II, Catholicos of all Armenians. Nancy joined the Diocese in 1979 after receiving her theological education at St. Nersess Seminary and served in many varied roles including Co-Director of the Department of Religious Education, Program Director of St. Vartan Camp and Executive Secretary of the ACYOA Seniors, a position she held longer than any previous occupant. After her retirement in 2013, she was appointed as the Director of Adult Christian Education at Holy Trinity.

Nancy commented that she “was really caught off-guard with this award, emotionally-speaking. I’m not someone who likes surprises, and I still can’t believe Fr. Hakob was able to keep it a secret.” In true humility that is Nancy’s innermost spirit, her reaction was that she is not worthy of such an honor. She continued, “but if I think of myself as a symbol of all the women of faith who came before me—teachers, choir members, the women who nurtured and fed our communities—literally and figuratively, then I feel truly blessed to be able to share it with them.”

Holy Trinity Pastor, Rev Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, took to the podium reflecting on never knowing what “you will find when you enter a house” but found that Holy Trinity is a place where “our faithful find love, comfort, peace, joy and hope.” He said that the day was about remembering the sacrifices and devotions of so many people through many, many years to make the parish what it is today. He added that “Rome wasn’t built in a day” and that it took 80 years for our ancestors to build “this exemplary parish which unites many hearts and nurtures many souls.” He then encouraged us to continue to “provide the oil – our time, our talent, our treasure” to follow in the footsteps of our forebears.

Finally, it came time to recognize five outstanding parishioners - Harry Andonian, Albert Kapeghian, Harry Mirijanian, Jack Vishab and Berj Yeretizian - who were presented with the St. Vartan Award by our Primate. With a total of 300 years among them, these gentlemen have served our community with humility, devotion and honor and they continue to mentor the younger ones among us.

This was a day that will long be remembered in the life of our church. Our parish is multi-generational and working together to grow in our faith, following the teachings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



**We acknowledge, with deep appreciation, the following whose generous donations arrived too late to be included in the 80th Anniversary Booklet.**

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## 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION *A HUGE SUCCESS*

Preparing for a church celebration is a culmination of elements and more importantly of the people that drive these. In celebrating and remembering the past 80 years of our church, many thoughts have come to mind. One that stands out is that with devotion to faith and fellowship, certain values and traditions have moved forward from generation to generation. Even though each generation has its own challenges incorporating these historic traditions into its life, this is the link that holds us.

Our banquet committee and volunteers are an example of this. We, wholeheartedly, thank each one whose commitment to fulfill his/her responsibilities encompassed many hours. Each one has given time generously with expertise, creativity and thoughtfulness. Also, we are grateful to Der Hakob, who has renewed the spirit of our parish with his ongoing inspiration, guidance and encouragement.



We hope our church family and friends enjoyed the banquet that came to fruition with the collaboration of the committee and volunteers as well as the financial support of our sponsors. Fellowship in our church has always been a partnership of generations. By example, we hope to pass this forward to the youngest in our parish.

With deep appreciation, we thank and acknowledge Anne Terkian for partnering with Lisa Berberian on the invitation. Lisa also designed and did the layout for the booklet that Nancy Basmajian and Jeanette Der Hagopian researched and wrote with outstanding detail. Ara Shakarjian, sharing his photos, worked with these women and as a team they created a precious keepsake for us. Nancy and Jeanette coordinated the interviews for the DVD produced by Artur Petrosyan of the Diocese. Thank you, Marta Brann, for narrating this treasured memento. Shortly, the banquet photos taken by John Alexanian of Alexanian Productions will be available on our website.

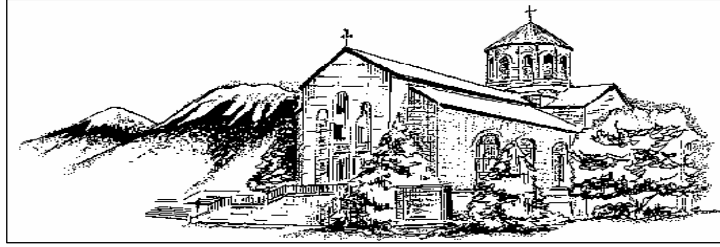
A banquet wouldn't be the same without Merle Santerian, Barbara Harmon and the energetic women behind the scenes days before the banquet. They include, Patty Alexanian, Lisa Berberian, Vicki Gureghian, Selma Alexanian, Yn. Anna Gevorkian, Adrienne Movsesian, Audrey Movsesian, Angel Tookmanian, Rosemarie Zarzatian, Ethel Terzian, Gloria and Nancy Basmajian.



For the first time, we offered a "Kids' Room" that Leslie Movsesian planned and set up. With the help of Skye Jilajian and the ACYOA Juniors, we had a place for the children to eat, play and be together while their parents were in the banquet.

Our dessert ladies sweetened the day with their homemade goodies – thanks, Florence Boyajian, Berjoohy Murray and Karine Hovanessian. Our tables, once again, were graced with the floral arrangements of Blake Florist who has been loyal to Holy Trinity for many years.

Pauline Chapjian and Margo Silk  
Banquet Co-Chairs



*Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church*  
Cheltenham, Pennsylvania

## Christmas Services 2015

Sunday, January 4, 2015

Church School Christmas Pageant after Services

Monday, January 5, 2015

Christmas Eve

7:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Followed by a House Blessing in the Hall

Please bring food to share during the fellowship hour

Tuesday, January 6, 2015

Christmas Day

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 11, 2015

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Followed by Blessing of the Water

Godfather: Nicklas Terkanian



## Holy Trinity Focuses on Badarak

Continuing our mission to offer opportunities in adult education for our faithful, we sponsored a three-week mini-course on the Divine Liturgy entitled *In Remembrance of Him*. The hour-long sessions were held after Liturgy on three consecutive Sundays in October.

The instructor, senior Deacon Albert Keshgegian, used excerpts from his soon-to-be-published book called *Communicate in Holiness: Reflections on the Divine Liturgy*. Participants were given readings and questions which were discussed during the interactive and lively sessions. "I tried to present the information in an understandable way and also convey how this deeply significant and meaningful service relates to our everyday lives," reflected Deacon Albert after the last session.

The emphasis was on the Holy Sacrifice section of the Liturgy. Beginning with the Transfer of the Gifts and the Kiss of Peace and continuing through the Eucharistic Prayer which was divided into several parts for easy reference, Deacon Albert led the group through the "how" and "why" of the Liturgy of the Armenian Church. The last session focused on the Lord's Prayer and, of course, Holy Communion.

Nancy Basmajian, the Director of our adult education ministry noted, "I continue to be amazed at how much our people are eager for more information on the Liturgy. Last year, we sponsored an Instructed Liturgy and this year, the mini-course. Judging from the feedback, we need to offer more educational opportunities on the Badarak for our adults. My task—and my challenge—is to be more innovative."



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## ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Weddings, anniversaries, new babies....we had them all. Congratulations to: **Ashot and Gayane Avakyan** who were married in Uzbekistan in September; and **Ricky Mukalian and Nicole Stepanian** who were joined in marriage at Holy Martyrs in New York. And *Atchkerneet Looys* to the newlyweds and their families. We look forward to welcoming our out-of-town brides to our church family....We share the joy of **Michael and Kristin Murray** who welcomed their first child, Isaac Michael. This makes Number Three grandchild for **Berjoohy Murray** - all boys – and she is beaming....Welcome also to **Lilit Armine**

**Andonian**, second child born to **Karinne and Greg Andonian** and baby sister to big brother **Stepan**. Sharing the joy are grandparents **Nancy and Steve Hovnanian** and **Great-grandmom Zev Shakarjian**.....It was a milestone 50th wedding anniversary for **Larry and Jeanette Der Hagopian** which was celebrated at a grand event hosted by their children. The room that day was filled with much love and warmth from their church family....Kudos to **Ana Torcomian** who has received her Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license. She previously received her Master of Accountancy in September 2013 from Temple University Fox School of Business and was awarded the Dean's Certificate of Excellence. Way to go, Ana....With great sorrow, we mourn the passing of several long-time, faithful members of our church family: **George and Setta Nazarethian** who passed away within weeks of each other, and **Roman Radynsky**. It is truly a loss for our community. Heartfelt sympathy to their families....With great excitement, we witnessed the Chrismation of **Brian Hoyle** in a very moving ceremony conducted by Der Hakob just before Thanksgiving. Welcome, Brian, in all ways to our church family....What a joy to see two of our altar servers – **Gregory Andonian and Antranig Garibian** - called to the Diaconate. It's been 25 years since that has taken place in our church and we salute these two young men for their devotion and commitment.... How fortunate we are to have as part of our parish family two dedicated people who have faithfully served our church for many years. **Nancy Basmajian and Garo Garibian** were presented with the St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Medal and the St. Nersess Shnorhali Medal, respectively, at our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Well done, good and faithful servants.....And we couldn't end without congratulating the five deserving gentlemen – **Harry Andonian, Albert Kapeghian, Harry Mirijanian, Jack Vishab and Berj Yeretizian** - who were presented with the St. Vartan Award for exemplary leadership and devoted service to our Holy Trinity Church. Read more about all these dedicated people in the articles about our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration which appear elsewhere in the *Looys*.....Winter is upon us and we wish all of you good health and safety in your travels.

our family is  
a circle of strength  
and love...

**Our Family**  
with every birth and every union  
the circle grows,  
our family is a circle of strength  
every crisis faced together  
makes the circle stronger



Dear Der Hakob,

I, as well as Yeretizgin Dawn and the Godparents of your children, Annette and Garo Bashian, enjoyed being at worship with you and your welcoming congregation yesterday. As I mentioned to you and to Jeanette Der Hagopian, the new look of your parish newsletter *Looys* is attractive and graceful and the content is informative and helpful. The parish newsletter reflects the life and the image of the community. Your *Looys* certainly projects "light" upon the active life and progress of the parish. You and your Editorial Board are to be congratulated for an excellent presentation of a parish that has a balanced set of activities in spiritual, educational and social realms with "brotherly love" reflecting

throughout it all. May God continue to bless you to continue your good work.

Sirov,  
Der Karekin (12/1/14)

*(Der Karekin Kasparian is the recently retired pastor of St. Gregory Armenian Church, White Plains, NY, with whom Der Hakob interned before becoming our parish priest.)*

Thank you



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### A Note of Thanks

Merle Santerian and her family would like to express their deep gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy received by way of prayers, cards and donations in memory of her dear mother, Rose Serabian, who went to be with the Lord at the age of 104.





### **The Season of Giving**

As we continue in this Season of Giving, we ask you to consider making a donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, which provides assistance to people or families in need with no place to turn. The recipients receive this assistance in complete confidence, working directly with Der Hakob. Checks should be made out to the church, memo: PDF and sent to the church office.

Families who were recipients of a monetary gift donated by Mickey Sherian for Der Hayr to take with him on his last trip to Armenia. Thank you, Mickey!



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## HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH

### MEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

#### January

Peter & Rosaleen Oskanian	1/6/2001
Richard & Rose Carlucci	1/10/1954
Michael & Tanya Paretchan	1/15/1972
Tom & Barbara Harmon	1/21/2006
Richard & Helen Kazigian	1/25/1953



Diran & Andrea Alexanian	1/29/2000
Gary & Susan DerHagopian	1/31/1981

#### February

Alex & Annabelle Alexanian	2/4/????
Philip & Marie Kazanjian	2/6/1955

### MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

#### January

May Arzoumanian - 1  
Kimberly Der Hagopian - 4  
Drew Doudoukjian - 4  
Serge Minassian - 4  
Andrea Minassian - 5  
Mark Santerian - 5  
Alec Edward Yeretzian - 5  
Laura Temoyan - 6  
Nicole Santerian - 7  
Berj Yeretzian, Sr - 7  
Stepan Andonian - 8  
Alexander Arzoumanian - 8  
Naomi Mukalian - 8  
Helen Vishab - 8  
Diane Williames - 8  
Lori Sarkisian - 9  
Lucine King - 10  
Rose Carlucci - 13  
Fred Jordan - 13  
Sona Nalbandian - 13  
Robert Temoyan - 14  
Arax Gargan - 16  
Victoria Gureghian - 16  
Larry Grocott - 17  
Amy Terkanian - 17  
Lillian Ambarian - 18  
Dylan Santerian - 18  
Halle Santerian - 18  
Luceen Attarian - 21  
Albert Chapjian - 21  
Ella Hanamirian - 22  
Nareg Kaprielian - 22  
Albert Keshgegian - 22  
Evelyn Weinsheimer - 22  
John Williames - 22  
Daniel Aslanian - 23  
Betty Hovsepian - 24  
Hagop Arzoumanian - 25  
Sophia Carnevale - 26  
Martin Gutchigian - 28  
Gay Hagopian - 29  
John Hanamirian - 30  
Pauline Dedeian - 31

#### February

Frank Aghazarmian - 1  
Rev Fr Hakob Gevorgyan - 2  
Aren Torcomian - 2  
Frederick Jordan, Jr - 3  
Rimma Rafiyeva - 3  
Anna Hanamirian - 4  
Michael Santerian - 4  
Alik Oflazian - 5  
Kyle Burrows - 6  
Eileen Carr - 6  
Michael Hajatian, Jr - 6  
Melanie Minassian - 7  
Gregory Yazujian - 7  
Ashley Radell - 8  
Van Injaian - 9  
Mickey Sherian - 9  
Michael Hajatian - 10  
Franklin Vartanian - 10  
Patil Boghosian - 11  
Margaret Leck - 14  
Mark Kalenian - 14  
Ricky Mukalian - 14  
Ayshe Chakmaklian - 15  
Vartan Gevorgyan - 15  
Pearl Jamgochian - 17  
Wilson Theobald - 17  
Gale Zorian - 17  
John Bandaian - 18  
Gloria Basmajian - 18  
Timothy Gargan - 18  
Manoug Hovhannesian - 18  
Alexander Balint - 20  
Janice Kapeghian King - 20  
Edward Tatoian - 20  
Brenda Yazujian - 21  
George Arslanian - 22  
Jonathon Tancredi - 22  
Edward Terzian - 22  
Diran Alexanian - 23  
Russ Tandourjian - 23  
Michael Yazujian - 23  
Tamara Brod - 25  
Shooshig Oflazian - 27  
Doretta Aslanian - 28

#### March

Doris Alahverde - 1  
John Arslanian - 1  
Michael Damerjian - 1  
Paul Movsesian - 1  
Peter Ohnigian - 1  
Toros Torcomian - 1  
Deran Maloumian - 2  
Miles Hanamirian - 3  
Barbara Papazian - 3  
John Leck - 4  
Gary DerHagopian, Jr - 5  
Gary Papazian, Jr - 6  
John Kash - 6  
Casey Baldadian - 7  
Michael Tookmanian - 7  
Braxton Pica - 10  
Robin Bilazarian - 11  
Florence Boyajian - 12  
Francesca Torcomian - 12  
Kevin Kalustyan - 13  
Jaclyn King - 13  
Nishan Boyajian - 14  
Scott King - 14  
Taline King - 14  
Robert Damerjian - 15  
Benjamin Asadoorian - 17  
Mikenzie Juskalian - 20  
Nancy Hovnanian - 21  
Ara Arzoumanian - 22  
Michael Juskalian - 22  
Virginia Kouyoumjian - 22  
Melody Damerjian - 23  
Michael Santerian - 23  
Robert Damerjian, Sr - 24  
Michael Paretchan, Jr. - 24  
Terri Sadjian-Mears - 25  
Brenda Jilajian - 26  
Mary Yeretzian - 26  
Skye Jilajian - 27  
Mariett Kalenian - 29



## ACYOA Happenings

### New Officers, Banquet and Fall Sports Weekend

By Ani Javardian

The ACYOA Juniors have been busy since the start of the school year with our first September meeting! Two people are dividing this year's Chairman responsibility. Ashot Balasanyan and I have combined forces in the best interest of our ACYOA.

While our beautiful 80th banquet took place, your ACYOA Juniors were watching over the Sunday school kids! We are glad to have helped make the banquet a success.

This year's Sports Weekend took place in Fairlawn, NJ. Two of our own members attended this exciting weekend filled with fun, faith, and friends! The girls' basketball team brought home a championship trophy just as last October Sports Weekend.

### Visit to Eastern State Penitentiary

By Peter Ohnigian

This past October the Holy Trinity and St. Sahag ACYOA Juniors visited Eastern State Penitentiary: Terror behind the Walls. It is a haunted attraction located inside of what used to be a maximum security prison that contained several well-known prisoners during its younger days. Now that the prison is no longer operational, it has been converted into a haunted attraction that has continued scaring visitors to this date.

The outing started with a quick bite to eat at a local pizza parlor and then we proceeded to the penitentiary to get what we had been waiting for. Before we could enter the attraction, we were split into groups of 10. While some of us didn't get to stay with our friends, we used this as an opportunity to meet new people and make the outing a more enjoyable experience. The attraction was very entertaining and I was scared a lot more than I expected. Some of the braver ACYOA souls took a red glow stick to put around their neck to let the actors know they were fine with being grabbed and pulled away from their group. This added a lot of extra fun to the scares and it was also another chance for us to meet new people, as ACYOA members who hadn't met before were pulled into secret passageways and had to find their way out of together.

After the attraction came to an end, we all laughed as we reminisced about the reactions we had to the scares. The outing was a great experience for everyone and was another successful bonding trip that left many of us hoping to turn this into an annual event.

### The Brinker Organization Food Donation Packing

By Peter Ohnigian

During the last weekend before Thanksgiving, the ACYOA Juniors helped pack food being donated from The Brinker

Organization to families who need it. Isabella Virgi and I represented

Holy Trinity's ACYOA Juniors as we helped St. Sahag's ACYOA with the packing. The foods that were donated in each box included ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, macaroni and cheese, and mint chocolate chip cookies. Packing the boxes required a lot of teamwork as we had to make sure every box had every food item that was included. While this was not a long event for the ACYOA as it took a speedy time of about two hours to pack and load the boxes into vehicles, it was a great event and it's good to know that the ACYOA helped families in need achieve an enjoyable Thanksgiving.





## Support and Service to our Community

By Parent Advisor, Leslie Movsesian

The ACYOA Juniors held soft pretzel sales in October and November and donated these proceeds to the Operation Christmas Child project organized by the Church School. These proceeds helped offset costs of packing materials and postage. Also, with parishioners' help, they collected non-perishable food and donated it a few days before Thanksgiving to the Baracha Church Food Pantry that services the Cheltenham and surrounding communities. Lastly, they visited some of our home-bound parishioners, Evelyn and Dick Weinsheimer and Harry Kalafian, with Der Hayr. On these visits the ACYOA members talked with the parishioners about their lives and contributions to our church and witnessed communion given by Der Hayr. In December, the members will hold a Poinsettia Sale to raise funds to support their CASP child. Thank you for your support and encouragement!



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NEW TOTAL: \$5,655.00

### STEPHANIE ALEXANIAN

NEW TOTAL: \$4,920.00

### GEORGE NAZARETHIAN

NEW TOTAL: \$ 5,025.00

### JOHN TATOIAN

TOTAL: \$960.00

### ROMAN RADYNSKY

TOTAL: \$1,260.00

### SETTA NAZARETHIAN

TOTAL: \$3,490.00

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Mary and Pearl Jamgochian

### **Mass Card for Rose Ellen Campbell**

Mary and Pearl Jamgochian

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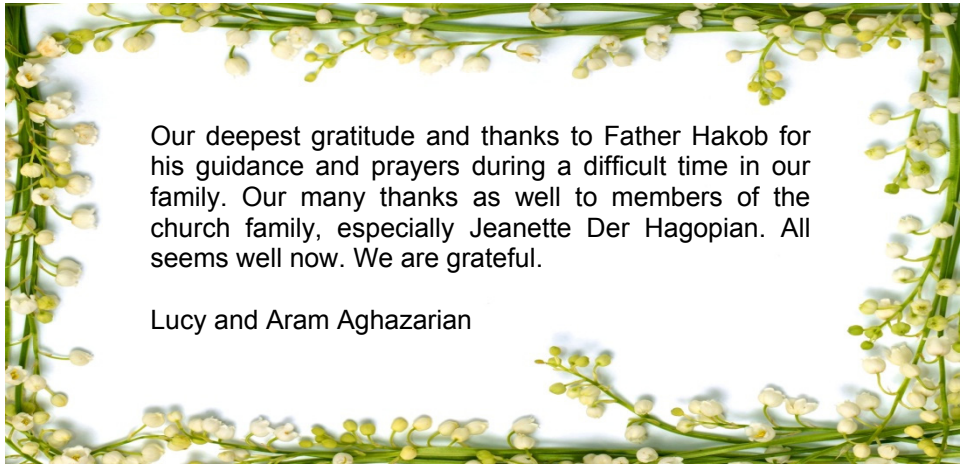
August 16, 2014: **DIANA NIKOLYAN**  
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arman Nikolyan  
Godfather: Gevik Khachatourian  
Godmother: Lili Khachatourian

September 14, 2014: **GREGORY ALLAKHVERDOV**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Sergey Allakhverdov  
Godfather: Serge Danelyan  
Godmother: Irene Ananikyan



November 18, 2014: **BRIAN J. HOYLE**  
(Adult Chrismation)  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Hoyle

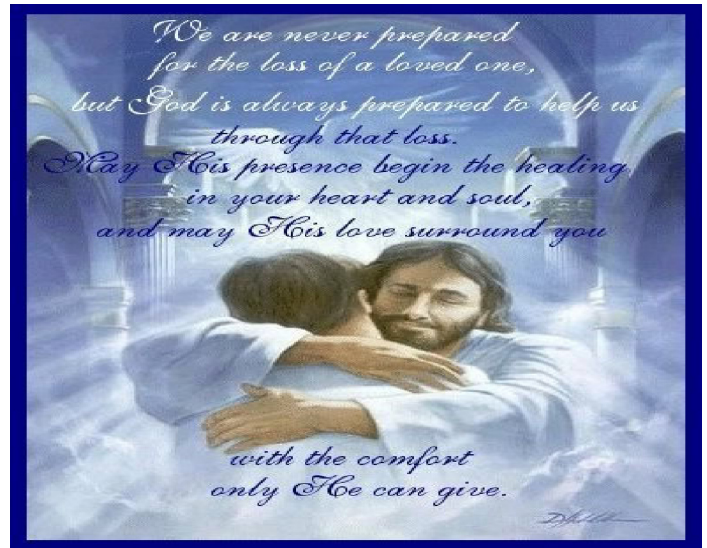


Our deepest gratitude and thanks to Father Hakob for his guidance and prayers during a difficult time in our family. Our many thanks as well to members of the church family, especially Jeanette Der Hagopian. All seems well now. We are grateful.

Lucy and Aram Aghazarian

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

- Arat Apik
- Lucy Badishyan
- Alyssa Worrell
- David and Nadine Hoplamazian



*We are never prepared  
for the loss of a loved one,  
but God is always prepared to help us  
through that loss.  
May His presence begin the healing  
in your heart and soul,  
and may His love surround you  
with the comfort  
only He can give.*

### FUNERALS: 2014

**ROMAN RADYNSKY** entered into his eternal rest on September 28, 2014. Funeral services were held on October 2, 2014 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

**SETTA NAZARETHIAN** entered into her eternal rest on October 21, 2014. Funeral services were held on October 23, 2014 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

**RICHARD J. NALBANDIAN** entered into his eternal rest on November 27, 2014. Funeral services were held on December 2, 2014 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.



## BIBLE STUDY ENDS WITH A CHRISMATION

Our fall Bible study on the Gospel of Mark ended on November 18 in a very special way; Brian Hoyle—a devoted student of Scripture and a regular participant in our adult education initiatives—received the sacrament of Chrismation.

Der Hakob told those gathered in the sanctuary, “Usually when I perform this sacrament, it is to enable someone to marry in the Church, but this is the first time I was approached by a person who wanted Chrismation in order to become a full sacramental member of the Armenian Church. We welcome Brian into the fold and ask God to bless his faith.”

Normally, the sacrament takes place immediately following infant baptism so witnessing the chrismation of an adult was a unique experience for those who witnessed the ceremony, which included Brian’s wife Joyce, several family members and his fellow Bible study participants (some of whom served as his sponsors: Harry Andonian, Nancy Basmajian, Larry Der Hagopian, Harry Mirijanian, Don Paretchan, and Ara Shakarjian).

Assisted by Deacon Albert Keshgegian, Der Hakob anointed nine parts of Brian’s body with Holy Muron—forehead, eyes, ears, nostrils, mouth, hands, heart, back, and feet—asking the Holy Spirit to seal the faith accepted by Brian and to protect his sight, thoughts, words, deeds and service from the influences of evil in the world. Most of the ceremony took place in front of the baptismal font; that was when Brian’s wife Joyce and her sister, Ruth Melian, recalled that the font was a gift from their parents—Sarkis and Dorothy Baldadian—some 50 years earlier. The discovery gave new meaning to an already poignant event for Brian’s loved ones!

After the ceremony, the group enjoyed fellowship over lunch which included a cake celebrating Brian’s new life in the Armenian Church. Brian thanked the gathering by sharing his thoughts, “What drew me to seek Chrismation was the welcoming church home that my wife, Joyce, and I have found at Holy Trinity in the year and a half since we began attending Badarak here. While Joyce was raised at Holy Trinity, I grew up in another tradition, but have found in the Armenian Church a solid road on which to continue my faith journey and this parish has a great group of pilgrims with whom to make the journey.”

Welcome to the Armenian Church Brian!



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!** Over 100 BOXES were filled at our Packing Party on November 16th for Operation Christmas Child—the evidence of what can happen when “body of believers” (the Church) come together to give to those in need. Every organization helped, especially our children (and their parents) who bought specific items to fill and pack most of the boxes and wrote personal notes to the children.

In addition to the boxes filled during the packing party, another 26 boxes were brought in by parishioners who did them at home, for a total of 126 delivered boxes, our highest number since inception of this outreach ten years ago.

God is truly honored when “we do for one of the least of these” (Matthew 25:45) by gifting and showing Christ’s love around the world. Thank you to all who contributed in any way to make this year the success that it was.



## HOLY TRINITY WELCOMES SEMINARIANS

On Sunday, October 5, our church had the pleasure of a visit by two seminarians. Kathryn Ashbahian and Arpi Nakashian received a warm greeting from our community and of course, Der Hakob. They received a tour of the church and school facilities and met the staff, after which Arpi conducted an interactive Assembly program for the students, and Kathryn spoke in the sanctuary on the Kiss of Peace. Kathryn grew up in the St. Leon Church of Fair Lawn, NJ and is a graduate of the College of New Jersey. Arpi was born and raised in Jerusalem, attended the Tarkmanchatz School of the Armenian Patriarchate and graduated from California State University Stanislaus. Both women are due to graduate from St. Nersess in 2015 and hope to serve the Eastern Diocese as lay ministers



### A BOOK STUDY facilitated by Brian Hoyle

Sunday afternoons: January 18, February 1, March 1, 8 and 15

The Melody of Faith: Theology in an Orthodox Key by Vigen Guroian  
[To register and receive a complimentary copy of the book, contact [nancybasmajian@verizon.net](mailto:nancybasmajian@verizon.net) or 215-722-3369.]

### FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES:

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- 6:30 Worship; 7:00 Dinner; 7:45 Program

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Dec 28 – Church School Alumni Breakfast (in memory of Berjoohy Haigazian)

Jan 4 – Christmas Pageant

Jan 5 – Armenian Christmas Eve 7 pm

Jan 6 – Armenian Christmas 10:30 am

Jan 11 – Water Blessing Service

Jan 18- Day of Remembrance

Jan 25 – Der Hakob 5th Anniversary Celebration

Feb 8 – Parish Assembly (snow dates: 2/22 & 3/1)

Feb 15 – Dyaruntarach & Poon Paregentan

Feb 16 – First Day of Lent

Feb 20 – First Friday Lent Evening (see flyer elsewhere in this issue)



### A FAMILY GOING FOR GOLD

Suzanna and Alex Aloian represented the USA TEAM and our RED TIGER TAEKWONDO SCHOOL under our Instructor Marcello Cancelliere at the 5th ITF TAEKWONDO WORLD CUP in Jamaica on August 26-30th. Alex Aloian earned a Bronze Medal in a -50 kg Individual Junior Male Sparring Division. Suzanna Aloian earned a Silver Medal in -55kg Individual Adult Female Sparring Division, a Silver Medal in Adult Female Individual III DAN Black Belt Patterns Division and a Bronze Medal in an Adult Female Individual Specialty Breaking Division. Special Thanks to our Team Sponsor and Supporter Feliks Aloian and the Good Luck little charm-supporter Andre Aloian!





## CONTINUING TO NURTURE OUR FAMILIES

By Nadia Soghomonian

*"Ah, the smell of my child is like the smell of a field that the Lord has blessed." Genesis 27:27b*

On Sunday, November 2, a group of mothers joined together in the conference room off the church lobby for an event entitled "Growing Children of Faith." The hour-long gathering provided a forum for conversation among mothers. Our facilitator was Nancy Basmajian, Director of Adult Christian Education here at Holy Trinity.

The goal of the seminar was to discuss the joys and challenges of fostering faith in families and the role that the Church plays in that journey. "Our children are only at church an hour or two each week, so the church and home must work together in the formation of faith," explained Nancy. The group examined various excerpts from Scripture related to the importance of faith within the family and how to apply these principals to motherhood.

"As a new mother, it was helpful to hear some of the challenges that mothers of older children face in their journeys of faith," said Nadia Soghomonian. "Knowing that these challenges may enter into my own life as my children grow up, I feel blessed to have the opportunity to learn from my peers in this type of environment."



## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

We extend special thanks to the following who have given of their time, talent and treasure for the benefit of our church:

- ✓ Merle Santerian for overseeing the project of new hall chairs over many, many months; and Alyce Hovsepan Gordon for her very generous donation which covered their entire cost
- ✓ George Terkanian for overseeing and installing the security cameras without cost for labor; installing new LED light-sensing units for the parking lot lights; and identifying and correcting short circuits in the old parking lot lights
- ✓ Doris Alahverde for continuing the tradition begun by her late husband, Armen, for providing fresh basil from their garden to adorn the cross on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- ✓ Nancy Hovnanian for the beautiful mural she painted in the preschool classroom
- ✓ Tom Harmon for painting and updating the Bar Room
- ✓ Kim Willard, Economy Roofing, for installing a new roof over a portion of the kitchen to accommodate the compressors for the new walk-in units; and cleaning all roof gutters at no cost to us
- ✓ Barbara Harmon and Merle Santerian for handling the sale of our old hall chairs on Craig's List

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## 2014 HARVEST BAZAAR

### ANNUAL GIFT BASKET AUCTION

The 2014 Harvest Bazaar took place Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 24, 25, & 26, in our Church hall. The bazaar is our biggest fundraising event and once again, the gift auction was very successful.

The gift auction committee would like to thank the following supporters for their generous donation of auction items: Marta and David Brann; Stacey and Alen Cakiryan; Jeanette and Larry Der Hagopian; Sue and Gary Der Hagopian; Cecelia and Garo Garibian; Gay and Haig Hagopian; Nancy and Steve Hovnanian; Maria and Greg Javardian; Alice and Berdj Kalustyan; Grace and Greg Miranshian; Adrienne Movsesian; Naomi and Rick Mukalian; Berjoohy Murray; Tanya and Michael Paretchan; Anna Polizzi; Merle Santerian; Mickey Sherian; Denise Sisian; Angel Tookmanian; Fran and Tom Torcomian.

--The Harvest Bazaar Gift Auction Committee

### BAZAAR THANK YOUs

Thanks to many volunteers and our Bazaar committee, Harvest Bazaar 2014 was a great success just one month following our 80th Anniversary Banquet. This year's committee made up of Barbara Harmon, Margo Silk, Lisa (Beberian) Viarengo, Marsha (Kangian) Marshall, and Nancy Hovnanian's efforts proved successful exceeding the budgeted profit goal.

Without the kitchen, there would not be a bazaar. Thanks to all of our talented women and men who came together and tirelessly shopped, chopped, cleaned and seasoned to prepare the food for our buffet. This is a herculean task every year. We thank you all! We are grateful to all of you who served on the buffet and operated the cashiers.

This year's meats were prepared by the tireless efforts of Greg Meranshian and his crew. The shish kebab was so delicious that we ran out by Sunday but still enjoyed the tasty chicken kebab and luleh kebabs. Thanks also to his helpers who worked into the night especially the last week of the bazaar until the job was done.

Our Country Store, run by Lorraine Damerjian with Angel Tookmanian's assistance, was a huge success. It seems most people didn't leave without a bag of delectable treats. Another success story is the Attic Treasures. Once again, these women - Ayshe Chakmaklian, Liz Barone, Pauline Chapjian, Grace Meranshian and Adrienne Movsessian - outdid themselves, working many days and many hours leading up to the bazaar.

Naomi Mukalian and Fran Torcomian have become the Silent Auction dynamic duo. They assembled magnificent baskets that so many of us looked forward to winning. Thanks to this year's "Bake Shoppe" creators, Berj Murray and Terri Sadjian-Mears. This year's profits were "record breaking."

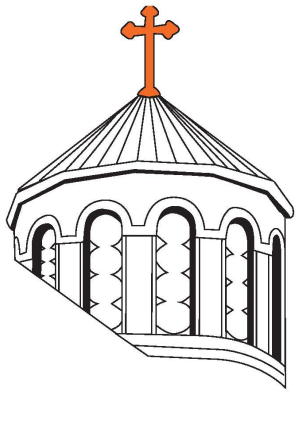
The bar was not only freshly painted and redesigned this year but also was jumping; we had freshly made popcorn popping (thanks to Krikor & Heather Kapeghian for allowing us to borrow their machine) together with lots of beer and liquor donated. The bartending talents of Tom Harmon and Shant Kapeghian proved to make the bar a success again in 2014.

David Mears, our MC on Friday and Saturday nights, did a wonderful job. Thanks to Nick Terkanian who not only led our ghosts and goblins for their annual Halloween Costume Parade but also led a crew of volunteers with the set-up and break down of the booths.

Most of all, we thank our bazaar sponsors and donors especially Jon's Restaurant, A-Z Party Rentals, and Shorethings Enterprises who supported this endeavor.

From our hearts, it has been a pleasure to work with Der Hayr and Yn. Anna, our committee chairpersons and volunteers who partnered with us for the fellowship we are able to provide for our church family and friends. Lastly, our dear church secretary, Maggie Miller, is always here for us helping with anything and everything – we appreciate you! With their suggestions, laughs and commitment, our bazaar is able to perpetuate and improve upon its signature components.

Barbara Harmon and Margo Silk



# 2014 Harvest Bazaar

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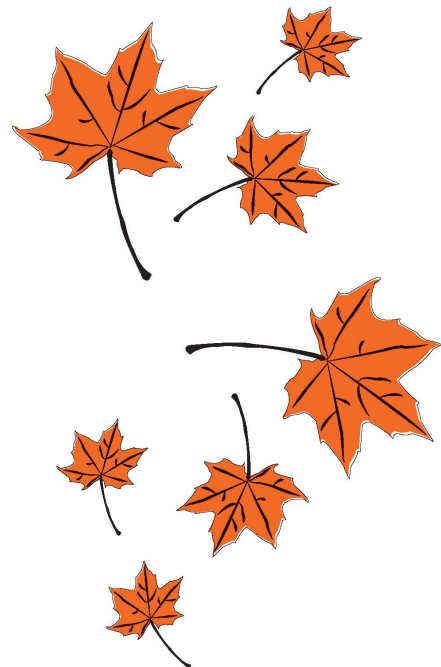
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Over 50 parishioners and friends of Holy Trinity participated in the 2nd Annual Gospel Marathon, sponsored by our adult education ministry. During our Harvest Bazaar, on Friday and Saturday evenings, October 24 and 25, volunteers entered the sanctuary, which was decorated with scores of mums, and while facing the altar, read the Gospel in ten-minute intervals from 4:00 to 10:00.

Parish Council Vice Chair Jeanette Der Hagopian commented that “One of the most mystical things about reading was the feeling of being alone in the presence of God; it was a very one-on-one experience.” Der Hakob, who was the first and last reader on each evening of the marathon, said “This was our way of honoring the Lord and affirming that our community is built on the Word of God.”

A special thank you to Mary Yeretzian (pictured below with her granddaughter) who personally hand-crocheted white crosses and donated them for every one of our readers. Thank you, Mary – you are a blessing to us.



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