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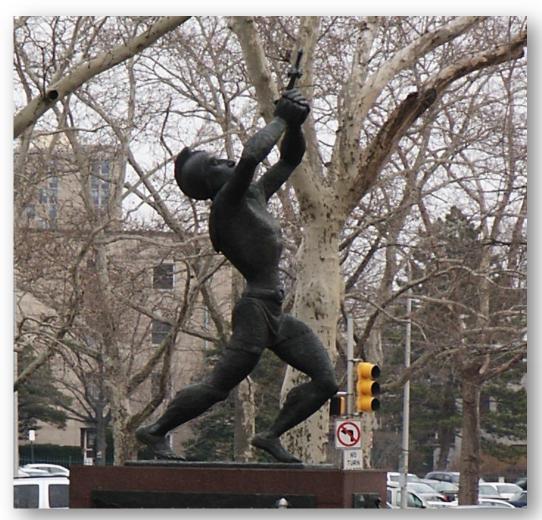
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DOYS



Cheltenham, PA

Spring 2019-02



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Hours of Worship

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

Church School

- Language Instruction: 10:15-11:15
- Christian Education: 11:20-12:15



Upcoming Events

Read what's been happening at our church and be a part of what's coming up!



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The mission of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church is to preach the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ and to proclaim its message of salvation. This mission is realized through worship, education, witness, service, and a common life in Christ as expressed in the distinctive faith- experience of the Armenian people. All the faithful of the Armenian Church – both clergy and laity – are called to participate fully in this mission.

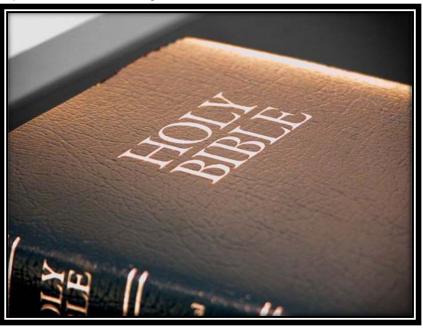
Why Do We Have to Know the Bible?

Every day we receive a large amount of information from the world, whether we like it or not, whether we need it or not. In school we learn several subjects, because it is a requirement and it is also good for our worldview.

Where do we learn the Bible? Some people read and learn the Bible at home, some people learn it in the seminary and others learn it at Church or during Bible Study.

The Bible is the most important book and the most important subject that a Christian person can ever learn here on earth. Why is it so important? It is the Word of God, and contains directions and advise from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on how to live a Christian life, which is very helpful for our physical life here and will lead us to eternal and everlasting life.

When we plan a trip to a different country, usually we read and learn about that country. We want to know how we are going to travel, where we are going to stay, what places are we going to see, how we are going to spend our time over there, and the list can go on and on.



Our life is a journey from our birth to death and from death to eternal life with God. Isn't it interesting to learn about God's plan for our life? Often we concentrate only on our physical, earthly and temporary life and forget that we are spiritual beings created by God. The soul is what keeps us alive. The separation of the soul and body is death. This shows that our soul is very important, because it is going to live forever, and it needs more time to be nurtured with the right food and drink, which we can find in the Bible.

When we don't eat enough food or the right food, we get sick and weak. Our brain usually tells us when we have to eat or drink, when we have to sleep or wake up. I hope that we can hear our inner voice which comes from God to take good care of our bodies and souls.



The Bible, as I mentioned earlier, is considered the most popular book in the world. If we really want to learn and understand it, we should read it regularly with the right attitude and prospective. We always should pray, before we read the Bible asking the Lord to help us to understand it. We can have bright minds, but if we don't ask God to open our minds to what it says and means, the Bible will remain closed to us.

Some people think that the Bible is only about the rules and regulations of life, but it is more than that. It teaches us about God's love for us, how to live a Godly life and reap the benefits of His blessings. When one of the teachers of religious law asked Jesus, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. The second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself. No commandment is greater than this' " (Matthew 22:36-40).



Dear Faithful, it would be wonderful if we were to choose to use our limited time here on earth to read, learn and practice the teachings of the Holy Bible. It can be light to our life and medicine to our body and soul.

With prayers, Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

John Hanamirian, Chair

Hi all. We are all set with a new slate of Parish Council Members and once again, it is a terrific group. (The new PC members are listed on Page 2 of this issue of the LOOYS.) We have undertaken to clarify our Investment Committee Policies, thanks to Mike Tookmanian and Michael Santerian. We have greater clarity about expectations from one another. We advised the Investment Committee that, thank you for your proposal at the last Assembly, but no, we do not want 4% of our income to be turned over to the operating accounts each year to help our net income figures. We want to continue to try and break-even or better from the revenue we generate each year from the operation of the Church without reaching into that investment income and let it continue to accumulate.

We have a fundraiser set for September where we will recreate the Middle East restaurant theme of Jimmy Tayoun and yesteryear at Holy Trinity for a night of mezze and dancing. That's fun, but more importantly, the Parish Council has determined to commit the net profit from the event to a newly designated Sunday School Children's Scholarship Fund that will serve to provide stipends for Armenian summer camps and academic or community-service trips to Armenia, each for our Sunday School students. Yes, we have some monies set aside for that purpose, kind-of, but we have a lot of children coming through the system and we won't have enough money to provide a stipend to all of them. This concept is like a college savings plan for those students. So, coming to the event and providing support for the event in sponsorship, will directly benefit your children and grandchildren and doesn't go towards the heating bill. I think people are a little "giving-tired" for the heating bills and this is something we can all conclude is a good idea. We owe our children this type of legacy.

Serpouhie Tchmiyan was a parishioner and she passed away in December of 2018. Serpouhie's sister-in-law reached out to Der Hayr and advised that there were no resources to arrange for her funeral, but that she was certain that the Church was the beneficiary of the estate. We agreed to help. My law firm spent about three months in and out of court proceedings in Philadelphia attempting to get us named as the administrator of the estate, and we were successful in April. We are in the process of gathering the estate assets and determining what amount will be available to the Church. We will keep you apprised. Dick Weinsheimer (Evelyn Chapjian) also left a stipend in his will for the Church. This type of giving is very important for our future. Please consider even a small percentage of the estate or a small amount of money for the Church in your planning. When you get to Heaven, it will look good on your transcript.

We welcome any input to fill in the unknown names or to correct those are listed below.



Sunday School Circa 1980

Back Row: Rehak girl, David Hoplamazian, Lori Vishab, Melissa Der Pilosian, Lisa Der Pilbosian, Boy??, Monique Der Pilbosian

Middle Row: Christine Hoplamazian, Mezzie Okoorian, Alexis Hajatian, Stephanie Hajatian, Robin Barone, Stacey Killian

Front Row: Nick Terkanian, Michael Paretchan, Seta Tookmanian, Boy??

A Reflection by Deacon Albert Keshgegian

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among [or within] you." (Luke 17:20-21)

What do we imagine when we think about the kingdom of God? Most people probably glance upwards, at the sky, and think the kingdom is in heaven, somewhere way up there. But in this passage from the Gospel of Luke, Jesus says something remarkable. He answers that the kingdom of God is among us, or alternatively, within us. Bible scholars note that the word used in the original language the Gospel was written in could mean either "among" or "within". They debate which one Christ meant, or whether he could have meant both meanings at the same time.

And each of those two meanings has profound significance.

A kingdom within us would emphasize that it begins with a spiritual change in us, when we accept Christ, his sacrifice for us, and his call to become one of his people. As Saint Paul writes, we are no longer "slaves of sin" (although, as frail humans, we will continue to falter), but become "enslaved to God" and "slaves of righteousness" (Romans 6). When we are freed from sin, we are no longer ruled by our own selfish desires and impulses such as the "seven deadly" sins of pride, envy, anger, sloth covetousness, gluttony and lust. Instead, we are filled with the fruit of the Holy Spirit: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and selfcontrol" (Galatians 5:22-23). Without this change in each of us, we cannot be a part of God's kingdom.

A kingdom among us would emphasize that Christ, as the King, was in our midst during his ministry. And Christ continues to be among us and in our midst. He said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20). In the Badarak (Divine Liturgy), after the gifts of bread and wine, representing the body and blood of Christ, are brought to the altar, we joyously greet one another with the Kiss of Peace (Voghchooyn):

Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav, Christ is revealed in our midst!

Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Kreesdosee, Blessed is the revelation of Christ!

The kingdom of God will establish its rule over the whole world on the Last Day. But the kingdom is also already here, in the Church, and working in the world. And we who are members of the Church are already part of the kingdom. We rejoice and are uplifted because we are already with God our Father and part of his family in a bond that will last for eternity.



Note: my thanks to Harry Vartanian, who brought this passage in Luke to my attention.

About Our Family

Spring is approaching but not sure if it will stay - we live in hope! We have milestone birthdays to celebrate: Virginia Shakarjian, Bob Damerjian and Mike Hajatian; and upcoming anniversaries too: Gary & Sonia Papazian (65), Sarkis & Katie Hashas (60), John and Adrienne Juskalian (35), and Ken & Lucine King (25). Congratulations to all for continued happiness and good health....Looking for something different to do? Check out Gary Altoonian's fine art photography exhibit on display at the Bryn Mawr Hospital, Bodine Lobby, and will continue through June 7. Well done, Gary.... We say Antzadz Ullah to Danny Aslanian, who needed an emergency appendectomy while he was away at college (NOT FUN!!); and Mariana, Diego & Tomas Majian who were injured in a very serious car accident and suffered some harsh injuries. They are all mostly recovered from their medical issues and we are thankful for it....We welcome the arrival of the newest baby in our parish - David Avakyan, second son of Ashot & Gayane. He already has a big brother, Levon, to teach him the ropes. May God's face shine upon all of them.... It's said that things often happen in threes and three engagements is what we have. As the cold winter ended, one of our eligible bachelors is now off the market. Eric Silk proposed to girlfriend, Tia Ventresca, and she said YES! They're looking to tie the knot in March of 2020; Ana Torcomian became engaged to long-time beau, Christos Karagiannis and July 2020 is when they'll become Mr. & Mrs. Also happy to hear that Greg Bilazarian has become engaged to Karina Totah, but no wedding date yet. We are so happy for the newly engaged couples and send them our best wishes.... Bravo to our treasured soloist and Choir Director, Karinne Andonian, who has produced her first album called Acoustic Armenia. All of the numbers have been arranged by Karinne in conjunction with other talented artists, and a couple of the songs have even been written by her. Make sure you pick up a copy of this CD featuring a beautiful collection of Armenian melodies.....By the time you read

this, Church School may be over and things will begin to quiet down at church. But we hope that you will make church a regular part of your summer activities. Whatever you do, be safe and be happy.

Calendar of Events

May 19 - Church School Graduation June 2 – Armenian Dishes of our Youth AND Armenian School Hantess June 24 – Pilgrimage to Armenia begins June 30 – Deacon Service July 7 – Guest Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Norayr Kazazian July 14 - Guest Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Norayr Kazazian July 21 - Deacon Service July 28 – Feast of Transfiguration August 18 – Feast of the Assumption September 28 - Dance the Night Away





Learning About The Armenia Tree Project

The Parish welcomed Jeanmarie Papelian, Executive Director of the ATP, who shared the amazing growth that has taken place as they celebrate their 25th anniversary this year. By the end of the year, they will have planted six million trees since they were founded. Not only are they beautifying the country, they sustain Armenia's environment by ensuring a high survival rate of the planted trees and they empower Armenians by providing economic independence. They welcome visitors to learn firsthand about the exceptional work being done for the ultimate benefit of Armenia and its citizens. Much was learned during Ms. Papelian's presentation, keeping us mindful of the need to support this amazing enterprise in our homeland



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Direct Outreach To Armenia

The time is drawing near when Der Hakob will leading a pilgrimage to Armenia. When he travels there, one of his priorities is to visit families who have suffered hardship and/or are living in difficult circumstances. He spends time with them in prayer and provides them with monetary assistance. If you would like to contribute to this worthy outreach for our brethren in Armenia, please mail or bring a check to church made out to Holy Trinity Armenian Church; Memo: Armenia. You will be blessed many times over for "…whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine" (Matt 25:40). Deadline is June 15.

Coffee Hour Update

Starting June 2, Coffee Hour will become a Pot Luck Coffee Hour (as has been done in the summers) where parishioners are asked to bring something everyone would enjoy for the Buffet Table. Those who forget to bring something are asked to contribute a good-will offering of at least \$3.00 to cover the cost of the coffee, tea and iced tea which will be supplied by the Coffee Hour Committee. Anyone who wishes to offer their services to help on a given Sunday, is asked to sign up as parishioners have been doing all along. There will not be any special Coffee Hours during the Summer months unless a family wishes to do the whole thing from beginning to end. Any questions, please contact Merle Santerian at 215-947-3777 or the church.

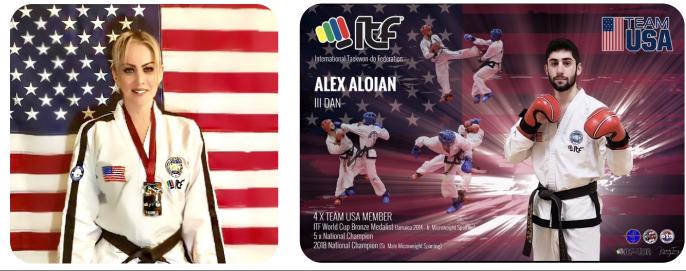


Attention Graduates

The August issue of the Looys will feature information about all graduates and we are hoping that you will submit your own details so that you can be included. Write-up should include: full name, parents' names, name of institution, grade level or degree achieved, activity involvement, and future plans (further education/ work). Please include a picture (in high resolution color), if desired. Everything should be sent to looys@holytrinity-pa.org no later than July 15th.

ITF Taekwondo World Championship

Suzanna Aloian and her son Alex participated in the ITF Taekwondo World Championship as members of the USA National Team. The event took place in Inzell, Germany from April 23rd to 28th. Alex Aloian successfully participated in the Micro-Weight sparring division and Suzanna Aloian participated in the Middle-Weight sparring division/Team power. After a long competition, Suzanna Aloian ended up winning in a tie breaker with the Romanian team and brought the Silver Medal back home in Team Power division. "



HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH MEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

July

Sarkis & Katie Hashas William & Diana McGarvey Mark & Silva Santerian Gary Jr & Colleen Papazian Antranig & Sabrina Garibian Garen & Diana Boghosian



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>July</u>

Fred Hess - 2 Linda Santerian - 2 Sarkis Hashas – 3 Nadya Vartanian - 4 James Der Hagopian - 4 Michael Hanamirian - 5 Rose Minassian - 5 Colleen Papazian - 5 Martin Attarian - 6 Lynn Hajatian - 6 Jon Sarkisian - 6 Christian Balint - 7 Alice Charles – 7 Kim Willard – 7 Robert King - 8 Brennan Pica - 8 Melani Burrows - 9 Antranig Garibian - 9 Andrea Alexanian - 10 Maxwell Hanamirian – 11 Mary Jamgochian - 12 Merle Santerian - 12 Garen Boghosian - 16 Anne Terkanian - 17 Judy Paretchan - 18 Alex Alexanian - 19 Jeannine Carol Juskalian - 19 Susan DerHagopian - 20 Janet Jordan - 20 Brielle Alexanian - 21 Robert Barone - 21 Raffi Kaprielian - 21 Garo Garibian - 22 Jessica Jordan - 23 Nicklas Terkanian - 23 Lindsey Santerian - 24 Olivia Torcomian - 24

7/12/1959 7/12/1986 7/16/1988 7/24/2009 7/25/2009 7/27/2008

August

Daniel & Kimberly Dunigan Garo & Cecelia Garibian Michael & Lynn Hajatian, Jr. Paul & Leslie Movsesian Ken & Lucine King Gary & Sonia Papazian Gregory & Karinne Andonian Serge & Adrienne Minassian 8/11/1996 8/12/2011 8/12/1972 8/18/1990 8/20/1994 8/28/1954 8/28/2010 8/31/1957

September

Fred & Michele Oskanian Kim & Gena Willard Richard & Naomi Mukalian Robert, Sr & Lorraine Damerjian Van & Suzanne Injaian Michael & Dori Juskalian Henry & Brenda LeCompte Harry & Valerie Santerian John, Jr & Adrienne Juskalian 9/3/1994 9/9/2001 9/13/1981 9/15/1962 9/24/1961 9/26/1998 9/27/1975 9/29/1996 9/29/1984



Eva Torcomian – 24 Kylemore Hajinian - 26 Noushig Hovhannesian -26 Logan Radell - 26 Peter Oskanian – 27 Kristine Koengetter - 28 Melissa Paretchan - 28 Christine Peacock - 28 Virginia Knott - 29 Frederick Oskanian - 29 Christine Temoyan – 29 Gregory Andonian – 30 Tula Torosian - 30

August

Breanna Asadoorian - 1 Jessica Sarkisian – 1 Gina Terkanian – 1 Diana Boghosian - 2 Michael Hanamirian Jr - 2 Richard Doudoukjian - 3 Nane Hovsepian Arpajian - 3 Elizabeth Kapeghian – 3 Meredith Hanamirian - 4 Jeff Haiatian - 6 Heather Maloumian - 6 Helen Mirijanian - 6 Kristen Santerian - 9 Ohannes Hashas - 10 Mary Ohnigian – 10 Adrienne Movsesian - 11 Kelsey Sarkisian - 12 John DerHagopian - 14 Gregory Keshgegian - 14 Marsha Marshall - 14 Alyssa Worrell - 14 Hermine Bennuhan – 15

Sarkis Dedeian - 15 Richard Maloumian - 15 Robert Zane - 15 Dimitry Terkanian - 16 Kimberly Asadoorian - 17 Stephanie Williames - 17 Millicent Asadoorian - 18 Daniel Mazmanian - 19 Nazareth Hajinian - 20 Araxie Radynsky - 20 Mary Sarkisian - 22 Tavit Murray - 23 Azlen Oskanian - 23 Harry Santerian - 23 Azlen Theobald - 23 Albert DerPilbosian - 24 Sue Iniaian - 26 Helen Kazigian – 26 Donna Sarkisian - 27 William McGarvey - 28 Arthur Baldadian - 30 Richard Maloumian Jr. - 30 Shirley Hajatian - 31 Brian Hoyle - 31 Cate Zane - 31



September Bravden Asadoorian – 1 Elsie Soghomonian - 1 Gary DerHagopian - 3 Gianna Tancredi - 3 Jenna Tancredi - 3 Andrew Movsesian - 5 Marie Hagopian - 7 StephanieVartanian - 7 Sabrina Garibian - 9 Sarkis Burrows - 10 Patrice Keshgegian - 10 Mark Santerian - 10 Ralph Arpajian – 11 George Medzigian - 12 David Santerian – 12 Ani Gargan – 14 Vahan Paretchan - 16 David Brann - 18 Johnny Alexanian - 19 Arpena Hajatian - 19 John Juskalian Jr - 19 Valerie Santerian - 21 Greg Bilazarian – 22 Raffi Garibian - 23 Diana McGarvey - 23 Leona Santerian - 23 Ani Peckjian - 25 Christopher Boyajian – 26 Carlene Thomassian - 26 Phil Worrell - 27 Christopher Owens – 28 Tyler Juskalian - 29 Robert Ohnigian - 29

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† Members who have made their 2019 fiscal year dues payment, as of April 30th, 2019 and are eligible to vote at our annual Parish Assembly. *Don't see your name on the list?* Talk to one of our Parish Council Members or contact our church secretary for assistance. Did you know community members are asked to pay dues starting at age 18? Annual dues are: \$75.00 Per Student 18 to 22 years of age, \$260.00 Per Adult 21 to 64 years of age, & \$150.00 per Senior 65 years of age & above. While dues are not required to attend Holy Badarak, they help your church meet its financial obligations and sustain a sanctuary for all.

HOLY TRINITY CELEBRATES MARRIAGE

For the fifth year in a row, our parish continued its tradition of conducting a Marriage Renewal Service following Badarak at which time all couples together participated in renewing their marriage vows. The service also included the reading of the "Love Scripture" from First Corinthians which talks about all the attributes of love, especially as it relates to the relationship between husband and wife. This year, the weather cooperated, thus allowing everyone to move to the outdoors where a bonfire was waiting for the adventuresome to "jump the fire" in the tradition of Dyaruntarach – Feast of the Lord's Presentation to the Temple. Originally, this fire ritual was only for newlyweds, but Holy Trinity recognizes all marriages as being sacred and participation is open to all married couples of any length of years.



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BACKGROUND

In April 1976, on Armenian Martyrs Day, the



Armenian-American Bicentennial Committee of Philadelphia presented their gift to America. It was Khoren Der Harootian's sculpture, **Meher**, in appreciation for the Freedom and Opportunity our people found in the United States. This monument, with a prime location on the grounds of our world famous <u>Philadelphia Museum of Art</u>, stands forever as a permanent tribute to the past and an inspiration to future generations of Armenian-Americans.

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- 1) Writing: Armenian Alphabet: learning and writing Armenian letters, words, names and sentences;
- 2) Reading: paragraphs from famous stories, Armenian proverbs and Riddles;
- 3) Stories: listening and discussing Armenian famous folk stories, including Hovhannes Tumanian's fairytails and Khazaros Aghayan's "Anahit"
- Singing: Armenian songs written by Komitas (Kakavik, Lorik, Tsitsernak), and songs from "Anush" opera by Armen Tigranian and Hohannes Tumanian;
- 5) Poems: memorizing famous Armenian poems, written by Egishe Charents, Paruyr Sevak, Hohhannes Shiraz, and Silva Kaputikyan
- 6) Acting: students are practicing to perform Hovhannes Tumanian's "Drop of Honey" ("Mi Katil Megher") and "The Kid Goat" ("Sevuk Ulik");
- 7) Music: students are starting lessons at the newly organized Holy Trinity Armenian Church Music Studio, to learn classical and Armenian music (Komitas, Aram Khachatyrian and Barsegh Kanachian);



8) Performances: every year preparing Concerts for Armenian Christmas (winter time), Spring Graduation Concerts, Holy Translators Day (in Fall), and Recitals of Music Studio student.

Music Lessons (1:00 – 2:00 pm) are offered at no cost and include: Armenian Classical Music, Armenian Children Songs and Lullaby, Armenian Folk Music, International Classical Music, Music History, Composers Biography, Power Point Presentations and Concerts (piano).

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ACYOA Juniors' Palm Sunday Banquet Mariana Maiian, Parent Advisor

Every year on Palm Sunday, the ACYOA Juniors organize a banquet where we celebrate their Chapter and learn more about their activities and what they have achieved.

At our banquet this year, members served a delicious meal, showed off their talents and created entertainment for their guests. After serving everyone their meal, ACYOA Chairperson, Christina Grigoryan began by welcoming almost two hundred guests who came to celebrate with us. The program started with a movie: "A day in the life of an American-Armenian family." In a humorous way, this movie showed how our Armenian culture makes a difference in our everyday lives.

The keynote speaker was Marta Brann who spoke about ACYOA connections through faith and her experience as an Alumni of the ACYOA - both Juniors and Seniors. Her talk included many comical memories to the amusement of the assembled guests.

While the guests were enjoying their dessert, several members of the Juniors gave a musical performance with Artur Badalyan playing the music of Frederic Chopin and Muzio Clementi (on the piano). The program continued with George Badalyan who played a piece on the piano by Friedrich Kuhlau; and concluded with a vocal performance by Tomas Montanez who sang a traditional Armenian song Ivuánugh Epg (Xhnjooigy Yerk).

The luncheon closed with messages to our youth from our beloved Der Hakob and His Eminence Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, who is a good friend to our parish.

We wish to extend sincere appreciation to Nayiri Balanian for making and donating delicious cheese boreg, and to Phil Magee of Blake Florists for donating the beautiful "sunny" sunflower centerpieces.

This event is always a huge responsibility but because of the help of so many experienced, dedicated and hard workers, the ACYOA Juniors' luncheon banquet was a great success!!! We especially recognize the following without whom this event would not have been possible: Merle Santerian, Michael and Melisssa Paretchan, Barbara Harmon, Janet Jordan, Angel Tookmanian, Jeanette Der Hagopian, Vicki Gureghian, Berjoohy Murray, Yn. Anna Gevorgyan, Tanya Paretchan, Arousiag Keshishian, Robert Ohnigian, Robbie Barone, Larry Der Hagopian and Ara Shakarjian.

In conclusion, thank you so much to our church family and friends for your commitment to this important event for our Holy Trinity Armenian Church.





HOLY TRINITY HOSTS RETREAT

On Saturday, March 23, over 50 women in the Philadelphia area gathered at Holy Trinity for a day of spiritual reflection and renewal. They came together to celebrate Saintly Women's Day and to explore the stories of three unnamed women from the Gospels. The retreat was sponsored by the Women of Holy Trinity under the leadership of Liz Barone, who welcomed the group and introduced the retreat leader, Elise Antreassian, the Director of the Department of Christian Education of the Diocese.

Fr. Hakob, expressed his joy at the gathering and offered a poignant prayer to set the tone for the day. He stayed for the entire program and participated in the various group discussions and conversations, and said, "I am so pleased to see these faith formation initiatives being offered by our Women's Group and for the excellent program Elise designed." Participants were asked to see their lives in light of three women of the Bible whose actions and risk taking were rewarded because of their faith in the Lord. One boldly placed her life before the Lord with persistence and determination even though it challenged the status quo, another listened to God before tradition even though she might suffer at the hands of those who prize tradition before God, and another openly adored God without fear. The participants were asked to consider their current relationship with the Lord.

Through the Scriptures and the discussion, the women saw how deeply Jesus was affected by the courage of these women and heralded their faith to those who stood by as witnesses, including the disciples. A DVD presentation and follow-up conversation focused not only on the biblical women but on how people of today might learn and act upon their examples. During a silent reflection on the story of the woman who touched the tassels at the edge of Jesus' cloak, participants fashioned a simple tassel as a reminder to seek the Lord; a candlelit prayer formally closed the day.

Liz Barone extended gratitude to the two working groups that made the retreat such a success. This included the Planning Committee of Nancy Basmajian, Jeanette Der Hagopian and Leslie Movsesian and the Hospitality Committee which included Berjoohy Murray, Lorraine Damerjian, Gay Hagopian, Carol Temoyan, Terri Sadjian-Mears and Marta Brann.

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EAT SOUP AND FEED THE HUNGRY!

On Sunday, March 31, the students and teachers of our Church School asked us their parish family--to go home a bit hungry for a worthy cause. Usually, we enjoy coffee and refreshments during the Fellowship which follows Badarak each Sunday...and the food choices, as we all know, are plentiful! But this particular Sunday was different.

As part of its annual Lenten Drive, the Department of Christian Education this year asked Sunday schools throughout the Diocese to raise funds to combat child malnutrition in Armenia. So, our Church School decided to open a one-day-only "Soup Kitchen." Three varieties of delicious homemade Lenten-friendly soups were lovingly prepared by parents, teachers and our school's leadership and served with bread. It was a rainy day (perfect for soup!), and the turnout exceeded expectations. The school raised \$1200!



Combatting child malnutrition in Armenia is a major effort and a special passion for FAR. The funds donated by the schools

will be earmarked for several initiatives including providing nutritious meals for rural kindergartens in the Berd region, monitoring the health of 3 to 6-year-olds in remote rural areas, educating mothers-to-be and young mothers in proper nutrition, training school cooks and delivering food packages to families living in extreme poverty.

Fr. Hakob, commended our school's leadership — Christian Education Superintendents Nancy Hovnanian and Patti Ayjian Smith and Yn. Anna Gevorgyan, the Language Education Superintendent — for providing their church family with an opportunity to give during this season of Lent.

The promotional flyer for the "Soup Kitchen" included Christ's words from the Gospel of Matthew: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

HE ANSWERETH AND SAITH UNTO THEM, HE THAT HATH TWO COATS, LET HIM IMPART TO HIM THAT HATH NONE; AND HE THAT HATH MEAT, LET HIM DO LIKEWISE. Luke 3:11

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April 25, 2019

Nancy Hovnanian Patti Smith, Co-Superintendents Holy Trinity Sunday School 101 Ashmead Road Cheltenham, PA 19012

Dear Nancy and Patti:

Kindly extend our deepest thanks to your Sunday School staff, students, and parish families for their generous donation of \$1210.00 to the "First Thousand Days" 2019 Sunday School Lenten Drive. (We heard about the very successful "soup kitchen" you offered at a fellowship – wonderful!)

This gift will benefit initiatives by FAR (Fund for Armenian Relief) to combat child malnutrition in Armenia through such things as meal programs for early elementary school; training for school cooks and teachers, young mothers, and mothers-to-be; and delivering of food to families living in impoverished regions. All excellent ways to assure that young developing minds will not be crippled by malnutrition.

Your kindness surely echoes the hope and resurrection of Easter....

With gratitude and love,

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Elise Antreassian, Director Department of Christian Education

Cc: Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan Merle Santerian Nancy Basmajian

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- Robert Barone who replaced three faucets in the kitchen sink that had been leaking for far too long with no charge for materials or labor.
- John Hanamirian who has contributed \$10,000 worth of legal services to the administration of the Estate of Serpouhie Tchimiyan, who named our church the beneficiary of her Estate.
- Ara Shakarjian who donated a new projector to the church for use in conjunction with various video presentations and more.

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