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# Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church LOOYS



Cheltenham, PA

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, Pastor

Fall 2018-03



## Church School Begins!

### 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!

**P**ray **U**ntil **S**omething **H**appens

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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).

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### REGULAR SUNDAY HOURS OF WORSHIP

Morning Service: 10:00 AM  
Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak): 10:30 AM  
Church School: 10:15 AM

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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.*

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## THE BEATITUDES

God blessed me, and our parishioners, with the opportunity to visit the Mount of Beatitudes twice in the last five years. And in that place we read brilliant words that Jesus taught to his disciples. Each verse has a lot to teach us and open our eyes.

***“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*** (Matthew 5:3)

It means we have to be humble in our spirits and should never be prideful. And we must think about our spiritual emptiness. Abraham is a great example of being poor in spirit, “Behold, I have taken upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.” (Genesis 18:27)

***“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”*** (Matthew 5:4)

These are the people who mourn for their sins, which means they repent. Also, it is about Christian people who were persecuted for their faith and they will be comforted by God in Heavenly Jerusalem.

***“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”*** (Matthew 5:5)

Someone who considers himself a follower of Christ should be growing in meekness. “Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth.” (Numbers 12:3) Meek people are quiet before God and they wait for Him, because they trust Him. These people will inherit the earth, meaning they will inherit God’s kingdom.

***“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”*** (Matthew 5:6)

To thirst after righteousness means wanting to live according to God’s will and rules instead of the world’s. God will always satisfy our hunger and will quench our thirst of righteousness if we follow His instructions.

***“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.”*** (Matthew 5:7)

Our hope is that on the Last Judgment, God will judge us with mercy and not with justice. If we anticipate God’s mercy, then we have to be merciful to those who sin against us.

***“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”*** (Matthew 5:8)

The heart is what we are and only God knows our heart. All good and bad deeds in our life come from the heart. Jesus came into this world so that we sinners can change our hearts.

***“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”*** (Matthew 5:9)

Jesus sacrificed His life to make peace between God and us, and when we carry that message of peace to others, we are peacemakers. Also, peacemakers are those who try, with God’s help, to fix broken relationships and minimize the hatred in this world.



***“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*** (Matthew 5:10) During His ministry Jesus taught mankind righteousness, and He said that the life of His followers is not going to be easy, ***“You will be hated by everyone because of Me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.”*** (Matthew 10:22)

***“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way, they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”*** (Matthew 5:11)

To be Christian in this world means to walk the path of Calvary. I hope this little spiritual map can help us during our temporary journey on this earth.

With prayers,

Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan

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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

By John Hanamirian, Chair

Welcome back Sunday School and everyone else from the summer months. The dome looks terrific. Thanks so much to everyone who helped move a pew or two or otherwise coordinated the logistics. Michael Santerian, good for you. Larry Der Hagopian, good for you. Gary Altoonian, thank you for stepping in last minute. Others who helped, I don't know who you are and that is likely because that is the way you want it; you want to volunteer and go home. Good for you.

We have recently started to publish the plate collection numbers for each week along with our weekly expenses. Please remember that our weekly expenses average \$6,000 without any unusual expenditures for an elevator, a dome painting, fencing, or a boiler. A boiler. We are having our boiler repaired. Likely cost is \$10,000.

Give what you can, when you can. Please remember that we rely on contributions and stewardship for our operations. Relying on what we have accumulated to pay our existing expenses is us saying, let's pay our expenses today with yesterday's money and worry about the future some other day. We need today's money.



In that vein, look at what has happened with our leadership. "Father Haigazoun's children," as I call them, are all grown up, have children of their own and are taking significant roles in the leadership of our Church organizations, including Parish Council. Larry Der Hagopian is Vice Chairman, Nick Terkanian is on Parish Council and a Board Member at the Ararat Center, Michael Santerian is on Parish Council and runs the PAND organization and Antranig Garibian is a Member of the Diocesan Council. I could go on and on as there are many others who serve the Church in the Choir and on the Altar. It means you aren't kids any more, but it also reflects how strong an impact a leader can have on the present and future of an organization.

Those younger leaders might think to adopt that same style with their children and their friends' children, get them integrated into the Church as another home and continue the process of securing leadership for generations to come. If I can offer one bit of experience...don't change everything right away. When you go into a new role, you are full of ideas about how things can be done better, more efficiently, you're smarter than the old people. We are not smarter than the old people. Let yourself get into the role, listen and watch what takes place, evaluate the profitability or the prudence of the effort and gradually adjust what is being done to what you might think should be done. We owe that level of responsible governance to the Parish.

**Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others,  
as good managers of the varied grace of God.**

– 1 Peter 4:10

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Armenian Inter-Communal Committee of Philadelphia

On the occasion of Armenian Cultural Month, welcoming:



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## DR. HELEN C. EVANS

CURATOR FOR BYZANTINE ART  
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Dr. Evans is the curator for the upcoming Met Fifth Avenue exhibition on Armenian art, *Armenia*, opening in September.

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018**

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## MEN'S CLUB "200 CLUB"

Tickets for the upcoming 2018-19 season have been mailed and ARE being distributed **AT CHURCH**. **Only SIX (6) Tickets remain to be purchased.** A one-time donation of \$100 will entitle you to eight (8) months of drawings, with five winners drawn each month. That's 40 possible chances to win! And your ticket number could be drawn more than once during the eight monthly drawings. In fact, several ticket holders have won twice in one month during this past season!



The first drawing will take place in November and the last in June 2019. Payment should be submitted before the end of September. Note: we have six (6) tickets available for purchase. If you already have a ticket, please consider another one or maybe split a ticket with a friend or family member. There will be \$10,000 in Prize Money & \$10,000 to the Church!

### PRIZES

November 2018 & June 2019: \$1000 / \$400 / \$200 / \$200 / \$ 200

December 2018 thru May 2019: \$500 / \$200 / \$100 / \$100 / \$100

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

### Christian Education

The Holy Trinity Church School welcomed their students back on Sunday September 9th. After parents registered their children for the Armenian Language and Religion classes, parents and students had refreshments and met with their teachers. Then everyone went up to church where Der Hayr performed a special commitment service for our teachers, students, parents and congregation.

The service asks each group - teachers, parents, students and our congregation - to be aware of our responsibilities as a community to help our students grow in faith; to commit ourselves anyway we can; and to help make this school year successful.

We live in a society where parents and children are on the go all week. There are only so many hours in a week and coming to Church School on Sunday may not fit into our young parents' schedules. The Church School staff, and actually parishes all over the Diocese, are all in the same "boat." So how do we address the spiritual needs of our Armenian youth and make our program compelling to attend?

Yet here at Holy Trinity last school year, we had 100 students enrolled in our program! Our average attendance was around 50 each week. The student population was made up of students who had been coming to Holy Trinity for years and new students who were experiencing Church School for the first time. The staff quickly realized that it was time to rethink our program for this coming school year.

We are going **"Back to Basics."**

This year, as a pilot program, we have decided on a new approach to our school year.

1. There will be two semesters – Fall and Spring
2. We will still be using the Diocesan-mandated curriculum We Believe but only the Worship/Prayer and Bible sections of the curriculum.
3. During the month of January parents and students are encouraged to attend Badarak together. Der Hayr will have special sermons and learning experiences for all.
4. February will be an enrichment month for grades 2 and above. Details to follow. Younger grades will have classes as usual.
5. The Spring semester will begin on March 3, 2019. (Poon Paregentan)
6. May 19th is graduation and the last day of classes.

This year's teachers are:

Little Sprouts – organized by Patty Alexanian  
Pre-school – Diane Hajinian & Armine Keshgegian  
Kindergarten – Sue DerHagopian  
1st Grade – Grace Meranshian  
2nd & 3rd Grades – Diana Boghosian & Stephanie Vartanian  
4th & 5th Grades – Leslie Movsesian  
6th & 7th Grades – Merle Santerian  
8th Grade - Gabby Meranshian  
9th – 11th Grades – Gail Lulejian  
Registration & Enrollment Supervisor – Gloria Basmajian  
Curriculum advisor – Nancy Basmajian



### Armenian Language & Culture

Included in this area are: Western and Eastern Armenian, reading, writing, speaking, counting and singing; Armenian literature, cartoons and stories; musical performances of singing and piano in Santerian Hall; Armenian art (painting, drawing, nature); Exhibitions of students' artwork; and Armenian concerts for Holy Translators Day (Fall 2018), Christmas and New Year (2018-19); and Spring Concert (2019).

The teaching staff includes: Yn. Anna Gevorgyan, Nune Sarkissian, Arous Keshishian, Armine Keshgegian, Marianna Majian, Tamara Tatevosian and Gohar Arshakyan

Armenian classes are offered for children ages 3-5, 6-11, 12-17, and adults as well.

Language classes are from 10:15 to 11:15 am; and Christian Education from 11:20-12:15.

Everyone is looking forward to a wonderful school year!

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Yn. Anna Gevorgyan, Superintendent – Language & Culture

Patti Ayjian Smith, Co-Superintendent – Christian Ed

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## **A Reflection by Deacon Albert Keshgegian:**

*We were made by the power of love. And our lives were meant – and are meant—to be lived in that love. That’s why we’re here. Ultimately, the source of love is God himself: the source of all our lives. -- Bishop Michael Bruce Curry, May 19, 2018*

*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. (1 John 4:7-12)*

It was the wedding of the decade, maybe the century. Prince Harry, the world’s “most eligible bachelor”, and Meghan Markle, American actress, were tying the knot. The world was watching, and all eyes were on the glamorous designer wedding dress, the pomp and ceremony.

But it was the sermon by Bishop Michael Bruce Curry from Chicago, the first African-American presiding bishop of the American Episcopal Church, who stole the show.

He spoke of love as the force or power that made us, and that our lives were meant to be lived in that power of love. That explains why we are here and what the purpose of our lives should be.

He went on to explain, quoting from the First Letter of John, that God is love (4:8b). Love is from God, and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God (4:7b). And we need to love one another, because if we do, God lives in us and his love is perfected in us (4:12b). We are living our lives the way God wants us to.

*There’s power in love. There’s power in love to help and heal when nothing else can. There’s power in love to lift up and liberate when nothing else will. There’s power in love to show us the way to live.*

Love created the world and us, and there’s power in love, but love is not the way of the world. There’s anger and hatred, envy and selfishness, war and evil. Bishop Curry quoted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to ask us to,

*...discover the power of love, the redemptive power of love. And when we do that, we will make of this old world a new world, for love is the only way.*

Bishop Curry went on, asking us to,

*Think and imagine a world where love is the way. Imagine our homes and families where love is the way. Imagine neighborhoods and communities where love is the way. Imagine governments and nations where love is the way. Imagine business and commerce where this love is the way. Imagine this tired old world where love is the way. When love is the way – unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive.*

*When love is the way, then no child will go to bed hungry in this world ever again. When love is the way, we will let justice roll down like a mighty stream and righteousness like an ever-flowing brook. When love is the way, poverty will become history. When love is the way, the earth will be a sanctuary. When love is the way, we will lay down our swords and shields, down by the riverside, to study war no more. When love is the way, there’s plenty good room – plenty good room – for all of God’s children.*

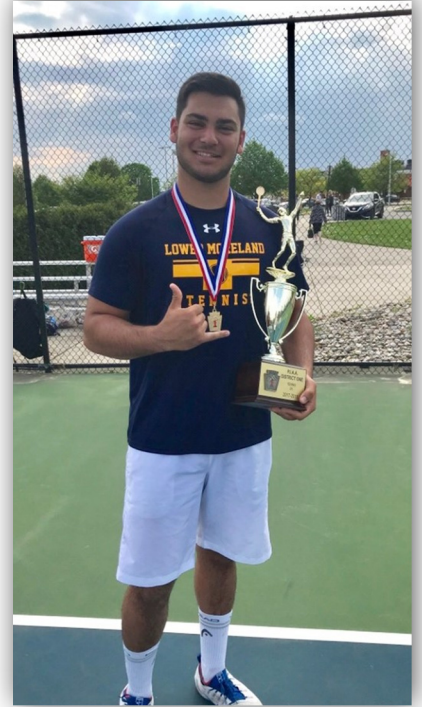
*Because when love is the way, we actually treat each other, well...like we are actually family. When love is the way, we know that God is the source of us all, and we are brothers and sisters, children of God. My brothers and sisters, that’s a new heaven, a new earth, a new world, a new human family.*

Imagine that! We can change the world with the power of love that lies with us and within us. The same power that created us – God’s love. And what a wonderful world that would be!

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## ABOUT OUR FAMILY

It's been a hotter and wetter summer than usual, so I think it's safe to say that we are ready for the Autumn weather.....Congratulations are in order for **Mark and Silva Santerian** who didn't know they would be celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary with a surprise party at their home with nearly 200 friends and family - until they arrived on their street and saw throngs of people headed their way. And then.....they WERE surprised!!!!....The same good wishes go to those who have or will be celebrating milestone anniversaries: **Alice & Karnig Torossian** (50), **Florence & Richard Maloumian** (50), **Albert & Valerie Der Pilbosian** (45), **Greg & Maria Javardian** (35) and....On the sick list and (prayerfully) on the mend: **Armenoui, Aznavuryan, Ohannes Hashas, Doris Alahverde, Alyce Jilajian, Mary Parnagian, Marguerite Donoian, Mickey Paretchan, Judy Paretchan and Jack Vishab**. To them we say: Antzadz Ullah!... Congratulations to **Robin Bilazarian** on the publication of her latest book: ***Tapping the Mighty Mind: Simple Solutions for Stress, Conflict and Pain***. She is helping to keep us healthy in mind and body!....Welcome to **Dimitry Michael**, third son born to **Amy & Nick Terkanian**. He joins older brothers, **Lucas and Elias**. Note to grandparents - **Don & Judy Paretchan and George & Anne Terkanian** - you'll certainly be on call!....**ON THE MOVE**: Best wishes go out to **Albert and Linda Santerian** now that they have relocated to Bluffton, S.C. which drew them with the easy pace of living and great friendliness of all. It helps that one of their sons - **Harry and his family** - lives there too! They will be missed in our area where they have spent their entire lives....We also bid a bittersweet farewell to **Linda & Richard Boornazian** who relocated to The Villages in Florida. They are being welcomed by a lot of family down south, but we'll sure miss them and their great contributions to our HT community.....and finally, we miss **Joyce Killian** living in the Willow Grove area now that she is dividing her domiciles between the Jersey shore and at the home of her daughter, **Stacey and family**, in New York.....We offer our sincere condolences to **John, Ella, Vani and Hasmig**, and the entire **Hanamirian** and **Lulejian** families on the sudden passing of their father, grandfather, brother and cousins, **Bob Hanamirian**, who lived in New York for many years. Though a quiet man, he loved his family deeply and they knew it....Birthday cheer is sent to those who celebrated milestone bdays this summer: **Carol Temoyan, Linda Santerian and Anne Terkanian**.....It was with the deepest of sorrows that our church and the greater Philadelphia Armenian community lost a valued member and friend with the



passing of **Francesca Torcomian**. She was much loved by so many - always joyful, with a bright smile and sunny personality. May the Holy Spirit be ever present in the lives of her husband, Tom, and their family as they mourn her loss. Please keep them in your prayers .....Congrats to **Audrey Movsesian**, daughter of **Leslie & Paul**, who was inducted into the National Honor Society this past spring. Way to go, Audrey....and in the same "church" - different "pew" - Hats off to **Andrew Movsesian** who, in his role as Co-Captain of his tennis team at Penn State, led them to victory as they became District 1 PIAA DOUBLE A District Champs for Teams and Doubles; and he and his doubles partner were quarter-finalists at States....With the summer now just a memory, hoping to see lots of our parishioners and friends back at church as the activities start to pick up.



## ANI JAVARDIAN STILL COLLECTING MEDALS

Bravo to our own Ani Javardian who participated in seven races during the Philly 2018 Olympics and won TWO Gold medals (Hurdles and 4x200 meter Relay) and ONE Silver (200 meter)! The daughter of Greg & Maria Javardian, Ani is currently a student at Villanova University.



## NEW DEADLINES FOR LOOYS SUBMISSIONS

In an effort to report news items and events in a more timely manner, article submission due dates for the LOOYS will now be: February 1, May 1, August 1 & November 1. As in the past, an email will be sent to all contributors before each issue's due date.



**THANK YOU, Vartouhi Hacikian,**  
for partially funding the cost  
of this issue of the LOOYS.  
Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

Fr. Hakob & his young parishioner, Nadya Vartanian



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## BAPTISMS



**June 9 2018: DANIELA GRACE GARIBIAN**  
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antranig Garibian  
Godfather: Deacon Diran Jebejian  
Godmother: Rawan Rihani Colwell

(top)

**June, 22 2018: TALINE ELIZABETH SCHMIDT**  
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schmidt  
Godfather: Eric Krikor Ashbahian  
Godmother: Shelley Venus

(top right)

**August 19 2018: TAMAR BRIANNA DAY**  
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Day  
Godfather: Frank Giardina  
Godmother: Jyll Kurczewski/ Nelly Nalbandian

(bottom right)



## FUNERALS: 2018

**MARIE TOPALIAN** entered into her eternal rest on July 2, 2018. Funeral services were held on July 5, 2018 at Ivy Hill Cemetery. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

**ROBERT HANAMIRIAN** entered into his eternal rest on June 25, 2018. Funeral services were held on July 23, 2018 at Lawnview Cemetery. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

**FRANCESCA S. TORCOMIAN** entered into her eternal rest on August 5, 2018. Funeral services were held on August 8, 2018 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

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## GRADUATES - WE SALUTE YOU!

**Frederick J. Jordan Jr.**, son of Fred and Janet Jordan, and grandson of Rosemarie Zarzatian, graduated from the College of New Jersey in December, 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing. He is employed by the Hibbert Group in Trenton, New Jersey.

**Tatevik Amiryan**, daughter of Anahit Petrosyan and Artur Amiryan, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, where she received her MBA/MA dual degree from the Wharton School and Lauder Institute. After graduation, Tatev completed a summer exchange program at INSEAD business school in France. She has recently moved to Boston, where she will be working in management consulting.

**Andrew Movsesian** graduated from Lower Moreland High School June 13, 2018. He entered Penn State University Park on August 13, 2018 where he plans to pursue a B.S. in Economics. He is also participating in the NROTC program this fall. Among his many achievements was being inducted into the National Honor Society during his high school years. At his HS graduation, Andrew was noticed for receiving the Freedom Award which is "given to a student who seeks to not only better himself but also others around him; is not afraid to speak his mind and stand up for what he believes in; finds pragmatic solutions to problems." Andrew is the son of Leslie and Paul Movsesian and grandson of Adrienne Movsesian and Merle Santerian.



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## **IN THE HT MAILBOX**

**From Emily Movsesian** who was this year's recipient of a trip to Jerusalem, "I thank God and I thank you [Der Hayr & Parish Council] for the wonderful experience of the Jerusalem pilgrimage.....I felt a sense of familiarity, of belonging there, as a Christian and especially as an Armenian."

### **From a caretaker friend of Ed Tatoian**

He has enjoyed receiving cards from the Ministry Team and is confined to a wheelchair at Sunrise in Lower Makefield. "He does miss his church....but his balance is off and he cannot stand by himself."

### **From the Armenian Patriarchate in Jerusalem**

"Please accept His Beatitude Archbishop Patriarch Nourhan Manougian's appreciation and gratitude for the love that has been expressed with their donation" referring to the donation of approximately \$9,000 that was donated by members of Der Hakob's pilgrimage to Jerusalem in April (reported in the last issue of the LOOYS).



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## BLESSING OF GRAPES



### A RAINY DAY OPENING FOR CHELTENHAM SCHOOL

A rainy Sunday morning was not a deterrent for the families of over 70 children and young people who travelled (some, for almost an hour) to Holy Trinity Church in Cheltenham, PA to register for the parish's educational program. The school, which offers classes in both Christian education and Language education, enjoyed its most successful registration day in over a decade. More students are expected to register in the coming two weeks.



The school's administrators—Christian education Superintendents Nancy Hovnanian and Patti Smith and Yn. Anna Gevorgyan of the Language School—were heartened by the turnout, as was pastor, Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, the school's greatest fan.

After Liturgy, Fr. Hakob conducted A Commitment Service, designed by the Diocesan Department of Christian Education, in which the entire community was asked to stand and pledge their support for the school and the faith formation of its students.

Fr. Hakob's closing prayer expressed the purpose of the ceremony with the words, "O God, send your Holy Spirit to empower these teachers, students, parents, and parishioners. Give the children a lively joy in their learning. To teachers, give wisdom, skill and love. Bless families as they nurture one another. Imbue the Armenian Church with renewed commitment to its teaching ministry. Give strength to all of us as we seek to serve you and support one another. Amen."

# Holy Trinity Armenian Church



## 2018 Harvest Bazaar



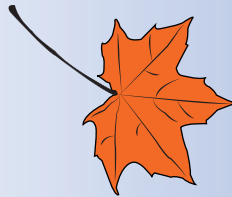
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## “Be Not Afraid”

By Emily Movsesian, Pilgrim

“Be not afraid.” Fear is common to all of us, but with God, we have hope. On the Feast of the Assumption, August 12, 2018, I explored this idea at Fellowship through a presentation on my experiences during the Young Adult Leadership Pilgrimage to the Holy Land this past June.

The trip was co-sponsored by the Diocese and individual parishes. I would like to express thanks to Diocesan benefactor Mr. Aso Tavitian, our beloved former primate Khajag Srpazan, our beloved current primate Hayr Taniel, Shake’ Derderian and Nour Travels, and of course, my Holy Trinity family for making the trip a reality.

Alongside 21 other young adults, Der Vasken Kouzouian of “another” Holy Trinity (Cambridge, MA), and young adult Diocesan leaders Arpi Nakashian and Armen Terjimanian, I traveled in and around Jerusalem, including the Old City and the Armenian Quarter, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jericho, Cana and Galilee. As we visited holy sites, celebrated Badarak and other liturgical services, and had Bible studies, a common theme emerged: Be not afraid.

At the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth, my fellow pilgrims and I recalled when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Asdvadzadzin, St. Mary the Mother of God. Mary was afraid, but the angel said “be not afraid, you have found favor with God.” The basilica houses many diverse icons of St. Mary, including one by a U.S. artist, Charles L. Madden, a “neighbor” in nearby Maple Glen, PA. His unusual icon, “Woman Clothed with the Sun,” is made out of materials from the Apollo shuttle!

The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem reminded all of us of another passage: near the time of Jesus’ birth, when the Angel told shepherds “Be not afraid.” The holy site of Jesus’ birth is partially in custody of the Armenian Church, and we have the privilege of holding services there regularly. Der Vasken led the group in celebrating Badarak in the very cave where Jesus was born.

As a mini-retreat within the pilgrimage, our group spent a weekend in Galilee, where we ventured into the famous Sea of Galilee both from shore and by boat. Jesus spoke to His disciples out on this lake, saying “Be not afraid” when a storm arose and the disciples hadn’t trusted Him to save them. How many times have we been through storms, and shouted at God to help us, only to realize that He had been there with us all along?

Of course, we all have a common, if not universal, fear: death. Scripture and the traditions of our church, like the Hokehankeesd prayers for those who are asleep, give us hope. We visited three holy sites that show God’s power over death: Lazarus’ tomb, where Jesus raised His friend from the dead; the church dedicated to the Assumption of St. Mary after she died; and of course, the highlight of many Jerusalem trips, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where Jesus’ empty tomb is seen. Once again, Der Vasken led the group in celebrating Badarak, while I had the privilege of singing the appropriate choir hymns. It was awesome to see Communion being prepared right on the traditional spot where Jesus’ body lay! The Armenian Badarak is celebrated there at 4:00 AM! But it is worth being there in the middle of the night for the depth and beauty of the celebration.

Finally, we are in exciting, but changing, times in our Church here in the U.S. and politically in Armenia. With new leadership, change is inevitable, and it is normal to feel afraid. But we can trust our God, the one who was born to St. Mary in Bethlehem, who calmed the storm in Galilee, and who conquers death, when he says to us, “Be not afraid.”



*Woman Clothed with the Sun*



*Emily at Holy Sepulchre*

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## OUTREACH IN ARMENIA

During Der Hakob's family vacation in Armenia this past summer, he took time out – as he usually does - to visit seven needy families in order to provide financial assistance and help improve their lives. A total of \$790 was donated by the following to support this effort: Lucy Aghazarian, Ralph & Nane Arpajian, Alice Karabian, Doris & Hal Kodikian, Emily Movsesian, Karen Vartanian Swartz and Diane & Greg Yazujian. The recipients were most appreciative and our church thanks you!



## EXPLORING SHNORHALI AND SCRIPTURE

For three Tuesday mornings in July, 14 of our parishioners and friends gathered at Holy Trinity to explore the writings of one of the most beloved saints of the Armenian Church—St. Nersess Shnorhali. The sessions were led by Fr. Hakob and senior Deacon Albert Keshgegian, who designed the series using excerpts from two of his books, “Beside Still Waters” and “My Lenten Journal.”

The group examined selected prayers from Shnorhali's “I Confess with Faith” and from his lesser-known work, “Jesus, Son.” All the selections were accompanied by Scripture passages illustrating the strong influence and inspiration Shnorhali received from the Holy Scriptures.

Discussion questions focused on St. Nersess' prayers and passages from both the Old and New Testaments. Many in the group noted the similarities in the texts. Participants were asked to reflect and share their reactions to the writings and how they could impact their personal faith and spirituality.

One of the participants commented, “I am familiar with the 24 prayers which we read during the Lenten season, but I had never heard of Jesus, Son. I was very moved by the prayers which spoke to me personally. The series has motivated me to look further into the writings of our Church Fathers.” Another attendee stated, “Deacon Albert made the writing of St. Nersess Shnorhali accessible to people like me who have little or no knowledge of Armenian and did a great job of putting it in the context of the Gospels.”

Statements like those above are why the Adult Christian Education (ACE) team endeavors to develop programs such as this, which enable people to gain more insight into how the writings of our church fathers and Holy Scripture are interwoven, all with the goal of personal spiritual growth.



## SUMMER HOME BIBLE STUDIES

For the third consecutive year, our parish took its adult Christian education ministry into parishioners' neighborhoods. To reach out to parishioners who have been unable to participate in educational programs at Church, due to work commitments and/or travel distance. Three parishioner families once again graciously offered to host Bible Studies in their homes located in geographical regions more accessible to many Holy Trinity families.

On three consecutive Wednesday evenings in June, the faithful gathered at the homes of Jeanette Der Hagopian, Deacon Albert and Patrice Keshgegian, and Margo and Sam Silk to talk about passages from the Gospels. The discussions were facilitated by lay parishioners, Gail Lulejian, senior deacon Albert Keshgegian, and Nadia Soghomonian, with Pastor Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan in attendance. The evenings were concluded with food and fellowship.

Topics included the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, the Miracle of the Raising of Lazarus, and Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish.

When asked to describe their experience, participants responded with the following words: informative, wonderful, lively discussions. And everyone thanked the hosts for their warm hospitality.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 16 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross Program on Opioids

Sept 22 - Aid for Friends – Cooking for shut-ins

Oct 17 - Intercommunal (@ St.Gregory's)

Oct 26, 27, 28 - Harvest Bazaar

Nov - Aid for Friends – TBD

Nov 6, 13, 20 - Shnorhali Study – 10 am

Nov 16 - Hye Hold'em

*Nov 18 - Banquet – Welcoming our new Primate and Honoring our Choir and Deacons.*

Dec 16 - Lunch with Santa

Dec 30 - Pomegranate Sunday



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## DOMES RENOVATION UPDATE

For many years there have been ongoing discussions about how best to proceed with the proper internal repair and painting of our church dome, in the most cost-effective manner. Finally, it was agreed to begin the project while Der Hakob and his family were away for several weeks visiting their families in Armenia; and church services were cancelled during those three Sundays since the pews all had to be moved.

As often-times happens, the project took much longer than anticipated requiring Badarak to be celebrated in Santerian Hall for three Sundays once Der Hayr had returned home. There was some concern about whether parishioners would be comfortable and feel the presence of God in that unusual environment. Much to the surprise of many, the comments received were so positive from loving the intimate setting with everyone in such a small area, to enjoying the presence of the choir in the front rows; and having Der Hakob so close to us so that everyone really did feel at one with each other. It was a great reminder that God is present whenever [wherever] we seek Him and "where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." (Mt. 18:20)

This great effort required the use of an aerial lift (see picture) and many volunteers. Heading up the lead group were Michael Santerian, Gary Altoonian, Larry D. Der Hagopian, John Hanamirian, John Kash and George Terkanian. More "muscle" was provided by Ernest Mamigonyan, Nick Terkanian, Antranig Garibian, Gor Ohanyan, Jimmy Keshgegian, Vache Soghomonian and Artak Mnatsakanyan. Without the physical presence of these dedicated volunteers, the project would never have reached its successful conclusion.

Finally, our church is sincerely grateful to both Ethel Terzian and Helen Terzian Gallagher who made a significant donation to our church in memory of their beloved brother, Ed Terzian. This donation enabled us to pay for the painting of the hall two years ago and to cover the expense of the dome renovation. Their generosity is deeply appreciated.



**HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH**  
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**October**

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Steven & Stephanie Balint	10/12/1997
Berj & Michele Yeretian, Jr	10/ 14/1989
Garo & Tamar Hovnanian	10/14/2006
Gregory & Maria Javardian	10/15/1983
Ara & Virginia Shakarjian	10/16/1955
Donald & Judy Parechan	10/18/2009
Jake & Gina Terkanian	10/20/2007
Steve & Mary Sona Brod	10/28/1990
Berj & Alice Kalustyan	10/29/1955

**November**

Gary & Eileen Altoonian	11/5/ ????
Ernest & Christine Peacock	11/6/1976
Phil & Alyssa Worrell	11/13/2010
Steve & Doretta Aslanian	11/15/1987
John & Margaret Bandaian	11/25/2005
Ralph & Nane Arpajian	11/26/2010
Richard & Florence Maloumian	11/27/1968
David & Marta Brann	11/29/1980

**December**

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



**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**October**

Marina Hovhannesian - 2  
 Grace Meranshian - 4  
 Spencer Murray - 4  
 Steve Aslanian - 5  
 Aram Attarian - 5  
 Robert King - 5  
 Jack Vishab - 5  
 Matthew Santerian - 6  
 Janice Owens - 7  
 Brianna Juskalian - 10  
 Jeannine Juskalian - 10  
 Tomas Torosian - 11  
 Richard Carlucci - 14  
 Marta Brann - 18  
 Karinne Andonian - 19  
 Florence Maloumian - 19  
 Mary Parnagian - 19  
 Peter Hovnanian - 20  
 Jean Ohnigian - 21  
 Henry LeCompte - 22  
 Peter Oskanian, Jr. - 23  
 Lilit Andonian - 23  
 Christopher Torcomian - 26  
 Ella Hovnanian - 27  
 Laura Bilazarian - 29  
 Adrienne Minassian - 29  
 Tara Zane - 29  
 Kyle Dunigan - 31  
 Katie Hashas - 31  
 Michelle Oskanian - 31  
 Alice Sisian - 31



Scott Santerian - 1  
 Annabel Hovnanian - 3  
 John Oskanian - 3  
 Dori Juskalian - 4  
 Kimberly Dunigan - 6  
 Bennett Oskanian - 8  
 Thomas Torcomian - 8  
 Lesly Attarian - 10  
 Patty Alexanian - 12  
 Angel Tookmanian - 12  
 Gary Altoonian - 16  
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 Elizabeth Barone - 17  
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 Veronica Carnevale - 18  
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 Marie Kazanjian - 21  
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 Vaughn Alexanian - 27  
 Levon Attarian - 27  
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 Valerie DerPilbosian - 29  
 Joyce Killian - 29  
 Florence Dandegian - 30

**December**

Alice Karabian - 1  
 Kimberly Kalustyan - 2  
 John Terzian - 3  
 Nancy Basmajian - 4



Alise Peckjian - 4  
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**November**

Rosaleen Oskanian - 1

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## *In Memoriam: Robert A. Hanamirian*

Re-printed from the Philadelphia Inquirer:

Robert A. Hanamirian, 80, of Fort Washington and New York City, who was the son of Armenian immigrants and rose to become an international tax lawyer, died Monday, June 25, of natural causes at his New York home.

From 2001 until 2018, Mr. Hanamirian was a tax lawyer with the firm of Kranjac Tripodi & Partners LLP on Wall Street. For the last five years, he had also been of counsel at the Moorestown law firm run by his son, John M. Hanamirian. From 1995 to 2001, Mr. Hanamirian operated a solo law firm from his Fort Washington home.

A first-generation Armenian American, Mr. Hanamirian was born in Philadelphia to Mooshegh and Hratcha Hanamirian, who fled the Ottoman Empire in 1915 in response to the slaughter of Armenian citizens by Turks. The Armenian Genocide resulted in the deaths of 1.5 million Armenians in what is now Turkey.

His parents lived in China before reaching the United States in 1920. Once in Philadelphia, they became the proprietors of the York Market, a general store in Chestnut Hill. They owned and operated a Middle Eastern frozen foods company elsewhere in Philadelphia.

Initially, Mr. Hanamirian spoke only Armenian. He graduated from Cheltenham High School, where he played football. He graduated from Temple University and Temple's Beasley School of Law, and later completed a master of taxation degree at New York University School of Law.

Although first in his law-school class, Mr. Hanamirian encountered ethnic bias when he applied for work at some of the "white shoe" Philadelphia law firms, his family said. He responded by emphasizing the paralegal work he had done in law school, and was soon hired as an associate lawyer by the Philadelphia law firm of

Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP. He worked for Schnader for 11 years, and for other Philadelphia law firms and in solo practice, before joining Kranjac Tripodi.

"He was known for international tax strategy and planning," his son said. "He liked the esoteric nature of the different [countries'] laws and treaties, and enjoyed that intellect challenge."

In 1960, Mr. Hanamirian married Pauline Kash. The couple had two children whom they raised in Fort Washington. The couple divorced in 1980. Pauline Chapjian, as she became after remarrying, survives. In 1983, he married Sharon M. Hanamirian, who also survives.

Like his father, John M. Hanamirian became a lawyer. Mr. Hanamirian's daughter, Deborah Nareen Hanamirian, had multiple sclerosis. She lived at Inglis House, where the family visited frequently. She died in 2016 at age 54.

"They were very much alike," Mr. Hanamirian's son said of his father and sister. "She was very strong-minded. They were not people who let things defeat them. They were really kindred spirits."

Mr. Hanamirian loved animals, especially his German shepherd, Toby.

In addition to his son and former wife, Mr. Hanamirian is survived by two granddaughters and a sister.



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