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# Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church



# LOOYS



Cheltenham, PA

Spring 2016



## 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

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

**Pray Until Something Happens**

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## Don't Leave Today's Work for Tomorrow



Most of us have plans for tomorrow, for next month, for next year and, of course, for our future life. In today's society nothing is wrong with planning; because we have busy lives and busy schedules and we should put everything in order; otherwise there can be chaos.

Do we know how long we are going to live in this world? The answer is no. Only God knows how long we will be here, because He is an Omniscient God.

We plan for our future life because we think and we hope that we are going to live long enough to accomplish everything that is on our list. But we can be wrong because the length of our life is not in our hands; it's in God's.

First of all, we should understand that we are guests in this world. This is not our permanent home. Secondly, we should differentiate between the important and unimportant work of our daily life.

Every day, the world dictates to us what we have to do. For example, we have to be at school on time or we have to be at work on time; otherwise people will not be happy with us. We should pay our bills on time; otherwise, there are penalties to pay. Once a year, we should have our car inspected; otherwise, we can't drive our cars; and the list goes on and on.

In other words, today's world does not allow us to leave today's work for tomorrow.

But when it comes to our spiritual life, many of us put everything on hold for tomorrow because we think that there is no penalty.

Very often we say that we will read our Bibles tomorrow, because we don't have time today; or, we will help the poor tomorrow when we make more money; or we will pray tomorrow because we are very busy today; or we will live a Christ-like life tomorrow, because there are more important things that need to be done.

At this time, I would like to remind you of the words of our Lord: "Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when He arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all His possessions. But if that wicked slave says to himself, my master is delayed, and he begins to beat his fellow slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of the slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 24:46-51). Now we know that there is a penalty for not living a spiritual life.

Dear Faithful, if we are planning to be a part of His eternal kingdom, then we should do our Christian and humanitarian works now because tomorrow may be too late!

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan





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## Parish Council Report

By John Hanamirian, Chair

I hope everyone is doing well. Of course, since the last issue of the Looys, we had our Parish Assembly and I think that Marta Brann and her team did a terrific job coordinating the logistics of the Assembly and Nick Terkanian was the perfect complement to steer the content. The Assembly revealed we are doing well. Our Parish is growing, our spiritual studies and our Church School programs (both Christian and language education) are growing and overall, we are in good economic shape.

Once the election results were approved by the Diocese, the Council met and elected a new executive body, whose names can be seen on the inside back cover.

Our Men's Club and Women's Club are holding their own, but could be stronger with the support of our younger parishioners. I had a conversation recently and thought it might be a good idea to have the counterparts throughout the various Armenian churches in the Philadelphia area meet together periodically, rotate the meeting spots and share some of the fundraising and service efforts and ideas. Of course, each would remain autonomous, but getting everyone together seems like it may be good for overall community-building.



There is a great deal of energy as we approach the 50th Anniversary of our church. The details of the event are in process and I am certain with Tom & Fran Torcomian and Rick & Naomi Mukalian leading the planning stage, the event will be both a wonderful celebration and a time for reflection for the people of our parish.

Before having our church in Cheltenham, we worshiped in a purchased church at Marshall and Susquehanna Streets. When in 1964 fire destroyed that church, we became transient using various houses of worship until we were able to design, construct and move into our Cheltenham location. There was excitement in the community at the prospect that we would have a new home. Since that time, of course, two more generations now call that same church their spiritual home. It is easy to take the church building for granted and we go to church but maybe we don't look around and admire both its aesthetic and its meaning. As we reflect on that time and now 50 years in this wonderful home, take a look around and notice the history tucked away in small spaces, the books, the paintings and the photos that line the hallways and think about the struggles of those that got us here.

I have a picture of my Uncle John holding my then two-year-old sister, Debbie, with the church building frame in the background. I can see how proud my Uncle was to

see the church nearly complete; so proud he had a photo taken of him holding my sister in front of a building frame; no walls, no stained glass, no pews, just wood and nails. He was excited for what he knew was his new home. As a child of Genocide, having a place of your own where you could share the beliefs and traditions of the Armenian culture and religion, which are only narrowly capable of distinction, was more than exciting. Exciting enough to take a picture to remember every stage of the construction. The photo, in a thousand words, said "I was here when this was built and I want my niece to have this memory too." The picture said that my parents came out of Genocide and scraped and saved to survive, working 18 hours a day, and as a single religious group put together the resources and the energy to build a church - a church that would send a message to the community and to our persecutors that we did survive.

Please support our 50th Anniversary Committee and its leaders with your volunteer time, your presence and your resources to make this event worthy of our history.

Join Us for a

50<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary Party  
September 18, 2016

**Save the date to be a part of it!**

1966 – 2016  
*details to follow*



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## THE LADIES OF HOLY TRINITY

By Liz Barone, Chair

It always amazes me how Spring slips in quietly and the season escapes before you know it. This is also true for the annual Women's Guild Assembly recently held in Cleveland, Ohio. I feel as though I just returned home when in fact, weeks have flown by. I really was not interested in going to the Cleveland meeting. After all, other than the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum, what else is there? I was proven wrong. The women of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church were very warm and welcoming.

I wish I could take more of our ladies to a WGCC meeting. The atmosphere is positively ignited with the ladies sharing ideas and encouraging participation in church activities. Although I've been feeling negative vibes lately, like a phoenix I sense there is a possibility our group can rise again.

What did I learn? St. John's Church of Detroit holds an annual "Advent by Candlelight" the first Wednesday following Thanksgiving. The ladies host tables lovingly decorated for the season. While enjoying the candlelight atmosphere, the guests feast on desserts, fruits and fellowship. Love, hope, peace, & joy are the topics for the social portion, punctuated by caroling & musical presentations. Four hundred women usually attend each year. I would like to see us start with a group of 60 guests. If you are interested in this activity, please contact me ASAP so we can get the ball rolling.

While attending the meeting, I learned there is a dire need for women's health issues in Armenia. Since October is National Breast Health Month in the USA, we will target the Women's Clinic in Yerevan. A jar will be placed in the narthex for the month of October. We will ask everyone who attends church to simply drop their loose change into the container. All of the money raised will be donated to the clinic. In fact, as all of the Yeretzgins were honored in Cleveland, the WGCC made a \$1200 donation to the fund in their names which also included our Yn. Anna.



By now many of you have heard of Vanadzor, the old age home in Armenia. December has been designated to support them. We will again collect your loose change and send the donations to Armenia.

Many of our parishioners have expressed an interest to visit the 9/11 Memorial in New York City. We have planned a bus trip for Saturday, September 24. the cost is \$110. The details are on the flyer available in the hall, on our website or in one of our eblasts. Please see Jeanette Der Hagopian or me to place your reservation.

We celebrated Mother's Day enjoying a delicious lunch and good fellowship on May 8th at Da Soli's Italian restaurant in charming Haddonfield, N.J. It was about time the Pennsylvania ladies crossed the Delaware River to join our New Jersey sisters who regularly cross over to us. Hopefully we have begun a new tradition to celebrate our day out of the kitchen!!!!

We are also hoping to schedule a visit in August to the new Mormon Tabernacle which will open soon and - for a short time only - allow non-Mormons to tour the facility. Stay tuned for more information to be circulated. If this is something that might interest you, feel free to contact me.

Despite all the happy events mentioned above, there has also been much sad news within a short period of time. We extend our sincerest sympathies to Carol Temoyan and her family on the loss of her beloved Bobby, to Gay Hagopian and her family on the loss of her beloved Haig, and to Barbara Harmon and her family on the loss of her dear mother Naomi, who was, to the end, a strong supporter of our women's group. May God bless them with eternal peace.

## Men's Club 2015-2016 "200 CLUB" Winners

### March 2016

\$500 Albert Kapeghian #089  
\$200 Harry Sarkisian (estate) #042  
\$100 Albert Santerian #146  
\$100 Albert DerPilbosian #095  
\$100 Harry Sarkisian (estate) #048

### April 2016

\$500 Mark & Linda Potts #086  
\$200 Mark Bartow #063  
\$100 Garo & Cece Garibian #012  
\$100 John Chalikian #198  
\$100 Albert DerPilbosian #121



### May 2016

\$500 Gloria Basmajian #036  
\$200 Larry & Jeanette DerHagopian #111  
\$100 Greg Jamgochian #181  
\$100 Greg Meranshian #081  
\$100 James Seyboth #053

*NOTE: the 2016-17 Tickets will be available soon and hand-delivered or mailed during June thru August. And thank you for your generous support to our church!*



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## About Our Family

Since our last issue, we have encountered both sorrows and joys, many of which were experienced personally as part of our church family. In March, our beloved **Yeghishe Srpazan** passed away peacefully after a brief illness. This was a personal loss for our parish since he was a member of our family and very much loved. One of his favorite subjects on which to teach was about love and especially about God's everlasting love for us. **Der Hakob** participated in the very moving funeral and burial service at the Cathedral in New York and our parish was well represented with a mini-bus of attendees. God bless his memory.....A shout-out to those among us who celebrated milestone birthdays in these last few months: **Luceen Attarian, Gena Willard, Don Lulejian and Albert Kapeghian**.....Belated anniversary greetings to **Joyce & Pat Killian** for their 45 years of marriage. Looking forward, anniversary wishes are also sent to **Bill & Diana McGarvey** (30 years), **Peter & Theresa Hovnanian** (30) and **Rick & Naomi Mukalian** (35)....Sincere condolences to **Butch Kumkumian**, whose fiancé, **Jane Sklencar**, passed away after a brief and unexpected illness. We share your sadness....What joy to share the good news of new-born babies among us. Welcome to **Raffi Danielyan**, first son born to **Ardashes & Hripsime**, who joins older sisters, **Darik & Maria**....We also are excited for first-time parents, **Greg & Jenn (Paretchan) Ermentrout**, as they welcomed **John Gerald**, who is also the third grandchild of **Don & Judy Paretchan**.....and finally – just before press time – **Alyssa & Phil Worrell** welcomed their second son, **Matthew Philip**, who will learn much from his older brother, **TJ**. That makes two grandchildren for **Barbara & Tom Harmon**, as well as the second great-grandchild for **Albert Kapeghian**. May God's face shine upon all of them.....Congratulations to published author, **Robin Bilizarian**, whose book – “Emotional Smarts” – is being seen and discussed all around town! The book teaches how to use established methods and the newer mind-body techniques to quickly quell stress and to deal with conflict. Her book is available at Amazon. Continued success to her....Many in our church family are at various stages of medical issues – from moderate to serious. Please keep them in your prayers: **Ohannes Hashas, Ed Tatoian, Robert Barone, Virginia Shakarjian, Mickey Sherian, Pat Killian, Vaughn Alexanian and Donna Sarkisian**.... In a matter of weeks, our parish lost three long-time members – well known and well loved: **Robert Temoyan, Naomi Kapeghian and Haig Hagopian**. We share in the sorrow of their families and pray for the Holy Spirit to be with them during this time of loss and grief. Their obituaries can be seen elsewhere in this issue.....Congratulations to **Michael Hajatian** who was graduated from Columbia University with an MBA. He will now be joining his bride, **Ani**, on the West Coast for permanent residence (at least for now!). We'll miss you Michael but wish you much happiness and great success....The lazy, hazy days of summer are upon us and with it comes a more relaxed pace in our lives, but don't forget to spend some time on Sunday mornings with your church family.

## Bricks Are Still Available

The addition of inscribed bricks at the main entrance of our church has not only enhanced that area, but leaves a lasting reminder of all those who have helped to build and carry out the mission of the church. Consider purchasing a brick in honor of someone special, in memory of a loved one, or to mark a special occasion. As long as the church stands, those names will always be remembered! If interested, contact the church office for more information.



Thank you  
Dear Der Hayr and Holy Trinity Family,

We would like to express our deepest and most sincere appreciation and thanks for all your prayers, words of encouragement, telephone calls and visits during Bobby's illness.

Carol, Christine, & Laura Temoyan

**Attention Graduates** - The September issue of the Looys will include information about all graduates. Anyone wishing to submit a write-up and/or picture should submit it to [looy@holytrinity-pa.org](mailto:looy@holytrinity-pa.org) by August 15th. Pictures should be submitted in high resolution color. Write-up should be in WORD format and should include: institution from which you were graduated; degree; future plans; other details of importance; and names of parents.



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

Gary and Berdjouhi Sekdorian

## A Scary Thought

Fifty-two years ago, a fire set by an arsonist completely destroyed our old church at Marshall and Susquehanna Streets. Who would have ever thought that such a horrific event could happen again, this time at our beautiful Cheltenham location. But that's what could have happened if a fire had not been detected in time.

It all took place on Easter Sunday when one or more parishioners decided to light candles in the stand before the picture of St. James the Apostle after church was over and the sanctuary was empty. By the grace of God - and Der Hakob's persistence in always checking and rechecking all aspects of our church security and safety - a devastating occurrence was avoided. Needless to say, measures have been taken to no longer allow candle-lighting when the church is empty.



The cost to repair and refurbish will be extensive, but thanks to Tanya Paretchan (who is overseeing the restoration of the painting) and John Arslanian, Jr. (who is building a new candle stand), all is well.

We give thanks to God for sparing us another tragedy. This is OUR home, and we all need to take responsibility for its well-being. If you see something unsafe taking place, speak up and speak out!

## ARTSAKH STRONG



### Update on Artsakh

Early in April, we were saddened to learn that Azerbaijan, without provocation, began attacking Nagorno-Karabagh (Artsakh). The Armenians in the region were quick to come forward to defend their people and their land. As of the date of printing this issue, more than one hundred men have given their lives and over 150 have been injured. The Diaspora was quick to respond with generosity in order to help not only those fighting, but their families who have been left behind without the physical and financial support of their men. We are grateful to those in our church community who have supported our efforts to raise funds which, to date, amounts to over \$8,000. Four thousand dollars was sent to the Diocese for distribution through FAR (Fund for Armenia Relief); and the balance will be distributed directly to the soldiers and their families in person. Please continue to keep the soldiers and their families in your prayers.

## Address Changes and/or Additions

Roxie Radnysky  
511 Serrill Drive  
Hatboro, PA 19040

Gary and Berdjouhi Sekdorian  
347 Garden Park Blvd.  
Cherry Hill NJ 08002

Harry and Mary Injaian  
911 Bentley Drive  
Naples, FL 34110  
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## Weddings

April 2, 2016:

ARSENI MURADZIAN & GOHAR ARSHAKYAN

Brother of the Cross: Artemi Muradzian



## Funerals

**ROBERT J. TEMOYAN** entered into his eternal rest on March 30, 2016. Funeral services were held on April 5, 2016 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

**NAOMI KAPEGHIAN** entered into her eternal rest on April 6, 2016. Funeral services were held on April 11, 2016 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

**HAIG HAGOPIAN** entered into his eternal rest on April 13, 2016. Funeral services were held on April 16, 2016 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

"Grief is **NOT** a disorder,  
a disease or sign of weakness.  
It is an emotional, physical and spiritual  
**necessity**, the price you pay  
for love.  
The only cure for grief is to  
**grieve**" -- Earl Grollman



Vartan Gevorgyan,  
the newest member of the chorag team





## Calendar of Events

July 3  
July 13, 20, 27  
Aug 14  
Sept 11

Sept 18  
Sept 24  
Oct 28, 29, 30

Transfiguration  
Summer Faith Discussions  
Assumption & Blessing of Grapes  
Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Church School Opening  
50th Consecration Anniversary  
Ladies of Holy Trinity trip to Ground Zero, NY  
Harvest Bazaar



## Save The Date!

**Holy Trinity's  
50th Anniversary Banquet will be  
held on September 18, 2016.**

This event celebrates 50 years  
since the consecration  
of our Church building.

*Please contact Tom Torcomian  
at (610) 662-7879 if you would like to  
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# HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH

## MEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

### July

Sarkis & Katie Hashas 7/12/1959  
William & Diana McGarvey 7/12/1986  
Mark & Silva Santerian 7/16/1988  
Gary Jr & Colleen Papazian 7/24/2009  
Antranig & Sabrina Garibian 7/25/2009  
Garen & Diana Boghosian 7/27/2008

### August

Daniel & Kimberly Dunigan 8/11/1996  
Garo & Cecelia Garibian 8/12/2011  
Michael & Lynn Hajatian, Jr. 8/12/1972  
Paul & Leslie Movsesian 8/18/1990  
Vartan & Elize Mazmanian 8/19/1962  
Ken & Lucine King 8/20/1994  
Aram & Lucy Aghazarian 8/22/1964  
Ara & May Arzoumanian 8/27/2005  
Gary & Sonia Papazian 8/28/1954  
Gregory & Karinne Andonian 8/28/2010  
Serge & Adrienne Minassian 8/31/1957

### September

Fred & Michele Oskanian 9/3/1994  
Kim & Gena Willard 9/9/2001  
Richard & Naomi Mukalian 9/13/1981  
Peter & Theresa Hovnanian 9/14/1986  
Robert, Sr & Lorraine Damerjian 9/15/1962  
George & Marguerite Arslanian 9/19/1965  
Robert, Jr & Melody Damerjian 9/19/1993  
Van & Suzanne Injaian 9/24/1961  
Michael & Dori Juskalian 9/26/1998  
Henry & Brenda LeCompte 9/27/1975  
Harry & Valerie Santerian 9/29/1996  
John, Jr & Adrienne Juskalian 9/29/1984



## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### July

Richard Weinsheimer - 1  
Fred Hess - 2  
Nazig Rafiyev - 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  
Artur Gyulnazaryan - 12  
Mary Jamgochian - 12  
Merle Santerian - 12  
Garen Boghosian - 16  
Anne Terkanian - 17  
Judy Parechan - 18  
Alex Alexanian - 19  
Jeannine Carol Juskalian - 19  
Susan DerHagopian - 20  
Janet Jordan - 20  
Robert Barone - 21  
Raffi Kaprielian - 21  
Garo Garibian - 22  
Jessica Jordan - 23  
Nicklas Terkanian - 23  
Lili Oflazian - 24  
Lindsey Santerian - 24  
Kylemore Hajinian - 26  
Noushig Hovhannesian - 26  
Logan Radell - 26  
Peter Oskanian - 27  
Kristine Koengetter - 28  
Melissa Parechan - 28  
Christine Peacock - 28  
Virginia Knott - 29

Frederick Oskanian - 29  
Christine Temoyan - 29  
Gregory Andonian - 30

### August

Breanna Asadoorian - 1  
Jessica Sarkisian - 1  
Gine Terkanian - 1  
Diana Boghosian - 2  
Michael Hanamirian Jr - 2  
Albert Santerian - 2  
Richard Doudoukjian - 3  
Nane Hovsepian Arpajian - 3  
Elizabeth Kapeghian - 3  
Meredith Hanamirian - 4  
Jeff Hajatian - 6  
Heather Maloumian - 6  
Helen Mirjianian - 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  
Norik Gyulnazaryan - 15  
Richard Maloumian - 15  
Robert Zane - 15  
Marguerite Arslanian - 17  
Kimberly Asadoorian - 17  
Stephanie Williams - 17  
Millicent Asadoorian - 18  
Larry Der Hagopian - 19  
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 Injaian - 26  
Helen Kazigian - 26

Donna Sarkisian - 27  
Aram Kumkumian - 28  
William McGarvey - 28  
Arthur Baldadian - 30  
Richard Maloumian Jr. - 30  
Shirley Hajatian - 31  
Brian Hoyle - 31  
Cate Zane - 31

### September

Brayden Asadoorian - 1  
Elsie Soghomonian - 1  
Gary DerHagopian - 3  
Gianna Tancredi - 3  
Jenna Tancredi - 3  
Andrew Movsesian - 5  
Paul Oflazian Jr - 6  
Marie Hagopian - 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 Parechan - 16  
Annabelle Alexanian - 17  
Adrienne Leck - 17  
David Brann - 18  
Johnny Alexanian - 19  
Arpena Hajatian - 19  
John Juskalian Jr - 19  
John Lillis - 21  
Valerie Santerian - 21  
Greg Bilazarian - 22  
Raffi Garibian - 23  
Diana McGarvey - 23  
Legna Santerian - 23  
Ani Peckjian - 25  
Christopher Boyajian - 26  
Carlene Thomassian - 26  
Phil Worrell - 27  
Christopher Owens - 28  
Tyler Juskalian - 29  
Robert Ohnigian - 29

# Weddings and Events.... Beyond Beautiful!!

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*- Bea C. April 2009*



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## **SUMMER FAITH DISCUSSIONS**

*Many of our faithful have been unable to participate in our Adult Christian Education programming due to work conflicts or travel distance. If that includes you, we have the solution. Three families have graciously volunteered to host a casual faith discussion group in their home. Our pastor, Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, will be present at each location.*

Each program will take place on a **Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 8:30**

**To register** at the home nearest you, simply reach out to the hosts listed below:

**July 13:** Larry and Jeanette Der Hagopian  
1446 Miranda Lane, Warminster, PA  
Facilitator: Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan  
Contact Jeanette at [choirboss@hotmail.com](mailto:choirboss@hotmail.com) by **July 10**

**July 20:** Albert and Patrice Keshgegian  
45 Sugar Maple Drive, Newtown Square, PA  
Facilitator: Deacon Albert Keshgegian  
Contact Albert at [keshgegiana@mlhs.org](mailto:keshgegiana@mlhs.org) by **July 17**

**July 27:** Tom and Barbara Harmon  
207 Hamilton Rd., Marlton, NJ  
Facilitator: Brian Hoyle  
Contact Barbara at [babs731@comcast.net](mailto:babs731@comcast.net) by **July 24**

**NOTE: SPACE IS LIMITED SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY.**

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## A Worthy Tribute

By Nancy Basmajian

Holy Trinity's own Deacon Albert Keshgegian was honored at Lankenau Medical Center on April 21, 2016, with a portrait presented by the hospital medical staff to Main Line Hospitals on the occasion of his retirement, and in recognition of his years of service to the Pathology Department and the Hospitals.

Deacon Albert, as he's known to most of us, has an impressive educational and career background; he holds both an MD and PhD, and has been at Main Line Hospitals for 35 years. He retired from medical practice in 2014, after having served as System Chairman of Pathology for 15 years and as Medical Director of Main Line Health Laboratories for 17 years. He also served on numerous hospital committees and is recognized and respected for his emphasis on laboratory quality and patient safety. He continues to work part-time as the chairman of two health system committees.

In his personal life, Dr. Keshgegian, who is a recipient of the St. Vartan Award, has been serving at the Holy Trinity altar for more than fifty years, the last ten of them as Senior Deacon where he mentors young men serving at the altar. He is also known throughout the Diocese as the author of several books, including three books of meditations for use during Lent and about the Saints in our Church.

Speakers at the presentation ceremony included the current Pathology Chairman, the Vice President for Medical Affairs, and the laboratory Administrative Director. In attendance were Deacon Albert's family, Fr. Hakob, a number of friends, laboratory personnel, medical staff members, and hospital administrators.

In his remarks, Deacon Albert explained various aspects of the portrait. It depicts him in his hospital office interpreting a lab test. Behind him on the wall are art pieces that he collected from his trip to Armenia as part of the ACYOA Armenia Studies Program in 1972. The objects depict people from Church history such as St. Vartan, St. Mesrob, and Gomidas Vartabed, as well the Akhtamar legend and the folk hero David of Sassoun.

Deacon Albert spoke of the strong influence his Armenian ethnic background and heritage have had throughout his life. He explained,

"Many Americans are a mixture of multiple ethnic backgrounds. But my parents were both not just Armenian, they actually came from the same town [Arapkir] in what historically was Armenia but at the time was part of the Ottoman Empire, now Turkey.





My mother and father were both refugees of the massacres and mass deportation of ethnic Armenians carried out by the Turkish government in 1915, collectively referred to as the Armenian Genocide. Coincidentally, just three days from now we commemorate the 101st anniversary of that event, which to this day the Turkish government denies even happened. The refugees then were similar to the Christian refugees from the Middle East conflicts today, an uprooted and homeless generation who travelled to the United States looking for a better life, not knowing the language, with little more than the clothes they wore. After having lived through unspeakable tragedy, my parents managed to make a life for themselves and for their two children, my sister and me, running a corner grocery store in the Kensington section of Philadelphia. It is a tribute to them, to the spirit of the Armenian people, and to the opportunities afforded by their chosen country, the United States, that their children both went on to attain the greatest heights of learning and have had successful professional careers."



We congratulate Deacon Albert, a devoted and faithful son of the Armenian Church, on this well-deserved honor and take this opportunity to thank him for his ongoing commitment to our parish and community. We are delighted that, although he has retired from medical practice, he continues to serve the Church at the altar and in multiple other ways.

*"How can I make a return to the  
Lord for all the good things He has  
given me?"*

*-Ps 116*

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## Garo Garibian - Ellis Island Medal of Honor Recipient

By Antranig Garibian

We had the recent pleasure of traveling to New York and having the honor of watching our father, Dr. Garo Garibian, receive the Ellis Island Medal of Honor from NECO (National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations). The award recognized Dad for his professional accomplishments and contributions to the United States of America and the Armenian nation. He was nominated by none other than Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, who is the Diocesan Legate and well known to our parish family.

As many of you know, Dad was born and raised in Philadelphia by his father, Karapet Garibian, a genocide survivor, and his mother, Hayarpie Garibian - both pillars of this parish. He received his undergraduate degree at Princeton University and his medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania. He now serves as the Chief of Cardiology at Jeanes Hospital, is an ordained deacon, a member of our Parish Council and was a delegate to the Diocesan Assembly of the Eastern Diocese of America for over 25 years (also having chaired the assembly several times).

To Dad, this event was a chance to celebrate our family - and dedicated the award to his father, Karapet Garibian, who like countless other Armenians, endured and persevered against all odds to reach the United States safely in the wake of the Armenian Genocide. We traveled up to New York on Friday night and made a weekend out of it. We were a big group! Of course, Dad's wife Cece was there rooting him on, as was my sister Adrina (all the way from California), my wife Sabrina (or as Dad refers to her, his second daughter), Dad's sisters Tanya Parechan and Maria Javardian and their husbands (Dad's brothers), Mickey Parechan and Greg Javardian. Sabrina and I brought our little ones - Raffi, Alessandra and Valentina - who during the event enjoyed a night out on the town in New York with their older cousins, Krikor, Alexis and Ani Javardian.

It was a lovely evening. The award ceremony was powerful - and we were beaming with pride seeing the man we have known for so many years being recognized among our nation's most prominent military officers, scientists, financiers and entertainers. After the ceremony, the Gala Banquet was held in the Great Hall, where the refugees who arrived at Ellis Island were processed upon arrival to the shores of the United States.

Thank you to everyone for your words of praise for our dad. We are so proud of him - but as he would be the first to say, he owes much of his success to being a child of this parish.





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## A Day of Remembrance

By Emily Movsesian

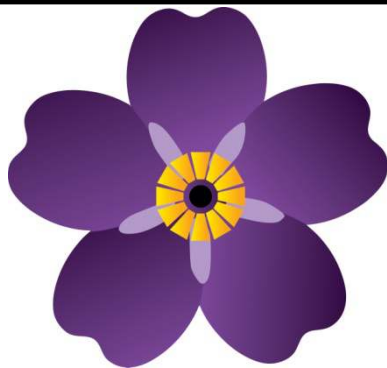
On Sunday, April 24, 2016, nearly 300 friends from the five Philadelphia-area Armenian churches gathered to hear a musical program, Together for Armenia, presented by renowned pianist, Mr. Şahan Arzruni, and sponsored by the Philadelphia Armenian Inter-Communal Committee. Mr. Arzruni led the audience through nearly a century of Armenian piano music, bringing the pieces to life not only through his masterful playing but also through thoughtful explanations of historic and cultural contexts.

He began with the Elegy, in which the composer Babadjanian explored the familiar Sayat-Nova melody in memory of another beloved composer, Khachaturian. Mr. Arzruni then treated his audience to collections of folk tunes, before moving into a touching exposition of music by Komitas Vartabed. The commemorative April 24th message rang clear through the pianist's narrative of Komitas Vartabed's experiences and sufferings. Mr. Arzruni also shared an intimate interpretation of Khachaturian's Children's Album pieces, delighting his listeners with his own story of how he played the pieces for Khachaturian himself, and had the fortune of watching the great composer dance "like a young girl" in order to show how the piece should be played. Finally, Mr. Arzruni concluded the program with Khachaturian's Toccata, a piece which showcased equally the pianist's technique and emotional connection to the music of Armenians.

The program was a beautiful display of the intergenerational spirit of our communities. The younger generation was showcased through a wonderful choral performance by the Armenian Sisters Academy students, led by Karinne' Andonian. Those in attendance also generously responded to the Inter-Communal Committee's request for donations to the Vanadzor Old Age Home in Armenia, in honor of Mr. Arzruni. The event, which was hosted this year by Holy Trinity Armenian Church, closed with fellowship over mezze and dessert graciously provided by dedicated church members.







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## Robert Jacob Temoyan

Known as Bobby throughout his life, Robert Jacob Temoyan was born on January 14, 1946 to Jacob (Jake) and Mary Temoyan (nee Karian) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His father, Jake, was a longtime oriental rug merchant with his family, Temoyan Rugs in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Bobby was a graduate of Upper Darby High School (1963). He was then drafted into the United States Army after high school, and was stationed at Fort Huachuca in Arizona working in Secret Intelligence.

After his discharge, he attended Temple University, School of Business graduating in 1971 with full honors, with a degree in Business Administration. During his enrollment at Temple University, he was a Brother and Secretary of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. After graduation, he became a merchandise buyer for Strawbridge and Clothier and then later a buyer for Bambergers and Macy's.

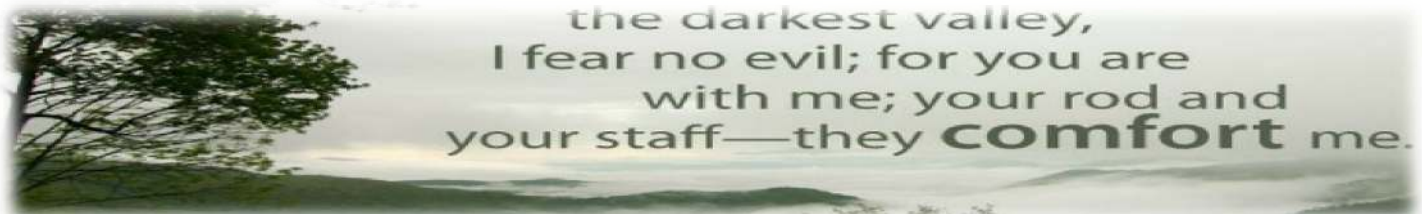
He married Carol Paroonagian, on May 7, 1972. A year later, Christine Angel, was born on July 29, 1973; and Laura Marie was born on January 6, 1979.

After he married, he worked at Jerrahian Rugs with Aram Jerrahian, Jr. for many years. In 1989, Bobby purchased O.B. Bebirian Rug Company in Merchantville, New Jersey, later to be known as Bebirian & Temoyan Rug Company. He operated the company with his wife, Carol, for 27 years. Together they maintained a business, a loving marriage and a very tight-knit family.

The family was completed with the arrival of two precious granddaughters – Sophie Seta and Nina Carol - born to Laura and Alex Yavru-Sakuk. Bobby adored his granddaughters more than anything.

Bobby was a brother of the Knights of Vartan and was a member of the Holy Trinity Parish Council.

He leaves behind many family members: sister Dolores (Leon) Bakalian; niece Cynthia Bakalian; nephew Craig (Belinda) Bakalian; great-nephew and great-niece, Clifford and Rose Bakalian; brother-in-law, George (Linda) Paroonagian; niece Kim (Christopher) Tashjian; great-niece and great-nephew, Talia and Zachary; and many extended family and friends of the Holy Trinity family.



## Naomi Kapeghian

Naomi (Cholakian) Kapeghian was born November 1, 1932 to Hagop and Maritza Cholakian. She was raised in West Philadelphia with her sister, Betty and brother, Marty, who predeceased. She and Albert were married on July 3, 1954, by Hayr Torkom Manoogian. Upon her marriage she became a member of Holy Trinity Armenian Church, where she raised her family with Albert. Together they were very active in the church. She was member of the Parish Council, the Women's Guild, Liaison to the ACYOA, and in her later years she would be the happy face you would see at any function giving out tickets. She was very active in her children's PTA at their schools, was a volunteer at a local hospital, a softball coach, and a den mother to the cub scouts. She loved her church, going out to dinner and the casinos, but mostly she loved her family, her children, her grandchildren, and her great grandson.

She is survived by her loving husband, Albert; devoted children Janice (Robert) King, Barbara (Tom) Harmon, Mark (Lisa) Kapeghian and Shant Kapeghian; five adored grandchildren; two precious great-grandsons; sister Elizabeth Kapeghian; and many much-loved cousins, nieces and nephews.



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## Haig Aram Hagopian

Haig Hagopian was born in New York City on October 6, 1948 to Aram and Sue (Mozian) Hagopian. He grew up in a loving Armenian family with grandparents and many aunts and uncles. His Armenian was fluent due to the fact that the family spoke only Armenian to Haig and his younger sister Ginger. Growing up, Haig enjoyed summers in the Catskill Mountains where he and his family vacationed with other Armenian families. They were among his happiest childhood memories.

At a young age, Haig showed an interest in music. He started taking clarinet lessons and by the time he was twelve, his teacher was interested in having Haig study classical music. Haig, however, had other interests. His first love was the old Anatolian music that his grandparents and parents enjoyed in their homes. One of his fondest memories was of his family going to the Armenian picnics we all remember. On several occasions, he remembers watching the Vosbikian Band providing entertainment to his fellow picnickers. The music was in his blood.



After graduating from Newtown High School at 16, Haig attended Queens College as a Regent's Scholar. His attendance at the institution, and the events of the few years preceding his enrollment played an important part in raising Haig's social consciousness. Two Queens college students who were civil rights' workers were murdered in Mississippi during the "Freedom Summer" while attempting to prepare and register African Americans to vote. These events heightened his awareness of issues facing the country, and he developed an independent mindset. He was not one to blindly accept a popular opinion. He believed in the words of Immanuel Kant: "Seek not the favor of the multitude; it is seldom got by honest and lawful means. But seek the testimony of few and number not voices, but weigh them."

After leaving college, Haig started an insurance business, Castle Brokerage, on Castle Hill Avenue in the Bronx. By day he sold insurance, but he still enjoyed playing music whenever he could. He played music with many notable Middle Eastern musicians. Who would imagine that Haig's passion for music would open the doors to the next chapter of his life. Chick Ganimian, one of the most popular oud players of the time, and Haig, on the clarinet, played great music together. The Armenians in the Philadelphia community loved their sound. One day, Gay Vosbikian's Morkoor called Haig to ask him and Chick to come to Philly to play at her brother-in-law, Jimmy's birthday party. The rest was history.

On November 11, 1979, Haig Hagopian married Gay Vosbikian. After residing for a few years in Queens, NY, they moved to Mount Laurel, NJ. Haig and Gay became the proud parents of Tina and later, Marie. No father enjoyed watching his children grow more than Haig. He spent countless hours videotaping the everyday happiness of his daughters growing up - Tina learning to ride a two-wheeler, and hours taping Marie eating breakfast, the girls playing outside with neighborhood friends or going to pet the animals at Johnson's Farm with their cousins, Jimmy, Gary, Erika and Michael. They were some of his happiest times, and he would always recall those happy times. He had the opportunity to relive some with the newest generation of great-nieces and nephews. One of them said, "he's the only one who plays with me."

Life was good. They raised their girls in this church, where Haig also served on Parish Council. Tina and Marie grew up in a loving, extended Armenian family.

Many of you may know Haig for his honest and straight forward manner. Many of you know him for the interest he had in knowing people beyond superficial conversation. Haig met people and wanted to know who they were and what interested them regardless of their station in life. The Haig most people did not know was the champion of the down-trodden. His compassion and generosity to those less fortunate was immeasurable.

Haig is survived by his beloved wife, Gay; loving mother, Sue Hagopian; devoted children, Tina and Marie; sister Virginia (Karnig) Seferian; and many much-loved cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family members.



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## Holy Week

Easter was very early this year when it would have still been very cold, but as an added treat, the weather was more spring-like and therefore easier to navigate the busy-ness of Holy Week. Fortunately, there was no snow in the forecast.

With Der Hakob at the helm, the services for the Opening of Doors (Turnpatzek), Washing of the Feet, Vigil (Khavaroom) and Burial were all reviewed in depth so that parishioners attending those various services could not only understand better what was taking place but could also participate. Parts of those four services were translated into English to help this process along; and there were more than enough copies available enabling every person attending to truly participant in each service.

This project was a major step in bringing deeper understanding into these centuries-old services, thus enabling the parishioners to experience the richness of them in a new way. Hopefully, some of that was accomplished.

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## Lent As An Opportunity To Learn

The Adult Christian Education ministry at Holy Trinity continues to use Great Lent as an opportunity to provide parishioners with programming that informs their faith. During the six weeks of Lent, our parish sponsored a leadership workshop, a seminar on the Divine Liturgy, an educational “Family Feud” contest and three lectures on the history and theology of the Armenian Church.

NOTE: An article on the leadership workshop appeared in the last issue of the LOOYS and our readers will find articles on the “Exploring the Eucharist” seminar and the Family Feud game elsewhere in this issue.

On three separate Friday evenings during Lent, the faithful gathered at church for lectures on three topics crucial to our theology as Armenian Orthodox Christians. After dinner, which was hosted by Yn. Anna Gevorgyan, Karine Hovhannessian and Merle Santerian, Fr. Hakob reminded the faithful of the meaning of the season with a talk on “Getting Ready for Great Lent and Holy Week.” The following week, Dn. Gregory Andonian presented a PowerPoint on “The Spiritual Journey of the Armenian People” and covered centuries of history in a relatively short amount of time. Dinner on that evening was hosted by Steve and Nancy Hovnanian.

In addition, we were pleased to have a visit from the Diocesan Vicar, the Very Rev. Fr. Simeon Odabashian who inspired his audience with his presentation on “Worshipping with the Psalms.” He gave several illustrations of the church’s liturgical use of the Book of Psalms in everyday worship and in the church’s celebration of feasts. Fr. Hakob thanked the Vicar for his “joy-filled” and enlightening lecture. The dinner sponsors for that program were Garo and Cece Garibian, Maria and Greg Javardian and Tanya and Mickey Parechan. Each program was preceded by a Lenten worship service led by Fr. Hakob.

We thank all our presenters and dinner sponsors for their participation in making Lent a meaningful learning experience for our parishioners.

## Archbishop Yeznik Petrossian Visits Cheltenham Parish

The Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Cheltenham, PA and its pastor, the Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, were honored to host a special guest celebrant on Sunday, May 15—Archbishop Yeznik Petrossian from Armenia. Archbishop Yeznik was in Philadelphia to attend the week-long United Bible Societies’ World Assembly as a representative from the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.

He was among some 500 leaders from more than 140 Bible societies working in more than 200 countries and territories who traveled to Philadelphia to attend the Assembly that occurs just once every six years. This year’s event was being hosted by American Bible Society, which is celebrating its bicentennial. The presence of so many Global Bible Ministry leaders made the event a true visual representation of the diversity of the cultures and people they serve.

Archbishop Yeznik spoke to the faithful at Holy Trinity about the work being done in Etchmiadzin to promote the experience of the life-changing message of the Bible to Armenians throughout the world. He himself is currently proofreading the translation of the Bible into modern Armenian and making the critical Interlinear of the Septuagint (Greek Bible) and the Old Armenian Bible.

Srpazan Hayr, who holds a PhD in Theological Studies from the University of Athens, is eminently qualified to represent the Armenian Church at this important international gathering. He has been actively involved in ecumenical activities since 1983 and has served as the General Secretary of the Bible Society of Armenia and also as the Chairman of its Board of Trustees.

He also represents the Armenian Church in a number of prestigious organizations such as the Conference of European Churches Central Committee, the Churches in Dialogue Commission of the CEC and the World Council of Churches. Since 2001, he has been the representative of the Armenian Church on the International Commission of the Anglican-Oriental Orthodox Dialogue and is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Inter-Religious Council of CIS. In addition, he has represented the Armenian Church in a wide variety of other International and Ecumenical Symposiums and Conferences.



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## BIBLE STUDY TACKLES DISCIPLESHIP

*"Go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you." Jeremiah 1:7b*

*"Go and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20*

"The key word in these passages is GO, and that's at the core of what discipleship is," said Fr. Hakob, as he reflected on our recent Bible study series. "From the call of the prophet Jeremiah to the instructions Jesus gave to his first disciples and ultimately to our call to live as disciples of Christ using our gifts to build a sanctuary of living stones—that was at the heart of our discussions."

Over 20 parishioners and friends of Holy Trinity signed on for a six-week Spring Bible Study on the theme of Discipleship: Then and Now. This particular group, which met on Thursday mornings in April and May, was special in that it included several new people as well as a few Bible study "veterans."

Each of the six sessions, which focused on various aspects of the theme, was led by a different facilitator. They were Nancy Basmajian, Brian Hoyle, Dn. Albert Keshgegian, Leslie Movsesian, Merle Santerian and of course, Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan who was present at all sessions. One of the many advantages of having Fr. Hakob oversee the Bible study is his ability to use the Armenian translation of Scripture to clarify and elaborate on any given passage. His commentary, on more than one occasion, proved helpful in participants' understanding of the Word of God.

"I have so much to learn about the Bible," mentioned Lucy Aghazarian, who never missed a session, "and these programs have filled that need."

Each session began and ended with prayer and involved a brief introduction to the passage being studied. Then participants were divided into groups and given a set of questions to help them examine and analyze the Scripture and hopefully glean its relevance to their lives. In addition to education, the Bible study experience provided an opportunity for fellowship - after one of their sessions, the group enjoyed lunch at a local eatery where they learned more about each other.

"I enjoyed our study group series. It has been a pleasure, and I look forward to another. It was also an opportunity to meet new people which I enjoyed very much," commented Linda Santerian.

The following is a prayer, written by Deacon Albert Keshgegian, for his Bible study presentation on 1 Peter 4:2-10.



*Jesus, you were sent by the Father as a cornerstone.*

*Although rejected by others, you are precious to him and to us.*

*Help us to become "living stones" of your spiritual house, the Church.*

*Help us to work together, each doing what we do best, using the skills and talents God has given us, so that your spiritual house has the strength of stones and yet the vitality of life:*

*Energy, Growth, Love, Joy, and Hope. Amen*

## A Fun Feud at Holy Trinity

No cause for alarm... it's just a friendly competition. Held on the last evening of the 2016 Friday Night Lenten Series, March 18, our parishioners gathered for a different kind of program. It included worship, a Pot Luck Lenten meal and a rousing (and educational) game of "Church Family Feud" complete with music, sound effects and a game board, thanks to tech genius Ara Shakarjian.

Four teams or "families" not related to each other, except thru our Holy Trinity

parish family, competed in two separate games. Host Nick Terkanian, asked questions focused on Scripture, Church history, worship, feasts and a few on the parish itself. Among the contestants were Parish Council members, altar servers, Sunday School teachers, the Women's Guild Chair and even Yeretzgin Anna, who by chance was asked, "What does Der Hayr do on his day off?" Much laughter ensued!

Each family was led, not by an elder, but by a teen or young adult "captain" who proved to be quite knowledgeable and not in the least intimidated by older members of their team. Fr. Hakob especially enjoyed the game, commenting, "I love to see my parishioners laughing with such joy—it warms my heart."

*Many thanks to the spirited and well-informed family captains and players:*

**Captains:** Ashot Balasanyan, Ani Javardian, Andrew Movsesian, Alise Peckjian

**Players:** Liz Barone, Robbie Barone, Gary Berberian, Rich Boornazian, Garo Garibian, Yn. Anna Gevorgyan, Brian Hoyle, Joyce Hoyle, Don Paretchan, Tanya Paretchan, Ani Peckjian, Merle Santerian

Above all, love each other deeply,  
because love covers over a multitude of sins

1 Peter 4:8

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TOTAL: \$ 5,751.00

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TOTAL: \$ 10,170.00

# Palm Sunday 2016









## HOLY TRINITY PARISHIONERS “EXPLORE THE EUCHARIST”

On a sunny Saturday in March (the 12th), over 50 of our parishioners spent the day at a seminar on the Divine Liturgy of the Armenian Church entitled “Exploring the Eucharist.” Our capable guide was Deacon Shant Kazanjian, the Director of the Armenian Religious Education Council of the Eastern Prelacy.

“I’ve been going to church for over 50 years, and I never knew this stuff,” said one participant. Another attendee remarked, “I could sit here for another four hours to learn more and more about our beautiful Badarak.” Choir Master Jeanette Der Hagopian commented on Deacon Shant’s passion and zeal for his topic. “I loved what he said about the Liturgy being the place where heaven and earth come together—I was very moved by that comment.”

Using numerous passages from Scripture (from Exodus through Revelation) and the text of the Liturgy, as well as some video footage, Deacon Shant laid the foundation of worship and went through the essentials of Liturgy in an engaging and down-to-earth manner. Fr. Hakob thanked Deacon Shant for his thorough and insightful presentation.

Perhaps Joyce Baldadian Hoyle expressed it best when she reflected, “I’ve discovered the beauty of the Liturgy in its mystery, but more importantly, I understand my role as a participant.”





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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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Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak): 10:30 AM  
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