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Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church



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Cheltenham, PA

Winter 2017



Hours of Worship

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

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Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan*



Upcoming Events

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

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Great Lent - a Time of Fasting and Self-denial

1. Fast: The fast exists not only in Christianity but also in Judaism and in Islam. During the first centuries fasting was very strict not only for monks and clergyman, but also for lay people.

Today the Christian Church is not as strict about fasting as it was before. The decline of fast started in the Middle Ages when the Western Church allowed rich people to skip fasting, because they were donating big sums of money to the Church for construction and for the crusaders. The decline of fast continues until today. Some people say that God

does not exist, but that's not true. God does exist and will forever; that is the Christian belief. There are some people who think that fast has lost its value and modernity which is not true.



2. Examples of fasting: In our days when we talk about fast, people think that they have to give up only the meat and dairy product from their menu. But in the beginning, the fast was a time of prayer, reflection, and most importantly, refusing every pleasure.

In the Bible people fasted in different ways and for different reasons. For example, when David heard about the death of Saul and his son Jonathan, he tore his clothes with his companions. They mourned and wept, and fasted until evening (2 Kings 1:11-12). This example shows us that people fasted when a tragedy occurred.

In the Gospel of Mark it says, "His disciples asked him privately, 'Why could we not cast the unclean spirit out?'. He said to them, 'This kind of unclean spirit can come out only through prayer and fasting'" (Mark 9: 28-29). This example shows that people should fast when they are addicted to something or have specific health and mental problems.

In the book of Jonah we read, "Jonah began to go into the city, going a days walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!'" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth."

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ... All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change His mind; He may change His fierce anger, so that we do not perish."

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed His mind about the calamity that He had said He would bring upon them; and He did not do it" (Jonah 3: 4-10). This example of fast teaches us about repentance. If we fast and turn to God by repenting, He will bless and save us.

The greatest prophet in the Old Testament, Moses, was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments (Exodus 34: 28). This example teaches us that if we concentrate on God and spend time with Him, the food will play a secondary role in our lives.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ fasted too. "Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days" (Luke 4:1-2).

Jesus fasted not because He needed to, but to set an example for all of mankind.

3. Why 40 days? The forty days of Great Lent is taken from the Bible. But we can't live 40 days without food and drink like Moses and Jesus did. That's why our Church fathers decided to have a soft fast which allows us to eat certain foods, rather than to not eat food or drink at all like Moses and Jesus did.

4. When did we start to give up meat and dairy products for lent? In the seventh century Gregory the Great Pope, wrote to the Bishop of England and said that during Great Lent we are not going to use meat and dairy products.

5. Why do we fast? The point of Great Lent is to prepare the faithful for Easter so that we all can take Holy Communion in a deserving way at the end of Holy Week.

Fasting is a medicine for our souls and bodies. In some illnesses, the doctor sometimes gives the sick person medicine and tells him/her to fast. For example, diabetic people should not eat sugar and should take medicine. In the same way we should fast and take spiritual medicine, i.e., reading our Bibles and doing good deeds for the glory of God and for our souls. Fasting helps us to weaken our bodies and strengthen our souls by repentance. We don't plant an apricot tree for the stone but for the apricot. Of course, a real fast will help us to lose some weight or fat but our main goal for the fast is to enrich our spiritual life and strengthen our souls.



6. Our current fasting: Today our current fasting is to give up meat and dairy products. But for some people even this is hard too do. That's why some people decide to give up only one thing that they can't do without; for example, chocolate, sweets, alcohol, soft drinks, coffee/tea, smoking, etc. We can also decide to stay away from our electronic gadgets.

Instead of watching a few movies a day we can read a few chapters from the Bible. Instead of spending hundreds of dollars for our pleasure, we can help one or two families who are having problems in earning their daily bread. Instead of gossiping and cursing others, we can bless them. If we try the above-mentioned positive attitudes during Great Lent, then it can become a good habit for a lifetime.



Gregory Meranshian served as Godfather of the Cross for the Baptism of Christ on Armenian Christmas, 2017

After forty days of fasting, we will enter into Holy Week which symbolizes the last week of Jesus' life here on this earth. During Holy Week if we can walk with Jesus and be a part of His passion, crucifixion and burial, then our fast will be meaningful.

In conclusion, St. Paul's words: "For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh" (Gal. 5:17).

With prayers,
Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan

Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

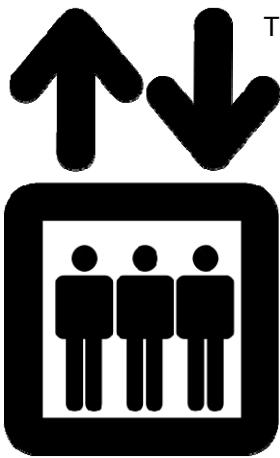
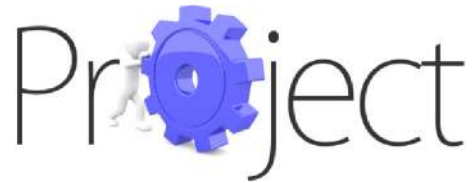
- John 13:1-17

Parish Council

By John Hanamirian, Chair

I hope everyone is doing well. Since our last issue of the Loos, we are happy to report that our beautiful facility has a new fire alarm system designed to provide comprehensive coverage of the sanctuary and classroom areas, as well as all ground floor facilities. It replaces a partial system that was installed only in the renovated areas during Project 2000. Thank you to the committee (Mick Parechan, Rick Mukalian & Larry D. Der Hagopian) who worked on this upgrade project. Should you have any questions, please contact the Church Office or a Parish Council member.

Other maintenance items include having various doors throughout the complex repaired. We will be repairing and repainting the dome as well. Routine items, but all necessary to keep our physical plant in good condition. Oh, oh, I almost forgot - at our Parish Assembly, we agreed to purchase an elevator and stair glide system and construct a housing for that system. The cost is \$260,000.00.



The Parish Council had recommended that we fund half of the elevator project cost and raise the balance of the funds from the parishioners. The Parish Assembly determined to fund the entire project cost and raise the money thereafter. That is democracy. Our governing body makes a recommendation and our Membership debates the concepts and comes to a result.

The coming year will be a challenge for our economics. This past year we raised a great deal of money and it showed from our net income of \$114,000. This year, we need at least that support. I may or may not be writing this column for the next issue as the Parish Council may be tired of my face, so I ask you again, please give that support to this Church. Give your time, your talent and your treasure, whatever they may each be; everyone has something to give.

I had suggested that if each person who attended the 50th Anniversary banquet gave two hundred dollars, we would immediately raise \$65,000.00; at four hundred dollars per person, we fund a full half of the entire elevator project. Really, \$400.00 from each person who attended the 50th Anniversary and we have funded half the cost of the project. Now, some can afford \$400.00 and some can afford \$1,000.00, but if everyone gave \$300.00 or \$400.00, we are done.

We are going to ask you for that money. Please say yes.

Let's try and keep building for our future and build our resources for the next generation. My grandparents, and each of them, came through Genocide and gave all of their time, treasure and talent. They came here with next to nothing and built a life, built a family, built a Church and just worked and worked to make all of that happen. They did not ask the Church to give to them; they gave to the Church. They built the Church. We were given a Church and a community. I think it is our obligation to give our children and their children a gift like that. I say, a 'gift like that' as we can never really match their effort, escaping persecution in the worst forms of the human condition, leaving an entire life behind and starting anew, all in the name of preserving our religion, our culture, our way of life. They were the strongest of the strong. We do not enjoy our superior intellect and abilities by accident. We are the product of those strongest of the strong, the smartest and the most committed to their convictions. We want to look like them, we want to wear their badges of honor, their cross tattoos. Let's not just look like them though; let's be like them.

I think I can find \$400.00 to give.



ABOUT FAMILY

Dare we say that the winter has been fairly mild thus far. Perhaps just putting that in writing will change the direction of the weather, but let's hope not....It was a season of milestone birthdays. We began with the youngest of them - **Robert Damerjian, Jr.**, who celebrated his 50th with a big "do" at a downtown club with the trimmings that go with the youthful!....We continued with special birthdays for **Albert Chapjian**, **Ayshe Chakmaklian**, **Armenoui Aznavuryan**, **John Arslanian** and **Mary Yeretjian**. We won't tell you their numbers except to say that they look fabulous and we wish all of them days of joy and good health.....Continuing in the same vein, congrats to **Mickey** and **Tanya Paretchan** as they celebrated 45 years of wedded bliss in January, as well as **Don** and **Gail Lulejian** who celebrated 35 years in February. Continued



happiness as you walk down life's paths together.....Get well wishes to those who have had various health issues: **Albert Chapjian**, **Larry Der Hagopian**, **Linda Santerian**, **Victoria Berberian** and **John Arslanian**. We pray that all of them will soon feel as good as ever!....We have a new coffee maker in the church kitchen – not a pot, but a person! A special thank you to **John Terzian** who is now the Sunday Fellowship coffee maker, taking over for **Lorraine Damerjian** who has enough on her plate. John, we really appreciate your coming in early every Sunday to get that pot on!....Heartfelt condolences to **Mary** and **Harry Injaian** on the untimely passing of their daughter-in-law, **Rose Injaian**, at Christmastime.....We also extend our sympathy to **Lynne Asadourian** and family on the passing of her mother, **Luceen Attarian**, who, in years past, was active in our Women's Guild. Many may remember that Lynne's late father, Azad, was the Godfather of our church in Cheltenham.....Deepest sympathy to **George Arslanian** on the passing of his beloved wife, **Marguerite (Margie)**, both of whom have been life-long Holy Trinity members. May all of our bereaved families feel the comfort of the Holy Spirit..... By the time this reaches your mailbox, we may see the budding of plants and flowers as we anticipate the beautiful spring weather and the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Enjoy it all!

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With sincere appreciation, we acknowledge and thank those who continue to contribute, as well as our new supporters, to the Color Upgrade, enabling us to produce the best newsletter possible.

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Received in Der Hakob's mailbox:

Thank you for continuing to send me the "Looyoys." It brings me great joy and keeps me connected to the known parishioners and the events and activities at your wonderful and active church. My continued warm regards to you and your family. Enclosed is a small donation in support of "Looyoys."

Sam Mikaelian

(Note: Dr. Mikaelian formerly served the Diocese in various capacities including Executive Director, Coordinator of Development and Coordinator of the Diocesan Appeal. He also served on the Ararat Center Board of Directors.

With Thanks

A special "Thank You" to Richard Keshgegian of Holiday Cleaners for pressing the new tablecloths that were purchased and used for our Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration. We are truly the City of Brotherly Love!

Dear Der Hayr and Our Holy Trinity Church Family,

We would like to thank Der Hakob for his prayers and visits to Pat which meant so much to him. Thank you to our extended Church Family for their prayers, cards and phone calls. It was deeply appreciated.

Love, Joyce Killian, Stacey, Alen, Alexis and Dylan Cakiryan

Dear Der Hakob and our Holy Trinity Family and Friends,

With hearts overflowing with gratitude, we would like to thank everyone who reached out to us in love and friendship with their cards, phone calls, emails, texts and most especially their prayers during Larry's hospitalizations and path to recovery with special thanks to Der Hayr for his prayerful visits. The support shown by so many was a great source of encouragement which lifted our spirits and kept us going over these two months that he was away from home.

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SPRING FAITH DISCUSSIONS

Coming to a home near YOU . . .

For those who have been unable to participate in our Adult Christian Education programming due to work conflicts or distance, this is for YOU. Three families have graciously volunteered to host a group in their homes. Here are the dates and locations:

June 7: Steve and Nancy Hovnanian, Moorestown, NJ
June 14: Larry and Jeanette Der Hagopian, Warminster, PA
June 21: Albert and Patrice Keshgegian, Newtown Square, PA

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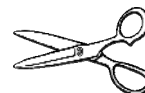
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EASTER SERVICES 2017

Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church



April 13, 2017 Holy Thursday

7:00 PM - Washing of the Feet

8:00 PM - Betrayal and Passion of Our Lord



April 14, 2017 Great and Holy Friday

7:00 PM - The Entombment of Our Lord Jesus Christ



April 15, 2017 Great and Holy Saturday
Easter Eve

7:00 PM - Divine Liturgy

Following Liturgy - Home Blessing/Fellowship



April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday

The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

10:00 AM - Morning Services

10:30 AM - Divine Liturgy



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THE LADIES OF HOLY TRINITY

By Liz Barone

Is there a chance the groundhog made an incorrect projection this year? As of this writing, it appears we were blessed with a mild winter and look forward to spring. Our December campaign to support Vanadzor, the home for the aged in Armenia, was a success. We raised \$188 collecting loose change from our parishioners. We again appreciated the generosity of our parishioners.

With the advent of spring, we've made plans to celebrate Mother's Day by going out to lunch, enjoying each other's company, letting somebody else cook & serve us for a pleasant change of pace. We are looking forward to visiting the Apricot Stone, a popular Armenian restaurant in Philadelphia.

The Women's Guild for the Eastern Diocese will meet at the annual Diocesan Assembly this spring. This particular meeting is special because our own Anne Terkanian, along with Lucy Murad and Tanya Bukucuyan, will receive the WOW (Women of Wonder) Awards, for leading the CASP Program, Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program. Bravo Anne, we are proud of you.



As noted in the Annual Parish Report, our organization is not as strong as it once was. Although it has been a rewarding experience, we have failed to attract younger women to step into leadership roles. We shall suspend our group in June OR until such time it can be reorganized into a viable & rewarding organization. Perhaps a group of women would be interested in trying to rejuvenate our women's group.



ACYOA JUNIORS UPCOMING EVENTS

By Peter Ohnigian

Once again, at the end of December, the ACYOA Juniors held their poinsettia plant sale as a fundraiser for CASP. Thank you to everyone who came over and supported this successful fundraiser.

Upcoming events for the ACYOA Juniors include a retreat in Connecticut on the weekend of March 3rd and another one-day retreat at St. Sahag on March 25.

Men's Club 2016-2017 "200 CLUB" Winners – CONGRATULATIONS!

November 2016

\$1000 Ara Shakarjian #083
\$400 John Arslanian #059
\$200 Joseph Braman #037
\$200 George Arslanian #107
\$200 Berj Yeretizian, Al Kapeghian,
Richard Weinsheimer, John Terzian #193

February 2017

\$500 Mark & Linda Potts #086
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\$100 Richard Weinsheimer #114

CONGRATULATIONS
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December 2016

\$500 Jeff Thompson (Bryers) #002
\$200 Mary Sarkisian #041
\$100 Shya Terkanian #168
\$100 Vahan Parechan #056
\$100 John Chalikian #198

March 2017

\$500 David Hoplamazian #178
\$200 Rosemarie Zarzatian #068
\$100 Harry & Grace Surabian (Boston) #079
\$100 Merle Santerian #075
\$100 Harry & Mary Injaian #200

January 2017

\$500 Albert Chapjian #138
\$200 Gregory Andonian #123
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Due to the generosity of several winners, we have additional funding to support our two CASP orphans – Thank You!

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On June 12 the Armenian Church commemorates St. Hripsime and her companions.

The following is a reflection by Dn. Albert Keshgegian, based on the Gospel reading for the day:

So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Matthew 10:26-33

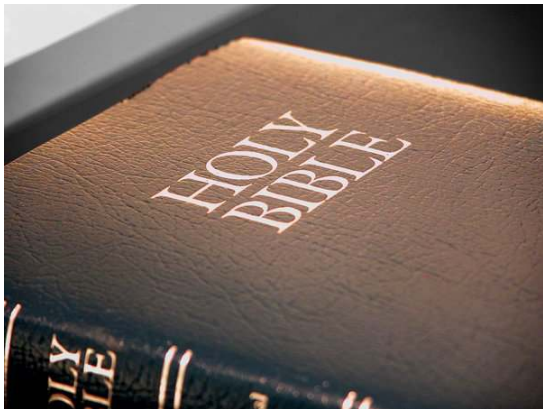
Sometimes there is a belief or principle so important that it is worth giving up your life for. The American patriots founded the United States in revolution. Millions lost their lives to defeat Nazism in World War II. Followers of Christ have often died for their beliefs, among them St. Hripsime.

Near the end of the third century, the Roman emperor Diocletian sought a wife. He sent portrait painters out to find beautiful women and bring back their portraits, so that he could choose whom he wanted. The painters found a group of nuns, including Hripsime, who was very beautiful. When Diocletian saw the portrait of Hripsime, he wanted her. He persecuted Christian churches to show his power over the nuns and to get what he wanted.

The nuns were very upset and fled to Armenia to escape Diocletian. But the Armenian king, Drtad III, had heard about the nuns from Diocletian. He found them and wanted Hripsime for himself. Hripsime refused to go with him, to leave her companions, or to stop worshipping Christ.

She prayed, thanking God for keeping her safe. She thanked God again, knowing that he would be with her if torments were to come. She prayed that she would be able to join God. She ended her prayer saying, "Let the light of the Lord God be over us." That night Drtad's men found her and tortured Hripsime to death.

Jesus told us not to be afraid of others; the most they can do to us is killing our bodies. They cannot touch our souls. Whatever others do in darkness will sooner or later become apparent in the light of God. Each of us is valuable and precious to God. If God takes care of common sparrows, how much more will he take care of us. As long as we acknowledge Christ before other people, Christ will acknowledge us to the Father.



Hripsime was not afraid, even while realizing what was probably about to happen. She had faith in Christ and trusted in God's ultimate victory over evil. No matter how dark it seemed, she knew that the light of God would eventually shine.

Hripsime did die, but good came from it. Hripsime joined Christ in heaven in her sainthood. And the man responsible for her death, Drtad III, became so crazed by his actions that he could be cured only by St. Gregory, leading to Drtad's (and Armenia's) conversion to Christianity.

In our own lives, it's unusual to face death for our beliefs. But we may face adversity, threats of one kind or another, or difficult times. Someone who aspires to be promoted over us may threaten our job or career. We may fail in business or marriage. Or our children may get into trouble with the law and make us doubt our ability as parents teaching moral values.

We need to remember that God loves each of us and values us as much as he loved Hripsime or any of the saints. We are all important to him. He may not take away our troubles, but he will care for us and sustain us through them.

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The Sarkisian Family

In memory of our grandmom, Meline Demirjian
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As part of his personal stewardship of time, talent and treasure, Parishioner Artur Gyulnazaryan - for the second time - cleaned and waxed the long hallway floors by the Church School classrooms. A shine like that hasn't been seen since before he started maintaining those floors!

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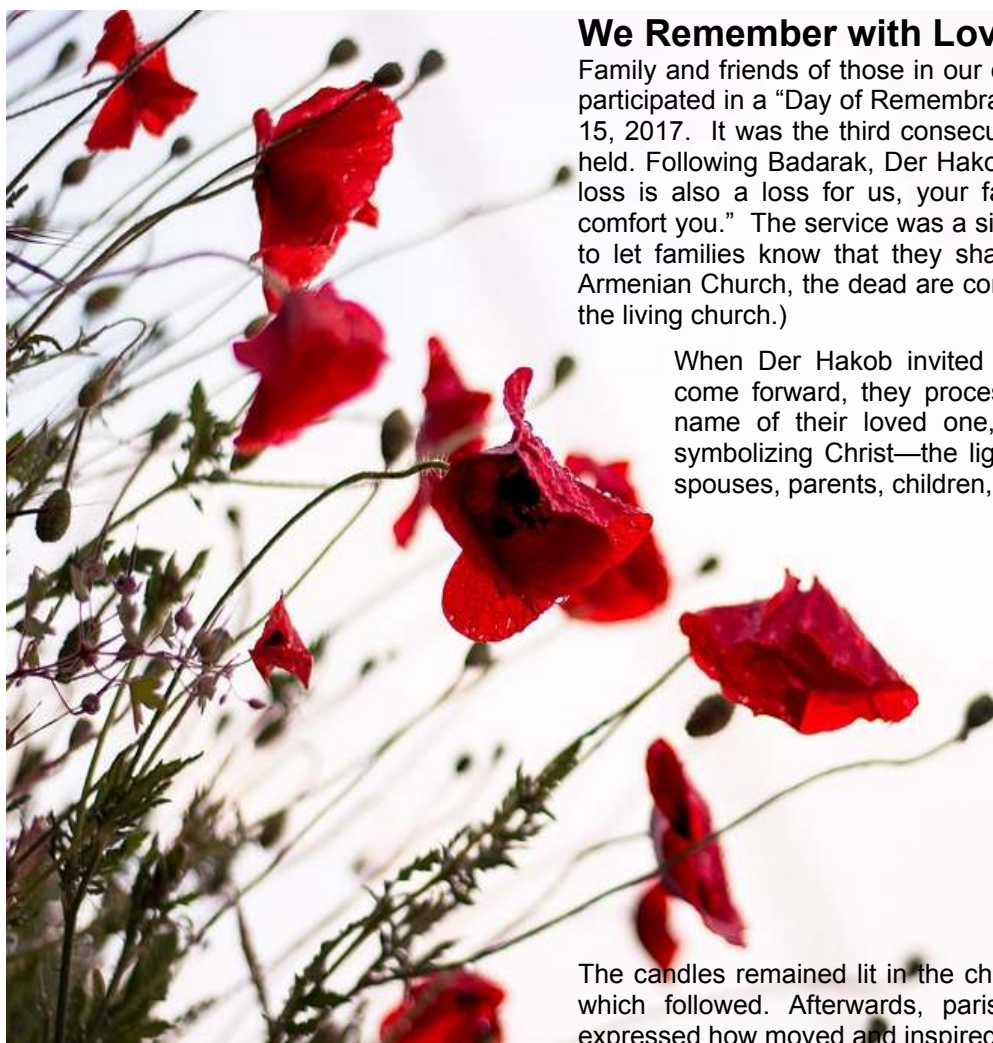
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The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

- 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

**This page is donated as a thank you
to Der Hayr, the Parish Council and
the Parish community
for allowing me to continue to
serve in our leadership.**

John M. Hanamirian



We Remember with Love

Family and friends of those in our community who passed away in 2016 participated in a “Day of Remembrance” or Merelotz on Sunday, January 15, 2017. It was the third consecutive year in which the ceremony was held. Following Badarak, Der Hakob spoke to the families saying, “Your loss is also a loss for us, your faith community, and we are here to comfort you.” The service was a simple gesture on the part of the parish to let families know that they share their loss and remember. (In the Armenian Church, the dead are considered part of the corporate body of the living church.)

When Der Hakob invited representatives from each family to come forward, they processed to the chancel and, saying the name of their loved one, lit a candle from a center candle symbolizing Christ—the light of the world. Candles were lit by spouses, parents, children, and friends of...

Diramayr Hripsime Aivazian
Sergei Alahverdov
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The candles remained lit in the chancel during the hokehankisd service which followed. Afterwards, parishioners and family members alike expressed how moved and inspired they were by the ceremony.

FUNERALS: 2017

MARGUERITE ARSLANIAN entered into her eternal rest on January 20, 2017. Funeral services were held on January 24, 2017 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

LUCEEN ATTARIAN entered into her eternal rest on February 19, 2017. Funeral services were held on February 24, 2017 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.



BAPTISMS:

← January 9, 2017:

MARK BROVCHENKO

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Brovchenko

Godfather: Vyacheslav Tulchinskiy

Godmother: Violetta Vayradyan

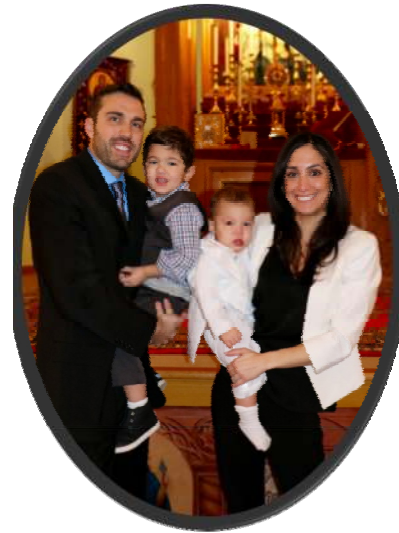
January 28, 2017: →

BENJAMIN AVEDIS KOENGETTER

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Koengetter

Godfather: Joshua Koengetter

Godmother: Danielle Sarkisian



Breakfast with Santa

On Sunday, December 11, the Holy Trinity Armenian Church School sponsored their annual Breakfast with Santa. After Badarak, everyone assembled in Santerian Hall for the festivities. A wonderful breakfast was prepared by the dads of the Church School students, while the moms of the students organized the festivities which consisted of cookie decorating, games, bingo and a visit from Santa. The entire event was organized by the Church School staff. Lots of fun memories were made and all had an entertaining and enjoyable afternoon.



CHURCH SCHOOL

By Patti Smith, Co-Superintendent

Year 2017 began with our annual Christmas Pageant on January 8th. Our students presented "A Journey Back in Time." This was a wonderful performance depicting the very first Christmas when God gave us the best gift of all, his Son. Musical performances were done in English and Armenian. The children did an amazing job under the dedicated direction of Yn. Anna Gevorgyan and Mariana Majian. Thanks to our teachers and parents who provided help with rehearsals, costumes, and musical performances. Following the pageant, the students, staff and congregation were generously treated to a delicious luncheon by the Parish Council.



Poon Paregentan and our Lenten Drive began on February 26th. A very festive time was had by all. It was delightful to see our church family having such fun. Much appreciation goes to Kim Santerian who so selflessly planned our event. We all enjoyed pizza and a delicious ice cream bar. Thanks to Janet Jordan and her amazing crew for their help in the kitchen and cleanup. Everyone was entertained by our own DJ Robbie Barone. The kids had a ball. The music was awesome and we all enjoyed dancing and playing games. The children were busy with several arts and crafts activities. A special thanks to Legna Santerian for helping and organizing the projects.

Beautiful memory boxes were sold and decorated by the children with the creative help of Linda Boornazian and several teachers and parents. The boxes looked amazing and the sales will go towards our Lenten Drive this year. This year's Diocesan-wide Sunday School Lenten Drive will benefit Syrian Armenian Refugees in Armenia (FAR).

There will be no Church School classes on Easter, April 16th or Memorial Day, May 28th. Our closing day/ graduation will take place on June 4th.



**"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign:
The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and
will call him Immanuel."** -Isaiah 7:14



THE BEST 
 Christmas
 Pageant
 EVER

Celebrating Christian Marriage

In what has become an annual tradition at Holy Trinity, married couples of all ages took part in a Service of Renewal of Marriage Vows immediately following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, February 12. The purpose of the service, which was designed by the Christian Education Department of the Diocese, was to celebrate the sacred relationship between husband and wife—the very foundation of family life.



The short service included a reading of St. Paul's beautiful passage on love (1 Corinthians 13) and a series of questions posed by Fr. Hakob in which the couples replied with a resounding "We do, with God's help!" Among the most poignant was a petition to "invite Christ anew into your marriage to be the true and actual Lord of your lives as a couple, opening your hearts to his saving presence." The service ended with a blessing for "the souls of departed husbands and wives whose love for their still-living spouses remains constant." Each couple received a long-stemmed red rose before leaving the sanctuary.

After Badarak, the couples, along with our congregation, enjoyed a special coffee fellowship which included a lovely cake, decorated with the words, "Celebrating Christian Marriage." Fr. Hakob invited couples who had been married over 50 years to join him in cutting the cake; they were Martin and Deskouhy Attarian, Robert and Lorraine Damerjian, Ara and Virginia Shakarjian, Berj and Mary Yeretian.



**"For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you."**

- Isaiah 62:5

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April

Ohannes & Irene Oskanian	4/4/1964
Albert & Linda Santerian	4/5/1964
George & Anne Terkanian	4/8/1972
Richard & Diane Doudoukjian	4/17/1977
Timothy & Cathy Gargan	4/17/1988
Larry & Dorothy Grocott	4/19/1968
Richard & Linda Vishab	4/20/1968
Nazareth & Nathy Hajinian	4/22/1956
Fred & Denise Hess	4/30/????
Harry & Anita Mirijanian	4/30/1949

May

John & Margaret Leck	5/2/1964
Larry D. & Kimberly Der Hagopian	5/5/2012
Herbert S. & Azlen Theobald	5/10/2003
Michael, Jr. & Melissa Paretchan	5/13/2006
Robert & Jean Ohnigian	5/14/1994
Gregory & Grace Meranshian	5/16/1982
David & Alyssa Santerian	5/17/1992
Thomas & Francesca Torcomian	5/17/1980
Peter & Robin Bilazarian	5/22/1977
Janice & Christopher Owens	5/24/1998



John & Diane Williames	5/24/1980
Stephen & Nancy Hovnanian	5/24/1975
Robbie & Christy Barone	5/24/2015
Gregory & Diane Yazujian	5/25/1985
Arthur & Casey Baldadian	5/27/1976
Michael & Legna Santerian	5/28/2002
Fred & Janet Jordan	5/30/1992
John & Meredith Hanamirian	5/30/????

June

Berj & Mary Yeretzian, Sr	6/3/1950
Martin & Deskouhy Attarian	6/7/1952
Nicklas & Amy Terkanian	6/9/2007
Ronald & Millicent Asadoorian	6/9/1963
Toros & Anita Torcomian	6/12/2010
Harry & Mary Injaian	6/15/1952
Ohannes & Nezihe Hashas	6/20/1955
Russ & Maggie Tandourjian	6/21/1958
Jennifer & Greg Ermentrout	6/22/2012
Johnny & Marcelle Alexanian	6/22/2014
Brian & Joyce Hoyle	6/23/1990
Kristine & Jonathan Koengetter	6/28/2008

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

April

Lucille Thomassian - 1	Cathy Gargan - 26
Erika Hajatian - 2	Anita Mirijanian - 26
Todd Pica - 2	Cole Owens - 26
Nezihe Hashas - 3	Lorraine Damerjian - 28

Jake Terkanian - 4
 Gena Willard - 4
 Christine Williams - 4
 Christine Boyajian - 5
 Etienne Boyajian - 5
 Michael Paretchan - 5
 Jeanette Der Hagopian - 6
 Virginia Shakarjian - 6
 Megan Aslanian - 7
 Alessandra Garibian - 7
 Narek Gevorgyan - 7
 Harout Nalbandian - 7
 Cole Koengetter - 11
 Maggie Tandourjian - 11
 Harry Andonian - 13
 Kalie Kalustyan - 13
 Lynne Asadourian - 14
 Berjouhy Bosnian - 14
 Ani Gooshian - 14
 Veron Monokian - 14
 Tanya Paretchan - 14
 Elize Taylor Radall - 15
 Vani Hanamirian - 17
 Satenik Gyulnazaryan - 19
 Silva Hovhannesian - 19
 Viola Karagheuzian - 19
 Alexander Oskanian - 21
 Madeleine Theobald - 22
 Donald Paretchan - 23
 Rita Stepanian - 23
 Pauline Chapjian - 25
 Ani Javardian - 25
 Richard Kazigian - 25

May

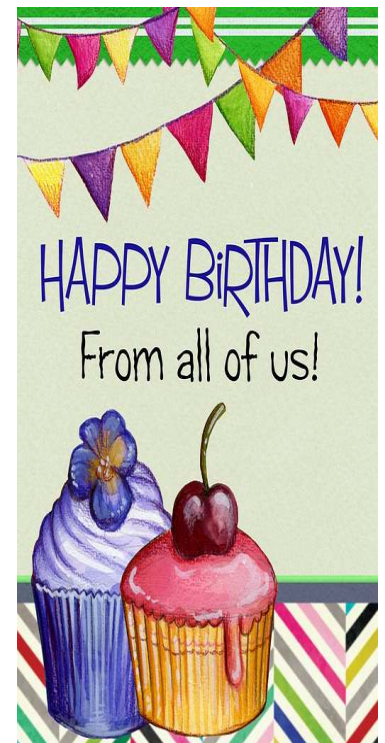
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 George Terkanian - 1
 Ankine Kapeghian - 5
 Jack C. Goushian - 7
 John Paul Santerian - 7
 Christopher Bennuhan - 9
 Harry Injaian - 9
 Lauren Mukalian - 9
 Brenda LeCompte - 9
 Paul Oflazian - 10
 Andrea LeCompte - 10
 Stephanie Balint - 12
 Diane Doudoukjian - 12
 Tomas Montanez - 12
 Zachary Hajinian - 14
 Daniel Dunigan - 15
 Tavitt Murray - 15
 Armen Simonyan - 15
 Melissa DerPilbosian - 16
 Silva Santerian - 17
 Elias Terkanian - 18
 Kayli Tancredi - 18
 Ana Torcomian - 18
 Diane Yazujian - 18
 Ronald Asadoorian - 19
 Peter Bilazarian - 20
 Albert Kapeghian - 20
 Mark Keshgegian - 21
 Ara Shakarjian - 21
 Paul G. Bogosian - 21
 Stephen Hovnanian - 22
 Gary Papazian - 22

Lucas Terkanian - 22
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 Audrey Movsesian - 28
 Cameron Santerian - 28
 Edward Attarian - 30
 Denise Hess - 30
 Mikaela Juskalian - 30
 Matthew Worrell - 30
 Gregory Meranshian - 31

June

Patyl Oflazian - 1
 Ethel Terzian - 1
 Aram Aghazarian - 2
 Alexandra Brod - 3
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 Bryan Peckjian - 6
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 Dominique Damerjian - 15
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 John Chalikian - 20
 Germaine Hashas - 21
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 Yn. Anna Gevorgyan - 24
 Ken King - 24
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 Joseph Polizzi - 25
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