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Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church

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Cheltenham, PA

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, Pastor

Winter 2018-01

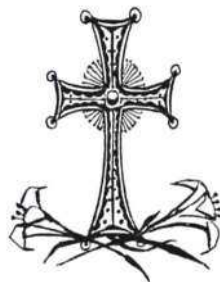


Hours of Worship

- 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!

Pray **U**ntil **S**omething **H**appens

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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.

ADDICTIONS

The dictionary describes addiction as “the state of being enslaved to something that is psychologically or physically habit-forming to such an extent that its cessation causes severe trauma.”

There are many types of addictions, for example, smoking, drinking, drugs, electronics, eating junk food, and many more.

God gave Adam and Eve a free will but they disobeyed God and lost Paradise. We too have a free will and if we do not use our free will carefully, it can be dangerous and destroying (or destructive). St. Paul said “I have the right to do anything, but not everything is beneficial” (1 Corinthians 6:12). As spiritual beings, we have to analyze our actions and try to do things that will improve our spiritual life and not only satisfy our flesh.

Why people get addicted?

Addictions start when people are stressed and don't want to face the difficulties of real life. All the above-mentioned bad habits can give us the illusion that we are solving our problems and obtaining peace and satisfaction; but all these illusions will last only for a short time.

Physical addictions can start when people use pain relief medicine and they cannot stop themselves from using it. For example, Elvis Presley died at age of 42 from an overdose of prescription drugs that caused his heart to stop. Or people get addicted when they try substances just once for their pleasure and can't stop until they destroy their lives.

Psychological addictions occur when people are too attached to their electronic “toys” with a need to always be checking them, playing with them, using them, etc. When this happens, they detach from healthy relationships with family and friends because of their need to always be “connected.”

When family members and friends tell addicted people that they have to stop, they usually don't pay attention until something bad happens: they get test results that are adverse or they get warnings from doctors that their lives are in danger. Often times, by then it is too late.

If we are mature people, we should stop these bad habits and wrongdoings before we destroy God's greatest gift of life: our bodies and minds. We should not look for unreal happiness or satisfactions because this means that we are lying to ourselves and trying to escape from reality. All of us can be addicted to bad habits but in the book of Job we read the following, “Blessed is the one whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty” (Job 5:17).

There are good addictions such as reading our Bibles, loving and helping people around us, fasting, praying and trying to follow God's way of living every day. These good habits can give us real happiness and joy, real satisfaction and peace, and will ultimately keep us away from evil thoughts, habits and poisonous addictions.

With prayers,
Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

By John Hanamirian, Chair

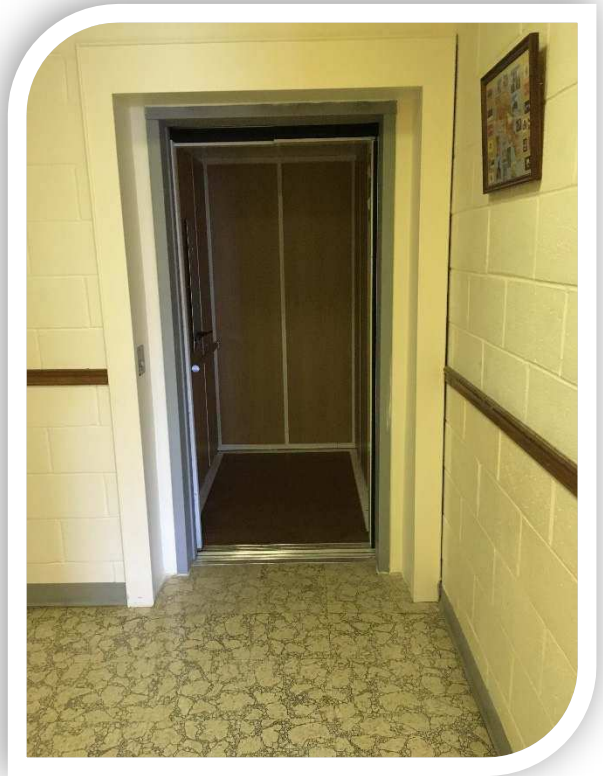
The Parish Assembly. Our financial picture was okay. We did better than break-even from the operations of the Church and then beyond that, we earned \$172, 000 from our investments. This year, however, we really “invested” in our future. We took some of our money that we received from the sale of easement rights, legacies, bequests and donations and we constructed and installed an elevator. An elevator may or may not add to the value of our building, but it is something the Parish voted for and we follow the lead of our Parish.

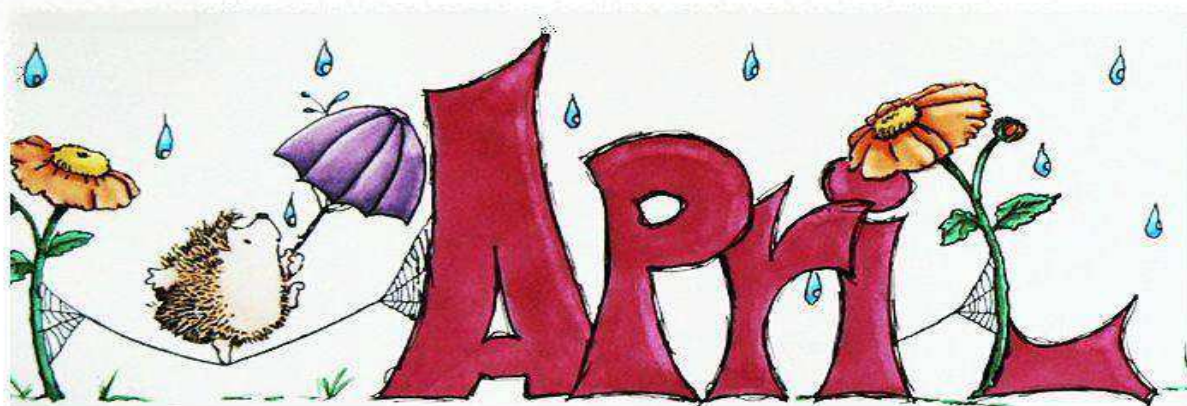
We need your continued support and we need volunteers for every aspect of Church activity.

We are all volunteers on Parish Council, Altar Servers, Choir, Women’s Guild, Men’s Club, Sunday School Teachers, people helping in the Bookstore or helping to cook kebob and pilaf. We all volunteer, we all give from the heart.

I said at the Assembly that we are Armenians, strong-minded and smart. During the Parish Assembly, people get that strong-mindedness and over my 10 years of Parish Council service to date, I have been at meetings and in interactions where people are driven by that strong-mindedness. We want to encourage volunteers, and in that effort, we need to work to respect each person who gives their time, treasure and talent and accept that we may disagree, but that does not make our contribution or our thoughts less worthwhile than any other thought.

Our Church is one of our homes and the others in that home are family. We always need the support of each person in the Parish. Thank you for that continuing support for all of the people who volunteer and allow this organization to exist and thrive. We are committed to assuring that there is a strong future for the children of this Church.





Sunday Morning Educational Series

(10:00-10:30 in sanctuary, Divine Liturgy to follow)

APRIL 15 — *All Good and Perfect Gifts*
Emily Movsesian

APRIL 22 — *Get Me to the Church on Time*
Brian Hoyle

APRIL 29 — *My Faith Pilgrimage to Jerusalem*
Yn. Anna Gevorgyan



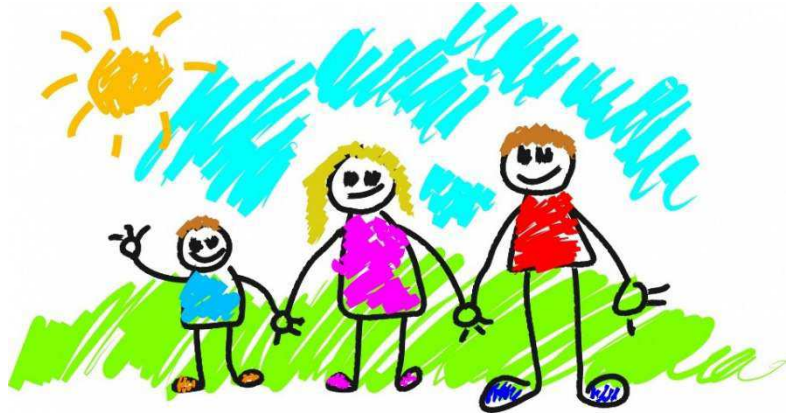
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ABOUT OUR FAMILY

As we struggle to get through the windy and snowy days of March, we look forward to the sunny and warmer days ahead. And nothing brings a smile to our face better than the arrival of new babies among us. With that, we are happy to welcome **Genevieve Meline Hoplamazian**, third child born to **Nadine & David Hoplamazian**. She joined older siblings, **Gianna** and **Henry**. Congrats as well to grandparents, **Carol & Jack Hoplamazian** and **Melanie Krikorian**... The next smile came with the arrival of **George Donald Ermentrout**, the second-born son of **Jennifer and Greg** and the namesake of

Don Paretchan. That makes it two boys – **John & George** -for their family!.....and really growing their family are **Sabrina** and **Antranig Garibian** who welcomed **Daniela Grace**, joining older brother **Raffi**, and sisters **Allesandra** and **Valentina**. The **Garibian** grandparents are smiling too because they won't have to get up in the middle of the night!....We send best wishes to our own, **Der Hakob**, as he celebrated a milestone birthday – the big “four-oh” – and we look forward to celebrating his 50th with him as well!....With great sorrow, we lost many lifelong HT members in the last few months who will be long remembered: **Mamas Alexanian**, **Larry Der Hagopian** and **Alice Sarkissian**. We pray that their families will feel the comfort of the Holy Spirit as they mourn their loved ones.....We also send condolences to **Marta and David Brann** on the passing of his mother, **Lula**, who reached the amazing age of 95, and to the families of **Virginia Kouyoumjian**, **Dorothy Chinchinian** and **Viola Karagheuzian**....With joy and smiles, we recently welcomed **Albert Kapeghian** back to the Choir Loft after an extended medical absence. He was greatly missed.....And not to be forgotten - Those we miss seeing: **Diana & Bill McGarvey**, **Alice Charles** and **Sonia & Hagop Ergenian**....Those on the mend: **Robert Barone**, **Florence Boyajian**, **Rick Mukalian** and **Paul Movsesian**...and those for whom we pray: **Albert Santerian**, **Annabelle Alexanian** (in Fla), **Pearl Jamgochian** and **Adrienne Movsesian** (in Fla)....Perhaps by the time you receive this newsletter in your mailbox, the sun will be shining and the flowers will be blooming. AMEN & AMEN!



CHURCH NEWS

Matthew Santerian, Godfather

- Blessing of Waters



BAPTISM

January 13, 2018: ZAVEN GARBIS ANDONIAN

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Andonian

Godfather: Vatche Artinian

Godmother: Linda Artinian



FUNERALS: 2017

- **MAMAS ALEXANIAN** entered into his eternal rest November 26, 2017. Funeral services were held on December 2, 2017 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.
- **ALICE SARKISSIAN** entered into her eternal rest on December 14, 2017. Funeral services were held on December 18, 2017 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

FUNERALS: 2018

- **LARRY DER HAGOPIAN** entered into his eternal rest on December 27, 2017. Funeral services were held on January 2, 2018 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.
- **VIRGINIA KOUYOUMJIAN** entered into her eternal rest on February 4, 2018. Funeral services were held on February 8, 2018 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.
- **DOROTHY CHINCHINIAN** entered into her eternal rest on February 6, 2018. Funeral services were held on February 12, 2018 at Petner Funeral Home. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.
- **VIOLA KARAGHEUZIAN** entered into her eternal rest on February 16, 2018. Funeral services were held on February 21, 2018 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Any youth/young adult of Holy Trinity Armenian Church who wishes to apply for a scholarship to any of the programs of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) may contact the church office at 215-663-1600 to inquire and receive an Application and Criteria for Scholarship Award information. Among the programs available are St. Vartan Camp, Armenia Service Program and St. Nersess Summer Conference Programs. Applications must be presented at least one month prior to the program.

St. Vartan Camp 2018

Staff Training: Wednesday, June 20 – Saturday, June 23

Session A: Sunday, June 24 – Saturday, July 7

Session B: Sunday, July 8 – Saturday, July 21

Session C: Sunday, July 22 – Saturday, August 4

<http://diocesansummercamps.org/stvartancamp>

2018 ST. NERSESS SUMMER CONFERENCES

Deacons' Training Program - Thur, June 28 - Sat, July 7

High School Summer Conference - Fri, July 20 - Sun, July 29

Post High School Conference - Fri, August 3 - Sun, August 12

For more information, contact: 914-273-0200 or

info@stnersess.edu



The best thing about memories
is making them

HOLY TRINITY COUPLES RENEW MARRIAGE VOWS



Several of our community's married couples participated in a Service of Renewal of Marriage Vows immediately following the Divine Liturgy on Poon Paregentan Sunday, February 11. 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 and parish 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."

Fr. Hakob moved among the couples in the aisle of the sanctuary to individually greet and bless each couple. The service ended with a prayer 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 for a Poon Paregentan celebration sponsored by our Church School.



DAY OF REMEMBRANCE - WE REMEMBER WITH LOVE

Family and friends of those in our community who passed away in 2017 participated in a "Day of Remembrance" or Merelotz on Sunday, January 14. It was the fourth 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.

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, children, siblings, other relatives and friends of...

Aram Aghazarian, Mamas Alexanian, Artur Aloian, Harry Andonian, John Arslanian, Marge Arslanian, Luceen Attarian, Albert Chapjian, Michael Cook, Larry Der Hagopian, Jack Goushian, Andre Javardian, Anita Mirjanian, Harry Mirjanian, Alice Sarkissian

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.

BIBLE STUDY WITH YOUNG PROFESSIONALS!

To start off the new year, Holy Trinity's ministry expanded into Center City for a young professionals' Bible Study. The group met at Emily Movsesian's downtown apartment, first for snacks, drinks, and baklava. Der Hayr performed a home blessing, then led a study titled "Who am I?", which included discussions of who Jesus is and who we are in Him. Participants talked about their own relationships with God, how those relationships have changed since childhood, and how their relationships are with the Armenian Church. We are looking forward to many more discussions, events, and service opportunities with the "young urban types" in Philadelphia!

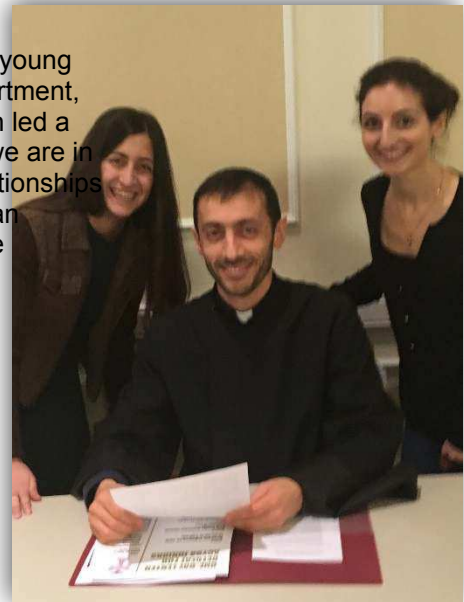
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THANK YOUS

To Der Hayr and Church Family,

I wanted to express my deepest appreciation for the countless prayers, visits and beautiful cards. All of this has afforded me the strength to continue to hold positive thoughts toward my illness.

Sincerely,
Annabelle Alexanian

To Der Hayr and our dearest Holy Trinity Family,

For all who reached out and prayed during the entirety of 2017 and then comforted us when Larry passed to Eternal Life, we are profoundly grateful. Please know that your concern carried us through that year and we will never forget your ongoing kindnesses to all of us.

Jeanette Der Hagopian & Family



Anna Polizzi with Der Hakob

UPDATE ON TAVUSH FAMILY

Many may recall our article in the last issue of the LOOYS where we featured a story about Klekchyan Family who were living in devastating circumstances in a converted barn along with animals in the down of Tavush. We reached out and were blessed by our parishioner, Anna Polizzi, who donated the entire \$5,000 which we had requested in order to provide assistance. We applaud Anna for her humanity and generosity.

As we continue with our outreach to help the less fortunate, we have already received donations from several people to help with another family. More to come on that in the next issue.



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ARMENIA AND THE SMITHSONIAN

Start exploring the Armenia: Creating Home program, to be featured at the 2018 Smithsonian Folklife Festival this summer in Washington, D.C. from June 27 to July 1 and July 4 to 8, 2018. Learn about feasting and handmade craft traditions online, and then meet artisans, taste ancient wine varietals, and picnic on the National Mall with Armenia folk and jazz music. Find out more at <https://festival.si.edu/2018/armenia>

“Armenia is not merely a small country in the Caucasus... it is one of the wellsprings of world civilization, on the same level as Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and Italy. Whoever bakes or eats bread, makes or drinks wine, uses metal tools or jewelry, or wears clothing and shoes is tied by invisible bonds of cultural inheritance to Armenia. In this sense we are all Armenians.”



—Former Ambassador Michael Gfoeller

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 25 - Palm Sunday: ACYOA Day
March 29 - Holy Thursday: Washing of the Feet Service and Vigil
March 30 - Holy Friday Burial Service
March 31 - Easter Eve Liturgy / Community Fellowship Meal
April 1 - Easter Sunday
April 2-10 - Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
April 8 - Guest Celebrant: V. Rev. Fr. Simeon Odabashian (Diocesan Vicar)
April 15 - 10:00-10:30 am “All Good and Perfect Gifts” (Emily Movsesian)
April 22 - 10:00-10:30 am “Get Me to the Church on Time” (Brian Hoyle)
April 24 - Feast of the Holy Martyrs Intercommunal
April 29 - 10:00-10:30 am “My Faith Pilgrimage to Jerusalem” (Yn. Anna)
Following Liturgy: Film—“The Women of 1915”
May 3-5 - Diocesan Assembly
May 6 - Badarak at St. Vartan Cathedral
May 10 - Feast of the Ascension
May 20 - Pentecost / Church School Closing Program
June 13 - 7:00 pm - Home Bible Study in Bucks County
June 20 - 7:00 pm - Home Bible Study in Newtown Square
June 27 - 7:00 pm - Home Bible Study in South Jersey



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ELEVATOR SUMMARY

By Don Paretchan

The newly installed addition to our Holy Trinity Church home, an ELEVATOR, is now in operation. How did it happen? Who approved it? How long did it take to build? I'll try to answer these questions.

Early in 2016, Merle Santerian met Phil Rodgers, an architect, who had experience putting elevators into churches. He was invited to help us locate a place in our church to install an elevator. After the Parish Council reviewed his fee statement, they agreed to have him do a comparison of costs to put an elevator inside the church versus outside. Merle asked if I would assist her in working with Phil on the elevator, while she focused on fundraising.

Phil requested a local engineer to bid on "inside" construction to install the elevator, spanning three floors, from the old Records Room (near the front of our church) on the lower level, to the Narthex, and finally up to the Choir Loft. Phil started researching the building codes for "outside elevators" and learned that NO elevator can be installed next to a stairwell. Working together, Phil and I obtained quotes for the elevator, a wheelchair lift, and the HVAC costs to replace the AC unit next to the Choir Loft and to move or replace various heaters in those areas.

During the Parish Assembly in February 2017, the estimated total costs of \$245K were presented; the Parish Council, increased the amount to \$260K, and the Parish Council agreed to pay half, if the Fundraising Committee could raise the remaining \$130K from the Parish. A motion to build the elevator for \$260K was agreed upon and passed by the Parish Assembly. It was decided to start work immediately. Merle immediately started fund-raising at the Assembly and obtained pledges of \$5K on the spot.

- Phil contacted two vendors for construction; firmed up quotes for elevator and wheelchair lift.
- Heath Mechanical provided quotes for new A/C, relocating heaters, and replacing the heater in the Narthex with a ceiling-mounted unit for both heating and cooling.
- Final costs, below, approved by Parish Council, July 24, 2017, were well under \$260K estimate
- Garaventa Elevator: \$55K (Note: wheelchair lift was not considered at this time)
 - Remodeling Concepts: \$88K
 - Heath Mechanical: \$27K
 - Architect's fee: \$17K
 - Minor additions: \$9K
 - Total costs: \$196K**
- Kick-off meeting was held in late August, 2017
- Construction started in late September and completed in November
- Elevator delivery in November; assembly completed in December; inspection in January
- Parishioners began using elevator on Sunday, January 28, 2018

We deeply appreciate the generosity of the donors who helped make the elevator a reality today and for future generations.



FUNDRAISING FOR ELEVATOR

By Merle Santerian

As many of you who attend church know, the newly installed and much-needed elevator is up and running, and many of our Choir members, seniors, parents with toddlers, infant strollers and guests have enjoyed using it to reach the Sanctuary and Choir with ease. At this time, we are \$9,331.00 short of our \$100,000.00 goal. If your name is not included in the listing below, we ask that you give serious consideration to making a donation to help us reach our goal. Any amount you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Donors to Elevator Project (as of 3/1/18)

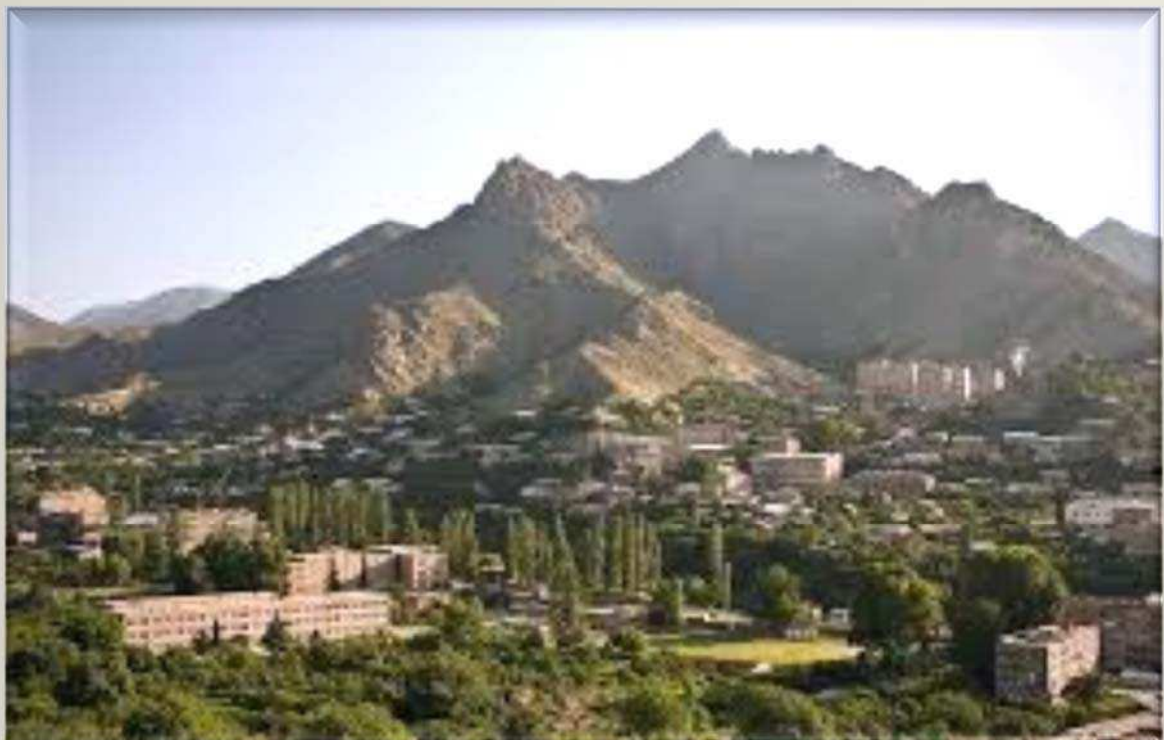
- ❖ Harry and Mary Injaian in loving memory of Haig Torigian
- ❖ Larry and Jeanette Der Hagopian
- ❖ Garo and Cece Garibian
- ❖ Merle Santerian in memory of Ned Santerian
- ❖ Kim and Gena Willard in honor of Larry and Jeanette Der Hagopian
- ❖ Don and Judy Paretchan
- ❖ Michael and Tanya Paretchan in memory of Sooren and Mary Paretchan
- ❖ George and Anne Terkanian
- ❖ Michael Tookmanian in memory of Elizabeth and Garabed Tookmanian
- ❖ Richard Weinsheimer in memory of Evelyn Weinsheimer, Albert Chapjian, Andre Javardian Jr., Virginia and Antranik Javardian
- ❖ Gregory and Karinne Andonian
- ❖ Arthur and KC Baldadian
- ❖ Robert and Elizabeth Barone in memory of Nevart Sarkessian
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- ❖ Garen and Diana Boghosian in memory of Jacques Tossounian
- ❖ David and Marta Brann in memory of John and Mary Mirakian
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- ❖ Mary and Pearl Jamgochian in memory of the Jamgochian Family
- ❖ Gregory and Grace Meranshian
- ❖ Ethel Terzian in memory of Avedis, Maritza, Zavin, and Edward Terzian
- ❖ Greg, Diane, Michael and Brenda Yazujian in memory of Helen Vishab and the Yazujian Family
- ❖ Richard and Linda Vishab in memory of The Damerjian and Vishab Families
- ❖ Aram and Lucy (nee Mardikian) Aghazarian in memory of Diran and Anahid Mardikian
- ❖ John Chalikian
- ❖ Ani Gooshian in memory of Ronald N. Gooshian
- ❖ Hajinian Families in memory of Kirkor and Nartouhi Mirakian and Vagharshag and Zagheg Hajinian
- ❖ Gregory and Maria Javardian and Family
- ❖ Albert Kapeghian in memory of Naomi Kapeghian
- ❖ Hal and Doris Kodikian
- ❖ Richard and Naomi Mukalian
- ❖ Albert and Linda Santerian in memory of the Santerian and Guveyian Families
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- ❖ Stephen and Jean Ajemian
- ❖ Hagop Arzoumanian in memory of Diramayr Serbouhi Arzoumanian
- ❖ Richard and Linda Boornazian
- ❖ Robert and Lorraine Damerjian
- ❖ Hagop and Sonia Erganian in memory of Mardiros and Yester Erganian
- ❖ Antranig and Sabrina Garibian
- ❖ Tom and Barbara Harmon in memory of Naomi Kapeghian
- ❖ Joyce Killian in memory of Patrick Killian, John and Dorothy Chalikian
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- ❖ Rose Minassian in memory of Deacon Sebouh Minassian
- ❖ Emily Movsesian

- ❖ Sonia and Harout Nalbandian
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- ❖ Jack Vishab in memory of Helen Vishab
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INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE BY DN. ALBERT KESHGEGIAN

Given on June 25, 2017

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath." He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him or his companions to eat, but only for the priests. Or have you not read in the law that on the sabbath the priests in the temple break the sabbath and yet are guiltless? I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. 7 But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is lord of the sabbath." (Matthew 12:1-8)

As I was reading today's Gospel passage, I remembered a conversation my sister had with me about a year ago. She had gotten a traffic ticket for not stopping at a stop sign. She insisted that she had done nothing wrong. She had slowed down, carefully looked both ways to make sure no car was coming, and then proceeded to go through the intersection. What she hadn't done, of course, was to actually stop at the stop sign. But she insisted that she had fulfilled the spirit of the law, if not the letter of the law.

I guess I've had my own experiences with this concept. Who hasn't? I'm not admitting to doing this, but if you're sitting at a red light at 2 o'clock in the morning, looking at a deserted street, and if you check that there are no police cars nearby, who wouldn't cross that red light in a hurry to get home? It's the spirit of the law that counts, not the letter of the law.

And that's what Jesus' message is in today's Gospel reading. The story is that Jesus and his disciples were walking through some grain fields on the Sabbath. They were hungry, so the disciples picked some grains to eat. Of course there were Pharisees nearby. The Pharisees almost always seemed to be nearby. They were one of the religious groups of the day and they were very focused on the law, especially as they interpreted it. The Pharisees had 39 general categories of work actions forbidden on the Sabbath, and harvesting was one of them. So the Pharisees pointed out to Jesus that he and his disciples were breaking a religious law. Jesus answered them by pointing out times in history when individuals in the Old Testament did the same kind of thing. David and his companions were hungry and ate the holy bread that was in the temple, something which only the priests were allowed to do. And the priests themselves did "work" on the Sabbath by conducting worship services.

Jesus went on to say that the Pharisees would not have condemned the disciples if they were familiar with the phrase "I desire mercy and not sacrifice," meaning that God prefers acts of compassion and mercy from one person to another over ceremonial religious actions. In quoting these words, Jesus was paraphrasing the prophet Hosea, who wrote (6:6) "For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God, rather than burnt offerings." Jesus then stated that the Son of Man, referring to himself on the Sabbath is more important than any religious laws and takes precedence over them.

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We still have many religious rules and laws, even in our own Church. Especially in our own Church. We might right away think about all the dietary restrictions which we see the most of during Lent. We have rules about how to behave in church, when to cross ourselves, when to stand and sit. More important than all these are the moral laws and rules that the Bible gives us.

What is the purpose of all these laws and rules? We have to always keep in mind that the purpose in Jesus' time, and the purpose now, is to bring us closer to God. To help us focus our hearts on God and keep in our minds the ways God wants us to behave, ways to behave that are pleasing to him.

As Hosea tells us, God doesn't want our sacrifices, animals killed to be offered to him. He wants our love. God doesn't want offerings from us, he wants us to know him. If someone doesn't love God, if they don't want to know him better, all the religious laws that they follow become empty and meaningless, just some ritual that they go through for the sake of the law itself. They become the Pharisees of today.

It is important to have laws and rules to follow. Every society needs to have them to function. And so does the society that is the Church. But as we observe the laws or follow the rules, let us not forget the reason we do this. It's not the letter of the law that is the most important. Rather it is the spirit of the law, the purpose of the law, the reason the law was created to begin with: to bring us closer to God, to return to him in gratitude the immense love he has shown us. To become one of his own.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

April

Lucille Thomassian - 1
Erika Hajatian - 2
Todd Pica - 2
Nezihe Hashas - 3
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 Nalbadian - 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
Alexander Oskanian - 21
Madeleine Theobald - 22

Donald Paretchan - 23
Rita Stepanian - 23
Daniel Montanez - 24
Pauline Chapjian - 25
Ani Javardian - 25
Richard Kazigian - 25
Cathy Gargan - 26
Anita Mirijanian - 26
Cole Owens - 26
Lorraine Damerjian - 28

May

Dorothy Grocott - 1
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
Tavit 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
Gustavo Alexanian - 23
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April Kumkumian - 24
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Garo Hovnanian - 26
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Cameron Santerian - 28
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Denise Hess - 30
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Matthew Worrell - 30
Gregory Meranshian - 31

June

Patyl Oflazian - 1
Ethel Terzian - 1
Alexandra Brod - 3

Paul Terkanian - 5
Bryan Peckjian - 6
Barbara Harmon - 7
Alyssa Santerian - 7
Taline Peckjian - 9
Ines Alexanian - 13
Shannon King - 13
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Mary Injaian - 14
Dominique Damerjian - 15
Herbert S. Theobald - 15
Tom Harmon - 17
Claire Theobald - 18
John Chalikian - 20
Germaine Hashas - 21
Narthy Hajinian - 22
Carol Temoyan - 22
Steven Balint - 23
Susan Lillis - 23
Yn. Anna Gevorgyan - 24
Ken King - 24
Seta Pica - 24
Chloe Dunigan - 25
Joseph Polizzi - 25
Sarine Kaprielian - 26
Berj Yeretzian Jr. - 26
Rosemary Zarzatian - 27
Artashes Danielyan - 27
Gregory Javardian - 30

MEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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 & Narthy Hajinian	4/22/1956
Fred & Denise Hess	4/30/????

May

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 Williams	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

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

CELEBRATING DER HAKOB'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

By Liz Barone

The first snowstorm in the Philadelphia area on Saturday gave way to a glorious Sunday morning on December 10, 2017, as 350 parishioners gathered to honor our beloved Der Hayr on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Priesthood. He celebrated an inspiring Badarak in the presence of the Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, who delivered the homily and gifted Fr. Hakob with a magnificent pectoral cross at the conclusion of the Badarak.

Following at the Divine Liturgy, our guests gathered in our beautiful Santerian Hall to share a delicious meal and to express their love for Fr. Hakob in very many ways. In attendance were all the clergy from our local area, as well as dear clergy friends from out of town.

The Mistress of Ceremonies was our own Marta Brann who did a masterful job of moving a busy program along. Anton Balasanyan recited a poem created just for the occasion written by his father, Hovhannes. Maria Danielyan played a moving piano interlude called "River Flows Through You" – so appropriate for the occasion. Fr. Hakob's life was shared in a video, expertly prepared by Ricky Mukalian, starting with pictures from Der Hayr's youth, an inspiring segment of his ordination, and a message from his father, direct from the family's hometown of Khor Virab. Perhaps most touching of all was when Yn. Anna spoke, which was followed by a tribute from their elder son, nine-year-old Narek. His words were few, but loving and endearing.



There was an abundance of toasts both before and during the delicious meal. Senior Deacon Albert Keshgegian, as Toastmaster, remarked how unusual it was to have such a young priest who is close to age as his own sons and offered a heartfelt toast. Dn. Garo Garibian then spoke of the Armenian tradition of raising a glass to do a "Genatz." Among those called upon for their thoughts were Berj Yeretizian, George Terkanian, Liz Barone, Ashot Petrosyan, and others. Garo then turned to all the guests and asked for one-word toasts to best describe Der Hayr. "Humility, love, humble, caring, honest, patient, never angry, angelic, shepherd, welcoming, kind, zkanchelee, adopted son, compassionate, gentle, wise, approachable, handsome, inspirational" were just some of the awesome adjectives used to describe him.

Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian, who was Der Hayr's mentor and guide when he first came to the United States, came to the microphone and said that the magic word to describe Der Hayr was humility. He continued, "A person can only carry a cross if he is humble." He lovingly shared that Der Hakob and Yn. Anna are like his brother and sister.

A presentation of gifts followed the many tributes to Der Hayr, beginning with Robbie Barone representing the Church School. He presented a framed photo of Der Hayr with the children along with a book of messages composed by the students. David Brann recited a poem he had written about "A Humble Man" and told the gathered assembly that he and Marta, together with Silva Hovhanessian, were presenting a new set of vestments to Der Hayr. John Hanamirian, Parish Council Chair, told Der Hayr that the Parish Council were gifting him with four airline tickets to Armenia so they can visit family - definitely round-trip tickets so they MUST return!

During his message, Der Hayr reflected, “If we are faithful, God will pour his blessings upon us.” He shared the path that brought him to this place in time and went on to thank those who made the day memorable for him and his lovely family.

As the program began to draw to its conclusion, His Eminence spoke of Fr. Hakob’s love for God. He said the story of priesthood is a love story. “A successful priest loves God, loves people, and is able to share with others.” He closed by saying, “Der Hayr is a good servant of God.”



As with any successful event, there are many people – both visible and behind the scenes – who pull it all together. An energized organizing committee was formed, led by Co-Chairs, Jeanette Der Hagopian and Garo Garibian, and each person who was asked to serve answered YES on the spot - such is the depth of their regard for Der Hakob. Sincere thanks are extended to Lisa Viarengo who created our beautiful invitation and guided us through the whole process. We also recognize Phil Magee of Blake Florists for the magnificent pomegranate centerpieces; John Alexanian and Ara Shakarjian for capturing the events of the day on film; our wine sponsor who chose to remain anonymous; and Alice Torossian (hummus) and Nayiri Balanian (boregs) for the mezzeh offerings. Behind the scenes were countless people without whose help such an event could not happen so beautifully. Finally, sincere appreciation is extended to our many sponsors whose generosity contributed greatly to the success of this celebration.

The Primate offered the benediction and blessed the community, ending a beautiful day as it added another memory to the list of Holy Trinity’s memorable events.



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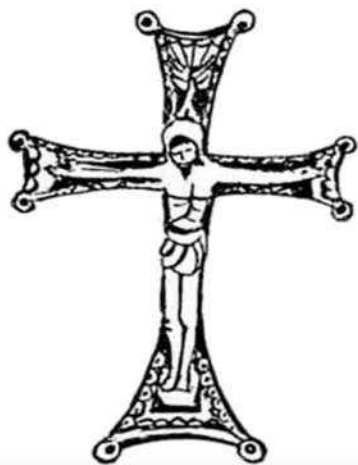


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HOLY TRINITY WELCOMES ST. NERSESS SEMINARIANS

Over the weekend of February 23-25, the Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian, Dean, and four seminarians traveled to our church and participated in various activities. On Friday evening, as part of our Friday Night Lenten Series, seminarian Dn. Michael Sabounjian gave a talk on "Understanding the Creed, Our Confession of Faith." His talk was followed by a lively question and answer session and was well received by those present. The evening included worship and a traditional Lenten meal.



On Saturday, an ACYOA Juniors Retreat was led by seminarians Dn. Albert Hambardzumyan, Dn. Michael Sabounjian, Dn. Alex Calikyan, and Armen Terjimanian. Utilizing the theme "Living Our Faith in Today's World," the seminarians led the students in a discussion, Bible Study and short worship service. Also in attendance were the Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, Pastor, and Leslie Movsesian, the ACYOA parent advisor who helped to organize the retreat.



On Sunday, Fr. Mardiros celebrated the Divine Liturgy and delivered the day's homily on the Prodigal Son, assisted by Dn. Albert, Dn. Alex and Armen at the altar along with the parish's altar servers. Dn. Michael visited the Sunday School and spoke to the students at an Assembly on the meaning of Lent. Following the service and light luncheon, Der Mardiros gave an informative presentation about the seminary to more than 100 parishioners. He spoke about the establishment of St. Nersess and its mission: to prepare leaders for the Armenian Church. He showed the video, Vision of Grace, and highlighted ways to support the seminary's work, followed by a Q&A session. Seminarian Armen Terjimanian then gave a heartfelt message about his journey to study at the seminary.

"For many people, this was their first exposure to the work of St. Nersess; the whole weekend impressed our faithful," commented Nancy Basmajian, who coordinated the events of the weekend.



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By: Mickey Paretchan

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We mourn the recent loss of our dear friend and long-time Men's Club member, Larry Der Hagopian. He would be pleased by the recent interest and enthusiasm of our younger church members. It is important that we continue to develop a new base of supporters and look forward to their energy and ideas! And due to the generosity of several winners, we continue to receive funding to support our two Armenian CASP orphans – Thank You!



ACYOA JRS.

Sports Weekend: Margarita Badalyan: Going to Sports Weekend was an amazing opportunity and a great event. It was filled with joy and love because the people there were so heartwarming and welcoming. Also, I loved meeting and spending time with so many Armenians, especially during the dances. The host families were very kind and were pleased by our arrival; they also did an outstanding job at keeping everyone safe. Overall, playing and watching the sports were exciting, and I personally cannot wait until the next Sports Weekend.

Maria Badalyan: Sports weekend is something I look forward to every year! I have made so many new friends and memories from every trip I've taken (only two so far, but I'm definitely going on more). I befriended many incredible Armenians from different churches, and we bonded really well. Even after not seeing each other for months, when we finally do, we always treat each other like family. I always look back on memories from previous sports weekends, and I can't help but count down the days until our next visit. I love attending that event and meeting new people just like me.

Bazaar: Diego Majian: I thought the bazaar in October was fun because it was during the Halloween weekend. All of the kids from our parish were dressed up with cool Halloween outfits, and they truly enjoyed the music, food, and games. We raised a lot of money, thanks to our candy station, for "AYO," an organization that helps those in need in Armenia. The kids at the Bazaar loved that they could spin the wheel of candy, and they loved the Bazaar even more when they got the candy they wanted. Seeing children smile and laugh made me pleased that I volunteered. I also got to see my friends that do not come to church often and met new people.

Outreach: Isabella Balint: Back on November 11th, my mother and I had the opportunity to travel to Holy Trinity for a service project, "Aid for Friends." This project involved preparing meals for shut-ins, mostly senior citizens, who could not continue to live in their homes without help. The meal we prepared was meatloaf with mixed vegetables and pilaf. My mom and I had to shape the meatloaf into ovals. I enjoyed doing this because I got a little mother-daughter bonding time as well as the joy of helping people. It felt great giving to people in need who are living a life that I cannot imagine. All the other helpers were very kind and sweet to me; we talked the whole time while we worked. I even met the mother of a senior who goes to my high school, Central Bucks South. Overall, I felt a sense of happiness after participating that day because I was not thinking about myself for a change but of less fortunate people living so close to me. That is a feeling I never want to lose and I hope to be able to volunteer for more projects just like this.



Flowers for CASP: Christina Grigoryan: I had a marvelous time selling beautiful Poinsettia flowers to the people of Holy Trinity during Breakfast with Santa. The people really seemed to enjoy the flowers, and the children were very excited to see Santa. The money raised from selling the flowers was donated to an organization called CASP. CASP is a wonderful Armenian organization that helps out children in need of clothes, food, and any other necessities to make the children of Armenia have joyful childhoods and bright futures. It felt amazing to give to the children in need, and I will definitely participate in any future events to help out as many Armenians as possible.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Yn. Anna Gevorgyan, Patti Ayjian Smith and Nancy Hovnanian
Co-Superintendents

The winter months at Holy Trinity Church School have been busy.

On Sunday December 17, 2017, we held our Annual Lunch with Santa after church services. A BIG thank you goes to DJ Robbie Barone for providing fun music for dancing and to Kim Dunigan for arranging games and other fun details. We were so grateful to Anne Terkanian and her crew for preparing a fabulous lunch for all. The highlight of the afternoon was when Santa arrived! Our children all took turns sitting on his lap to present their list.

Traditional activities and events are what help to make our Church School a special place. One of these activities is our Annual Christmas Pageant. This year, under the direction of Yn. Anna and Mariana Majian, a short pageant commemorating the birth of Jesus was performed in the hall on Sunday, January 7th. The students were all very enthusiastic and performed their parts so well. Baby Zaven Andonian had his acting debut as baby Jesus!

Another annual event is Poon Paregentan, the day before Lent begins. This year the event was held on February 11th after services. Pizza, salad and ice cream were served to the delight of young and old alike. Linda Boornazian organized crafts for the children to do. Two of our students, Chloe Dunigan and Cameron Santerian, applied temporary tattoos for anyone who wanted one. Nick Terkanian provided the music for the party. Nick had the students play freeze dance which they loved. About 125 parents, grandparents, and students joined together to celebrate this festive day.

As we travel through this Lenten season, the students will be raising money to donate to charities in Armenia and America. There are tubs in the church lobby and in the students' classrooms. Please support these worthy causes.

Happy spring!





Christmas Pageant and Program



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