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# Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church LOOYS



Cheltenham, PA

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, Pastor

Winter 2019-01



## Godfather of the Cross

David Brann, Der Hakob & Marta Brann

### Hours of Worship

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

### Church School

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



### Upcoming Events

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

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## Admitting Our Wrongdoings

This topic is the most unpleasant for many because people don't like to talk about it for different reasons. Some people think they don't sin and they are sinless. Others think, it is not necessary to think or talk about it.

First of all, we should know that we all are sinners. The only person who lived in this world and didn't sin is Jesus Christ. It is necessary for us to think about our sins and confess them to God, because that way our wrongdoings will be clearer to us and we can work to minimize them.

Sin is not only to steal or to kill. There are many visible and invisible sins in our daily life, for example, pride, envy, anger, sloth, covetousness, gluttony, lust, rudeness, lies, gossip; and this list can be continued. We should be alert for our actions, not only sometimes but all the time, because it is very easy to make a mistake but very hard to fix it.

If the mechanic doesn't see the problem or the damage on the car, how can he fix it? God wants us to see our problems and shortcomings. We sometimes have to go deeper and find out the cause of that problem. We should be open to learn about ourselves because it can only help us to improve and live a better life.



When a child does something wrong, immediately he tries to justify his action. Very often we do the same thing. If we are right in our actions and someone criticizes us, then we should justify ourselves. There is no question about that, but if we are wrong, the best thing to do is to admit our wrong action and apologies.

We live and learn from our mistakes. All the time, we try to improve our physical life by exercising, eating healthy food, drinking lots of water or liquid, taking vitamins.... the list can go on and on. We need the same improvement for our spiritual life. Our physical life here on earth can last a maximum of 100 years or more, but our soul will live forever. This should tell us something.

Sleeping is good and necessary for us, but we can't sleep all the time. If, in our spiritual life, we don't take our wrongdoings or our sins seriously, then we put ourselves in a deep sleep.

The saints and the church fathers talk about their sins and wrongdoings very often. They didn't talk about it by accident or in vain, but for a specific reason.

St. Nersess Shnorhali says in his prayer, Uncreated Nature, "I have sinned against you in my thoughts, with my soul and body. Remember not my previous sins for the sake of your holy name. Have mercy upon your creatures, and upon me, great sinner that I am."

"Seer of all, I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Erase the record of my transgressions, and write my name in the book of life. Have mercy upon your creatures, and upon me, great sinner that I am."

St. Gregory of Narek says, "... I shall lament from the bottom of my invisible soul the sins I have committed. You are able, compassionate God, to perform a miracle with your everlasting might saying, 'Be healed of your soul's torment' or 'May your sins be forgiven' or 'Go in peace. You are cleansed of sin.'"

Dear Parishioners, it would be spiritually enriching for us to examine ourselves and be aware of our sins, confess them to God and repent now. God is a loving and forgiving God and when He sees that we sincerely repent; He will forgive us because God reads our hearts.

With prayers,  
Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan



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## Parish Council News

By John Hanamirian, Chair

The year ended just okay on the financial side of things. We made many repairs and replacements for our now-aged Church building. Taking into account the Hovnanian Foundation contribution, we ended up ahead about \$60,000 and without that contribution, we ended up in the red about \$30,000. This need for repairs will continue, but I'm not asking for money in this issue, at least not directly.

In this issue, I am explaining why we are publishing our list of Members, which of course, translates into listing the people who pay their dues. It seems to be a sensitive issue. I don't know why. It is \$260.00 for regular membership dues. We can afford it, yes. I don't believe those who say otherwise and if you really can't afford it, we should waive it, but nobody should be voluntarily coming to Church, taking the benefits and not contributing to the costs. We aren't saying you need to pay thousands of dollars a year, but where else do you go where you go into a building, avail yourself of the resources for two or three hours and leave without paying?



I don't have a judgment. I am far, far, far from a perfect individual, but it is not a judgment to say that you should pay for what you get from an organization and at a minimum, you should pay the minimum for what you get. The minimum is \$260.00 per year. For that \$260.00, you get a warm or cool building, a Sunday School, a Choir, an incredibly presented religious service and maybe a cup of coffee, but most importantly, you get to practice your religion with a group of incredibly qualified and capable individuals and be surrounded with equally wonderful people who share your thousands of years of history.

Eh, maybe I do have a judgment and Der Hayr will tell me that is wrong, but my Mom-Mom raised me to be the first one at the bar putting money down to pay, to always reach for a check at dinner, to appear as if you could pay for whatever you needed no matter what, never to ask anyone for help to pay for things, and most importantly, she told me, "Mooshig, when someone put some candy out for free, you look and see how much candy the person take. If they take just one, they are good person with good insides. If they put their hand in and take more, they are like animal."

Can we stop with this notion that the Church owes us a free Church, \$20.00 steak dinners, free bagels and coffee; and please, each of us, reach in and pay for what we take from the Church. If people don't pay, those who do pay are paying for you to enjoy the Church; they are picking up your check each week. If a person is okay with allowing someone else to pay for them, and sometimes their entire family, to enjoy the benefits of our Church, I am okay with "not" listing their names as Members.





## ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Right after the start of the new year, Armenian Christmas was celebrated and we congratulate **David Brann** who was this year's Godfather of the Cross. Badarak was followed by a Christmas Pageant beautifully performed by our Church School children....We send out cheers to those reaching milestone wedding anniversaries: **Ohannes & Irene Oskanian** (50), **Hal & Doris Kodikian** (50) and **Bob & Jean Ohnigian** (25)....Likewise, there were special milestone birthdays celebrated by **Albert Keshgegian** and **Vicki Gureghian**. May they all enjoy good health and good years....Belated congratulations to **Michael & Jenna Alexanian** on the birth of their first child, **Brielle Ani**; and to **Arpeeneh and Patrick Griffin** on the arrival of their second son, **Stephen Ararat**, who was welcomed by big brother, **Alexander**. We look forward to watching them grow in the years ahead...It was a joyous and fun-filled event when **Chris Torcomian and Larissa Alaverdian** were united in marriage over Thanksgiving weekend with many of our locals travelling out-of-town to be a part of the festivities. Best wishes, newlyweds! ... Keeping in our prayers: **Mariana Majian, Alice Charles and Merle Santerian** who are dealing with various medical issues.....Our church family saw much sorrow with the passing of several of our parishioners or one of their family members. We extend most sincere condolences to the families of **Vartan Mazmanian, Alla Ter Sookova, Sam Silk, Albert Santerian, Richard Weinsheimer, Boghos Kerdanian, Annabelle Alexanian** and **Florence Dandegian**, all of whom passed away within the last few months. May the Holy Spirit bring comfort to their families...Until next time, here's to the Groundhog being right – for an early Spring. Amen to that!

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## A Reflection on Palm Sunday

By Deacon Albert Keshgegian

It was an “add on,” something extra that would be nice to do during our quick New York escape to see a Broadway show (“Pretty Woman,” great show). The next morning we went to see the Armenia! exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. But the exhibit was spectacular. Pieces from museums in Etchmiadzin, Yerevan, Jerusalem, and other places, some never seen before in the United States, a once-in-a-lifetime collection of Armenian art, mainly religious, from the fourth to the seventeenth centuries. Religious objects included illuminated manuscripts, khatchkars, objects holding relics of saints or a sliver of the true Cross, objects used in the church, and ornate, remarkably well-preserved, vestments.

Especially moving for me was a room devoted to the churches at Lake Sevan in Armenia. There are two very close to each other and they are particularly meaningful for me. One of them is Soorp Arakelotz (Church of the Holy Apostles), similar to my middle name of Arakel, and one of the names for the other church is Soorp Garabed, my father’s name. I had visited there twice and the photographs of the churches showing in the exhibit were immediately familiar, stirring my memories of the previous visits. Also, too, that exhibit room had music, with moving hymns from the Badarak.

As I looked around the room I saw it – a very ornate, intricately carved wooden door that had been the door of Soorp Arakelotz. The top panel presents Christ in glory surrounded by the four beasts of the Apocalypse. Below are St. John the Baptist, Mary the Mother of God, St. Stephen the First Martyr, and St. Gregory the Illuminator. In the Pentecost scene below them, the Holy Spirit descends as a dove with God’s message to the twelve seated apostles. At the base and around the frame are designs similar to those on khatchkars.

This didn’t look just like a door to a church; it made me think of the door to heaven itself!

On Palm Sunday, several ideas of a door or gate come together. On that day, we celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, through the gates of the city. We’re also at the beginning or doorway into Holy Week, culminating in Easter, when Jesus gave us the promise of eternal life. Palm Sunday is also at the end of Great Lent, where the lessons of the Sundays of Lent end with the idea of Christ’s second coming, the Day of Judgment, and the gates of heaven being opened for those who are allowed to go through into heaven, also sometimes called the New Jerusalem.

And so, on Palm Sunday, the Armenian Church has the service of Turnpatzek, or Opening of the Doors, when we think about the Day of Judgment and God’s kingdom and ask to be allowed to enter. In the earliest Church, the service started outside of Jerusalem and they would knock on the gates of the city. Later, it took place at the actual door of the church, with the priest knocking on the front door. (In more modern times, the service takes place at the altar curtain, and a wooden gavel is used to strike a piece of wood, symbolically representing knocking on the door.) I could just see a succession of clergymen, over the years and centuries, knocking on that wooden door at Lake Sevan for the Turnpatzek service.

During that service, we ask that the door to heaven be opened for us, as we sing, “Open to us, open to us O Lord, the door of your mercy we ask with a lamenting voice” (echoing Psalm 118:19). Why is the door a door of mercy? Because none of us deserves to go through it; we can do so only because of God’s forgiveness and mercy, for which we should continually ask God.

Let us also not forget that although we talk about a door to heaven and knock on the door of the church, the true door to heaven is Christ himself. As he said, “I am the gate... whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture” (John 10:9). Only by following Christ, living by his teachings, striving to be like him, becoming one of his own, will we reach God’s heavenly kingdom.





## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This year marks the 25th anniversary since Samaritan's Purse created the Operation Christmas Child program, with our church participating for more than half of those years – 14 to be exact! And since the beginning, Samaritan's Purse has shipped out more than 157 million shoebox gifts to children in countries all over the globe, including Armenia. There are well over 5,000 drop-off locations across the country where shoeboxes are delivered.

To share some interesting “fun facts,” the church we use for dropping off our boxes took in over 5,600 shoeboxes this year, more than ever before – and they’ve been collecting shoeboxes for years. The Bucks County Team (the County where the church is located) collected more than 27,700 shoeboxes. It is staggering to think of those numbers - in just one Pennsylvania County – all being donated by people who wish to share the love of Jesus to children around the world. (Accompanying pictures show the church where our shoeboxes are delivered.)



By filling 54 shoeboxes this year, we did our small part to help this effort. This year we reached a total of 990 filled shoeboxes since we began in 2005. We thank those people who filled shoeboxes this year – some of them more than one box and many of them doing it year after year. We also thank those who, though they were unable to fill a shoebox, were still a part of this project by making a monetary contribution to support it.

This effort, which now falls under the umbrella of Adult Christian Education (ACE), exists because of all who are willing to step up and reach out to the “least of these” by filling one or more shoeboxes. If you are one of those, delight in the knowledge of how you have brightened a child’s life in a faraway country.

“But since you excel in everything.....see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” (2 Cor. 8:7)



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**January 6, 2019: GABRIELLA OHANYAN**  
 Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gor Ohanyan  
 Godfather: Gevorg Gevorgyan



**February 3, 2019: STEPHEN ARARAT GRIFFIN**  
 Son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Griffin  
 Godfather: Ararat Adamian  
 Godmother: Marusia Lynn

## FUNERALS: 2018

**ARAM "BUTCH" KUMKUMIAN** entered into his eternal rest on November 4, 2018. Funeral services were held on November 7, 2018 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

**VARTAN MAZMANIAN** entered into his eternal rest on November 26, 2018. Funeral services were held on November 30, 2018 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

**SERPHOUHIE TCHIMAYAN** entered into her eternal rest on December 5, 2018. Funeral services were held on December 11, 2018 at Hatboro Cemetery. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

**ALBERT SANTERIAN** entered into his eternal rest on December 12, 2018. Funeral services were held on December 20, 2018 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

## FUNERALS: 2019

**RICHARD WEINSHEIMER** entered into his eternal rest on December 27, 2018. Funeral services were held on January 2, 2019 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

**ANNABELLE ALEXANIAN** entered into her eternal rest on January 13, 2019. Funeral services were held on January 18, 2019 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

**FLORENCE DANDEGIAN** entered into her eternal rest on January 23, 2019. Funeral services were held on January 31, 2019 at Lawnview Cemetery. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

### And the 2018 "Country of the Year" is...

When The Economist magazine set about choosing its 2018 "Country of the Year," it considered one question above all: "Which country has improved the most in the past 12 months?" The editors considered—and made cases for—such nations as Ethiopia, Malaysia, Ecuador, Peru, and Britain. But after due deliberation, they gave their nod to the Republic of Armenia.

"Our annual 'country of the year' award goes not to the most influential nation," explained The Economist, "nor to the richest, nor to the one with the tastiest food. It celebrates progress."

Armenians might take issue with that "tastiest food" judgment. But we can also take some pride in the remarkable developments that have shaped our homeland in the past year.

Those developments were ultimately rooted in the courage and character of the Armenian people. In our long history, Armenians have seen political movements—indeed, entire political systems—come and go; and while we always hope and pray for the best outcome, we are well aware that such outcomes require work, vigilance, and more than a little good fortune.

The truly enduring reality, however, in good times and bad, has been the faith and decency of the Armenian people. The world saw and acknowledged those virtues this year. May God reward those same virtues with progress and prosperity, for all our people, in the years to come.



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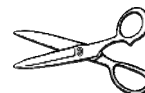
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## The Reason for the Season

By Yn. Anna Gevorgyan

The dazzling lights have dimmed, the blissful tree decorations have come down and the fanfare of Christmas spirit has faded into another year.

Yet, the church calendar, a reminder of our sacred duties, imparts an upbeat rhythm to the New Year. On the sixth day of our new calendar, the faithful are invited to the Divine Celebration, the Epiphany. The venue is planned, invitations are sent and the destination is the Holy Trinity Church.

Little-sized actors dressed up like wise men, shepherds and angels, stroll down the church aisle and unfold the beautiful sacred story - the birth of Jesus. Mary glorifies the Lord, angels sing and the Wise Men bring gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the newborn baby. The story ends with a song of praise.

The church resounded with cheers and applause. Afterwards the guests enjoyed a lavish reception catered by parents of the Church School and the faithful of the church.

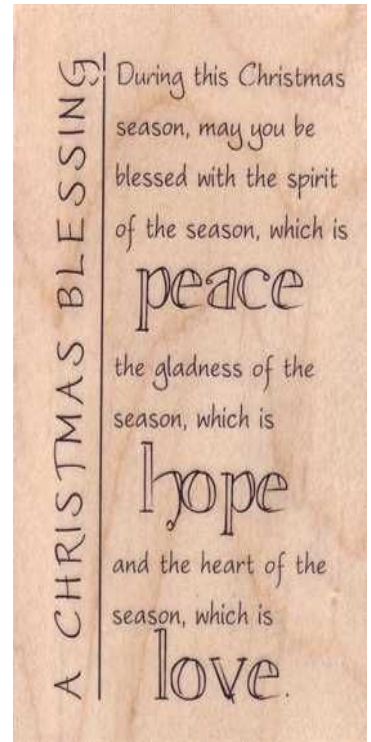
Like those ordinary people in the story with whom God communicated and directed to go and set their eyes on the Child, we too are invited to see it all for ourselves. In front of our eyes, the mystery is revealed: His Word became flesh and dwelled among us, transforming and reshaping our lives. Therefore, it is important that we continue to celebrate and share the importance of Christ's birth with our children, friends and families.





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## Blessing of the Water / Godfather of the Cross



### Holy Trinity Armenian Church Criteria for Scholarship Awards Youth Programs of the Diocese of the Armenian Church

1. An application must be submitted to the pastor at least four weeks prior to the program.
2. The applicant, or at least one parent of the applicant, must be a dues-paying member of the parish for at least one year.
3. The applicant must be a baptized member of the Armenian Church.
4. The applicant must be enrolled in the Sunday school or a member of the ACYOA.
5. An applicant may not receive more than one scholarship in any given year.
6. Should there be more than one applicant from the same family, a graduated scale will be used to determine the amount of each scholarship.
7. At the completion of the program, the applicant must submit an essay on "What I Learned at (specific program)." The parish reserves the right to use the essay or excerpts from the essay in its publications.
8. The amount of the scholarship will be determined by the Pastor and Parish Council.
9. Scholarships will be awarded according to the availability of funds.
10. Call the office for an application.





## We Remember with Love

On Sunday, January 13, family and friends of those in our community who passed away in 2018 participated in a special "Day of Remembrance" service to honor and remember those who passed away in 2018. The short candle-lighting ceremony (which marked its fifth consecutive year) was followed by a traditional hokehankisd.

Candles were lit by spouses, children, siblings, nephews, and friends of...Victoria Berberian, Dorothy Chinchinian, Hasmig Hanamirian, Robert Hanamirian, Viola Karagheuzian, Virginia Kouyoumjian, Aram "Butch" Kumkumian, Vartan Mazmanian, Vahan Movsesyan, Lilly Oflazian, Albert Santerian, Sam Silk, Armen Thomassian, Marie Topalian, Francesca Torcomian, Richard Weinsheimer

## Denim American Bistro COLLECTS DENIM...JEANS, THAT IS!

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Not only has David Murray opened a new and delightful restaurant in Cherry Hill, NJ, within the last four months, but he has incorporated "Outreach With A Twist." David and Stacy knew they wanted to give back to the community, so they decided to offer free dessert to anyone who donated a pair of jeans to their restaurant, either new or gently used.



Inspired by a national effort called Teens for Jeans, the idea was to collect clothing to aid homeless young people. Through a friend, Stacy learned of Joseph's Fund of Camden and Joseph's House, a counseling center and homeless shelter that regularly accommodates up to 88 overnight guests.

And so began the process of collecting "denim" jeans to tie into their restaurant's name! And what a success it has become. In a very short time, they collected 270 pairs of jeans, ranging in sizes from children up through size 54. Together with their children, Tavit and Spencer, the Denim Bistro owners arrived at the Joseph Fund shelter at 6:30 on a very rainy morning to deliver their trunkload of jeans. And the young Murray boys did not have to be dragged out of bed – they were that excited!

David and Stacy felt it was important for their sons to see for themselves the great need that exists so close to home. Chef David added, "We want to make them aware of issues globally and locally, to make them see not everyone is as fortunate as we are."

David said his offer of "dessert for jeans" will continue as long as they can make a difference. So stop by the restaurant with a pair of jeans, enjoy a delicious meal and get a free dessert. Your stomach will thank you .... and so will your heart!



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## January Designated as Family Worship Month

Under Fr. Hakob's leadership, our Church School and our Adult Christian Education ministry joined forces to present a month of educational opportunities for children and adults designed to enrich understanding of the faith. The sacred space of our sanctuary became a classroom, and everyone was invited.

For two Sundays in January (a third program was cancelled due to weather conditions—see note at end of article), the faithful experienced a “Simultaneous Translation” of selected sharagans (hymns) from the Divine Liturgy and an “Instructed Liturgy” which provided commentary on the worship service.

On January 13, while our choir sang acapella, Dn. Albert Keshgegian translated the words of several hymns from the Badarak. One of our parishioners commented, “I was especially moved by a few of the words in the Kiss of Peace hymn [Holy greeting is commanded. This church has now become one soul, the kiss is given for a full bond, and love is spread over us all.] I think that describes our parish; anyway that's how I feel as a member of this Body.”

On January 27, Garen and Diana Boghosian, who are devoted Church School parents (Diana is also a Church School teacher), provided instruction designed to increase our knowledge of the Badarak. The Liturgy was interrupted in progress several times for an explanation of the words, actions and symbolism of worship. This was our parish's third presentation of the Instructed Liturgy since 2013, and once again, attendance confirmed the value of the program.

A special feature of the month was the Liturgy “worksheets,” which worshippers received as they entered the narthex. Children, working with parents, and adults, eager to test their knowledge, were challenged to answer questions on the Liturgy, occasionally using the Pew Book and the Bible for assistance. For example, “What do we do when Der Hayr blesses us?” and “How many times do we say the words ‘We believe’ during the Creed?” Some questions were a bit more difficult: “Put these in the order in which they occur: communion, confession, kissing the Gospel, Der Voghormia.” Other questions provided a chuckle, like “True or False: At the end of Liturgy, we stand in line to kiss the Pew Book.”

**Please SAVE THE DATE:** On Sunday, March 31, Fr. Hakob will use his sermon time to serve as our “tour guide” providing commentary on the icons and stained-glass windows that adorn our sanctuary. Originally part of the Family Worship Month activities, the program was cancelled due to weather conditions.





## 2019 FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES WRESTLING WITH ANGELS

(including a four-part video series examining tough questions of faith)

6:30 – Worship

7:00 – Dinner

7:45 – Program

**MARCH 8**    *Guidance: Lord, How Do I Know What to Do?* (video)  
Program Facilitator: Leslie Movsesian  
Dinner Hosts: Gay Hagopian, Lynn and Mike Hajatian

**MARCH 15**    *Prayer: Lord, Why Don't My Prayers Get Answered?* (video)  
Program Facilitator: Nancy Basmajian  
Dinner Host: Yn. Anna Gevorgyan

**MARCH 29**    *Troubled Waters: Why Me, Lord?* (video)  
Program Facilitator: Jeanette Der Hagopian  
Dinner Host: Church Choir

**APRIL 5**    *Doubt: How Can I Question and Still Believe?* (video)  
Program Facilitator: Joyce Hoyle  
Dinner Hosts: Anne and George Terkanian

**APRIL 12**    *Church Jeopardy* (produced & directed by Dn. Albert Keshgegian)  
Game Show Host: Robbie Barone  
POT LUCK: Please contribute a favorite Lenten dish

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## Safety & Emergency Planning

Beginning in March 2018 and continuing up to the present, the Parish Council has been working with Safety & Emergency Planning personnel from Cheltenham Township and Montgomery County. In addition, the Eastern Diocese has requested that we develop an Active Shooter Plan.

We have been reviewing building security, door hardware, emergency communications, and several evacuation or “stay” options. Also, our parishioners will need to participate by having awareness to out-of-the-ordinary vehicles & pedestrians on the street and in our parking lot. As many of you have heard, the current buzzwords are “See Something, Say Something.”



Drawings indicating all Exit Doors in the entire facility are being developed and will be put on display in various parts of the building. They will include a standard protocol (official procedure) for contacting 911.

Finally, during 2019, we will be scheduling a planned fire alarm evacuation of the Sunday School, and simulating an emergency event with testing of our communication systems. While we have no reason to believe there is any potential threat to our safety, the possibility exists and we must all plan and behave accordingly

## Art and Faith Tea

On the afternoon of Saturday December 29th, thirty women came together for tea to ‘Contemplate the New Year’ through the lens of faith and artwork by artist, Leslie Movsesian. The tea was hosted by the Ladies of Holy Trinity and the program was designed by Leslie, who is also a member of the ACE Team. Through five of her paintings, she asked the women to think about several teachings of our faith as they sat down to create their New Year’s resolutions. She discussed lessons from the Parables of the Talents, the Unforgiving Servant and the Fruits of the Spirit. Over a lively discussion, the group was encouraged to look at the God-given gifts they have buried and the excuses for doing so, what role forgiveness plays in their lives, and whether their works and resolutions will bear fruit as they transition into the new year. Have you made your New Year’s resolutions in light of your faith? Visit her website at [www.lesliemovsesian.com](http://www.lesliemovsesian.com).



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## Direct Outreach To Armenia

In June, Der Hakob will lead a pilgrimage to Armenia with approximately 50 people, including his own family. As he does whenever he goes to Armenia, one of his priorities is to visit with people who have suffered hardship and/or are living in difficult circumstances. The best way for them to receive help is when someone like Der Hayr personally visits and prays with them and gives them hope and monetary assistance. Please prayerfully consider if you would like to contribute to this worthy outreach for our brethren in Armenia. If your answer is YES, please mail or bring a check to church made out to Holy Trinity Armenian Church; Memo: Armenia. Your reward will be the satisfaction when you think of Jesus's teaching: "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

## Remembering Armenian Foods of Our Childhood

**SAVE THE DATE** to join us on Sunday, June 2, to sample the wonderful dishes of our childhood prepared for us by the amazing cooks of Holy Trinity--Izmir Kufte, Keshkeg, Iman Bayildi, Topig, Misof Kufte, Biber Dolma, Derev, Anoush Abour, and much more....

This event is to remember and honor the men and women who came before us and left us with a rich legacy of memories and culinary treasures. As in some other cultures, food is central to Armenian culture and we want not only to remember but pass on our rich tradition to the younger generation.

Don't miss this unique event, immediately following Badarak. Please, bring members of the younger generation with you. If you would also like to contribute your favorite Armenian culinary treat, please call Lucy Aghazarian at 215-782-1887 or Liz Barone at 610-449-2236."



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## 2019 Summer Conference Dates

### Adult Conference: June 6-9

The new Adult Conference is open to all adults, whether a summer conference alumnus or first-time participant. This four-day session, entitled Be Still and Know That I Am God, will give attendees the opportunity to get away from the "noise" of everyday and hear what God is telling you about your life! Learn how prayer, Scripture, relationships and community help you listen. Space is limited.

### Deacons' Training Program: June 28-July 7

At the Deacons' Training Program, young men gain a deeper understanding of the church's worship services through practical workshops and interactive classes. Students are placed in classes according to experience. In Level I, students are introduced to the duties of an acolyte. In Levels II and III, students are introduced to liturgical practicum. All students take Armenian classes and voice lessons. Upon completion of the program, students return to their home parishes with polished liturgical skills and a stronger faith.

### High School Conference: July 26-August 4

The popular High School Summer Conference has attracted teenagers to explore their faith and the heritage of the Armenian Church with friends in a safe environment. Clergy and lay leaders instruct the participants in the fundamentals of the Armenian Church's faith and traditions, and they encourage frank discussion about issues important to young people. We also address topics of interest to youth and parents today.

### College Winter Conference: January 2-6, 2020

We are bringing back the College Winter Conference in January 2020, a favorite among college students! Plan to spend five days of your winter break on our tranquil seminary campus over the Armenian Christmas weekend. This conference will include sessions on the Armenian Church's faith and traditions and topics of interest for college students. The application will be forthcoming.

Since its inception in 1963, the St. Nersess youth conferences have made daily worship, the study of our faith and traditions, bible study, and Armenian language instruction appealing and inspiring for students. In addition, we offer sports and recreation, day-trips, and other activities to add to a well-rounded experience where students make deep, lasting friendships and discover their place in the Armenian Church.

For more information, please email [info@stnersess.edu](mailto:info@stnersess.edu).



### Calendar of Events:

March 3	Poon Paregentan
March 4	First Day of Great Lent
March 8, 15	Lenten Evenings
March 23	Saintly Women Retreat
March 29, Apr 5, 13	Lenten Evening
April 14	Palm Sunday ACYOA Banquet
April 18	Holy Thursday
April 19	Good Friday
April 20	Easter Eve Service & Fellowship
April 21	Easter Sunday
May 11	Mother's Day Luncheon
May 19	Church School Closing
June 2	Foods of Armenia

### A WORD OF THANKS

I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards and calls. I especially want to thank Der Hayr for coming to visit me. I appreciate all of it.

Doris Alahverde

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great events!

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## SHNORHALI AND SCRIPTURE – Part 2

For three Tuesday mornings in November, parishioners gathered to explore the writings of St. Nersess Shnorhali, continuing a series that was started in the summer. The sessions were led by parish pastor Fr. Hakob along with Dr. Albert Keshgegian, who built the sessions around excerpts from his books *My Lenten Journal* and *Beside Still Waters*, as well as including additional material.

In the summer the group had examined prayers from Shnorhali's *I Confess with Faith and Jesus the Son*. In Part 2 the group continued with additional excerpts from *Jesus the Son* and examined verses from the saint's many hymns, including Aysor Anjar, Aravod Loosoh, and Norasdeghdzal. These readings were augmented by Scriptural passages illustrating the inspiration Shnorhali received from the Bible.

Participants reflected on the writings, shared their reactions, and considered how Shnorhali's profound spirituality can impact their personal faith. One commented, "I certainly learned to appreciate [Shnorhali's] contribution to not only the Armenian Church but even more importantly to the entire Christian faith."



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## CHURCH SCHOOL

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The fall months "Back to Basics" program under the directorship of Nancy Basmajian has been a good learning experience for everyone. Two of the very successful experiences for our students have been serving as acolytes and the class presentations during Badarak.

**Students serve as Acolytes:** Since October, we have noticed smiles on the faces of faithful as they enter the sanctuary and see boys and girls, ages 8 to 11, serving at the altar as acolytes. To date, 14 of our students in grades 3 to 5 have diligently held candles beside Fr. Hakob and assisted him at communion time. The "veterans" of the group, Michael Damerjian and Narek Gevorgyan, even served with the new Primate of our Diocese, Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, when he celebrated Liturgy in November. Guiding the acolytes in this new endeavor is Deacon Greg Andonian who has been gently directing their movements, keeping an eye on their progress and assigning breaks from time to time. We have received positive comments from Fr. Hakob and our deacons regarding their participation in the Badarak as well as expressions of joy from parents and parishioners alike. Fr. Hakob is planning on a few training sessions with the acolytes in the coming months. Our current acolytes include the following students from grades 3, 4, and 5: Christian Balint, Natalie Boghosian, Robert Damerjian, Narek Gevorgyan, Zachary Hajinian, Vanik Khachatryan, Zara Poghoian, Nare Safaryan, Cameron Santerian, Katrina Tatevosian, Lucas Terkanian, Grace Vartanian, Lenna Vartanian, Sophie Yavru-Sakuk.



**Class Presentations:** Students in three of our classes received applause and affirmation from parishioners on three separate Communion Sundays this fall for special presentations based on what they have been learning in their respective Christian education classrooms. Immediately after communion and before Fr. Hakob's sermon, each class shared a short lesson from their curriculum. In October, Leslie Movsesian's 4th and 5th graders recited a prayer from St. Gregory of Narek's "Speaking with God from the Depths of the Heart" and gave a brief biography of the greatest poet-mystic of the Armenian Church. Two of Merle Santerian's 7th grade students in November presented a re-wording of the Beatitudes from Christ's Sermon on the Mount, among his most profound teachings. After Liturgy, they distributed an acrostic puzzle based on the famous passage from the Gospel of Matthew and challenged congregants to test their knowledge. And finally in December, the 3rd grade students of Diana Boghosian and Stephanie Vartanian, who are team-teaching, amazed parishioners with their articulate and well-performed presentation called "A Family of Faith." From the formation of the church in the Book of Acts to our Mother Church in Etchmiadzin and to the establishment of Holy Trinity, they covered centuries of church history and also shared brief Bible passages on the church "where God's love rules!"

On December 1st students and parent chaperones from grades 4 through 11 went by bus to New York to see the Armenia Exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Everyone had a wonderful time!

On December 16th the church School held its Annual Lunch with Santa after church. Over 150 students and adults attended. A



BIG thank you to the kitchen crew: Mike and Lynn Hajatian, Gay Hagopian, Gary and Sue DerHagopian, and Barbara Harmon. A BIG thank you to Robbie Barone for being the DJ and to Kim Dunigan, Legna Santerian and Sabrina Garibian for the extra activities they organized. The proceeds from the lunch went towards the Vardenis School in Armenia to help fund a heater for their classrooms.

January was Family Worship Month for our religious education classes. Families were encouraged to attend Badarak together. Our students were asked to read the epistle and parents and children did the Kiss of Peace and helped with collection. Nancy Basmajian prepared worksheets for the students and parents to work on while in the pews. Gloria Basmajian took attendance each week with an average of 42 students for the month. Overall, Family Worship Month was very successful.

As part of our pilot program, February is our enrichment month for grades 2-11. Grades 2-7 enjoyed two weeks of music and two weeks of arts and crafts. Grades 8-11 enjoyed a diverse learning experience in art, literature, Christian morality and a rousing game of Jeopardy.





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## PRIMATE'S VISIT CELEBRATES DEACONS AND CHOIR MEMBERS

On the occasion of his first pastoral visit to our parish as Diocesan Primate, Very Rev. Daniel Findikyan met with members of the parish leadership on Saturday, November 17th. The evening began with Evening Service, followed by a light fellowship dinner and an informal question-and-answer session.

Although Fr. Daniel has visited our parish on numerous occasions for talks or celebrating Liturgy and is known to many of us, it was fascinating to learn more about him as a person. He was born in Fort Worth, Texas, to an Armenian father and German mother, grew up in New York State, and, as a teenager, was inspired and mentored by Rev. Kevork Arakelian, then pastor of the church in Binghamton, NY, ultimately leading him to enter the priesthood. Fr. Daniel has advanced degrees from several institutions and is an international scholar and expert on liturgy.

The new primate shared with us his assessment of the Eastern Diocese. Although it has had numerous successes over the years, there are also many continuing challenges, including budgets and human resources. Fr. Daniel's goal is for the Diocese to concentrate first and foremost on being the Church and focus on proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ as expressed in the distinctive faith-experience of the Armenian people. All present were inspired and energized by his vision and plans.



The weekend events continued on Sunday morning as the Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Fr. Daniel, followed by a celebratory banquet with nearly 250 in attendance who wanted to be a part of honoring so many whose years of service number in the many hundreds. During the course of the program, all honorees were gifted with beautifully designed plaques of Etchmiadzin and Mt. Ararat in recognition of their service.



Mistress of Ceremonies Marta Brann flawlessly directed the flow of the program which was interspersed throughout the dinner. Tom Torcomian shared remarks which included that the ongoing service given by the honorees makes them "true stewards of the church as much as those who donate their money." He ended his uplifting remarks with a "commercial" by reminding everyone that Badarak starts at 10:30 am on Sundays and that "sports fans wouldn't go to a game at the start of the second quarter!"

After welcoming the guests, Co-Chair Nadia Soghomonian read some of the many reflections that had been sent in by parishioners telling of how the service of the honorees, both in the choir and at the altar, helps to enhance the Liturgy.





Musical interlude was provided by Nune Darbinian, who delighted the audience with three piano selections, two of which were Armenian melodies, including the much loved and recognized Yerevani Siroon Aghchig

Co-Directors of the choir, Jeanette Der Hagopian and Karinne Andonian, each spoke briefly of their path to church service in the choir and their joy as they sing the magnificent Sharagans of our Divine Liturgy, which ultimately helped grow their faith in the process of service. Lorraine Damerjian was also recognized as the longest-serving organist of our church, still serving after forty-two years.

Following the Choir Directors, two of the most recent deacons ordained at our church, Gregory Andonian and Antranig Garibian, spoke of their appreciation in having reached the place where they can serve God at the altar of their beloved Holy Trinity. They shared the generous mentoring that they had received from the older deacons over the years, some of whom are no longer with us.



Special mention was expressed to lifelong members of the parish – Berj Yeretian and Albert Kapeghian - both of whom are retired deacons and choir directors. Together they have devoted decades of service not only to our church, but also in our Diocese as Chairs of the former Choir Association of the Armenian Church, now known as the Sacred Music Council.

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, pastor of Holy Trinity, reflected that every Sunday Jesus Christ gives a great banquet and invites all of us to partake of it. He went on to say that our beautiful Badarak is enhanced because of the angelic voices of our choir members and dedication of our altar servers. He described them as humble, hardworking, well-organized and faithful people “who serve God not because they have to, but because they want to.” Der Hayr added that the choir and altar servers “are an inspiration to me and to our people.”





When our Primate addressed the gathering, he began by sharing that many in the parish are friends he has made as a result of visiting often in years past to celebrate Badarak, preach and lecture; and had “great respect for the many servers who were so worthily honored today.” He celebrated the honorees with their spirit of serving. He stated that “the message of Christian faith is that we are spiritually changed by acts of selfless service, which changes us from deep within.” He continued, “acts of service are love made visible – love and service go together.” In closing, he added that “even if the motivation to do good is not right, we can learn that love changes everything.”

As the banquet was drawing to a close, a well-kept surprise was revealed when the Primate called Deacon Albert Keshgegian to the dais where he was presented with the St. Nersess Shnorhali Medal and an

encyclical bestowed by His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, for his many decades of service and devotion to the Armenian Church. In addition to his service as an ordained deacon of the church, he is the author of four books on the Divine Liturgy and Christian spirituality. After Albert was over the great surprise of receiving this honor, he shared his thoughts by saying, “Serve the Lord with gladness. We owe everything to God. Everything that is good comes from God. He gave us everything and we owe tremendous gratitude to Him.”

The banquet ended with the final benediction and thanks to all who made it such a success: Margo Silk, Nadia and Vache Soghomonian, Armena and Jim Keshgegian, Gloria Basmajian and Denise Sisian.....and with congratulations to all of the honorees.







**In Memory of my Sister,  
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**Debbie and I were very close.  
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way, but her lifetime of  
disability made me a good  
student to her lesson.**

**She has suffering each day  
and gets herself going and  
chooses to live.**

**Love your brother or sister and  
be thankful it is a choice.**

*John M. Hanamirian*



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## **EAST-WEST TRIO ENDS TOUR AT HOLY TRINITY**

After performing at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, and smaller venues in between, The East-West Trio arrived our church on Sunday, January 27 to perform for more than one hundred people who gathered in the sanctuary to be entertained with an outstanding program. The artists who hail from Moscow and Vienna – Marina Omelchenko (organ), Tehmine Zaryan (soprano) and Oganess Kazaryan (duduk) – presented works of many genres, including Ekmalyan, Mozart, Komitas, Babajanyan, Shirakazi and more. Guests were both riveted and captivated, not only by the music presented, but by the artistry of the performers. The guests responded with great applause and standing ovations. At the conclusion of this very special event, attendees were heard to say that “anyone who wasn’t here truly missed a spectacular concert.”





## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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Erika Hajatian - 2  
Todd Pica - 2  
Nezihe Hashas - 3  
Jake Terkanian - 4  
Gena Willard - 4  
Christine Williames - 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  
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  
Silva Hovhannesian - 19

Alexander Oskanian - 21  
Madeleine Theobald - 22  
Donald Paretchan - 23  
Rita Stepanian - 23  
Daniel Montanez - 24  
Pauline Chapjian - 25  
Ani Javardian - 25  
Cathy Gargan - 26  
Cole Owens - 26  
Lorraine Damerjian - 28

### May

Dorothy Grocott - 1  
George Terkanian - 1  
Ankine Kapeghian - 5  
John Paul Santerian - 7  
Christopher Bennuhan - 9  
Harry Injaian - 9  
Lauren Mukalian - 9  
Brenda LeCompte - 9  
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  
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Diane Yazujian - 18  
Ronald Asadoorian - 19  
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Lucas Terkanian - 22  
Gustavo Alexanian - 23  
Valentina Garibian - 23  
Richard Vishab - 23  
Krikor Javardian - 24  
April Kumkumian - 24  
Lori Vishab - 25  
Garro Hovnanian - 26  
Audrey Movsesian - 28  
Cameron Santerian - 28  
Edward Attarian - 30  
Denise Hess - 30  
Mikaela Juskalian - 30  
Matthew Worrell - 30  
Gregory Meranshian - 31

### June

Ethel Terzian - 1  
Alexandra Brod - 3  
Paul Terkanian - 5  
Bryan Peckjian - 6  
Barbara Harmon - 7  
Alyssa Santerian - 7  
Talene Peckjian - 9  
Ines Alexanian - 13  
Shannon King - 13  
Ernest Peacock - 13  
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  
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
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	4/30/1973

### 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
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

### 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

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Lucy Aghazarian	Jeanette Der Hagopian	Janice Kapeghian King	Dan & Jody Radell
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Vaughn & Patty Alexanian	Hagop & Sonia Ergenian	Susan Karpinski	Linda Santerian
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Ron & Millicent Asadoorian	Larry & Dorothy Grocott	Sabina Khachatrian	Gary & Berdjouhi Sekdorian
Lynne Asadourian	Martin Gutchigian	Joyce Killian	Ara & Virginia Shakarjian
Steve Aslanian	Victoria Gureghian	Ken & Lucine King	Virginia Shakarjian
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