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Cheltenham, PA

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Winter 2020-01



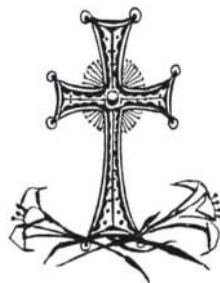
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- Morning Service: 10:00 AM
- Divine Liturgy: 10:30 AM

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



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

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Church School: 10:15 AM

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The mission of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church is to preach the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ and to proclaim its message of salvation. This mission is realized through worship, education, witness, service, and a common life in Christ as expressed in the distinctive faith- experience of the Armenian people. All the faithful of the Armenian Church – both clergy and laity – are called to participate fully in this mission.

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HUMILITY

The word humility comes from the Latin word "humus," meaning earth or ground. The Franciscan priest and author Richard Rohr wrote: "Being human means acknowledging that we're made from the earth and will return to the earth. We are earth that has come to consciousness. ... And then we return to where we started – in the heart of God. Everything in between is a school of love." This tells us that we should never be proud of ourselves because whatever we have belongs to God our Creator.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the best example of humility. "He humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8). He came into this world to serve and not to be served. He not only preached and taught humility, but he gave us an example by kneeling before His disciples and washing their feet.

Some people think that humility is a weakness. Humility is not a weakness because only a strong Christian person can be humble. It is always easier to communicate and have a good relationship with a humble person than with a prideful person. A prideful person seeks only his way, but a humble person seeks God's way. A humble person is like a fruitful tree whose branches come down from heaven, but the prideful person is like a fruitless tree who always looks up.

Humility is a sign of wisdom: "Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom" (James 3:13). It is not enough to say I'm a Christian or I'm a humble person; but people around us should see our good works and our Christian attitude and behavior.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus says: "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you'" (Luke 14: 8-11).

Dear faithful, let us humble ourselves before God and before people, because it will only exalt us and will bring many blessings into our life. Amen

With prayers,
Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS


By John Hanamirian, Chair

Instead of complaining, preaching or proselytizing this time, I am thanking you, our Der Hayr, our other spiritual leaders, our committee members, our altar servers, our teachers, our office and facilities staff, my fellow Parish Council members and all others who volunteer at every level. Thank you for what you do each week to keep this Church going. Despite what I say, it is not even remotely all about money. Nick noted at our last Parish Council that our meetings were held in a very Christian manner. To the extent I help create that tenor, I am really proud.

Volunteering is an amazing endeavor. It may take years of time volunteering before you find the reward, but if you volunteer for the right reasons, truly to just offer your skills, the reward is near immediate. We have an amazing Parish. We always manage to pull together and get done whatever we need to get done. We are strong and resilient, and we have created a wonderful Church environment.

This past year has been a good one for us economically. Our Investment Committee has done a terrific job. Thank you, Steve, Jack, Mike, Greg and Kim. The markets did well, but we had some great steering. We have also had great success in our events.

As we approach our Parish Assembly, we have one Parish Council member, Garo Garibian, whom must step off for a year. We know Garo is never far away and his dedication to service in so many forms in our Church is a model for all of us. Thank you, Garo.



CONTENT FROM THE INTELLIGENT INVESTOR

ARMENIA

The Caucasian Tiger

It is only 18 months since a series of anti-government protests set the wheels of Armenia's Velvet Revolution in motion. At the time, few international observers would have dared to believe that this landlocked country in the Caucasus Mountains would progress so far, or that its future would already look so promising.

Yet this past August, Moody's upgraded Armenia's credit rating from B1 to Ba3 on the grounds that its "economic growth drivers" had become increasingly diverse and had strengthened the economy's resilience to shocks. On the back of its forecast that GDP would grow by 4.6% in the current year, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved a \$248 million standby facility.

It speaks volumes about the level of confidence Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan has in his country that while welcoming the IMF's gesture, he made it clear he did not foresee drawing on those reserves anytime soon. And he did so with good reason, as the Armenian economy is growing at an annual rate of 7%, almost twice that forecast by the IMF. Industry, construction, and services are largely driving this economic expansion. But

Armenia's high-tech sector, which has been growing at a CAGR of 20% for the past two decades, is also contributing to the health of the economy. Another factor favoring growth is tourism, which is increasing at an annual rate of 12%, notes Aram Kayfajyan, CEO of the Armenbrok Investment Co. The diversification of Armenia's economy is well and truly under way.

Thanks to this dynamism, Armenia has earned itself the nickname of Caucasian Tiger. Annual levels of foreign direct investment are now running at around \$250 million, with the majority of this investment originating in Russia, Greece, Cyprus and Germany. The main sectors benefitting from this influx of capital are energy, telecoms, metallurgy, high tech and tourism. Meanwhile, thanks to the country's stable banking sector, the introduction of a more favorable tax and regulatory environment, and free economic zones, the wider international investment community is also taking notice. Armenia took 41st place in the World Bank's latest Doing Business report and is ranked first among the nine countries in the Commonwealth of Independent States for its appeal to foreign investors. The IMF's standby facility may well and truly turn out to be superfluous.

A REFLECTION ON LENT AND EASTER

by Deacon Albert Keshgegian:

...Sin seduces; it promises things easy and quick, prosperity and success, but then leaves behind only solitude and death...Sin is looking for the meaning of life in things that pass away...Why not make up your mind to abandon that sin, which keeps God's light from entering in? Why not prefer Jesus, the true light (cf. John 1:9), to the glitter of wealth, career, pride and pleasure: Why not tell the empty things of this world that you no longer live for them, but for the Lord of life? – Excerpted from Pope Francis' Easter Vigil Homily, 2019

The true light, which enlightens everyone was coming into the world. (John 1:9)

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21)

What do we prize the most in this world? For many, it's wealth, accumulating as much money as they can, making that the central goal of life, no matter how many people they may hurt or trample over as they seek their goal. As their bank accounts soar, and their life-style along with their bank account, they need more and more money to preserve the sense of security, satisfaction, pride and happiness that they think money produces. For others, it's their career, their position in life, even if they have to lie, cheat and engage in possibly illegal activities to make their way to the corner office on the top floor of their skyscraper office building. There they sit smiling with self-satisfaction as they gaze out the floor-to-ceiling windows to enjoy the exhilarating views of the city skyline. And for others, it's just seeking their own pleasure, day after day, unconcerned that they are contributing nothing to society.

Wealth is good if accumulated in a morally just way and used to help others in need. Power is good if used to improve the world around us. But, too often, the accumulation of wealth or power becomes the end and not the means.

In his Easter vigil homily in 2019, Pope Francis reminded us that looking for the ultimate meaning and purpose of life in wealth, career, pride, or pleasure is sin. Sin is seductive and deceptively easy. It makes the pursuit of wealth, power, and pleasure bright and glittery, attractive and alluring. But sin leads us to separation from God and to solitude and death.

Instead, the Pope urged the faithful, we should turn away from the "glitter" of sinful ways and toward Jesus, who is the true light (quoting from the Gospel of John). When we turn away from sin and toward Christ, we also turn away from living for the pleasures of sin to living for the "Lord of life".

In his homily, Pope Francis was echoing Jesus himself, who taught us not to pursue and accumulate the "treasures" of worldly pursuits and pleasures, but instead to strive for heavenly treasure. Any "treasure" on earth is temporary – it can decay, fall apart, or be stolen away. But treasure in heaven – accumulated by living a life focused on Christ – is unspoiled and eternal. And where our treasure is shows where our priorities have been. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

In this season of Lent culminating in Easter, and indeed every day of the year, we should be re-evaluating ourselves and our priorities, our focus in life. What are we putting first? Our own needs and desires, our own "feel good" activities, or what Jesus wants us to do, the way Jesus wants us to live?



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Faith Formation at Holy Trinity

Under the leadership of Fr. Hakob, we began the year with a few initiatives designed to foster faith formation and inspire the faithful. Designed by our Adult Christian Education (ACE) ministry, the sacred space of the sanctuary became a classroom.

On Sunday, January 19, while the choir sang a cappella, Dn. Albert Keshgegian gently and clearly recited the words of several hymns from the Badarak in English—a Simultaneous Translation. As our senior deacon for many years, Dn. Albert has been an active member of the ACE team since its inception in 2013, most especially in coordinating programming which enhances our understanding of the Divine Liturgy. He explains, “The Badarak is so important and fundamental in our relationship with God, and with each other as the community of God, that I want to do whatever I can to improve our parishioners’ understanding of what happens during the service and why.”

On Sunday, January 26, in lieu of his sermon, Fr. Hakob held a Question-and-Answer session with parishioners. During the month of January, we were invited to drop our inquiries—everything and anything we wanted to know about the faith—into a “Question Box” placed in the narthex. As Dn. Albert read the questions one by one, Fr. Hakob provided answers. One parishioner commented, “What a wonderful idea! I never went to Sunday school as a child, so this was an opportunity for me to learn more about the Church.” Fr Hakob addressed such questions as the relative importance of the Bible and Holy Tradition in the Church, why the altar curtain is closed during lent, and why bad things happen to good people.

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

In addition to the above, family and friends of Holy Trinity parishioners who passed away in 2019 participated in our annual “Day of Remembrance” on January 19. Immediately following Badarak, Fr. Hakob addressed the families saying, “Your loss is also a loss for us, your faith community, and we are here to comfort you.” The ceremony was a simple gesture on our part to let families know that we share their loss and remember. Fr. Hakob invited representatives from each family to come forward, and light a candle in the name of their loved one. The candles remained lit in the chancel during the hokehankisd service which followed.



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Godmother: Beca Ruditskas

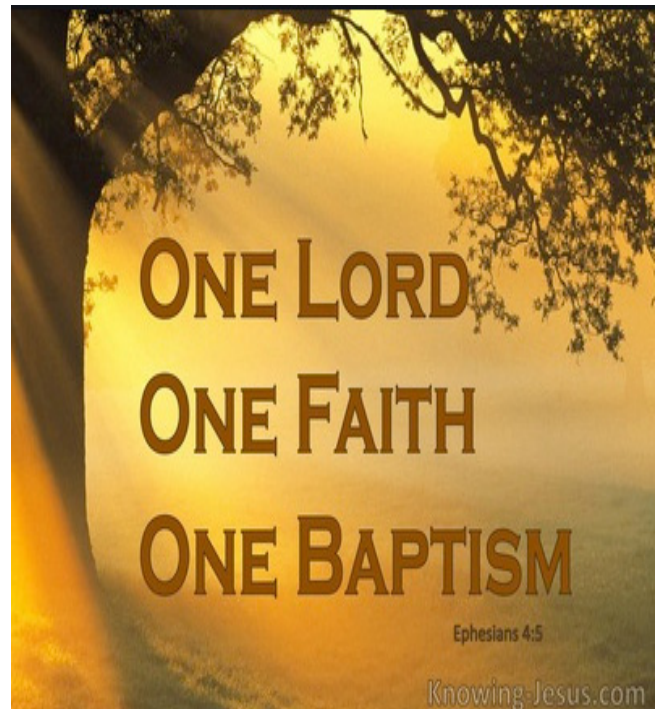


January 25, 2020: **ARA TADEVOSYAN (ADULT)**
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ashot Tadevosyan
Godfather: Dr. Joseph Testa

January 25, 2020: **ALEKSEY TADEVOSYAN (ADULT)**
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ashot Tadevosyan
Godfather: Dr. John Chandler



November 9, 2019:
ALEXANDER CHRISTOPHER FISCHER
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fischer
Godfather: Hovhannes Alayan
Godmother: Volha Autukhovich



FUNERALS: 2019

JOHN TERZIAN entered into his eternal rest on November 10, 2019. Funeral services were held on November 15, 2019 at Mark C. Tilghman Funeral Home.

MARIAN MARKARIAN entered into her eternal rest on November 21, 2019. Funeral services were held on November 26, 2019 at Holy Trinity.

HRESHTAK MUKALIAN entered into his eternal rest on December 8, 2019. Funeral services were held on December 12, 2019 at Valley Forge Memorial Gardens.

BORIS MKRTICHEV entered into his eternal rest on December 15, 2019. Funeral services were held on December 18, 2019 at Joseph Levine & Sons Memorial Chapel.

HOVSEP K. GHAZARIAN entered into his eternal rest on December 28, 2019. Funeral services were held on January 2, 2020 at Vraim Funeral Home

FUNERALS: 2020

BERJ P. YERETZIAN entered into his eternal rest on January 24, 2020. Funeral services were held on January 31, 2020 at Holy Trinity.

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We get older and the seasons fly by faster! Fall was a time when we enjoyed a visit, for the second time, from Der Hakob's father, **Vaghinak**, which was a delight for our church family. He has a happy and tranquil nature, and always smiling, so it's easy to see from where **Der Hayr** gets his wonderful disposition... Celebrating milestone birthdays were **Berjoohy Murray** and **Linda Vishab**.....And among milestone anniversaries were **Albert & Patrice Keshgegian** (45), **David & Terri Sadjian-Mears** (35) and **Diran & Andrea Alexanian** (20). We are happy to wish all of them healthy and peace-filled years ahead.....Congratulations to **Cece and Garo Garibian** on the birth of a new grandchild, **McKenna Quinn**, born to parents **Jared and Colleen Derentz**. Big brother **Gavin** was happy too!....We congratulate **Greg Andonian**, this year's Godfather of the Water Blessing, a very worthy candidate (see picture on cover)....Healed and still healing: **Mary Yertzian** (shoulder injury), **Greg Andonian** (ACL surgery), **Ethel Terzian** (hip replacement), **Jan Mirjianian** (mobility issues), **Judy Paretchan** (fall in the home), and finally Marge Ayoub whose trip to Paris with her children and grandchildren was very disrupted when she wound up in the hospital requiring surgery after a serious fall. To all of them, we say **Antzadz Ullah!**.... Congratulations to **Lucy Badishyan** who became engaged to **Frank Tornetta**, a regular himself at church every Sunday with Lucy. We wish them much happiness.....Along with joys, we also experience sorrows, especially when they pertain to long-time, active Holy Trinity members. We extend our deepest condolences to the families of **Berj Yertzian John Terzian**, and **Ohannes Hashas**. These are men who poured their hearts and souls into the well-being of our beloved church. May they rest in heavenly peace.... As we end, we report that apparently **Punxsutawney Phil** didn't see his shadow this year, so you know what that means – Early Spring – we can only hope!! Be safe, be happy, be at peace till next time.

HOLY TRINITY CONTINUES OUTREACH LOCALLY & OVERSEAS

Locally – Almost twenty volunteers joined together in mid-November to prepare meals for a the homebound. Our church has been making and packaging meals for the Aid for Friends organization for 15 years and on this occasion prepared almost 200 meals which were picked up by the organization who would then deliver them to the isolated and needy recipients living in the area near our church.

Gyrumi – Our parish hosted and financially supported a visit by Shoghik Mikayelyan, Founder and Executive Director of Nor Luyce, a mentoring program for youth in Gyumri. Her presentation shared the how the program has helped young girls grow in a three-phase mentoring program, all lasting one year each: the Mentoring phase, Skill-Building phase, and Higher Education phase. One of the important aspects is creating in the young ladies a sense of self-worth and positivity.

Nor Luyce not only strives to build strong connections between mentors and mentees, but also works to build a community of strong, thoughtful, creative young women who are the future of Armenia. They encourage participants to work hard and dream big, by arranging one-on-one mentoring meetings as well as group gatherings and skill-building trainings where the girls learn through non-formal, hands-on education while having fun!

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SAVE THE DATE

ACYOA Day, Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

NEW MEMBERS

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

Ray & Marge Ayoub

Ara & Weronika Tadevosyan

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- February 28 - April 3 Lenten Evening Programs
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- March 14 The “Gospel” of Elvis Workshop:
 Experiencing God in the music of Elvis Presley
- March 21 Fr. Mamigon - Choir Workshop
- April 5 ACYOA Palm Sunday Banquet
- April 9 Holy Thursday Foot Washing & Vigil Service
- April 10 Good Friday – Burial Service
- April 11 Easter Eve & Fellowship
- April 12 The Glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
- April 26 Intercommunal at Holy Trinity
- April 29 - May 3 Diocesan Assembly, Dallas, TX
- May 17 Church School Graduation & Breakfast
- May 31 “Celebrating Education Ministries” Banquet with Primate

We neglected to include Joyce Killian among the many volunteers at the Bazaar. We are sorry for the oversight.



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Adult Christian Education (ACE) Team Hosts Marriage Retreat

By Leslie Movsesian

On Saturday evening, January 25, twenty-three couples gathered at our church to focus on God's presence and hope for their marriage. The evening was led by Elise Antreassian, Director of Christian Education, and hosted by Holy Trinity's Adult Christian Education (ACE) ministry team, headed by Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan. Upon entering the event, husbands and wives each selected a visual representation of marriage from a variety of colorful photos. They enjoyed music, mezze, wine, and laughter as they sat in small groups discussing why they selected the photos that they did. This was a wonderful way to make new friends and ease into a more serious discussion about marriage in America today, marriage myths and God's intention for our relationships with one another as demonstrated through His Word. "We love because He first loved us" (John 4:19).



After reading scripture together, Elise took the couples back through their wedding ceremony stressing the importance of God's presence that day as seen through our actions, vows and the celebrant's prayers. Elise asked the couples to consider what they treasure in one another. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). The group then transitioned to a fun mobile activity in the center of the room where they answered insightful questions between spouses and friends as they moved along two parallel lines of facing chairs, shifting one seat to the right at the sound of every train whistle

The last part of the evening included a traditional Armenian dinner of comfort food. As the evening began winding down, the group ended their time together by reading 1 Corinthians 13 about love, sharing ideas on how to bring God into their marriages and participating in a beautiful candle-lit ceremony in which Der Hakob prayed:

God of love, You established marriage for our happiness. The plan was Yours, and only with You can we work it out with joy. Remind us always that marriage is not living merely for each other; it is two hearts becoming one to love You and others.

He continued: Dear married couples gathered here tonight, seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all things will happily follow. Don't expect perfection in each other since perfection belongs to God alone. See each other through God's loving, patient, and merciful eyes. May we remember that God was not just at our wedding but we invite Him into our lives every day, every minute, every second. We leave here tonight with the hope and expectation that in all your togetherness, you will steadfastly love one another, as Christ has tenderly and steadfastly loved you. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit guide you and bless you and make perfect your love for each other, now and forevermore. Amen.

Each couple took home a silver wall cross engraved with the 1 Corinthians verses and adorned with 2 wedding bands. There were many expressions of thanks from the participants for the time they spent together and with God.



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HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH

Lent 2020

Friday Night Lenten Series

6:30-Worship

7:00-Dinner

7:45-Program



FEBRUARY 28 - Ecology and Fasting

Guest Speaker: Dr. Chris Sheklian, Director, Zohrab Information Center

Dinner Host: Yn. Anna Gevorgyan

MARCH 6 - Game Show: Parish Outburst

Game Show Host: Tom Torcomian

POT LUCK: Please contribute a favorite Lenten dish.

MARCH 13 - 7:00 WORSHIP (no program or dinner)

MARCH 14, Saturday - Workshop, 9:30 - 2:30 (lunch included)

The "Gospel" According to Elvis: Experiencing God in the Music of Elvis Presley

Facilitator: Dn. Albert Keshgegian

MARCH 20 - Gomidas and His Church Music

Guest Speaker: Very Rev. Fr. Mamigon Kiledjian, Dean, St. Vartan Cathedral

Dinner Hosts: Berjoohy Murray and Anne Terkanian

MARCH 27 - 7:00 WORSHIP (no program or dinner—hall rental)

APRIL 3 - The Holy Trinity Acting Troup Presents . . .

The Foolish Man Who Went to See God

POT LUCK: Please contribute a favorite Lenten dish

Free-will offering for all programs/meals



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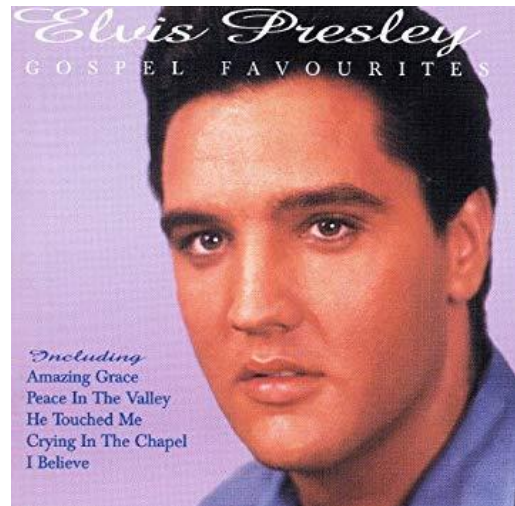
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Holy Trinity Armenian Church Lenten Workshop

The “Gospel” According to Elvis: Experiencing God in the Music of Elvis Presley

Facilitated by Deacon Albert Keshgegian

The “King of Rock and Roll” also enjoyed gospel music and recorded many gospel songs, which contain moving spiritual messages, in the words, melodies, and the way he sang them. We will listen together to some of his gospel songs and discuss the messages they contain, along with Bible verses and Armenian Church prayers reflected in the songs.



Saturday, March 14, 2020, 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

LUNCH INCLUDED

Please RSVP to Church Office at 215-663-1600 or email
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COMMUNION AND SANTA AT HOLY TRINITY

On December 8th, this annual event began with the Great Banquet of Holy Communion together in church before attending their "Breakfast with Santa" celebration! During his sermon, Der Hakob asked the students: Who had prepared the banquet, who was the servant and what is the invitation? After understanding the Gospel reading of the day, the students and parishioners enjoyed a wonderful breakfast of eggs, bacon, pancakes and Tater Tots prepared by the parents. They played games, danced to the music of DJ Rob, wrote letters to St. Nicholas, made crafts, voted on Gingerbread houses and collected Toys for Tots before a moment with St. Nick. Many accepted the invitation to attend Church, learn about Christ's teachings, and enjoy fellowship together as we prepared for the birth of our Savior!



Armenian Christmas Pageant



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Our parish is blessed with devoted and caring people who give unselfishly of their time and beyond. Most of the time, we see those worthy efforts. But there are others who are truly working “behind the scenes” and we don’t see the fruit of their labor. To them we extend the grateful thanks of our church family:

- Don Paretchan who provides ongoing bookkeeping support for our church accounts
- Paul Movsesian who removed large amounts of scrap metal that had been sitting on our loading dock for months
- Steve Aslanian who spends most of his Coffee Hour time on Sundays helping to clean up, and wash dishes, and even taking out the trash! He is often among the last to leave church.

Please give them a “high-five” when you see them.



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SACRED MUSIC COUNCIL WORKSHOP

By Karinne Hovnanian

On December 13-15th, our was blessed with the presence of our beloved Hayr Mamigon Kiledjian, who came for a Deacons and Choir workshops for the weekend. Beginning with the deacons on Friday evening, Hayr Mamigon worked to enrich and enlighten our altar servers with a deeper understanding of the music of our Badarak and our deacons were so excited and grateful for his time. On Saturday, Hayr Soorp began the day with seven young voices in our church, members of our new Junior Choir Program, helping them to learn sharagans, feel excited when singing, and also become more exposed to the music of our Badarak. The children loved having Hayr Soorp with them, especially when he led them in silly vocal warm ups. His presence was even enjoyed during a pizza lunch where the children and Hayr Mamigon discussed important topics such as favorite ice cream flavors. It is so important for the children to associate church and Badarak with joy, and Hayr Mamigon recognizes that. It was a very joyful morning. After lunch, members of our Senior Choir attended the workshop and this time, we were educated on the nuances of projecting our voices, the ways to strongly express parts of the Gomidas Badarak, and Hayr Soorp also worked with our director, Karinne' Andonian, with becoming more confident with her directions. His teaching for all of us was wonderfully received and appreciative. Our choirs and deacons are looking forward to the next time Hayr Soorp will be able to spend time with us again.





Sunday, May 31, 2020

Holy Trinity Armenian Church
Cheltenham, PA

A celebration honoring our Educational Ministries
following the Divine Liturgy

Presiding: His Grace Bishop Daniel Findikyan, Primate

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Romans 12:6a

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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

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
 Jennifer & Greg Ermentrout 6/22/2012
 Johnny & Marcelle Alexanian 6/22/2014
 Brian & Joyce Hoyle 6/23/1990
 Kristine & Jonathan Koengetter 6/28/2008
 Karnig & Alice Torossian 6/30/1968

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

April

Lucille Thomassian - 1
 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
 Alice Torossian - 15
 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
 Ankie 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
 Tavitt Murray - 15
 Armen Simonyan - 15
 Melissa DerPilbosian - 16
 Silva Santerian - 17
 Elias Terkanian - 18
 Kayli Tancredi - 18
 Ana Torcomian - 18
 Diane Yazujian - 18
 Ronald Asadoorian - 19
 Peter Bilazarian - 20
 Mark Keshgegian - 21
 Ara Shakarjian - 21
 Paul G. Bogosian - 21
 Stephen Hovnanian - 22
 Gary Papazian - 22
 Lucas Terkanian - 22
 Gustavo Alexanian - 23
 Valentina Garibian - 23
 Richard Vishab - 23
 Krikor Javardian - 24
 Lori Vishab - 25
 Garo 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
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 Yn. Anna Gevorgyan - 24
 Ken King - 24
 Seta Pica - 24
 Chloe Dunigan - 25
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 Artashes Danielyan - 27
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(As of December 31st, 2019)

† Members who have made their current fiscal year's dues payment and are eligible to vote at our annual Parish Assembly. *Don't see your name on the list?* Talk to one of our Parish Council Members or contact our church secretary for assistance. Did you know community members are asked to pay dues starting at age 18? Annual dues are: \$75.00 Per Student 18 to 22 years of age, \$260.00 Per Adult 21 to 64 years of age, & \$150.00 per Senior 65 years of age & above. While dues are not required to attend Holy Badarak, they help your church meet its financial obligations and sustain a sanctuary for all.

Holy Trinity Scholarships

It's not too early to be thinking about applying for a Holy Trinity Scholarship to attend Camp Vartan or St. Nersess Conferences this summer. See Criteria and Application Form in this issue or you may contact the church office. All applications must be presented at least six (6) weeks prior to the program and will be reviewed by a Scholarship Review Board before a final determination is made by the Pastor and Parish Council.

Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church Youth/Young Adult Programs of the Diocese of the Armenian Church

Criteria for Scholarship Awards

1. An application must be submitted to the Church Office at least six 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 be a member of the ACYOA.
5. An applicant may not receive more than one scholarship in any given year.
6. At the completion of the program, the applicant should 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.
7. The amount of the scholarship will be determined by the Pastor and Parish Council.
8. Scholarships will be awarded according to the availability of funds.

February 2020

2020 ST. NERSESS SUMMER CONFERENCES

Adult Conference: June 4-7
Deacons' Training Program/Armonk: June 26 - July 5
Deacons' Training Program/Jerusalem: June 29 - July 13
High School Summer Conference: July 10-19

Young Adult Winter Conference: January 2-6, 2021

SAVE THE DATE!

**Holy Trinity Armenian Church Scholarship Award Initiative
Youth/Young Adult Programs of the Diocese of the Armenian Church**

APPLICATION

Application to (name of program) _____

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Holy Trinity Activities (check all that apply):

_____ Church School

_____ ACYOA Juniors

_____ Choir/Altar Server

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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Amount of scholarship award _____ *Date* _____

YEREVAN INCLUDED IN NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 2020 COOL LIST FOR TRAVEL

YEREVAN, FEBRUARY 5, ARMENPRESS. The Armenian capital city of Yerevan is among the world's 20 destinations selected by National Geographic for its 2020 Cool List – a list of cities and countries “you should have on your travel horizon”.

“Welcome to the new decade. By now you’ve probably brushed off January’s lethargy, and are fixing your sights on the year ahead. If so, we’ve got just the thing: our annual Cool List. We’ve selected the 20 places you should have on your travel horizon. The National Geographic Traveller Cool List 2020 celebrates 20 destinations to keep in mind this year, from Slovenia and Los Angeles to Yerevan and Namibia”, the National Geographic said in the article, presenting the top 20 destinations.

“**New routes are opening up to the Armenian capital, one of the world’s oldest continually inhabited cities,**” the article notes, mentioning the recently launched affordable Ryanair and Wizz Air flights.

National Geographic is noting that tour operators are focusing not only on “**Yerevan’s rich past, but also its distinctive cuisine and millennia-old wine traditions, capitalising on a growing interest in the Silk Road**”.

Namibia, Baja California, Lebanon, Cumbria, Slovenia, Wales, Panama, Brisbane, Salt Lake City, Lyon, Los Angeles and other destinations are featured in the Cool List 2020.

Edited and translated by Stepan Kocharyan





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