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Holy Trinity Armenian Church



LOOYS



October-December 2009

***"God always
gives His
best to those
who leave
the choice
with Him."***



...and then came Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan

The Roof Is On Fire!!!

That's right! We are going to burn the Project 2000 Mortgage in 2010. We're down to \$20,000 but we need YOUR HELP to do it. Help us reach our goal.

Hours of Worship

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

***Come celebrate with
Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan***

---Upcoming Events---

- Welcoming Banquet for Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan
Sunday, January 17, 2010
- Annual Parish Assembly
Sunday, February 7, 2010 (Snow Date is February 14)
- Mortgage Burning Gala
Saturday April 10, 2010

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P A R I S H C O U N C I L N E W S

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Here we are, at this special time of the year, when everyone is busy preparing for the Christmas Holidays, reflecting on the past year, and looking forward to a new and fruitful year ahead.

Many of you, have just finished celebrating the Thanksgiving Holiday, enjoying dinner with family and friends, and are now preparing for the Christmas season, the celebration and preparation of the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

As many of you know, on November 22, the Armenian Church entered into the season of Advent ("arrival") in Armenian "Hisnag," which refers to the 50-day period at which time the Church designates as a season before Christmas to prepare ourselves for the wonderful events of the birth and revelation of Christ that are to come.



As we look back over the year, we have much to be thankful for as a parish. We had a successful picnic last Spring, and a very successful Bazaar in October. Our ACYOA Juniors, did a great job at Sports weekend in October, in a joint effort, with the St. Sahag and St. Mesrob ACYOA Juniors, and they all came home winners with the most trophies won.

Finally, as the year comes to an end, our greatest achievement as a Parish Council and church family is the fact that we have held it together, despite the fact that we did not have a permanent priest. We got through the year accomplishing much because we did it together, as a church family. Thank you to all who made this possible.

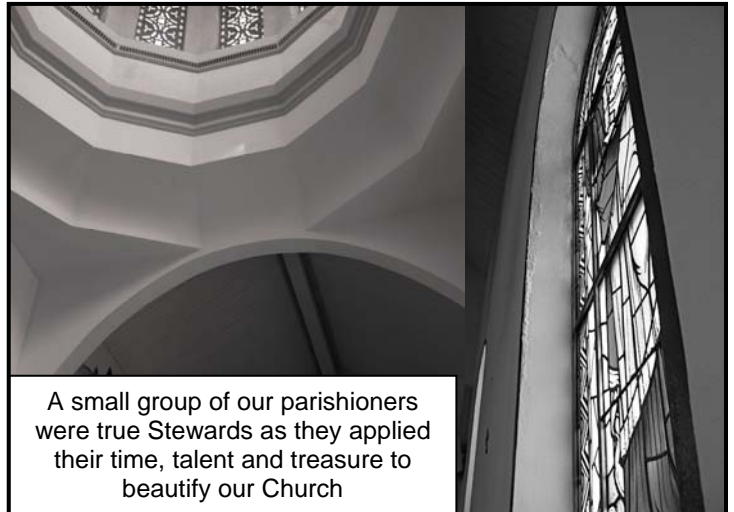
As you all know, we have been inviting visiting clergy to come every Sunday for the past two years, to celebrate the Divine Liturgy (Badarak); and, it hasn't been easy. Ask John Kash, our former Parish Council Chairman, who had started the process of obtaining a permanent pastor, what it was like, and I, as the present Parish Council Chairman, can attest to what a job it is. There are many priests we have to thank for answering our call to be the Celebrant of the day. They are Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, His Grace Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, the Very Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Najarian, Vicar, His Grace Archbishop Yeghishe Gizirian, and Hayr Papken Salbiyan from Javahk, Georgia. A special Thank-you to the Very Rev. Fr. Oshagan Gulgulian and Archbishop Yeghishe Gizirian for the many times they made themselves available to do a Baptism and/or a Funeral.

Our greatest achievement this year is to finally announce that we have obtained a permanent parish priest. After two and one-half years of asking the Diocese to help us find a priest, we have been granted our request. His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian and the Diocesan Council have given us their blessing by granting the Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan to become the Pastor of Holy Trinity Armenian Church as of January 2, 2010. Der Hakob has been our guest Celebrant on and off for several months, and the student of the Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian, of St. Gregory the Enlightener Church in White Plains, New York for the past two years. We are delighted to have him aboard.

Der Hakob will start his tenure and celebrate his first Badarak as the Pastor of Holy Trinity Armenian Church on January 3, 2010. You can learn more about him in an article containing his Biography in this issue of the Looys. Look for the announcement of our Welcome Luncheon, which will take place on January 17, 2010.

There is much to rejoice about as the year comes to an end and we look to the future. Help us make it a great one.

Hope to see you all in our beautiful house of worship as we celebrate Badarak together as sisters and brothers in Christ.



A small group of our parishioners were true Stewards as they applied their time, talent and treasure to beautify our Church



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Merle Santerian,
Chairman, Parish Council

M E E T O U R N E W P A S T O R

REV. FR. HAKOB GEVORGYAN

Father Hakob (Gor) Gevorgyan was ordained a Subdeacon by His Grace Bishop Sepouh Chouljian, the Primate of the Diocese of Gougark, on July 21, 2001. On July 22, 2001, he was ordained a Deacon by His Grace Bishop Sepouh Chouljian. On December 9, 2007, with the blessing of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of all Armenians, he was ordained a priest by His Grace Bishop Marcos Hovhannesian and was renamed Father Hakob.

From June 2001 to 2004 Fr. Hakob was assigned to work in the Catholicate of All Armenians as a secretary.

In 2004, by the Pontifical order of His Holiness Karekin II, he was sent to Regensburg, Germany, and studied at the Ostkirchliches (Oriental Churches) Institute, learning German and participating in religious studies at the local State University.

In 2005, he returned to the Mother See and continued his work as an assistant to His Holiness. He was also assigned as the only responsible administrator for the storehouses of the Treasury House (museum) and the Pontifical Residence. He was responsible to meet guests and lead them to the office of His Holiness, and also to show them the Treasury House of the Mother See. He was also responsible to lead foreign guests, who were visiting His Holiness, to show them the most sacred and historic places of Armenia.



As an ordained Deacon, Fr. Hakob was involved in the duties of pastoral work by participating in the Holy Sacraments of the Armenian Church, particularly, at the parishes of Khor Virab and Etchmiadzin. Also, Fr. Hakob was part of the educational movement in the area by preaching the Gospel, organizing pilgrimages to the sacred places of Armenia, and just bringing the Church's presence to the faithful.

As an ordained priest of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church, Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan started his priestly ministry by baptizing, preaching the word of God, conducting the other Holy Sacraments (such as Holy Matrimony and the Sacrament of Penance) and the Sacramentals (such as Home Blessing and praying for sick people). In 2007, Fr. Hakob married Anna Gevorgyan.

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan was invited by Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern), to serve as a pastor in the Eastern Diocese. Fr. Hakob arrived in the United States on February 23, 2008. He did his internship program with Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian at St. Gregory the Enlightener Church in White Plains, New York.

In the meantime, Fr. Hakob took English classes at Concordia College in Bronxville, New York. Later he continued his classes at Manhattanville College in Purchase, New York. Fr. Hakob also did his CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) program at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, New York. In 2008, Fr. Hakob and Yn. Anna were blessed with a son, Narek.

ABOUT OUR FAMILY

WELCOME

to our newest family members – Der Hakob Gevorgyan, Yn. Anna and Baby Narek. Der Hayr has become known to many of us, especially during these last six months, and we are very excited that, as of January 2, 2010, he will begin his pastorate at Holy Trinity. We begin another chapter!...Congratulations to Stephanie Hajatian and Harry Vartanian, who were wed in September...Also, best wishes to Gary Papazian and Colleen DiFabio – they are almost six months married now!.. We miss seeing our dear Sarah Terkhanian who is on the “sick list” and we wish her a speedy recovery and return to us...Welcome to Greg Andonian, formerly from St. Gregory of Narek in Cleveland. Greg is one of our newest altar servers...Also welcome back to Karnig Torossian who has been serving on our altar once again. We look forward to having both him and his wife, Alice, with us...It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to our church “brother” Vahan Boyajian who lost his battle with cancer in September. He was truly a “good and faithful servant” and we offer our condolences to his wife Florence and his family...Deepest sympathy also goes to Harry Sarkisian and Donna Sarkisian, along with the rest of their family, who lost their wife and mother, Dolores, just days after Vahan. It was a very sad week in September and we keep their memory in our hearts...As we approach 2010, we wish God’s Blessings on all of you and your families. May this year be one in which you have peace and good health and recommit yourself to becoming an active member of “Our Family.”

Save the Date
Welcome Luncheon for our New Pastor
Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan
Sunday, January 17, 2010

Details will be forthcoming. If you would like to be a luncheon sponsor (\$50 minimum), please contact Jeanette Der Hagopian at choirboss@hotmail.com or 215-672-4188.

Operation Christmas Child

This year’s “Shoebbox Project” - now in its fifth year – provided us with about 50 boxes as we continued in our efforts to provide Christmas joy to underprivileged children all over the world. Though we didn’t reach our goal of 100 shoeboxes, we greatly appreciate and thank all those who participated.



(above) Our Shoe Box lady, Jeanette Der Hagopian, loading up the trunk of the car

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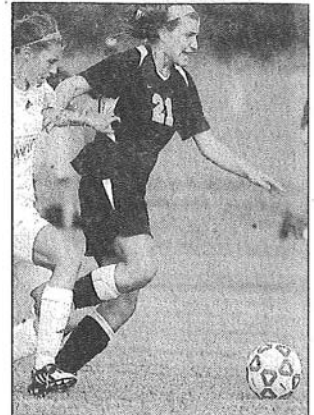
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Spotlight on: Moorestown senior Jessica Sarkisian

Soccer accomplishments:

Last season, the forward was named to the South Jersey Soccer Coaches Association’s all-South Jersey squad after totaling 11 goals and eight assists. She got Moorestown off on the right foot with two goals in last week’s opening 3-1 victory over Rancocas Valley. Sarkisian has been a four-year starter for a team that has won 11 consecutive conference titles.



AKIRA SUWA / Staff Photographer
Moorestown’s Jessica Sarkisian
 (21) battles with Julie Spracklin of Rancocas Valley.

Soccer roots: She recalls beginning to play organized soccer at the age of 5. “My parents put me in a league, like every parent, and I enjoyed it and stayed with it,” she says.

Future destination: Sarkisian will continue her soccer career and education at Drexel. She hasn’t decided on a major, but is leaning toward business.

“I love the school a lot,” she says. “When I went for a tour of the school, I knew this is where I wanted to go.”

Looking to stay up top: For most of her career, Sarkisian has played forward, a position she plays for her high-

profile club team, the Mount Laurel Comets.

“I always played up top for club and high school,” she says. “I’ve played defense before, but offense is where I’ve been used the most.”

The final word: “It’s nice to have my college decision done, and it gives me a sense of relief,” she says. “The hardest part was calling coaches back and telling them that you weren’t going to attend their school.”

— Marc Narducci

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Member Birthdays

January

May Arzoumanian - 1
Drew Doudoukjian - 4
Serge Minassian - 4
Mark Santerian - 5
Alec Edward Yeretizian - 5
Laura Temoyan - 6
Nicole Santerian - 7
Berj Yeretizian Sr. - 7
Helen Vishab - 8
Diane Williames - 8
Lori Sarkisian - 9
Rose Carlucci - 13
Fred Jordan - 13
Sona Nalbandian - 13
Robert Temoyan - 14
Lillian Ambarian - 18
Luceen Attarian - 21
Ella Hanamirian - 22
Nareg Kaprielian - 22
Albert Keshgegian - 22
Evelyn Weinsheimer - 22
John Williames - 22
Daniel Aslanian - 23
Arpine Lulejian - 23
Hagop Arzoumanian - 25
Sarkis Nalbandian - 25
Sophia Carnevale - 26
Gay Hagopian - 29
John Hanamirian - 30
Pauline Dedeian - 31

February

Frank Aghazarmian - 1
Jamie Kapeghian Ward - 1
Frederick Jordan Jr. - 3
Anna Hanamirian - 4
Michael Santerian - 4
Michael Hajatian Jr. - 6
Gregory Yazujian - 7
Ashley Radell - 8
Van Injaian - 9
Haig Torigian - 9
Elizabeth Arslanian - 10
Michael Hajatian - 10
Mark Kalenian - 14
Ayshe Chakmaklian - 15
Pearl Jamgochian - 17
Gale Zorian - 17
John Bandaian - 18
Manouk Hovhannesian - 18
Edward Tatoian - 20
Brenda Yazujian - 21
George Arslanian - 22
Jonathon Tancredi - 22
Edward Terzian - 22
Diran Alexanian - 23
Russ Tandourjian - 23
Michael Yazujian - 23
Doretta Aslanian - 28

March

Doris Alahverde - 1
John Arslanian - 1
Peter Ohnigian - 1
Toros Torcomian - 1
Deran Maloumian - 2
Gary DerHagopian Jr. - 5
Gary Papazian Jr. - 5
John Kash - 6
Casey Baldadian - 7
Michael Tookmanian - 7
Florence Boyajian - 12
Lucy Garabedian - 13
Kevin Kalustyan - 13
Jaclyn King - 13
Nishan Boyajian - 14
Scott King - 14
Robert Damerjian Jr. - 15
Benjamin Asadoorian - 17
Mikenzie Juskalian - 20
Nancy Hovnanian - 21
Ara Arzoumanian - 22
Michael Juskalian - 22
Bob Kangian - 22
Melody Damerjian - 23
Robert Damerjian Sr. - 24
Terri Sadjian-Mears - 25
Mary Yeretizian - 26
Ronald Gooshian - 27

Member Wedding Anniversaries

January

Richard & Rose Carlucci
(1/10/1954)

Michael & Tanya Parechan
(1/15/1972)

Gary & Susan DerHagopian
(1/31/1981)

February

Philip & Marie Kazanjian
(2/6/1955)

Aram & Barbara Kumkumian
(2/10/1991)

Armen & Doris Alahverde
(2/15/1958)

Harry & Alice Andonian
(2/24/1951)

March

Gary & Carol Jerrahian Miller
(3/23/2004)

Baptisms

November 15, 2009:

ERIC THOMAS LOBBENBERG

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Lobbenberg
Godfather: Joshua Rehak
Godmother: Carla Rehak

Funerals: 2009

VAHAN BOYAJIAN

entered into his eternal rest on September 5, 2009. Funeral services were held on September 10, 2009, at St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Church. The officiating clergy for the service was The Very. Rev. Fr. Oshagan Gulgolian.

DOLORES SARKISIAN

entered into her eternal rest on September 15, 2009. Funeral services were held on September 18, 2009, at Holy Trinity Church. The officiating clergy for the service was The Very. Rev. Fr. Oshagan Gulgolian.

VAHAKN DERASSOUYAN entered into his eternal rest on October 8, 2009. Funeral services were held on October 15, 2009, at Holy Trinity Church. The officiating clergy for the service was The Very. Rev. Fr. Oshagan Gulgolian.

VERONICA KAZIGIAN

entered into her eternal rest on November 20, 2009. Funeral services were held on November 24, 2009, at Holy Trinity Church. The officiating clergy for the service was The Very. Rev. Fr. Oshagan Gulgolian.

October 18th the Philadelphia Intercommunal Cultural Program

with Mrs. Manya Arabatlian who recited "Khosk im Vortouyn" by Silva Gaboodigian, Mrs. Arpi Minasian who recited "A Serenade to My Mother" and Mrs. Nancy Hovnanian who gave a power-point presentation of Arshile Gorky



l-r: Mrs. Arpi Minasian, Mrs. Nancy Hovnanian, Mrs. Manya Arabatlian and Hrant Jilozian, Chairman of the Philadelphia Intercommunal Committee

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January 17, 2010



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FOR

REV. FR. HAKOB GEVORGYAN

the new Pastor of Holy Trinity Armenian Church

Invitations will be forthcoming

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Questions? Call Jeanette DerHagopian (215) 672-4188

2 0 0 9 B A Z A A R N O T E S & T H A N K Y O U S

A big Thank-you to all the wonderful women of our church (and even some outside of our church!) for donating the baked goods for our dessert table at the Bazaar Bake Shop. We received many compliments for the fabulous variety and the entire venture was, as in the past, another huge success. We are blessed with so many talented and creative bakers who lovingly contributed. Your support and enthusiasm was greatly appreciated by so many sweet tooths!

Valerie Santerian

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<u>Gift</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Coach Bag	Mr. & Mrs. S. Minassian	Lynn Hoepfl
Dinner & Movie (\$75)	Janice & Bob King	Melissa Der Philbosian
Welcome Baby Gift	Liz Barone & Joyce Killian	Monique Knabb
Crossed Stitched Baby Blanket	Margie Arslanian	Alice Charles
Cake Bread Red Wine Gift	Robin Barone	Nina Tancredi
Coach Handbag	Laura & Alex Yavru-Sakuk	Nina Tancredi
Michael Kors Perfume	Michael Kor	Liz Barone
Ipod Stainless Steel Shuffler	Liz & Robert Barone	Marcia Kangian
\$50 GC to Country Store	H.T. Women's Guild	Liz Barone
2 Phillies Tickets ('10 season)	Rob Barone	Valerie Santerian
Whiskey Gift Basket	Mr. & Mrs. Berdj Kalustyan	Diane Doudoukjian
Framed Painting	Tanya Paretchan	Ann Hanamirian
Jewelry Set from Armenia	Tom & Fran Torcomian	Alex Santerian
Hand Crocheted Afghan	Sarah Terkhanian	Carol Miller
Cordless Power Drill	A Friend	Barbara Kumkumian
1 Year Family Membership to the Please Touch Museum	Leslie Attarian	Ella Hanamirian
Prospectors Grill & Saloon (\$60)	Prospectors Grill & Saloon	Connie Solomon
Stuffed Animals & Halloween Treat	A Friend	A. Obozian
Golf Outing for 4	Merle Santerian	Mindy Mukalian
Sports Memorabilia	Eagles, Flyers, Phillies & 76ers	Robert Damerjian
Rip Stick	Mr. & Mrs. Albert Santerian	Robert Damerjian
Silver Cross	Greg & Grace Meranshian	Alexis Hoepfl

Holy Trinity Bazaar '09 Chinese Raffle Winners - Saturday Night

<u>Gift</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Home Depot \$75 gift card	Al & Naomi Kapeghian	Liz Barone
Partytime Basket	Friends of Holy Trinity	George Terkanian
Raggedy Ann & Andy	Diane & Bill McGarvey	John Terzian
Union League Package	Diane & Bill McGarvey	John Hanamirian
Golf Outing for 4	Merle Santerian	Karinne Hovnanian
Holiday Cheer	Michael & Angel Tookmanian	Kate Peskova
Autographed Book	Michael Bobelian	John Hanamirian
Lancome Gift Package	Christine Temoyan	Ethel Terzian
Pasta Bowl Set	Suzy & Gary Der Hagopian	Diane Doudoukjian
Armenian Cross	Greg & Grace Meranshian	Tanya Paretchan
Coach Handbag	Laura & Alex Yavru-Sakuk	Danielle Der Hagopian
Framed Floral Painting	Sarkis & Rhonda Gharadaghian	Barbara Papazian
Diamond Necklace & Earrings	Greg & Grace Meranshian	Diane Paretchan
2 Phillies Tickets ('10 season)	Rob Barone	Greg Andonian
\$100 for Cheese Cake Factory	Gloria & Nancy Basmajian	Debbie Seansa
Southern Livings Santos Angel	A Friend	Drew Doudoukjian
Quilted Handbag & Wallet	Chris Barone	Cookie Vosbikian
Tray of Soo Boereg	H.T. Women's Guild	Mary Lou Shaboian
Framed Stamps	Robert & Lorraine Damerjian	Bob Temoyan
\$50 GC to Country Store	H.T. Women's Guild	Clara Samelian
Bed Set	Marta & David Brann	John Terzian
Cocktail Ring	Juanita Brown	Nichole Diamond

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2 Tickets for Game 4 donated by Rob Barone & Kevin Toll were won by Linda Preske

CASH RAFFLE

\$250.00 - Barbara Harmon ☼ \$500.00 - Albert Keshgegian ☼ \$1,000.00 - George Nazarethian



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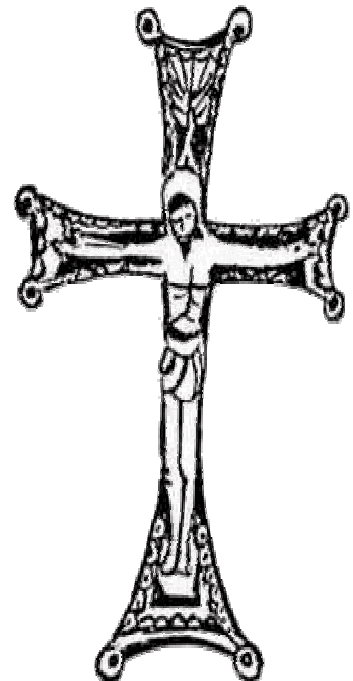
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On October 18 the Philadelphia Intercommunal Committee held its Annual October Cultural Month Celebration at Holy Trinity Church. This annual affair is one of three functions mandated by the organization's charter; the other two are the Vartanantz Commemoration held on the Thursday following Lent and the Martyrs' Day Memorial on April 24. These three commemorations are known to each and every Armenian, regardless of his or her religious or political views. Therefore, the Intercommunal Committee comprised of the area's five churches, namely, St. Mark's Armenian Catholic Church, St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church, St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church, Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church and Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church along with their clergy are obligated to conduct these vital functions on their given days. Each church has four members; three laymen and one clergyman. Holy Trinity's three lay people are Tanya Parechan, Ara Shakarjian and Harry Mirijanian. Each church designated as the host offers its facilities and its services when it is their time of calling.



The October Cultural Month program was the responsibility of Holy Trinity Church and the committee called upon our own Nancy Hovnanian, an art enthusiast and docent of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, to speak about Arshile Gorky, famous Armenian artist whom many of us know only slightly. Nancy, a student of art and very knowledgeable in her craft presented a slide show of Gorky's works, with details about his many paintings. Her presentation also covered his hardships and tribulations and especially of his early and tragic death.

The Philadelphia Museum of Art has been exhibiting Arshile Gorky's works since October and will continue through January 10, 2010. The exhibit, named "Arshile Gorky: A Retrospective," has created an awareness for the American public that Gorky was a survivor of the Armenian Genocide. The art world now looks at Gorky's works with new eyes learning that he was a Genocide survivor reveals the effect this had on his life and, in particular, his artistry.

The Intercommunal Committee extends its congratulations to Nancy for her fine presentation and also to the Women's Guild of Holy Trinity for the beautiful dessert table following the program and to the church for all its offerings.

Intercommunal Committee

Women's Guild

Here Ye, Here Ye, we are Not the old Women's Guild of Holy Trinity! We are the new Guild working to bring generations of Holy Trinity Women together in friendship. If you are interested but have not had the time to participate in one of our activities, it is never too late. Look at our recent accomplishments and plans for the future.

We are extremely proud of our Country Store. In recent weeks, our members have made it easy for our parishioners to shop for their Armenian groceries. Besides the usual staples, we carry our famous choereg and tel baner. The lahmajoon, kufta, and manti are great comfort foods to enjoy on cold winter nights.

Our members had expressed an interest in cooking for the *Aid for Friends* program. Since many of our members work during the day, they requested an evening session. Sixteen ladies came to church on November 10 and happily prepared over a hundred meals. Jeanette Der Hagopian and Armena Bartow directed this activity. Everyone agreed this was a rewarding evening and look forward to the next cooking session.

The "Arshile Gorky: A Retrospective" exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art was a "must do" event for many of our members. Barbara Kumkumian organized an outing that took place on Wednesday, November 18. Fifty guests met at the museum for a private tour and lunch. Our very own Nancy Hovnanian was Holy Trinity's personal tour guide.

The annual Christmas Party was held Tuesday, December 8, at Melody Damerjian's home. Delicious mezzas and desserts were enjoyed by all. Our guests brought unwrapped gifts for women who reside in a shelter in Doylestown. The gifts were distributed on Christmas Day. Many of the ladies also participated in a cookie exchange. They each brought 3 dozen cookies along with the recipes. Each received 3 dozen back along with new recipes.



We are not a group to rest on our laurels. Plans are in the works for two new events. The first is a Spa Night to be held in February. The other is an outing to Citizens Bank Park to see our Phillies in action. Look for further details in your mail, your email account, and the church Messenger. If you have an idea worth pursuing, let's hear it!

We wish our church families a happy and healthy New Year!

Liz Barone
Women's Guild Cochairman

Men's Club

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Aid for Friends

We extend a sincere Thank-you to those people who have made donations to our general *Aid for Friends* fund so that we are able to provide meals as often as possible. Those people are Richard and Linda Vishab, Carol and Robert Temoyan and Ayshe Chakmaklian. Though we only had one cooking session during these last three months, it was quite spectacular. The Women's Guild, for their November meeting, prepared 136 meals for the *Aid for Friends* pantry. Those cooking and donating to the cost of the meals were Armena Bartow, Fran Torcomian, Nancy and Karinne Hovnanian, Carol Temoyan, Tanya and Melissa Paretchan, Merle Santerian, Joyce Killian, Liz Barone and Anne Terkanian. Not only did we produce great results, but everyone had a great time of sharing a meal and enjoying each other's company. We'll be starting up again in the New Year and we hope you can be a part of this worthwhile endeavor.

Gratefully, Jeanette Der Hagopian

ACYOA JUNIORS

BRING HOME FOUR TROPHIES FROM 2009 FALL SPORTS WEEKEND

On Columbus Day weekend, members of the Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors traveled to St. Leon's Armenian Church in Fair Lawn, New Jersey, to participate in the fall 2009 ACYOA Juniors Sports Weekend. There were a total of 199 ACYOA participants representing seventeen Armenian Church parishes at this Sports Weekend, which was the largest number of participants in quite a few years. The parishes competed in the following team sports: boys basketball, girls basketball and coed volleyball. There were also individual competitions in Tavloo, Chess and Ping Pong.

The twelve participants from Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors joined with the participants from St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church to form two volleyball teams, a girls basketball team and a boys



basketball team. All of our teams demonstrated great spirit and sportsmanship. Our Philly teams won the First Place Trophy for Coed Volleyball, the First Place Trophy for Girls Basketball and the First Place Trophy for Boys Basketball. In addition, our second volleyball team won third place in Coed Volleyball. After winning three championship trophies, all of our participants, together with the participants from St. Sahag and St. Mesrob, were called to the stage again to accept the trophy for "Overall Chapter Champions!"

It was a wonderful experience for all of our members who attended. Many new friendships and lasting memories were made. Congratulations to all of the ACYOA Juniors participants from Holy Trinity and St. Sahag and St. Mesrob.

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