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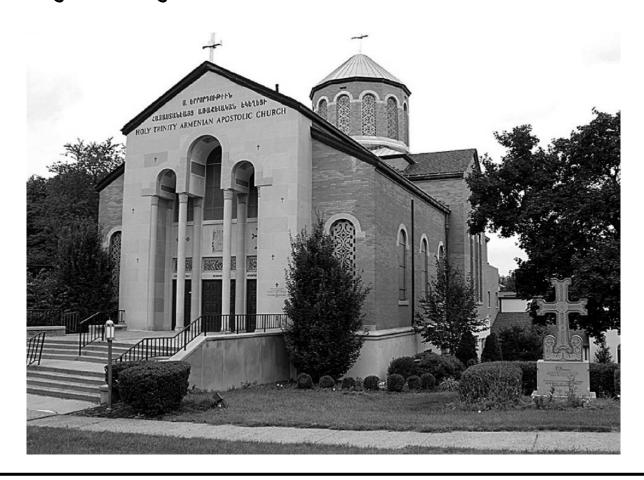


LOOYS



Cheltenham, PA April to June 2011

Celebrating the 45th Consecration Anniversary of Holy Trinity Armenian Church in Cheltenham



Hours of Worship

Morning Service: 10:00 AMDivine Liturgy: 10:30 AMSunday School: 10:30 AM

Come celebrate with Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan



Upcoming Events

- Aug 14 Assumption Blessing of Grapes
- Sept 11 Sunday School and Armenian School registration
- Sept 11 Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Nov 20 45th Anniversary Celebration

Parish Council Report



Your new Parish Council took office on April 3. We held elections and elected officers and assigned their responsibilities

The officers are:

Chairman John Kash

Vice Chairman Jeanette Der Hagopian Treasurer John Hanamirian Ass't Treasurer Greg Andonian Secretary Don Paretchan

The five basic areas of responsibility are called Pillars and are critical to support a successful Parish. Council members have selected their responsibilities as follows:



Spiritual Development & Ministries

Greg Andonian, Bryan Peckjian and Garo Garibian

<u>Building Management - Maintenance and Hall Rentals</u>

George Terkanian, Robert Damerjian, Jr and John Kash

Membership

Jeanette Der Hagopian and Don Paretchan

Financial Management

John Hanamirian and John Kash

Social Services, Events & Technology

Rick Mukalian and Larry Der Hagopian

The managers' key responsibilities are to obtain help from parishioners serving as teams to help them meet their goals and to report progress to the Council.

Our objectives are to increase attendance, involvement and participation in Sunday School and Badarak through improved Christian education, Armenian culture education and improved outreach to new and former parishioners. This has to be accomplished while we maintain our financial stability as well as our property and buildings. Reaching out to new parishioners has involved more people in our events as we saw last year at the picnic and the bazaar. Our latest volunteer is Ellen Gregoryan who will back up Lorraine- she played on 5/28.

We'd like to thank Diane Williames for her years of service as Sunday School Superintendent and welcome Nancy Hovnanian back to that role. One of the first things on Nancy's agenda will be to put together a team to refresh and refurbish the Sunday School classrooms and Don Paretchan from the Council will work with her in that area. Additionally, Nancy and Der Hayr will work on a plan to develop and implement the growth of the Sunday School. We also have ancient Armenian coins that we may be able to incorporate into our Armenian culture teachings.

We sponsored the ACYOA Seniors in the Sports Weekend with team registration and an ad for the book using ACEF and PAND funds.

Some of the things we are working on are;

Refurbished SS classrooms
45th Anniversary Dinner and Ordinations 11/20/11
Pew cushions
Continuing Armenian School next year
June picnic (you have had your kebab by now!)

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Merle Santerian, Bob Damerjian and Antranig Garibian for their six years on Council. Enjoy the break.

JK

From Der Hakob

This is the beginning of a series on the Seven Sacraments of the Armenian Church

Baptism

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit" Matthew 28:19



Baptism is an important step of obedience for every person who has accepted Christ as their personal Savior. Through the example of Jesus Christ, the Bible demonstrates that Baptism is significant in the life of a believer. Jesus was baptized, setting an example for us to follow (Matt. 3:13-15). Baptism is the first step of faith for a Christian after receiving Jesus Christ as their personal Savior (Acts 2:41). It is important that each individual fully understand Baptism and its significance in their life.

The word Baptism comes from the Greek noun Baptisma which means ritual washing. Baptism is also called born again. In the Armenian Apostolic Church we have Seven Holy Sacraments. Baptism is the first sacrament one must receive before the other six. During this Sacrament we are cleansed from the Original Sin which we inherited from our forefather Adam who ate the forbidden fruit in Paradise.

Baptism is a very important condition in order to be a believer and to believe in the Holy Trinity: The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit. "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16). This shows that Baptism is a guarantee for our salvation. Faith is very important for the person who is going to be baptized. If a person is not an adult, then his Godfather and parents should take care of his physical and spiritual needs.

In the Armenian Church there is no age restriction for the Baptism. Baptism is officiated by an ordained priest and by water. The officiating priest immerses the child into the water saying the following once: "The servant of God, coming from the state of Catechumen to Baptism, is now being baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Redeemed by the blood of Christ from the servitude of sin, he/she becomes an adopted child of the heavenly Father, a co-heir with Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit."

There is no second Baptism in the Armenian Church, because the Gospel says "There is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism" (Ephesians 4:5) or "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?" (Romans 6:3).

Baptism makes all of us (Christians) equal for God. "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:27-28).

As we see, Baptism is a very important sacrament for us believers, but as Christians we should nourish and increase our faith and do good deeds. In that way our Baptism will become more meaningful and significant.



Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan

The value of the Bible does not consist merely in knowing it, but in obeying it.

Organizations

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER



On Sunday, June 5, 2011, we held graduation for three lovely young ladies, Natalie Movsesian, Alise Peckjian and Alexandra Brod. We are so very proud of Natalie, Alise and Alexandra, because they have been attending Sunday School together since they were in kindergarten. It is truly an accomplishment considering all the distractions our children face these days. This graduation ceremony was extra special because the graduates were anointed with oil and blessed by His Eminence Archbishop Yeghishe Gizirian who also delivered Sunday's sermon.

A special thank you to all those who contributed to our Community Service Project, which ran from May 1 through May 22. For the second year in a row, the Sunday School collected gently worn footwear for the charity Soles4Souls, Inc.—a total of 53 pairs were donated. Soles4Souls has a simple concept: "we procure shoes and get them to those in need." Soles4Souls has donated more than 13

million pairs of shoes worldwide, and has distributed more than 1 million pairs to the victims of the Haitian earthquake in 2010. "We have had an incredibly full year with hundreds of our volunteers getting to partake in the Soles4Souls experience internationally," said Wayne Elsey, Founder and CEO of Soles4Souls." We are excited about our mission to change the world one pair at a time. There is nothing more humbling than seeing the face of someone as their life is impacted with the simple gift of shoes."

AID FOR FRIENDS

Spring arrived and without the snow to contend with, it was easier to go to church to prepare meals for our elderly and isolated shut-ins through the *Aid for Friends* Outreach. During the last quarter, 180



meals were lovingly prepared by Armena Bartow, Ayshe Chakmaklian, Mary Yeretzian, Doris Kodikian, Ethel Terzian, Alice Charles, Deskouhy Attarian and Larry and Jeanette Der Hagopian. And just as importantly, several donations were received to fund this effort. (See listing elsewhere in this issue.) These people are all Holy Trinity Angels who give of their time and treasure to benefit people they don't know, nor ever will know! "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40). So if you have time and/or treasure you would like to use in a rewarding way, call the church office and that message will be shared with us.

With deep appreciation, Jeanette Der Hagopian

LENT PROGRAM

Special thanks to Anne Terkanian and Berjoohy Murray for creating and preparing all of the meals during the Lenten series. They were creative, delicious and were within the guidelines for Lenten fasting.

Also much appreciation to our speakers: Very Rev. Papken Salbiyan, Gregory Andonian, Vartan Bezhanyan, Albert Keshgegian and Garo Garibian. Their presentations taught, enlightened inspired us. Finally, we thank Nancy Basmajian for the always-popular Armenian Church Jeopardy which challenges us to study our Bible more.



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THE WOMEN'S GUILD VERY BUSY SPRING

When the icy cold winter ended, it was as if we escaped from a sleepy hibernation. Many activities filled our busy schedule to the point that some of us felt we had actually taken rooms to stay over at church.

The annual Lenten Luncheon was served on Sunday, March 27. Many of our parishioners joined us for a delicious meal prepared by our excellent cooks. It was a lovely afternoon where we enjoyed fellowship.

We celebrated Saintly Women's Day on Saturday, April 2. This year's saintly women were Lydia, a businesswoman who found Christ and opened her home to worshippers, and Sahagtookhd who quietly gave her life to Christ. The celebrant was Der Hakop. Hayr Soorp Oshagan, Der Nerses, and Rev. Bakalian also participated. A delicious lunch was served to 75 women representing the area's five Armenian churches. Our guest speaker was Maria Bakalian who is the Bible study leader at the Armenian Martyrs' Church. Her inspiring talk completed and complemented the program. It was truly a joyful celebration. Granted we are all busy but it would have been more wonderful if Holy Trinity had better representation.

We must thank Margo Silk for arranging our next event. On Thursday, April 7, 25 ladies had the opportunity to visit the Barnes Gallery in Merion before it closes to prepare for the move to Philadelphia. We enjoyed lunch at the Tavern in Bala where we shared our thoughts on the amazing artwork we just viewed.

Our Annual Mother's Day Dinner was held on Tuesday, May 10th in our beautiful hall. One hundred guests attended. It was even more special because we had the opportunity to greet and welcome Der Hayr and Yn. Anna's new son, Vartan. After enjoying a delicious dinner, the annual candle lighting ceremony honoring the life or memory of the special women in our lives was held. The Love Notes entertained us under the direction of our very own Doris Kodikian. They not only sang an Armenian song, they closed the program with the Hayr Mer.

This is a Guild always willing to try something new. On Sunday, May 22, twelve of us gave Zumba a try. It was actually fun exercising to dance music. Our bodies thanked us. We left the hall with smiles on our faces and determination to try it again soon.

Our closing event this year was a repeat night with our Phillies at Citizen Bank Park. We returned to Citizen Bank Park on Tuesday, June 7 to watch our home team challenge the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Men's Club also joined us. The thirty seats sold out quickly!

We wish you a happy and memorable summer season and look forward to our first fall meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Last but not least, Women's Guild membership is now due. Please see Lorraine Damerjian or mail your \$10 check to Lorraine at 733 Willow Grove Ave., Glenside, PA 19038. If you have a suggestion for an activity or a service to our church, please share your ideas with us. Many people say we do not offer activities to interest them. We are not mind readers and appreciate all constructive suggestions. Rest up, the Bazaar is right around the corner!!!

Liz Barone, Chair

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MARTYRS' DAY

For the first time in our memory, this year was the first time that Easter and Martyrs' Day fell on the same day. On Saturday the annual Genocide Walk began in front of Meher's statue at the Art Museum and ended at the Independence Visitors Center with a moving message from well-known attorney, Mark Geragos, who previously settled a class-action lawsuit against New York Life Insurance Co. and AXA Corp. for withholding death benefits on policies purchased by Armenians prior to the Genocide.

The day after Easter, St. Gregory Illuminator was the host church for this year's Intercommunal Commemoration of the Genocide. Following *Badarak*, a Requiem Service was held outdoors at the *khatchkar*. After a lavish dessert buffet, a slide presentation was shown by Garo Garibian who detailed the path to having the first Divine Liturgy celebrated at the Church of Akhtamar in Turkey since the Genocide. This was only possible through the dedication and diligence of Ohannes Hashas who persisted in working with the Turkish government to make it happen. Although illness prevented Ohannes from being at this event, his grandsons, Michael and John, were in attendance and also shared the incredible pride and joy they felt at witnessing, with their grandfather, this monumental feat.

Surely this year, April 24th was a bittersweet day.....celebrating the Risen Christ and also remembering those millions who perished because of holding fast to their faith.

We're Searching for Volunteers

VOLUNTEERS

A word or two about our volunteers - what would we do without them! There are too many of them to mention, and yet there is always room for more. There are some people who spend so much time at church, it could almost be a paying job....BUT IT'S NOT! And there are others who quietly work behind the scenes. Because of them, our Church is the beneficiary of their generosity of time and talent. So the next time you're thinking you have time on your hands, consider volunteering your services or your talents. Whatever you give will come back to you twofold.

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club has not had much going on, and as a result, there is not a lot to report. Maggie Coyne, our dedicated church secretary, called by phone, asking me for any news or activity pertaining to our organization and I felt an obligation to at least make an attempt to write something.

The long hard winter prevented any sort of scheduling for meetings or gatherings and therefore hindered our normal business functioning. We of course, sustained our annual "200 Club" sales with complete success, thanks to the wonderful management by Larry Der Hagopian and Dick Weinsheimer, enabling us to keep our financial status intact.

For a second year in a row we were not called upon to prepare the Mother's Day Dinner nor were we asked to aid in the June picnic. These were functions that were annual duties that we gladly participated in. The Men's Club has joined the Women's Guild by buying a portion of their annual "Phillies Night at the Ball Park" tickets. This is an enjoyable way to spend time with our sister organization and to show our support.

The Men's Club is still supporting two orphaned children in Armenia and we hopefully will continue this practice in the years to come.

I want to thank Maggie for doing her job so well and for getting me to write this article, thereby keeping our parish aware of our happenings.

We wish everyone a happy and safe summer and we thank God for sending us our beloved pastor, Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, who has revitalized our holy church.

Respectfully submitted, Harry Mirijanian Chairman, Holy Trinity Men's Club

200 CLUB WINNERS

NOVEMBER 2010

\$1,000 JEFFREY THOMPSON - #2 \$ 400 EDWARD TERZIAN - #91

LAWRENCE DERHAGOPIAN ROMAN RADYNSKY RICHARD WEINSHEIMER

\$ 200 HARRY SARKISIAN (50%) - #173 GEORGE NAZARETHIAN (25%) HARRY MIRIJANIAN (25%)

\$ 200 NANCY HOVNANIAN - #98

\$ 200 ARAM KUMKUMIAN - #139



DECEMBER 2010

\$ 500 HARRY SARKISIAN - #41

\$ 200 STEVE ASLANIAN - #172

\$ 100 MARTIN GUTCHIGIAN - #101

\$ 100 ETHEL TERZIAN - #8

\$ 100 RICHARD KAZIGIAN - #52

JANUARY 2011

\$ 500 EDWARD TERZIAN - #9

\$ 200 JOHN TERZIAN - #134

\$ 100 PHILIP VISHABAZOON - #99

\$ 100 FRANK AGHAZARMIAN - #108 \$ 100 HARRY ANDONIAN - #178

FEBRUARY 2011

\$ 500 GRACE KESHGEGIAN - #170

\$ 200 HARRY SARKISIAN - #153

\$ 100 ALBERT DERPILBOSIAN - #70

\$ 100 RICHARD WEINSHEIMER - #114 \$ 100 ROBERT JR. & SR. DAMERJIAN - #191

MARCH 2011

\$ 500 SUE O'NEIL - #150

\$ 200 PHILIP DERPILBOSIAN - #92

\$ 100 ARAM KUMKUMIAN - #124

\$ 100 SETA NAZARETHIAN - #36

\$ 100 EDWARD TERZIAN - #9

APRIL 2011

\$ 500 GARO GARIBIAN - #152

\$ 200 RICHARD KAZIGIAN - #197

\$ 100 HARRY ANDONIAN - #178

\$ 100 ALEX ALEXANIAN - #130

\$ 100 ROBERT SR. & JR. DAMERJIAN - #79

MAY 2011

\$ 500 JOHN NAZARETHIAN - #33

\$ 200 MARK BARTOW - #63

\$ 100 RICHARD KAZIGIAN - #197

\$ 100 HARRY DORIAN - #16

\$ 100 VIRGINIA KOUYOUMJIAN - #2

A Meditation

by Deacon Albert Keshgegian

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me...Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Psalm 23:4a,6

We looked forward to it at the hospital every Friday. The oncologists (cancer doctors) and pathologists (lab doctors) conferenced over lunch about the interesting cases of the week. As we munched on sandwiches, chips, and cookies, or sometimes even hot food, we discussed the patient's history, reviewed the pathology slides, and discussed patient management with the oncology fellows. It was a very sociable, cordial atmosphere, and sometimes laughter would fill the room, despite the often serious cases that we were discussing.

On one of these Friday afternoons we were considering the case of a middle-aged man, an Episcopal priest, who had developed acute lymphoblastic leukemia (cancer of white blood cells). As the senior oncology attending physician went through chemotherapy approaches by quizzing the fellows, he mentioned that patients often don't realize how arduous the therapy can be. Many of the drugs we have available are, after all, poisons, which we hope will kill the cancer cells more than they kill normal cells. Every patient, he said, goes through a "valley", a time when the blood cell counts are so low from the chemotherapy that the patient is anemic and susceptible to life-threatening infections and bleeding.

As I sat there nibbling on my second cookie and sipping Diet Coke, my mind was suddenly transported from the medical realm to the spiritual. My thoughts went immediately to the 23rd Psalm. It speaks of "walking through the valley of the shadow of death", much like the valley produced by the medicines we use, which create the potential for serious injury and harm. "I will fear no evil" writes the psalmist speaking to God, for "you are with me". And at the end of the Psalm, looking forward, the psalmist feels the peace, tranquility, and hope that come from his faith, knowing that, whatever happens, "goodness and love" will be with him in this life, and dwelling with God in the next.

How appropriate, I thought, if these phrases would have been shared with the patient, especially since, as a priest, he had already devoted his life to service to God.

The conference conversation had quickly turned to the highly technical aspects of how to administer and schedule the chemotherapy options. But my thoughts were still with the patient as a person. Physicians are not charged just with titrating dosages and regimens of drugs until the desired laboratory values are achieved; they are charged with treating and making whole the entire

individual. To what extent should a physician tap into the religious faith of the patient to help them heal, in mind as well as in body?

The "valley" of chemotherapy isn't just about the low points of blood cell counts and the potential complications that could follow. For this patient, at this time, the "valley" could also be about his concerns and fears for his future, and how God could comfort and support him through what was to come. Isn't helping with this aspect of illness what medicine also is, or should be, all about?

And this doesn't apply just to doctors. Each of us has the ability to comfort, support, and help heal those who are ill, whether friends or family. We can help them go through their "valley of the shadow of death" and come to the promise that God loves them and is with them, always.

About Family

The biggest news "about our family" was the baptism of Baby Vartan, second son of Der Hakob and Yn.Anna, and baby brother to Narek. It was truly an HT family affair with the entire parish being invited. See elsewhere in the Looys for the detailed write-up and pictures from the big day.....What a blessing to have Ohanes Hashas among us once again looking healthy, as he regains his strength after suffering a stroke. It happened while he was at the hospital for a test so they were able to take care of him immediately..... Wonderful to see Rose Minassian back at church after being laid up so long with hip surgery and rehab. May her recovery soon be complete.....And finally we offer prayers of thanksgiving for our former pastor and brother of Alice Torossian - Der Arshen Aivazian (now in California) who underwent successful emergency Antzadz bypass surgery. ullah to all them.....Congratulations to Merle Santerian on being honored at this year's Sister's Academy Mother's Day luncheon. It was a well-deserved recognition for someone who is always doing and giving. We at Holy Trinity are certainly the recipients of her stewardship in all areas of our church Another one of our senior regulars turned 80 years young last month. Best wishes to Albert Kapeghian for reaching a milestone year, and still singing boldly each week in our Choir. We should all have such a strong voice at that age! Paree Janabar to Yeretzgin and the children as they depart for Armenia in early June to visit family for two months. We know they'll enjoy the time there, and we will look forward to their return.....Another HT baby has arrived. Congratulations to Tavit and Stacy Murray on the early arrival of Baby Tavit. We look forward to watching him grow. We also congratulate first-time Grandmom Berjoohy!!....Best wishes to Gary Berberian and Anne Lisa Viarengo who were united in marriage last October. Gary is the son of Paul and Vickie Berberian and we are happy to be seeing them again at Holy Trinity.....Babies, babies, everywhere - Jake and Gina Terkanian presented Ann and George with another grandson - Paul Charley. Congrats also to first-time grandparents, Cookie and Greg Vosbikian, good friends of our HT family.....And yet another baby! Best wishes to Laura and Alex Yavru-Sakuk who welcomed baby Nina Carol. She joins big sister Sofie. And congrats to grandparents Carol and Bob Temoyan, one more time! ... Greg Bilazarian, son of Robin is in Yerevan teaching new and Peter Bilazarian, television reporters skills as they initiate a new television station. He is doing this through Birthright Armenia. Greg, a graduate of Syracuse University in Broadcast Journalism and Economics, was an ABC television reporter for 4 years in Toledo, Ohio and Gainesville, Florida. Bravo, Greg!....And TRULY, hot off the press: Larry Der Hagopian and Kim Sarajian just became engaged to be married! Kim is an active member of St. James in Watertown, and Larry and Jeanette happily welcome her to their family and to our HT community....Even though we are approaching our "quiet" church months, remember that God doesn't take a vacation and neither should we. Whatever you do, stay safe and cool! And don't forget the church air-conditioned too!

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW DUES-PAYING MEMBERS TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Annahit Guveyian Tigran Hamazaspyan Melani Kodikian Burrows David Murray

BAPTISMS:

May 7, 2011: VARTAN GEVORGYAN

Son of Rev. Fr. Hakob and Yn. Anna Gevorgyan

Godfather: Garo Bashian

Godmothers: Annette Bashian & Yn. Dawn Kasparian

May 1, 2011: SCOTT KAPRALICK

(Adult Confirmation)

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kapralick

May 21, 2011: WILSON HERBERT THEOBALD

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Theobald

Godfather: Peter Oskanian Godmother: Michele Oskanian

June 12, 2011: JACLYN CARRIE O'DONNELL

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Donnell

Godfather: Edward Sakoian Godmother: Susanna Sargsyan

WEDDINGS:

May 7, 2011:

ROGER ISHAC & MARIE-CATHERINE ARSLANIAN

Best Man: Henri-Kevork Arslanian

June 3, 2011:

RUZANNA SAYADOVA & SCOTT KAPRALICK

Best Man: Ryan Hamer

June 11, 2011:

JAMES ALBERT KESHGEGIAN & ARMENUHI

HARUTYUNYAN

Best Man: Gregory Keshgegian

FUNERALS: 2011

EDWARD SHAKARYANTS entered into his eternal rest on May 11, 2011. Funeral services were held on May 14, 2011 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

IS ANYONE THINKING BAZAAR YET?

If you're looking around your home and have decided you need to scale down, think about donating your unused household items - that are still in good condition — to the church for the Attic Treasures booth at the bazaar. It's a win-win for everyone — you clean out and the church gains some unexpected income! For any questions, contact the church office.

OOPS!

In thanking several people in the last issue for their help in completing the new Parish Directory project, the name of David Brann was accidentally omitted. He was an important part of the team and his input and time were greatly appreciated. Thank you, David!

THANK YOU NOTES:

Dear Der Hayr, family & friends:

Thank you so much for all your calls, visits & food brought to us while I was recuperating. This was so wonderful for us since Albert doesn't cook. We really appreciate all your kindnesses shown to us while I was home recuperating.

Thank you again. Love Naomi & Albert I like to thank Der Hayr for visiting with me after my surgery. I also want to thank him for giving me communion. In addition, I want to thank all my relatives and friends for their prayers, cards and best wishes. I know it helped me recover quicker.

Richard Kazigian

GRADUATES:

Drew Doudoukjian, son of Richard and Diane Doudoukjian, will be graduating from Lenape Regional High School in June. Drew is a graduate of the Holy Trinity Sunday and has been been active in the ACYOA Juniors and also as an altar server. While at Lenape Drew played soccer and was a member of the Varsity track team for three years in addition to being on the varsity bowling team. He was also a member of The Interact club, The Circle of Friends and a reporter for the school newspaper. Drew will be attending Burlington Community College in the fall.

Jessica Jordan, daughter of Fred and Janet Jordan and granddaughter of Rosemarie Zarzatian and the late Edward Zarzatian graduated from Bensalem High School. Jessica was a member of the National Honor Society, Femineus Vocalis (Female Choir), Drama Club(vice president) and Senior Activities Committee. Jessica was also involved in Community Service activities including Building A Better Bensalem Youth Committee (Co Chairperson) and is a panelist for the Reality section of the Bucks County Courier Times. Jessica is also a member of the A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors. Jessica will attend the University of Pittsburgh in the fall.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lauren Mukalian, daughter of Naomi and Rick Mukalian, who graduated with honors from Drexel University with a Bachelors degree in Fashion Design. Lauren's senior costume collection won the Neiman Marcus Award for Overall Excellence in Accessory Design at Drexel's end-ofyear fashion show. The collection, inspired by the 18th century fairy tale marriage and scandalous divorce of Lady Seymour Dorothy Fleming and Sir Richard Worsely was featured in the Philadelphia Inquirer and on the online blog Phawker.com. Lauren plans to pursue a career in costume design.



Congratulations to our graduates!

Anniversaries / Birthdays

MEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

7/3/1954
7/12/1959
7/12/1986
7/16/1988
7/24/2009
7/25/2009
7/27/????

<u>August</u>

Michael & Lynn Hajatian, Jr. 8/12/1972 Paul & Leslie Movsesian 8/18/1990 Vartan & Elize Mazmanian 8/19/1962 George & Setta Nazarethian 8/22/1950 Ara & May Arzoumanian 8/27/2005 Gary & Sonia Papazian 8/28/1954 Serge & Adrienne Minassian 8/31/1957



September

Fred & Michele Oskanian 9/3/1994 Sarkis & Sona Nalbandian 9/8/1976 Kim & Gena Willard 9/9/2001 Richard & Naomi Mukalian 9/13/1981 Peter & Theresa Hovnanian 9/14/1986 Robert, Sr & Lorraine Damerjian 9/15/1962 9/19/1965 George & Marguerite Arslanian Robert, Jr & Melody Damerjian 9/19/1993 Van & Suzanne Injaian 9/24/1961 Michael & Dori Juskalian 9/26/1998 Henry & Brenda LeCompte 9/27/???? Harry & Valerie Santerian 9/29/1996 John, Jr & Adrienne Juskalian 9/29/1984

"A successful married life requires falling in love many times, but always with the same person."

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>July</u> Richard Weinsheimer - 1 Fred Hess - 2 Naziq Rafiyev - 2 Linda Santerian - 2 Sarkis Hashas - 3 James Der Hagopian - 4 Michael Hanamirian - 5 Rose Minassian - 5 Colleen Papazian - 5 Martin Attarian - 6 Lynn Hajatian - 6 Jon Sarkisian - 6 Armen Alahverde - 7 Christian Balint - 7 Alice Charles - 7 Kim Willard - 7 Melani Burrows - 9 Antranig Garibian - 9 Martin LeCompte - 9 Andrea Alexanian - 10 George Kangian - 10 Maxwell Hanamirian - 11 Artur Gyulnazaryan - 12 Mary Jamgochian - 12 Merle Santerian - 12 Sarah Terkhanian – 15 Garen Boghosian - 16 Anne Terkanian - 17 Judy Paretchan - 18 Alex Alexanian - 19 Jeannine Carol Juskalian - 19 Susan DerHagopian - 20 Janet Jordan - 20 Robert Barone - 21 Raffi Kaprielian - 21

Garo Garibian - 22

Jessica Jordan - 23

Lili Oflazian - 24 Lindsey Santerian - 24

Nicklas Terkanian - 23

Setta Nazarethian - 25

Nochik Hovhannesian - 26 Logan Radell - 26 Peter Oskanian - 27 Kristine Koengetter - 28 Melissa Paretchan - 28 Christine Peacock - 28 Virginia Knott - 29 Frederick Oskanian - 29 Christine Temoyan - 29 Krikor Kapeghian - 30 Harry Sarkisian - 30

August

Breanna Asadoorian - 1 Jessica Sarkisian - 1 Gina Terkanian – 1 Diana Boghosian - 2 Michael Hanamirian Jr - 2 Rose Kalafian - 2 Albert Santerian - 2 Richard Doudoukjian - 3 Nane Hovsepian Arpajian - 3 Elizabeth Kapeghian - 3 Meredith Hanamirian - 4 Jeff Hajatian - 6 Heather Maloumian - 6 Helen Mirijanian - 6 Kristen Santerian - 9 Ohannes Hashas - 10 Mary Ohnigian - 10 Adrienne Movsesian - 11 Kelsey Sarkisian - 12 John DerHagopian - 14 Gregory Keshgegian - 14 Hermine Bennuhan - 15 Sarkis Dedeian - 15 Norik Gyulnazaryan - 15 Richard Maloumian - 15 Robert Zane - 15 Marquerite Arslanian - 17

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"Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional."

Welcome our newest member



Vartan Gevorgyan

Baptism on May 7, 2011

Friends from near and far gathered together at Holy Trinity on a glorious spring day to celebrate the Baptism of Vartan Gevorgyan, son of our pastor Fr. Hakob and Yn. Anna, and little brother of Narek.

Our beautiful sanctuary was graced by the presence of the officiating clergy: His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate, Hayr Vartan Navasardyan from Etchmiadzin representing His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos(during Diocesan Assembly), Hayr Babken Salbiyan from Javakh, Georgia, Hayr Oshagan Gulgulian from St. Sahag/St. Mesrob, Der Nersess Manoogian from St. Gregory the Illuminator, Der Karekin

Kasparian and Der Arakel Vardazaryan from St. Gregory the Enlightener, White Plains, NY. Altar servers included Deacon Krikor Mahserejian, Deacon Garibian, Deacon Gregory Andonian and Michael Alexanian. What a wonderful tribute to Der Hakob and Yn. Anna!

Der Karekin prefaced the service by beautifully explaining the sacrament of Baptism, Chrismation and Armenian Church traditions to the congregants. The clergy each took a role in the Christening and we were treated to their lovely voices.

Godfather, Garo Bashian and Godmothers, Annette Bashian and Yeretzkin Dawn Kasparian were beaming! Baby Vartan, looking absolutely adorable, was smiling and happy throughout the service, delighting everyone.

Guests were treated to a delicious and abundant lunch prepared by our Women's Guild and *Hayastansti* Barbecue Crew. A fabulous variety of desserts completed the enjoyable meal. DJ John Alexanian provided a wonderful selection of music for listening and dancing.

Der Hakob welcomed and thanked everyone who celebrated this joyous day with him and Yeretzkin. Special visitors included Fr. Hakob's uncle and his family from Moscow, friends from Albany, Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The clergy, led by Hayr Vartan and Hayr Oshagan, entertained us with a round of celebratory songs. Yn. Anush and Karinne Andonian serenaded everyone with lovely Armenian folk songs.

The festive atmosphere kept everyone smiling on this happy occasion. We congratulate Der Hakob and Yn. Anna. We look forward to watching Narek and Vartan grow! May God bless the Gevorgyan family.







Church News

AT THE BOOK STORE by David Brann

There are four new books available in the Holy Trinity Book Store. Please stop in and see all the materials in the store on Armenia. It is never too early or too late to learn more about Armenia.

The books in the following list all stress the development of modern Armenia from the late 19th century through about 2006. I am only recommending books I have actually read and have found them to be instructive as well as written well. I also thought the authors were all even-handed in their criticism of Armenia and their adversaries. These texts help in understanding of how Armenia has developed into the country it is today. Each one describes the past & possible future role of diaspora Armenians. There are conflicting views put forward about Armenian poverty and poor relations with all of their neighbors by each author. I hope you will find these books helpful to broaden your understanding of modern Armenia.

Modern Armenia: People, Nation, State by Gerard Libardian

Looking Toward Ararat: Armenia in Modern History by Ronald Grigor Suny

My Brother's Road: An American's Fateful Journey to Armenia by Markar Melkonian

The History of Armenia by Simon Payaslian

Armenian newspapers in English online for up-to-date coverage:

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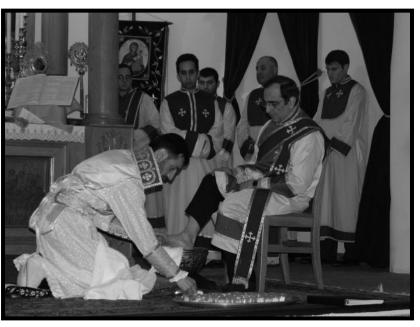
Our church is growing with new babies and many more about to be born, so we find that it would be helpful if we had hi-chairs and booster seats available for this new growing "population." If your family has outgrown either of these items, please consider donating it to church. For any questions, please contact Berjoohy Murray at 856-912-2417

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DID YOU KNOW???

If you are interested in hosting a coffee hour after Badarak for a special occasion (hokehankisd, milestone birthday, joyful event, etc.), the Women's Guild can provide the chorag and cheese for any occasion. The cost is \$175 for 10 dozen chorag and a head of muenster cheese. Coffee and tea are included. Greater quantities are available upon request. Two weeks' notice required. For information, contact Lorraine Damerjian at 215-572-8465 or the church office.





EVENTS OF SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2011



Sunday, June 5th was a very busy day for the Holy Trinity Parish. The morning began with our usual Badarak followed by the Sunday school closing exercise. There were three young ladies graduated this year who received a special blessing from His Eminence Yeghishe Gizirian who joined Dr Hakob in celebrating Badarak this day. Diane Williames was honored for her many years of dedicated service as a Sunday School teacher and Superintendant of the Sunday School over the years and was presented with a Bible by Der Havr.

Following the Graduation and closing exercise of the Sunday school, parishioners were invited to the Santerian Hall to attend the Holy Trinity Armenian Language School closing exercise Hantes, directed by Yeretzgin Anna Gevorgyan, Superintendant, and her dedicated Language School staff. This was the first full year of the school which started in September of 2010.

Yeretzgin had started a pilot program prior to this year for a few weeks in the spring to see if the parents and students were interested in learning the Armenian language, both in Eastern and Western Armenian. (We have many new Armenian families from Armenia who wanted their children to learn the Eastern way of speaking, with which they are familiar, and those who are American-born who wanted to learn the Western Armenian.) Yeretzgin decided that she

would invite teachers who spoke both to teach, and she was able to accomplish this difficult task.

The program began with a short introduction by Yeretzgin and then recitations by the students, a short play and ended with the students singing songs they had learned. The students performed beautifully, and everyone who attended enjoyed their performance tremendously.

The culmination of the day was our annual picnic, chaired by Robbie Barone and an able group of workers too many to name individually, all of whom did a wonderful job. The Buffet was served in the Santerian Hall. Parishioners and guests had the choice of staying inside or going outside to eat, or taking carry-out food home. All in all, it was a great day for parishioners to talk about their summer plans, enjoy each other's company and spend a very pleasant day together.

A special "Thank You" to all who gave their time, talent and treasure to make this day possible.



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THE U IN JESUS

Before U were thought of or time had begun, God stuck U in the name of His Son..

And each time U pray, you'll see it's true, You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name, For U, He was born; that's why He came.

And His great love for U is the reason He died. It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?

The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew, And this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His Upward ascension, He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.

"Go into the world and tell them it's true That I love them all - Just like I love U." So many great people are spelled with a U, Don't they have a right to know JesUs too? It all depends now on what U will do, He'd like them to know,

But it all starts with U.

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