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# Holy Trinity Armenian Church LOOYS



Cheltenham, PA

April to June 2012

## It Is Not A Very "Full House"



### Hours of Worship

- Morning Service: 10:00 AM
- Divine Liturgy: 10:30 AM
- Sunday School: 10:30 AM
- Armenian School: 12:30 PM

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



### Upcoming Events

- September 29 - Anniversary Celebration Dinner Dance
- October 26-28 - Harvest Bazaar
- Bible Study - 3rd Tue. every month - 10 am
- Young Adult Bible Study - 3rd Thu. every month - 7 pm

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# Marriage

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The Sacrament of Marriage is the fifth Sacrament of the Armenian Apostolic Church. It is the consecration of the union between man and woman. God Himself is the author of this Sacrament. Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground" (Genesis 1:28).

In our Church this Sacrament can be performed by a Priest or Bishop. The couple comes to the Church and they make vows before God and before the people. Then the Priest unites their right hands and says a prayer. Then the Priest goes up to the Altar, and the couple walks up to the area below the Altar and the Priest places their foreheads together and prays for their unity. This act unites them with a spiritual bond to each other and to the Church. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate" (Matt.19:5-6).

In his Letter to the Ephesians St. Paul gives very important advice to married couples and compares their unity to Christ and His Church. "Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her" (Eph 5:22-25). This is read at our Service of Holy Matrimony as the main lesson.

For the Sacrament of Holy Marriage couples should be adults and Baptized.

There must be no close blood relationship to each other. They should know the duties of married life and they should obey the marriage laws of the Church.

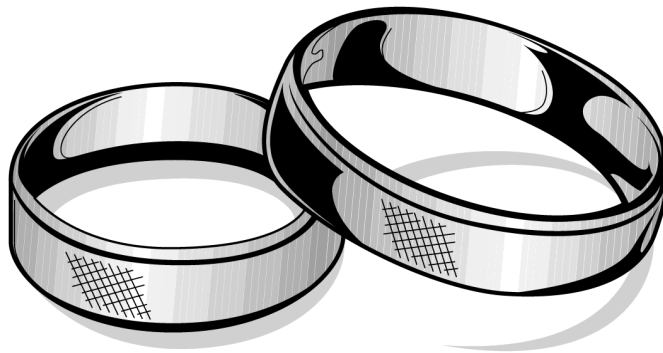
The main goal of Marriage is bringing children into this world but it also was established by God for the mutual love and support of man and woman "The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him" (Gen 2:18).

The duties of married couples are to be faithful to each other and to love, respect and honor one another. With mutual love and respect the family will be stable, safe and blessed.

Today some people give importance only to a Civil Marriage or they simply live together all of their life without the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

For a Christian couple it is important to receive the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony blessed by God rather than a Civil Ceremony.

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan



# MARRIAGE MATTERS



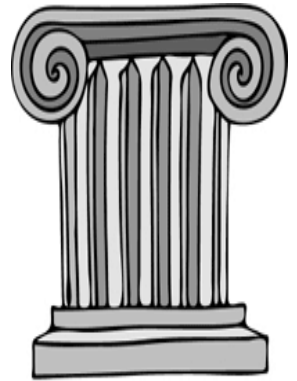
# Chairman's Report

## PILLAR I: FINANCIAL

- ✠ The easement has been approved by all parties and final payment was received on 5/29/12. The construction will begin this month and be completed by September.
- ✠ Endowment income results are presented in another article per request of some of our parishioners.
- ✠ A fund raising program will be developed in conjunction of re-paving the front landings and steps utilizing memorial bricks.
- ✠ Stewardship is behind our approved budget and needs your help.

## PILLAR II: BUILDING MANAGEMENT & HALL RENTALS

- ✠ Temporary dome brick sealing appears to be working. If we get through a Nor'easter without a problem, a permanent sealant will be applied.
- ✠ When the weather is right, the front doors will be stained, and the internals of the Altar arch will be painted.
- ✠ New carpeting will be installed on the Altar and in the Chancel
- ✠ The short circuit in the parking lot lights may be resolved. George Terkanian and helper pulled new wires through the underground conduit to the boiler room junction box.
- ✠ We booked our 3rd hall rental for 2012. We are getting inquiries, but sizes of the event are too small for us to compete (Caterers having the same problems)



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## PILLAR III: MEMBERSHIP

- ✠ Letters were sent to former members to find out why they have dropped out.
- ✠ A social meeting will be held with the Parish Council and recently arrived Armenians to define their needs/expectations as to how the Church can help them reach their goals and how they can integrate more into our parish life.
- ✠ Our entire parish has to take part in welcoming newcomers during Fellowship hour.
- ✠ I still remember Niagara Falls doing this for me more than a few years ago

## PILLAR IV: SPIRITUAL & EDUCATIONAL

- ✠ Sunday School closing was held and there were 6 graduates. It is imperative that the parents bring their children to learn about their Armenian Christian faith and Armenian history. Attendance has dropped off during the year, but our efforts will be renewed for September.
- ✠ Attendance in Church has improved over the last few years and the Choir has gotten bigger and really sounds good.
- ✠ Bible study has continued and will in the future

## PILLAR V: EVENTS & TECHNOLOGY

- ✠ Archbishop Yeghishe's 65th Anniversary of Ordination Brunch Celebration will have been held by the time you read this. He really feels like one of our own.
- ✠ The picnic was cancelled due to weak participation in the planning. We will re-instate this event.
- ✠ A dinner dance will be held September 29th in the hall commemorating the 40th Wedding Anniversary of eight local couples. We should have a full house.
- ✠ This year the Bazaar will be held for three days the last weekend in October.
- ✠ The website has been updated and will stay current.
- ✠ We will develop a plan for people who wish to eliminate regular mail and receive their Church news by email.

John Kash

**IN OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:**

*1. Thyme for each other*

*2. Thyme for family*

*3. Thyme for friends*

# Donations

## IN LIEU OF FLOWERS

### ARMEN ALAHVERDE

Thomas and Sarah Babaian  
Paul Bogosian

**NEW TOTAL: \$1,980.00**

### MICHAEL HAJATIAN

Paul Bogosian  
Virginia Kouyoumjian  
Mr. and Mrs. Jon Simonian  
Linda and George Paroonagian

**NEW TOTAL: \$8,855.00**

### Corrections to Michael Hajatian

Michael T. Hajatian  
Haig, Gay, Tina and Marie  
Hagopian

### ROSE EJDAHARIAN

Martin and Rose Shelengian

**NEW TOTAL: \$815.00**

### JOHN R. BOSNIAN

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Robert and Elizabeth Barone  
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Robert and Melody Damerjian  
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Alice Karabian  
John Kash  
Charles and Jovia Keytanjian  
Alice and Frank Keytanjian  
Alice Machita  
Helen Mirijanian and Family  
Rusty and Barbara Muglia  
Mesrob and Grace Odabashian  
Merle Santerian  
Toros Shamlian Jr.  
Mickey Sherian  
Edward Terzian and Ethel Terzian  
Rose Tourigian  
Robin Tourigian & Richard Kerbowski  
Joseph and Rosemary Valovage  
Venezia Family  
Richard, Linda, Stefanie  
& Lori Vishab  
Jack and Helen Vishab  
Rosemarie Zarzatian  
**TOTAL: \$1,925.00**

### In Memory of Alex Santerian

Gay and Haig Hagopian

### In Memory of Dorothy Melikian

Florence Boyajian

### In Memory of Sooren Paretchan

Robert and Diane Paretchan

### In Memory of Armen Alahverde

Doris Alahverde

### In Loving Memory of Diramair Serbouhi Arzoumanian & Yeghia Arzoumanian

Mrs. Mary Pattoukian

### Women's Guild Donation

Edward Terzian

### In honor of George and Anne Terkanian's

### 40th Wedding Anniversary

David and Marta Brann  
Larry and Jeanette Der Hagopian  
Pearl and Mary Jamgochian  
Linda and Albert Santerian  
Merle Santerian  
Kim and Gena Willard

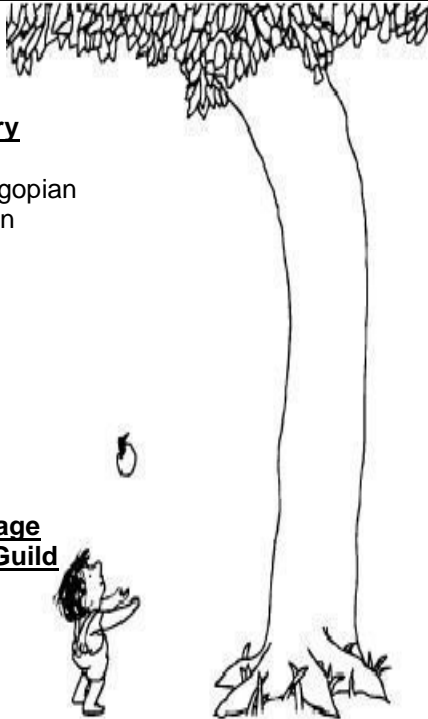
**TOTAL: \$375.00**

### LOOYS Donation

Vicky Berberian  
Mr. and Mrs. Jon Simonian

### Donation of 2 cold beverage servers to the Women's Guild

Alice Torossian

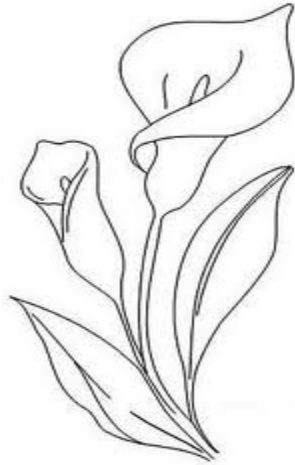


### STEWARDSHIP 2012

Florence Altoonian  
Ralph and Nane Arpajian  
John Arslanian  
Hagop Arzoumanian  
Steve and Doretta Aslanian  
Arthur and Casey Baldadian  
\*Ayshe Chakmaklian  
\*Alice Charles  
\*Larry and Jeanette Der Hagopian  
\*Larry D. Der Hagopian  
Melinee Derassouyan  
Mary Jamgochian  
Pearl Jamgochian  
Harry and Rose Kalafian  
Alice Karabian  
Richard and Helen Kazigian  
\*Albert and Patrice Keshgegian  
George and Setta Nazarethian  
Robert and Jean Ohnigian  
\*Michael and Tanya Paretchan  
**TOTAL: \$12,740** \* New stewards since last listing

# Easter Yughakin

H. Adjemian  
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Ajemian  
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Altoonian  
Arat and Aslin Apik  
John Arslanian  
Mr. and Mrs. George Arslanian  
Mr. Hagop Arzoumanian  
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Aslanian  
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Attarian  
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Beatrice Brown  
Paul Bogosian  
Paul Bogosian in memory of Barbara Kumkumian  
Mr. and Mrs. John Bosnian  
Florence Boyajian  
Ayshe Chakmaklian  
Alice Charles  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Damerjian Sr.  
Albert Dandegian Jr. and Florence Dandegian  
Melinee Derassouyan  
Larry D. Der Hagopian & Kim Sarajian  
Mr. and Mrs. Hagop Ergenian  
Garo and Cece Garibian  
Ani and Ron Gooshian  
Victoria Gureghian  
Mr. and Mrs. Antranik Hacikian  
Ms. Jennifer Hagopian  
Gay and Haig Hagopian  
Arpena Hajatian  
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Elizabeth Hovsepien  
Mary and Pearl Jamgochian  
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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kapeghian  
Elizabeth Kapeghian  
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Rose, Melanie & Andrea Minassian  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mirijanian  
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Angel Tookmanian  
Haig Torigian  
Mr. and Mrs. Karnig Torossian  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vishab  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vishab  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weinsheimer  
Mr. and Mrs. Greg Yazujian  
Mrs. Rosemarie Zarzatian  
Nauver and Arpie Zerounian

**TOTAL \$ 3,275.00**



# EASTER



# Palm Sunday Banquet

at Holy Trinity Cheltenham

The Holy Trinity ACYOA hosted the Palm Sunday Banquet to celebrate with the Parish its year of activities and accomplishments. Co-sponsored by the Nicole DerHagopian endowment fund - set up in memory of the 19-year-old member who passed away in 1998 - the event attracted over 160 people.

Mistress of Ceremonies and Co-Chair of the ACYOA Seniors, Nadia Silk, welcomed the attendees. "Although we are a small group of youth, I believe we were able to exemplify the five circles of the cross in which our activities are encouraged by the Diocese to be aligned," she said. "With new events such as a monthly Young Adult Bible Study, 'Cooking with Yeretzgin' and participation in our region's Oriental Orthodox Youth Conferences, the group has been able to gather, worship and learn in meaningful ways."

Der Hakob provided a pastoral message to the youth, asking them to reflect about the time they dedicate to Christ and Church. The program also included a message from Parish Council Chair John Kash, musical performance of traditional Armenian song by Karinne' Andonian and "Reflections of the ACYOA" presented by Chairperson of the ACYOA Juniors, Brenda Yazujian.

Special guest Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, Legate of our Diocese and member of the National Council of Churches, gave the keynote message. "The ACYOA represents the future of our Church," said Archbishop Aykazian. "Much attention and appreciation should be given to them and everything possible should be done to encourage them."

The ACYOA would like to give special thanks to Der Hakob, Parish Council, Merle Santerian, Gay Hagopian, Lynn Hajatan, Nancy Basmajian, Antranig Garibian, Brenda Jilajian and Diane Yazujian.





# Palm Sunday





# Holy Week & Easter @ HTAC



Another year and another Holy Week. They are always the same, and yet they bring new insight to us each year as we participate in the last week of our Lord's life on this earth.

Thursday, as in past years, a Divine Liturgy was held in the morning representing the Institution of Holy Communion. Just hours later, we returned to church where we heard, once again, the details of the Last Supper when Christ washed His Disciples' feet, teaching us about humility and a servant's heart.....and then the betrayal.

On Friday the Burial Service was held, keeping us deep in thought about what Christ did for each and every one of us. And on Saturday evening, we rejoiced at His Resurrection which was again celebrated on Easter Morning with a truly uplifting service. Indeed He Had Risen!

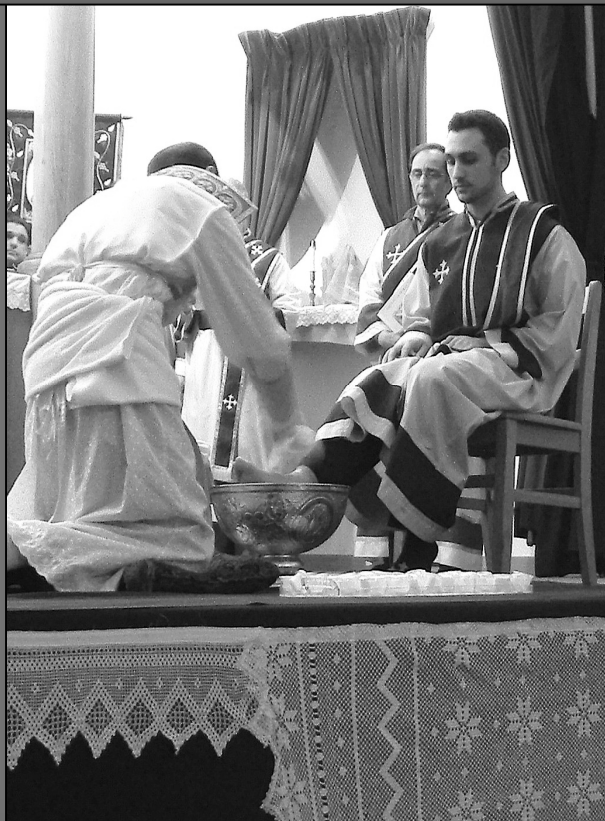
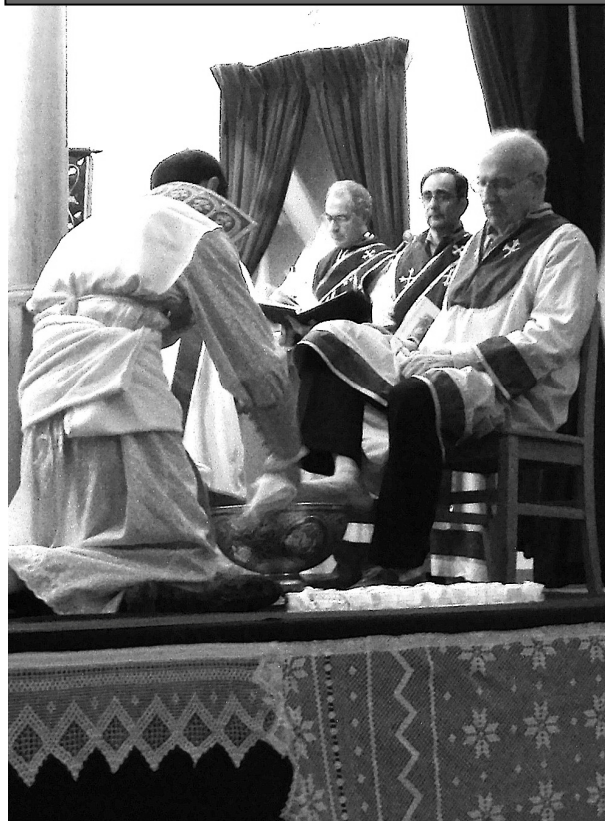
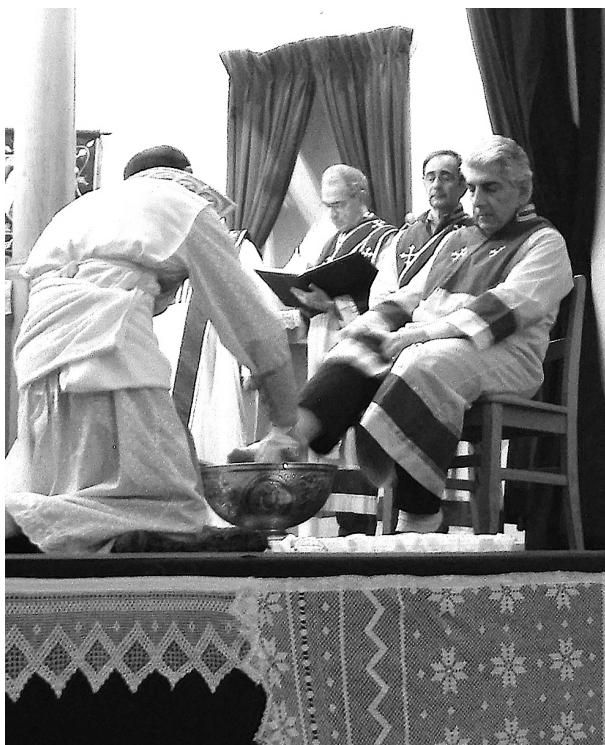
Saturday evening following Badarak we were treated to a wonderful traditional meal of fish and pilaf with raisins and almonds, prepared and donated by Alice Torossian. Everyone who attended brought a menu item from their own home, thereby having their Easter meal blessed also.

There was wonderful altar and choir participation in all of the services which enhanced the spirit of all who attended. We pray that this spirit stays with us and carries us through the good times and bad, remembering that God is with us always.





# Washing of the Feet – Holy Thursday



## 2012 Lent Series

By the grace of God, another Lenten series was successfully completed and throughout the winter days, the weather cooperated so that none of them had to be cancelled because of inclement weather. The evening always began with a short Peace or Rest Service, followed by a delicious Lenten meal strictly adhering to the dietary guidelines. Upon completion of the meal, a speaker spoke on a variety of subjects, always with the intent to help us learn and grow in our spiritual walk.

Meals this year were provided by: Alice Torossian; Tina Hagopian and Karinne Andonian; Fran Torcomian and Naomi Mukalian; Lorraine Damerjian, Merle Santerian, Jeanette and Larry Der Hagopian; Hripsime and Ardashes Danielyan and Marina and Anton Balasanyan.

Speakers were Garo Garibian who spoke on The Seven Words Addressed To the Cross; Nadia Silk on the Exploration of the Liturgical Differences Among the Cultures of the Oriental Orthodox Church; Very Rev. Fr. Simeon Odabashian – Reflection on the Holy Badarak; Garo Garibian about A Historic Trip to Digranagerd – Many Firsts; Albert Keshgegian – Meaning of the Hymns and Prayers of the Badarak; and lastly the always-popular Armenian Church Jeopardy with hosts Al “Trebebian” and Nancy Basmajian.



We sincerely thank everyone who was involved in any of the evenings, whether as a cook, speaker or participant. You all helped make this year another success.

## Church Jeopardy

Nancy Basmajian  
Albert Keshgegian

The Sacred Seven	Pious Places	The Good “Old” Book	Our Mother Tongue	Holy Trinity History
<u>10</u>				<u>10</u>
<u>20</u>				<u>20</u>
<u>30</u>				<u>30</u>
<u>40</u>				<u>40</u>
<u>50</u>				<u>50</u>



## 2012 Lent Series





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# Martyrs Day Commemoration

The Philadelphia Armenian Inter-Communal Committee held an Armenian Martyrs' Day commemoration event on Tuesday evening, April 24, 2012 at Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Cheltenham, PA. Clergy and more than 200 parishioners from all five of the Philadelphia area Armenian Churches were in attendance.

The evening began with Hokehankisd being said for the souls of the Armenian Martyrs by the clergy, accompanied by the beautiful voices of choir members of all the area churches joining together as one choir. This was followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at the Khatchkar located outside of the Church.

An entertaining cultural program followed with students from the Armenian Sisters' Academy, accompanied and directed by Mrs. Maroush Nigon, performing both songs and poems. Anton Balasanyan gave a moving recitation and there was a piano performance by Anahit Sakoian. Vicken Bazarbashian spoke on "The Armenian Nation – Our Strength in Unity". A video was then shown of services held at the Martyrs' Monument in Yerevan.

The evening was concluded with light refreshments sponsored by parishioners of the host church.



# Women's Guild News

Winter's weather is a sweet memory and previewed to a lovely spring. Many of our members continue to prepare our delicious choreg and famous tell baner. We are there to set up special coffee hours when requested and man our country store. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Our annual Mother's Day dinner was held on Tuesday, May 15 in our beautiful hall with 100 guests in attendance. Lorraine Damerjian, Jeanette Der Hagopian, Liz Barone, and our honorary member Larry Der Hagopian planned, prepped the meal, and set up the room. A group of dedicated husband completed the preparations and served the meal so that the ladies could have the night off. Many thanks and blessing to Larry Der Hagopian, Roman Radynsky, John Terzian, and Richard Vishab. After enjoying a delicious dinner the annual candle-lighting ceremony honoring the life or memory of the special women in our lives was held. Many of our ladies brought pictures of their loved ones to the event and shared their memories with our guests. The Jampa Band featuring Lori Panossian provided the evening's entertainment. This is the same group that played at the Genocide Program in April. If you missed hearing Lori sing "Groong," you missed a very special treat!



A few of our members discovered the Michener Museum was presenting 43 paintings and 2 tapestries, all religious works, from the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, Italy. Close to 30 ladies traveled to Bucks County on Thursday, June 14 to view the exhibit. Many arrived early to enjoy lunch at a nearby restaurant. It truly was an enjoyable outing.

The final paragraph is a copy from the previous Looys. We sometimes wonder if all the articles are totally read and messages conveyed. Only two ladies approached us to express their concerns for the future of Holy Trinity's Women's Guild. Only one member expressed an interest to step up to the plate to serve. Have we all become invisible? Please read on.

If you have been a reader of this column, you should be aware the Executive Board has asked interested & concerned members to step up to the plate and serve. It is apparent we are all too busy to meet regularly and will focus on project-based activities. The current board is officially inactive and only one member of our Guild has said she would consider serving. The Women's Guild is under temporary custodial care until further notice. It is up to our membership to determine our future.





# Mother's Day Dinner



# Sunday School

Our Sunday School year is over for the summer! We had a wonderful year and we are all looking forward to a relaxing summer. However, just because Sunday School is not in session, our weekly church service is still going on. Please try to bring your children or grandchildren to church this summer.

## A BIG thank you goes out to:

1. Der Hayr and Parish Council for their continued support,
2. Our dedicated teachers for all of their hard work throughout the year,
3. Our parents who helped with the students and communion breakfasts,
4. Robert Damerjian, Jr. for supplying the flowers the students planted in May,
5. To our angel Maggie in the office for always being there,
6. And to our wonderful students.

This year we had six students graduate from Ms. Nancy's class. They include; Shawn and Veronica Carnevale, Megan Aslanian, Freddie Jordan, Skye Jilajian, and Brenda Yazujian. On Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> after church there was a special service for the graduates directly after Badarak. During the special service, Der Hayr anointed each of the students' foreheads and palms with Holy Oil. The students were then given their diplomas and a special gift. This year the gift was a silver Armenian letter of their first name with a stainless steel chain made and donated by Greg and Grace Meranshian. Pictures were taken in the church then everyone headed downstairs to the lobby for a special graduation cake and more pictures and hugs. Congratulations to all of our graduates and their families!

Have a wonderful and safe summer! We hope to see everyone in the fall. Look on the calendar of our church website for the exact date of the opening of Sunday School in the fall. Everyone is welcome.

If you have any questions, want to donate to, or help with Sunday School, please contact me at (856) 234-7361.

Nancy Hovnanian, Superintendent





# Church of Akhtamar in Turkey

On Sunday, March 11, 2012, the Knights and Daughters of Vartan presented a program at Holy Trinity Church with guest speaker Johnny Alexanian. After a delicious breakfast prepared by the Knights was served, Johnny spoke about his experience at the Church of AKHTAMAR in Turkey. The Church of the Holy Cross was once an important Armenian cathedral. The seat of the Armenian Orthodox patriarch, the cathedral was founded by King Gagik between 915 and 921 as part of a royal complex that included a palace, monastery, streets, gardens and terraced parks. The church is all that remains today. The church was designed by the Armenian architect Trdat Mendet (also known as Manuel). The Church of the Holy Cross was the seat of an Armenian patriarch from 1116 to 1895, after which it was abandoned due to conflict between Armenia and the Ottoman Empire. The building fell into disrepair and was neglected throughout the 20th century.

Ohannes Hashas, a member of Holy Trinity Armenian Church, had a dream to have a cross placed on top of the church once again. Mr. Hashas went to Van, a couple of years ago to start the necessary process to have a cross back on the church. He met with many Turkish political leaders, including the governor of Van, and also the Police Commissioner of Istanbul, Turkey. Mr. Hashas was granted special permission to go to the island of Akhtamar and visit the Church of The Holy Cross. For the past two years, Mr. Hashas had been trying to prove that the cross is necessary for the church. Not only is it a significant symbol to the Armenian people and church, but it will also provide a sense of peace between the Armenians and the Turks. After two years of debates, Mr. Hashas was given the okay to have the cross placed on top of both domes at the Church of The Holy Cross. He was so thrilled that he donated one of the crosses to the church. Finally, the Cross was installed on the top (main) dome on October 1, 2010.

On September 18, 2010, Mr. Hashas arrived at the airport in Van, along with his two grandchildren, Johnny & Michael Alexanian, and Dr. Garo Garibian. On September 19, 2010, Mr. Ohannes Hashas was able to experience and participate in the Badarak on the island of Akhtamar in Van, Turkey with his two grandchildren, Johnny and Michael. The last time Badarak was performed there was before the Armenian Genocide in the early 1900's.

Johnny Alexanian concluded his presentation by sharing that "experiencing the Badarak in person brought tears to my eyes, not just because I was witnessing a historic event, but also because it was an event that had taken place on my birthday."



# Armenian School Hantes . . .

## . . . A Rousing Success!

With God's help, the Armenian Language School students completed their second year of classes. The afternoon began with a light lunch prepared and served by the parents of the students and then, to the delight of many, the students entertained the assembled parishioners with a program filled with much variety. Poems were recited, songs were sung, dances were performed and even a little play was presented as if it were an interview with St. Mesrop Mashdots. A piano performance by a young nine-year-old astounded many and the grand finale was an enthusiastic dance by all the students.

The students, though few in numbers, are exceptional in quality. They have done well in following a blended program designed by The Diocese and modified according to the abilities of the children who attend the Holy Trinity Armenian Language School . Despite the distractions of today's busy life, neither they nor their parents avoided doing their duty as an Armenian family. Our school is blessed with dedicated teachers, adorable children and cooperative parents.

The teaching staff is comprised of Karinne Andonian, Mariana Manjian, Mariana Shaghoyan, Marina Vardanian and Hripsime Danielyan, and they are to be commended for their love and devotion to our children. In addition, we thank Karnig Sargisian for his patience and dedication in teaching our children traditional folk dances which were so enjoyed by all who saw them.

Yn. Anna Gevorgyan, Superintendant





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# A Meditation on the Divine Liturgy

by Deacon Albert Keshgegian:



*And we offer to you yours of your own from all and for all.  
Yev uzkooye ee koyots kez madootsanemk usd amenaynee yev haghaks amenetsoon.*

These words are chanted by the priest during the Divine Liturgy between the hymns Hayr Yernavor (Hymn to the Father) and Hamenaynee (In all things blessed are you, O Lord). They are part of the long Eucharistic Prayer that the priest offers on our behalf, mostly said silently during hymns, but some parts, such as the above, audibly chanted. The words above come as we offer our sacrifice of bread and wine to God, after we have remembered the words of Christ at the Last Supper and before God sends the Holy Spirit to transform our gifts of bread and wine into the very body and blood of Christ.

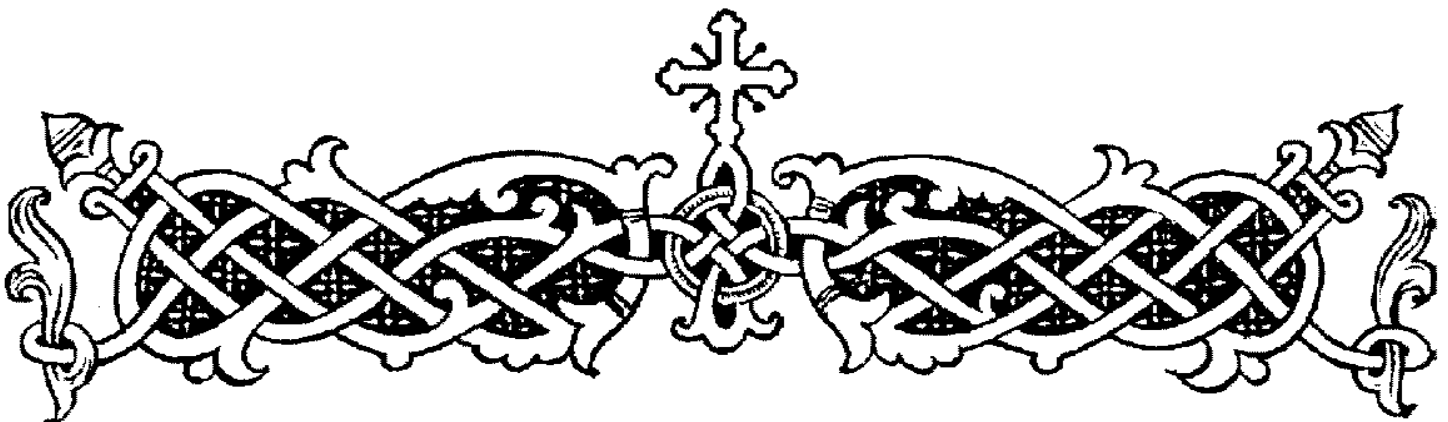
What is the significance of these words? We might ask if there is any material object we can offer to God that doesn't already belong to him. Bread? Wine? God created the sun that provides light energy for the wheat and grapes to grow. God created the soil that anchors the wheat stalk and grapevine. God created the water and nutrients in the soil that help the plants grow. We might argue, though, that it was human ingenuity that figured out how to make bread from wheat and wine from grapes. But God also created humans, giving us our abilities, intelligence and ingenuity, as well as everything else

We often pride ourselves on abilities that we have that are better than those of other people. We may be able to add a column of figures better than anyone else, even doing the whole thing in our head without a calculator. We may have created a mouth-watering, award winning recipe for chocolate cake. We may be able to swim the 100 meter breast stroke better than anyone else in the world in the Olympics. But all of these abilities come from God. He made the first man out of dust, and the first woman from the rib of the first man. Dust and a rib -- that's all we are or we can ever be without him. All of creation, all that exists, including every part of us, belongs to him. Everything that is good is a gift from God (James 1:17).

And so, whatever we offer to God, such as an animal sacrifice or bread and wine, already belongs to him. We are offering him what is already "of his own". (And what we do offer, we do humbly, as indicated in the directions to the priest to lift up the gifts only partially as he says the words of the prayer.) The only thing that we can offer God, which he does not already have, is ourselves: our love in return for his love, our dedication to him and to doing his works. And this we do during the Divine Liturgy, in parallel and invisibly, along with the visible offering of the bread and wine. God gives us a choice, just as Adam and Eve had a choice. We have free will. We can turn away from him or choose to follow him.

And we make our offering on behalf of all who are followers of Christ—whether they are with us among the congregation, whether they are ill at home or in the hospital, whether they are members of Christ's Church in a far-off city, whether they are alive or asleep in Christ.

How often do we thank God for all the wonderful gifts he has bestowed, and continues to bestow, on us? How often do we thank him for our personal successes? Could it ever be often enough?



# ACYOA Seniors

Young Adult Bible Study: The ACYOA seniors completed their journey through the book of Mark while welcoming new faces to the group. Young Adult Bible Study will celebrate its one year anniversary this July and will be heading into its second chapter of study.

Palm Sunday Banquet: In continuation of its yearly tradition, the ACYOA Seniors and Juniors joined together to host the Palm Sunday Banquet.

Cooking with Yn: Five girls gathered at the house of Der Hakob and Yn. Anna to learn how to make spinach boreg and kata bread. After spending hours in the kitchen, everyone enjoyed tasting the treats and socializing. We look forward to the next one and hope some new young adults will join!



Philadelphia Armenian Genocide Walk: Joining with our entire Philadelphia-Armenian community, the ACYOA Seniors supported the Genocide Walk through volunteering and financial donations. The event was a great success – with over 300 people gathering to commemorate the 97<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the atrocities of the Armenian Genocide. Visit [www.armeniangenocidewalk.com](http://www.armeniangenocidewalk.com) for pictures, articles and videos.

ACYOA Seniors Sports Weekend: Members of the Holy Trinity ACYOA will participate in this year's Sports Weekend in Chicago! Stay tuned for updates!

**Congratulations to Holy Trinity young men on winning the 2011-2012 Armenian Basketball League Championship!**



# Church News

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Have you noticed the bright and well-lit hallway by the Sunday School rooms? We have George Terkanian to thank for changing the lighting to enhance the area. At HTAC, we always say, "George can do it" and he does!!

About our chorag....where would we be without our dedicated ladies who come to church so often (sometimes weekly) to make the delicious chorag for which we have become well-known. They deserve our mention – and your thanks. Please tell them when you see them: Mary Yeretzian, Angel Tookmanian, Ayshe Chakmakian, Merle Santerian, Florence Boyajian, Rosemary Zarzatian, Valerie Santerian, Deskouhy Attarian, Ethel Terzian, Doris Kodikian, Jeanette Der Hagopian and the chief "Varbed" Lorraine Damerjian, who gets up at 4 am on "Chorag Day" to mix 40 lbs of dough. Think about that sometime when you are tucked cozily in your comfy bed. We also would like to acknowledge those who used to be regulars in years past but cannot any more because of declining health: Armena Bartow and Sona and Sarkis Nalbandian.



Thanks to our church secretary, Maggie Miller, for all the support she provides to the Women's Guild and Men's Club, especially in the preparation of beautifully designed sign-up sheets, posters, flyers and signs for so many of our events. Our deep appreciation goes out to each and every one of these people for giving of their **Time, Talents and Treasure!**

## BURIAL SITES AVAILABLE

The church currently has available two burial sites in the Armenian Section of the Whitmarsh Memorial Park, located in Chalfont, Pennsylvania. The church had four sites donated in 2004 by a former parishioner, two of which have since been sold to current parishioners.

The remaining two sites are "double" which means the burial caskets are placed on top of each other, rather than side by side. The cost is \$1,500 for the "double" site. A transfer fee of \$145 is paid by the church.

Whitmarsh Memorial Park is approximately 12 miles from Holy Trinity Armenian Church. A number of our former parishioners are currently buried in the Armenian Section. Whitmarsh does not allow grave stones, only ground plates for marking burial sites.

Parishioners interested in purchasing one of the remaining two "double" sites should contact the church office.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Just before the close of the Friday morning session, His Eminence, Archbishop Barsamian made a special presentation to three women who exemplified the spirit of lay ministry. **Tanya Bukucuyan, Lucy Murad, and Anne Terkanian** were honored for their leadership and devoted service to the Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program (CASP). The program, a collaboration of the Women's Guild Central Council and the Fund for Armenian Relief, brings aid to Armenia's needy children.

"Reaching out to children in our homeland brings to life Christ's message about the special blessing of children," the Primate said, "and I would like to recognize these three women for sustaining the beautiful ministry CASP represents."

We congratulate our very own Anne Terkanian for this well-deserved recognition. She has been an active and committed member of this three-person team for many years. In her own words, she stated that "once my own two sons were grown, I took on 1300 new children" – those who comprise the growing number of CASP children receiving monetary assistance by generous donors.





## 200 CLUB WINNERS

### NOVEMBER 2011

\$1,000 JOHN TERZIAN - #134  
\$ 400 HARRY SARKISIAN - #46  
\$ 200 HARRY INJAIAN - #200  
\$ 200 LINDA PRESKE - #18  
\$ 200 ALBERT CHAPJIAN - #138

### DECEMBER 2011

\$ 500 ALBERT CHAPJIAN - #138  
\$ 200 MICHAEL SANTERIAN - #173  
\$ 100 JOHN KASH - #196  
\$ 100 HARRY SARKISIAN - #153  
\$ 100 GEORGE MUKALIAN - #3

### JANUARY 2012

\$ 500 ALEX ALEXANIAN - #13  
\$ 200 MARY PARNAGIAN - #113  
\$ 100 GEORGE ARSLANIAN - #107  
\$ 100 GARY DER HAGOPIAN - #195  
\$ 100 ALBERT KAPEGHIAN - #89

### FEBRUARY 2012

\$ 500 SHANT KAPEGHIAN - #76  
\$ 200 MATTHEW SADJIAN - #159  
\$ 100 CLARENCE KALENIAN - #77  
\$ 100 RICHARD D. MUKALIAN, JR. - #188  
\$ 100 DONALD PARETCHAN - #66

### MARCH 2012

\$ 500 GEORGE & ANNE TERKANIAN - #80  
\$ 200 EVELYN WEINSHEIMER - #114  
\$ 100 EDWARD TATOIAN - #34  
\$ 100 FRANK AGHAZARMIAN - #108  
\$ 100 HARRY SARKISIAN - #50

### APRIL 2012

\$ 500 DORIS ALAHVERDE - #155  
\$ 200 ALBERT CHAPJIAN - #138  
\$ 100 ROBERT DAMERJIAN JR. & SR. - #85  
\$ 100 GEORGE NAZARETHIAN - #31  
\$ 100 HARRY SARKISIAN - #51

### MAY 2012

\$ 500 HARRY MIRIJANIAN  
& RICHARD WEINSHEIMER - #37  
\$ 200 EDWARD TERZIAN - #9  
\$ 100 ALBERT KAPEGHIAN - #15  
\$ 100 ROBERT DAMERJIAN SR & JR - #85  
\$ 100 MARTIN & DES. ATTARIAN - #71

## SOMETHING TO CONSIDER.....

The last official count at the end of 2011 showed that our church has 239 voting (i.e. dues-paying) members for which we are very grateful. Most members automatically pay their dues during the course of the year. Only a very few pay them in their entirety at the start of the year. Now consider this: our bills come in monthly and must be paid in a timely manner to avoid late fees and penalties, but revenues through dues do not come in until mid-year or even the end of the year. We, therefore, ask you to consider paying your dues earlier in the year rather than waiting until December. You'll be helping your church and it will be one more thing off your to-do list!



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## Remember

*Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian  
any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.*

# Church News

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## BAPTISMS:

April 15, 2012: **EMMA TALEEN PODY**  
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Pody  
Godfather: Michael DeLuca  
Godmother: Alyssa P. Santerian

April 29, 2012: **PATIL NORA BOGHOSIAN**  
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garen Boghosian  
Godfather: Ara Boghosian  
Godmother: Nora Yaghdjian

## WEDDINGS:

May 5, 2012:  
**LARRY D. DER HAGOPIAN & KIMBERLY SARAJIAN**  
Best Men: Michael Manoogian and Howard Gilson



May 12, 2012:  
**DR. CRYSTAL G. RIVELL & DR. ALAN G. GHALY**  
Service was held at Church of the Incarnation with Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan officiating the Armenian part of the service



## FUNERALS: 2012

**JOHN R. BOSNIAN** entered into his eternal rest on May 15, 2012. Funeral services were held on May 19, 2012 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

## NEW MEMBERS

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

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#### ABOUT OUR FAMILY:

**Pete and Robin Bilazarian** celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in Armenia at the end of May while visiting their son, **Greg**, who can be seen doing English reports on the internet at [www.civilnet.am](http://www.civilnet.am). Happily, Greg will be returning to the States in July to start an MBA degree at Yale. With them also was their daughter **Laura** who, after leaving Armenia, toured the Middle East and is now in Italy. Laura is also volunteering to internet-market Armenian-made Teddy Bears which can be seen at [www.Berdbears.com](http://www.Berdbears.com). These bears are one way that the women of Armenia can support their families. Congrats to all of them!!.... Forty years and counting – that's how many years George and Anne Terkanian were married on Easter Sunday. A grand celebration was enjoyed by their family and friends a few days later. Best wishes from their HT family.....



Bravo to **Garó Hovnanian** who received his MBA from the Wharton School of Business after completing a rigorous two-year executive program and graduating with honors. This July Garó will be taking a position with McKinsey & Company, a global management consulting firm....Our church family offers condolences to **Der Hakob** on the sudden passing of his paternal uncle in Armenia at the very young age of 58. May he and his entire family receive the comfort of the Holy Spirit.....Antzadz ullah to: **Martin Attarian** who underwent hip surgery in March; **Barbara Harmon** who had foot surgery in April; and **Roxie Radynsky** who has been doctoring....Get well wishes go out to **Harry Injaian** who is recovering from a stroke under the loving care of wife, Mary, at their winter residence in Florida. We look forward to see them both again soon, and in good health!....It was the best of times AND the best of times: **Larry Der Hagopian and Kim Sarajian** were united in marriage at our church on May 5. The bride was radiant and the groom joyful. It was a long time in coming so they made it a three-day celebration. Needless to say, Larry and Jeanette are delighted to have a new member in their family. Best wishes to all from the HT family.....And from newly married to many-years married. Heartiest congratulations to two lovely couples celebrating their 60th (!) wedding anniversary: **Marty and Deskouhy Attarian** (on June 7) and **Harry and Mary Injaian** (on June 15). Please share your secrets!! May God continue His blessings on them.....We bid a fond farewell to **Harry and Valerie Santerian** and their wonderful children as they relocate to South Carolina in July. May happiness and good health remain with them in their new locale. We'll certainly miss the whole family and especially watching the children grow. Hopefully, we'll get to see them when they return for family visits....In the sports arena: congratulations to **Rick Kazigian**, grandson of **Richard and Helen Kazigian**, who pitched a no-hitter for Widener against Arcadia to sweep a Commonwealth Conference double-header. Keep watching for more record-breaking sports news from this Malvern Prep senior....Greetings go out to **Alice Andonian** whom we miss seeing at church now she is more homebound. She may not be present but she is in our thoughts. Ditto with our dear friend, **Armena Bartow** – missed AND not forgotten....**Lorraine Serabian**, stage actress, Tony nominee, Outer-Critics' Circle Award, Barrymore and Helen Hayes Award recipient (as well as sister of our own **Merle Santerian**) starred in a new play in New York City called "Silence" written by Herand M. Markarian. The play takes place in Armenia during the Genocide of 1915, and has received rave notices since it opened on May 4th. The play ran through May 20th but the hope is that Mr. Markarian will take it on the road and hit major Armenian cities throughout the United States, including Philadelphia. If that happens, we'll keep you posted....

Get well wishes go out to **Krikor Mahserejian** and **Sarkis Nalbandian**, both of whom have been suffering from serious ailments. We miss seeing them at church and hope that their health will soon improve.....Congratulations to **Michael Norair Yazujian**, son of Greg and Diane, who received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Marymount Manhattan College in May. Michael majored in acting and playwriting, and was the President of the college's Improvisation Troupe, Nutz and Boltz of Comedy, and an officer and writer for the college's sketch comedy club, Comedy Shmocomedy. Well done!!....Good luck to **Tavit Murray** who is now the Executive Chef at the Gables, a charming farmhouse restaurant in picturesque Chadds Ford. He has transformed the look and the menu which have already brought in rave new reviews. If you're in that area, stop in for a grand meal and make sure you let Tav know you're there....We wish a safe and fun-filled summer to all. And remember, God doesn't take a summer off from church and neither should we!!!



# Endowments

## THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

Endowments are a form of donating to the Church. They can be in a name with the proceeds going to the Church or some Church group. Money endowed generally cannot be withdrawn unless there is an emergency. There is the Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF) that we have invested in. A tabulation of the income generated for 2011 and received in March 2012 is shown in the table below:

Account Name	Distribution Amount
Lillian Avrigian Memorial Fund	\$50.41
Acabe & Roxie Boornazian Endowment Fund	\$579.73
Aram & Rose Boornazian Endowment Fund	\$252.05
Chalikian Family Memorial Fund	\$2,784.24
Nicole Der Hagopian Memorial Fund	\$1,124.44
Donchian, Hajeian, Chirkinian Fund	\$471.23
Karapet B. Garibian Endowment Fund	\$650.91
Niaz Garibian Memorial Fund	\$50.41
Mary Mirakian Sunday School Fund	\$382.55
Elsie Parnagian Youth Endowment Fund	\$299.18
Dr. Corinne Santerian Moore Endowment Fund	\$350.03
Ned Santerian Family Endowment Fund	\$554.52
Elizabeth Tookmanian Endowment Fund	\$112.44
HT Investments	\$290.94
V. Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Melkonian Endowment Fund	\$688.41
Nicole Der Hagopian Memorial Fund	\$259.13
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$8,900.62</b>

Thanks!  
for your  
Support!!



The ACEF with a book value of \$203,586 has generated income of \$8,900.62 with money appropriated to Choir, ACYOA's, Sunday School and to income per our approved budget.

The two George Ananian Endowment funds and the one from Vera Kazigian are managed by our Investment Committee. This has generated \$22,744 so far which has been re-invested since our income was slightly positive last year. However, the income that this will generate is included in our 2012 Budgeted Income which was approved at the Parish Assembly in February.

Our goal is to increase this number dramatically in order to generate more income and let our hard working parishioners relax a little.

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# Member Anniversaries and Birthdays

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

### July

Albert & Naomi Kapeghian - 7/3/1954  
Sarkis & Katie Hashas - 7/12/1959  
William & Diana McGarvey - 7/12/1986  
Mark & Silva Santerian - 7/16/1988  
Gary Jr & Colleen Papazian - 7/24/2009  
Antranig & Sabrina Garibian - 7/25/2009  
Garen & Diana Boghosian - 7/27/????

### August

Daniel & Kimberly Dunigan - 8/11/1996  
Garos & Cecelia Garibian - 8/12/2011  
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  
George & Marguerite Arslanian - 9/19/1965  
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



## BIRTHDAYS

### July

Richard Weinsheimer - 1  
Fred Hess - 2  
Nazig Raffiyev - 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  
Christian Balint - 7  
Alice Charles - 7  
Samuel Hagopian - 7  
Kim Willard - 7  
Brennan Pica - 8  
Melani Burrows - 9  
Antranik Garibian - 9  
Martin LeCompte - 9  
Andrea Alexanian - 10  
Maxwell Hanamirian - 11  
Artur Gyulnazaryan - 12  
Mary Jamgochian - 12  
Merle Santerian - 12  
Garen Boghosian - 16  
Anne Terkanian - 17  
Judy Parechan - 18  
Alex Alexanian - 19  
Jeannine Carol Juskalian - 19  
Susan DerHagopian - 20  
Janet Jordan - 20  
Robert Barone - 21  
Raffi Kaprielian - 21  
Garos Garibian - 22  
Jessica Jordan - 23

Nicklas Terkanian - 23  
Lili Oflazian - 24  
Lindsey Santerian - 24  
Setta Nazarethian - 25  
Noushig Hovhannesian - 26  
Logan Radell - 26  
Peter Oskanian - 27  
Kristine Koengetter - 28  
Melissa Parechan - 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  
Gine 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  
Marguerite Arslanian - 17  
Kimberly Asadoorian - 17  
Stephanie Williams - 17  
Millie Asadourian - 18  
Larry Der Hagopian - 19  
Daniel Mazmanian - 19  
Nazareth Hajinian - 20  
Araxie Radynsky - 20  
George Nazarethian - 22  
Mary Sarkisian - 22  
Tavit Murray - 23  
Azlen Oskanian - 23  
Harry Santerian - 23  
Azlen Theobald - 23  
Albert DerPilbosian - 24  
Sue Injaian - 26  
Helen Kazigian - 26  
Donna Sarkisian - 27  
Aram Kumkumian - 28  
William McGarvey - 28  
Arthur Baldadian - 30  
Richard Maloumian - 30  
Shirley Hajatian - 31  
Cate Zane - 31

### September

Brayden Asadoorian - 1  
Gary DerHagopian - 3  
Gianna Tancredi - 3  
Jenna Tancredi - 3  
Andrew Movsesian - 5  
Paul Oflazian Jr - 6  
Marie Hagopian - 7

Stephanie Hajatian - 7  
Richard Nalbandian - 8  
Sabrina Garibian - 9  
Patrice Keshgegian - 10  
Mark Santerian - 10  
Ralph Arpajian - 11  
George Medzigian - 12  
David Santerian - 12  
Robert Zoolalian - 12  
Ani Gargan - 14  
Vahan Parechan - 16  
Annabelle Alexanian - 17  
David Brann - 18  
John Alexanian - 19  
Alice Andonian - 19  
Arpena Hajatian - 19  
John Juskalian Jr - 19  
John Lillis - 21  
Valerie Santerian - 21  
Greg Bilazarian - 22  
Raffi Garibian - 23  
Diana McGarvey - 23  
Legna Santerian - 23  
Clarence Kalenian - 25  
Ani Peckjian - 25  
Christopher Boyajian - 26  
Carlene Thomassian - 26  
Christopher Owens - 28  
Tyler Juskalian - 29  
Robert Ohnigian - 29

- O o p s -

We missed Seta Pica's  
birthday on June 24 -  
hope it was a great day  
with a great year to follow!

# Diocesan News

## Boston's Armenian Heritage Park Opens to Public

On Tuesday, May 22, Armenian-Americans in the Boston area, as well as government officials and other dignitaries took part in a dedication program for the city's newly-built Armenian Heritage Park.

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Diocesan Primate, and Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, the Diocese's Ecumenical Director, participated in a blessing ceremony. Also present were Boston-area clergy. Representing the Republic of Armenia were Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian, Minister of Diaspora Hranush Hakobyan, and His Excellency Tatoul Markarian, Armenia's Ambassador to the United States.

James Kalustian, a member of the Diocesan Council and President of the Armenian Heritage Foundation, introduced Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, who offered remarks. Other speakers included U.S. Representative Edward Markey and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino. Middlesex Sheriff Peter Koutoujian was the master of ceremonies.



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On the previous evening, a banquet was held at the Renaissance Hotel in Boston to welcome the delegation from Armenia. It was co-hosted by Armenia's Embassy to the U.S., the Armenian Heritage Foundation, and the Massachusetts Armenian-American community. Archbishop Barsamian offered the evening's invocation.

Armenian Heritage Park, located on Parcel 13 of the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway in Boston, commemorates the victims of the Armenian Genocide while celebrating the contributions of Armenian-Americans and other immigrant groups to the city and state. The park features an abstract sculpture commemorating the immigrant experience and the Armenian Genocide, as well as a labyrinth of grass and stone symbolizing life's journey. His Holiness Karekin II, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, presided over a groundbreaking ceremony for the park in September 2010.

The park is a project of the non-profit Armenian Heritage Foundation, involving 38 Armenian parishes and organizations in Massachusetts. Visit [www.armenianheritagepark.org](http://www.armenianheritagepark.org) to learn more.

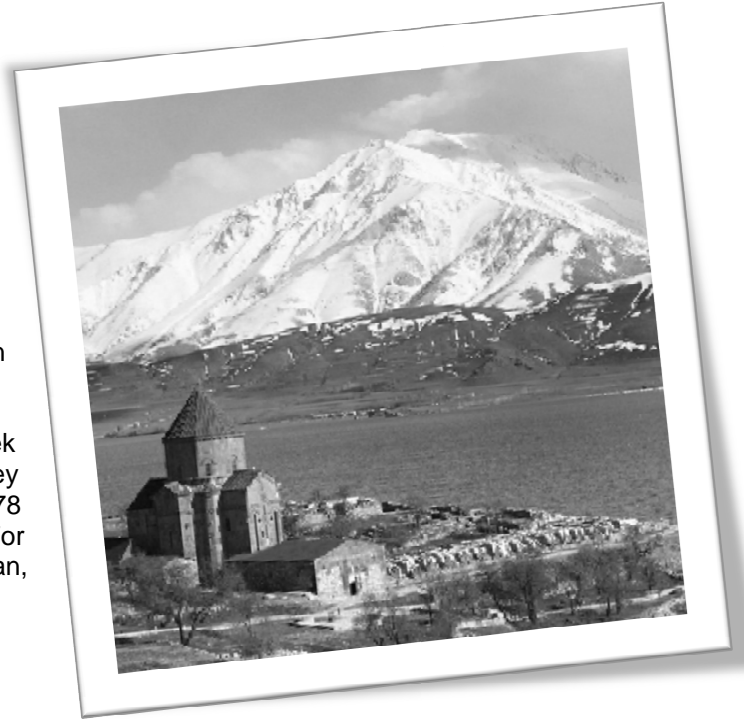
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### Dagley Scholarship Fund Seeks Support

St. Gregory of Narek Church of Richmond Heights, OH, has established a scholarship fund for the children of the late Rev. Fr. Haroutiun Dagley and the late Yn. Patricia Dagley. During the annual Clergy Conference earlier this month, the clergy collectively pledged \$7,500 to assist with the college tuition fund of Fr. Dagley's children.

Parishioners of the Eastern Diocese are encouraged to support the fundraising effort. St. Gregory of Narek Church has generously agreed to match the first \$20,000 in personal donations made to the fund.

Checks should be made out to St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church (memo: "Sona and Sarkis Dagley Scholarship Fund"), and mailed to the church at 678 Richmond Road, Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143. For additional information, contact the Rev. Fr. Hratch Sargsyan, parish pastor, at (440) 264-3541.



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