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Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church LOOYS



Cheltenham, PA

April to June 2014

Your New Parish Council



Hours of Worship

- Morning Service: 10:00 AM
- Divine Liturgy: 10:30 AM
- Sunday Church School:
10:15 AM

*Come celebrate with
Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan*



Upcoming Events

- August 17 - Blessing of Grapes
- September 14 – Church School Opening
- September 28 80th Anniversary Celebration
- October 12 - Intercommunal at HT
- October 24-26 - Harvest Bazaar

Pray **U**ntil **S**omething **H**appens

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The Sixth Commandment

“You shall not murder.” (Exodus 20:13)

Human life is precious and to be highly valued, for man is made in the image of God. (Gen. 9:6) We live in a society which gives little respect to human life. Unfortunately, today's society is self-centered and trying to satisfy its wishes only, rather than doing good to others and satisfying God.

The first time in the Bible we read about murder is in the Book of Genesis. Cain and Abel were two sons of Adam and Eve. “Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. In the course of time, Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So, Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted. And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it. Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let us go out to the field. “ And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him.” (Gen.4:2-8)



Cain was the first human to be born and Abel was the first human to die. From the story, we learn that Cain killed Abel because of jealousy and anger. This happened a few thousand years ago. Today's world is not very different. Now, people also kill one another because of jealousy, anger, power, money, envy, etc.

Evil people put something in their mind and they do it. For example in 1915 the Ottoman Empire had a plan to erase the Armenian nation from the earth, because the Turks were jealous of the Armenian people and also because they wanted to take the land where our ancestors were living for ages. As a result of that genocide, we lost 1.5 million Armenians and the land of Western Armenia. This can happen with any nation at any time, because for almost 100 years the world has closed its eyes on this tragedy, pretending that they were unaware of what happened to the Armenians in 1915.

Unfortunately, there is a generation at all times who continue the bloody work of Cain.

Taking a human life is never to be taken lightly; however, the Scripture is teaching that there are times when the taking of human life is justified: “For the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer.” (Romans 13:1-5)



Thank God that today we have the Republic of Armenia. During Armenia's history many nations and countries attacked us for different reasons. The only way for us to protect our people and land was to fight foreign invaders.

According to the Bible there is nothing wrong in protecting yourself, your family or your country. We should always differentiate between the two words: invade and defend; because the Bible says: “For all who take the sword will perish with the sword.” (Matt. 26:52)

Dear faithful, let us pray to God and ask for His help in all that we do; so that we may continue the work of Abel and not Cain, and give the best fruits of our labor to Him, because everything we have comes from God and belongs to God. Amen

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan

Chairman's Report

Your selection of the Parish Council was approved by the Diocese as were our election of officers (see back page). The Council had its dedication ceremony and was blessed by Der Hayr.

We have been organized in five pillars of major responsibility for the last nine years and are maintaining that approach:

PILLAR I FINANCIAL

Don Parechan, John Kash

PILLAR II MAINTENANCE & HALL RENTALS

Rick Mukalian, Steve Aslanian, Barbara Harmon, John Kash

PILLAR III MEMBERSHIP

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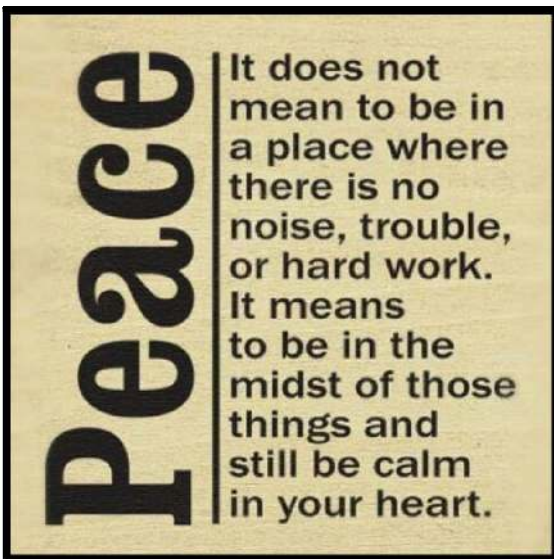
PILLAR V SOCIAL SERVICES & EVENTS

Jeanette Der Hagopian, Merle Santerian, Rick Mukalian,
Barbara Harmon



The people are responsible for all items in the Pillar including obtaining volunteers to chair committees, to provide updates monthly on activities and present matters for discussion and votes.

The Diocesan Assembly was attended by our three delegates and myself. The Primate was elected in a very close vote (which took 5 ballots) and the proposal to pass the Global Bylaws was defeated which included giving the Catholicos the right to approve candidates for Primates, although he still retains the right to approve or reject the winner.



We received our ACEF distribution (see article on Endowments) and it has been applied as designated. Maintenance is ongoing. The concrete steps, which were damaged by the salt and bad weather, have been refaced by the contractor. Fortunately, we have Stewards like Pat Killian who caulked and painted the columns in the hall and George Terkanian who will be installing new outside lighting and sensors. A new fence was put up in the back of our lot and the last 20 fir trees were planted to complete the pipeline project. The walk-in freezer and refrigerator roofs have to be replaced; and the free-standing refrigerator (which has been in use for 48 years) has been replaced at a cost of \$ 2200. Cheltenham Township cleaned up Ashmead Road debris and the dead tree trunks will be removed. They will also trim the trees along the fence and have already filled the potholes on Ashmead Road. By the time you read this, the parking lot asphalt will be sealed and re-stripped with wider handicapped parking. We will add two more handicapped spots behind the hall for people that have to use the front ramps.

The Walk Thru the New Testament and the Parish Retreat both had good turnouts and were a great way to spend time understanding more of the Bible and the miracles of Jesus. Der Hayr has been visiting all those who are not well and/or recuperating. The Church School completed another successful year and will expand and redo the nursery to meet the coming attendance increase. We would like to congratulate and thank Nancy Hovnanian for her years of service and wish Gail Lulejian success as she begins her time as Superintendent.

I hope that you attended the closing of the Church School and the Hantes. This was followed by our annual successful picnic, thanks to Robbie Barone, Barbara Harmon and their crews.

We hope you are enjoying this second issue of the LOOYS in color as promised. We look forward to our 80th Anniversary Celebration in September and hope you will make plans to be a part of it.

John Kash

HOLY TRINITY'S 401K PLAN

Over the past few years, we have successfully developed an income stream to help us maintain a break- even budget thanks to Endowments and the gas pipeline. The money generated will pay for 17% of our normal operating expenses of \$ 282,900 this year. Our goal is to double this so we will be able to reduce funding requests in the future. The principal stays in reserve, just like your own 401 K, and the income generated will help us stay financially viable over future years and is not be available for spending.

In 2014, we have a break even budget which includes income from the following:

GENEROUS



Account Name	2012 Income	2013 Income
Lillian Avrigian Memorial Fund	\$52.32	\$53.53
Acabe & Roxie Boornazian Endowment Fund	\$601.67	\$615.59
Aram & Rose Boornazian Endowment Fund	\$261.59	\$267.65
Chalikian Family Memorial Fund	\$2,889.62	\$2,956.47
Nicole Der Hagopian Memorial Fund	\$1,161.98	\$1,196.48
Donchian, Hajeian, Chirkinian Fund	\$489.07	\$500.35
Karapet B. Garibian Endowment Fund	\$675.55	\$691.18
Niaz Garibian Memorial Fund	\$52.32	\$53.53
Mary Mirakian Sunday School Fund	\$397.03	\$406.21
Elsie Parnagian Youth Endowment Fund	\$310.50	\$317.68
Dr. Corinne Santerian Moore Endowment Fund	\$363.28	\$371.68
Ned Santerian Family Endowment Fund	\$575.51	\$588.82
Elizabeth Tookmanian Endowment Fund	\$116.69	\$119.39
V. Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Melkonian Endowment Fund	\$714.42	\$730.93
Nicole Der Hagopian Memorial Fund	\$273.07	\$279.91
Sub Totals:	\$8,934.62	\$9,149.41
HT INVESTMENTS	\$10,509.13	\$13,504.91
Patriarch Torkom Manoogian Fund	-----	\$567.73
Totals:	\$19,443.75	\$23,222.05

Summary;

ACEF Endowments –see details above	\$ 9,149.41
ACEF HT Investments(Pipeline proceeds)	\$ 13,504.91
ACEF Patriarch Torkom Manoogian	\$ 567.73
George Ananian I and II Endowment	\$ 24,960.00
Vera Kazigian Endowment	\$ 1,040.00
TOTAL	\$ 49,222.05


The endowment process is a great way to help the Church in future years so you may want to consider this as a way to bequeath money to the Church and perpetuate your family name for generations to come.

A Gift to Holy Trinity

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Bob Damerjian on his 80th birthday.
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Between issues of the LOOYS,
be sure to check out our website (www.holytrinity-pa.org)
for upcoming events and activities!

Holy Trinity Church School News

Armenian Jeopardy and Hantes

The Armenian Language School accomplished another successful school year. This year we were invited to take part in the Armenian Jeopardy tournament on May 4, 2014, which was developed and organized by the Diocesan Armenian Studies Department, at St. Gregory the Illuminator Church, in White Plains, N.Y.

Beginning in March, along with their Armenian classes, our students, ages 10 and up, with the supervision of their teachers began preparing and memorizing the 150 questions which would be asked at the Jeopardy tournament, representing all the aspects of the Armenian culture including religion, history, art, music, architecture, the most famous people and events.

Our students gained much knowledge about their Armenian Heritage and how to interact with their peers from other Armenian communities. I am really very proud of our students as they were well prepared, excited about the competition, and participated very well in the tournament.

Another good event was our end-of-the-year Hantes. The Students presented a beautiful program consisting of recitations and a skit. All who were present truly enjoyed the performance.

A special thanks to our teachers who work voluntarily, and put their love and enthusiasm in teaching our children religion and language.

I would like to thank our Church School parents for making the commitment to connect their children to their ancestral roots, and encourage them to continue to flourish those roots to grow and become stronger.

Last but not least, I would like to add a special "thank you" to our Parish Council for their continued support.

Yn. Anna Gevorgyan
Church School Co-Superintendent



Women's Corner

As I thought about writing this wrap up for the summer Loops, I started thinking about the traditions we enjoy at Holy Trinity. I wondered if there were others who think about our traditions as well. Many know about the behind the scenes activities to make our events succeed while there are others who think our traditions magically unfold and those who look forward to participating but are invisible when they could offer helping hands.

What really brought this topic to my mind's eye was that I recently enjoyed the privilege to represent our church at the Women's Guild Assembly. Holy Trinity was recognized and honored for our 80th anniversary. I had the opportunity to meet the women who represented over 32 Guilds in our Diocese. They love and embrace the beautiful traditions of our Armenian Church and culture. Although many of the women's groups are successful, there were groups similar to ours where everyone is busy and stretched to their limits. I was impressed with their positivity and determination to overcome negativism.

Fall will arrive all too quickly and a busy season waits. I propose we should not try to revamp our women's board but invite and encourage interested ladies to pick a topic of interest for development. If you have an idea that you would like to suggest or, better yet, are willing to undertake a small area of leadership, then please contact me at lizbarone04@gmail.com or 610-449-2236. If there are possibly 6-12 women who might each select an idea or area of interest for development, I believe we would revitalize ourselves and grow. It is definitely worth the effort to try.

Liz Barone



Fellowship Hour Fundraiser for FAR Soup Kitchens

The ACYOA Juniors of Holy Trinity PA served homemade Lentil soup and Pasta Fazool soup with assorted breads, salad and apples to their parishioners in March to support the FAR AYO Kitchenware for Soup Kitchens project. They had read about Washington DC church's "Souper Bowl" fundraiser, and thought this would be a great idea that would tap into the cooking interests of their members, be a welcome change to the standard fellowship hour that they are responsible for every fifth Sunday of a month, and would be a great cause that our parishioners would get behind. Parents and head chefs, Maria Javardian and Michele Oskanian, were accompanied by, their children and sous chefs, Ani Javardian and Bennett Oskanian along with 7 other members who prepped, served and cleaned up the soup kitchen experience that day. The soup warmed the hearts of their parishioners who generously made donations totaling \$525.00.

Leslie Movsesian
Parent Advisor



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\$ 200 – ALICE ENDRIGIAN - #100

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\$ 500 – HELEN GALLAGHER - #175
\$ 200 – ALBERT KAPEGHIAN - #15
\$ 100 – KRIKOR KAPEGHIAN - #102
\$ 100 – ARAM KUMKUMIAN - #124
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Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding.



Church School News

The Church School has announced the departure of Co-superintendent Nancy Hovnanian who has served since 2011 (she also held the position for three years in 2002-2005). One of the most significant initiatives under Nancy's leadership has been the joining together of the Christian education and the language instruction programs of our parish. In 2012 with the blessing and support of our pastor, Der Hakob, Nancy was charged with directing Christian education while Yn. Anna Gevorgyan oversaw language instruction. Instead of two separate schools, thanks to their efforts, we now have one united ministry charged with the education of our children and youth. During her tenure, Nancy also worked tirelessly to refurbish and renovate the classrooms, update furniture and provide the staff with all the tools and resources necessary for an effective learning environment.

Fortunately, Nancy is not completely cutting her ties with the school; she will stay on as an advisor to Gail Lulejian, who has been appointed Superintendent of Christian Education. Gail, who joined the Church School in 2013 as the 7th-9th grade teacher, has a degree in Biblical Studies and comes to us with many years of experience in Christian Education. The staff welcomes Gail and looks forward to working with her to ensure an exciting new school year beginning in September.

ACYOA Jrs. Update

The ACYOA Juniors prepared 48 meatloaf, pilaf and string bean platters for elderly and isolated shut-ins in our area who are serviced by Aid for Friends. Florence Boyajian lead Andrew, Ashot, Alex, Dominique, Arthur and Peter through the meal preparation and packaging process. They mixed the meat and seasonings, weighed and shaped the meat and packaged the complete meals. This was another great opportunity to serve others. Thank you to Jeanette Der Hagopian for coordinating this activity.

At the end of March the Juniors served homemade Lentil soup and Pasta Fazool soup with assorted breads, salad and apples to their parishioners on Sunday to support the FAR AYO Kitchenware for Soup Kitchens project. They had read about Washington DC church's "Souper Bowl" fundraiser, and thought this would be a great idea that would tap into the cooking interests of their members, be a welcome change to the standard fellowship hour that they are responsible for every fifth Sunday of a month, and would be a great cause that their parishioners would get behind. Parents and head chefs, Maria Javardian and Michele Oskanian, were accompanied by, their children and sous chefs, Ani Javardian and Bennett Oskanian along with 7 other members who prepped, served and cleaned up the soup kitchen experience that day. The soup warmed the hearts of their parishioners who generously made donations totaling \$525.00.

They also held a car wash at our church picnic in June. This year's car wash raised \$230 for the Sts Tarkmanchatz Armenian School inside the Hayotz Vank (Armenian Monastery) in the Old City of Jerusalem. Sts. Tarkmanchatz Armenian School exists to develop the academic and personal excellence of the youth of the Armenian Community of Jerusalem. Ani Javardian, Chairman, had suggested this cause based on her visit to Jerusalem last year with her family, Der Hayr and other members of our church family.

Thank you to our parishioners for your continued support and generous donations throughout the year!

Leslie Movsesian
Parent Advisor





ACYOA Palm Sunday Banquet

by Peter Ohnigian

Every year on Palm Sunday, the ACYOA Juniors host a banquet where the ACYOA members serve food, act in skits, and show off their talents. After serving everyone their lunch, the ACYOA started their program off with a skit based off the Campbell's "Wisest Kid" soup commercial. The skit was a big success as Alex showed off his luscious beard while he played the role as the wisest kid. While the crowd enjoyed their desserts, the ACYOA gave an Armenian musical performance with Danny Aslanian on the clarinet and Ashot on the drums. After a speech by Der Hayr the banquet concluded and the ACYOA juniors helped clean up and departed. In conclusion, the banquet was a success and will hopefully be just as entertaining next year as it was this year.



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Church School News

The Holy Trinity Sunday Church School has been very busy this past spring. Starting with a “fun” Poon Paregentan celebration in March. A big “thank you” to the kitchen crew who provided a wonderful lunch for us. Everyone enjoyed playing bingo and dancing before the season of Great Lent began.

During Lent this year, the Eastern Diocese held a “Lenten Drive” for the parishes to raise money for the Berd Soup Kitchen in Armenia and Feeding America in the United States. Kim Dunigan organized our students to create blankets and to solicit donations. They raised \$600.00! All of the students and teachers worked on the blankets while having their lessons. We donated the finished blankets to the Zeneca Hope Lodge for cancer patients here in Cheltenham.

The Armenian language students participated in an Armenian Jeopardy competition in White Plains, New York on May 4th.

Our annual flower planting took place on Sunday May 18th. Grace Meranshian coordinated this event with Robert Damerjian, Jr. who donated the flowers. The students had fun planting the flowers and helping to water them! Thank you, Robert, for your generosity.

June 1st was a big day at Holy Trinity Church School. Not only was it the last day of classes before summer vacation, it was also graduation and the annual Hantes. We had one student graduate from our Church School this year - Daniel Aslanian, who is the son of Steve and Doretta Aslanian. On behalf of the entire congregation we would like to wish him congratulations and all the best. Danny received the gift of an Armenian initial tie pin from our church school that was created and donated by Greg and Grace Meranshian.

This year we had one student with perfect attendance – Narek Gevorgyan. Narek received a blue ribbon at closing exercises. The Church School also recognized two students for their attendance. Audrey Movsesian had one absence and Lucas Terkanian had two absences. We hope that next year the number of students with perfect attendance will increase. The average attendance for the school year was thirty students each week.

Teaching our students is a volunteer position. Our teachers are very dedicated and work hard each week to put together their lessons. Read what two of them said about how they feel about what they do:

Ms. Seda Hovhannisyan - Nursery Language Teacher –

“Teaching Armenian at Holy Trinity makes me feel proud. I’m proud that I can help kids who have never been in their motherland to learn their language and make them feel proud of their roots and beautiful language. Armenian is one of the oldest languages in the world. Lord Byron said, ‘Armenian is the beautiful language to speak with God.’ It’s a pleasure to teach kids the language to speak with God!”



Mrs. Merle Santerian – 3rd and 4th Grade Religion Teacher –

“I’ve been teaching Sunday School for more years than I can remember, and of all the many hats I have worn in doing church work, Sunday School teacher has been the most rewarding. It never ceases to amaze me the look on my students faces when I tell them that God is everywhere at the same time. He knows everything about them from the number of hairs on their head, and from the time they were born until now. He knows what they are doing, thinking, planning to do, be it good or bad – they cannot hide from God; and, they look at me in amazement and then they bombard me with all kinds of questions about God. I love it and I love them no matter what age they are.”

I would like to thank Der Hayr, Yn. Anna, the Parish Council and all the teachers for their support and dedication to the school and to me over all these years. Thank you also to Ara Shakarjian for always being there to record our events. A special thank you goes to Nancy Basmajian for all her guidance over the years. She not

only taught the older students, she was the treasurer and secretary. This is my last article for the Loos, as I am retiring as superintendent. It has been my honor and privilege to serve the students at Holy Trinity. I pray that our combined program will continue to thrive.

Have a safe and blessed summer!

Nancy Hovnanian, Co-Superintendent



CELEBRATING THE WORD OF GOD ON POON PAREGENTAN

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17



As part of our ongoing programming focused on the Diocesan Year of Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ and in an effort to prepare our faithful for Great Lent, we gifted the children of our parish with Bibles and educational resources to our adult parishioners. The occasion was Poon Paregentan Sunday, March 2.

In a special ceremony during Liturgy, Fr. Hakob —assisted by Church School Co-superintendent, Nancy Hovnanian—presented students in grades 3 and above with age-appropriate Bibles: those in grades 3 to 6 received the Hands-On Bible, designed to excite and ignite young readers to experience the Bible as never before—the text includes secret messages, hero biographies and lots of “do-it” activities; students in grades 7 to 11 received the Life Application Study Bible, which includes commentary and notes, personality profiles, charts, book and chapter summaries, etc., features designed to help the reader understand the meaning and importance of Scripture and how to live the Word of God. We extend gratitude to Greg and Maria Javardian and Harry and Alice Andonian whose donations went towards the purchase of Bibles for this event and for general use in our classrooms.

During his sermon, Fr. Hakob engaged the children by asking them what materials and tools they would need in order to build a house. After several responses, he went on to explain that in the same way, Christians need tools to build their spiritual house, and of course, Holy Scripture is one of those “tools.” He then exhorted our congregation to use Lent as an opportunity to read God’s Word and offered one of his famous “stories” illustrating the pitfalls of making excuses.



As they exited the sanctuary, parishioners received two resources to encourage Bible reading during Lent; the first was a pamphlet entitled, How the Bible Came to Be with a page on the story of the Armenian Bible; the second resource came from the Christian Education Department of the Diocese—an activity “wheel” for families and individuals full of information on the history and biblical origins of Lent and Holy Week in the Armenian Church.

Afterwards, Church School families and parishioners enjoyed fellowship at a Poon Paregentan luncheon and celebration.

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Philadelphia Region "Walks Thru" the New Testament

On Saturday, March 29, over 80 people gathered at Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Cheltenham, PA to attend part II of a journey begun a year ago when Walk Thru the Old Testament attracted a similarly large crowd. Back by popular demand, last Saturday's program invited participants to explore the New Testament with the help of mime, memory words, spiritual reflection, group reviews, and -- despite the grandeur and beauty of the subject -- just plain fun.

"Walk Thru the New Testament" was co-sponsored by the Diocesan Department of Christian Education and Holy Trinity Armenian Church. Thanks to the visionary leadership of their pastor, Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, the Parish Council, PC Vice Chair Jeanette Der Hagopian, and Adult Christian Education Director Nancy Basmajian, the parish helped plan and promote the event, hosted breakfast and lunch, and financially underwrote more than half the costs. "This was such a beautiful and gratifying partnership of parish and Diocese working together," noted Diocesan Christian Education Director Elise Antreassian.

Parishioners arrived full of energy and anticipation and were checked in, handed their name tags and textbooks, and guided to a breakfast buffet. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan opened the program with a prayer of encouragement and hope for "Christ's enlightening guidance and empowering spirit... help us not only be listeners and hearers of the Word but enthusiastic doers as we go home from the joy and learning of this one single day to live the Gospel each day, day after day."

Instructor Roger Petersen, a professor at Cairn University in Langhorne, PA for over thirty years and a teacher for the Walk Thru the Bible organization for 35 years, mesmerized the audience from the first moment. Between brief explanations of content, he led participants through gestures and catch phrases to help them learn and remember the major events in Jesus' life as told in the four Gospels and in the early church drawn from the Book of Acts. The epistles and Book of Revelation were woven more briefly into the general narrative of the entire New Testament. Dr. Petersen called on a host of talents, assuming different voices, even masterfully employing ventriloquism. It was a wondrous exercise in imagination: at one point he had one of the youngest participants Jonah Manoukian, 11, (a congregant from Armenian Martyrs) designated as the city of Capernaum as others were assigned the job of impersonating the Sea of Galilee, the towns of Nazareth and Bethlehem, the twisting Jordan River (creatively rendered by gyrating participants) and the Dead Sea (actors were appropriately deadpan). Petersen would pause at times in prayerful reflection and apply biblical lessons to daily life. As a result, many people discovered connections between the Gospel and life that were instructive, comforting, and inspiring.

Participants departed for home with much praise and gratitude for the day: "What a wonderful, creative way to learn about the Bible. What a blessing!" noted one. A number of attendees were so inspired, they gave donations to the adult Christian education ministry at Holy Trinity.

The seminar drew the participation of a truly ecumenical group: parishioners from four Armenian congregations, visitors from local Catholic and Protestant churches, parish council members, Sunday School staffers, and pastors from the region: Fr. Hakob, Fr. Nerses Manoogian of St. Gregory Armenian Church, and the Rev. Nishan and Maria Bakalian of the Armenian Martyrs Congregational Church.

The enthusiasm of the audience, their glowing evaluations and pledges of spiritual commitment at day's end affirmed not only the Diocesan vision of Christian education as a never-ending, life-long process, but Holy Trinity's. Fr. Hakob was already preparing for a special parish retreat scheduled for May 17, the last of several outstanding programs he has organized with Adult Christian Education Director Nancy Basmajian on "Living the Gospel of Christ." And the Diocese is planning four more Walk Thru seminars in regions throughout the Diocese.



Parish Retreat “Nourishes” The Faithful

One of the participants of the Parish Retreat held on Saturday, May 17, at Holy Trinity commented that he was attracted to the event because of what he read on the flyer:

*It's not about rest, it's about exercise...
It's not about health, it's about healing...
It's not about being, it's about becoming!*

The theme of the half-day program, “Nourished by Christ,” also drew another 40 individuals who came to grow in their faith. The retreat was designed by the Department of Christian Education for parish use in conjunction with the Diocesan theme, *Living the Gospel of Christ*.

Our Retreat Leader, Der Hakob, set the tone for the mini-retreat when he said, “This morning we will be on a focused journey to get us ever closer to our Lord. *Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ* is our theme this year, but it is actually our goal every day of every year and so we might use this retreat as an opportunity to begin a fresh commitment to that goal.”



The morning began with Matins and an elaborate continental breakfast (thanks to a few enthusiastic volunteers); then parishioners were also “fed” by two Bible studies (the Feeding of the Multitude and the Washing of the Feet of the Disciples) in which they explored their faith and their relationship with Christ in fellowship with other Christians. Divided into four groups, led by facilitators Greg Andonian, Brian Hoyle, Leslie Movsesian and Tanya Paretchan, participants discussed the passages and answered questions from the retreat packet provided by the Diocese.

The last session was led by Nancy Basmajian, our Director of Adult Christian Education, who summarized by saying, “We have imagined ourselves being fed by Christ in the great abundance of loaves and fishes, and we have pictured ourselves in the Upper Room being washed by Christ who instructs us to follow his example of humble service. So,” she asked, “how do we continue in this process of growing closer to Him?”

At this point, the faithful were challenged to journey further, on their own, by spending “quality” time with God. Two of the most powerful ways to do that is, of course, through Scripture and prayer. Each individual received a very specific plan of action involving daily Bible reading and prayer. The group will meet again in September to follow-up on their progress. The retreat ended with a prayer and pledge as follows:

Lord, we end this day recommitted to growing closer to you through your Word and through time spent exclusively with you. We pledge to open the doors to our hearts and invite you into the most beautiful fellowship we can imagine. To this we pledge and commit ourselves.

Profiles in Faith: Meditations on the Lives of the Saints

On Saturday, July 12, the Armenian Church commemorates two saints, St. Drtad, the Armenian king who converted to Christianity, and his wife Queen Ashkhen. The following is a meditation on St. Ashkhen by Deacon Albert Keshgegian, adapted from his book "Profiles in Faith: Meditations on the Lives of the Saints":

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:12-14

Her husband openly sought the sexual attentions of a beautiful young nun (St. Hripsimeh). When the nun refused, he vindictively had her slaughtered, along with all of her companion nuns. This is what St. Ashkhen, wife of King Drtad III and queen of Armenia, experienced. How would most wives react in a situation like that? They might well run to the best divorce lawyer they could find, and no one would blame them. But Queen Ashkhen was probably already a Christian, most likely influenced by the Hripsimeyan nuns, and followed Christian values.

Christians are asked to forgive, as God has forgiven them. They are asked to have humility, kindness, compassion, and patience. Above all, love should rule their lives. The peace that Christ brings should live in their hearts and they should be thankful to God. Wherever they go and whatever they do, Christians are representatives of Christ and must try to do as he would.

St. Ashkhen lived these values. She forgave her husband for his crimes against her, the Hripsimeyan nuns, and God. With patience and compassion she stood by his side through his subsequent illness and helped him regain his health. She is thought to have cooperated with the king's sister Khosrovitoukt in obtaining the release of St. Gregory from his imprisonment so that he could cure the king.

After the conversion of the king and Armenia to Christianity, St. Ashkhen worked side-by-side with King Drtad in building chapels for the martyrs. She was baptized with him in the Euphrates River by St. Gregory. When more money was needed for Christian work, St. Ashkhen and her sister-in-law both gave up their jewels. St. Ashkhen supported the building of the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin and helped St. Gregory organize church communities throughout the country. She spent the last of her years in solitude in the fortress of Karni, living in dedication to God. She died in old age, prior to the death of the king.

We've heard about the Christian values of forgiveness, compassion, and patience before; they are certainly not new. And we've probably thought they sound very idealistic and difficult to follow, especially toward those who we feel have wronged us. Queen Ashkhen lived these ideals, and in so doing helped create the most important and memorable event in Armenian history – the conversion of the nation to Christianity. Just as importantly, her husband changed from a doer of evil to a source of goodness. If Queen Ashkhen could show these values toward her husband who had committed terrible crimes, can't we show them toward our neighbor, coworker, relative, or fellow church member who has wronged us in some smaller way? Perhaps, if we do, the person will respond to us in the same manner. Then it will be a memorable event in our lives, too.



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March 22, 2014:
ORI BALUYAN (Adult)
Godfather: Armen Petrosyan
Godmother: Lena Petrosyan



March 22, 2014: (left)
ARAIK SIMONYAN (Adult)
Godfather: Harut Baluyan

March 22, 2014: (right)
MANUSHAK BAKUNTS (Adult)
Godfather: Harut Baluyan



April 27, 2014:
SPENCER ARAM MURRAY
Son of Mr. and Mrs. David Murray
Godfather: Michael Murray
Godmother: Stefanie Capobianco



May 25, 2014:
DANIEL A. NEDZWECKY
(Adult Chrismation)
Son of Mr. Stephen Nedzwecky
and Ms. Kathleen Devlin



May 25, 2014:
MARGUERITE F. MILLER (Adult Chrismation)
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller

May 25, 2014:
STEVEN J. PARKER (Adult Chrismation)
Son of Mr. and Mrs. David Parker



Funerals: 2014

JOHN DER PILBOSIAN entered into his eternal rest on March 19, 2014. Funeral services were held on March 24, 2014 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

ALICE ANDONIAN entered into her eternal rest on March 27, 2014. Funeral services were held on April 3, 2014 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

REBECCA GARABED entered into her eternal rest on April 18, 2014. Funeral services were held on April 24, 2014 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

RONALD GOOSHIAN entered into his eternal rest on May 6, 2014. Funeral services were held on May 10, 2014 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

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John 14:1-2



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Member 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
Garo & Cecelia Garibian 8/12/2011
Michael & Lynn Hajatian, Jr. 8/12/1972
Paul & Leslie Movsesian 8/18/1990
Vartan & Elize Mazmanian 8/19/1962
Ken & Lucine King 8/20/1994
Aram & Lucy Aghazarian 8/22/1964
George & Setta Nazarethian 8/22/1950
Ara & May Arzoumanian 8/27/2005
Gary & Sonia Papazian 8/28/1954
Gregory & Karinne Andonian 8/28/2010
Serge & Adrienne Minassian 8/31/1957

September

Fred & Michele Oskanian 9/3/1994
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



Oops we missed an Anniversary

John and Irene Oskanian 04/04/1964 - Happy 50th Anniversary!

Member Birthdays

July

Richard Weinsheimer - 1
Fred Hess - 2
Nazig 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
Christian Balint - 7
Alice Charles - 7
Kim Willard - 7
Brennan Pica - 8
Melani Burrows - 9
Antranig Garibian - 9
Andrea Alexanian - 10
Maxwell Hanamirian - 11
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Diana Boghosian - 2
Michael Hanamirian Jr - 2
Rose Kalafian - 2
Albert Santerian - 2
Richard Doudoukjian - 3
Nane Hovsepian Arpajian - 3
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Richard Maloumian - 15
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Stephanie Williams - 17
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About Our Family

As promised in the last issue, Spring did finally arrive and everyone breathed a sigh of relief that the snow days were finally over....Our church family continues to be blessed with new babies. Welcome to **Leanna Apik**, second daughter of Aslin & Ararat, who arrived in snowy March joining big sister Lusine, now over two.... Jon & Kristine (Der Hagopian) Koengetter welcomed **Cole Sarkis**, just before Easter. He is their first child and the first grandchild to new MedzMom, Donna Sarkisian and first-time Great-Grandpop, Harry Sarkisian....Ara & Virginia Shakarjian now wear new hats called "Great-Grandparents" when their son Daniel became grandfather to **Baby Noel**. May all our new babies grow and thrive under God's protection... Congratulations to one of our church pillars, **Bob Damerjian**, who celebrated his 80th birthday. We wish him good health and many more years to enjoy his family and serve our church...Antzadz ullah to the following who have had various surgeries and are now on the mend: **Anais Mahserejian** (hip); **Lorraine Damerjian** (finger) - very important for an organist and a chorag 'varbed'; **Greg Meranshian** (hip) -happy that he is back on our Holy Altar; **Leslie Movsesian** (gall bladder) - now back in full swing leading our ACYOA Jrs; **Roxie Radynsky** (retina) - glad to see her after a long absence; and **John Arslanian** (heart) -thankfully back in the Choir....We send a shout-out to shut-ins **Anita Mirijanian** and **Virginia Kouyoumjian** who are unable to attend church - they are surely not forgotten....Deepest sympathy to the families of **John Der Pilbosian**, **Alice Andonian**, **Ronald Gooshian** and **Rebecca Garabed** who

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Family

passed away during these last months. May the Holy Spirit bring comfort to their loved ones...Our prayers continue for **George Nazarethian** who has undergone major heart surgery and is still recuperating. We miss seeing both him and Setta and wish them good days ahead....Many of you may know about CASP which supports orphaned and needy children in Armenia. Did you know that our parish supports a total 21 children - 8 from our organizations and 13 from parishioners. If you would like to be a part of this ongoing effort, contact **Anne Terkanian**, who is one of the key people managing this project. She can be reached at 215-822-8436 or takitoo@yahoo.com....Till next time, have a great summer and don't forget about coming to church during the easy, breezy days of summer - we are Air-Conditioned and "Prayer-Conditioned"!

In Memorium

Julia G. Ashekian, 79, of Kensington, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, May 15, 2014, surrounded by her family. She was the wife of Clement Ashekian. Born in New Britain, she was the daughter of the late Ohannes and Satenig (Krikorian) Garabedian. She was a former New Britain resident before moving to Berlin in 1960.

Julia devoted much of her life to her church and to the Armenian people, with special attention given to the children of Armenia. At St. George Armenian Church in Hartford she served as organist for 55 years, and also as the Chairman of the Woman's Guild. She would then go on to represent the Woman's Guild nationally, as a member of the Guild's Central Council, Representative of the Ecclesiastic Council of the Armenian for the election of head of all Armenians, member of the National Council of Churches, and was awarded The St. Nerses Medal for persons who excel with aid to the Armenian people and church.



The Armenia earthquake of 1988 left in its wake thousands of Armenian orphans. Julia, along with her husband Clem, established CASP... Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program. With the help of individual donations, CASP aided seven orphanages in Armenia which went on to care for several thousand children. Julia quickly realized that once leaving the orphanages, these now young adults would be at risk in the world. So, following in the success of the CASP program, Julia then went on to be co-founder of Mer Doon ... Our Home. Mer Doon serves as a home for young adults who have outgrown the orphanages. There, in a family setting, they receive caring and an education so that they may lead productive, successful lives. Mer Doon continues to thrive and show tremendous growth with each passing year. For her work, and for positively changing the lives of many thousands of Armenian children, Julia was chosen in 2001 by the Armenian Diocese as the Armenian Church Member of the Year, and was also honored with the Haig Garabed Sarafian Award by the Armenian Students Association of America, in 2004.

She is survived by her husband, Clement "Clem" Ashekian; a son, Stephen J. Ashekian and his wife, Noël; a daughter, Caryn LaPointe and her husband, Michael; a brother, Haige Garabedian; a sister, Hayastan Garoyan; and three grandchildren, Nicole, Alexander and Andrew.

Designation for In-lieu-of-flower donations are: Mer Doon, Inc. (84 Ellsworth Boulevard, Berlin, CT 06037) or St. George Armenian Church (22 White Street, Hartford, CT 06114).

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Dear Der Hyre,

I would like to thank you and the members of my church family for the phone calls and cards missing us and wishing us well. My wife and I miss our religious weekly inspiration and comradely from our Der Hyre and friends. We are hoping to see all of you soon.

Thank you all again,
George Nazarethian

THANK YOU!!

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." (Matthew 25:35)

The Church School students and staff wish to thank the following individuals for their overwhelming support of our 2014 Lenten Drive to benefit (1) the Berd Soup Kitchen (located in the town of Berd in Armenia near the Azeri border) which feeds 100 elderly, disabled and disadvantaged families on a daily basis; and (2) Feeding America, the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity which distributes food to millions of Americans struggling with hunger. We raised almost \$600 in this Diocesan-wide initiative! Thank you to:

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Thank You, Ed!

A big old-fashioned "salute" to our very faithful member, Ed Terzian, for being our Fellowship Hour coffee maker every Sunday for many years. Barring bad weather, he was one of the first to arrive each week and get the pots going to insure that everyone could enjoy a cup of coffee after church. Your dedication has not gone unnoticed, Ed, and we thank you for your commitment in undertaking this responsibility each and every week. Enjoy your "retirement" from the coffee pots,you deserve it!

Summertime....and the livin' is easy!

A huge thank-you to Greg Meranshian for his very generous donation of a brand-new outdoor barbecue grill with "smoker" capabilities....and just in time for our June 1 picnic. Greg has spent a lot of time cooking for various church events, so he certainly knows his way around the grill!



Attention Graduates

The next issue of the Loos will include information about our graduates. If you would like to be included, submissions should be sent to loos@holytrinity-pa.org and received no later than August 15. Pictures should be submitted in high resolution color.



Remembering Dorothy and John Chalikian

We have Pat Killian to thank for spending a full week at church sealing and painting all of the column joints where they butt up against the walls in our banquet hall which were in great need of repair. When it came time to submit a bill for his labor, Pat's reply was "this is in memory of Joyce's parents - Dorothy & John Chalikian." What a generous gesture from a loving "pesah." We salute you, Pat, for your service in remembrance of the Chalikians, who were themselves pillars of Holy Trinity.



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2014 Lenten Series Attracts Scores of Parishioners

Although this year's Friday Night Lenten Series focused on one theme—*Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ*—it was truly a multi-faceted program. Both the speakers and their presentations were dynamic and engaging.

Der Hakob set the tone on March 7 with his talk on how we are called to live the Gospel one day at a time, offering some lofty and practical advice and quoting Scripture at every turn. He encouraged the gathering to “learn the rules” and search for Jesus by becoming familiar with the Bible and striving to live a Christ-like life based on peace, love and forgiveness. He shared passages such as, “*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight (Proverbs 9:10). For you are a people holy to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the earth to be his people, his treasured possession....because the Lord loved you (Deuteronomy 7:6,9a).*”



On the following two Friday evenings, we welcomed two program directors from the Diocesan Center—Elise Antreassian, the Director of Christian Education and the Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, the Director of the Zohrab Information Center.

On Friday, March 14, Elise Antreassian, spoke eloquently on our fellowship with God as father, mother, lover, spouse, and brother. Her stirring reflection, entitled *Falling in Love with God...Again*, used Scripture and personal anecdotes to discuss 12 characteristics of God's relationship with his people. She asked us to think about the people we love; then went on to liken those relationships to the ways God shows us his love and we lovingly respond. Parishioners were inspired and understood in a new way the need to spend more time with God through dwelling on His Word, living prayerfully and allowing themselves to be radically transformed by those experiences.

On Friday, March 21, Fr. Daniel Findikyan, delivered an informative PowerPoint presentation on *The Hidden Meanings of the Feasts and Fasts of the Armenian Church: Living the Gospel of Christ*. He defined important terms like *good news*, and *apostleship*, reminding the faithful that we are called to belong to Jesus Christ. Using examples of a few familiar and some not-so-familiar feasts and fasts, he acquainted us with the uniqueness of the Armenian Church calendar. He encouraged us to use the calendar to help us live the Gospel by attempting to get “in sync” with the church's calendar, using the lectionary for our daily Bible reading, discovering the *sharagans*, and delving beneath the surface.

On Friday, April 4, Church School Co-superintendent Nancy Hovnanian, who serves as a guide at the Philadelphia Art Museum, introduced us to the art of Armenian illuminated Gospel manuscripts giving us a visual feast. Presenting examples from the 10th through the 17th century of images of Christ found in the Gospels, she explained the process involved in preparing the paper, the paint and the work of the artist and the scribe. She also discussed the influence the manuscripts had on such famous Armenian artists as Saryan and Gorky and reflected on how much we can learn about our cultural identity from this art form.

The series ended with a lively and educational evening of “Gospel Jeopardy.” The Jeopardy format has been a popular feature of the Friday night programs for many years. Long-time host and creator of the Holy Trinity Jeopardy series, Deacon Albert Keshgegian and his alter-ego “Al Trebeckian” this year turned the reigns over to special guest host Nick Terkanian, who paced the floor with his microphone and kept the game moving at a steady pace. Team captains Jeanette Der Hagopian and Emily Movsesian maintained a dignified and friendly competitive tone. No one remembers which team won the game!

Our Adult Christian Education ministry is indebted to Berjoohy Murray who recruited the dinner sponsors and coordinated the meals (she also worked in the kitchen every week to ensure that everything ran smoothly). Finally, many thanks to our dinner sponsors: Alice and Karnig Torossian, Bryan and Talene Peckjian, George and Anne Terkanian, Berjoohy Murray and our Church School staff.

Raising Children For God At Holy Trinity

"I'm ready and happy to start talking about God with my son."

These are the words of a young parent who participated in a three-part workshop entitled "Raising Children for God" here at Holy Trinity. The workshop was sponsored by the Adult Christian Education ministry of our parish as one of a dozen initiatives, begun last year, focusing on the Diocesan theme of Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Church School, thanks to the efforts of Co-Superintendent Nancy Hovnanian, also took an active role by providing child care, thus freeing up parents to attend the workshop.

Twenty parents from eleven families, with children under the age of four, participated in the interactive program, held early on three Sunday mornings in March. The workshop leaders included new parent, Karinne Andonian, who serves as our Assistant Choir Director, Amy Terkanian, the Church School's Nursery teacher and the Director of Adult Christian Education, Nancy Basmajian, who explained the purpose of the program: "I think one of the roles of the Church is to help young families raise children of faith, so we presented a bit of faith development theory along with some concrete and fun things to do at home to foster spiritual growth. It's really not about creeds and dogmas—it's about family and community and God's love."

The workshop included sessions on reading Bible stories, how to pray with children, the importance of exposing toddlers to the music and language of Liturgy so they will be comfortable in worship, as well as a lively singing session led on the guitar by Karinne Andonian. At the final session, Amy Terkanian gave a presentation on how the Nursery lives up to the Church School's Mission Statement.

Each family was gifted with a Children's Bible, compliments of the parish; and a hand-crocheted cross for each of their young ones, donated by long-time parishioner and devoted grandmother, Mary Yeretzian.

Der Hakob, who has been providing ongoing leadership and support for adult education in our parish, commented, "I am very heartened by the commitment and enthusiasm of these parents to raise their children in the Armenian Church."



Some comments from participants:

"What a wonderful program; I really enjoyed the workshop. I hope we'll have it again." - Yn. Anna Gevorgyan

"The workshop taught us how to incorporate faith and love of the Church into our family and home life. It helped me prepare for difficult discussions with my toddlers." - Laura Yavru-Sakuk

"I wish it didn't have to end! The workshop was excellent—a perfect combination of learning how to incorporate faith into raising our child; fellowship with other young parents and thought-provoking conversation about church." - Nadia Soghomonian

"A wonderful opportunity to connect with other young parents." - Seta Pica

"It was great to come together to discuss how we can raise our children in faith. I look forward to when our children are all in Sunday school together." - Stephanie Vartanian

"This workshop helped me feel better prepared as a parent." - James Keshgegian

"Excellent program! We should have continuing education for parents two or three times a year." - Harry Vartanian

"What an inspirational workshop...we have learned so much that will help us be better parents to our little ones because of it! The practical tips and the connection to our faith were delivered with a side of fun!" - Amy Terkanian

"As a parent of a young child, one of the most important things to know is that you are not alone. This workshop rejuvenated a support group in our church. I loved that we had this opportunity to learn and grow together as parents on the same journey of faith-based parenting." - Karinne Andonian

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