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# Holy Trinity Armenian Church LOOYS



Cheltenham, PA

January to March 2012



**Քրիստոս Յարեալ ի  
Մեռելոց**

**Christ is risen from  
the dead.**

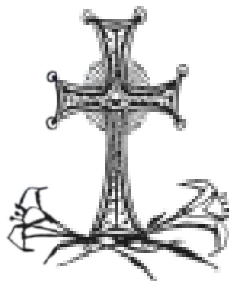
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**Blessed is the  
Resurrection of  
Christ!**

#### 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***

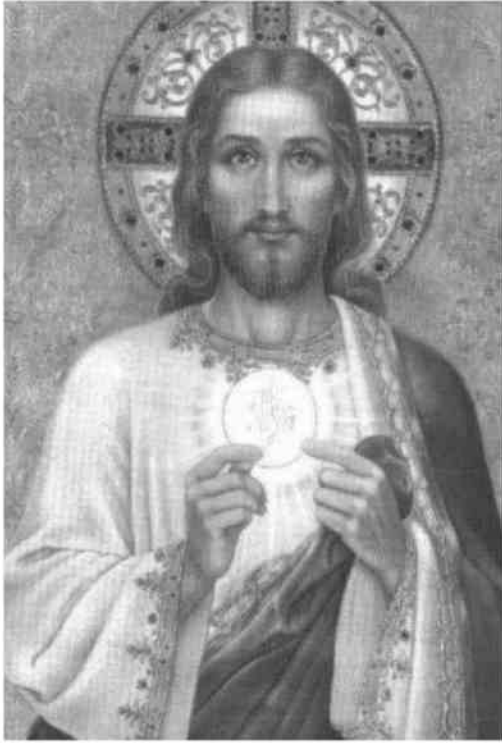


#### Upcoming Events

- April 24 - Martyrs Day Intercommunal at Holy Trinity
- April 28 - Genocide Walk-a-Thon in Philadelphia
- Featured speaker, Taner Akcan, Ph.D.
- June 3 - Armenian School closing
- Sunday School closing
- Picnic
- Bible Study - 3rd Tue. every month - 10 am
- Young Adult Bible Study - 3rd Thu. every month - 7 pm

# HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is the most important Sacrament of the Christian Church. Through this Sacrament we receive the Body and the Blood of Jesus Christ, in the form of consecrated Bread and Wine. The Sacrament of Holy Communion was established by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. "Now as they were eating, Jesus took Bread, and after blessing it, broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my Body." And He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my Blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:26-28)



Holy Communion has several names:

- a) Eucharist
- b) The Lord's Supper
- c) Communion
- d) Holy Sacrifice or Sourp Badarak

Let's see what Holy Communion means for us. For a believer Holy Communion means the Body and the Blood of our Savior; but for the unbeliever it means just bread and wine. Our Church fathers were very clear in teaching that the Consecrated Elements of the Holy Communion are the very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. St. Cyril of Jerusalem said, "That which seems bread is not bread, even if it is so perceived by the taste, but is the Body of Christ." How should we prepare to receive Holy Communion? First of all, a person must be baptized. An adult person should acknowledge his sins, confess and repent. Before taking Communion we should fast and pray from Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

We should take the Sacrament of Holy Communion very seriously, because St. Paul warns all Christians, "So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the Body and Blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the Body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. But if we were more

discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment." (1 Corinthians 11: 27-31)

When can we take Holy Communion? In the First Century, Christians celebrated the Lord's Supper every day. The Armenian Church did the same in the past. But in the Catholic Church they still celebrate Eucharist every day. Today we celebrate Holy Badark only on Saturdays, Sundays and if there is a special feast day during the week.

Armenian Christians can take Holy Communion whenever they think they are ready or at least five times a year, during the five major feast days, which are The Nativity and Theophany of our Lord, Easter, The Transfiguration of our Lord, Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God, and The Exaltation of Holy Cross.

Dear faithful, let us use this period of Great Lent in preparation for the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord, and for Holy Communion, which is medicine for our sins.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan

*What is done for Christ right now will be  
rewarded in eternity.*

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It was a successful year for our parish from a growth and activity standpoint. All churchgoers could see the increase in attendance, altar servers and choir members. Our youth groups, Sunday school activity and voting membership also increased showing growth as well. Financially, our Operating Income for normal operations exceeded expenses by \$4,600. Additional monies, mostly from the PAND donation early last year, were spent for pew cushions, new hall roof, Sunday school refurbishment, ACYOA Srs Sports weekend, Armenian Habitat and Armenian camp. We will start a series in The LOOYS with a series in this issue explaining where the money comes from and where it goes as we did at the Assembly. We will also begin reporting on the Endowments that were generously donated by past parishioners.



We spent almost a year negotiating with SPECTRA Energy for the location and payment amounts for the easement and quickly received approval from the Diocesan Council and Board of Trustees to proceed. My thanks to them for having faith in us.

One of our crowning achievements was the Ordination of nine Acolytes and Sub-Deacons and you can see them participating in Badarak. Some of our major expenditures will be for a new copier (done), repair of the dome to eliminate a major new leak during Noreasters, and replacing all the concrete on the front steps and landing of the Church. We will also continue the partial scholarships for Armenian camp attendees.

Lay Ministry, a theme of the Diocese, was presented to the Parish Council and the group discussion was led by Nancy Basmajian. This gave each of us insight into how we see the Church; how we see our roles in its operation; the different viewpoints we all had; and the need for many lay people to devote their time and talent to make the Church successful.

Socially, we plan to be more active:

1. April 1- Palm Sunday Banquet
2. May 20 - Archbishop Yeghishe's – 65th Anniversary of Ordination
3. June 3 - Picnic
4. June 3 - Sunday School and Armenian School closings
5. Fall Dance
6. September - Sunday School and Armenian School registration
7. October 26, 27 & 28 – Three-day Bazaar - Please plan to attend



Every week we see new attendees at Badarak. It is imperative that we take the time to welcome them to our parish. This was a nicety given to me from the church in Niagara Falls many years ago when I was working in Buffalo.

The Parish Assembly went very smoothly and I'd like to thank all of the participants for their work. All items presented were approved without dissent. The vote for approval of the Easement was approved unanimously. The income will go to investments to generate future income. There are two motions that we will present at the Diocesan Assembly.



Our thanks to Dr, Garo Garibian for the years he served on the Council and a warm welcome to Steve Hovnanian who was elected to serve. We will have elections within the Parish Council in late March.

I believe all of you can feel the positive can-do attitude at our affairs, our organizations and our fellowship hour, thanks to Der Hakob and all of you. We expect that we will continue our upward path in all directions this year and beyond.

John Kash

**Better to make God a first choice rather than a last resort.**



# **ACYOA**

## **Holy Trinity Armenian Church**

**The Members of the ACYOA of Holy Trinity  
invite you to join them in the Celebration  
and Commemoration of**

# **ACYOA DAY**

**Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, Ph.D.  
Dean and Professor of Liturgical Studies  
St. Nersess Armenian Seminary**

**Following the Divine Liturgy  
a Banquet and Program will take place in Santerian Hall**

**Donation:**

**Adults (Pasta with shrimp) \$20.00**

**Children (age 7-12) \$10.00**

**Children (age 6 and under) Free**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. DEADLINE: MARCH 20, 2012**  
**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

**Tables of eight (8) to ten (10) may be reserved by making a list on the  
reverse side. Please fill out the bottom portion of this flyer and mail  
your check payable to Holy Trinity Armenian Church  
101 Ashmead Rd. Cheltenham, PA 19012 by March 20, 2012.**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_**

**Number of Children(age 7-12): \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_**

**Number of Children(age 6 & under): \_\_\_\_\_ x Free = \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## ACYOA JUNIORS

### DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

In the early evening of December 24, 2011, many members of our parish gathered at church for a Christmas Eve Service. The majority of the service was in English and Der Hakob was joined by members of the ACYOA Juniors and the ACYOA Seniors who read passages from the Bible, which told the story of Baby Jesus and Christmas. Mrs. Lorraine Damerjian played traditional Christmas carols on the organ as those in the pews sang along. After the service, everyone gathered in the hall and enjoyed delicious apple cider, Christmas cookies and desserts provided by the ACYOA Juniors. It was a wonderful service and a very nice way to celebrate Christmas with our church.

### 2012 SKI TRIP TO ROUND TOP MOUNTAIN

The ACYOA Juniors' first overnight ski trip to Round Top Mountain in Lewisberry, Pennsylvania, was a huge success! Families from all of the Philadelphia Armenian churches were invited to join us at Round Top Mountain the last weekend of February. Over ninety four people (children, teenagers and adults) participated in the weekend. On Saturday, we had a beautiful day on the slopes. Families skied, snowboarded or went snow tubing. Everyone participated, even beginners who were able to take lessons. That evening we all stayed at a hotel in Mechanicsburg where we enjoyed a catered Italian dinner and delicious desserts provided by the families. It was an evening full of fun. The younger children enjoyed the hotel pool; the teenagers socialized and some went bowling at a nearby bowling alley; and the parents caught up with old friends and met new ones. The ACYOA Juniors were very happy with the outcome of our successful trip, and hope to make it an annual trip for years to come!

Brenda Yazujian  
Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors Chairman



## ACYOA Seniors Updates

**Bible Study:** The Young Adults celebrated the holiday season at their December Bible Study hosted at the home of Greg and Karinne' Andonian. Before continuing in their Bible readings, the group enjoyed fellowship and played a biblical Christmas trivia game (thanks to Ara Shakarjian). Following Bible study, everyone joined together for some singing and laughing.



# ORGANIZATIONS

## Greg Bilazarian

by Krikor Javardian

On January 8, the Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors hosted a presentation by Greg Bilazarian, a Church parishioner and current employee of the Yerevan-based organization called The Civilitas Foundation. Bilazarian, 27, participated in Birthright Armenia in the summer of 2011 after taking a sabbatical from his full-time employment as a news reporter. During his stint in Armenia, he was offered – and accepted – a full time job with Civilitas working on a new media project. The Civilitas Foundation, founded by Armenia's former Minister of Foreign Affairs Vartan Oskanian, is an Armenian non-profit organization which aims to strengthen civil society, promote democracy, economic development and education in Armenia. It also aims to facilitate dialogue between Armenia and the international community on a number of pertinent political issues. This past September, Bilazarian helped launch CivilNet.tv which uses the Internet and media to better understand the general feeling of the citizens of Armenia.

During his presentation, Bilazarian posed the audience a question and had everyone work together to find possible solutions: “how can we get Armenians to stay in Armenia?” He explained that many Armenians in the diaspora visit Armenia but fail to stay; while many native Armenians are leaving their homeland to seek better employment opportunities. Bilazarian hypothesized that the nation of Armenia will not continue to be an independent nation if the population trend continues this way.

A major problem in Armenia is the unavailability of decent employment, suitable enough for wage-earners to live a comfortable lifestyle. Bilazarian debunked the myth that everything is cheaper in Armenia by explaining that essential items are relatively comparable to pricing in the United States.

Two zones of employment hope for Armenia, Bilazarian explained, are information technology and tourism – both of which can be remarkable opportunities for the country if leveraged appropriately. There is a focus on technology among the youth in Armenia which can prepare them for competitive and dynamic careers.



Overall, Bilazarian is very optimistic yet realistic about Armenia's future. He believes that Armenia can thrive if enough can be done to maintain the population of natives and the diaspora. If Bilazarian's motivational presentation and his personal commitment inspired just one person, it is a step in the right direction for the future of our motherland!

### ***Oriental Orthodox Regional Youth Conference:***

*Holy Trinity participated in the Oriental Orthodox Regional Youth Conference at St. Anthony Coptic Orthodox Church in Medford, NJ. Members representing the Oriental Orthodox faith gathered in fellowship and study as they continue to embrace outward togetherness.*

**Lenten Dinner and Presentation:** The ACYOA seniors hosted a Lenten dinner and presentation. Heading up the dinner were Karinne' Andonian and Tina Hagopian. Presentation was made by Nadia Silk on the “Exploration of the Liturgical Differences among the Cultures of the Oriental Orthodox Church.” Members of our sister Oriental Orthodox Churches – St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church and St. Mary Coptic Church – showed their support by attending the event.

### **Upcoming ACYOA Seniors Events:**

- March 15: Young Adult Bible Study
- March 24: ACYOA Lenten Retreat at Holy Martyrs Church in Bayside, NY
- March 18: Hosting coffee hour
- April 1: Palm Sunday Banquet
- April 19: Young Adult Bible Study
- April TBD: Cooking with Yn. Ana
- April 28: Philadelphia Armenian Genocide Walk



## WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

Wintertime is a lovely season to hibernate, get out of town, catch up on reading, or see a few movies we've put off. Whatever our diversions are, Holy Trinity is never far off our radar screen. Many members can be found weekly in our kitchen preparing our delicious choreg and famous tell baneer. We are there setting up special coffee hours when requested and manning our country store. Everyone is welcome to participate.

It was suggested a few years ago we should sponsor mini activities to bring people together. Our first outing for the year was a theater trip to enjoy the comedy "Defending the Caveman". If you missed it, definitely catch it the next time it plays in the area.

Saintly Women's Day was celebrated this year at our sister church St. Sahag & St Mesrob on Saturday, March 10. Many of our members planned to attend the service and later enjoy sisterly fellowship in their hall.

The annual Lenten Luncheon was served on Sunday, March 18. Many of our parishioners joined us for a delicious meal prepared by our excellent cooks. It was a lovely afternoon where we enjoyed Christian fellowship.

Plans are underway for our annual Mother's Day Dinner. Pencil in Tuesday, May 15 on your calendars. Details to follow.

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.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School has been very busy since the fall! We had our Christmas Pageant in December followed by lunch with Santa. (See the separate article describing the pageant.)

The first and second grade classes learn the Bible stories through interactive storytelling and Christian crafts. We emphasize learning to recite The Lord's Prayer in Armenian and English with rewards for their efforts. The children made a large size magnet of the Lord's Prayer to keep on their refrigerator at home to help them always keep the Lord's Prayer in their hearts.

January brought the students in the 6th through 8th grades making masks of Saints. The teen class held a quiz for all the students in the Sunday School. Every time a student said the correct answer they received candy. The younger students really enjoyed the event. Our weekly assembly at 10am is moving forward. The children under the wonderful guidance of Karinne' and Mr. Steve are learning their sharagans in preparation for our closing exercises in June. They sound wonderful!

In February Poon Paregentan was celebrated with the parents of Sunday School and Armenian School providing desserts. A BIG thank you goes out to Dan Dunigan and Lynn Hajatian and their crew, for an amazing lunch. A BIG thank you also to Robbie Barone for providing the music that day, to Anne Terkanian for doing face painting, Diane Doukougjian and Barbara Harmon for applying the tattoos, and to all of the parents who helped. In conjunction with the period of Lent, Mrs. Merle's class is working on the parables of Lent and the activities and importance of Holy Week and Easter.

Sunday School during Lent is supporting the Diocese-wide project of Feeding the Hungry in both the United States and Armenia. The students' weekly collection along with a collection container in the church narthex will go towards this project.

We hope that when everyone gets "spring fever", parents will stay committed to bringing their children to Sunday School. We have an average of about 25 students each week. Please stop by our classrooms and see what the children are doing!



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# ORGANIZATIONS

## MEN'S CLUB

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

## ADDRESS CHANGES and/or ADDITIONS

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**Thank you for your support!**

***Did you know that when you carry the  
Bible, Satan has a headache.***

***When you open it, he collapses.***

***When he sees you reading it, he loses  
his strength.***

***AND when you stand on the Word  
of God, Satan can't hurt you!***



The Armenian Church celebrates the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary on April 7. The following is a meditation by Deacon Albert Keshgegian:

*The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.*  
(Lk. 1:35)

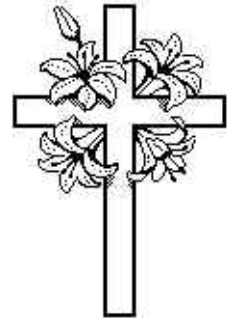


How would we react if an angel suddenly appeared in our daily life with a momentous message from God? That's exactly what happened to Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was just a simple young woman in an out-of-the-way place when the Archangel Gabriel appeared, telling her she was to become the mother of the Son of God. When she asked how this could happen, especially since she was not even married, the archangel responded "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the most high will overshadow you". The angel went on to say "for nothing will be impossible with God" (Lk. 1:37).

The priest says these same words every time we celebrate the Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak). The beginning of the Divine Liturgy is a time of preparation. The priest vests in kingly garments to cover his sinful nature. He washes his hands, symbolizing purification, and confesses his sins. He goes up to the altar, and, with the curtain closed, prepares the bread and wine for use later in the service. He repeats the same words over the bread and wine that the Archangel spoke to Mary. Finally, he censes the gifts of bread and wine that we are presenting to God, and the chalice, covered with a veil, is placed by the deacon in a side niche until the gifts will later be brought back to the main altar in procession.

Why these words? One of the themes of the Divine Liturgy is that it represents the entire life of Christ. In this action, the preparation of the bread and wine near the beginning of the service represents his birth. And why is the curtain closed? Because God becoming human, and being born to a virgin, is one of the great mysteries of God that we cannot understand.

Mary was a special person and chosen by God for a very special role. But God chooses each of us, too, to serve him. When we present the bread and wine as gifts to God, we are also presenting our lives as gifts to him and ourselves as sacrifice. We are saying that, as followers of Christ, we are willing to serve God according to the talents we each have. It could be organizing a food or clothing drive for the needy in our neighborhood. It could be helping with the charities for Armenia. Or doing repair work in the church or singing in the choir.



Even if we think we can't do it, we can. Because the power of the Holy Spirit will help us. With God, nothing will be impossible.

## The Twenty and the One

A well-worn one-dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty-dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired.

As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation.

The twenty-dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country.

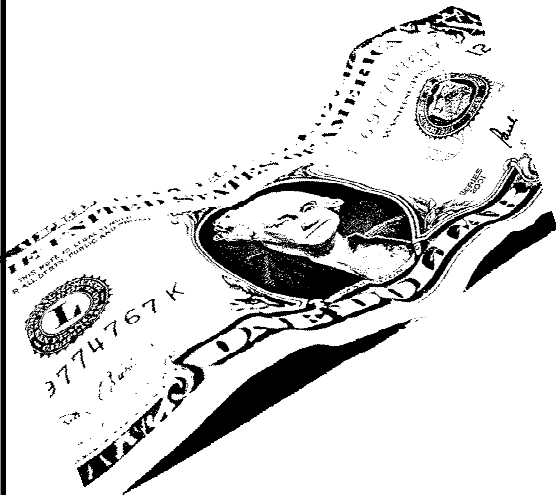
"I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed. "Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean."

"Wow!" said the one-dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!"

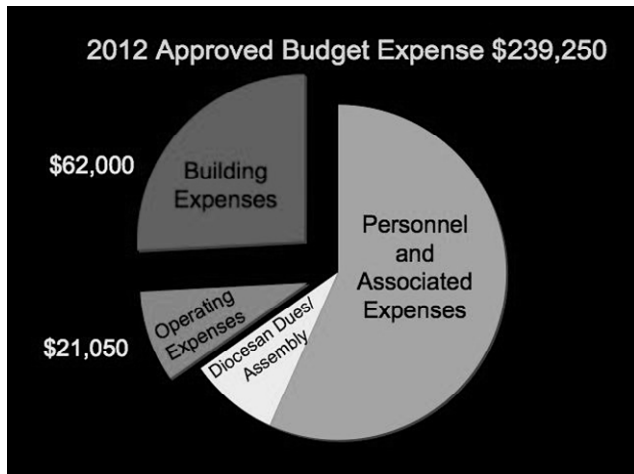
"So, tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?"

The one dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church."

The twenty-dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?"



# CHURCH NEWS



## WHERE THE MONEY GOES!

In the United States each church must stand on its own without financial help from the Diocese. As presented and approved at the Assembly, **our Church budget expense for 2012 is \$239,250 which equates to \$655/day.** As a non-profit organization our operating budget is to break even. In order to determine the income required, we must define our expenses.

Operating expenses are the day-to-day costs and do not include extraordinary expenses for major purchases/improvements which are handled by spending balance sheet reserves.

The pie chart to the left, which was presented at our Parish Assembly, separates our expenses into major categories. In order to understand the numbers, the categories will be broken down.

Today, we will review Building Expenses and Operating Expenses.

### Building expenses at \$62,000 include:

- ✓ Utilities (gas, electric and water) at **\$34,000**. We have minimized our costs with programmable thermostats, common sense temperature settings and maintenance contracts. As you can see, all precautions are taken to minimize costs yet maintain comfort.
- ✓ Insurance at **\$11,000** for the church includes liability and fire/water damage.
- ✓ Snow removal at **\$7,500** is to make it safe for parishioners to attend services and meetings
- ✓ Lawn maintenance at **\$4,000** is to make everything look nice including tree trimming. Our custodian has taken on the responsibility of tractor mowing the lawns.
- ✓ Heating and air conditioning at **\$1,500** is for a maintenance contract.
- ✓ Waste removal @ **\$3,000** was negotiated down.
- ✓ Since other items are small, they were lumped into one called other at **\$1,000**.



### Operating expenses at \$21,050 include:

- ✓ Telephone at **\$2,000** has been renegotiated to give us an additional unlimited second line with an overall discount.
- ✓ Stationary, printing and postage at **\$6,000** is an area that we are reviewing to reduce.
- ✓ The LOOYS expense of \$1.50 per copy, per issue is being offset by advertisements which we are always trying to increase.
- ✓ Altar flowers and candles are at **\$3,000**.
- ✓ A combination of various smaller miscellaneous items make up the rest.



Further budget breakdowns and income sources will be in future issues of the LOOYS.

## O O P S ! !

We apologize for listing in our last issue the wrong donor name for the Choir Loft cushions. The generous donor is Mr. Haig Torigian and we sincerely thank him for his generosity AND apologize for our clerical error.

Congratulations to Veronica Carnevale from the Sunday School teen class for being elected to the National Honor Society for Collingswood High School!

*Congratulations*

Want the news before it is mailed? Sign up for our eNews system. Visit the church website at [www.holytrinity-pa.org](http://www.holytrinity-pa.org) and go to Info. & Inquires and visit our mailing list section. Here you can sign up for Church / Member News or Armenian Events or Armenian / Sunday School.



***Don't Delay, sign up today!***

## **ABOUT OUR FAMILY**

Our column this quarter is all about welcoming new little ones and celebrating milestone birthdays.... Congratulations to Ararat and Aslin Apik on the birth of daughter Lusine, born around Thanksgiving. Both parents are among the newest members of

our Choir.... Joy and happiness to Greg and Melissa Keshgegian on the arrival of Jacob Gregory Keshgegian born in early December. He joins big sister Emily. Atchkerneet Looys to Patrice and Albert Keshgegian, proud grandparents the second time around!... Welcome to Mia Lynn Bokas, second child and first daughter of Nick and Amber, who joins big brother Nicholas. We look forward to meeting her! By the way, good tax planning - she was born just hours before the year ended!!!... Deepest sympathy to Steve and Dori Aslanian on the passing of Steve's mother, Gladys, in Florida. May the Holy Spirit comfort them in the days ahead....It was New Year's Eve merriment for Margo and Sam Silk as they celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. Almost 200 people joined in the festivities....Warm greetings go out to Armena Bartow whom we miss seeing now that she's moved to Assisted Living in Doylestown. She's often in our thoughts and prayers....Has everyone heard yet – Karinne Hovanian Andonian has been named Co-Director of the choir. We are blessed to have her share her gifts and her joyful and spirit-filled disposition – it is contagious!....Special birthday greetings go out to Albert Chapjian who had a milestone birthday (80) at the end of January. A shout-out to cousin Richard Kazigian who brought this to our attention and led the singing during coffee hour....Another birthday celebration was held on January 29 for Marty Gutchigian who turned 90. Thanks to his family who invited all of us to share in a very special coffee hour.....And yet another milestone B-day: This one for our very beloved Ed Terzian who turned 90 on February 22, again with a very lavish coffee hour. Ed is one of those people who helps in his very quiet way without looking for any thanks, but we surely do thank him for all that he does for us. Ed also had the honor of being invited to close the Altar curtain on Poon Paregentan as we embarked on the season of Lent....We really need to start a Jr. HTAC CLUB! The newest member – Aren Thomas Torcomian - arrived in early February to first-time parents Anita and Tory; first-time grandparents Fran and Tom; and first-time great-grandmother, "Me-Mom" Ronnie Torcomian. Atchkerneet

Looys to all on this blessed event...."A Star is Born" – Kudos to Megan Aslanian who performed in the Neshaminy High School production of "Phantom of the Opera." Some of us who saw the show can attest that Megan and her cast-mates did an amazing and skillful job of entertaining the sold-out crowds at every performance. High school plays have sure come a long way!.....Spring is almost here and with it comes longer days and uplifted spirits. Joy to all!!

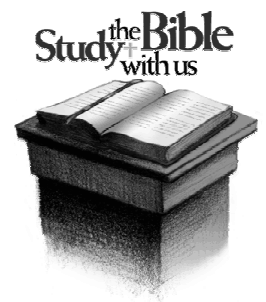
## **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

Any youth of Holy Trinity Armenian Church who wishes to apply for a scholarship to any of the youth programs of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) may contact the church office at 215-663-1600 to inquire and receive an Application and Criteria for Scholarship Award information. Application must be

presented at least one month prior to the program.

## **BIBLE STUDY @ Holy Trinity**

A small but inquisitive group meets the third Tuesday morning of every month for Bible Study led by Der Hakob. We learn, we question and we share and in so doing, we are growing in God's Word. We have now completed the Gospel of St. Mark and will embark on the Gospel of St. John beginning March 20 at 10 am. Please set aside this very small bit of time to join us and you too will become inspired by what we learn. Date changes are noted in the Sunday Messenger. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge..." (Proverbs 1:7)



## Jerusalem OBITUARIES 33 AD



### Calvary

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.



### BAPTISMS

December 24, 2011:

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MONTANEZ

Son of Mariana Majian

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### WEDDINGS

December 3 2011:

MANUK OVELYAN

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OGANISYAN

Best Man: David

Martirosyan



### FUNERALS

MICHAEL HAJATIAN SR. entered into his eternal rest on December 3, 2011. Funeral services were held on December 9, 2011 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

ALEKSANDR SAFARYAN entered into his eternal rest on January 1, 2012. Funeral services were held on January 4, 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:

Arevik Marukyan

George Medzigian

Jennifer Paretchan

Mr. and Mrs. Todd Pica

**Take time to laugh for it is  
the music of the soul.**

## FOLLOW THE ST. VARTAN CAMP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ON FACEBOOK



The Ararat Center Advisory Committee is pleased to announce the newly formed St. Vartan Camp Alumni Group—an organization that will allow camp alumni to connect with each other, and to extend support to the camp program throughout the year.

“St. Vartan Camp holds a special place in my heart,” said Alumni Group chair Talene Metjian, whose father, the late Rev. Dr. Paree Metjian, was instrumental in founding the camp. “As a child, I looked forward to attending every summer, seeing old friends, and meeting new people from other parts of the Eastern Diocese. We shared many special moments, and I still have great friendships that started at St. Vartan Camp. This new Alumni Group offers an excellent opportunity for all of us to reconnect.”

Housed at the Diocese’s Ararat Center in upstate New York, St. Vartan Camp offers children and students ages 8 to 15 religious and cultural instruction, as well as a variety of athletic and social activities. Some 500 campers, counselors, and volunteers take part in the program each summer.

The new Alumni Group aims to bring together former campers for fellowship and to brainstorm ways the community can support the future growth of St. Vartan Camp. The group’s Facebook page gives alumni a platform for posting updates and following news about the camp and Ararat Center. “Like” the St. Vartan Camp Alumni Association on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Vartan-Camp-Alumni-Association/261169463950852>

## BIRTHRIGHT ARMENIA’S SPRINGFEST TO SHOWCASE ART AND JAZZ

Birtheright Armenia invites you to attend its premier Philadelphia event on Saturday, May 5, 2012, to be held in the newly renovated Memorial Hall of St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church. Art & Jazz SpringFest on the Main Line promises to be one of the most exciting events showcasing our rich Armenian culture, while benefitting a wonderful cause.

SpringFest will feature an exhibition of original artwork for sale that attracted over 30 Armenian artists from Philadelphia to Yerevan, via Montreal! The curated show promises to have something for everyone, with part of the proceeds benefitting the non-profit. An array of delicious hors d’oeuvres will be served throughout the evening. And if art isn’t your thing, there will also be lavish raffle items to vie for and the sounds of Boston’s famed Black Sea Salsa Band, a 15-piece world music group, playing an original blend of Armenian music and Afro-Cuban Jazz. Led by trumpeter Dan Teager, who writes and arranges the band’s repertoire, Black Sea Salsa has established itself as one of Boston’s premiere festival bands. So, reserve the date and come prepared to show off your sensational salsa and mambo moves – not to mention some creative Armenian line dancing!



Admission price is \$50 per person with advance purchase, \$60 if purchased at the door. To reserve your tickets, please contact Arpie Zerounian at 610.325.3382 or via email: [a\\_zero@comcast.net](mailto:a_zero@comcast.net). For those who have Facebook, reservations can be made online, via the SpringFest Facebook link, through Pay Pal: <http://www.facebook.com/events/211436842272166>

We also invite you to follow us on Twitter, where you can get additional details on the event, a list of participating artists, and more by following the tweets of Armena Ballard. Our handle is BA\_Armenia and the name is Art&Jazz SpringFest.

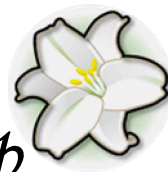
Birtheright Armenia’s mission is to strengthen ties between the homeland and diasporan youth by affording them an opportunity to be a part of Armenia’s daily life and to contribute to Armenia’s development through work, study and volunteer experiences, while developing a renewed sense of Armenian identity. For more information, please visit our website at [www.birtherightarmenia.org](http://www.birtherightarmenia.org).





# EASTER SERVICES 2012

## Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church



April 5, 2012 Holy Thursday

7:00 PM - Washing of the Feet

8:00 PM - Betrayal and Passion of Our Lord



April 6, 2012 Great and Holy Friday

7:00 PM - The Entombment of Our Lord Jesus Christ



April 7, 2012 Great and Holy Saturday

Easter Eve

7:00 PM - Divine Liturgy

8:00 PM - Home Blessing/Fellowship



April 8, 2012 Easter Sunday

The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

10:00 AM - Morning Services

10:30 AM - Divine Liturgy

*HAPPY EASTER*





# Vartanantz Celebration – 2012

This year's Vartanantz Celebration, sponsored by the Inter-Communal Committee of Philadelphia, was held at the Armenian Martyr's Congregational Church in Havertown, PA. Over 200 people from the five Armenian Churches in the Greater Philadelphia area were in attendance. The speaker of the evening was Kristen Santerian, granddaughter of Merle Santerian, who spoke on the subject of the "Gentlewomen of Armenia." Kristen spoke about the noble women who lived during the times of Katch Vartan and the Battle of Avarayr and the way in which they bonded together during this contentious period of Armenian history. Not only did these women help to support the men who were fighting for their Christian Faith, but they also propelled society forward, preserving their traditions and celebrating their centuries-old culture. Kristen traced the many ways in which our Armenian women today live as "gentlewomen of Armenia," carrying on

the legacy of resourcefulness, intellectual curiosity, religious passion, and cultural and aesthetic prosperity. The keynote speech was followed by a number of moving songs and recitations performed by children from the Armenian Sisters' Academy. The closing message and Benediction was given by the new Bishop of Armenian Catholic Eparchy of the United States and Canada, the Most Reverend Mikael Mouradian. Following the service, everyone moved into the hall for a reception with a delicious assortment of food, prepared by members of the Armenian Martyr's Congregational Church.



# Poon Paregaentan



# 2011 Holy Trinity Christmas Pageant

Despite the chaos and opening night jitters, the 2011 Christmas Pageant came off without a hitch (or broken electric candle bulb), though one young angel seemed determined to “blow out” his flame. It was a bit wild in the Sunday School rooms getting the players costumed up and there was a lot of screaming, stamping of feet, and general drama—the moms, however, finally pulled themselves together and were able to muscle the kids into their costumes. For their parts, the kids were very cooperative as they ran shrieking about while frantic parents ran after them, shabigs in hand. Even through the expected bedlam of costume fittings and bent halos, order was restored enough to get the players up the stairs and ready for their big entrance. They waited patiently to go on.

The angels looked adorable and deceptively angelic in their halos and wings. The sheep were gamboling playfully without the loss of sock or fluffly white coat.

There seemed to be a surplus of shepherds for only a handful of sheep, so it was easy for them to corral their flock. Joseph’s beard was as ingenious as it was lusciously full and Mary was carefully cradling the “baby Jesus” while the angel Gabriel looked solemnly on. The Three Wise Men made a dignified entrance as no one tripped over their robes this year. Frankincense and myrrh arrived intact. All in all, it was a glowing success as evidenced by the number of camera flashes as the players posed on the altar. Congratulations to the kids for a job well done and many thanks to all who lent a hand..



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Timothy & Cathy Gargan	4/17/1988
Harry & Rose Kalafian	4/19/1947
Larry & Dorothy Grocott	4/19/1968
Richard & Linda Vishab	4/20/1968
Nazareth & Narthy Hajinian	4/22/1956
Ronald & Ani Gooshian	4/22/1979
Fred & Denise Hess	4/30/????
Harry & Anita Mirijanian	4/30/1949

### May

Robert & Carol Temoyan	5/7/1972
Herbert S. & Azlen Theobald	5/10/2003
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Gregory & Diane Yazujian	5/25/1985
Arthur & Casey Baldadian	5/27/1976
Michael & Legna Santerian	5/28/2002
Fred & Janet Jordan	5/30/1992
John & Meredith Hanamirian	5/30/????

### June

Berj & Mary Yeretian, Sr	6/3/1950
Robert & Mary Sarkisian	6/6/????
Martin & Deskouhy Attarian	6/7/1952
Nicklas & Amy Terkanian	6/9/2007
Ronald & Millie Asadoorian	6/9/1963
Jack & Helen Vishab	6/10/1967
Charles & Alice Sisian	6/14/1959
Harry & Mary Injaian	6/15/1952
Ohannes & Nezihe Hashas	6/20/1955
Roman & Araxie Radynsky	6/21/1953
Russ & Maggie Tandourjian	6/21/1958
Kristine & Jonothan Koengetter	6/28/2008



## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### April

Lucille Thomassian - 1	Silva Santerian - 17
Erika Hajatian - 2	Kayli Tancredi - 18
Nezihe Hashas - 3	Ana Torcomian - 18
Jake Terkanian - 4	Diane Yazujian - 18
Gena Willard - 4	Ronald Asadoorian - 19
Christine Williams - 4	Peter Bilazarian - 20
Christine Boyajian - 5	Albert Kapeghian - 20
Etienne Boyajian - 5	Mark Keshgegian - 21
Michael Paretchan - 5	Ara Shakarjian - 21
Jeanette Der Hagopian - 6	Beatrice Brown - 22
Virginia Shakarjian - 6	Stephen Hovnanian - 22
Megan Aslanian - 7	Gary Papazian - 22
Narek Gevorgyan - 7	Lucas Terkanian - 22
Harout Nalbandian - 7	Gustavo Alexanian - 23
Maggie Tandourjian - 11	Richard Vishab - 23
Harry Andonian - 13	Krikor Javardian - 24
Kalie Kalustyan - 13	April Kumkumian - 24
Lynne Asadourian - 14	Lori Vishab - 25
Berjouhy Bosnian - 14	Garro Hovnanian - 26
Ani Gooshian - 14	Audrey Movsesian - 28
Veron Monokian - 14	Cameron Santerian - 28
Tanya Paretchan - 14	Edward Attarian - 30
Elize Taylor Radall - 15	Denise Hess - 30
Vani Hanamirian - 17	Mikaela Juskalian - 30
Satenik Gyulnazaryan - 19	Gregory Meranshian - 31

Silva Hovhannesian - 19
Viola Karagheuzian - 19
Alexander Oskanian - 21
Madeleine Theobald - 22
Donald Paretchan - 23
Rita Stepanian - 23
Pauline Chapjian - 25
Ani Javardian - 25
Richard Kazigian - 25
Cathy Gargan - 26
Anita Mirijanian - 26
Cole Owens - 26
Lorraine Damerjian - 28

### May

Dorothy Grocott - 1
Charles Sisian - 1
George Terkanian - 1
Ankine Kapeghian - 5
Jack C. Goushian - 7
John Paul Santerian - 7
Christopher Bennuhan - 9
Harry Injaian - 9
Lauren Mukalian - 9
Paul Oflazian - 10
Patrick Killian - 11
Stephanie Balint - 12
Diane Doudoukjian - 12
Zachary Hajinian - 14
Daniel Dunigan - 15
Tavit Murray - 15
Melissa DerPilbosian - 16

### June

Patyl Oflazian - 1
Ethel Terzian - 1
Alexandra Brod - 3
Evelyn Meranshian - 3
Paul Terkanian - 5
Bryan Peckjian - 6
Barbara Harmon - 7
Alyssa Santerian - 7
Talene Peckjian - 9
Ines Alexanian - 13
Ernest Peacock - 13
Mary Injaian - 14
Dominique Damerjian - 15
Herbert S. Theobald - 15
Tom Harmon - 17
Harry Kalafian - 18
Claire Theobald - 18
John Chalikian - 20
Armena Bartow - 21
Germaine Hashas - 21
Sara Baker - 22
Narthy Hajinian - 22
Carol Temoyan - 22
Steven Balint - 23
Susan Lillis - 23
Yn. Anna Gevorgyan - 24
Chloe Dunigan - 25
Sarine Kaprielian - 26
Berj Yeretian Jr. - 26
Rosemary Zarzatan - 27
Gregory Javardian - 30



# ACYOA ARMENIA SERVICE PROGRAM 2012

*Trip leader - Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan*

**June 29-July 19**

Sponsored by the ACYOA Central Council for young adults ages 18 to 28

Application deadline: MARCH 1, 2012

**Fee: \$2700\***

Includes roundtrip airfare (via Aeroflot) from New York, ground transportation and transfers in Armenia, all tours, bilingual tour guide, lodging and two meals a day.

*Join peers from throughout the Eastern Diocese on a tour of our ancient homeland. See its greatest religious and cultural sites; experience life in Armenia's capital city, Yerevan; reflect on the shores of Lake Sevan; worship at Holy Etchmiadzin and serve...*

**HARD HATS AND APRONS!** Partnering again with the Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR), participants will spend a week in Gyumri working at the FAR Soup Kitchen, which serves the city's seniors and at the construction site of the Octet Music School, which was completely destroyed during the 1988 earthquake.

For more information and to download an application, visit [www.acyoa.org](http://www.acyoa.org) or contact ACYOA Executive Secretary Nancy Basmajian at [acyoa@armeniandiocese.org](mailto:acyoa@armeniandiocese.org) or (212) 293-1248.



*\*Scholarships are available to ACYOA members in need of financial assistance. Those interested should contact the ACYOA Executive Secretary at the above email address.*

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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

January 11, 2012

To: The Reverend Clergy and Parish Council Chairmen

Subject: **College Scholarships for 2012**

Application available at the church office.

I am writing to remind you of a wonderful opportunity our Diocese offers to our college-age youth each year. Once again, thanks to a number of generous endowments, our Diocese plans to grant scholarships to undergraduate students for the academic year 2012-2013.

These scholarships are earmarked for Armenian American students attending accredited 4-year undergraduate university programs. Preference will be given to those who are active in the life of the Armenian churches of the Eastern Diocese. The scholarship program is open to U.S. citizens only.

I am writing to ask you to publicize these scholarships in your parish, include a notice about them in your parish periodical and identify and recommend worthy candidates. Preference should be given to those who are active in the ACYOA, altar servers, Sunday or Armenian school teachers, choir members, etc. of our Diocese.

Enclosed is the scholarship application form, which each applicant needs to complete and must be accompanied by a recommendation from the parish priest. For those parishes with no parish priest, the recommendation should come from the Parish Council Chairman.

Applications should be addressed to Mr. William Casey, Director of Finance and Administration and must be received at the Diocese **postmarked no later than May 11, 2012.**

I urge you to encourage your college students actively involved in the life of the Church to take advantage of this opportunity.

With prayers,

*Abp. K. Barsamian*

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian  
Primate

Encl.

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

**APPLICATION**

Application to (name of program)\_\_\_\_\_

Program location and dates\_\_\_\_\_

Cost of Program\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant\_\_\_\_\_ Age\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone\_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate\_\_\_\_\_ Male\_\_\_\_\_ Female\_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from above)\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (if different from above)\_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (if different from above)\_\_\_\_\_

Baptismal date and church\_\_\_\_\_

Holy Trinity Activities (check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday School      \_\_\_\_\_ ACYOA Juniors      \_\_\_\_\_ ACYOA Seniors

\_\_\_\_\_ Armenian Language School

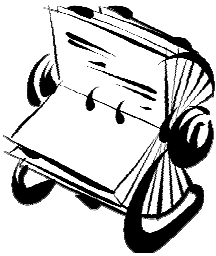
Applicant's Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

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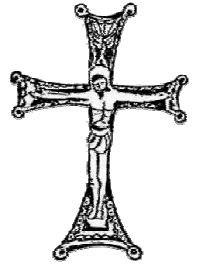
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# CONTACTS



**Holy Trinity Armenian Church**  
**101 Ashmead Road, Cheltenham, PA 19012**  
**www.holytrinity-pa.org**



Items for inclusion in the Sunday Messenger or requests for Requiem Services or Special Prayers should be sent to the church office by Wednesday for the upcoming Sunday. For all emergencies, please contact Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan at the church 215-663-1600 (cell 917-213-8658) or Parish Council Chair, John Kash @ 215-549-3689.

## CHURCH INFORMATION

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 Office Fax: 215-663-1757  
 Church Kitchen Telephone: 215-663-0428  
 Pastor: Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan  
 frhakob@hollytrinity-pa.org  
 Church Secretary: Maggie Miller  
 office@hollytrinity-pa.org

## REGULAR SUNDAY HOURS OF WORSHIP

Morning Service: 10:00 AM  
 Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak): 10:30 AM  
 Sunday School: 10:30 AM  
 Armenian School: 12:30 PM

## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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## 2012 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Stewardship Pledge for 2012..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

(If joint pledge, then enter total for person listed above and spouse.)

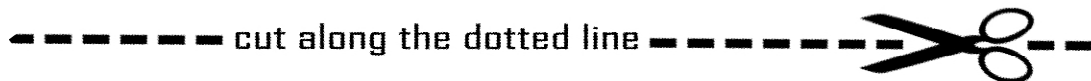
A pledge is a personal commitment, in addition to or besides Membership Dues, to support the mission and goals of Holy Trinity Armenian Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00    \_\_\_\_\_ \$250.00    \_\_\_\_\_ \$500.00    \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000.00    \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Spouse, if joint pledge: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: Holy Trinity Armenian Church, 101 Ashmead Road, Cheltenham, PA 19012



## 2012 MEMBERSHIP FORM

**Membership Dues for 2012..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Total for all dues paying members. Annual dues per person:

**\*\$260.00 Adult Membership (21 & over)**

**\*\$150.00 Seniors (age 65+)**

**\*\$75.00 Students (ages 18-22)**

A dues paying member of Holy Trinity Armenian Church must be at least 18 years of age and pay the required annual dues in order to be a member in good standing.

Please list the names of those who wish to be dues paying members:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DoB \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DoB \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DoB \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DoB \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DoB \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. Please mail this form to the church office as soon as possible. If you have any questions about how to complete this form, please call the church office (215-663-1600).

Please mail to: Holy Trinity Armenian Church, 101 Ashmead Road, Cheltenham, PA 19012

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