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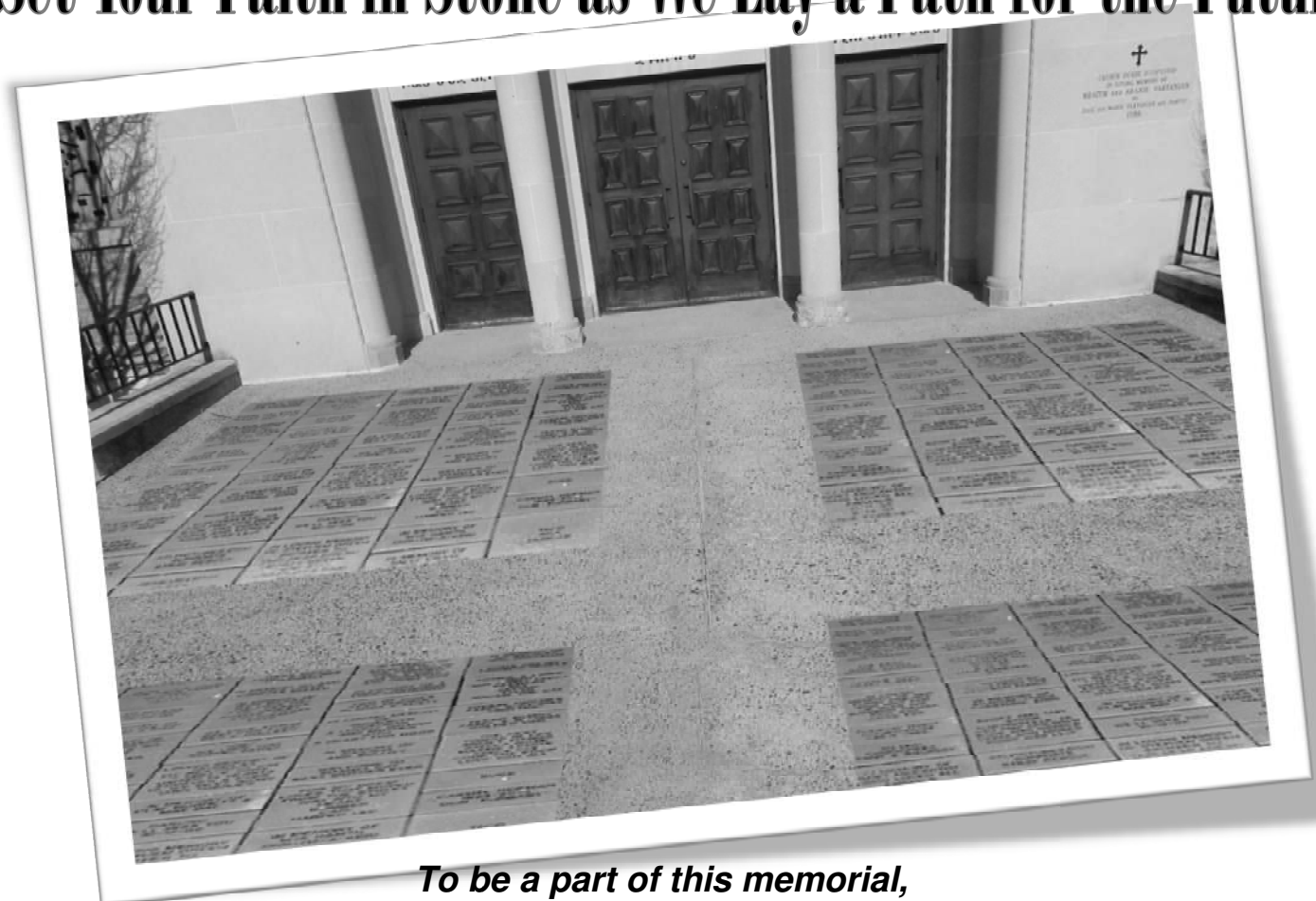
Holy Trinity Armenian Church LOOYS



Cheltenham, PA

January to March 2013

Set Your Faith in Stone as We Lay a Path for the Future



***To be a part of this memorial,
all requests must be received no later than April 30. (see form inside)***

Hours of Worship

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

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



Upcoming Events

- So many events upcoming, there is not enough room to list them all. Please check them out on the inside.
- Young Adult Bible Study - 3rd Thu. every month - 7 pm
- Palm Sunday Banquet – March 24

Battle of Avarayr

In our Church lobby we have two very beautiful pictures painted by the late Antranik Javardian. One of them is Mount Ararat and the other is the Battle of Avarayr. I was asked by our parishioners to write about these pictures and I decided to write about the Battle of Avarayr.

There are many stories throughout the history of nations that become more meaningful as times goes on. The Battle of Avarayr is one of these stories. Before the Battle of Avarayr, the Armenian nation experienced two big victories: one was that Armenia was the first country to officially convert to Christianity in 301 AD under Tiridates III; and the other was the invention of the Armenian alphabet. The Battle of Avarayr was fought to maintain Christian values, spiritual freedom for the Armenian nation, Church and identity.

In 387 AD Armenia was divided in two parts: the Western part of Armenia which was under Byzantine and the Eastern part which was under Persia. Byzantine was trying to force the Armenian Church to accept their theology and the Persian king Yazdegerd II was trying to convert them to Zoroastrianism. It was a very critical time for Armenia. All noble families came together to send an answer to the Persian king. Their answer was that they will never renounce Christ and Christianity. The Persian king got very angry and called all the noblemen to Persia where he asked them to renounce Christianity.



After they rejected the Persian king, they were put into jail. While in jail they realized that the king was going to kill them and the Armenian nation would be without a leader. After a long discussion they decided to tell the Persian king that they would renounce Christianity; but, meanwhile, they swore on the Gospel that when they returned to Armenia they would organize a revolution against the Persians and defend Christianity and their national values.



According to Armenian tradition, the Persians attempted to demolish churches and to replace Armenian clergy. They tried to bring Zoroastrianism to Armenia. When news about the renunciation of Christianity by the nobles reached Armenia, a mass revolt broke out. Then on their return, the nobility, led by Vartan Mamikonian, joined the rebels. When the Persian king Yazdegerd II, heard the news, he gathered a massive army of almost 300,000 soldiers to attack Armenia. Vartan Mamikonian asked for help from Constantinople, as he had good personal relations with Theodosios II.

The historian Yeghishe, a witness of this battle, said that on May 26, in 451AD the 66,000-strong Armenian army took Holy Communion in the field of Avarayr before the battle by many priests who were sympathizers. The army was not made up of a professional force, but the Armenian nobility who led it were accomplished soldiers, many of them veterans of the Sassanid Dynasty's wars with Rome. The Armenians were allowed to maintain a core of their national army led by a supreme commander (sparapet) who was traditionally of the Mamikonian noble family.

The Persian army, said to be three times larger, included war elephants. Several Armenian noblemen with weaker Christian sympathies, led by Vasak Siuni, went over to the Persians before the battle, and fought on their side. In the battle, Vartan won initial successes, but was eventually slain along with eight of his top officers. Following the victory, Yazdegerd jailed and persecuted some Armenian priests and nobles and appointed a new governor for Armenia. After the Battle of Avarayr the war between Armenia and Persia continued for 33 years until 484 AD when the Persians finally understood that they should give Armenians Spiritual freedom.

Concerning this Battle of Avarayr, the Catholicos of all Armenians, Kevork IV, said, "The heroic battle of Avarayr was the ecstatic and inaccessible peak of the struggle for freedom. That's why it has been, now is, and shall ever remain the most glorious page of Armenian history; a magnificent page which has inspired and comforted many generations of Armenians and has shown the paths of national and political virtues of the Country, the People and the Church."

The Armenian clergy, soldiers, women and villagers fought for spiritual freedom saying: "Who can move us away from Christ?" The 1036 Armenians who were martyred in that Battle were given sainthood.

The Vardanandz Battle is unfinished because we have to continue their holy work, keeping our identity and our religion, Armenian Language and culture.

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan

Parish Council

Our annual Parish Assembly was held on February 17, 2013. All reports were accepted and our 2013 budget was passed. The following people were elected to the Parish Council for a two-year term:

- ✓ Steve Aslanian
- ✓ Barbara Harmon
- ✓ Gregory Javardian
- ✓ John Kash
- ✓ Richard Mukalian
- ✓ Bryan Peckjian

Upon approval by the Diocese, they will join existing Council members:

- ✓ Robert Damerjian, Jr.
- ✓ Jeanette Der Hagopian
- ✓ John Hanamirian
- ✓ Stephen Hovnanian
- ✓ Donald Paretchan



I would like to thank all of the Parish Council for their dedication and effort, especially those who have left the Council (George Terkanian served 6 years, Larry D. Der Hagopian served 4 years and Krikor Andonian who served 2 years).

The Memorial Brick Project was presented in detail and has been well received. This gives all of us the opportunity to remember deceased loved ones including those lost in the genocide as well as those who were supporters of the church. All requests must be in by April 30, 2013 (see full page ad) in order to complete the project this Spring.



The Easement Project will close in June after the fence is extended to Ashmead Road, tree planting is completed, and the cloth fences are removed. The back lot is manicured and we will collect for a future asphalt sealing and lot striping.

Everything is going in a positive direction. Church attendance as well as altar and choir participation is up. Sunday/Armenian school attendance is up as well. Both Jr. and Sr. ACYOAs are now active.

We are making progress on going paperless, but it is a long tedious process. Larry D. will stay on the team to complete the project.

By the time you read this, Our Walk Thru the Old Testament seminar will have taken place. Based on participation, we will determine what other educational/religious programs can be presented.

We look forward to the annual Palm Sunday banquet and a meaningful Holy Week culminating on Easter Sunday.

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



Sunday School News for the Looys

Our pilot program that started in September of this school year of merging the Armenian Language School under the direction of Yeretzgin Anna Gevorgyan and Sunday School under the direction of Nancy Hovnanian is working well! Our enrollment is up to fifty-one students and hopefully still growing!

The Armenian Language School curriculum consists of learning the alphabet, writing, grammar, conversation, songs, and recitation of poetry. In the future, we will add Armenian history and dance.

Some of our activities this school year included our annual Christmas Pageant where students recited the scriptures in both Armenian and English. This was followed by "Lunch with Santa" in the hall. Our annual Poon Paregentan was a wonderful success in February with lunch, face painting, dancing, and a new addition of a Talent Show showcasing some of our very talented students.

Andre Aloian demonstrated the ITF Taekwondo Pattern for the Blue Belt rank called; "Joon-Gun"(choongoon). He wowed us when he broke a one-half inch board with a straight punch and then on top of that – two half inch boards with the side kick!

Taline King played a selection by Edvard Grieg on the piano entitled – "Arietta". Audrey Movsessian and Ella Hanamirian played "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" from the Wizard of Oz as a duet on their violins. Lastly, Shannon King wowed us when she sang "Treacherous" by Taylor Swift – a cappella!

We would like to thank the kitchen crew under the direction of Anne Terkanian, for the Poon Paregantun luncheon and Lisa Brennan for the decorations for both the lunch with Santa and Poon Paregentan. A BIG THANK-YOU goes out to all of the parents who are always there to help with whatever needs to be done.

We are looking forward to our annual plant planting in the spring and the closing exercises and Hantes on Sunday June 3, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Yeretzgin Anna Gevorgyan, Superintendant of Armenian Language and
Nancy Hovnanian, Superintendant of Sunday School

ACYOA Seniors Update

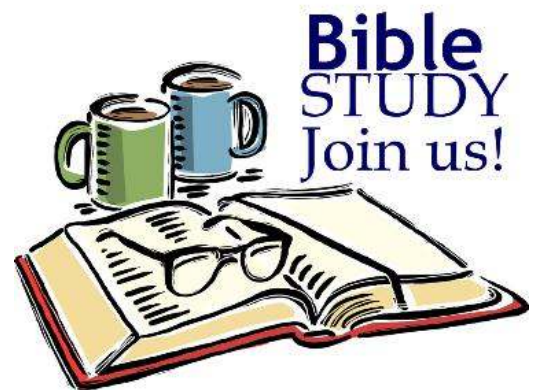
By Krikor Javardian

Over the past few months the ACYOA Seniors have been involved in several activities. We have been continuing to hold our monthly Bible Study sessions in the church conference room with Der Hakob. The Bible Study sessions with Der Hayr allow for us to reflect not only on the Bible but also on our lifestyles and how we are to carry ourselves as Christians. Along with other church groups, we have also been helping set up and clean up the coffee hour in Santerian Hall.

Additionally, we have been planning for ACYOA Day and the Palm Sunday Banquet on March 24th. We have been working diligently coordinating the banquet and program. We hope to see you all at the banquet as we are determined to provide Holy Trinity's parishioners with a memorable event on Palm Sunday.

On the weekend of March 8-10, a few of our members will be rather busy. Some of us will be in Huntington, New York for the weekend attending a Diocese Lenten Retreat focused on this year's Diocesan theme of "Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ". Other group members will stay local that weekend and attend a unique program on March 9th at our church which is called "Walk Thru the Old Testament". Both events will surely be captivating experiences which will allow for us to grow as Christians.

Thank you everyone for your support.



Poon Paregentan



200 CLUB WINNERS

NOVEMBER 2012

\$1,000 - HARRY SARKISIAN - #51
\$ 400 - CECELIA GARIBIAN - #170
\$ 200 - MICHAEL SCUTTI - #93
\$ 200 - ROBERT SARKISIAN - #199
\$ 200 - GEORGE D. MUKALIAN - #128

DECEMBER 2012

\$ 500 - RONALD MUKALIAN - #180
\$ 200 - EDWARD ATTARIAN - #14
\$ 100 - RICHARD WEINSHEIMER - #141
\$ 100 - HARRY ANDONIAN - #177
\$ 100 - RONALD ASADOORIAN - #143

JANUARY 2013

\$ 500 - ELIZABETH BARONE - #27
\$ 200 - ROSEMARIE ZARZATIAN - #32
\$ 100 - PEARL & MARY JAMGOCHIAN - #167
\$ 100 - LARRY DERHAGOPIAN - #69
\$ 100 - MARY & ROBT. SARKISIAN - #144



ACYOA Juniors

IT'S NEVER TOO SOON TO START PLANNING YOUR SUMMER

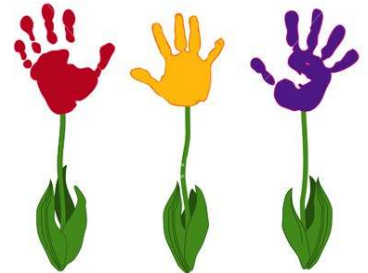
The ACYOA Juniors shared their past Armenian summer experiences with one another at their January meeting. Skye Jilajian spoke about her experience as a camper and a counselor at St. Nersess HS Summer Youth Conferences and Leslie Movsesian shared a slide show of her daughter Natalie's and niece Allison's HS experience in Armenian with Fuller Center for Housing. Brochures and links to St. Vartan's Camp and Camp Nubar were shared with the Juniors as well via email.

FELLOWSHIP ON THE SLOPES

A cozy group of ACYOA Juniors and friends enjoyed fellowship with one another on the ski slopes in February at Round Top Mountain in Mechanicsburg PA. Thank you to Diane Yazujian who organized this overnight activity for the second year in a row. The ACYOA Juniors have enjoyed a day or overnight trip to the slopes over the past four years. Andrew Movsesian, Peter Ohnigian, Brenda Yazujian, and Skye Jilajian were amongst the skiers that weekend accompanied by Brenda Jilajian, our Energizer Bunny parent skier, on the slopes.

FLOWERS, FLOWERS, FLOWERS.....

An all male team of ACYOA Juniors and friends did a terrific job of selling raffles for two tickets to the Philadelphia International Flower Show. Thank you to Freddy Jordan, Alex Aloian, Danny Aslanian, Ashot Balasanyan, Arthur Bagdasarian and our helpful parents, Janet Jordan and Suzanna Aloian for a great day of sales. Also, thank you to our parishioners for your continual support and encouragement. Nancy Hovnanian was the big winner that day. This raffle was a kick off fundraiser to the ACYOA Juniors spring flower sales which will go towards the annual support of a CASP child. The ACYOA Juniors will be taking orders for Easter Lillies, daffodils, tulips, hyacinths and flats of pansies [32 plants/flat] on March 3rd, 10th and 17th for delivery on March 24th, Palm Sunday, after church. Please look for an ACYOA Junior taking orders at church or email Leslie Movsesian at plmovsesian@aol.com or Melody Damerjian at melodysfg@aol.com [You may also call Melody at (215) 989-3958] with your orders.



PROGRAMS, PALM SUNDAY, PARTICIPATION, PLANNING and PRETZELS

In March, the ACYOA Juniors plan to attend one of the many spiritual education enrichment programs offered by our church and will be serving our parishioners at the annual ACYOA DAY PALM SUNDAY BANQUET on March 24th. Please see the flyer inside the Looys for reservations. In April, our Juniors will participate in the Genocide Walk, Aid for Friends, and a fun fellowship outing. In May, they will participate in a fellowship outing with Der Hayr and attend Hye Mertssoon Sports Weekend in Massachusetts on Memorial Day weekend. Before they go on hiatus for the summer, they are planning a fun fundraising activity at our Church Picnic to benefit an Armenian charity and an early summer gathering at one of their homes. Continue to look for soft pretzel sales once a month! All fundraising benefits ACYOA Jrs' participation in activities based around the five circles of the cross, specific charities like CASP, and our parish. If you would like to join the ACYOA Juniors please contact our group at htacyoajrs@gmail.com.

Leslie Movsesian
ACYOA Jrs. Parent Advisor

A stylized illustration of a classical building facade. It features a central pediment supported by three large, dark arches. The building is flanked by two smaller, light green rectangular sections. The roof is dark brown. The base of the building is a light brown grid pattern.

In addition to helping the church you will be able to memorialize and/or honor loved ones and families inscribed in perpetuity.

Contact: Gregory Andonian / e-mail: krikorgarbis@yahoo.com / phone: 330.283.3729



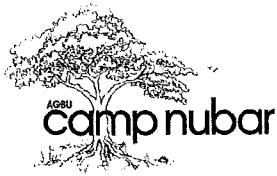
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February 19, 2013

Holy Trinity Armenian Church
101 Ashmead Rd
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Dear Der Hakob Gevorgyan,

Since 1963, AGBU Camp Nubar has given the Armenian youth an experience to grow in the Armenian culture and create lifelong friendships. We look forward to continuing this growth during our 2013 summer season.

Therefore, this summer, we would like to offer a scholarship to one of your parishioners based on need or merit. Please present this to a child, between the ages of 8 and 15, of your choosing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 212-319-6383 or campnubar@campnubar.org if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Dan Antreasyan
Executive Director
AGBU Camp Nubar



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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

January 22, 2013

To: The Reverend Clergy and Parish Council Chairmen

Subject: College Scholarships for 2013

I am writing to remind you of a wonderful opportunity our Diocese offers to college-age youth each year. Once again, thanks to a number of generous endowments, our Diocese will be granting scholarships to undergraduate students for the academic year 2013-2014.

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 ask that you promote these scholarships in your parish by including a notice about them in your parish periodical and by identifying and recommending worthy candidates. Preference must be given to those who are active in the ACYOA, altar servers, Sunday or Armenian school teachers, choir members, etc.

Beginning this year, the application and reference forms must be submitted electronically. You will find the forms on the Diocesan website at <http://www.armenianchurch-ed.net/programming/scholarships/>

All applications must be accompanied by a recommendation from the parish priest. For those parishes with no parish priest, the recommendation must come from the Parish Council Chairman.

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

The Ascension of Christ

On Thursday, May 9, the Church celebrates the Ascension of Christ.
The following is a meditation by Dn. Albert Keshgegian.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Mt. 28:19-20)

"...as they [the disciples] were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven" (Acts 1:9b-11)

After Jesus' resurrection he stayed on earth for 40 days, and saw the disciples and other people. But on the 40th day, he left. He was lifted up to heaven, and a cloud took him out of the disciples' sight. He ascended into heaven until he returns someday to bring God's kingdom to earth.

Does Jesus' ascension to heaven mean that he is gone, that he isn't with us anymore? No. Remember what Jesus taught the disciples about the Holy Trinity – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God the Father and God the Son – Jesus Christ – are in heaven. But God the Holy Spirit is with each of us and in each of us. God is always with us, even though he is also in heaven. We are never alone. Whenever we need help, God is there for us. As Christ said, he is with us always.



Why did Christ leave? Why didn't he stay on earth instead of ascending into heaven? Why didn't he keep teaching and healing? Because his work was done. Jesus came, taught, and healed and helped people. He suffered and died for us. And most of all, through his resurrection he showed us that we can live forever with God.

Christ also left something behind that is very important. He left a group of people – the disciples – who believed in him and followed him. He left a community, a larger group of people, who together would continue to do his work. And that's what he told them to do: to carry the word of God to all the nations of the world, to baptize in the name of the Holy Trinity, to add more members to the community.



The disciples did this. They changed from disciples (students) to apostles (messengers). They carried the word of God everywhere. The community of Christ grew and grew, from generation to generation.

And now it's our turn. Christ's message hasn't changed in all those years. We are now the community of Christ, the group of people that he left behind. He still wants us to spread his message, to do his work, to baptize in his name, just as the apostles and saints did. It's up to us now. We should help people that need help, at work or in our neighborhood or in Armenia. No matter how sad or lost somebody seems to be, we should let them know that God loves them and wants to help them. We should bring the word of God to whoever hasn't heard it. We should bring the word of God to whoever *has* heard it and has forgotten it or shut it out.

And we should remember that even though Christ ascended, he is still with us. And he will return one day, back from those clouds, and bring the joy of the Kingdom of God to earth.



EASTER SERVICES 2013

Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church



March 28, 2013 Holy Thursday



10:30 AM – DIVINE LITURGY

7:00 PM - Washing of the Feet

8:00 PM - Betrayal and Passion of Our Lord

March 29, 2013 Great and Holy Friday



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



March 30, 2013 Great and Holy Saturday
Easter Eve

7:00 PM - Divine Liturgy

Following Liturgy - Home Blessing/Fellowship



March 31, 2013 Easter Sunday

The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

10:00 AM - Morning Services

10:30 AM - Divine Liturgy

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About our Family

We have much to share about the Kapeghian Family in this issue. Most importantly, we are happy to report that **Naomi Kapeghian** is on the road to recovery after multiple surgeries for rotator cuff and complications therein. She is now home, and happy along with Albert, to welcome their first great-grandchild, Timothy James, born to granddaughter, **Alyssa and Phil Worrell**. Of course, that makes **Barbara Harmon** a grandmother -WOW! Atcherneet Looys to all of them. We look forward to watching little Timothy grow.....and in the same family, **Jaclyn King** - daughter of Janice (Kapeghian) and Bob King – has produced a short video about choerag and how it is the mainstay of an Armenian household. We are told there will be another choerag video coming out too. She's a very talented young lady.....We are delighted to report that **Alex & Laura (Temoyan) Yavru-Sakuk** & their two darling daughters have moved to our area from North Jersey. We look forward to seeing and welcoming them at churchCongratulats to **Florence Boyajian** and her South Jersey Garden Club who received an award from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. We knew she was good in the kitchen, but who knew she had a "green thumb"....Condolences are extended to the families of Jack Hagopian (**Jennifer Hagopian & family**) and Berdj Movsesian (**Adrienne, Paul and Leslie Movsesian & family**) on the loss of their husband, father and grandfather. A loss is hard at any time, but worse during the holidays. May they all feel the presence and comfort of the Holy Spirit in their lives....Congratulations to **Bob and Lorraine Damerjian** as they added a new member to their family. Daughter Michelle and husband Allan welcomed Baby Rachel who arrived in mid-October to join older siblings, Dina and Ariel. Continued blessings to all of them....Best wishes are in order for our secretary **Maggie Miller** who became engaged to long-time beau Steve. We look forward to hearing about their wedding plans!!...As we approach another new year, we count our blessings for all that God has provided, including the family we share at Holy Trinity.

Congratulations to **Deskouhy Attarian** who celebrated a milestone birthday in December. May she be blessed with continuing good health....Deepest sympathy is extended to **Alice and Denise Sisian** on the passing of their beloved husband and father, Charles Sissian, just before year-end. He was a friend to so many over several decades....What a wonderful treat for us to get to meet Der Hayr's father, Vaghinak, who was with us last fall for an extended visit for medical reasons. We saw his joy as he spent time with his family and especially with Narek and Vartan. Happily his medical issues were successfully resolved. We look forward to his return visit, next time with **Diramayr Gevorgyan**.....Condolences to the **Javardian Family** on the passing of their father/grandfather Andre, a long-time active member of our church family. Many will have fond memories of Andre capturing their wedding day with his photographic skills.... On Poon Paregentan, **Bob Damerjian** was the honored church parishioner who was invited to close the Altar curtain which will remain that way all throughout Lent until it is opened again on Palm Sunday. It was especially meaningful after his extended absence from church for medical reasons. We are happy to have him back in our fold and looking so well. Antzadz ullah!.....He got the gold!!! Way to go, **Robert Damjerian**, son of Melody and Robert Jr., who won first place in his wrestling class and weight at the USAW -NJ Kids' Scholastic State Championships Qualifier round. He will be wrestling at the State Finals on March 17 in Union, NJ.....Kudos to **Megan Aslanian** who had a featured role in her school play, "Guys and Dolls." This was Megan's last performance at her high school as she will soon be embarking on the continuation of her education. ...The Baby Brigade continues with the arrival of Maneh Sophia, first child of **Armenouhi & Jimmy Keshgegian**, and the third grandchild for **Albert and Patrice Keshgegian**.....Next to arrive was Michael Joseph born on Christmas Day to Jason and Jackie Charles. This makes Alice Charles a grandmother four times over!....Stepan Arshavir Andonian arrived two days after Armenian Christmas to first-time parents, Karinne and Krikor. We've lost track of how many grandchildren this makes for **Nancy and Steve Hovnanian**.....**Seta and Todd Pica** welcomed their third son, Gavin Todd, at the end of January and now **Angel and Mike Tookmanian** are grandparents for the third time too!... The first child for **Stephanie and Harry Vartanian**, Franklin James, arrived in early February and is the third grandchild of **Mike and Lynn Hajatian**.....We are so happy to have all these new babies born into our parish family and we wish God's blessings on them and their families as we watch them grow.

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Update on Christmas Outreach to A Woman's Place

With deep appreciation, we received donations totaling \$450 for the shelter from following individuals:

 Merle Santerian	 Alice Karabian	 Diane Yazujian
 Deskouhy Attarian	 Betty Kapeghian	 Paul Bogosian
 Lorraine Damerjian	 Diana McGarvey	 Richard Kazigian
 Liz Barone	 Christine Peacock	 Ayshe Chakmakian
 Florence Boyajian	 Mary Parnagian	 Mickey Sherian
 Marta Brann	 Ed Terzian	 Ethel Terzian
 Jeanette Der Hagopian	 Fran Torcomian	 Anonymous
 Joyce Killian	 Margo Silk	

At the request of the administration of A Woman's Place, the money was used to purchase gift cards in small denominations from Target, Giant Supermarket, CVS and Wawa (for gas) which they would distribute to their clients/guests as needed.

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Dear Der Hakob, Family & Friends:

I would like to thank all my family, friends & Der Hayr for sending me cards, calling me to wish me a speedy recovery. Many of you have sent me flowers, candy & all kind of goodies, it was deeply appreciated. I've been coming to church again & am enjoying seeing all my friends. Thank you again for all your kindnesses .

Your friend

Naomi Kapeghian

Thank you, Der Hayr, and all those who have called, visited, sent cards, praying and wishing me recovery from my recent illness. I cannot thank you enough.

God bless all of you.

Robert Damerjian, Sr.

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

Dr. Paul G. Bogosian

Henry Mardigian

Armen Simonyan

Address Changes and/or Additions

Dr. Paul Bogosian
7801 Anita Drive
Philadelphia, PA 19111
215-342-2225

Henry Mardigian
50104 DeLaire Kanding Road
Philadelphia, PA 19114

Armen Simonyan
301 Height's Lane Apt 15E
Feasterville, PA 19053
215-355-2781

Additional Christmas Greetings

Alex & Annabelle Alexanian

Richard Kazigian

Berj & Mary Yeretzian

MEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

April

Albert & Linda Santerian - 4/5/1964
 George & Anne Terkanian - 4/8/1972
 Patrick & Joyce Killian - 4/17/1971
 Richard & Diane Doudoukjian - 4/17/1977
 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

Larry D. & Kimberly Der Hagopian - 5/5/2012
 Robert & Carol Temoyan - 5/7/1972
 Herbert S. & Azlen Theobald - 5/10/2003
 Michael, Jr. & Melissa Paretchan - 5/13/2006
 Robert & Jean Ohnigian - 5/14/1994
 Gregory & Grace Meranshian - 5/16/1982
 David & Alyssa Santerian - 5/17/1992
 Thomas & Francesca Torcomian - 5/17/1980
 Peter & Robin Bilazarian - 5/22/????
 Janice & Christopher Owens - 5/24/????
 John & Diane Williams - 5/24/1980
 Stephen & Nancy Hovnanian - 5/24/1975
 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 Yeretzian, 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
 Toros & Arina Torcomian - 6/12/2010
 Harry & Mary Injaian - 6/15/1952
 Ohannes & Nezihe Hashas - 6/20/1955
 Roman & Araxie Radynsky - 6/21/1953
 Russ & Maggie Tandourjian - 6/21/1958
 Jennifer & Greg Ermentrout - 6/22/2012
 Kristine & Jonothan Koengetter - 6/28/2008

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April

Lucille Thomassian - 1
 Erika Hajatian - 2
 Todd Pica - 2
 Nezihe Hashas - 3
 Jake Terkanian - 4
 Gena Willard - 4
 Christine Williams - 4
 Christine Boyajian - 5
 Etienne Boyajian - 5
 Michael Paretchan - 5
 Jeanette Der Hagopian - 6
 Virginia Shakarjian - 6
 Megan Aslanian - 7
 Narek Gevorgyan - 7
 Harout Nalbandian - 7
 Maggie Tandourjian - 11
 Harry Andonian - 13
 Kalie Kalustyan - 13
 Lynne Asadourian - 14
 Berjouhy Bosnian - 14
 Ani Gooshian - 14
 Veron Monokian - 14
 Tanya Paretchan - 14
 Elize Taylor Radall - 15
 Vani Hanamirian - 17
 Satenik Gyulnazaryan - 19
 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
 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
 Tomas Montanez - 12
 Zachary Hajinian - 14
 Daniel Dunigan - 15
 Tavitt Murray - 15
 Melissa DerPilbosian - 16
 Silva Santerian - 17

Kayli Tancredi - 18
 Ana Torcomian - 18
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 Beatrice Brown - 22
 Stephen Hovnanian - 22
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 Lucas Terkanian - 22
 Gustavo Alexanian - 23
 Richard Vishab - 23
 Krikor Javardian - 24
 April Kumkumian - 24
 Lori Vishab - 25
 Hovnanian - 26
 Audrey Movsesian - 28
 Cameron Santerian - 28
 Edward Attarian - 30
 Denise Hess - 30
 Mikaela Juskalian - 30
 Gregory Meranshian - 31

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
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 Herbert S. Theobald - 15
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 Harry Kalafian - 18
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 Narthy Hajinian - 22
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 Susan Lillis - 23
 Yn. Anna Gevorgyan - 24
 Seta Pica - 24
 Chloe Dunigan - 25
 Sarine Kaprielian - 26
 Berj Yeretzian Jr. - 26
 Rosemary Zarzatian - 27
 Gregory Javardian - 30

Sacrament / Baptism

January 20, 2013: **TIMOTHY JAMES WORRELL**

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Godmother: Theresa Worrell

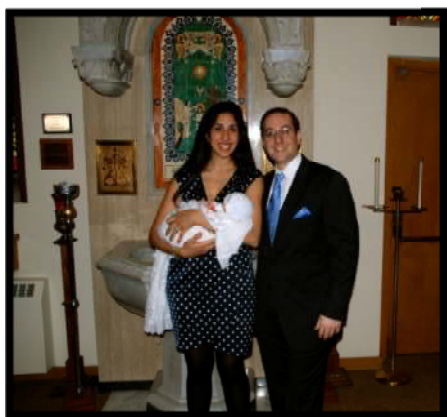


February 23, 2013: **STEPAN ARSHAVIR ANDONIAN**

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Godmother: Linda Artinian



February 24, 2013: **EMILIA MICHELLE ZAKARYAN**

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zakaryan

Godfather: Pavel Sasna

Godmother: Natalie Razhko



Funerals: 2013

Romans 14:8 *For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.*

CHARLES SISIAN entered into his eternal rest on December 27, 2012. Funeral services were held on January 3, 2013 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

ASTRID BASRADJIAN STERN entered into her eternal rest on January 6, 2013. Funeral services were held on January 7, 2013. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

ANTRANIK (ANDRE) JAVARDIAN entered into his eternal rest on January 5, 2013. Funeral services were held on January 12, 2013 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

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For the third year in a row, we celebrated Dyaruntaratch on Sunday, February 17, 2013, with many married couples going forward at the end of Badarak to participate in a brief service and receive a special blessing. This minor feast in the Armenian Church celebrates the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple which takes place forty days after His birth. Although the blessing is generally offered only to those couples married in the previous year, we believe that all married couples are deserving of this special blessing.



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- ❖ March 27 – Holy Thursday
 - Badarak –10:30 am
 - Washing of Feet and Passion Service – 7 pm
- ❖ March 28 – Good Friday
- ❖ March 29 – Easter Eve Service and Home Blessing/Fellowship
- ❖ April 21 Genocide Movie and light lunch
- ❖ April 24 Martyrs Day Commemoration
- ❖ April 27 Genocide Walk
- ❖ May 14 – Mother's Day Dinner
- ❖ June 2 – Picnic / Sunday School Closing



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Income/day required	\$ 712.00

As you can see, every category is important and we are always working to develop the portion generated by interest and hall rentals. At the same time, we are always seeking ways to reduce our expenses. We ask each of you to help.

Archbishop Vicken Aykazian to Lead Christian Churches Together

14 February 2013



Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, the Diocese's Ecumenical Director, was elected president of Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A.—a nationwide ecumenical association of church leaders—on Wednesday, January 30, during the organization's annual meeting in Austin, Texas.

"Christian Churches Together has become one of the most important Christian organizations in the United States," Archbishop Aykazian said. "In the coming years, I look forward to working together with fellow church leaders to promote the common good for our society."

Participants in the annual meeting, from January 28 to February 1, focused on immigration reform, and heard from immigrants and advocates, including representatives of the Hispanic Christian community and Catholic Relief Services of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In a statement released after the meeting, Christian Churches Together calls on "people of faith, people of good will, elected officials in Congress and the President of the United States to work together to enact just and humane immigration reform legislation in 2013."

"The 11 million individuals now in the U.S. without authorization should be given an opportunity to earn citizenship, if the individual chooses," the statement reads. The organization also calls for family reunification options, just enforcement measures, and special protection for refugees and asylum seekers.

Some 100 church leaders attended the annual meeting in Austin. Also representing the Armenian Church were the Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian and seminarian Eric Vozzy.

Archbishop Aykazian will serve a four-year term as the head of Christian Churches Together. He previously served as President of the National Council of Churches, from 2007 to 2009. He is also a member of the Central Committee and the Executive Council of the World Council of Churches.

Established in 2001, Christian Churches Together is comprised of more than 40 churches and organizations, including Evangelical, Pentecostal, Orthodox, Roman Catholic, historic Protestant, Racial and African American churches. Archbishop Aykazian was among the founding members of the organization. He is also the first to serve as president of both the National Council of Churches and Christian Churches Together.

***I went outside to find a friend
But could not find one there;
I went outside to be a friend;
And friends were everywhere.***

(Payne – reprinted by Our Daily Bread)



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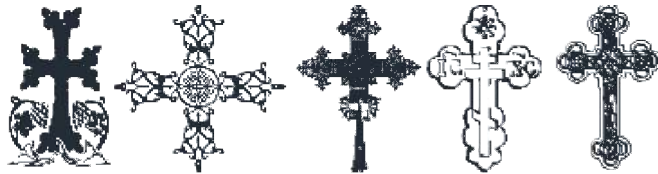
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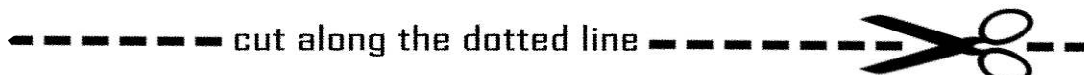
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