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# Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church



# LOOYS



Cheltenham, PA

January to March 2014



## 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

- **March 16** – Mitchink
- **March 29** – Walk Thru the New Testament
- **April 13** – Palm Sunday Banquet
- **May 17** – Parish Retreat (morning)
- **May 18** – Church School closing exercises
- **June 1** – Church School closing & Picnic

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# THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

*"Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you" (Exodus 20:12).*

The Ten Commandments teaches us that we should put God first, the family second and the neighbors third.

The Fifth commandment is about our family relationships. Family is not a product of evolution; it is designed and blessed by our Creator, who wants us to have a healthy and good relationship with our parents. Without this healthy relationship, our families will be weak and unstable.

First of all we should obey our parents. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ obeyed His physical and earthly parents, Mary and Joseph. In this way, He set a perfect example for all of us. All normal parents love and care for their children. After parents give birth to their children, they dedicate their lives to them. They feed them, cloth and teach them, and see that they get a proper education. Parents should do everything they can for their children to create a happy and healthy atmosphere in their lives. If children don't honor their parents after all these efforts, it means that they are ungrateful.



Secondly, we should love our parents. Love is very important and vital for our relationship because as St. Paul said, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails"(1Corinthians 13: 4-8).

Love should be mutual between parents and children. There should also be mutual respect as well. We can't return all that they do for us, but we can show our appreciation.

Thirdly, we should honor our parents not only with words, but also with our attitude; in that way we will please our Heavenly Father and parents.

How we treat our parents will reflect on the way our children will treat us; because in the Bible it says, "Don't be misled - you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant" (Galatians 6:7).

Dear faithful, let us value and honor our parents while they are with us. Amen

*Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan*

*"Your religion is not what you do on Sunday. It is how you live Monday through Saturday."*

*— Shannon L. Alder*

## Chairman's Report

Our January meeting was devoted to reviewing 2013 actual financial results and the 2014 budget for the Parish Assembly. This was held on Feb 23 and completed in record time.

We would like to thank Robert Damerjian, Jr and John Hanamirian for serving the limit of 3 terms (6 years) and Steve Hovnanian. We welcome back Don Paretchan and Jeanette Der Hagopian for their third terms and welcome Garo Garibian, Merle Santerian and Garen Boghosian to the 2014 Council. Our delegates will be Anne Terkanian, Nancy Basmajian and John Hanamirian. At our Parish Assembly, all reports were accepted and the 2014 Budget was approved. Now a detailed report and verification of the votes and the financials have to be sent to the Diocese for approval.

We have a lot of maintenance to do in 2014 as our Church is aging. We will also continue upgrading the appearance, including the planting of Douglas fir trees along the new fence extension.

Religious Education will be one of our major thrusts as will the growth of voting (dues paying) membership which dropped from 240 to 239. The growth in new members was offset by the passing of too many of our members.

Church activity will be maintained. You will be reminded in the Messenger, the LOOYS, e-blasts, mailings as well as the web site. By the time you read this, we will have begun our Lenten Services and our Walk Through the New Testament on March 29. The 80th Anniversary Celebration has been rescheduled to September 28 and we will initiate plans to have our June picnic.

This is the first issue of the LOOYS in color, which we will do this year. Since the cost for color is double, we have sought sponsors to offset the cost.

We look forward to another successful year under Der Hakob's leadership.

John Kash  
Parish Council Chair

*The mission of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church is to preach the Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ and to proclaim its message of salvation. This mission is realized through worship, education, witness, service, and a common life in Christ as expressed in the distinctive faith- experience of the Armenian people. All the faithful of the Armenian Church - both clergy and laity - are called to participate fully in this mission.*



**Save the Date!**

Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church

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*Years*  
1934 - 2014

**Sunday September 28, 2014**

\* Rescheduled from Sunday June 1, 2014

### Sponsor Information

Cornerstone	\$5,000	(includes 10 banquet tickets)
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Guardian	\$250	
Angel	\$100	
Friend	Other	

**"See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation." (Is 28:16)**

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# A Meditation on the Passion and Crucifixion of Christ

## by Deacon Albert Keshgegian

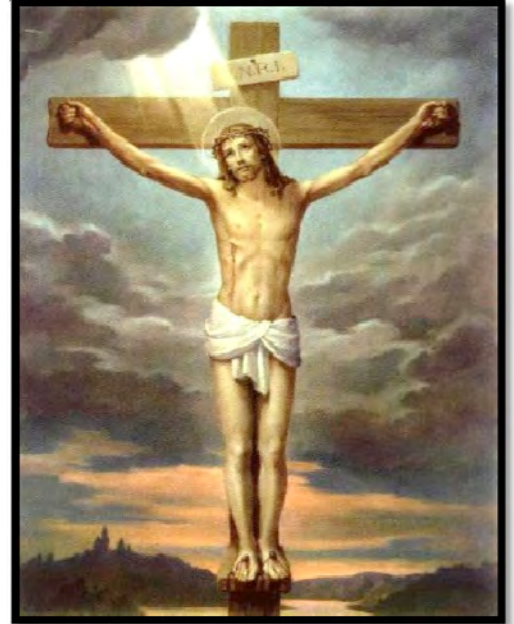
“My God my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46)  
“It is finished.”(John 19:30)

In the end, he was all alone. Beaten and mocked through the night, spat upon and humiliated, flogged and made to wear a crown of thorns, forced to carry the cross to his own execution, he hung, all alone, between two thieves, his hands and feet nailed to a cross, enduring a painful, slow, agonizing, brutal death.

The crowds that had greeted him with joy and palms the previous Sunday when he had triumphantly entered Jerusalem? Later that same week they had clamored for Barabbas, a known criminal, to be released instead of Jesus. The disciples, his faithful followers who had traveled with him throughout his ministry and had constantly been with him? Scattered. Peter, in some ways the leader of the disciples? He denied three times that he even knew Jesus. Abandoned by all, forsaken even by God the Father, Jesus was sacrificing himself. For us.

Why did Jesus allow himself to go through all this? Out of immense love. A love so great we can't even comprehend it. A contemporary Christian song\* asks

Why did they have to nail his feet and hands?  
His love would have held him there.



Jesus knew that this was the only way that humanity could be saved from their sins, from their turning away from God. He knew that God's laws, given hundreds of years before, just weren't enough for people to want to do the right thing. He knew that showing God's love for us in such a compelling manner, and asking us to respond back with love, was the only way to bring us back to God..

Do we indeed respond to Christ's love and sacrifice? Or are we also abandoning him today? Jesus asks us to participate in his banquet of hope and life every week, not just when it's convenient or there is nothing else to do. Jesus asks us to treat everyone with love and respect, not just our family or friends. Jesus asks us to make sure that everyone has clothes to wear, food to eat, and a warm place to sleep.

If we don't accept his sacrifice for us, if we don't return his love for us with our love for him, if we don't follow his teachings about how to live, we are surely abandoning him today just as everyone did on that fateful Friday almost 2000 years ago.

\*Michael Card, "Why?" in The Life, Sparrow Records, 1988



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*“The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays.”*

— Søren Kierkegaard

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## “Dear G\_d,”

Commentary: By Ralph E. Arpajian, Esq.



In the July-September 2013 “LOOYS,” Der Hagop discussed the Third Commandment, which is the Commandment proscribing the wrongful use of the name of the Lord. Der Hagop described the affirmative aspect of the Third Commandment and our duty, as Christians, to honor God’s name and exalt his reputation by living our lives in harmony with His expectations. In other words, as Der Hagop explained, the deeper meaning of the Third Commandment goes beyond the simpler lesson I recall from my days in Sunday School (and the one which stuck most firmly in my head): that to take the Lord’s name in vain (whether in anger or as a point of emphasis) is a sin.

Der Hagop’s discussion brought to mind something which I had, then, recently discovered.

As some of you reading this already know, in April of 2013, I was diagnosed with early-stage prostate cancer. (Ironically, my biopsy was performed on April 24th.) In August, I underwent surgery for this condition at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan. Thanks, in large part, to the many prayers and wishes we received from family and friends, and, of course, the skill of the exceptional surgeons and other professionals at MSKCC, my treatment, thus far, appears to have been a success.

Truthfully, I do not think that Nané and I would have been able to endure this ordeal as well as we did without, as I said, the many prayers and good wishes of our family and friends, including the blessings bestowed on me by our dear Der Hagop and the good wishes of my close friends, including my colleagues and partners at my law firm in New York City.

Among my concerned well-wishers was one of my senior bankruptcy partners, with whom I have worked on a number of large and complex real estate transactions. This gentleman, a devout Jew, is very religious. In addition to his professional credentials (he is a graduate of the well-respected Yeshiva University in Manhattan and of the prestigious Columbia Law School), he is quite knowledgeable – indeed, I would describe him as a scholar – on all matters pertaining to Jewish history and religion.

When he first found out about my diagnosis, he expressed great concern and insisted that I seek treatment, immediately and at the best institutions possible. He also asked whether he could have my permission for him to say prayers for me (permission, I assumed, in deference to the fundamental difference in our respective religious beliefs). I thanked him for his concern and let him know that I welcomed his prayers and his good wishes.

Over the course of the ensuing months, he would constantly ask for updates as to my condition and the course of treatment and, again, would reiterate that he was keeping me in his prayers – on a daily basis as he attended services.

Shortly after, and in the days following, my surgery, Nané and I had occasion to send several emails to my work colleagues, including my Jewish partner, letting them know that the surgery had proceeded well and that I was on the road to recovery. To each one of these emails, my partner would respond with words to the effect that he was very happy to receive such good news and would always close his email with the words “Thank G\_d.”

I was curious. Why omit the intended (obviously) letter “o?”

Initially, I assumed (and this gets me back to Der Hagop’s commentary and my elementary Sunday School understanding) that this must be derivative of the Third Commandment against using the Lord’s name in vain. By omitting the letter (I imagined that the reasoning went), the Commandment would not be violated. Perhaps an over-technical interpretation but, at least in my mind, made a modicum of sense.

I did some research and eventually asked my partner about it. As it turns out, I was wrong in my assumption.

What I learned (and discovered on a website called “Judaisim 101,” among other sources) was that the practice, followed by observant Jews, of not spelling out the complete name does not come from the commandment not to take the Lord’s name in vain. In other words, while the Third Commandment refers to the act of swearing by God’s name falsely, which, as Der Hagop indicates, is certainly one of the meanings underlying the Third Commandment, it does not form the basis for the argument against writing the name “G\_d,” even if in a positive context.

Instead, the practice derives from the prohibition against erasing, defacing or destroying the written name – for example, by destroying or desecrating a Bible.



Specific to the context of using the name of the Lord in an email, the website had the following discussion, which I thought was very interesting:

It is worth noting that this prohibition against erasing or defacing Names of God applies only to Names that are written in some kind of permanent form. Orthodox rabbis have held that writing on a computer is not a permanent form, thus it is not a violation to type God's Name into a computer and then backspace over it or cut and paste it, or copy and delete files with God's Name in them. However, once you print the document out, it becomes a permanent form. That is why observant Jews avoid writing a Name of God online: because there is a risk that someone else will print it out and deface it.

When I discussed this with my partner, he confirmed this view: once an email is sent or forwarded, the sender loses control over what might then occur with respect to that email. In particular, he has no ability to stop someone from printing a copy of that email, and then tossing the printed page into the trash – thereby, in effect, defacing a writing on which the name of “G\_d” appears.

As we start the New Year and prepare to celebrate Armenian Christmas, Nané and I thank G\_d for the many blessings we have received over the past year, and, above all, for the blessings of having many wonderful friends, family and colleagues who have supported us throughout what was a very trying year.



## Coffee Hour Update

At the suggestion of several parishioners, the church will now accept coffee hour sponsors for a fee of \$50 on any available Sunday. This will include bagels, condiments, coffee, tea, paper products and the service of the church organization which is responsible on that particular Sunday. Consider this a perfect opportunity to celebrate a special occasion with a minimum of expense and no effort. Call Merle Santerian (215-947-3777) with any questions or to reserve an open date on the Coffee Hour schedule (at least 10 days' notice). Your sponsorship will also be listed in the Sunday Messenger on that date.

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- \$ 200 – EDWARD TERZIAN - #9
- \$ 200 - CAROL J. MILLER - #125
- \$ 200 – ALICE ENDRIGIAN - #100

### DECEMBER 2013

- \$ 500 – HELEN GALLAGHER - #175
- \$ 200 - ALBERT KAPEGHIAN - #15
- \$ 100 - KRIKOR KAPEGHIAN - #102
- \$ 100 - ARAM KUMKUMIAN - #124
- \$ 100 - RICHARD WEINSHEIMER - #114

### JANUARY 2014

- \$ 500 - GREGORY JAVARDIAN - #58
- \$ 200 - EDWARD TATOIAN - #54
- \$ 100 - SETA NAZARETHIAN - #33
- \$ 100 - JAMES BUSTARD - #37
- \$ 100 - ROBERT SARKISIAN - #199

### FEBRUARY 2014

- \$ 500 - BERJ YERETZIAN - #112
- \$ 200 - LARRY DERHAGOPIAN & GEO. NAZARETHIAN - #186
- \$ 100 - ROMAN RADYNSKY - #21
- \$ 100 - ALBERT & PAULINE CHAPJIAN - #138
- \$ 100 - CAROL J. MILLER - #125

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## About Our Family

It's been a hard winter in many ways....bad weather and lots of people missing from church. Some of those include these members who are now on the mend from various surgeries, infirmities and accidents: Albert Chapjian, Judy Paretchan, Martin Attarian, Rose Minassian and Stephanie Vartanian. We hope they are soon completely recovered..... We lost one of our most senior members, Mary Paretchan, who will long be remembered, especially for the beautiful notes she wrote to many of us and her yummy "cookie cakes" on which she wrote a personalized message. Our sympathy to her three sons and their families....With great sorrow, we mourn the passing of our good friend, Armena Bartow, whom we haven't seen in several years. We remember the good years when she was an active member of our church, always with a smile on her face and a warm greeting for all. Condolences are extended to her devoted children Jim, Mark and Sue and their families, which included seven grandchildren....Please keep in your prayers Margo Silk, Helen Vishab and David Brann as they deal with some debilitating health issues. We miss seeing them.....A shout-out to our shut-ins, Anita Mirijanian and Alice Andonian. We may not see them but they not forgotten....Deepest sympathy to Vicki Berberian and Gary and Lisa Berberian on the passing of their husband/father Paul. We wish them peace in the days ahead..... God continues to bless us with new babies. Congratulations to first-time parents, Nadia and Vache Soghomonian as they welcomed Levon Vahe near the end of last year. Grandparents Margo and Sam Silk and Uncle Eric are all "jumpin' for joy".....It's No. 2 for David and Nadine Hoplamazian – baby boy Henry Hagop arrived to join big sister Gianna. Congrats to grandparents Jack and Carol Hoplamazian as well.....And we end our news with a milestone birthday celebration for our much-loved Berj Yeretjian who turned 90 right after the start of the year. There were many days of celebration with lots of family from near and far. May God continue to shine His face upon you, Berj!.... And while you might not believe it, Spring IS around the corner and we will soon have brighter and snow-less days. Until then, be safe and stay warm.



### Deacon Shabigs

By now many of you have seen our new deacon shabigs. We extend a heartfelt thank you to Margo and Sam Silk for allocating a special donation to offset the costs of them. Additionally, deep appreciation goes to Alice Torossian who, in record time, did all the needed alterations so that they would be ready for their first use on Armenian Christmas. Continued blessings to all of you.



## Mary Paretchan

Mary Paretchan was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and was one of three children born to Kachadoor and Esther Mazmanian. In 1937 she married Sooren Paretchanian in Boston, MA, and moved to Philadelphia. Happily married they were blessed with three children: Robert, Donald, and Michael. Later, there were six grandchildren: Jeff, Julie, Jennifer, Amy, Michael, and Vahan, followed by four great grandchildren: Isabella, Natalie, Lucas, and Elias.

In 1959 she became actively involved in the family owned business, Dandee Cleaners located in the Frankford area of Philadelphia. Six days a week Mary managed the store operation during the day and performed customer tailoring needs in the evening.

She was an enthusiastic member of Holy Trinity Armenian Church from 1960 to 1979. In 1977, Mary's life changed when Sooren died suddenly from a heart attack, at the age of 65. She devotedly became an active baby sitter to all the grandchildren. Additionally, she also attended cake, cookie and candy decorating classes, and immediately applied these newly learned skills to making many elaborate desserts and large chocolate chip cookies, which she decorated with an original poem for the grandchildren's birthday parties and other family events.

In 1980 Mary moved to Wynnewood and attended services at Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church, where she developed new friendships. She also worked part-time in a nearby medical office, meeting new friends. Later she returned to Holy Trinity where she spent her final years.

Mary enjoyed going to the theater, orchestra, and other events with her grandchildren and friends. She became an avid card writer sending birthday, anniversary, sympathy, and other cards to many friends and family members over the years. She will always be remembered for the personalized notes in her cards communicating thoughtful messages and feelings. She was 97 when she passed on December 9, 2013.

### Our New Piano

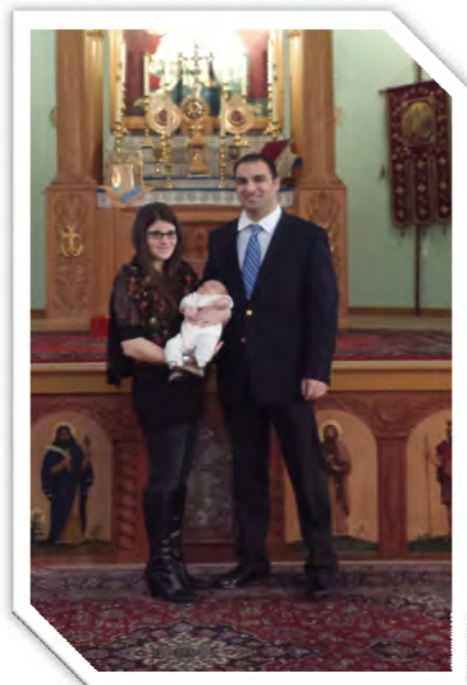
We are deeply appreciative of the rapid response when we put out a call in our last issue for a new piano. Within days of the issue being mailed, we were blessed with the offer of a baby grand piano in pristine condition donated by Donna Sarkisian in loving memory of her beautiful daughter, Nicole Der Hagopian. Thank you, Donna, for this wonderful gift which is yet another way that Nicole will remain in our hearts.





Ruben Sevumyants  
& Nelli Garamova  
January 4, 2014

40th day blessing  
Levon Vahe Soghomonian  
January 19, 2014



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**Correction to the December LOOYS**

The Chairman's report mentions a donation for new chairs but mistakenly left off the name of the donor. Alyce Hovsepian Kerbeck Gordon gave a generous donation to go toward the cost of getting the new chairs. Thank you!

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

Michael Alexanian, Richard Kocharian & Sabina Khachatryan, Margaret Ayvazian Leck, Emily Movsesian

**Mass Card for**

**Raymond Hovsepian**  
Mary and Pearl Jamgochian

**In Memory of Paul Berberian**

Barbara Bourcier  
Alice Charles  
Ethel Terzian

**In Memory of Margaret Serabian**

Larry & Dorothy Grocott

**Deacon's Fund**

Garo and Cece Garibian

**General Donation**

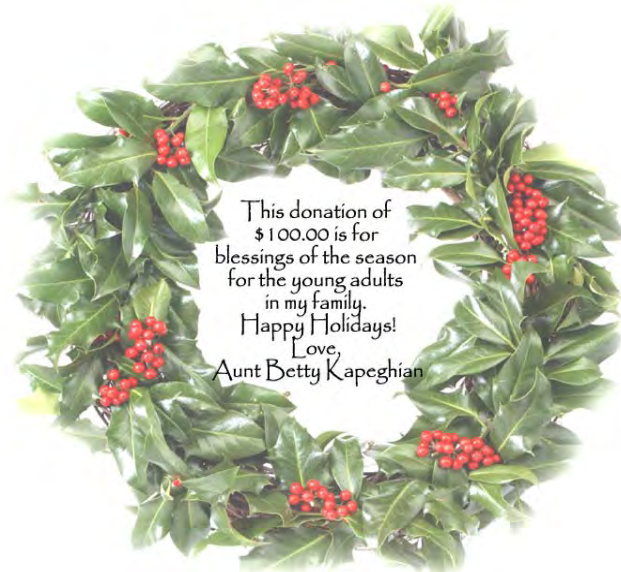
Ralph and Nane Arpajian

**Church School Bibles**

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**LOOYS Donation**

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Mr. Edward Harootunian  
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Mrs. Sarah Kapikian  
Mrs. Rose Lousinian





# Friday Night Lenten Series

# LENT 2014 Schedule

## THEME:

## Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ

### March 7

- Living the Gospel
- *Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan*

### March 14

- Falling in Love with God...Again
- *Elise Antreassian, Christian Education Director, Diocese of the Armenian Church*

### March 21

- The Gospel and the Divine Liturgy
- *Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, Director of the Zohrab Information Center, Diocese of the Armenian Church*

### March 29\* (Saturday)

- Walk Thru the New Testament
- *Dr. Roger Petersen, Professor of Speech and Performance, Philadelphia Biblical University*

### April 4

- Armenian Illuminated Manuscripts and the Image of Christ
- *Nancy Hovnanian, Guide, Philadelphia Museum of Art*

### April 11

- Gospel Jeopardy
- *Al Trebeckian, Game Show Host*

*All programs held at Holy Trinity Armenian  
Apostolic Church*

6:30 Worship

7:00 Dinner

7:45 Program

*Please register by the Wednesday before each program by signing up in the church lobby or contacting the church office*

*\*There will be no program on Friday, March 28.*

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Tables of eight (8) to ten (10) may be reserved by making a list on the reverse side. Please list who you prefer to be seated with.

Thank you for your support!



# EASTER SERVICES 2014

Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church



April 17, 2014 Holy Thursday



7:00 PM - Washing of the Feet

8:00 PM - Betrayal and Passion of Our Lord



April 18, 2014 Great and Holy Friday



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



April 19, 2014 Great and Holy Saturday



Easter Eve

7:00 PM - Divine Liturgy

Following Liturgy - Home Blessing/Fellowship



April 20, 2014 Easter Sunday



The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

10:00 AM - Morning Services

10:30 AM - Divine Liturgy

*HAPPY EASTER*



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## Parishioners Talk About Faith



*What is your first memory of attending Badarak? In what way has your parish influenced you and your family? What does the symbol of the cross mean to you? If you had a million dollars to spend on others, how would you use it?*

For four consecutive Sundays from January 19 to February 9, over 30 parishioners and friends of Holy Trinity got together after Liturgy to respond to these questions and others. Meeting in four small groups, led by facilitators Jeanette Der Hagopian, Gail Lulejian, Merle Santerian and Nancy Basmajian, they shared and reflected on issues related to memories, experiences, values and actions connected with church and home. The interactive program was designed to encourage meaningful conversation and fellowship.

Promoted as *Faith Talk for Today's Christian*, the new initiative was organized by our parish's Director of Adult Christian Education, Nancy Basmajian. "Small groups have always been a wonderful way to build relationships,

which is crucial to parish life" she commented, "Faith Talk made it possible for us to focus the discussion on faith and get to know each other on a deeper level."

Fr. Hakob was also an active participant; he spent a session with each group and was enthusiastic about the program, "I felt so enriched as I listened to my parishioners share their experiences and opinions. I also enjoyed talking about my own story. I hope we'll do this again."

### Comments from participants:

*"In responding to the question, 'What does coming to church on Sunday mean to you?', one of our group members recalled the church bells that rang at different times of the day during her childhood. This reminded me of how much I enjoyed the bells of the Methodist Church up the block from my family home when I was a child. Why did we long for the bells? Were they a fond memory of childhood? I remember the peaceful effect they had on my day, and I missed them when I moved away. For me, they were a reminder to stop and remember God in my day; like a ring tone set for a dear friend who is a great listener. I miss the church bells. Thank you Faith Talk for reminding me of their beneficial effect on my day. I now have a new ringtone for daily reminders!"*

- Leslie Movsesian

*"I liked being part of Faith Talk because as a Christian, I have spent my life searching for meaning; Faith Talk has helped me understand that the meaning is in the search. As a Christian, we are all carrying lanterns in search of a light."*

- Gary Berberian

*"I liked being part of Faith Talk because I could express my inner feelings about the topic that I selected and that gave me peace."*

- Ara Shakarjian

*"I liked being part of Faith Talk because it made me feel closer to my church family."*

- Gloria Basmajian

*I totally enjoyed the one session with Der Hakob; he was very interesting and it was nice to get to know him a little better. I also enjoyed hearing how others responded to the questions; it was just interesting exchanging different beliefs and opinions.*

- Diane Doudoukjian

*I liked being part of Faith Talk because I enjoyed discussing religion with fellow parish members, some of whom I met for the first time.*

- Joyce Hoyle

*I feel very privileged to have participated in the Faith Talk sessions. As a newcomer, but with roots in the parish through my wife, I have appreciated the many friends I have made at Holy Trinity. This program provided an opportunity to get to know people better and also to meet new people. The Church teaches that we are called to live our Christian faith in community. We can only live in community if we get to know each other and grow together in our faith. The Faith Talk sessions provided an outstanding forum to nurture this.*

- Brian Hoyle

*I liked being part of Faith Talk because even by the end of the first session, my group was talking and sharing as close friends, even though some of us had only just met.*

- Emily Movsesian

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10:00 Walk Thru Begins  
1:00 Lunch  
2:00 Walk Thru Continues  
4:30 Homeward Bound Filled With the Spirit!

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## ACYOA Jrs. Mid-Atlantic Retreat

The ACYOA Juniors of Holy Trinity Cheltenham PA hosted the Diocesan Mid-Atlantic Retreat. Over 40 teens from NY, NJ and PA came together for 24 hours of fellowship and religious education from 2 pm on Saturday February 22 to 2 pm on Sunday February 23rd. Ani Javardian, Isabella Virgi, Dominique Damerjian, Andrew Movsesian, Peter Ohnigian, Alex Aloian, Arthur Bagdasarian and Ashot Balasanyan attended from Holy Trinity. The Retreat's theme was "Made In His Image". The teens held group discussions about stress overload and image, viewed educational videos, and did an icon art project. Additionally, they participated in a question-and-answer Bible Study with Der Hayr and attended Vesper services in the late evening. Thank you to Maria Javardian for chaperoning our group while they slept overnight with the other teens and their chaperons in Santerian Hall. Thank you to Suzanna Aloian for helping with small group discussions. Also, thank you to Jennifer Morris, Diocesan Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and Lori Odabashian for bringing this wonderful program to our teens. Lastly, thank you to our Der Hayr and Hayr Oshagan of St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Wynnewood Pa for participating in the small group discussions, the outdoor ice breaker activities, and contributing to the overall program experience.

Leslie Movsesian  
Parent Advisor and Chaperon

### ACYOA Junior Upcoming Activities

- 3/9 Soft Pretzel Sales
- 3/23 Aid for Friends food preparation
- 3/30 Fellowship Hour FAR Soup Kitchen Fundraiser
- 4/13 Palm Sunday ACYOA Day Banquet & tulip sales (- See Flyer inside Looys and mail)
- 5/11 Soft Pretzel Sales
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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

February 21, 2014

To: The Reverend Clergy and Parish Council Chairmen

Subject: **College Scholarships for 2014**

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 2014-2015.

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

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## Celebrating Christian Marriage

*“Yes, Der Hayr, we are ready to renew our commitment.”*

With these words, over 50 married couples participated in a Service of Renewal of Marriage Vows immediately following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, February 23. The purpose of the service, which was designed by the Christian Education Department of the Diocese, was to celebrate the sacred relationship between husband and wife—the very foundation of family life.

The short service included a reading of St. Paul’s beautiful passage on love (1 Corinthians 13) and a series of questions posed by Der Hayr in which the couples replied with a resounding “We do, with God’s help!” Among the most poignant was a petition to “invite Christ anew into your marriage to be the true and actual Lord of your lives as a couple, opening your hearts to his saving presence.” The service ended with a blessing for “the souls of departed husbands and wives whose love for their still-living spouses remains constant.” Each couple received a long-stemmed red rose before leaving the sanctuary.

Earlier during his sermon, Der Hakob preached on four principles of Christian marriage and family. They were: (1) listen to one another, even in small things; (2) keep your promises and commitments to one another in order to establish trust and lay a strong foundation; (3) encourage one another, thus “building up” as Scripture admonishes; and (4) love one another, the greatest of Christ’s commands.

After Badarak, the couples, along with the entire congregation, enjoyed fellowship at a light luncheon which included a lovely cake, decorated with the words, “Celebrating Christian Marriage.” The cake was cut, appropriately, by two active and devoted Holy Trinity couples, married for over 60 years: Albert and Naomi Kapeghian and Berj and Mary Yeretjian.



# Dyarnuntarach - Jumping the Fire



## Celebrating Der Hayr's Birthday!



Armenian Christmas: Blessing of Waters  
- Godfather Larry D. Der Hagopian



## 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

John & Margaret Leck	5/2/1964
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	5/22/1977
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 & Anita 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 & Jonathan Koengetter	6/28/2008

## Marriage

is getting to have a  
sleep over with your  
best friend, every  
single night of the  
week.

-Christie Cook



**OOPS WE FORGOT A FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY**  
Mickey Sherian - 9

## Member Birthdays

### April

Lucille Thomassian - 1
Erika Torosian - 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
Brenda LeCompte - 9
Paul Oflazian - 10
Andrea LeCompte - 10
Patrick Killian - 11
Stephanie Balint - 12
Diane Doudoukjian - 12
Tomas Montanez - 12
Zachary Hajinian - 14
Daniel Dunigan - 15
Tavit Murray - 15
Melissa DerPilbosian - 16
Silva Santerian - 17
Elias Terkanian - 18
Kayli Tancredi - 18

may your birthday bring  
you as much happiness  
as you give to everyone  
who knows you

Happy Birthday

Ana Torcomian - 18
Diane Yazujian - 18
Ronald Asadoorian - 19
Peter Bilazarian - 20
Albert Kapeghian - 20
Mark Keshgegian - 21
Ara Shakarjian - 21
Paul G. Bogosian - 21
Beatrice Brown - 22
Stephen Hovnanian - 22
Gary Papazian - 22
Lucas Terkanian - 22
Gustavo Alexanian - 23
Richard Vishab - 23
Krikor Javardian - 24
April Kumkumian - 24
Lori Vishab - 25
Garro 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
Paul Terkanian - 5
Bryan Peckjian - 6
Barbara Harmon - 7
Alyssa Santerian - 7
Talene Peckjian - 9
Ines Alexanian - 13
Shannon King - 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
Germaine Hashas - 21
Narthy Hajinian - 22
Carol Temoyan - 22
Steven Balint - 23
Susan Lillis - 23
Yn. Anna Gevorgyan - 24
Ken King - 24
Seta Pica - 24
Chloe Dunigan - 25
Sarine Kaprielian - 26
Berj Yeretzian Jr. - 26
Rosemary Zarzatian - 27
Gregory Javardian - 30

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God shall wipe all tears from their eyes;  
and there shall be no more death,  
nor crying,  
neither shall there be any more pain:  
for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21

**Funerals: 2014**

ARMENA BARTOW entered into her eternal rest on February 25, 2014. Funeral services were held on February 28, 2014 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

**Funerals: 2013**

CLARA BERJOOHE ALEXANIAN entered into her eternal rest on December 2, 2013. Funeral services were held on December 7, 2013 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

MARY PARETCHAN entered into her eternal rest on December 9, 2013. Funeral services were held on December 14, 2013 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.



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\*George and Setta Nazarethian  
Don and Judy Paretchan  
\*Alice Sisian  
\*Denise Sisian  
\*Jack and Helen Vishab  
Kim and Gena Willard  
\*Gregory and Diane Yazujian  
  
Total: \$21,345.00  
\*New stewards since last listing.

# 2014 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE FORM

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

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

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

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

**Stewardship ("time and talent");** Please circle the area(s) in which you would like to participate:  
Special events (bazaars, banquets, etc.); Sunday School; ACYOA Jrs.; Aid for Friends; Fundraising; Choir/Altar Servers;  
Building maintenance; other \_\_\_\_\_

**Stewardship Pledge for 2014**..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

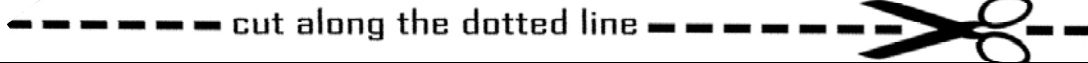
A pledge is a personal commitment, in addition to or besides Membership Dues, to support the mission and goals of Holy Trinity Armenian Church.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly

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

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

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



# 2014 MEMBERSHIP FORM

**Membership Dues for 2014**..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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).

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## Contact Information



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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  
Pastor: Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan  
frhakob@holytrinity-pa.org  
Church Secretary: Maggie Miller  
office@holytrinity-pa.org

### REGULAR SUNDAY HOURS OF WORSHIP

Morning Service: 10:00 AM  
Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak): 10:30 AM  
Church School: 10:30 AM

### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Kash (Chairman)	215-549-3689
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John Hanamirian (Treasurer)	856-489-9809
Gregory Javardian (Asst. Treasurer)	215-938-7893
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Andrew Movsesian (Vice Chair)

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