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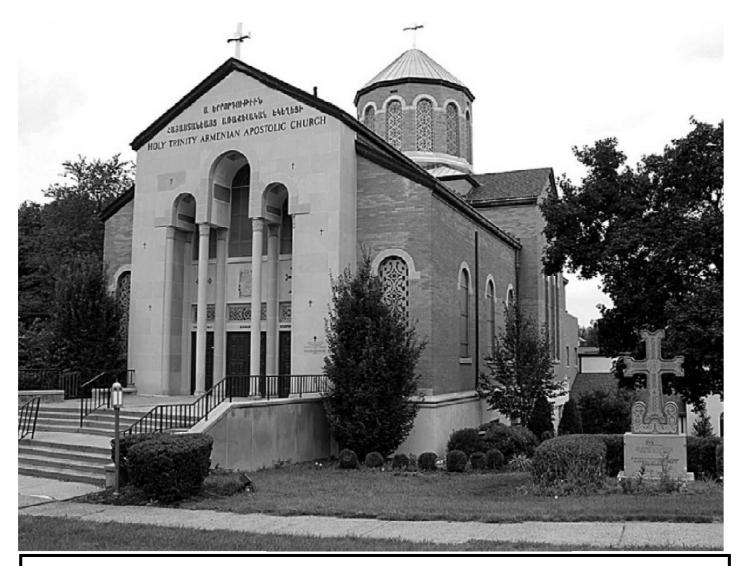
Holy Trinity Armenian Church





Cheltenham, PA

July to September 2012



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

- Sunday School opening September 16
- Anniversary Dinner Dance September 29
- Shoe Box Sunday October 14
- Harvest Bazaar October 26 28
- Stewardship Sunday December 2
- Bible Study 3rd Tue. every month 10 am
- Young Adult Bible Study 3rd Thu. every month 7 pm

Ordination or Holy Orders

Ordination or Holy Orders is one of the most important sacraments of the Armenian Church. This authority to serve in the church is not given to candidates by election, but by a sacred ritual which is called Ordination. Through ordination men receive the power and grace to perform the sacred duties of the Church and preach the Gospel.

In the beginning the Apostles were the only ministers in the Church. They were teachers and rulers in the Church. However, as the membership of the Church increased, the Apostles created other positions to assist them.

The first order established was Deacon. And the first deacon was St. Stephen. Deacons were elected by the faithful and were appointed and ordained by Apostles to serve the public at Agape dinner tables at which Holy Communion was administered (Acts. Ch. 6).

The Apostles also chose, appointed and ordained other assistants to help them in baptizing the believers, in administering the Holy Communion and for other functions in the Church. These men were called Elders. Their function was the same as our present-day priests. (The Greek word for Elder is Presbyter from which the English word priest is derived.)

The Apostles did not stay permanently in a town or country, because our Lord commanded them to go to all parts of the



world to preach the Gospel. Therefore, before leaving a town or country where they had already established a church, they appointed an appropriate person to serve the Christian communities of the area and to act with full authority in the name of the Apostles. These men were the successors to the Apostles in their own locality, such as a large town, a province, or even a state.

In the Armenian Church before priesthood we have six ranks: Tbir (which has four ranks- Doorkeeper, Reader, Exorcist, Acolyte), Sub deacon and Deacon. After these comes the Priest (celibate or married), Bishop and Catholicos, who is the head of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

What are the requirements for Ordination:

- a) The candidate should be an adult.
- b) The candidate should be spiritual and intelligent.
- c) The candidate should be educated in the teachings of the Church and worthy of this position.
- d) The candidate should have the approval of the priesthood that he is ready and worthy for that position.

The Sacrament of Ordination is administered by a Bishop who ordains the Tbir, Deacon and Priest. The consecration of a Bishop, according to the rules of the Armenian Church, is performed by His Holiness the Catholicos, having at least two other Bishops assisting him at the Ordination.

The process of Ordination is:

- a) The Bishop examines the candidate in front of the congregation to see if he is worthy of that position.
- b) The Bishop examines the person to see if he is a follower of orthodox faith.
- c) Prayers, readings from the Bible and Church hymns, by the Bishop and others who are involved in the Ordination.
- d) Ordination.
- e) Anointing and giving the person a new spiritual name, usually from the Bible or any Saint's name.

The most important thing is that the clergyman should be kind, faithful and a hardworking servant of the Lord. Education and intelligence is not enough to be a clergyman. One must feel the calling.

Every clergyman should exemplify Jesus Christ by serving with kindness, love and faith. Let us pray for all our clergy that they may continue their service to God and our nation. And may the Almighty Lord give them the strength to lead their people to salvation and everlasting life, with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan

Parish Council Corner

John Kash



By the time you read this, the pipeline project will be completed with new grass seeding in the back lot, new concrete from the Levick St. bridge to just past our driveway and a new asphalt parking lot with new striping. The project went relatively smoothly if you remembered to say "Church" to get through the detour signs except for one Sunday. In addition, we were able to successfully provide passage and parking for two wedding receptions and three funerals with the cooperation of SPECTRA management of the construction personnel and the police.

We had our first unity meeting with some of our new parishioners to determine what their needs are and how we could meet them. Their first major request was to continue Armenian School. It was then decided to combine Armenian School and Sunday School which has been done. The first classes began Sunday 9/16.

A few of the people volunteered to be Sunday greeters in the Narthex welcoming people in Russian or better Armenian than mine. The first greeter was on 9/16. Boris and Ella Avakyan sponsored a Newcomers coffee hour (with great pastries she made to help people get acquainted). Another Sunday the Karakhanyan-Hovhannisyan Family treated us to a wonderful spread. Further newcomer coffee hours will be scheduled.

We will have our second meeting on Monday 9/17 prior to our Council meeting to discuss first impressions and to also determine further coordinating actions.

In the maintenance beautification area, we are:

- 1. Sanding and re-staining the front doors
- 2. Obtaining bids to replace the front steps and landings
- 3. Doing minor concrete and railing work on the north side
- 4. Replacing the caulking on all 21 stained-glass windows in the church to stop/avoid leaks
- 5. Replacing carpet on the Altar and in the Chancel, donated entirely by Garo Garibian

Dues and Stewardship contributions supply the money to pay one-third of our operating budget. It would be appreciated if any of you who have not pledged or paid would please consider doing so. Letters have been sent to former members and Stewards encouraging them to rejoin.

Socially we have the Dinner Dance on September 29 and the three-day Bazaar October 26-28. On Sunday September 23 we will have the blessing of the Parish Council.

A meeting will be held on November 5th with the leadership from all of our church organizations to present their plans for 2013 and discuss any concerns or questions they may have, always with the focus on the welfare and well-being of our church.

We look forward to seeing you at church on Sundays and at some of our many functions.



2012 Harvest Bazaar

Friday, October 26 Saturday, October 27 Sunday, October 28 Doors Open @ 5:00 PM, Dinner @ 6:00 PM Doors Open @ 4:00 PM, Dinner @ 5:00 PM after Badarak

Armenian Food Buffet

featuring Mihran's Shish Kebab

Country Store

Attic Treasures

Gift Basket Auction
Bake Shop

Armenian Art Vendors

Friday Night
Children's Book
Reading & Signing

Saturday Night
Holy Trinity Sunday School
Dance Performance

Sunday

Children's Halloween Costume Parade

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Dear Church Family,

This year Holy Trinity Armenian Church will hold its annual Bazaar on Friday, October 26, Saturday, October 27 and Sunday, October 28, 2012.

If you would like to have Hokehankisd said for loved ones on Sunday, October 28th, please fill in the bottom portion of this letter and mail it along with your check directly to the Church.

Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity Armenian Church with "2012 Harvest Bazaar" on the memo line of your check.

We thank you for your ongoing commitment and support of our Church and ask that you respond no later than Wednesday, October 17, 2012.

Sincerely,

Harvest Bazaar Committee

	
	<u>Hokehankisd Request Form – October 28, 2012</u>
Name:	
City, State and Zip: _	
Donation Amount: _	

A MEDITATION BY DEACON ALBERT KESHGEGIAN ON HOLY COMMUNION

Senior Deacon: With fear and with faith draw near and communicate in holiness.

Choir/congregation: Our Lord and our God has appeared to us.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Priest: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance; shepherd them and lift them up from henceforth until eternity.

It's the most social of occasions. Together with our friends or family we meet at a restaurant or someone's home to share a meal, to "break bread" together. As we catch up on what's new, reminisce over previous happy times, or tell funny stories, we enjoy each other's company while we share the delicious food together. And we've probably been looking forward to this weekend "date" all week.



The Divine Liturgy and receiving Holy Communion are something like this. All week we look forward to, or should be looking forward to, coming to church for the service. And, as a group, the congregation participates in a meal. But this meal is very different from a regular meal; no five-star restaurant could even come close. With this meal, we communicate in holiness with each other and with God.

Holy Communion is the way we can get closest to God on earth, because we literally receive Christ within us and reaffirm that we are all part of his body that is mystically now the Church, as the Church continues to do his work. All this has profound meaning both for us as the community of the Church and for each of us as individuals.

As a community, we are doing what Christ asked us to do. We remember the establishment of Holy Communion at the Last Supper, similar to how we reminisce with friends or family when we get together. We share in the

common loaf of bread and single chalice of wine, similar to the sharing of food and drink at a family dinner. (And of course this part of the service represents the last of the four actions

of Jesus at the Last Supper when he instituted Holy Communion and gave the disciples the bread and wine to share). We thank Christ for his body that was broken and his blood that was shed for us. And we look forward to the time when we and Christ will be together again in God's kingdom.

As individuals, we affirm that we are sacrificing ourselves for Christ, in return for his sacrifice for us. As we communicate with the mystical body and blood of Christ, we receive spiritual life and energy within us. As we become part of his body, our sins, which separate us from God, are forgiven. We each individually receive the promise of eternal life with God.

In Holy Communion God himself appears to us. In the words of Psalm 28:9, we are saved from death and blessed by him. God becomes our shepherd and guide; we are lifted up by him for eternity. What could be more compelling?



An Amazing Trip by Gabrielle Meranshian

Who would have guessed that I would have the opportunity to travel to Armenia twice in two years? This decision was very last minute! I was talking to my cousin, John Alexanian, during coffee hour and he mentioned he was going to Armenia with ASP for the first time and I remember how it was such a wonderful trip when I went and I decided I would love to go again.

My parents told me if there was one more spot left it would be God's will for me to go- and that's exactly what happened! I was ecstatic knowing Der Hayr and his family were joining us; they are gracious people and I knew Der Hakob would be a wonderful group leader.

Going back to Armenia felt like going home! I felt very comfortable the second time because I had a better understanding of the currency exchange, their traditions, and I even remembered where my favorite clothing stores were!

The first Sunday we were there we attended church at Etchmiadzin. Not eating beforehand was a bad decision because I became dehydrated and eventually fainted. The people in church, along with my cousin's family, assisted

me outside. They gave me water and food but before I could thank them, a stranger threw water in my face to make sure I was awake! I couldn't believe how caring strangers could be. This experience showed me how loving and kind the people are - as if they were my own family. I believe that in Armenia, there is a connection we have with others which cannot be explained.

During our excursions I felt as if I could be the tour guide because I remembered pertinent information from each site. For some this may have been repetitive and annoying, but for me it was absolutely amazing! I still can't get over the fact that I saw Mt. Ararat twice and my parents and grandmother have not had the chance yet. I am extremely blessed!

When we finally arrived in Gyumeri for the service portion of the trip, we were assigned to serve lunch at the local soup



Alina, Gabrielle & Sona in front of Lake Sevan

kitchen. I served here the previous year, but since the last time I had been there, the interior portion of the building had unfortunately deteriorated a lot. My friends and I noticed that the walls in the back room were filled with mold so we quickly changed our plans. We decided to take down the wallpaper and repaint the room to make it a healthier place to breathe and eat, while others in the group served lunch. Our group also worked on tearing down the Octet Music School in Gyumeri. This was initially a temporary building and now they are finally rebuilding a bigger and upto-date school for the young musicians of the town.

Even though this is the second time I am writing about my ASP trip to Armenia, each time is a new experience because you are with new people! The times we shared laughing and admiring beautiful architecture in our homeland is unforgettable. Nothing equates with going back to my ancestral homeland. I thank my parents for bringing me up to know my culture and understand my religion and what it means to be Armenian. This made the trip much more memorable as I was seeing sites that I had previously only seen in books. I also want to thank them for graciously letting me have the opportunity to go again and for selflessly sending me, while they have yet to go themselves.

I have always been proud to be 100% Armenian, but when you go to Armenia, it makes your pride stronger, which is something that is absolutely priceless. I can't wait to go back!

Holy Trinity Armenian/Sunday School News

Welcome Back!

Our school is growing! This year we have decided to combine the Armenian School and Sunday School programs into one program.



All students now have the opportunity to have Armenian religion, language, and culture every Sunday starting at 10am with language, 11am religion, then at 12:30pm – 1pm an optional Armenian dance class.



Our student population at Holy Trinity has become very diverse. The need to stress one community and try to bring together our children under one program is a wonderful way to enhance both our existing excellent religious education and Armenian Eastern and Western language classes.

Registration was held on Sunday September 16th from 9:30 am until 10:30am. Students then went to an abbreviated schedule starting with Armenian language then on to religion. Everyone was very excited and the morning was a great success.

DerHayr and all of the staff need the support of everyone in our parish to ensure our new program is a success. Please stop by the school office and see what you can do to help.

Yn. Anna Gevorgyan

Nancy Hovnanian

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ACYOA JUNIORS - SUMMER 2012

Here is how some of our ACYOA Juniors spent their summer vacations:

Skye Jilajian: This summer I went on a cruise to Bermuda with family and friends, as well as a trip to Colorado to visit family. I spent three weeks at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary counseling the Junior High School kids and participating in the High School session.

Ani Javardian: I spent one week at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, and I went down to the shore to Ocean City, New Jersey on weekends. I also went to St. Vartan Camp for two weeks. Then I went to Florida.

Megan and Danny Aslanian: Megan and Danny were very busy this summer. We met our Armenian friend from Arizona

at Long Beach Island for a couple of days. Danny went to Boy Scout Camp and canoeing, while Megan worked as a singer and dancer in costume at Sesame Place. As a family, we all went up to Maine to visit extended family and some colleges. It was a wonderful summer and we did so much.

Brenda Yazujian: This summer we enjoyed a family reunion on a cruise to Bermuda. I then headed to the beautiful Catskill Mountains of New York and spent over seven weeks as a Junior Counselor at AGBU (Armenian General Benevolent Union) Camp Nubar. At Camp Nubar, I had a great time teaching photography and being a counselor for the youngest Girls' Cabin, G-1.



ACYOA Seniors Update

Firstly, I'd like to introduce myself as the new chairperson of the Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors. I am very excited about this opportunity, and I will lead our ACYOA Seniors group to the best of my ability. I want to thank Der Hakob Gevorgyan, my fellow ACYOA members and all other members of Holy Trinity for this opportunity.

The ACYOA Seniors had a very eventful summer filled with fun memories. During Memorial Day weekend, a few members of our group traveled to Chicago, Illinois to attend ACYOA Sports Weekend. The weekend included General Assembly, sporting events, dances, group discussions, and church. It was very rewarding seeing ACYOA members across the country get together to see old friends while making new ones as well.

In early June, a few of our ACYOA Seniors took part in a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Over 30 ACYOA Seniors from the Eastern Diocese were chosen to participate in the pilgrimage. These young adults came together in our Holy Land and embraced our Armenian culture while greatly enhancing their spirituality. A few weeks after returning to America, Nadia and Eric Silk, ACYOA members who were on the pilgrimage, provided our church with a presentation about their experience in our Holy Land.

From June 29 to July 19, a few other members of our ACYOA Seniors ventured to Armenia, our homeland, to participate in the Armenia Service Program (ASP). ASP provides young adults with an opportunity to travel to their homeland to not only sightsee, but also to give back to their brothers and sisters in Armenia. This year, our Der Hakob led the youth group in their mission; touring ancient Armenia, seeing its greatest religious and cultural sites, experiencing life in Armenia's



capital of Yerevan, reflecting on the shores of Lake Sevan, worshipping at Holy Etchmiadzin, and much more. The service projects mainly consisted of fixing buildings and smaller structures. In August, John Alexanian and Ashot Avakyan provided our church with a presentation of his experience on the ASP trip.

On June 21, we were treated to a Bible Study session at the home of Aslin and Arat Apik, who graciously hosted us. We also had Bible Study at church on August 16. Our next Bible Study will be held at church on Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 PM. I strongly encourage all ACYOA Seniors to come to the Bible Study as it always is a thought-provoking and spiritual experience led by Der Hakob.

Lastly, on August 10-12 many Armenians took a trip down memory lane in Asbury Park, New Jersey. The event, appropriately named "Return to Asbury", was organized and headed by a familiar name to us all: Robin Barone. With 388 attendees, the event was undoubtedly a great success. The weekend included time spent on the beach, a yoga session, a tavloo tournament, and a KEF party on Saturday night. Many ACYOA Seniors and Holy Trinity parishioners attended the event, and I'm sure I speak for all of them by saying the event was a blast!

ACYOA Srs. Upcoming events:

September 20: Bible Study
September 21-23: Oriental Orthodox Spiritual Retreat
October 18: Bible Study
November TBD: Cooking with Yeretzgin
November 24: Oriental Orthodox Annual Youth Conference



200 CLUB WINNERS

NOVEMBER 2011

- \$1.000 JOHN TERZIAN #134
- \$ 400 HARRY SARKISIAN #46
- \$ 200 HARRY INJAIAN #200
- \$ 200 LINDA PRESKE #18
- \$ 200 ALBERT CHAPJIAN #138

DECEMBER 2011

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

JANUARY 2012

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

FEBRUARY 2012

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

MARCH 2012

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

APRIL 2012

- \$ 500 D0RIS ALAHVERDE #155
- \$ 200 ALBERT CHAPJIAN #138
- \$ 100 ROBERT DAMERJIAN JR. & SR. #85
- \$ 100 GEORGE NAZARETHIAN #31
- \$ 100 HARRY SARKISIAN #51

MAY 2012

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

JUNE 2012

- \$1.000 GREGORY YAZUJIAN #176
- \$ 400 JOHN HANAMIRIAN #62
- \$ 200 MARY PARETCHAN #117
- \$ 200 NOUBAR MANGASARIAN #53
- \$ 200 GEORGE MEDZIGIAN #142

Men's Club Raffle

Tickets are now on sale for the 2012-13 season of the 200 Club Raffle. A one-time donation of \$100 will entitle you to eight months of drawings, with five tickets drawn each month, ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. The first drawing will take place in November and continue through June. Your chances are better than the lottery! In fact, consider buying a second or third ticket with some buddies. The more you play, the greater your chances. Contact Harry Mirijanian, Larry Der Hagopian or Dick Weinsheimer for tickets. For those who have already received their raffle ticket(s) in the mail, we urge you to return the stub and check at your earliest convenience.

Women's Guild Message

It may have been a hot sultry summer but it flew by mighty quickly. Seems like the 4th of July was just yesterday. We should not complain about the weather. At least there were no icy and snowy roads to keep us from attending church services.

As most ladies of the Women's Guild know, we traditionally hold our first fall meeting on the second Tuesday in September. Considering the general apathy and lack of interest, the meeting has been cancelled this year. Unless there is a genuine desire to gather together, all future meetings are cancelled as well.

What is in our future? As noted in a previous column, we shall become a more project-oriented organization. Coming up is the annual Fall Bazaar that will span three days. We shall call on our members for their talents, ideas, and endless energies.

At this time we have a special request. Please take a minute to find your Bible. Open to I Corinthians, chapter 12, verses 14-26. Take a few minutes to read the passage and ponder the message.

Stewardship 2012

Florence Altoonian

*Harry and Alice Andonian Ralph and Nane Arpajian

John Arslanian

Hagop Arzoumanian

Steve and Doretta Aslanian

Arthur and Casey Baldadian

*David and Marta Brann

Ayshe Chakmaklian

Alice Charles

*Bob and Lorraine Damerjian Larry and Jeanette Der Hagopian

Larry D. Der Hagopian

Melinee Derassouyan

*Elizabeth Hovsepian Mary Jamgochian

Pearl Jamgochian

Harry and Rose Kalafian Alice Karabian

John Kash

*Ronald A. Kashkashian

Richard and Helen Kazigian
Albert and Patrice Keshgegian

*Virginia Knott

George and Setta Nazarethian Robert and Jean Ohnigian Michael and Tanya Paretchan

*Harry Sarkisian

*Ethel Terzian

*Jack and Helen Vishab Kim and Gena Willard

*Greg and Diane Yazujian

Total: \$17,225.00

* New stewards since last listing.

You cannot believe in God until you believe in yourself.

Swami Vivekananda

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH

MEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

October

Todd & Seta Pica	10/2/2004
Albert & Valerie DerPilbosian	10/7/1973
Michael & Carol Hanamirian	10/7/1989
Richard & Evelyn Weinsheimer	10/9/1971
Steven & Stephanie Balint	10/12/1997
Berj & Michele Yeretzian, Jr	10/14/1989
Gregory & Maria Javardian	10/15/1983
Ara & Virginia Shakarjian	10/16/1955
Kimon & Sheryl Hatza	10/16/1982
Donald & Judy Paretchan	10/18/2009
Jake & Gina Terkanian	10/20/2007
Larry & Jeanette Der Hagopian	10/24/1964
Steve & Mary Sona Brod	10/28/1990
Berj & Alice Kalustyan	10/29/1955
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November

Albert & Pauline Chapjian	11/1/????
Sarkis & Pauline Dedeian	11/1/1955
Gary & Eileen Altoonian	11/5/ ????
Ernest & Christine Peacock	11/6/1976
Haig & Gay Hagopian	11/11/1979
John & Susan Lillis	11/12/1988
Steve & Doretta Aslanian	11/15/1987
John & Margaret Bandaian	11/25/2005
Ralph & Nane Arpajian	11/26/2010
Richard & Florence Maloumian	11/27/1968
David & Marta Brann	11/29/1980

December

Terri Sadjian-Mears	12/1/1984
Robert & Janice King	12/3/1983
Albert & Patrice Keshgegian	12/22/1974
Hacadur & Janet Hashas	12/25/1949
Melani & Kyle Burrows	12/29/2007
Robert & Elizabeth Barone	12/30/1972



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

October

Marina Hovhannesian - 2 Grace Meranshian - 4 Steve Aslanian - 5 Aram Attarian - 5 Robert King - 5 Jack Vishab - 5 Haig Hagopian - 6 Philip Kazanjian - 6 Matthew Santerian - 6 Lauren Lillis - 7 Janice Owens - 7 Jennifer Hagopian - 8 Carol Momilian - 9 Brianna Juskalian - 10 Jeannine Juskalian - 10 Mary Paretchan - 12 Richard Carlucci - 14 Rose Thomassian - 16 Marta Brann - 18 Florence Maloumian - 19 Mary Parnagian - 19 Peter Hovnanian - 20 Jean Ohnigian - 21 Peter Oskanian, Jr. - 23 Christopher Torcomian - 26 Laura Bilazarian - 29 John Bosnian - 29 Adrienne Minassian - 29 Tara Zane - 29 Kyle Dunigan - 31 Katie Hashas - 31 Michelle Oskanian - 31 Alice Sisian - 31

November

Naomi Kapeghian - 1 Rosaleen Oskanian - 1 Scott Santerian - 1 Harry Mirijanian - 2 Annabel Hovnanian - 3 John Oskanian - 3 Dori Juskalian - 4 Kimberly Dunigan - 6 Emin Najarvan - 7 Bennett Ohanes Oskanian - 8 Thomas Torcomian - 8 Lesly Attarian - 10 Angel Tookmanian - 12 Robert Sarkisian - 15 Gary Altoonian - 16 Selma Alexanian - 17 Elizabeth Barone - 17 Shawn Carnevale Jr - 18 Veronica Carnevale - 18 Alice Kalustyan - 18

Raffi Rafiyev – 18
Janet Hashas - 20
Marie Kazanjian - 21
Stefanie Vishab - 22
Larry D. DerHagopian - 23
Alexander Hatza - 23
Vartan Mazmanian - 24
Madison Radell - 25
Avedis Rafiyev - 25
Levon Attarian - 27
Gabrielle Meranshian - 28
Valerie DerPilbosian - 29
Joyce Killian - 29
Yolanda Terzian - 29
Florence Dandegian - 30

December Alice Karabian - 1 Roman Radynsky - 1 Kimberly Kalustyan - 2 John Terzian - 3 Nancy Basmajian - 4 Alise Peckjian - 4 Abigail Zane - 4 Sonia Papazian – 5 Hacadur Hashas - 6 Robbie Barone - 7 Berjoohy Murray - 7 Robert Damerjian Jr – 9 Mariana Montanez - 9 Leslie Movsesian - 9 Linda Vishab - 9 Richard Mukalian - 10 Phillip Santerian - 10 Danielle Sarkisian - 12 Margaret Bandaian - 13 Beri Kalustvan - 14 Michele Yeretzian - 14 Deskouhy Attarian - 15 Natalie Boghosian - 17 Denise Sisian - 18 Helen Terzian Gallagher - 22 Theresa Hovnanian - 22 Gravson Oskanian - 22

Grayson Oskanian - 22 Natalie Movsesian - 24 **Baby Jesus - 25** Maria Javardian - 25 Christina Juskalian - 25 Isabella Balint - 27 Alise Jilajian - 27 Elize Mazmanian - 27 Jonothan Koengetter - 28 John Tatoian - 28 Alexis Javardian - 29 Adrienne Juskalian - 29

ACYOA 2012

ARMENIA SERVICE PROGRAM IN GYUMRI

July 5- July 13

The Armenia Service Program of the ACYOA 2012 in Gyumri was performed by 20 young American people, managed by a group superior. The group was headed by Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan. The group overall coordination had been performed by FAR Projects Director Arto Vorperian. The group activities in Gyumri were coordinated by Marina Bazayeva, FAR representative (the former FAR Shirak department director).

The itinerary projected work of 2 rotating groups: at the Atinizian Senior Center Soup Kitchen, the "Youth Center" of the Shirak Diocese, the "Octet" Music School makeshift container demolition and "Kumairi" Basilica. The participants split into three groups: one to work at the Atinizian Senior Center Soup Kitchen, second to repair one of its rooms (scrubbing its mould-covered walls and ceiling and painting them), and cleaning up the "Kumairi" Basilica of V-VII centuries from garbage with the Shirak Diocese Social Educational Center youth (that contributed with tools and escorting to the site). The Basilica is a unique site and its clean-up was a special event that could be an impetus and start of the conservation works project.

All the members of the ACYOA group worked with enthusiasm and vigor sparing no time and effort to produce the best possible results. Their dedication to work inspired all

around to serve the homeland and make tangible changes.





A special event for all the participants was meeting with the Shirak Diocese Primate Bishop Mikayel Ajapahyan at the Shirak Diocese as his cordial welcome meeting, Sunday Liturgy at Hripsime Chapel and invitation for dinner. All were unforgettable events for everyone. His Eminence also visited the group during their work at the Octet.

The leisure of the group was also successful and meeting with the Shirak Diocese Social-Educational Center youth was an important part of the visit too. Visits to the Kohar Orchestra rehearsal, GTech and Gyumri Historical Museum were also very interesting and informative.

The Soup Kitchen personnel headed by Gor Simonyan showed an utmost care and extreme responsibility in feeding the entire group during the stay. A warm farewell thank-you of the group members was proof of the excellent work of the personnel.

All the group members were truly religious, very serious, organized, well-bred young people, whose dedication to the project was astonishing.

Special and profound words of appreciation should be directed to the group head Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, whose humane and spiritual characteristics greatly contributed to the entire stay and work of the group. His even temper, mild manners, caring attitude to each participant and vigorous work made the stay effective and interesting. He was the first to start the work and last to leave the worksite. His dedication to the project was the best example of the service.

The participants left Gyumri with good memories and plans for future cooperation.





Laughter is God's sunshine



On the occasion of the Feast of Blessed Virgin Mary and the Rite of the Blessing of Grapes, the following have made donations to our Church:



*Mr. and Mrs. Harry Andonian

* Melinee Derassouyan

*In memory of GLADYS NANCY ASLANIAN by Steven, Dorie, Megan & Danny Aslanian

*In memory of ELIZABETH "BETTIE" ARSLANIAN by John Arslanian

*In memory/honor of MOUSHEGH & SATENIG VISHABAZOON and

MICHAEL & ROSE KARABIAN by Jack and Helen Vishab

*In memory of daughter ADRINA, parents GEORGE & HELEN VETZIGIAN &

grandmother ARSHALOUCE VETZIGIAN by Berj & Adrienne Movsesian

*In memory of MARIE PANJARJIAN & MARIE AZNAVURYAN by Armenoui Aznavuryan

*In memory of MICHAEL & ROSE KARABIAN, RUTH DESTEFANO

& WILLIAM YOHANNSON by Florence & Albert Dandegian Jr.

*In memory of JAKE NAZARETHIAN by George and Setta Nazarethian

*In memory of SOOREN PARETCHAN by Mary Paretchan

* In memory of DOLORES SARKISIAN & NICOLE DER HAGOPIAN by Harry Sarkisian

* In memory of MARTIN PARNAGIAN & FAMILY, BEDROS and VERKIN SEMERJIAN & HRANT SARKISIAN by Mary Parnagian.

* In memory of VAHAN BOYAJIAN by Florence Boyajian

*In memory of SOUREN & BETTY SADJIAN by Mr. and Mrs. David Mears.

* In memory of AVEDIS, MARITZA and ZAVEN TERZIAN by Mr. Edward Terzian.

* In honor of the KAPEGHIAN & CHOLAKIAN FAMILIES by Elizabeth Kapeghian.

In memory of the DAMERJIAN & HINTLIAN FAMILIES by Robert and Lorraine Damerjian.

* In memory of MARIA HACIVASILOGLU by Sarkis Hashas.

* In memory of ARSEN, KATHERINE, JOHN & NICHOLAS KASHKASHIAN by Ronald A. Kashkashian

* In memory of our mothers HYARPIE GARIBIAN & JEAN QUINN by Dr. and Mrs. Garo & Cece Garibian

* In memory of JOHN SERABIAN, EDWARD & ROSE KARNIKIAN, SUSHMANIAN FAMILY and NED & CORINNE SANTERIAN by Merle Santerian.

* For a Special Thanksgiving by Ms. Angel Tookmanian.

* In memory of MARY MIRAKIAN, on her name day, by David and Marta Brann.

* In memory of MARDIROS & YESTER ERGENIAN by Hagop and Sonia Ergenian.

*In memory of MICHAEL & ROSE KARABIAN, & RUTH DESTEFANO by Ms. Alice Karabiah.
*In honor of DIRAMAYR HRIPSIME AIVAZIAN and in memory of MRS. MAXIM TOROSSIAN

by Karnig and Alice Torossian.

*In memory of MRS. MARIAN NAJARIAN KALENIAN by Clarence, Dr. Mark and Dr. Mariett Kalenian.



GOING 4 GOLD



SUZANNA ALOIAN: Born on March 17 of 1972 in Tbilisi, Georgia. At age of six after my father tragically passed away, my mother, brother and I moved back to Yerevan, Armenia and lived there until moving to the United States. I started serious gymnastic training at age of six against my family's will, who couldn't ever picture me in big sports because of my very weak health. After 8 years of hard training, right about the time that I had to start to compete on the big arena, I had to quit to be able to take care of my mother who unfortunately was suffering from breast cancer and eventually passed away after couple of years of torture when I was 18. So my dream being a World Champion one day just went under the dark waters.....until I moved to New York in 1995. For another 10 years I was just very active but no time for being in any sport, but in February of 2005 I joined the Red Tiger Taekwondo under instructor Master Marcello Cancelliere. And that is when TAEKWONDO took over my heart & soul!

II DAN BLACK BELT ITF TAEKWONDO

I DAN BLACK BELT WTF TAEKWONDO

4 TIMES RED TIGER CUP CHAMPION (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 PHILADELPHIA, PA).

2 TIMES NEW YORK ITF CUP CHAMPION (QUEENS, NY).

2 TIMES WHITE TIGER CUP CHAMPION (WINDSOR, CT).

ITF TAEKWONDO USA TEAM MEMBER IN 16TH ITF TAEKWONDO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN MAR DE PLATA, ARGENTINA, NOVEMBER 2009. (POWER BOARD BREAKING - 8TH PLACE & I DAN BLACK BELT PATTERNS - 5TH PLACE.

ITF TAEKWONDO USA TEAM MEMBER IN 17TH ITF TAEKWONDO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND, MARCH 2011. (LIGHT WEIGHT SPARRING -58KG - 5TH PLACE & I DAN BLACK BELT PATTERNS 5TH PLACE.

WTF TAEKWONDO US NATIONAL QUALIFIER MEDALIST IN BUFFALO, NY, MAY 2011. WORLD CLASS OLYMPIC SPARRING 2ND PLACE.

WTF TAEKWONDO KEYSTONE GAMES, HARRISBURG, PA. MIDDLE WEIGHT -63KG OLYMPIC SPARRING (GOLD), POWER CREATIVE BOARD BREAKING (GOLD), ABSOLUTE GRAND CHAMPION OF THE TOURNAMENT.

4 TIMES US NATIONAL CHAMPION.
INDIVIDUAL POWER BOARD BREAKING (GOLD) & I
DAN BLACK BELT PATTERNS (GOLD) IN NORTH
WINDSOR, CT 2009.

LIGHT WEIGHT SPARRING -58KG (GOLD), I DAN BLACK BELT PATTERNS (GOLD) IN SAN JOSE, CA 2010.

IN PRESENT TIME REPRESENTING USA TEAM FOR LIGHT WEIGHT SPARRING -58KG, II DAN PATTERNS & POWER BOARD BREAKING IN BRIGHTON, ENGLAND IN OCTOBER 2012.



In Lieu of Flowers

JOHN R. BOSNIAN (additional)

Joan Aramian Armena Bartow Titiana Bedrosian Berjouhy, Cynthia & Stephen Bosnian Robert Brennan Albert and Pauline Chapjian Michael and Kathryn Eskandarian Elizabeth Kapeghian Pat and Joyce Killian Violet Voskian

NEW TOTAL: \$2,700.00

SARKIS NALBANDIAN

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Andonian Nerses Takouhiu & Karam Anoukian Hagop Arzoumanian Rafi and Sevan Atamian Mr. John Arslanian Mr. and Mrs. Martin Attarian Avanian Family Armenoui Aznavuryan Baboujian Family Asbet and Nayiri Balanian Barone Family Antranig and Lorig Baronian Nancy and Gloria Basmajian Peter Bilazarian

Florence Boyajian David and Marta Brann Mike and Grace Bruccoleri Albert and Pauline Chapiian **Ohanes and Caroline** Chamavonian

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Damerjian Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Mikail Degirmenci Larry and Jeanette Der Hagopian Larry and Kim Der Hagopian Hovig and Norme Dekermerjian Mitchell Edelman Hagop and Sonia Ergenian Dr. and Mrs. Garo Garibian Arpena Hajatian Jeffrey and Shirley Hajatian Michael and Lynn Hajatian Haig and Gay Hagopian Merin Hamalian Anahid and Michael Hilbert Mr. and Mrs. Hagop Hovanessian

Mr. and Mrs. Hagop Iskhanian & Family

Azniv Jebejian Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jordan and

Family

Bob and Linda Kakoyan

Marie Kakoyan

Edward and Carol Kaiserian & Family

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Elizabeth Kapeghian

Alice Karabian

John Kash

David Kauffman

Mr. and Mrs. Aram Kazanjian Albert and Patrice Keshgegian Arthur and Perina Kesisyan

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mirijanian Richard and Naomi Mukalian Samuel and Nellie Nalbandian

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Haig Panossian

Novart Panossian

Don and Judy Paretchan

Mary Parnagian

Sarkis and Marie Rizk-Allan

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Mickey Sherian

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George and Anne Terkanian Jake and Gina Terkanian

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Veronica Torcomian

Haig Torigian

Alice and Karnig Torossian Harry and Stephanie Vartanian Antranik and Hasmig Vartanian

Jack Vartanian

Mr. and Mrs. Mihran Vartanian

Nefdoun Vartanian

Jack and Helen Vishab

Gregory and Diane Yazujian

Beri and Mary Yeretzian Rosemarie Zarzatian

TOTAL: \$3,000.00

SARA BAKER

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Ajemian Mr. and Mrs. Harry Andonian Mr. John Arslanian David and Marta Brann Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chapjian Robert and Lorraine Damerjian Larry and Jeanette Der Hagopian Larry and Kim Der Hagopian Ronald and Ani Gooshian Alice Karabian

Butch Kumkumian and April-Kumkumian-Wiker & Family Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kurkjian Noubar Mangasarian Lucille and Grant Mazmanian Scot, Claire (Okoorian), Eric & Amanda Miller

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mirijanian Helen Mirijanian and Family Richard and Naomi Mukalian Billie and Chris Rorres & Bertha Rorres

Merle Santerian

Edward and Ethel Terzian Richard and Evelyn Weinsheimer

Total: \$762.00

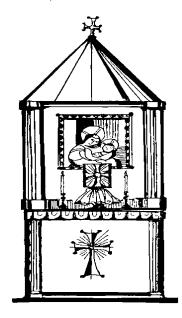
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Rorres Merle Santerian Margo Silk

Edward and Ethel Terzian

Total: \$488.00



Return to Asbury – a Huge Success

Several months ago when I started planning, I hoped to bring 100 people to the beach from between New York to Philadelphia. I was overjoyed that almost 400 people joined me on Saturday August 11th from all over the country to dance all night to live Armenian music at the Berkeley Carteret Hotel in Asbury Park for the benefit of our Armenian summer camps.

The weekend kicked off on Friday with happy hour at the Watermark Lounge on the Asbury Boardwalk. On Saturday guests enjoyed yoga and volleyball on the beach despite the less-than-ideal weather conditions for the beach. The Aqua Bar at the Sixth Avenue entrance hosted us for an afternoon happy hour before the main event on Saturday night.

Festivities on Saturday kicked off just after 8 pm with a line of eager attendees who arrived early. Their enthusiasm and early attendance certainly surprised and startled me as an organizer. The dance floor remained full, well until 1:30 am when the closing bell rang.

This event was launched with the support of the many. many committee members who selfishly and graciously helped with endless calls. emails. and mindless Many of these errands. individuals had not heard of Asbury or me prior to July. Some could not attend but were eager to help bring back a tradition. Additionally, there was a great response from the local Asbury community.



I am thankful for the advice and support from so many individuals who cheered me to the finish. I have a new respect and appreciation for all the time and selfless efforts contributed by these individuals in order to keep the Armenian community together. Lastly, I am sure everyone enjoyed the music provided by our many talented musicians, both locally and from out of town.

As I mentioned, this event was underwritten with generous donations as well as contributions of time and talent. Without the volunteers and donors, this event would have cost well above \$125 per person! If you enjoyed yourself and want to ensure that the event continues into the future, please consider an additional donation which will go directly to the benefit of Camp Hayastan, Camp Nubar, and St Vartan Camp.

Donations can be made online at: www.returntoasbury.eventbrite.com. Checks can be written out to the Armenian Students Association and mailed to my attention at 316 E 55th Street Apt 7A, NY, NY 10022.

A brave member of the committee has expressed interest in leading the event for the summer of 2013. Please be kind, generous, and equally supportive as I hand down the ranks to the next leader.

With much love,

Robin Barone, Organizer - Return to Asbury 2012