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# Holy Trinity Armenian Church LOOYS



Cheltenham, PA

July to September 2013



## 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

- So many events upcoming, there is not enough room to list them all. Please check them out on the inside.

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# Series of Ten Commandments

## The Third Commandment

"You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses His name" (Exodus 20:7)

What's in a name? A name is a way of saying who we are. A name often reflects a person's character and personality, for example St. Gregory the Illuminator, St. Vartan the Brave, King Ashot the Iron, etc.

In the first commandment we learned that we have been saved by His love and mercy, and in the second commandment we learned to remove false gods from before His face, so that we can see Him alone, follow Him and be saved by Him. Now we're going to look at the third commandment, the commandment against taking God's name in vain.

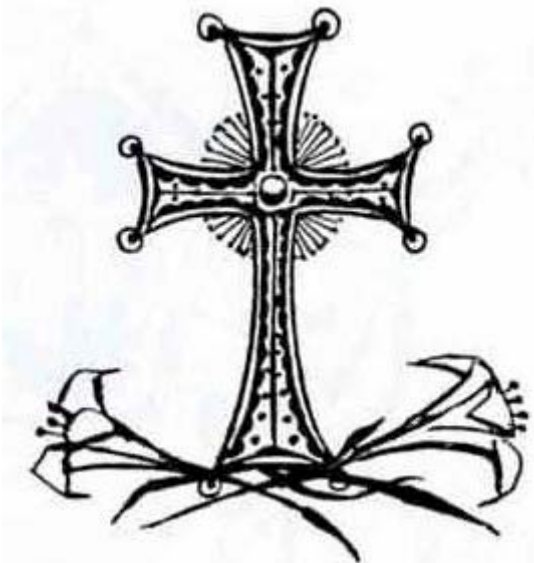
We're going to discover why God reveals His name to us, ways we tend to misuse His name, and ways we can honor that name.

In the Old Testament God identifies himself as the same God Israel's ancestors worshipped, the God of Abraham, The God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob (Exodus 3:6). When Moses asks for God's name, God says, "I am who I am" (Exodus 3:14)

"I am" is God's way of saying that he's eternally existent, the living God, who exists in the past, present and future.

The name Yahweh comes from the Hebrew verb "I am". Lots of people are wondering if God's name did change when Jesus came into the world, because the New Testament never uses the personal name Yahweh. We Christians are told to pray in the name of Jesus, to baptize in the name of Jesus, and so forth. So some people have wondered if it's really true that Yahweh is God's name forever, since the New Testament puts an emphasis on the name of Jesus.

God is the one who gave Jesus His name. The name "Jesus" or its Aramaic form "Joshua" is a combination of two words: Yahweh and salvation. So, the original meaning of the name Jesus is "Yahweh saves." That's why the angel told Joseph to name the child Jesus (Matthew 1:21). He would bring salvation. So, whenever you say Jesus, you are also saying "Yahweh."

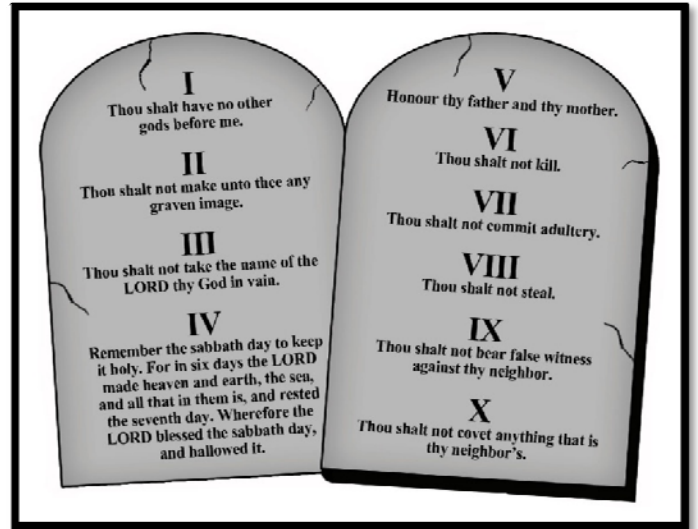


When we trust in Jesus and become His followers, it's like we put on a uniform bearing Jesus' name, and whenever we go astray from God or Jesus, we dishonor that name. When Jesus talked about the third commandment, He said that His followers shouldn't need to swear oaths in God's name because we already carry God's name (Matthew 5:34-35).

Many times people use God's name in vain, often to stress a point in conversation or in anger; for example "Jesus Christ," or "God damn." And whether they know it or not, they are taking God's name in vain.

The positive side of the third commandment is honoring God's name and exalting His reputation, by living a God-pleasing Christian life, which means reading His word, obeying it and putting it to use in your life.

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan



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## Chairman's Report

While this issue is in process, the paving brick project is being done and will be completed in September. The project includes re-paving the concrete steps and landings, installing the bricks (both engraved and plain) and refinishing of the railings. In the future we can replace some of the blanks with engraved ones. Our thanks to all of the donors for making this project viable.

The final details in the Easement Project will be completed this Fall including the sealing and re-stripping of the parking lot. As you may have noticed, the back lawn is being mowed regularly with a larger power mower we bought in the Spring.

AT&T showed some interest in building a cell phone tower on our property (which would provide a significant monthly income), but decided to just upgrade one nearby.

A motion was passed to install surveillance cameras around our building for damage control. We will also install LED lights on the building to reduce power costs and increase lighting as well as change the overhead lights out front to LEDs to reduce power and maintenance costs. Additionally, the wiring on the lampposts at the bottom of the steps of the church's main entrance was replaced. This work is scheduled for late Fall and will all be managed by George Terkanian.

The roof over the walk-in freezer and refrigerator will be replaced and better supports installed for the units (quite a task) after the Bazaar.

We did repair the leaks in the roof and lobby without cost to us (thanks to Kim Willard). The dome leak is a separate issue. The temporary sealing we had done has resolved the leakage from heavy rains, but a permanent fix is required. Estimates are being obtained as this could be very expensive.

Stewardship is behind budget so every past Steward who has not pledged in a year is being reminded by mail of its importance to the viability to our Church. We also encourage parishioners to become first-time stewards. A short presentation will be held later this year during Fellowship Hour.

We have investigated printing the LOOYS in color to enhance the appearance. The cost is an increase of 80%. Thus we are culling our mailing list and asking non-members who would like the issue mailed to make a donation, as well as seeking sponsorships and additional ads. The LOOYS is available, in color, on the internet without any cost for those who have signed up to be on our eList. This can be done by visiting our website ([www.holytrinity-pa.org](http://www.holytrinity-pa.org)).

The Bazaar planning is on target and a mailer, including a magnetic card, ad, request for sponsorship and raffle books, has been sent out. This is our major event of the year. The Fall dance will be held on Sept. 14. This could become an annual event. The picnic held in June was very successful. We appreciate all who support these endeavors.



## 2013 Harvest Bazaar

**Friday, October 25**

Doors Open @ 5:00 PM,  
Dinner @ 6:00 PM

**Saturday, October 26**

Doors Open @ 4:00 PM,  
Dinner @ 5:00 PM

**Sunday, October 27**

Doors Open after Badarak



Sunday School and Armenian School were successfully combined last year and will be this year as well. Registration is on September 15. Last year we had an increase in registrations and, hopefully, the trend continues. All classrooms have whiteboards and some other modifications to enhance learning. We are investigating how to utilize iPads for education.

Total church attendance on Sundays has increased over the last few years, but those of you who are here already know that. A comparison for the last eight years will be published in the next issue.

Whew! I thought that summer was for vacation.

John Kash

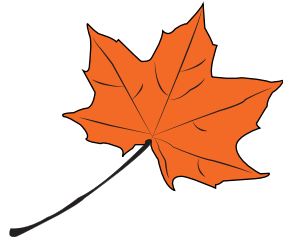


# Holy Trinity Armenian Church



**2013**

**Harvest Bazaar**



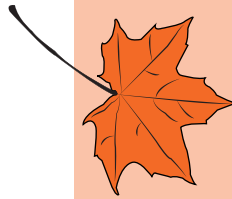
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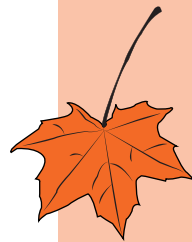
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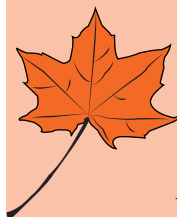
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### Saturday

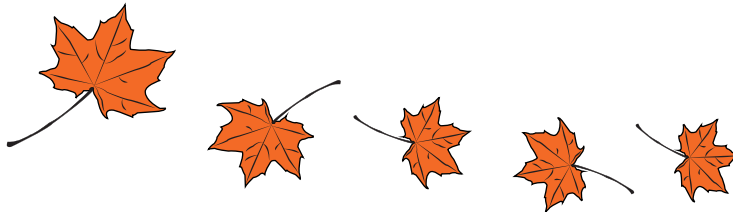
Meghry Dance Group

### Sunday

Children's  
Halloween Parade







**Become a 2013 Harvest Bazaar Sponsor:**

A list of the sponsor's names will appear in the "Loos", and displayed at the Harvest Bazaar.

Donation Levels are:

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| Platinum | \$250 and above |
| Gold     | \$100           |
| Silver   | \$50            |
| Bronze   | \$25            |

**Hokehankist ( Requiem Service)**

Honor a loved one on Sunday, October 27. (offering amount at your discretion)

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2013 Harvest Bazaar Sponsor Donation Form

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2013 Harvest Bazaar Hokehankist request

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A reflection by Deacon Albert Keshgegian:

## A Baptism in Armenia

*Priest: What does this child request?*

*Godfather (on behalf of the child): Faith, hope, love and baptism,  
to be baptized and justified,  
to be cleansed of sins,  
to be delivered from evil,  
and to serve God.*

*Priest: Be it to you according to your faith.*

Patrice and I didn't quite expect the announcement from our youngest son Jim and his beautiful wife Arminé after their daughter Maneh (our third grandchild) was born. They wanted to have their child baptized in Armenia, where Arminé had grown up and where her immediate family still lived. We knew we had to go, to participate in this meaningful event, and we started to plan our big trip with excitement, anticipation, and not a little nervousness and trepidation. I had been to Armenia before only once, on an ACYOA trip 41 years ago, and Patrice had never been there.

The site that Arminé had picked was Haghardzin, a 12<sup>th</sup> century monastery nestled in the lush, green mountains of northern Armenia. The place was significant for her because she had visited it as a child and had loved it. But it was also a special site for Jim, who had been there a few years ago, on an ACYOA trip like his father, and had his own special memories. And I, too, had been to Haghardzin on my previous trip to Armenia and had been enchanted by its beauty.



During the baptism ceremony, the priest asks the godfather what the child seeks. The godfather responds, "faith, hope, love, and baptism", quoting the words of St. Paul from his famous treatise on love (I Cor. 13:1-13), citing faith, hope, and love as the important Christian attributes, with the greatest being love. It begins with God's immense love for us and sending his Son to save us from our sins. We respond to God's love with faith in Christ; we love God and trust in him. From our love and trust springs hope. And from our faith and hope comes love for others.

The child also seeks baptism, the most ancient Christian rite started by Christ when he himself was baptized by St. John in the Jordan River. Just as God the Father accepted Jesus as his "beloved son" (Mt. 3:17), so also God always lovingly accepts us in baptism. We become reborn, dying in the water to our old sinful selves and being born again as God's children.

But Maneh's baptism wasn't the only one we saw in an ancient Armenian monastery. There was one at Haghardzin just before ours. We witnessed a baptism at Khor Virap, the pit where St. Gregory had been imprisoned for 13 years before he cured the king of madness and thereby converted the king and all of Armenia to Christianity in 301 A.D. (Our granddaughter's name Maneh comes from one of a group of 30-some Armenian nuns who were killed by the king, the event which led to his insanity. Only Saints Nooneh and Maneh escaped.) And we saw a baptism at Geghard, the ancient monastery carved out of a mountain, which once held the spear that had pierced Christ's side.



When I last visited Armenia, it was under Soviet Communist domination. Religion was frowned upon. There were only two churches in all of the capital city of Erevan and young people did not know Christ. Now, young people are bringing their children to be baptized. Churches are being built all over Erevan. We could see one of them every day from our hotel room window, right across the street. The Armenian Church itself—whose ancient strength is symbolized by the thick stone walls of the monasteries that have survived the many centuries—the Church itself is enjoying a renaissance in the years since Armenia became free.

Congratulations, Maneh, on your rebirth as a child of God! You are lovely, adorable, and precious, and your grandmother and I love you very much! Park Asdoodzo (Glory be to God!) for the faith of the people of Armenia, an ancient Christian faith reborn in the homeland in which it had started!





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## Women's Guild Fall Update

Just like the summer recess scatters our Sunday School students until the fall, we also take time off to recharge our batteries. We do not abandon our beloved Holy Trinity and are jolly-on-the-spot when called upon. With the first wisps of the crisp fall air, we find our way home more frequently. We know the Harvest Bazaar is just around the corner and we will pitch in to support the chairpeople. New volunteers are always welcomed with open arms. One might say, "but I don't really know anyone." Rubbish!!! It is amazing how quickly lasting friendships are formed.



Women's Guild is not just about a "kitchen ministry." We are a diverse group of ladies with no age requirement rule. Social activities are another avenue to get to know each other better. We look forward to returning to the Michener Art Museum in New Hope to view the Grace Kelly exhibit and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. There is a new theater production opening up on the Philadelphia waterfront that looks promising. Pay attention to the Sunday Messenger and your email for updates.

This summer was especially rewarding for many of us who attended the Women's Bible Study, led by Nancy Basmajian and Gail Lulejian. Although this was not a Women's Guild activity, many of us were richly rewarded for attending. We look forward to the next chapter as Nancy & Gail invite us and other interested women to attend the 6-week program.

We have been invited to a Women's Retreat at Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church in Drexel Hill on Saturday, October 5. Check out the details on the flyers that are available in our church hall and also sent to your email address. It promises to be a spiritually rewarding day with our Armenian sisters. Retreat leaders will be our own Nancy Basmajian and Elise Antreasian from the Diocese and will lead us through "Knowing Christ...Living the Gospel."

Thank you to those who commented on the last Women's Guild column. Flattery is lovely but it does not necessarily yield a support team. We are still looking for Holy Trinity Women to volunteer their time to the steering board. If no one is interested, we need to consider our future. It would be a shame to fold when the possibilities are so rich. Take a moment to consider this rewarding activity.

## Holy Trinity Armenian Church School

Registration and the first day of classes was Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>. Following a shortened class schedule for language and religion, the students went to church to take communion and participate in the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Everyone was then invited to a luncheon in the hall that was prepared by Lynn Hajatian and Anne Terkanian and their wonderful helpers.

We are so pleased to announce the addition of two new teachers for the Christian Education classes: Amy Terkanian who will be teaching the nursery and Gail Lulejian who will be teaching the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders. We are also thrilled to have Sabina Khatchatryan who will be the director for our pageant and hantes and Karinne' Andonian who will be teaching the music portion of the Armenian language curriculum. This year the Armenian language classes will also include Armenian history.

Some of the activities this school year will include our traditional "Lunch with Santa" on December 15<sup>th</sup>, the annual Christmas Pageant on January 5<sup>th</sup>, Poon Paregentan on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, an end-of-year "Hantes" and closing exercises in June.

We are all looking forward to another exciting school year and would like to thank everyone in advance for any of their support and contributions.

Nancy Hovnanian & Yn. Anna Gevorgyan



### Harvest Bazaar Gift Auction

We are in need of donations for the Harvest Bazaar Gift Auction and are asking for your help. Our goal is to obtain new gifts each in value of \$100 or more but we are happy to accept gifts of various values. Gifts can be geared toward younger children, teenagers or adults. Gift baskets and gift certificates are most appreciated. You can even send items that we will package for you. Please call Naomi Mukalian at 610-296-2769 or send an email to nmukalian@gmail.com for more details.

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\$ 500 - RONALD MUKALIAN - #180  
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\$ 500 - JOHN KASH - #196  
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## ACYOA Juniors:

Last time we gathered we were up to our elbows in soap suds washing our faithful parishioners' vehicles at our June Car Wash fundraiser for Fuller Center for Housing (FCH). We are happy to report that the car wash was a great success. Our goal was \$156.00 to buy a window for a house in Armenia through FCH. We raised \$268.00 that day and sent the full gift to FCH Armenia. Additionally, FCH had a \$100,000.00 Matching Gift offer this summer in which every gift received would be doubled (unless the \$100,000.00 is fully exhausted). So our gift may have been doubled with the matching portion benefiting additional needs at FCH.

Thank you to Ani Javardian for coordinating the Car Wash and to the Javardian family for donating most of the disposable Car Wash supplies! Also, thank you to Greg Javardian, Paul Movsesian, Bob Ohnigian, and Robert Damerjian for working side by side with Ani, Andrew, Peter, Dominique and other ACYOA Juniors who worked so diligently throughout the whole afternoon! Lastly, thank you to our wonderful parishioners for bringing your cars and participating so joyfully in our efforts.

Our ACYOA Junior activities will resume on Sunday, September 15, at our first meeting of the 2013-2014 year. Any child age 13 to 18 is encouraged to join us at this meeting in the conference room next to the lobby. We are looking forward to another terrific year of fellowship, education, worship, witness, and service.

Leslie Movsesian  
Parent Advisor





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# Holy Trinity Holy Land Trip

By Krikor Javardian



From June 22 to June 30 a group of nearly twenty members, most of which from Holy Trinity Church in Cheltenham, PA embarked upon a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and other holy sites. Our group was led by Holy Trinity's beloved pastor, Der Hakob Gevorgyan. Soon after our flight arrived in Tel Aviv, we were greeted by our knowledgeable and friendly tour guide. On our way to Jerusalem we stopped in the city of Jaffa to take a tour of the beautiful St. Nicholas Armenian Monastery which overlooks the Mediterranean Sea. Once we finally arrived at the Gloria Hotel in Old City, Jerusalem we spent our first night unwinding and resting in preparation for the events to come.

Our first morning in Jerusalem fell on a Sunday so we headed to St. James Monastery to take part in the Badarak service. Simply put, the Monastery and service were absolutely breathtaking. Following the service, our group was treated to a gathering and discussion with the recently elected Patriarch of Jerusalem, Archbishop Nourhan Manougian. Later in the day we took part in another service, with this one being held in the "Upper Room" where Jesus's Last Supper occurred.

For our second full day our group headed to the Sea of Galilee where Jesus performed many of his miracles, and we took a boat ride across the body of water which is actually a lake. Around the Sea of Galilee, we visited the Church of the Beatitudes, the traditional place of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes. We also visited Cana, where Jesus turned water into wine. Lastly, we stopped in Nazareth to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation and to walk around the town of Nazareth.

The following day we visited the town of Bethlehem and went to the Nativity Church which is the traditional place of the birth of Jesus. We toured the Manger and observed the two Armenian altars in the church. We then gathered in the Armenian convent with the very engaging and personable, Hayr Khat who is the director of the convent. Following our trip to Bethlehem, we returned to Old City and visited the Western Wall.

Our next day involved plenty of traveling as we traveled along Israel's coastal highway to various sites. We visited Caesarea, a city on the Mediterranean Sea which was a major city for the Roman Empire. It was fascinating to see so many ancient Roman ruins still preserved along the water. Next we traveled to the city of Haifa and visited the Church of Elijah the Prophet. We also stopped at the border of Israel and Lebanon during our ride.

Our following day began with visiting the Church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus healed the paralytic. Next we visited the Armenian Catholic Patriarchate. We then proceeded to walk along the Stations of the Cross and headed to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the site of Jesus's crucifixion and his tomb. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher consisted of several Armenian sites which many tourists were observing.

The next day we traveled to Jericho, the oldest known city in the Western world. Along the way we stopped to ride camels which brought smiles to everyone's faces who got up close and personal with the entertaining animals. We then stopped at the Jordan River, the site of Jesus's baptism, and where Israel borders Jordan. Next we took a massive cable car up a mountain to Massada which consisted of many preserved ruins left from an ancient Jewish civilization. It was a typical scorching day so we were appreciative of our next nearby stop, the Dead Sea. Many of us took a dip in the salty water and enjoyed floating effortlessly.

The following morning we headed to the Church of the Virgin Mary and the Tomb of our Lady where the Virgin Mary is believed to have laid before her Assumption. Der Hakob led the morning service as tourists poured down the steps to witness the Church and our service. Next we headed to the Mount of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem and to the Church of Pater Noster, the Chapel of Ascension, and the Russian Ascension Church. We also entered the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of all Nations, which commemorates the Agony in the Garden. We visited the Armenian Seminary later in the night to spend time with the seminarians.

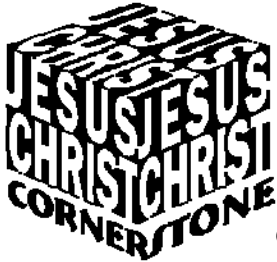
During our final day we visited the Dome of the Rock which is a Muslim shrine. The structure is utterly magnificent and we learned that the tiles wrapping around it were renovated by Armenians. We spent the rest of our day at the Armenian Seminary and walking around Old City before heading to the airport to return home.

Our 2013 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land was an experience that we will all always remember and keep close to our hearts. By witnessing where Christ lived and many other significant Biblical sites, we were able to really grow spiritually. Also, Der Hakob would read and explain Bible passages pertaining to the Biblical site we were visiting which allowed for us to reflect on the religious meaning behind each site. I strongly encourage any Armenian who hasn't had the chance yet to make their pilgrimage to attempt to do so. It was by far the best trip of my life as I saw so many amazing sites and took in so much fascinating information. I already can't wait to return!

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## About Our Family

Blessings to Armenouhi and Jimmy Keshgegian on the baptism of their daughter, Maneh, who was baptized this summer in Haghardzin, a 12th century monastery in Armenia. Grandparents, Albert and Patrice Keshgegian, also travelled to Armenia to witness the baptism of their third grandchild. What an extra-special blessing for all of them in so many ways.....New arrivals include Stella Nazeli, new-born daughter of Amber and Nick Bokas, who arrived at the beginning of the summer. She was welcomed by big brother Nickolas and sister Mia. Congrats to all of them including Grandpop Butch Kumkumian, Auntie Carol Jerrahian Miller and the whole family.....Also arriving in early summer was Shya Araxie Terkanian, first daughter of Gina and Jake Terkanian who joined big brother, Paul Charley. Let's not forget the four grandparents: Anne & George Terkanian and Cookie and Greg Vosbikian. Your families are growing!....It finally happened: Robbie Barone proposed to long-time girlfriend, Christy Hoks, in the E.R. (of all places!) during the Return to Asbury weekend. We congratulate them and look forward to hearing how their wedding plans unfold. And make sure you ask him about that proposal in the E.R!!... Welcome back to Der Hakob and the group of 20 who made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem where they walked in the footsteps of our Lord, had two visits with the newly elected Patriarch His Beatitude Nourhan Manoogian, and an all-around memorable trip. As an aside, this was Der Hayr's first trip to Jerusalem and in his words, "it was life-changing"..... On the mend from various surgeries: George Nazarethian, John Terzian, Ed Tatoian and Helen Terzian Gallagher ....Deepest sympathy to Adrienne & Bob Riser on the passing of their precious nine-year-old granddaughter who passed away in Texas following years of medical struggles. May the Holy Spirit comfort them and their family. ....Congratulations to our altar server, Sub-deacon John Alexanian, who became engaged to Marcelle Chamavonian. Much joy as they make plans for "The Big Day"....If your children are in need of math tutoring (Russian and Armenian-speaking), we are happy to report that Ashot Petrosyan has offered his services. Contact him at 215-873-5827 to find out more.....As we begin our activities with the new season upon us, make plans to be a part of what's happening on at Holy Trinity, sharing good times with old friends and making new ones!



## Jerusalem

On June 2013, with 20 of our parishioners, we went on a Pilgrimage to Holy Land. It was an amazing and well-organized trip. We visited all the Holy Sites. In every place we visited, Scripture was read by me or by someone in our group. As we traveled through the Holy Land, every day was interesting and different. This Pilgrimage touched our hearts; it was a life-changing experience for all of us and it really helped our spiritual growth.

As pastor of Holy Trinity Armenian Church, I enjoyed praying with our faithful parishioners and walking with them on the same path that our Lord walked 2000 years ago.

I would like to thank our parishioners for their prayers and support. May our Lord continue to bless you and your families.

With prayers,  
Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan

## A Word of Appreciation

Thank you, Pat Killian, for repairing a section of ceiling tiles in the lobby and donating your labor and the materials. True stewardship in all ways!

## Aid for Friends

Although we have fewer volunteers these days, we are always encouraged when new ones come forward to help us in the preparation of meals for the isolated and elderly shut-ins in the Philadelphia area, who are helped by the **Aid for Friends** organization. Since our last reporting, we have prepared a total of 229 meals, part of which were made by the ACYOA Jrs. Volunteers from other cooking sessions included Florence Boyajian, Mary Yeretizian, Ayshe Chakmaklian, Patty Alexanian, Barbara Harmon, Liz Barone and Larry & Jeanette Der Hagopian. Without our cooks, this outreach would never happen and they are to be commended for being a part of this effort for so many years. If you'd like to be on a call list for a future cooking session, please contact Jeanette at choirboss@hotmail.com or 215-672-4188. You would be welcomed with "open arms."





## Dues are Due!!

A reminder that, according to the Diocesan Bylaws, membership dues are to be paid no later than December 31st each year in order to be a member in "good standing" and to be eligible to vote at the annual assembly. Any monies received after that date will be applied to the new year. For any questions regarding your status, please call the church office.

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

Brian and Joyce Hoyle  
Marsha Marshall  
Carlene Thomassian  
Lucille Thomassian



### Weddings

July 6, 2013:

**PATRICK GRIFFIN & ARPEENEH ADAMIAN**

Best Men: William J. Griffin III

### Funerals 2013

**MARTIN T. LECOMPTE** entered into his eternal rest on July 24, 2013. Funeral services were held on July 30, 2013 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

**ANTRANIK HACIKIAN** entered into his eternal rest on August 6, 2013. Funeral services were held on August 10, 2013 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

### Mass Card for Roger Brochu

Mary and Pearl Jamgochian

### Donation for the Deacon's Fund

Garo and Cece Garibian  
Larry and Kim Der Hagopian

### In Honor of Armen Alahverde's 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Doris Alahverde

### In Memory of Melena Ayjian

Edward and Ethel Terzian  
Alice and Karnig Torossian

### In Memory of Sara Baker and Rose Okurian

Jack Baker and Family

### LOOYS Donation

Vicki Vosbikian  
Ruth Melian

### In Memory of Noubar Mangasarian

Ruth Melian

### Donation of Oriental Rug

Bryan and Talene Peckjian

### General Donation

Mardie Juskalian

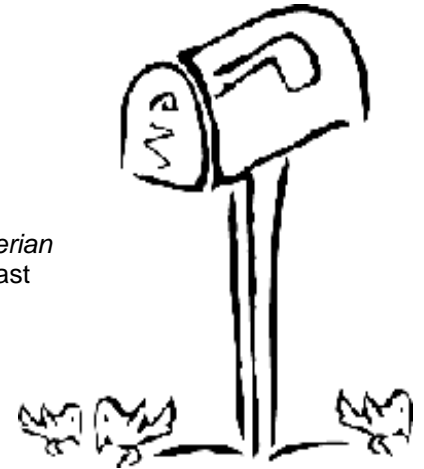
### Address Changes and/or Additions

*Veron Monokian*  
856-267-5923

*Marsha Marshall*  
514 Maple Avenue  
Haddonfield, NJ 08033  
856-795-1514

*Valerie and Harry Santerian*  
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## Baptisms

June 9, 2013: **ALESSANDRA ROSE GARIBIAN**

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antranig Garibian  
Godfather: Krikor Javardian  
Godmother: Razan Fakhouri



August 16, 2013:

**VALERIE LEBLANC**

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark  
LeBlanc  
Godfather: Mikhail Akopov  
Godmother: Anna Akopov



August 17, 2013: **FRANKLIN JAMES VARTANIAN**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vartanian  
Godfather: Nefdoun Vartanian  
Godmother: Alexis Topakbashian



August 17, 2013: **JOSEPH ARAM TOPAKBASHIAN**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Topakbashian  
Godfather: Michael Torosian  
Godmother: Erika Torosian



September 1, 2013: **ALBERT ANANYAN**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Aleksandr Ananyan  
Godfather: Hovhanes Ananikyan  
Godmother: Irina Kapkanova

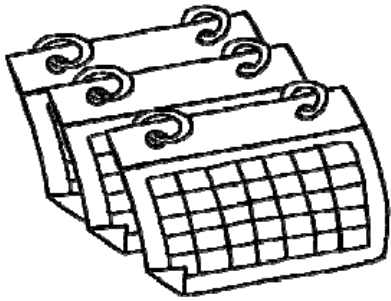


One tiny hand  
to guide and hold,

One tiny life to  
shape and mold;

each child,  
a gift from God above,

a symbol  
of His strength and love.



## Calendar of events

October 6 – Luncheon & Video Presentation – Life of Patriarch Torkom Manoogian  
 October 15 – Women's Bible Study Series (for 6 weeks, at 10 am)  
 October 16 - Men's Bible Study Series (for 6 weeks, at 10 am)  
 October 25-27 – Harvest Bazaar  
 November 10 – Instructed Divine Liturgy - 10:30 am promptly  
 November 10 – Musicales Program with luncheon  
 December 1 - Stewardship Sunday during Fellowship Hour  
 December 15 – Church School "Lunch with Santa"

## Reaching Out in Armenia

When Armenuhi Keshgegian was a social worker in Armenia, she worked with a young Shoghik Mkrtchyan and has remained in touch with her over the years. Through the kindness and generosity of the ACYOA Srs. and many parishioners, a financial gift was delivered to her by Armenouhi and Jimmy Keshgegian when they were in Armenia this past summer for the christening of their baby, Maneh. Below is a note from Shoghik.

*Dear Parish of Holy Trinity Armenian Church,*

*I want to express my gratitude for the financial support I received from you. My family and I really appreciate your help. Without your contribution I would not be able to receive the education I dream of. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you!*

*Sincerely,  
 Shoghik Mkrtchyan*

\*A special thanks to ACYOA Seniors and all of those who contributed.

## THE U IN JESUS

Before u were thought of or time had begun,  
 God stuck u in the name of His Son..

And each time u pray, you'll see it's true,  
 You can't spell out Jesus and not include u.  
 You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,  
 For u, He was born; that's why He came.

And His great love for u is the reason He died.  
 It even takes u to spell crucified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand  
 He rose from the dead, with u in His plan?

The stones split away, the gold trumpet blew,  
 And this word resurrection is spelled with a u.

When Jesus left earth at His upward ascension,  
 He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.

"Go into the world and tell them it's true  
 That I love them all - just like I love u."

So many great people are spelled with a u,  
 Don't they have a right to know Jesus too?

It all depends now on what u will do,  
 He'd like them to know,  
 But it all starts with u.

BLESSINGS  
 faith love  
 caring smiles  
 prayer  
 joy crazy  
 HAPPY  
 SWEET  
 Generation DREAMS DAUGHTER  
 mother cherish BEAUTIFUL  
 GOD family together  
 LAUGH home father sons simple ALWAYS  
 celebration memories HUGS  
 Loyal FREE  
 FOREVER  
 gratitude  
 HOPE wise  
 knowledge  
 BELIEVE  
 Teacher HERO  
 Compassion  
 kindness Respect

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*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:*



- \*In honor of DIRAMAYR HRIPSIME AIVAZIAN & in memory of MAXINE TOROSSIAN  
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\*Ayshe Chakmaklian  
\*Elizabeth Kapeghian.
- \*In memory of Zaven Hovsepian (father) by Ralph and Nane Arpajian  
\*In memory of Diramayer Serpouhi Arzoumanian &  
Beatrice Arzoumanian by Hagop Arzoumanian
- \*In memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Bandaian and the rest of the Bandaian Family,  
Dovie, Katherine & Arshy by John and Margaret Bandaian
- \*In memory of Kalafian, Mukhalian & Mamasian Families by Harry and Rose Kalafian  
\*In memory of DEACON SEBOUH MINASSIAN by Rose Minassian  
\*In memory of ELIZABETH "BETTIE" ARSLANIAN by John Arslanian  
\*In memory of VARTER DER HAGOPIAN & ANN CHOPOORIAN  
by Larry and Jeanette Der Hagopian  
\*In memory of PIELAG PAROONAGIAN by Mickey Sherian
- \* In memory of DOLORES SARKISIAN & NICOLE DER HAGOPIAN by Harry Sarkisian  
\*In memory of MOUSHEGH & SATENIG VISHABAZOON and  
MICHAEL & ROSE KARABIAN by Jack and Helen Vishab
- \*In memory of JIRAIR & ELIZABETH HOVNANIAN by Stephen and Nancy Hovnanian  
\*In memory of RICHARD & ELEZABETH TERZIAN by John and Yolanda Terzian  
\*In memory of SOUREN & ELIZABETH SADJIAN by Chris Sadjian-Peacock  
\*In memory of ARTHUR AZNAVURYAN, MARIE PANJARIAN &  
MARIE AZNAVURYAN by Armenoui Aznavuryan
- \*In memory of MICHAEL & ROSE KARABIAN by Florence & Albert Dandegian Jr.  
\*In memory of JAKE NAZARETHIAN by George and Setta Nazarethian  
\*In honor of SOOREN PARETCHAN by Mary Paretchan



- \*In memory of ZAVEN HOVSEPIAN by Elizabeth Hovsepian
- \* In memory of MARTIN PARNAQIAN & BEDROS and VERKIN SEMERJIAN by Mary Parnagian. And Family  
 \* For a Special Thanksgiving by Ms. Angel Tookmanian
- \*In memory of SOUREN & ELIZABETH SADJIAN by Dave and Terri Mears.
- \* In memory of AVEDIS, MARITZA and ZAVEN TERZIAN by Mr. Edward Terzian.
- \* 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 by Dr. and Mrs. Garo & Cece Garibian
- \* In memory of our mother MARY MIRAKIAN, on her name day, by David and Marta Brann.  
 \*In memory of MICHAEL & ROSE KARABIAN, RUTH DESTEFANO and  
 BAGHDASAR & ALTOON KARABIAN Andonian Grandparents by Ms. Alice Karabian.



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Marian Sahak Markarian

Kevork and Rosette Proodian

Edward and Ethel Terzian

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Rosemarie Zarzatian

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\*David and Marta Brann

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Ayshe Chakmaklian

\*Alice Charles

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Elizabeth Hovsepian

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Don and Judy Paretchan

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Mary Paretchan

\*Merle Santerian

\*Harry Sarkisian

\* Mickey Sherian

\*Alice Sisian

Edward Tatoian

\*Edward Terzian

Ethel Terzian

Richard and Linda Vishab

Richard and Evelyn Weinsheimer

Kim and Gena Willard

Gregory and Diane Yazujian

**Total: \$24,965.00***\* New stewards since last listing.*

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## **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 Momjian - 9  
Brianna Juskalian - 10  
Jeannine Juskalian - 10  
Mary Paretchan - 12  
Richard Carlucci - 14  
Marta Brann - 18  
Florence Maloumian - 19  
Mary Parnagian - 19  
Peter Hovnanian - 20  
Jean Ohnigian - 21  
Peter Oskanian, Jr. - 23  
Christopher Torcomian - 26  
Ella Hovnanian - 27  
Laura Bilazarian - 29  
Adrienne Minassian - 29  
Tara Zane - 29  
Kyle Dunigan - 18  
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 Najaryan - 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  
Hacatur 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  
Berj Kalustyan - 14  
Michele Yeretzian - 14  
Deskouhy Attarian - 15  
Natalie Boghosian - 17  
Denise Sisian - 18  
Helen Terzian Gallagher - 22  
Theresa Hovnanian - 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  
Jonathan Koengetter - 28  
John Tatoian - 28  
Alexis Javardian - 29  
Adrienne Juskalian - 29



## **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  
Garos & Tamar Hovnanian - 10/14/2006  
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

### **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  
Hacatur & Janet Hashas - 12/25/1949  
Melani & Kyle Burrows - 12/29/2007  
Robert & Elizabeth Barone - 12/30/1972

*Happy Anniversary*



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Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, Pastor

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September 2013

Dear Faithful,

I would like to invite you to participate in a unique and beautiful experience that will honor the Lord and affirm us as a parish built on the Word of God. This is one of several initiatives we are planning in conjunction with the Diocesan theme year of *Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ*.

As you know, our annual Harvest Bazaar is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, October 25, 26 and 27; we hope you will join us for the festivities, the fellowship and, of course, the food. I write to you today, however, to tell you about another dimension we are adding to this year's bazaar. It's a ***Gospel Marathon***.

From 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday—that's 12 hours—parishioners, one by one, will make a pilgrimage to the sanctuary to read the entire Gospel—Matthew, Mark, Luke, John—in 10-minute increments. You can be one of scores of people to gift 10 minutes of your time toward these 12 hours of Scripture reading in a "garden" filled with flowers and light. What a profound thing for us to offer the Word of the Lord back to Him in His sanctuary!

Adults and children can read silently, aloud or into the mike; they can read in English, in Armenian, in Russian, etc. You can come as a couple, a family, a group of friends, or just by yourself. Regardless, the reading is all about our relationship with the Lord and the fact that our parish rests on the firm foundation of the Gospel. There will be no audience. After you read, you can return to the bazaar or stay for a few more minutes with the Lord, as you wish.

We will post a sign-up sheet in the church lobby so you can pick the day and time of your choice. We will confirm your participation ASAP. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Basmajian at [nancybasmajian@verizon.net](mailto:nancybasmajian@verizon.net) or 215-722-3369.

I hope you will join us for what promises to be a profound experience for our community.

With prayers,

*Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan*  
Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan

*Indeed, the word of God  
is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword,  
piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow;  
it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.  
Hebrews 4:12*

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## **HOLY TRINITY HOSTS** **SUMMER BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN**

*"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."*

2 Timothy 3:16-17

For six Tuesday mornings in July and August, a group of women gathered around the table in our conference room off the lobby to study the Word of God. They came from four different Armenian parishes in the region—Holy Trinity, Sts. Sahag & Mesrob, St. Gregory and Armenian Martyrs. They didn't know what to expect, but something drew them to that room, week after week.

"This turned out to be the best hour and a half of my week," said Liz Barone of Holy Trinity. Ruth Melian of Armenian Martyrs agreed, "It was a warm and welcoming group of seekers, and I would be happy to join you again in another series." Ruth heard about the Bible study from her sister Joyce Baldadian Hoyle, who drove a carful of women from New Jersey each week and expressed her feelings most succinctly saying, "So much to learn—so little time!"

Why are these women smiling?



**Because they've been studying the Word of God!**

Seated (L to R): Mary Yeretzian, Nancy Basmajian, Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, Gail Lulejian, Mary Parnagian  
Standing (L to R): Jeanette DerHagopian, Joyce Hoyle, Liz Barone, Merle Santerian, Lucille Mikaelian, Margo Silk, Barbara Harmon, Patty Alexanian, Madonna Kzirian, Ruth Melian

That was a sentiment repeated by several of the women who found the weekly sessions "enlightening" (Joan Momjian of Armenian Martyrs) and "a wonderful experience" (Barbara Harmon of Holy Trinity).

Billed as an introduction to the Gospel of John, the facilitators Nancy Basmajian and Gail Lulejian, each with a background in Scripture, led the eager group through selected passages, most of which are unique to John. "Our sessions deepened my understanding of faith, and I am so inspired to learn more. I felt safe to ask questions and share my thoughts," commented Patty Alexanian of Holy Trinity.

"Even though I am a regular churchgoer and know a lot about our traditions, I need to learn much more about the Bible," noted Madonna Kzirian of St. Gregory. Merle Santerian called it "one of the highlights of my summer, especially sharing it with a lovely godly group of women." And Jeanette DerHagopian remarked that the Bible Study, "helped us grow in our personal faith journey."

"This would never have happened without the support and encouragement of Fr. Hakob," observed Nancy Basmajian. "He attended a few of our sessions and contributed to the conversation in his usual humble but constructive manner. Gail and I were very gratified by his confidence in us."

The Bible study ended on Tuesday, August 13 with a special "surprise" for Nancy and Gail—a delicious luncheon organized and prepared by the women. The group spent several hours in fellowship and conversation—a perfect way to conclude their time together.

Although the Bible study officially ended on August 13, the group met one more time on August 22 for a special presentation by Nancy Hovnanian on "Jesus in Art." A larger group of interested women, *along with a few men*, enjoyed an informative and fascinating look at the life of Christ through works of art from the Philadelphia Museum of Art where Nancy serves as a weekday guide. She took the audience from the 13<sup>th</sup> century through the 20<sup>th</sup> century for a glimpse into the work of artists who sought to teach and inspire the world. Her warm and knowledgeable commentary (presented without notes!) was enlightening and lively.

*These programs are part of various initiatives the parish has planned for the Diocesan Year of "Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Look for more information coming soon!*



Der Hakob and Nancy Hovnanian surrounded by those who were enriched by her presentation on Images of Jesus in Art.

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## A SIX-WEEK FALL BIBLE STUDY FOR SEEKERS

### FOR WOMEN:

Date: Tuesday mornings, October 15 through November 19

Time: 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Guides: Nancy Basmajian and Gail Lulejian

### FOR MEN:

Date: Wednesday mornings, October 16 through November 20

Time: 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Guide: Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan

**REGISTRATION for either Bible Study IS A MUST!**

Simply contact Nancy Basmajian at [nancybasmajian@verizon.net](mailto:nancybasmajian@verizon.net)  
or 215-722-3369.



# HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH

PRESENTS

## THE INSTRUCTED LITURGY\*

Sunday, November 10, 2013

10:30 to noon

Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan



Commentary by ACYOA Seniors  
Krikor Javardian and Alise Peckjian

\*The Instructed Liturgy is a unique educational opportunity to help the faithful grow in their knowledge and experience of the Divine Liturgy at the most effective time—as it is unfolding before them. The commentary will interrupt the Badarak in progress several times in order to explain what is happening and why. **This is a must** for all those wishing to deepen their understanding of Liturgy and enhance their participation in worship.

**Please note:** Because the introduction is the longest and most informative section of the commentary and comes at the very beginning of Badarak, we must stress the importance of being **prompt**. It is crucial that you be present for the entire Liturgy.

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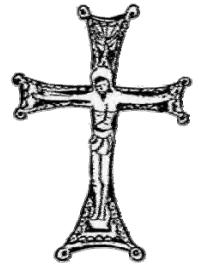


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Items for inclusion in the Sunday Messenger or requests for Requiem Services or Special Prayers should be sent to the church office by Wednesday for the upcoming Sunday. For all emergencies, please contact Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan at the church 215-663-1600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



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