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# Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church

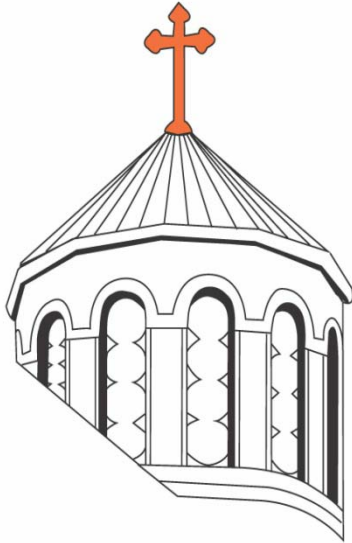


# LOOYS



Cheltenham, PA

July to September 2014



## Don't Miss Out On The

## 2014 Harvest Bazaar



### Friday, October 24

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



### Saturday, October 25

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

### Sunday, October 26

Doors Open after Badarak

*Call the church office today and sign up to  
volunteer and donate some time!*

**Then he said to his disciples,  
The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few**

Matthew 9:37

#### 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

- September 28 – 80th Anniversary Celebration
- October – too many to list, please check inside for dates
- December – too many to list, please check inside for dates

**Pray Until Something Happens**

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# You Shall Not Commit Adultery

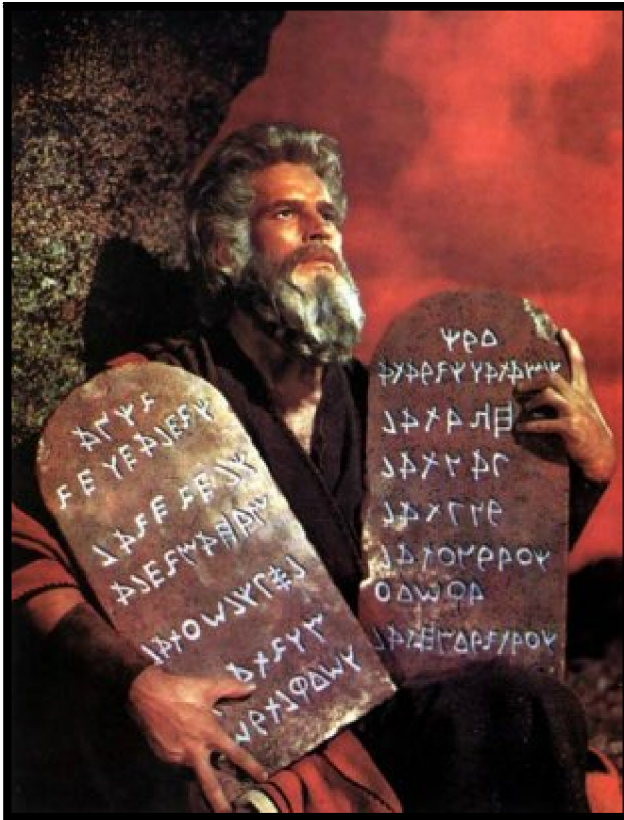
(Exodus 20:14)

This is the seventh commandment that God gave us through Moses.

Let's first understand what adultery is. According to Unger's Bible Dictionary, adultery is "the willful violation of the marriage contract by either of the parties through sexual intercourse with a third party." So, adultery is a sexual act with someone other than your spouse that violates your vows under the marriage contract. Adultery is a sin, because it is the breaking of a covenant made with your spouse and a vow made before God.

When we make a vow before God, it is important for us to keep it because the Bible says, "If you make a vow to the Lord your God, do not postpone fulfilling it; for the Lord your God will surely require it of you, and you would incur guilt. But if you refrain from vowing, you will not incur guilt. Whatever your lips utter you must diligently perform, just as you have freely vowed to the Lord your God with your own mouth" (Deuteronomy 23:21-23).

In another place in the Bible it says, "And this you do as well: You cover the Lord's altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because He no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor at your hand. You ask, 'Why does He not?' Because the Lord was a witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. Did not one God make her? Both flesh and spirit are his. And what does the one God desire? Godly offspring. So look to yourselves, and do not let anyone be faithless to the wife of his youth" (Malachi 2:13-15).



In the book of Mashtotz it says, "For this reason, marriage is honorable, and the bridal bed is holy," but if the couple continuously break their vows, it means nothing is holy in that family. If one of the couple commits adultery, then he or she should know that their marriage won't last long. Before we do something, we always should think about the consequence and about the results as to what we are going to gain or lose.

Finally, I would like to share with you the words of St. Paul about the responsibilities of married couples. "But because of cases of sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive one another except perhaps by agreement for a set time..." (1 Corinthians 7:2-5).

Dear faithful, I believe that our families are very precious to us, and if we want to keep that valuable gift, then we should love one another, respect one another and be honest partners.

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

(Isaiah 40:5)

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## Chairman's Report

This quarter we have been very involved in maintenance, replacements and upgrades. The walk-in freezer and refrigerator units have to be replaced including the compressors. This \$25,000 expenditure is scheduled right after the bazaar.

The outside parking lot lights are being replaced with new fixtures incorporating LEDs which will restore the 3 light standards as well as save maintenance and power costs. Surveillance cameras are being installed on the side and back of the church to improve safety. We recently had a vehicle crash into the railing around the boiler room door that had to be replaced.

Our 325 new chairs have arrived to replace the older, well-used ones. This will enhance our wedding rental potential. We were fortunate to be able to sell most of the old chairs through Craig's List. We will continue trying to sell the remaining chairs as well as an old tractor motor and steam table. If it isn't being used and it isn't nailed down, it will be sold!

The Church School room walls have been scraped, sealed and painted. A temporary fix has been done on the outside to stop water from seeping in to make sure the window areas are the cause. If so, we will pour a sloping concrete path along the side of the church.

Additional enhancements include:

- Replacement of the Dryvit on the pillars by the portico
- Cleaning and reorganizing the bar room to be used for more social gatherings
- New computer and updated software for our treasury function and recordkeeping
- Modification to the coat room for more efficient utilization
- Upgrading the website

We have had a very positive response for our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and it should truly be a gala affair. I believe that all will greatly enjoy reminiscing about the long history of our church these past 80 years.

We have started strategic planning for each pillar. In the Financial Pillar our goals over the past nine years were first to break even; then to pay off our debts; and finally to generate some positive income. This income, the earnings from endowments plus the monies from the SPECTRA Energy pipeline project will now pay for 22% of our normal operating expenses. Our long-term goal is to generate enough interest to pay 35 to 50% of our annual operating expense to relieve the burden on the parishioners. This will require major growth in our investments and endowments and any outside income sources we can identify. (Cell tower has been tried with no success.)

The hall rentals have been light for the last few years. Our reduction in rentals was due to a reduction of current reception sizes since we are very competitive if the group is over 250. The purchase of Melrose Country Club by the Koreans eliminated rentals to us. We have reduced prices for Friday, Sunday and weekdays and will consider a special rate for weddings under 200 people. Hopefully, this will induce more rentals.

The Membership Pillar will be covered in the next two meetings. We will break down the groups we are seeking and will develop and implement strategies for each group.

The delegates and I will be attending a special Diocesan Assembly at the Diocese in New York in September to discuss several matters of importance.

As always, the Council is open to suggestions, comments or questions. We are here to serve our parish.

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It's all about believing,  
you don't know how it will happen,  
but you know it will

Author Unknown

## Men's Club

It has been awhile since my last report and it is my duty to bring us up-to-date.

Other than the "200 Club" responsibility, we have been rather dormant, mainly due to my inability to operate as I did in the past because of caring for my dear wife, Anita, which I have been doing for the past three years.

I wish to inform all of our parishioners that our treasurer, Dick Weinsheimer, has resigned because of his health as well as necessary care-giving for his wife, Evelyn. Dick's twenty-some years as treasurer were one of the main reasons for our Men's Club success and his handling of the "200 Club" along with Larry Der Hagopian furnished our church with over \$200,000 during that period. Dick was meticulous and efficient in all of his work and dependable at all times. It was something that I felt confident about and I am so grateful for his enduring efforts. He will be sorely missed.

On the positive side, I am happy to announce that a very capable replacement has taken his place, namely, Mickey Paretchan. We are so fortunate to have someone like Mickey who was our secretary about twenty years ago. Thank you, Mickey, for being there in our time of need.

And the  
Winners  
are...

As Chairman, I am going to remain doing what I can under the conditions of my duties at home. I have waited a long time for a successor to my post without any response from anyone. I will continue to serve my church until such time when I cannot.

Harry Mirijanian

## 200 CLUB WINNERS

### NOVEMBER 2013

\$1,000 – CARLENE THOMASSIAN - #61  
\$ 400 – EDWARD ATTARIAN - #14  
\$ 200 – EDWARD TERZIAN - #9  
\$ 200 - CAROL J. MILLER - #125  
\$ 200 – ALICE ENDRIGIAN - #100

### DECEMBER 2013

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

### JANUARY 2014

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

### FEBRUARY 2014


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



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### MARCH 2014

\$ 500 - DAVID & MARTA BRANN - #171  
\$ 200 - PHILIP KAZANJIAN - #137  
\$ 100 - EDWARD TERZIAN - #7  
\$ 100 - NANCY HOVNANIAN - #103  
\$ 100 – BERJ KALUSTYAN - #78

### APRIL 2014

\$ 500 - GARO GARIBIAN - #152  
\$ 200 - DAVID DONALDSON - #179  
\$ 100 - CHARLENE SIMONIAN - #105  
\$ 100 - DONALD PARETCHAN - #66  
\$ 100 - GEORGE NAZARETHIAN - #31

### MAY 2014

\$ 500 - GEORGE & ANNE TERKANIAN - #185  
\$ 200 - ROSEMARIE ZARZATIAN - #32  
\$ 100 - PAUL BORIAN - #151  
\$ 100 - ROMAN RADINSKY - #21  
\$ 100 - HARRY SARKISIAN - #42

### JUNE 2014

\$1,000 – GEORGE MUKALIAN - #3  
\$ 400 – EDWARD TERZIAN - #30  
\$ 200 – JAMES KANE - #149  
\$ 200 – BERDJ KALUSTYAN - #78  
\$ 200 – MICHAEL & LEGNA SANTERIAN - #91



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## News from the Ladies' Corner

The summer of '14 was lovely with only a few uncomfortable days. There never seems to be enough time to relax, visit and travel before the rush of the fall sets in. Someone once told me that even when only two Armenians gather together, it is special time. On Friday, August 15, eleven of us met at Winterthur Museum to take in the Downton Abbey exhibit and tour the DuPont Mansion and grounds. We also look forward to visiting the Grounds for Sculpture in New Jersey to take in the Seward Johnson Retrospective.

The fall schedule will keep us all busy. We look forward to celebrating the 80th anniversary of our church. There will be no rest for the weary as we prepare for our annual fall bazaar. Many of us will also participate in the Bible study as we examine the Book of Mark.

All of our activities are open to all with no special invitations. If you have not participated in the past, why sit back? Come out and get to know us.

## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Gail Lulejian

"Train up children in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Our Church School is well underway and bulging at the seams with newcomers. As you can see by our classrooms, we've been busy over the summer redecorating for our Infants, Toddlers, Little Sprouts and Preschoolers. A very special thank you goes to Garo and Cece Garibian for their generous donation for our classroom décor. Thank you to Der Hayr, the Parish Council, Nancy Hovnanian, Maggie and Tyrone, and especially Amy Paretchan for their hard work in bringing it to fruition.

Fortunately, to help with the growing population many teachers, aides and huggers have stepped up to help. (The Lord provides.) Patti Smith has taken on the 6-7th grade class and Stephanie Vartanian, Armine Keshgegian, Patty Alexanian, Sabrina Garibian, Seta Pica, and Bette Kapeghian, our story teller, will be looking after the Little Sprouts. By press time we hope to have many more on board to assist this growing population. We are continuing the theme set by the diocese of "Living the Gospel." Our teachers have been encouraged to broaden the understanding of the children about the message of Jesus coming to earth and giving up his life for our salvation, each appropriate to their age levels.

Kim Santerian has offered her talents in overseeing our special events this year, freeing me up with the opportunity to re-establish Assembly. It will focus on teaching some songs and hymns, and the liturgy, along with a brief Bible message. We are committed to making our church service better understood by our youth in order that participation in the Divine Liturgy becomes more meaningful.

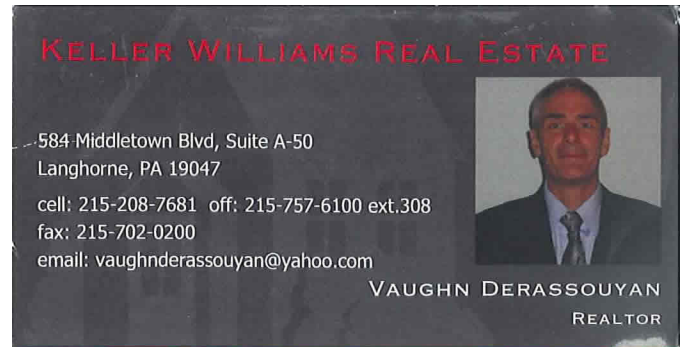


Another program renewal will be for our oldest students called "Teen Seminar" under the supervision of Nancy Basmajian. They too will learn and understand our Liturgy better as Nancy has numerous knowledgeable men and women, along with herself, who will guest lecture this group offering them a diverse education during their last years in Church School. They will be enriched by the teachings offered as they prepare to move on in their lives whether to college or a work environment.

And last but not most importantly are the dedicated teachers who continue to provide our children with years of experience, terrific teaching (using our continually updated curriculum provided by our diocese) and love of the children: Berjoohy Murray, Grace Meranshian, Merle Santerian, Amy Terkanian, Patti Smith, and outgoing teacher Talene Peckjian.

Our Language School continues to flourish under the leadership of Yn. Anna and a dedicated staff as well. Angel Tookmanian has returned to the classroom and is teaching Advanced Western Armenian. Our Eastern and Western Armenian staff includes Seda Hovhannisyan, Silva Hovhannesian, and Marianna Majian. May the Lord continue to bless them all for their servant hearts!

Stop by and visit one of our classes sometime. You will surely be moved by the experience as you see what our kids are learning!



## About Our Family

This last season held a mixture of sadness and delight, and as a church family, we shared in both the joys and sorrows with our sisters and brothers....We welcomed a new bride to our church family with the marriage of our Altar Server, **John Alexanian and Marcelle Chamavonian**. Congratulations to the newlyweds and their families.... It gives us great pleasure to congratulate hometown son, **Vahan Parechan**, son of Tanya and Mickey, who is the executive producer of a new series called "Sequestered." The Crackle original series premiered with six episodes and is now available for viewing by going to [www.crackle.com](http://www.crackle.com).... Words fail as we extend profound sympathy to **Patty and Vaughn Alexanian** on the passing their beloved daughter, **Stephanie**. It was a loss that affected our whole parish and especially those who have been working closely with Patty as she became more involved in church activities. May God be ever-present in their lives. Please continue to keep them in your prayers..... Congratulations to **Natalie Movsesian**, daughter of Leslie and Paul, who has been horseback riding since she was a young teen. She competes as an Equestrian and has now won ribbons in Hunters and Equitation....It was a "hoot 'n holler" wedding as many of our church family witnessed and celebrated the marriage of our church secretary, **Maggie Miller to Steve Parker**. With the bride in her cowboy boots and both in their cowboy hats, arriving on a Harley, it was a wedding we'll never forget. Country music reigned!....On the mend from various medical issues: **Anne Terkanian, Angel Tookmanian, Butch Kumkumian, Alyce Jilajian, Dorie Aslanian and Roman Radynsky**. Hopefully, by now they are enjoying improved health....Congratulations to **Alice and Karnig Torossian** who welcomed grandchild #10. Aline was born to their daughter Nelly and her husband Billy and she joined 3 sisters and 4 brothers, making it an even 4 & 4. All we can say is WOW!!! Atchkerneet Looys to all!.... With great sadness we mourn the passing of many in our church family: **George Nazarethian, Ron Gooshian, John Tatoian** – they will long be remembered....Our sympathies to their families as well as to **Merle Santerian** whose dear mother, **Rose Serabian**, passed away at the remarkable age of 104; to **Nancy Hovnanian** and family whose father, **Diran Shakarjian**, passed away; and to **Barbara Papazian** whose son, **Peter**, passed after a lengthy illness. May the Holy Spirit be of great comfort to all of them.....Two of our gentlemen celebrated milestone birthdays just before summer's end: **Brian Hoyle** (70) and **Larry Der Hagopian** (85) May good health and happiness be theirs in the years ahead.... Welcome back to **Der Hakob, Yn. Anna** and all the pilgrims who accompanied them on a trip to Armenia. We hope to hear about some of their favorite parts of the trip.....Fall is upon us and with it comes a full roster of church activities, both faith-based and social. We hope to see you at many of these events.

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## Calendar of Events

September 28 – 80th Anniversary Celebration  
October 5, 12, 19 – Mini-course on Divine Liturgy  
October 5 & November 2 – Growing Children of Faith  
(a discussion group for mothers)  
October 7 – Women's Guild Potluck Dinner  
October 12 – Cultural Intercommunal  
October 14 – Women's Bible Study begins (6 weeks)  
October 15 - Men's Bible Study begins (6 weeks)  
October 24 - 26 – Harvest Bazaar & Gospel Marathon  
December 7 – Stewardship Sunday  
December 28 – Church School Alumni Breakfast  
(in memory of Berjoohy Haigazian)  
January 4 – Church School Christmas Pageant

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**BAPTISMS:**

June 28, 2014: ARMEN SIMONYAN (Adult)  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Araik Simonyan  
Godfather: Ori Baluyan  
Godmother: Nane Baluyan

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**WEDDINGS:**

June 14, 2014:  
MARGUERITE MILLER & STEVEN PARKER  
Best Man: Steven Parker Jr.  
Brother of the Cross: Daniel Nedzwecky

June 20, 2014:  
NANE GHAZARYAN & ORI BALUYAN  
Best Man: Armen Petrossian

June 22, 2014:  
JOHNNY ALEXANIAN & MARCELLE CHAMAVONIAN  
Best Man: Michael Alexanian

July 26, 2014:  
ANNA KOROLEVA & ARKADII ZARGAROV  
Best Man: Mikhail Akopov

**FUNERALS: 2014**

JOHN TATOIAN entered into his eternal rest on June 30, 2014. Funeral services were held on July 7, 2014 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

STEPHANIE ALEXANIAN entered into her eternal rest on July 14, 2014. Funeral services were held on July 21, 2014 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

GEORGE NAZARETHIAN entered into his eternal rest on August 9, 2014. Funeral services were held on August 14, 2014 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

Thank you,

Larry & Kim Der Hagopian, for the donation of a piano cover which will protect our beautiful new baby grand piano, lovingly donated by Donna Sarkisian in memory of daughter Nicole.

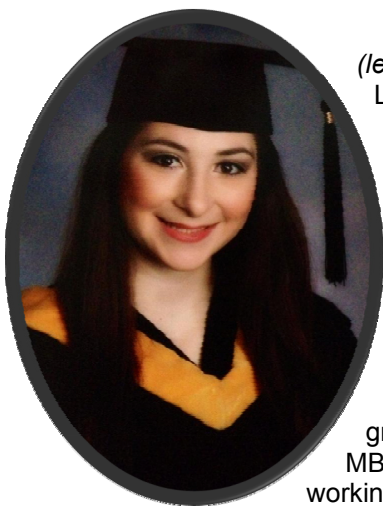
**Weekly church attendance is necessary because  
...Church Revitalizes Faith .... Tony Campolo**





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## Parents Proud Achievers



(left) Gabrielle Meranshian, daughter of Grace and Gregory Meranshian, graduated Cum Laude from Immaculata University. Gabrielle received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition and Dietetics. During her stay at Immaculata, Gabrielle maintained the role of a Program Assistant, which is a student leader position planning events for the undergraduate population. Gabrielle was also part of the Honor Society for Nutrition and Dietetic majors (Kappa Omicron Nu), as well as Immaculata University's Honor Society. In September Gabrielle will begin a nine-month dietetic internship. Currently Gabrielle is a nutritionist, and with the completion of the dietetic internship, she will become a Registered Dietitian.

(right) Greg Bilazarian, son of Robin and Peter Bilazarian, graduated in May from the Yale School of Management with an MBA. He recently returned from a month in Armenia and will be working at the Boston Consulting Group in Philadelphia as a management consultant. We are all happy to have Greg back in our neighborhood.

Joseph A. Shriver, son of Beth Damirgian Shriver and Richard Shriver of Colleyville, Texas, graduated from Temple University with a Master of Science in Education. Joseph is a highly qualified teacher with certifications in six academic areas in both Pennsylvania and Virginia. Joseph is a teacher in Pottsgrove, Pennsylvania, which is located in western Montgomery County.



(left) Meredith Moore, daughter of Dr. Will Moore and the late Dr. Corinne Santerian Moore and the granddaughter of Merle Santerian, graduated from Penn State University, State College, PA with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Biology, with minors in Psychology and Anthropology. Meredith is now in California pursuing her career.

(right) Ned Santerian, son of Dr. Will Moore and the late Dr. Corinne Santerian Moore and the grandson of Merle Santerian, graduated from Central Bucks East High School where he was a member of the cross country, lacrosse and wrestling teams. He will be attending Penn State University, State College, PA, majoring in Landscape Architecture.

Ned recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 6, Buckingham, PA. During his climb to Eagle, Ned assumed several leadership positions, including Asst. Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Asst. Patrol Leader, Patrol Quartermaster and Patrol Scribe. To achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, each scout must complete a project that benefits the community, and demonstrates their ability to lead others to complete a complex task. For his Eagle project, Ned worked with Buckingham Township to develop a running trail in Hansell Park, Buckingham, PA, by designing, constructing and installing the mileage markers.





# *A Reflection on Prayer*

by Deacon Albert Keshgegian

## *We Call On Him*

*We call on Him whenever storm clouds gather,  
We call on Him to light our darkest day.  
Why must it be that only when we're lonely  
And hopes are dim, we call on Him.*

*Why don't we call on Him before we lose our way  
To count our blessings and thank Him while we may?*

*We call on Him when no one else will answer,  
We ask of Him a reason to go on  
When our cup of joy becomes a cup of sorrow,  
Filled to the brim, we call on Him.*

*Why don't we call on Him before we lose our way  
To count our blessings and thank Him while we may?*

-Sung by Elvis Presley

-Words and music by F. Karger, B. Weisman, S. Wayne

At what times do we turn to God? For too many people, it's only at difficult times in their lives, or when some terrible tragedy has occurred, as they look for support, strength and guidance.

Although we usually think of Elvis Presley as a hip-swinging, rock-'n'-roll singer, Elvis also recorded much Gospel music. And this song, sung by Elvis (as well as by other artists), addresses the question of when we call on God.

The song tells us that He is certainly there for us when storm clouds gather, to light our darkest day, or when we're lonely, looking for a reason to go on, when no one else will answer. But the song reminds us that such occasions are not the only times to call on Him. We should call on Him even before we lose our way, just to count our blessing and thank Him.

God wants to be a part of every aspect of our lives, not just during the bad times, but also the good. God created us, and everything we have, out of His immense love for us. Every ability or talent that we possess, everything we own, all the happy experiences that we enjoy, all that is good in the world, comes from God.

We should be thanking Him for all His good gifts, grateful for all He has given us, and praising His greatness.

We do all this in prayer. Prayer is basically conversing with God, speaking to Him and listening back. It doesn't have to be in a formal place, like a church.

We don't have to be in a formal position, such as on our knees with our hands joined together. It could be in the car while we're driving, when we're out taking a walk, or just when we're relaxing on the front porch or back deck of our house.

God wants to be our best friend – He is the best friend we could ever have – and talking with Him should be just as easy, just as simple, and just as often as it is with our best friend who lives next door.

I guess Elvis knew that. Why shouldn't we?



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# In Lieu of Flowers

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## ARMENA BARTOW

Virginia Kouyoumjian  
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## REBECCA GARABED

Edward and Ethel Terzian  
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Greg and Maria Javardian  
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Helen Mirijanian, Laurie & Thom  
Davies, Elaine and Eric Squadron  
Set and Joan Momjian  
Mark and Melineh Momjian  
Russ and Danielle Sheldon  
Edward and Ethel Terzian  
Jack and Helen Vishab  
**NEW TOTAL: \$4,355.00**

## ARIK KAZANJIAN

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Albert and Valerie DerPilbosian  
Garo and Cece Garibian  
Brian and Joyce Hoyle  
Menas and Grace Kalagian  
Alice Karabian  
Ruth Melian  
Set and Joan Momjian  
Frances Nercesian  
Mark and Silva Santerian  
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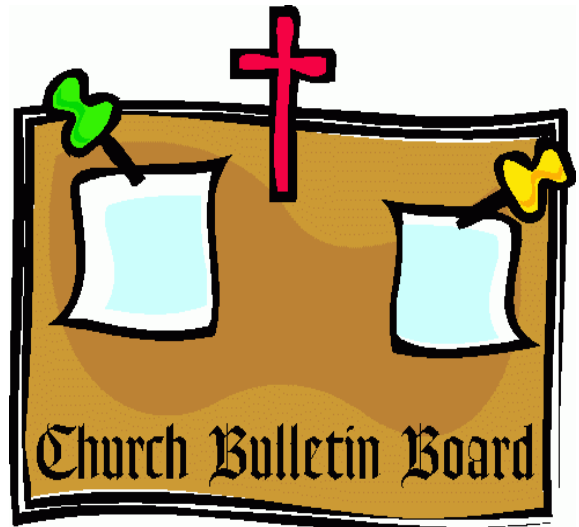


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## **ADULT EDUCATION CALENDAR**

### ***IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIM***

A 3-part mini-course on the Divine Liturgy  
Sundays, October 5, 12 & 19; 12:30–1:30  
Guide: Deacon Albert Keshgegian



### ***GROWING CHILDREN OF FAITH***

A 2-part discussion with mothers on the joys  
and challenges of fostering families of faith  
Sundays, October 5 & November 2; 10:30–11:30  
Facilitator: Nancy Basmajian

### ***BIBLE STUDY: The Gospel of Mark***

A 6-part series on the oldest and shortest gospel  
focusing on what Jesus did, rather than what he said  
Women: Tuesdays, 10:00–11:30, October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18  
Men: Wednesdays, 10:00–11:30, October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19  
Guides: Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan & Nancy Basmajian

### ***2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GOSPEL MARATHON***

*(in conjunction with the Harvest Bazaar)*

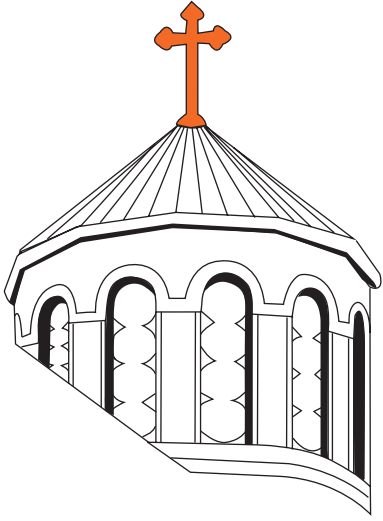
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*For more info, contact [nancybasmajian@verizon.net](mailto:nancybasmajian@verizon.net) or 215-722-3369.*



# Holy Trinity Armenian Church



## 2014 Harvest Bazaar



**Friday, October 24**

Doors Open @ 5:00 PM,  
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**Saturday, October 25**

Doors Open @ 4:00 PM,  
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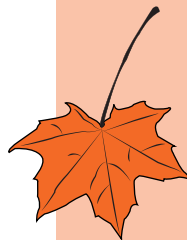
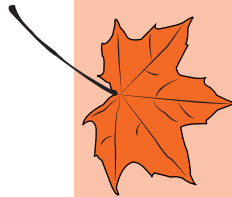
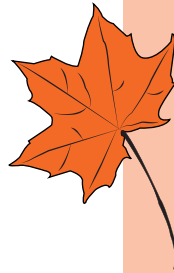
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**Halloween Parade**



## 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 Yeretizian, Jr	10/14/1989
Garó & 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

David & 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

The couples that are  
**MEANT TO BE** are the  
ones who go through  
everything that's designed to  
tear them apart and **come out**  
even **STRONGER**.

Author unknown

## 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 Kazanjan - 6
Matthew Santerian - 6
Lauren Lillis - 7
Janice Owens - 7
Jennifer Hagopian - 8
Carol Momjian - 9
Brianna Juskalian - 10
Jeannine Juskalian - 10
Richard Carlucci - 14
Marta Brann - 18
Karinne Andonian - 19
Florence Maloumian - 19
Mary Parnagian - 19
Peter Hovnanian - 20
Jean Ohnigian - 21
Henry LeCompte - 22
Peter Oskanian, Jr. - 23
Christopher Torcomian - 26
Ella Hovnanian - 27
Laura Bilazarian - 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 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 Kazanjan - 21
Stefanie Vishab - 22
Larry D. Der Hagopian - 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 Majian - 9
Leslie Movsesian - 9
Linda Vishab - 9
Richard Mukalian - 10
Phillip Santerian - 10
Danielle Sarkisian - 12
Margaret Bandaian - 13
Berj Kalustyan - 14
Michele Yeretizian - 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
Alyce Jilajian - 27
Elize Mazmanian - 27
Jonothan Koengetter - 28
Alexis Javardian - 29
Adrienne Juskalian - 29
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# Church School Superintendents' Summit

Gail Lulejian

Over the summer I had the privilege of attending the first ever SUMMIT for church school superintendents sponsored by the Department of Christian Education of the Diocese. A great representation from as far as Texas, Florida, and Illinois were in attendance, nearly 30 in all, where everyone was delighted to have been a participant at a beautiful conference center near Boston.

The enthusiasm bubbled over as ideas and programs were shared along with encouraging words of trusting God as we seek to do His will in our church schools. There were many who came with concerns and frustrations as we seek to make adjustments in 21st century America.

It was truly a joy to see God working in the hearts of so many dedicated individuals...all desiring to build up their church schools, one little heart at a time, one step at a time. Everyone was inspired and encouraged to return, with God's help, to do what sometimes feels overwhelming. God gave each what he or she needed to return fired up for inspired change. God is truly moving in the Armenian Church to grow us and protect us through the changing times.

Kudos to Elise Antreassian, the Director of Christian Education and her team that included our own Nancy Basmajian, (Director of our Adult Christian Ed. and member of our church school staff), and new staffer Eric Vozzy; she truly has her hand on the pulse of what goes on in each of our parishes. Several breakout sessions inspired us to look at making disciples, engaging parents, seeking to understand ourselves and others better, and what true leadership entails.

The National Summit concluded with a beautiful interactive Divine Liturgy at the Armenian Church of the Holy Translators in Framingham. Fr. Krikor Sabounjian celebrated, and superintendents took an active part, offering the Kiss of Peace, reading Scripture, offering the message, and delivering a reading of prayers that were comprised by us and parishioners. It was truly an uplifting experience. Elise assured us that a second SUMMIT would follow.



## Holy Trinity Honors Two Parishioners

During Sunday fellowship on June 29, our parish honored two very special and talented members of our church family, Gloria Basmajian and Deacon Albert Keshgegian. The happy occasion was their retirements from productive and fulfilling careers; both are also life-long and faithful members of our parish, having served the community for decades.

Gloria, who has also been on Parish Council, is currently the Church School registrar and the long-time Bookstore manager, a position which has made her and the cozy parish bookstore a magnet for parishioners and Sunday visitors. She herself is no stranger to books and literature since she served as Administrative Manager of the English Department at Temple University in Philadelphia for many years.



Dn. Albert is the longest serving deacon at Holy Trinity and the author of a number of popular resources published by the Diocese including *My Lenten Journal: A Spiritual Journey To Easter*; *Beside Still Waters: Day By Day Through Lent* and *Profiles in Faith: Meditations on the Lives of the Saints*. Albert also contributed homilies and prayers for the teen curriculum *My Lenten Journal* and the online publication *Living the Armenian Church Year*.

He retired, after more than 30 years in medical pathology, working briefly as an assistant professor, then as Medical Director of Clinical Laboratories and also as System Chairman of Pathology at two Philadelphia suburban hospitals. On behalf of the parish, Fr. Hakob expressed delight at having the opportunity to celebrate this milestone in the lives of these two exemplary parishioners. He prayed that the Lord would bless their retirement years with well-being, contentment, and much joy.



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## Laura Bilazarian and the New HIVE Armenian Virtual Accelerator Organization



Laura Bilazarian, daughter of Robin and Pete Bilazarian, is a founding member of an exciting new worldwide Armenian organization, called HIVE (see [www.hivestart.com](http://www.hivestart.com) and <http://hetq.am/eng/news/55639>). HIVE is the world's first virtual accelerator and network for Armenian startups, mentors, and professionals. HIVE is a Hovnarian Foundation project that focuses on seed investment, acceleration programs, online and offline events, and sustaining a vibrant mentoring network for members. HIVE enables Internet business startups to pitch their ideas, to be matched with advisors and mentors, and to be provided with opportunities to secure major funding. HIVE's goals include: creating high technology jobs in Armenia; connecting Armenians from around the world; and providing direct support to startups to put Armenian entrepreneurship on the map. The HIVE portfolio already includes five or more startups, all on their way to creating exciting new Armenian businesses with highly innovative ideas. Laura has participated in reviews of potential HIVE startups and has attended several stimulating HIVE "launch-and-pitch" events this year in New York City, Yerevan, and Boston. Laura has also put into practice the HIVE goals of creating high-tech jobs in Armenia and connecting Armenians worldwide. This is because she is a CEO of a new Armenian startup, called Teamable.me, which

involves Armenian personnel and jobs located in both Silicon Valley and Yerevan. Teamable is developing a new software-as-a-service product that enables rapid high performance team formation and schedule optimization in distributed organizations.

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Demonstration in front of the Haydarpaşa railroad station, from which Armenian leaders were deported in 1915.

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## *Parishioners Explore The Gospel Of Luke*

*What do a short tax collector, an Ethiopian eunuch and the apostle Paul have in common? What did two little-known, and disheartened, followers of Jesus talk about as they were fleeing Jerusalem after the crucifixion? And more importantly, what gave them the courage to return?*

These, and other questions, were the focus of a four-week summer Bible study on the Gospel of Luke held on Tuesday mornings at Holy Trinity. Led by Der Hakob, with an assist from Nancy Basmajian, our Director of Adult Christian Education, nearly 20 men and women worked together in small groups to explore unique features of Luke's Gospel.

The groups examined two beloved parables—the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son—as well as the Magnificat and the Road to Emmaus. These readings led them to several key passages in the second part of St. Luke's New Testament writings, the Book of Acts. The common thread running through the Bible studies was the nature of discipleship and the three-step journey to spiritual maturity: (1) following Christ, (2) being transformed by Christ, and (3) committing ourselves to Christ's mission to save people.

As the last session of the series concluded, Parish Council treasurer Don Parechan, who attended all four sessions, remarked, "I really enjoyed this series because of the challenging questions and the opportunity to hear other people share their views. I also came to realize the importance of what I call that turn-around moment on the faith journey."

Bible study at Holy Trinity has become a regular feature of our landscape. A six-week study on the Gospel of Mark is planned for Tuesday mornings (a women's group) and Wednesday mornings (a men's group) from October 14 through November 19. For details, contact [nancybasmajian@verizon.net](mailto:nancybasmajian@verizon.net).



## *Traversed: A Visual Journey through Armenia*

Filmmakers Alex Igdbashian from Philadelphia and Emily Mkrtichian, currently based in Yerevan, Armenia, have a new project they are producing called *Traversed*, a short documentary that will depict the character of Armenia through the stories of its vast primordial landscapes, ancient churches, rural villages, fields cultivated by families and small communities, industrial factories left over from the Soviet era, and its cities, growing and changing by the minute as they open up to the world of global trade and capitalism. In addition to the visual stories of Armenia, they will be collecting the stories of people met along the way, creating poetic pairings of the two that will be woven through the film.

The ultimate goal of this film is to paint a portrait of Armenia that most people don't get to see - a country that is complex, beautiful, and standing at a crossroads of history.

Filming will begin in August and continue through the end of the year, with a projected release date of March 2015.

Alex and Emily met while living and working in Yerevan through the Birthright Armenia project.

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*HOLD my HAND*

Hold my hand Lord,  
Walk me through the loneliness  
and the valley of my sorrow.  
Hold onto me when I'm afraid  
to think about tomorrow.  
Let me lean on you, Lord,  
When I'm too weary to go on.  
Hold my hand, Lord,  
through the night  
until I see the light of dawn.

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**So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**

**Isaiah 41:10**



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### Holy Trinity Blood Drive

On Sunday May 18th, Holy Trinity Armenian Church participated in a blood drive for the American Red Cross. The turnout was excellent! Forty-four contributors took time to come out, and from those potential donors we were able to collect twenty-eight pints of blood. It was a very successful blood drive, and I would like to thank all the participants for their time for this cause. I especially would like to thank the administrative volunteers, and Maggie our Church Secretary, for help in coordinating the event. When we come together, we can achieve great things and the church family is a powerful force. This successful blood drive shows we can accomplish any task with an effort and a will to succeed.

Sincerely,  
Gregory S. Yazujian

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## Parish Pilgrimage to Armenia

In late August, twenty pilgrims from Holy Trinity, Cheltenham, PA, journeyed to Armenia. Over the course of ten days, the pilgrims, led by Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, explored the historical places of their ancestors and their church. Wherever a traveler goes in Christian lands, whether in Europe or the Middle East, he or she is always struck by the survival of churches, including cathedrals, monasteries, and humble parish churches. In Armenia the pilgrims saw that, despite centuries of religious persecution, our churches stand as testimony to the fidelity of the Armenian people to their faith.

The pilgrims sang Hokehankist at the Genocide Memorial, attended Sourp Badarak at Holy Etchmiadzin, and visited many monasteries and churches that stand despite invasions by Persians, Arabs, Mongols, and Turks. They visited the hole where St Gregory the Illuminator was imprisoned at Khor Virap and the cave monastery of Geghard carved into the mountain. They witnessed the renaissance of the Armenian Apostolic Church in its homeland through the magnificent new architecture at Holy Etchmiadzin, the humble but beautiful new church in Dilijan, and the monumental new church of Sourp Hovanness Mgrditch with its rich decoration of icons.



The highlight of the pilgrimage was an audience with His Holiness, Karekin II on August 30. Not only did he spend time talking with the pilgrims and giving them his blessing, but His Holiness provided a special treat, leading them on a tour through his museum describing for them the rich history of the See of Etchmiadzin.

One of the non-touring highlights was the gracious invitation by Der Hakob's parents who opened their home and lovingly entertained the pilgrims and several of Der Hayr's seminary friends in their beautiful garden near the monastery of Khor Virop. Dinner included wonderful food, fine Armenian cognac and tremendous good cheer. It was an evening of great delight.

On August 31, the pilgrims returned home, weary but re-energized by their experience of their ancestral homeland and seat of their faith.



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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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