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Holy Trinity Armenian Church



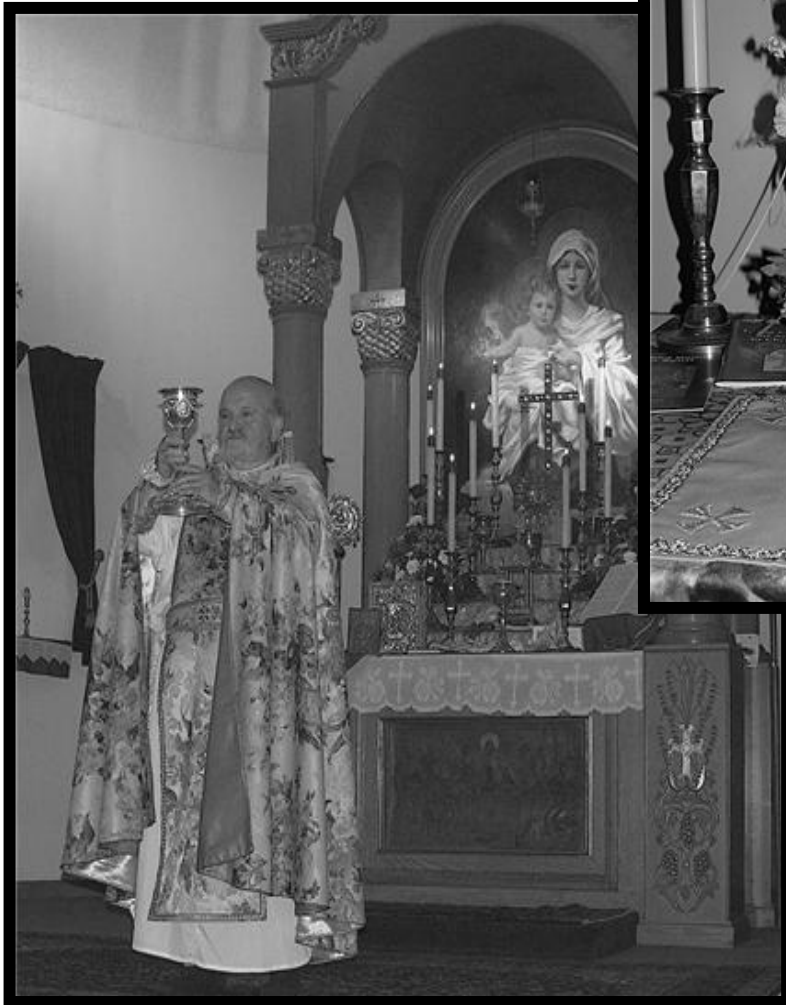
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October - December 2008

Hours of Worship

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



---Upcoming Event---

Youth Ministry Gathering

- Saturday, April 4, 2009
- Led by Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian
- Look for details

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IN LIEU OF FLOWERS**Arthur Aznavuryan**

Zohrab Agamanukian
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 Christiane Burich
 Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gooshian
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 Rimma and Nizam Rafiev
 Mr. and Mrs. George Selverian
 Mr. and Mrs. Garo Semerdjian
 Mr. Edward Tatoian
 Mr. John Tatoian
 Edward and Ethel Terzian

Total: \$505.00**Anna Maloumian**

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maloumian and Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Royden Maloumian and Family
New Total: \$2,920.00

Eileen Mirijanian

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 Mr. and Mrs. Larry Der Hagopian
 Mr. and Mrs. John Der Pilbosian
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mirijanian
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Total: \$185.00**John Zanaras**

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Total: \$ 675.00**Azad Attarian**

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New Total: \$1,780.00**Dorothy Baldadian**

Pearl and Mary Jamgochian

New Total: \$8,405.00**In Memory of Charles Mardigian**

Pearl and Mary Jamgochian

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**January**

Richard & Rose Carlucci - 1/54
 Michael & Tanya Paretchan - 1/72
 Gary & Susan DerHagopian - 1/81

February

Philip & Marie Kazanjian - 2/55
 Aram & Barbara Kumkumian - 2/91
 Armen & Doris Alahverde - 2/58
 Harry & Alice Andonian - 2/51

March

Carol & Gary Miller - 3/04

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS**January**

May Arzoumanian - 1
 Kappy Kapeghian - 1
 Drew Doudoukjian - 4
 Serge Minassian - 4
 Mark Santerian - 5
 Alec E. Yeretzian - 5
 Laura Temoyan - 6
 Nicole Santerian - 7
 Berj Yeretzian Sr - 7
 Scot Miller - 8
 Helen Vishab - 8
 Diane Williams - 8
 Lori Sarkisian - 9
 Rose Carlucci - 13
 Fred Jordan - 13
 Sona Nalbandian - 13
 Robert Temoyan - 14
 Lillian Ambarian - 18
 Dylan Santerian - 18
 Halle Santerian - 18
 Luceen Attarian - 21
 Ella Hanamirian - 22
 Nareg Kaprielian - 22
 Albert Keshgegian - 22
 Kira Sarkisian - 22
 Evelyn Weinsheimer - 22
 John Williams - 22
 Daniel Aslanian - 23
 Arpine Lulejian - 23
 Hagop Arzoumanian - 25
 Sarkis Nalbandian - 25
 Sophia Carnevale - 26
 Martin Gutchigian - 28
 Gay Hagopian - 29
 Frances Borian - 30
 Pauline Dedeian - 31

February

Frank Aghazarmian - 1
 Frederick Jordan Jr - 3
 Anna Hanamirian - 4
 Michael Santerian - 4
 Alik Oflazian - 5
 Michael Hajatian Jr - 6
 Monique Nabb - 7
 Gregory Yazujian - 7

Ashley Radell - 8
 Van Injaian - 9
 Haig Torigian - 9
 Elizabeth Arslanian - 10
 Michael Hajatian - 10
 Heather Kapeghian - 11
 Margaret Leck - 14
 Mark Kalenian - 14
 Ayshe Chakmaklian - 15
 Pearl Jamgochian - 17
 Gale Zorian - 17
 John Bandaian - 18
 Vicky Berberian - 18
 Manoug Hovhannesian - 18
 Edward Tatoian - 20
 Brenda Yazujian - 21
 George Arslanian - 22
 Jonathon Tancredi - 22
 Edward Terzian - 22
 Diran Alexanian - 23
 Russ Tandourjian - 23
 Michael Yazujian - 23
 Tamara Brod - 25
 Shooshig Oflazian - 27
 Doretta Aslanian - 28

March

Doris Alahverde - 1
 John Arslanian - 1
 Peter Ohnigian - 1
 Dolores Sarkisian - 1
 Toros Torcomian - 1
 Deran Maloumian - 2
 Freddie Nabb - 3
 John Leck - 4
 Gary DerHagopian Jr - 5
 Gary Papazian Jr - 5
 John Kash - 6
 Casey Baldadian - 7
 Michael Tookmanian - 7
 Lucy Garabedian - 13
 Kevin Kalustyan - 13
 Nishan Boyajian - 14
 Robert Damerjian - 15
 Benjamin Asadoorian - 17
 Mikenzie Juskalian - 20
 Nancy Hovnanian - 21
 Ara Arzoumanian - 22
 Michael Juskalian - 22
 Bob Kangian - 22
 Paul Berberian Jr - 23
 Melody Damerjian - 23
 Robert Damerjian Sr - 24
 Michael Paretchan Jr - 24
 Terri Sadjian-Mears - 25
 Mary Yeretzian - 26
 Ronald Gooshian - 27

**OOPS WE MISSED A
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY**

Florence Dandegian - Nov. 30

PARISH COUNCIL

The final quarterly report for the year follows our pillar approach:

FINANCIAL

- Our income stream has been helped by hall rentals and fees for rites, but we are short in Stewardship. Expenses are lower due to more efficient energy use and reduced salary expenses. As you are aware, we have had Sunday celebrants in lieu of a full-time Pastor, a full-time Secretary for only 7 months and a part-time custodian since September. When we tabulate all of the above, we project that our income will exceed expenses. Thus we have been able to pay down the mortgage and the dues in arrears.
- The 2009 budget will be developed at our meeting following Stewardship Sunday and will be presented to the membership at the Parish Assembly meeting.

SPIRITUAL

- We have been successful in obtaining celebrants almost every Sunday and for all Rites to be performed. I'd like to add that we have been blessed with an all star cast.
- The ACYOA Juniors are active and we won the Basketball tournament.
- Attendance is holding the gains we made in 2007, but Sunday School attendance has not improved. There are many potential students that need the church and vice versa, so it is up to us, grandparents, parents, uncles and aunts to get involved. We will have Armenian Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services with Der Vertanes as the celebrant.



BUILDING

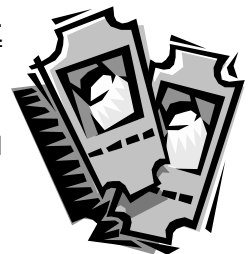
- You have seen the improvements such as replacement of concrete out front, a stable railing, parking lot sealing and striping, fence straightening, hall carpet cleaning and installation of non-slip strips on the steps going up to Sunday School. We have also had to take care of a few minor maintenance items. As mentioned before, hall rentals will meet budget and be the highest we ever had even though we had two cancellations.
- Our main computer was attacked by a virus which destroyed our record keeping. Fortunately, our Secretary, Maggie, had a backup disc for Servantkeeper and John Hanamirian had a backup stick for Quickbooks (thank you Albert). Larry D. Der Hagopian was able to rescue most of the files, but we had to get a new computer. The main unit is now limited to access Quickbooks and Servantkeeper and has a better firewall.

MEMBERSHIP

- Letters will be sent to former members and potential new members. All past paid members are being contacted re 2008 dues. We will also look at people with common experiences such as Baptisms and Weddings. Stewardship Sunday will be rescheduled. Since we all know what it is and how important it is, the presentation will be short. We have planned our December Parish Council meeting immediately afterward. New pledge forms will be handed out. Please note that Senior dues will be \$150 for 2009.
- Input for the fourth quarter *Looyis* is complete and a letter for your Christmas offering has been sent.

EVENTS

- The Bazaar was a great success with many stewards helping out and we thank all of them.
- The Shnorhali Chorale group from Bayside, New York, presented a wonderful program of Armenian songs. What a great approach to bring Armenians together.
- The September picnic was well attended.
- It appears that short programs such as we had on the Jerusalem Pilgrimage should become more common on Sundays.



GENERAL

- The Parish Council wishes all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John Kash, Chairman

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL!

The Annual Parish Assembly will take place on Sunday, February 8, 2009. In the event of inclement weather, it will take place on the following Sunday, February 15, 2009.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our clothing drive in September was very successful. Thank you to all Sunday School parents who donated gently used children's clothing and helped pack them into six full boxes. These clothes will benefit children at the Gavont orphanage in Armenia. We will hold another clothing drive soon. Please watch the bulletin for the date. It is such a simple way to recycle and help out our fellow man.

On Sunday, September 28, 2008, Sunday School students and their parents participated in the second "Tour of the Sanctuary," conducted by Mr. Harry Andonian and Dr. Albert Keshgegian. Dr. Albert demonstrated the vestments the priest wears during *Badarak* by placing them on Danny Aslanian. Dr. Albert then presented and explained the various tools that are found on the altar and used to help us worship. The students were excited to touch and hold the *Sugih*, *Poorvar* and *Kavazan* (Chalice, Censer and Staff).

On Sunday, October 26, 2008, we held a Halloween Pizza Party and the students and parents were entertained by Mr. Pete "The Magician." The students were able to create

their own treat bags with goodies donated by Mrs. Merle Santerian. A big thank-you to all the Sunday School parents who helped decorate the hall for the party and who volunteered their time to serve the food and help clean up.

This year, each Sunday School class participated in the Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. We prepared 8 shoeboxes filled with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through these shoeboxes and the Good News of God's love. Since 1993, more than 61 million shoeboxes have been packed, shipped, and delivered across the globe. People of all ages can be involved in this simple, hands-on mission project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ.

Diane M. Williams
Superintendent

Thank you Nancy Hovnanian for your donation of \$100.00 to the Sunday School.

ACYOA

Recently, in October, the ACYOA took a trip to Shady Brook Farms to enjoy a night of horrors and surprises. We met in Langhorne around 6 p.m. to enjoy a pizza dinner. There we got to talk and have a small ACYOA meeting about upcoming events. After filling our stomachs, we took a ride over to Shady Brook Farms where the real fun would begin. Accompanied by Mr. Peckjian, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, and Mrs. Movsesian, we boarded a haunted hayride to start the adventure of thrills. On the ride, a series of scary creatures jumped out at us. Screams could be heard from everyone! Once we got off the ride, we stopped to enjoy hot and sweet snacks including hot chocolate, funnel cake and kettle corn. Then we said our ghoul byes!

On Sunday, November 26, we prepared meals for



Aid for Friends (shut-ins). The meals consisted of meatloaf with gravy, mixed vegetables, and pilaf. To start it off, some of the kids shaped the raw meat into patties and some made the gravy. While everything was cooking, we had a small Bible study where we

read some passages and discussed their meaning. Then we went into the kitchen where we were set up into four teams to man each of four stations to package the meal. The first station cut the meat and put it in the trays, the second station put the gravy on the meat, the third station put the vegetables in, and the fourth station finished the plate with pilaf. With the help of our advisors, Mrs. Talene Peckjian and Mrs. Armena Bartow, we successfully filled 90 containers to feed the Friends. We then enjoyed bagels brought in by our liaison, Mrs. Merle Santerian.

Natalie Movsesian

Remember that Stewardship is a
combination of
- TIME -
- TALENT -
- TREASURE -

Men's Club Report

May 13

As always, the Men's Club responded to our Women's Guild when requested to handle preparation and serving for the Annual Mother's Day Dinner. Our always dependable and most capable head chef, Larry Der Hagopian saw to the culinary action with the following members, namely, John Terzian, Roman Radynsky, Albert Kapeghian, Dick Weinsheimer, and yours truly who fed 100 very deserving mothers to a most delicious meal.

The Men's Club is honored to be given this opportunity to pay homage to our devoted mothers, who work so diligently all year to provide for their families and their church.

June 8

The first of our two annual church picnics was held in our beautiful hall. A wise decision to use our indoor facilities, due to the extreme heat outdoors, was made by the chairman of the picnic, Robert Barone Jr. and his committee. Our Men's Club was once more called upon to help in any way in this successful function. Larry Der Hagopian, John Terzian, Roman Radynsky and Harry Mirjianian took their regular posts in the beverage department while the younger members did a stellar job of cooking the shish and luleh kebabs. The Men's Club is proud to assist in any and all of our church events.



September 14

Our second picnic of the year had to be held in the church hall because of the late summer heat, in which it was unbearably hard to work. Under the capable management of Robert Barone Jr., who once again took on the responsibility of this semiannual function, another very well-attended affair was a successful one. Members of our

Men's Club were well represented in cooking, selling beverages and cleaning up and other duties required to help make the event succeed.

October 24 and 25

It was Harvest Bazaar time and our Men's Club once again assisted in order to help make this most important of all church functions a success. Under the capable management of

Nick Terkanian and Robert Barone Jr., the weekend event topped all other previous Bazaars in attendance and profits. The Men's Club was proud to have full participation in cooking, assembling the hall, tending the bar, as well as providing all the supplies for it, thereby making 100% profit.

As in the past, the Men's Club is again proud to sponsor 2 orphaned children in Armenia through CASP. This worthwhile project will continue as an important undertaking for us every year.

The Men's Club would like to acknowledge the untiring efforts of Larry Der Hagopian and Dick Weinsheimer on the successful sales of the 200 Club tickets for the coming year. This important fundraiser, which the weakened economy has made more difficult to sell than in the past, can be credited to their tireless devotion.

The Men's Club would like to express its thanks to everyone who has supported its projects, especially the 200 Club; to John Kash, our hard-working Parish Council Chairman for his cooperation in our requests; to Maggie, our church Secretary, for her help whenever asked; and to anyone else who has assisted us in any capacity. The Men's Club is awaiting the New Year with high expectations.

Harry Mirjianian
Chairman, Holy Trinity Men's Club



**“Live your life in such a way so that on the last day,
you will be able to say that you used up all the
talents that God gave you.”**

WOMEN'S GUILD CORNER

The Women's Guild has been off to a busy start this year with their main goal of envisioning a new Guild for the 21st century. In August, we started our year with a young women's meeting at "The Columns," a bed and breakfast in an historical home in Philadelphia. Although it was lightly attended, we did meet a new young lady who has considered attending our church this year.

Returning from our summer break, we went right into a well-attended general membership meeting in September when Dikranouhi Karapetyan, the director of Mer Doon in Armenia, presented a slide show to our group to update us on how the home and its residents are doing. We also sat at the Sunday School Registration table and got 10 new members to join us this year. Jeanette Der Hagopian organized the September and October food preparation helpers for the Harvest Bazaar. October 1 was our trip to the theater in New York, organized by Barbara Kumkumian, where we enjoyed the play "Gypsy." In early December, Roxy Radinsky organized a trip to Winterthur, the Dupont Estate in Delaware, which was all decked out for the holiday season. On Dec 12, we had a Christmas party and cookie exchange at the home of Leslie Movsesian.

The Country Store is going strong under the leadership of Lorraine Damerjian and Sarah Terkhanian with the help of Sarkis and Sona Nalbandian, Alice Karabian, Armena Bartow, Deskouhy Attarian, Betty Arslanian, Doris Kodikian, Rose Minassian, Mary Parnagian, Florence Boyajian, Seta Nazarethian, Alice Charles, Jeanette Der Hagopian, Roxy Radinsky, Ethel Terzian, Evelyn Weinsheimer, Mary Yeretizian, Rosemary Zarzatian and Merle Santerian. Special thanks go to Liz Barone who goes out of her way to pick up and deliver to the church the prepared foods that are made for the Country Store.

In January, we will have regional parties at the homes of Nancy Hovnanian, Fran Torcomian, and Valerie Santerian. We are looking forward to an election of a new board in February and plan to hold a Mitchink luncheon during the Lenten period in March. We will also host, in March, this year's Women Saints Day.

Watch for exciting things happening among the ladies of the church and, if you are interested in joining us, please speak with the current Chairman, Tanya Parechan or the Women's Guild Central Council Representative, Leslie Movsesian.

HARVEST BAZAAR A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!

The 2008 Harvest Bazaar took place on Friday and Saturday October 24 and 25 in Santerian Hall. The Bazaar is one of our biggest fundraising events of the year, and once again the community came out in droves to support our church.

On Friday night, a long food line was assembled 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of 6 p.m. By 7 p.m., extra tables needed to be set up in the lobby, and the back gate of the parking lot was opened to accommodate more vehicles. The committee members could not remember a Friday night at a Bazaar with that large of a crowd. It was amazing!

Saturday brought the challenges of a steady, heavy rain coming down outside, and the World Series later in the evening. We anticipated that the crowds would be much lighter, but to our delight, the people came again, and we sold out of almost everything. On Sunday, the little remaining food was sold, leaving us with no inventory going forward.

Food wasn't the only attraction at this year's Bazaar. Staples such as the Country Store, Bake Shoppe, Holy Trinity "Pub," Attic Treasures, Pumpkin Painting, and Chinese Auction continued to be overwhelmed with customers, ensuring that attendees had a lot to do and see after they finished their shish kebab. There were also several outside vendors offering an array of products, and our very own ACYOA Juniors ran a Candy Store to raise money for a charity.

At the end of each night, our Chinese Auction drawing was held, with over 30 gifts per night being awarded, many of which were "high-ticket" items. A special "thank-you" goes to all the gift donors and the Chinese Auction committee, as this year's gross almost doubled the previous high for that booth. Another special "thank-you" goes to those involved with the Oriental Rug Raffle, which more than doubled last year's numbers. A job well done.

So where do we go from here? Next year's Bazaar is already on the minds of many, and as has been the pattern, we will probably look for some sort of entertainment for Saturday night. We also now have a standard format for the Bazaar brochure, which is handed out to everyone at the door. It includes a map of the room, a full detailed menu, and a list of all Chinese Auction prizes for both nights. And lastly, we now have a detailed "Project Plan" of everything that needs to be done to plan and execute the Bazaar, including the number of resources needed to fill each position. Fully documenting this process will enable future committees to have a roadmap to success, and will save precious time, especially in the planning stages. We hope to review the Project Plan and the final numbers at a wrap-up meeting in January.

The early returns indicate that this might have been the most profitable Bazaar in 10 years! There are just too many people to thank, so in order to not forget anyone, please accept this general **"THANK-YOU"** to all who helped with the planning and execution of this year's Bazaar.

--The Harvest Bazaar Committee



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Anniversary, October 24, 2008)

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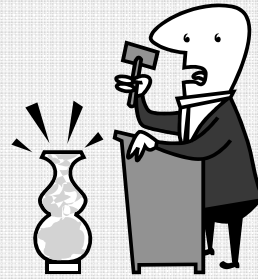
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Thank you, Diane Doudoukjian

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 - Union League Champagne Brunch
Tanya Paretchan
 - Courvoisier Gift Set
Diane Doudoukjian
 - Starbucks Coffee Basket
Paul Bogosian
 - Artwork
Nancy Basmajian
 - Lambs Wool Comforter
Lorraine Damerjian
 - Armenian Wedding Blessing Pillow
Bea Brown
 - Photo Albums
John Arslanian & Friend from England
 - Framed Embroidered Hayr Mer
John Torcomian
 - Nantucket Basket
Pat Killian
 - Byers' Choice Santa
Diane Doudoukjian
 - Chocolate Basket
Dr. Albert Sarkessian
 - Large Tray of Souboereg
Rose Garabedian
 - 10 lbs of Shish Kebab from Mihran
Shaboian Family
 - Lobster Party Basket
Mary Parnagian
 - Wedgewood Country Club Golf Outing
Betty Arslanian
 - Set of Pots and Pans

Anne Terkanian
 - Coach Handbag
Tanya Paretchan
 - Silver Locket
Gay Hagopian
 - Gold Cross
Mesrob Okoorian
 - Silver & Bead Jewelry Set
John Hanamirian
 - Wii System
David Mears
 - Wii Fit
Nancy Keytanjian
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ABOUT FAMILY

Wedding bells rang for Gregory Keshgegian and Melissa Szydluk on November 22 as they were united in marriage. An added treat was that the ceremony was officiated by Gregory's aunt, Rev. Flora Keshgegian. Gregory is the son of our senior deacon, Albert Keshgegian and his wife Patrice. Many good wishes to all... Birthday wishes go out to Vera Kazigian, aunt of Richard Kazigian, and an active member of years gone by, who turned 100 on November 16, 2008... Congratulations to Robin Barone who received the Class Award of Merit from the University of Pennsylvania at the 74th Alumni Award of Merit Gala on October 31, 2008. She co-chaired her class reunion setting records in attendance and doubling the 10th Reunion Giving record with a class gift totaling two million dollars... Good luck to Alice and John Der Pilbosian who have moved to Westmont, New Jersey. We'll miss seeing them at church but are very happy that they are now living within minutes of their son and "daughter," grandchildren and great-grandchildren!... Another one of our dear friends, Mary Paretchan, has now moved in with son and "daughter" Mickey and Tanya Paretchan. Send her a "welcome to the neighborhood" greeting... Get well wishes are sent to Berjoohy Haigazian who is now at home after an extended stay in the hospital and rehab. We look forward to seeing her when she's up to it... We are glad Vahan Boyajian is well and back in the fold—we have missed seeing him... And finally, we welcome the newest addition to the Dunigan family, Chloe Elizabeth, born on June 25. Parents, Kim and Dan, along with big brother, Kyle, are having a wonderful time introducing her to all. Congratulations also to Grandmother Merle Santerian as she adds #13 to her family tree.



And so we end our family news for this year, hoping that you have enjoyed hearing all "about our family" during 2008. We wish all a Blessed Christmas and may we all enjoy a healthy and peaceful New Year. And don't forget to share your news with us by contacting the church office.



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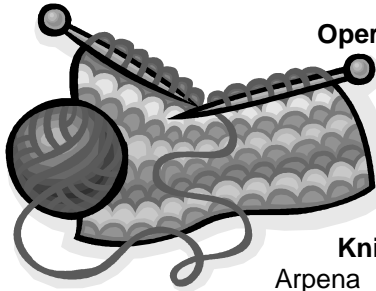
The last few months have been less productive than usual due to various hectic schedules, but thanks to the ACYOA Jrs., 90 meals were prepared in November by a group of 15, under the direction of Armena Bartow and assisted by ACYOA Jrs. Advisor Talene Peckjian. In addition, as in the past, the Jrs. also paid for the cost of these meals. Bravo to our young people for thinking of the less fortunate.

Also during this time period a monetary donation was received from Adrienne Riser.

Whether you contribute your time, your talent or

your treasure, please be assured that it is greatly appreciated, not only by the Holy Trinity Family, but by those isolated shut-ins who are the recipients of our endeavors.

We hope to be back in full production in the new year and would always welcome anyone who would like to join us. Just contact the church office and your name will be passed on.



Operation Christmas Child

On Sunday, October 12, we showed the video about the Shoebox Project. Special thanks to those of you who generously filled 55 shoeboxes which were delivered to the drop-off location on November 11. There will be many happy children all around the world this Christmas season as they receive these loving gifts of kindness.

Knitting Ministry

Arpena Lulejian continues to provide us with bags full of beautifully knitted items for children. She is keeping her hands busy and serving Christ at the same time.

These items will be delivered throughout December to various places where children live and are cared for.

Gratefully,
Jeanette Der Hagopian

Thank You . . .

To Our Dear Family, Members, and Friends of Holy Trinity Church,

We thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls and well wishes during our recent surgeries. God has seen us through this siege of illnesses and put us onto the road to recovery. We are both doing well now.

Very sincerely and gratefully,
Albert and Naomi Kapeghian

*Dear Lorraine & Sarah & all the Great
Cooks at Holy Trinity —
Thank you so much for all
your hard work making cheese.
It is absolutely delicious. So many
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WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

People ask me "Where does the money given by us for dues and stewardship go?" Before I was involved, I never thought about the day-to-day expenses of running a church. The operating costs are similar to that you experience as a homeowner plus payroll, mortgage payments, housing allowances, automobile (Pastor), insurance policies, preventive maintenance, stationery, mailings, etc.

Let us just look at gas and electric. The PECO utility bills for each of the last four years are shown on the attached chart and should give you a jolt. I would guess that 80% is for the church and 20% is for the hall.

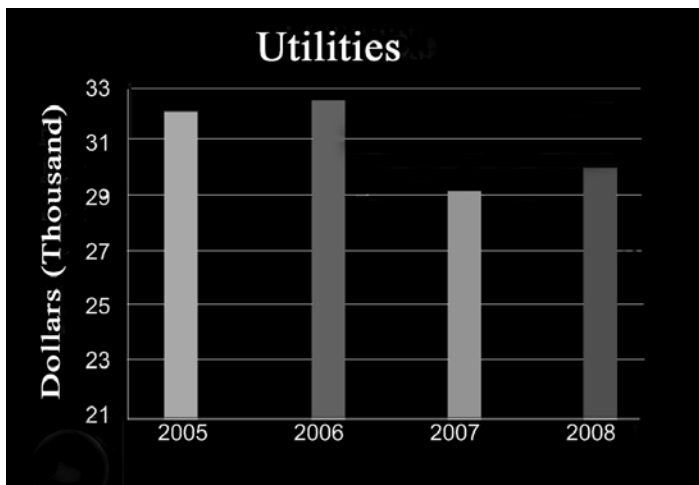
Let's take a look at some of the costs vs. dues and stewardship

Dues and stewardship budget.....	\$84,000
Gas and electric.....	(\$29,110)
Insurance.....	(\$11,000)
Mortgage.....	(\$27,187)
Water, sewer, maintenance.....	(\$27,129)
The sum of these few expenses = (\$94,426)	
(\$10,426)	

That means that we have to raise \$10,426 just to cover these expenses. In addition, we have to raise money to cover salaries and associated expenses, Diocesan dues through collections, donations, fees, events and organization functions.

We have been successful thanks to a lot of work done by some of our parishioners. We have also reduced costs with a more efficient boiler, Stewards doing work in lieu of paid contractors, and increased hall rentals. Personnel costs are down because we have celebrants in lieu of a full-time Pastor, the Secretary has been full time since late May and the Custodian time has been reduced.

We can go into details at the Parish Assembly on February 8, 2009, if you wish.



PARISH ASSEMBLY

It is getting close to the time when we will be holding our Parish Assembly to elect new officers for Parish Council, Nominating Committee, and Auditing Committee.

This year's Parish Assembly will take place on February 8, 2009, and the inclement weather date will be February 15. We hope to see all of our dues-paying parishioners at this meeting. We also need you to take an active role in our church by placing your name on the Ballot if you are concerned about or interested in how our church moves forward.

The following are the requirements for running for office, taken from the Diocesan By-Laws:

Page 2 of the Diocesan By-Laws reads:

#7. Members in good standing of a Parish Church, who are 18 years of age or over, may participate in the Assemblies of the same Parish and may vote, provided that at least 6 months have elapsed since they have registered and paid dues at the time of registration as members of the Parish. They may be eligible for office one year after becoming members, provided they have attained the age of 21.

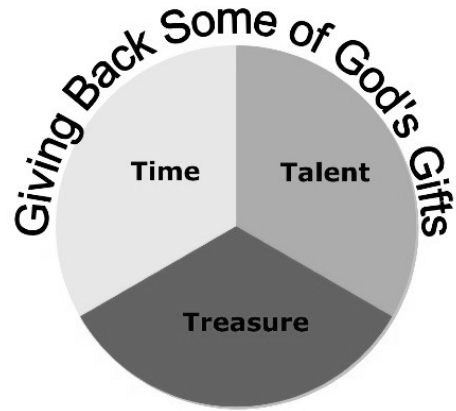
#8. Members who fail to pay their dues for one or more years automatically forfeit their right to vote at Parish Assemblies, or to hold elective office within the Parish. Such members may reinstate these rights by payment of their dues in arrears for at least the previous two years.

In order to vote, you must have your dues paid by December 31, 2008.

So, there it is folks; if you wish to run for any of the above-named offices and are eligible, have your name put on the Ballot; please do not wait for the Nominating Committee to contact you; get in touch with any of the three Nominating Committee members: Lynn Hajatian (215-794-8469); Betty Kapeghian (856-596-7094); Jack Vishab (215-361-8101).

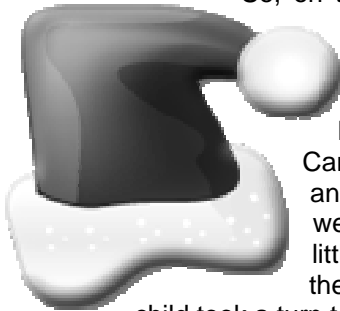
ADDITIONAL 2008 STEWARDS

Mr. Walter Bagian
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hajatian Jr.
Dr. Paul Bogosian
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hanamirian
Mrs. Virginia Kouyoumjian
Mr. and Mrs. Berdj Kalustyan
Merle Santerian



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

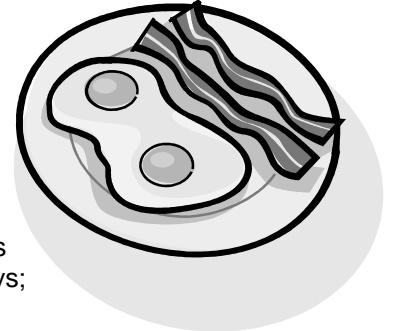
Since there was a problem this year with having our annual Family Night Christmas Party on a Friday, we had to change the date. So, yours truly got the idea of having a breakfast, combined with our Sunday School Communion Day on December 14, and headlined the event as "Breakfast with Santa." To everyone's delight, it worked out well, and when asked for a show of hands, the majority of those who attended voted in favor of and preferred the breakfast idea theme again for next year. That doesn't mean we won't have other Family Night events throughout the year.



So, on this day, the Sunday School received Communion, came down for their breakfast before church was over, and rehearsed entertainment that had been prepared. Following church services, our visiting Pastor, Der Hakop, blessed the food and breakfast began.

During breakfast, the ACYOA Jrs. entertained everyone by singing some Christmas Carols and then the Sunday School performed their part of the entertainment. Cake and cookies, donated by Rillings Bakery (Asadoorian, Radell, and Tancredi families) were enjoyed by all, while the children waited in anticipation of Santa's arrival. The little ones sat in a circle on the floor and sang "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," and as they were singing the second chorus, in came Jolly Saint Nicholas to their delight. Each child took a turn telling Santa what he/she wanted for Christmas, and Santa gave each of them a small gift while their parents snapped pictures.

Kudos to the Sunday School Dads, and Robbie Barone and Ed Terzian who cooked the delicious breakfast of eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, and hash browns, and cleaned up, led by Dan Dunigan, our chef of the day. Thank-yous also go to the Sunday School Moms who served and cleaned up. Our appreciation also goes to Sarah Terkhanian, who picked up the bagels, put on the coffee and tea; to Helen Mirijanian, Tyrone, our custodian, and Maggie, our church Secretary, who helped me with the decorations and room setup a few days before; and last, but not least, to Ara Shakarjian who took the photos for the Loos; and, of course, to everyone who attended and supported the event.



Merle Santerian



TRAVELING CHALICE

On Sunday, November 8, 2008, Holy Trinity was honored to be the fourth church to receive the chalice commissioned on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the consecration of St. Vartan Cathedral. The chalice was blessed and used for the first time at the altar of the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin. It will now continue its travels as it makes its way throughout the various churches of our Diocese in order that each church might have the honor of using it once.

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VISIT BY THE SHNORHALI CHORALE

Whoever attended church on Sunday, November 16, 2008, certainly had their worship experience greatly enhanced with a choir of about 25 voices, most of whom were visitors from the Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs in Bayside, New York. It was also our honor to have as our celebrant that day their priest, Very Rev. Fr. Vahan Hovhannessian. The *Badarak* was wonderfully uplifting and inspiring.

After church, a delicious luncheon featuring homemade salads and desserts was efficiently and beautifully served. Immediately following luncheon, the Choir, dressed in formal wear, offered their program in four-part harmony, sung *a capella*. Their music range

included liturgical, cultural and folk songs and the audience was captivated by their performance. The Choir is made up of parishioners; parents, teachers, and students of the Holy Martyrs Armenian Day School; and deacons and choir members, none of whom are professional, but one would not have known that listening to their highly skilled performance.

This wonderful afternoon was organized by Nancy Hovnanian and her very able committee including Carol Temoyan, Diane Doudoukjian, Liz Barone, Lynn Hajatian, Joyce Killian, Barbara Kumkumian, Sarah Terkhanian and Anne Terkanian.

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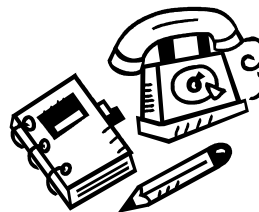
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