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Holy Trinity Armenian Church LOOYS



Cheltenham, PA

October to December 2011

Celebrating 45 wonderful years!



Merry Christmas to all!

Hours of Worship

- Morning Service: 10:00 AM
- Divine Liturgy: 10:30 AM
- Sunday School: 10:30 AM
- Armenian School: 12:30 PM

***Come celebrate with
Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan***



Upcoming Events

- Dec 24, 7 pm - Traditional Christmas Eve
- Jan 5, 7 pm - Armenian Christmas Eve
- Jan 6, 10:30 am - Armenian Christmas Service
- Jan 8, 10:30 am - Armenian Christmas & Blessing of Waters
- Bible Study - 3rd Tue. every month - 10 am
- Young Adult Bible Study - 3rd Thu. every month - 7 pm

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (OR PENITENCE)

By: Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan

Penance is a sacrament in which a person who confesses his sins receives forgiveness from the priest, being invisibly released from his sins by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. It is true that by the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation we are saved. However, we all know that after Baptism we commit different kinds of sins until the end of our lives, which we should confess and receive forgiveness from God. There are some people who think that they can sin whenever they want, because they have the Sacrament of Penance. This thought is already sin. If the person sins knowingly and continually, he abuses God's forgiveness and in this case the Sacrament of Penance will become false.

God doesn't want a sinner to die, because we are all His children; He loves us and His mercy is unlimited. This doesn't mean that we can relax and be negligent; vice versa, we should be very careful in whatever we do or say.

It is very important for the sinner to:

- a) Repent and decide not to sin anymore.
- b) Pray by devotion and piety.
- c) Always remember that he was saved by the Blood of Jesus Christ.
- d) Try very hard to follow in Christ's footsteps.

As Christians we must be sorry for our sins, expressing to the Lord our grief for having been unfaithful to Him. First of all, we should realize our sins, and then confess them to God. It is impossible to repent without confession.

In the Armenian Apostolic Church, the Sacrament of the Penance has special rules, which are fasting, prayer, confession, repentance, good deeds, etc.

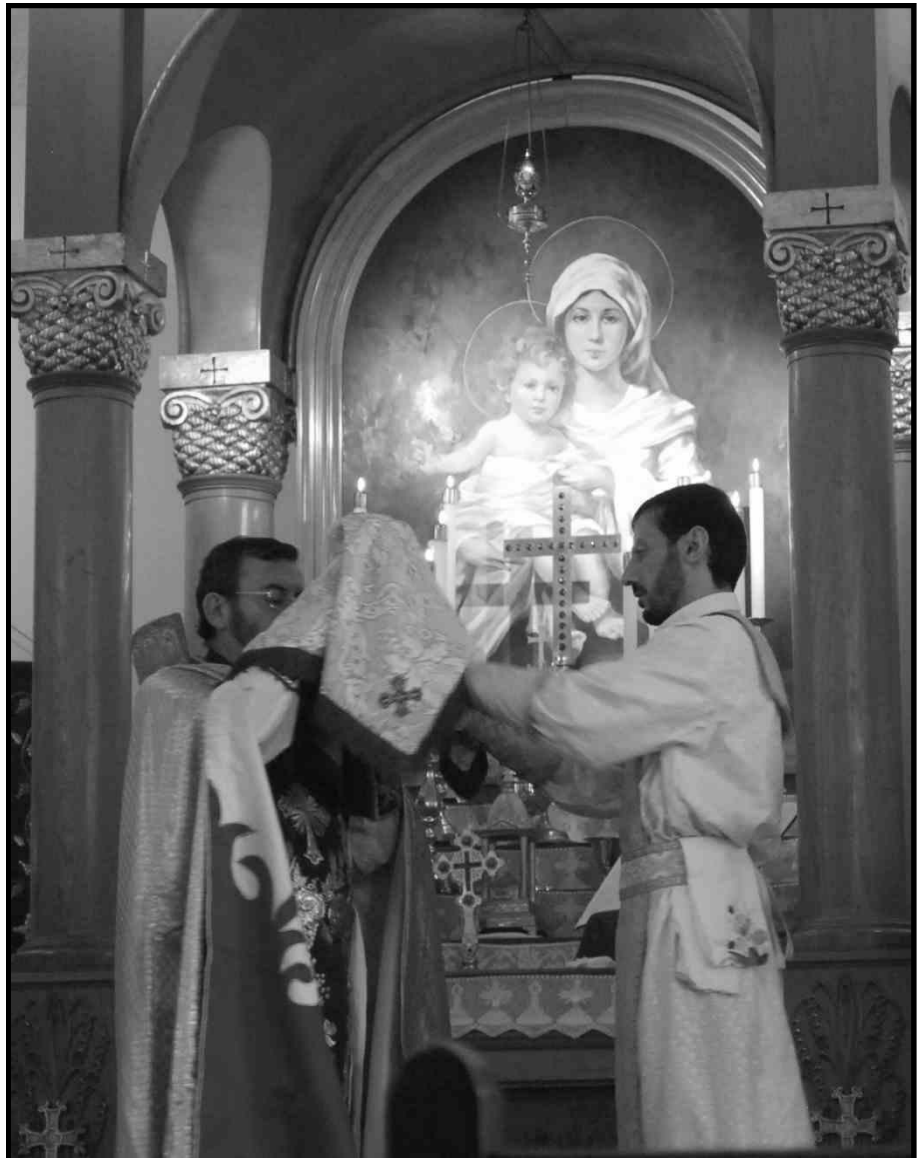
As a lay person or clergy, our responsibility is to be clean before God and to have a clear conscience.

Whoever thinks that the Sacrament of Penance is artificial or not necessary in their lives is wrong, because it is something that we need to practice during our lifetime to be acceptable to God.

If we don't feel well physically we go to a doctor. Likewise, if we don't feel peaceful in our souls, we should go to a priest (of our choice) and ask his help for spiritual guidance. Doctors cannot give us the right medicine unless they know our problem. The priest should know our spiritual problems in order to give us advice and guidance.

Dear faithful, let us use this wonderful opportunity that the Sacrament of Penance allows us, to clean our hearts and spirits from all kinds of sins, because that is the Will of God and our gain.

" If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us." (1 John 1:9-10).



PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

By: John Kash

The last three months have been very busy and a lot has been accomplished. My report by Pillar is:



1. Financial

- A. We have spent the last 9 months negotiating with Spectra Energy over an easement to run their gas transmission lines under our property to the gas pumping facility across the street. We rejected their offers until the pipeline was laid out so that it would not affect the aesthetics of our property and they reached a final value acceptable to us. The Parish Council has unanimously agreed to accept the deal; we have received the preliminary OK from the Diocese (the property is owned by the Diocese) and will present it to the Parish for approval at the Assembly or a special Assembly January 8.
- B. The Investment Committee was enlarged to five members and gave a presentation in November of their goals and strategies.
- C. We will also invest some funds in ACEF to generate an annual income of 4.5% of the investment portfolio value.

2. Building Management

- A. We have leaks in the dome again, especially during heavy northeastern winds and rains. The estimate to solve the entire problem is \$13,000 and will be done when the weather is right.
- B. Sunday School's remodeling was completed under our \$9,000 budget
- C. Concrete landings and steps in front of the Church will be completed next Spring at a cost of \$10,000
- D. The dumpster contract was re-negotiated which will save us \$2,100/yr
- E. The copier will have to be replaced since parts are no longer available.
- F. The new pew cushions were received and installed in November.
- G. Hall rentals for 2012 are at zero thus far

3. Membership

- A. All potential members were contacted for payment of dues. The dues constitute 15% of our income; provide savings on all Rites and hall rentals and provide the right to vote.
- B. A similar approach was used for Stewardship, which provides another 15% of our income.



4. Spiritual

- A. Der Hayr advised in his report of the many hospital/home visits he is making and the Rites he is performing
- B. ACYOA Srs. met with Council to describe their programs and needs for the coming year and have their own Bible study group
- C. Church participation (altar + choir + parishioners) is increasing which is great to see.
- D. When is the last time, if ever, that we had TEN Ordinations on one Sunday or even in one year?
- E. Armenian school has begun its second year and introduced us to new people.

5. Events

- A. The 45th Anniversary celebration was a joyous event. I believe that it was the largest crowd we have had in years
- B. Our Bazaar was affected by a snowy Saturday, but again we had a great Sunday.

In closing, I hope that each of you had the same warm feeling I had during the Anniversary Dinner and look forward to many more. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

“WELL-FED SHEEP DON'T STRAY”

A GRAND CELEBRATION



It is very difficult to extend a "thank you" to all those involved in supporting our 45th Anniversary Banquet without leaving out someone.

I would like to initially thank the sponsors and donors for their generous financial donations (see separate listing) to help us make this a special affair.

Special thanks go to Diana McGarvey for her expertise in design which made our church auditorium look spectacular; special thanks to my "bakers," Florence Boyajian and Mary Parnagian, (we have nicknamed them the "Jersey Girls,") for their hours of time spent in baking our fabulous desserts and preparing the presentation of them, along with Maria Javardian, Anita Mirijanian, Berjoohy Murray and Annie Terkanian. As for Annie, once she arrives in the building, we have no fear of whether or not everything will go as planned

for a celebration. Margo Silk was by her telephone, on the alert for a call from me, waiting to hear what had to be done, and did it. There was outstanding support from the ACYOA Juniors and Seniors, names listed below, in the serving of the dinners. We also had assistance from four outside parties, who are not actual members of our church: Janice Owens, Lynne Hoepfl, and daughters Kristen and Alexis. Janice and Lynne are the children of the late Gilbert and Silva DeMirjjan. Their mother, Silva, was a very active member of the Women's Guild and her daughters were here to help in memory of their parents. My committee, of course, included Naomi Mukalian and Fran Torcomian - I thank you. To Ara Shakarjian, "you are always the best." He is the quiet man who comes through without asking. I thank you!!

To Karinne and Greg, thank you so much for your outstanding entertainment; to Dr. Andre Garabedian, it was a pleasure to meet you and to enjoy your gift of music on the piano.

Our ACYOA servers included:

Nadia Silk, Tina Hagopian, Robin Barone, Lindsey Santerian, Ani Javardian, Brenda Yazujian, Skye Jilajian, Megan Aslanian, Danny Aslanian, Allison Moore, Ned Moore, Freddie Jordan, Ani Peckjian, Alise Peckjian

I wanted to make a special note regarding the beautiful flower arrangements donated by Phil Magee of Blake Florists, the excellent wine selection from Margo and Sam Silk, the delicious cake provided by Rillings Bakery, Yerezgin Anna who made the mezza, Melanie Kodikian who provided us with purple cloth napkins to add a special touch to the table settings and, of course, again, as mentioned above, my baking crew, headed by Florence Boyajian and Mary Parnagian. Special note should also be given to the fact that all invitations were prepared and donated by Anne Terkanian.

Again, thank you for making this occasion a very memorable and successful one. Your cooperation was greatly appreciated. It was a pleasure and an honor to be a part of this very special event.

Pauline Chapjian
Committee Chairperson
45th Anniversary Banquet



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GRAND TOTAL: \$ 23,875.00

CELEBRATION OF DECADES AND THE DAY

By Nadia Silk

On November 20th, Holy Trinity Armenian Church commemorated the 45th Anniversary of the consecration of its current Church in Cheltenham, Pennsylvania. Divine Liturgy was celebrated by His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, and a special ceremony was held where he ordained five Tbirds (Daniel Aslanian, Shawn Carnavale, Frederick Jordan, Andrew Movsesian and Bryan Peckjian) and five Sub-Deacons (Michael Alexanian, James Keshgejian, Harout Nalbandian, Bryan Peckjian and Chris Torcomian), into the Church family.

In his pastoral message, Archbishop Barsamian focused on the simple words of Jesus, "Follow Me." He encouraged the audience to listen to Jesus, "to join Him, to become close to Him, to walk in His footsteps and to know Him more intimately." *His Eminence* continued by discussing this year's Diocesan theme of lay ministry and explaining how we can all incorporate this task into our daily lives.

Following Badarak, over 250 people attended the celebratory dinner banquet. Holy Trinity's pastor Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan welcomed His Eminence Archbishop Barsamian, expressed gratitude to the banquet committee and all the attendees. Special guests included V. Rev. Fr. Oshagan Gulgulian, Pastor of St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church, Wynnewood, PA; Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian, Pastor of St. Gregory Armenian Church, White Plains, NY; Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, retired Pastor of St. Mary's Armenian Church, Washington, DC; and Sisters Arousiag and Emma from the Armenian Sisters Academy.

The Primate's address delivered an inspiring message. "We are united in our faith. We are all connected through the Armenian Church," said Archbishop Barsamian. "And today's celebration is a wonderful sign that we can continue the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. In continuation of our mission, let us remember that each of us has a role."

Later in the program, six individuals who have been faithful servants over the last several decades and who have had an important impact on Holy Trinity were recognized as "pillars" of the Church. "These people are people of passion. I believe that I have a lot to see and to learn from them," Der Hakob said. The honorees of this "St. Vartan Award", presented by Archbishop Barsamian, were Robert and Lorraine Damerjian, Larry and Jeanette DerHagopian, John Kash and Merle Santerian. Each of these parishioners has served in Parish Council and other Church leadership roles.

Recipient Merle Santerian, former Parish Council chairperson, active member of the Church and Armenian community, said "this was a wonderful way of bringing our community together. I am grateful and blessed to have the opportunity to contribute to this parish and I am honored to have received this beautiful award."



The attendees enjoyed graceful Armenian musical performances by local artists Dr. Andre Garabedian and Greg and Karinne' Andonian.

Throughout the afternoon, a slide show of photographs portrayed "then" and "now" of the Church and its parish from 1966 and 2011. It was a meaningful and beautiful tribute to our pillars, parents and grandparents who helped build the Church following a fire that destroyed the former location in North Philadelphia. Addressing the group, Der Hakob said "today, we thank God, our Almighty Lord, because he gave us the opportunity to have this beautiful Church and this beautiful property. I know your parents and you worked very hard for this Church. And now you are enjoying the fruit of your labor."

"I was pleasantly surprised to see all the people, especially the representation by our friends from all of the other Philadelphia-area Armenian churches," said Tanya Paretchan, lifetime parishioner of Holy Trinity. "Events like this bring everyone together as a community and ignite energy among us. We couldn't ask for anything better than that."

Sunday's festivities were a reminder of our Armenian Christian faith and strength. Appropriately, this weekend in our Church calendar was the Feast of All Saints - Old and New, Known and Unknown. Saints are those who lived a virtuous life, those renowned for their faith and service to the Church, those who were martyred for their faith, and those worthy of heavenly favor. On this anniversary occasion, we saw some of these traits in all those involved.

Coming together to celebrate 45 years of history was the result of collaborated efforts and service by the entire Church parish and local Armenians. When we work together and are guided foremost by the Holy Word, we can transcend challenges and grow stronger as a community. "Indeed, this is an honored occasion to be thankful about," said Archbishop Barsamian. "It gives us an opportunity to express our common faith; thus indicating that we are a living Armenian Church and in our togetherness we can answer God's call."

ORDINATION; November 20, 2011



**Congratulations to all
new Tbirds and Sub-Deacons!**

ORGANIZATION NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

What is Sunday School?

To students it may be a place to see their friends and learn about God, Jesus, and Church. It may also be the place that their parents drag them to every Sunday morning.

To parents it may be the place that they are “hoping” that their children connect with God, Jesus, and their Church. It may also be the place that they feel they “have” to bring their children on Sunday mornings.

But what really is this place - Sunday School? To each of us it is different. The mission statement for our Sunday School states that our mission is to convey to our students all aspects of the faith-tradition and experiences of the Armenian Church; this includes scripture, sacraments, theology and history. The statement also includes to promote community, to nurture and affirm the students as children of God, to help the students develop their own relationship with God, and to model Christian behavior and love of God.

The Sunday School staff has been trying to fulfill this mission with assembly where the children are learning the church *sharagans*, classroom discussions and class work, going to church to receive communion once a month followed by breakfast, parties, etc. but, we the staff need more of a commitment from the parents to bring their children to Sunday School on a more regular basis.

October, November and December were full of activities in Sunday School. The Sunday of the Harvest Bazaar, the students had lunch in their classrooms, decorated pumpkins then paraded in their costumes in the hall. Communion breakfasts were provided on the first Sundays of these months. Ms. Melissa's class held a successful food drive in November to benefit a needy family. Her class also presented to the entire Sunday School a lesson on Sts. Sahag and Mesrob. A BIG thank you to Jean Ohnigian who brought a wonderful cold breakfast for the children in October and December. November's delicious breakfast was open to the entire congregation and cooked by a group of men headed by Gary DerHagopian. Thanks go out not only to Gary but also to Greg Meranshian, Greg Yazujian, Harry Mirijanian, and to Mark Vosbikian. Ms. Melissa's class held a food drive in November and also gave a presentation to the entire Sunday School about Sts. Sahag and Mesrob. December brought activities revolving around the blessed birth of our Lord; including a short pageant in the sanctuary on December 11th followed by Lunch with Santa in the hall. Thank you to all of the parents who helped with all aspects of the pageant. Many thanks to Naomi Mukhalian and Fran Torcomian for preparing lunch and Nick Terkanian for providing the music for the afternoon. Everyone had a wonderful time!

So, what is Sunday School? It is the “village” that raises our children in the Armenian Church. Der Hayr, the teachers, the Choir, Men's Club, Women's Guild, the grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles, friends, fellow parishioners all make up this “village”. Sunday School is the place where American Armenian children connect with their Church and heritage.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Happily submitted by,
Nancy Hovnanian, Superintendent

WOMEN'S GUILD UPDATE

Who in the world would have thought it would snow on our annual fall bazaar this past Halloween weekend? We are hardy souls and managed to get to church to man the kitchen, serve the meals, or work at one of the booths. By Sunday afternoon we were tired but pleased we had hosted a successful event.

Although our trip to the Art Museum was scrubbed, many of us got together on Sunday, Dec. 4 to attend the matinee performance of “Motherhood” at the Society Hill Playhouse. We enjoyed a musical that looked at the blessings and perils of being a mom and the power of love. We look forward to our next theater trip in February to see “Defending The Caveman” that promises to tickle our funny bones.

As 2011 draws to a close, we wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our parishioners and especially our lovely ladies of the Women's Guild. Our executive boards have worked hard with pleasure and love for our church. It is time to infuse new blood and ideas for the future of the Women's Guild. When we meet with Der Hayr in the New Year, all concerned members will be welcomed to express their thoughts and ideas. Peace!

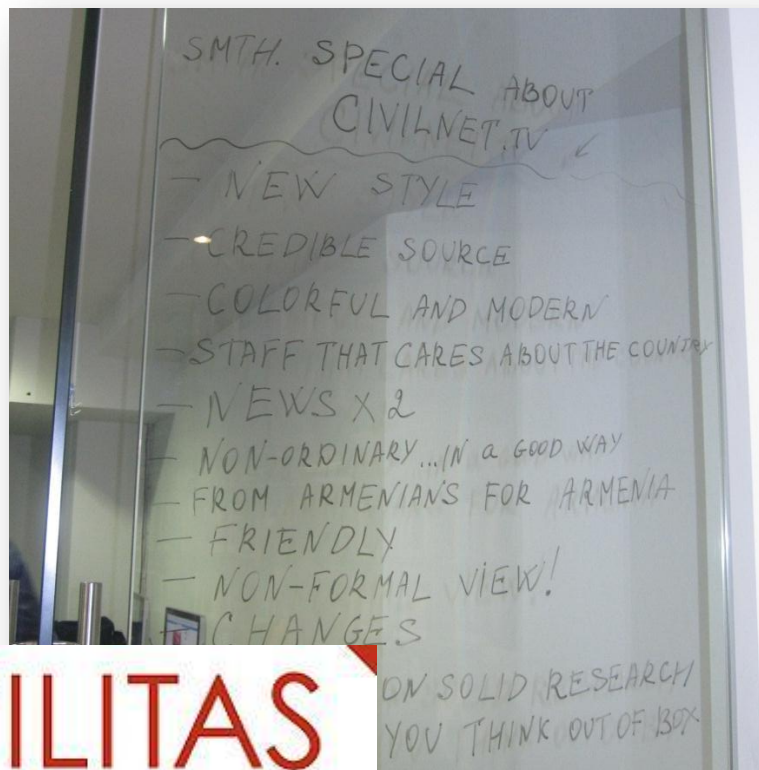


Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors

Present...

Greg Bilazarian

of **Civilitas Foundation** to discuss his experiences in Yerevan, Armenian



THE CIVILITAS
FOUNDATION

Join us **January 8, 2012**

for refreshments and presentation following the Divine Liturgy

Questions: contact Nadia Silk at silk5138@gmail.com

ACYOA Seniors and Juniors

ACYOA Seniors Updates



Bible Study: The October Young Adult Bible Study was special for many reasons. Among them, we had ACYOA Executive Secretary Nancy Basmajian lead the session as part of this year's Diocesan theme of lay ministry. After an in-depth discussion of the "real" mission of the ACYOA, the group discussed a couple of Bible passages related to "following" Jesus. We identified our obstacles to spiritual growth and also reflected upon our ministry in life.

Another special addition to the evening was the welcoming of new members to our ACYOA seniors group. Three young

adults who moved to the United States recently from Hayastan – Nane, Tatevik and Gayane – attended the Bible Study and participated in discussion. It was moving to see that we could relate to similar life experiences in spite of our very different geographic backgrounds.

Leadership Conference: Two Holy Trinity members attended the annual ACYOA Youth Leadership Conference at Don Bosco Retreat Center, NY. This year's theme was "let love in" and featured several sessions on how we can experience true love in all senses of the meaning.

Cooking with Yeretgin: The first ever "Cooking with Yeretgin" was a great success! Four ACYOA Seniors girls joined Yn. Ana for a lahmajoun cooking lesson! The girls learned how to make this yummy Armenian classic, enjoyed quality fellowship, and the guys enjoyed tasting the dish hot out of the oven.



Upcoming ACYOA Seniors Events:

December 15: Young Adult Bible Study at the home of Greg and Karinne' Andonian

December 18: Hosting coffee hour

January 8: Hosting coffee hour and presentation by Greg Bilazarian, Civiltas

January 19: Young Adult Bible Study

ONE Conference: The first annual Oriental Orthodox Youth Conference was held at St. Mary's Coptic Church in East Brunswick, NJ with the goal of uniting the five member cultures: Armenian, Coptic, Indian, Ethiopian and Syrian. Over 800 high school, college and graduate age young adults attended this remarkable event. "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Ephesians 4:4-6



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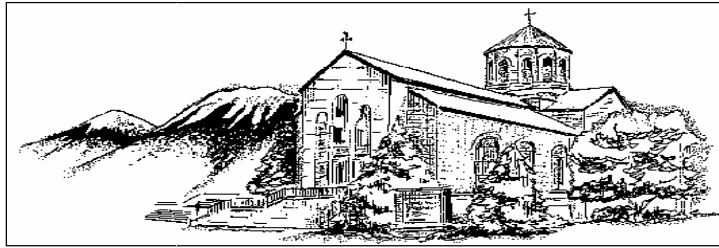
Over Columbus Days Weekend, Skye Jilajian, Ani Javardian, Natalie Movsesian and I, along with members of St. Sahag and St. Mesrob ACYOA Juniors attended the ACYOA Junior Sports Weekend at the Armenian Church of the Holy Translators in Framingham Massachusetts. Thanks to Krikor Javardian who was our chaperone and one of our coaches.

At the weekend, our ACYOA members and the ACYOA members of St. Sahag and St. Mesrob joined together to play dodge ball, volleyball, girls' basketball and boys' basketball. The Philly ACYOA Juniors were very successful and happy to win first place in co-ed volleyball and boys' basketball and second place in girls' basketball. We also took home the overall Chapter Trophy. Along with the sports, we all were able to enjoy two dances in the evenings which were very fun.



The theme of the weekend was "Soaring Hye" and Heroes. During the weekend there were speakers who spoke about what a hero was to them and who their heroes were. We also all worked together on a community project making care packages for Veterans who are recovering from wounds. Overall it was a great weekend and we were all able to help out the Veterans and have fun!

Brenda Yazujian
Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors Chairman



Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church
Chesternham, Pennsylvania

Christmas Services 2012

Wednesday January 5, 2012
Christmas Eve
7:00 PM

Thursday January 6, 2012
Christmas Day
10:30 AM

Sunday January 8, 2012
Blessing of the Water
10:30 AM

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

The Pastor and Parish Council of Holy Trinity and all of your friends listed below wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Richard, Linda, Stefanie & Lori Vishab

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Evelyn and Richard Weinsheimer

Kim and Gena Willard

Berj and Mary Yeretjian

We deeply appreciate the generosity from all those named above who share the Glad Tidings of Christmas with all our Church Family and Friends.

CHURCH NEWS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Kudos to all of you who filled 52 shoeboxes this year for Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse. These compassionate people truly fulfilled all three elements of what comprises stewardship. They took the *time* to shop for items to fill the boxes; they used their creativity (*talent*) to decide what a boy or girl in a certain age category would enjoy; and they willingly used their *treasure* to see it through. They lived the Gospel message: "whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me." Thank you for caring and sharing.

CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES

No matter how long (or short) you've been married, you are invited to church on Sunday, February 12 to receive a special blessing during Dyaruntaratch. This minor feast in the Armenian Church celebrates the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple which takes place forty days after His birth. Antasdan (Blessing of the four corners) will also take place. Weather permitting, we will again this year proceed outside after church to "jump the fire" as is the tradition associated with this feast.



*"worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles;
it takes away today's peace"*

THANK
YOU!

A SINCERE THANK YOU

We wish to thank Der Hayr and the Parish Council for the honor bestowed on us as "Pillars of the Church" at the 45th Anniversary Dinner of Holy Trinity Armenian Church. It was a wonderful day and we are humbled by this honor - something that we didn't expect or felt necessary, since we do what we do because we love and care for our church.

Merle Santerian

John Kash

Lorraine & Bob Damerjian

Jeanette & Larry Der Hagopian

FROM DER HAYR'S MAILBOX:

Dear Rev. Fr. Hakob,
Thank you so much for the wonderful messages and explanations which you provide for the internet community. I am a new subscriber to the Sunday Messenger and already I look forward to it each week. Your efforts do much to enhance religious understanding and appreciation – and thus also enrich the faith– of all your readers. May God bless you and your webmaster so that this ministry can continue and be fruitful.

Sincerely,
Cathryn Maqrui – Vienna, Austria

A NEW ADDITION AT HOLY TRINITY!

Has anyone noticed anything different about the church these last two weeks? Did you find that you were more comfortable in your seats? If the answer is "Yes", then you are one of the many who are very observant about what goes on at Holy Trinity! If you haven't noticed, then you are one of the many who have not been to church in the last two weeks or are not very observant, and have missed out on what was just installed on our church pews. Yes! we finally got our new pew cushions, thanks to part of the money we received from PAND; and, much to our delight, everyone with whom we have spoken just loves how comfortable they are. Choir Members are also happy to have them, thanks to the donation of Haig Torossian whose generosity paid for the Choir Loft cushions.

PROUD GRANDPARENTS

Kalie Kalustyan, granddaughter of Berdj & Alice Kalustyan, and a 2008 graduate of Villanova with a marketing and business degree, has been promoted to Associate Manager for National Marketing and Public Relations of all Reebok products. As such, she will be responsible for the supervision of about thirty marketing reps. Kalie has relocated to Boston, the corporate headquarters for Reebok Worldwide. Well done Kalie!

BIRTHRIGHT ARMENIA TO YEREVAN INTERNET NEWS STATION

Greg Bilazarian, son of Peter and Robin Bilazarian, is working in the establishment of an internet news station in Armenia. He began this journey with a two-month internship through Birthright Armenia working for the Civiltas Foundation, an organization founded by Armenia's former foreign minister Vardan Oskanyan to encourage civil society in Armenia. Greg's involvement with Birthright Armenia and the Civiltas foundation was featured in a Jerusalem Post article. Here is the link <http://www.jpost.com/Features/InTheSpotlight/Article.aspx?id=233919>, or google search "Jerusalem Post, Birthright Armenia."

Upon completing Birthright, he accepted a one-year contract as a producer/manager and English anchor for Civilnet TV. This recently launched, web-based news station conducts hourly reports from noon to 9 PM local time, each lasting a few minutes. Most stories are in Armenian, but Greg is typically involved in one English report every day. You can follow the news from Armenia presented in an objective fashion at www.civilnet.tv. There are also Facebook and YouTube pages available to make access easier. We hope you will support and enjoy this endeavor by tuning in often and joining the forums and discussions designed to bridge the gap between the Diaspora and Armenia.

Greg has a degree in Broadcast Journalism and Economics from Syracuse University and worked four years as an ABC television reporter in Florida and Ohio. As such, he is now directing and teaching all aspects of broadcasting to this new initiative. He says he has never been happier professionally to be teaching his skills while learning so much more (including the language!) from the team of young, Armenian journalists.

And even further....His sister Laura just joined him in Yerevan for a two-month journey. Who knows what opportunities Laura, a business major, will find! Both will be back home for Christmas for at least three weeks. Their parents are grateful everyday for Skype! Greg will be presenting some of the day-to-day realities of Armenia in a very personal manner on Sunday January 8th at Holy Trinity.

Submitted by Robin and Pete Bilazarian,
tel. 609-634-1301 or email Robin1444@aol.com if you have any questions about this article.



UPDATE ON THE FULLER CENTER FOR HOUSING (FCH) YOUTH ADULT TRIP:

Natalie Movsesian and Allison Moore received notice that the Gyozyalyan family of the village of Dasht in Armavir province moved into their completed home this November. The mayor of Dasht village expressed his gratitude "to all those who help people to make their dreams come true, to people who give their time and efforts so as others might have decent place to live." The Gyozyalyan family house was sponsored by the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America within His Holiness Karekin II "Building on Faith" work project. Natalie and Allison were among the three U.S. and a number of local volunteer

groups that shared their time by building this house along with the family and local community. It was the 29th house dedicated in the frame of His Holiness Karekin II "Building on Faith" work project and five more families are in the process of building their homes. See full article at www.facebook.com/fullercenterarmenia.



Church News

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec 24, 7 pm - Traditional Christmas Eve
- Jan 5, 7 pm - Armenian Christmas Eve
- Jan 6, 10:30 am - Armenian Christmas Service
- Jan 8, 10:30 am - Armenian Christmas & Blessing of Waters
- Jan 8, following Badarak - Greg Bilizarian on the Civiltas Foundation in Yerevan
- Feb 5 - Annual Parish Assembly (snow dates Feb 12 or 19)
- Feb 12 - Dyaruntarach – Blessing of Married Couples
- Feb 10 - First Day of Lent



Chrch . . . What is missing?

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Your Church Needs YOU! The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to run for the Parish Council, Nominating Committee and Auditing Committee at the Parish Assembly on February 5, 2012. If you or someone you know would like to serve our parish in one of these capacities, or have any questions, please contact Antranig Garibian (215-680-5581, garibian@gmail.com), Merle Santerian (215-947-3777, merle712@aol.com) or Marta Brann (215-464-2568, martabrann@comcast.net). Nominees must be dues paying members for at least one year. Please volunteer to run or agree to accept a nomination. Holy Trinity needs your time and talent!

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Our circulation reaches over 500 homes. But we can't do it alone. Thanks to many of the business you see in here, they help to defray the cost.

If you enjoy receiving the Looy's and would like to help defray the cost, donations are greatly appreciated!

Please send your tax deductible check to
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Thank you for your support!

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In memory of Sarah Terkhanian
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In memory of Arthur Aznavuryan
Armenoui Aznavuryan
Lolita Babikian

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Mass card for Alice Javizian
Russ and Maggie Tandourjian

LOOYS Donation
Mardie Juskalian

Mass Card for Sarah C. Kelly
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Deacon's Fund
Garo Garibian

In memory of Margaret Boyajian
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In Celebration of Raffi Garibian's Birth
Gloria Sabater

In memory of Alex Santerian
Larry and Jeanette Der Hagopian

In memory of Alice Gortian
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*As you pass our lovely church, be sure to plan a visit
 So at last when you're carried in,
 God won't ask "Who is it?"*

by Deacon Albert Keshgegian



*Christ in our midst has been revealed;
He Who Is God is here seated.
The voice of peace has resounded;
Holy greeting is commanded.
The kiss is given for a full bond.
The enmity has been removed;
And love is spread over us all.*



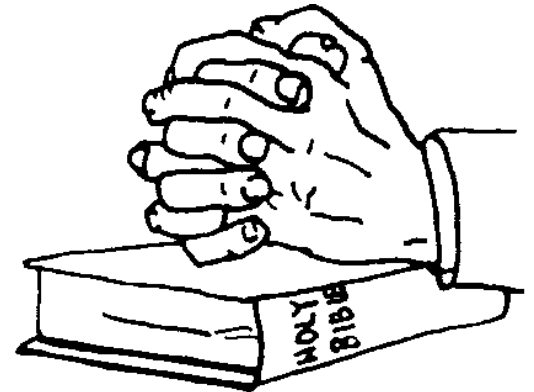
--from Hymn of the Kiss of Peace

It's an age-old dream of humanity, a dream we all share: a world without war, strife, enmity or hatred. A world where peace reigns and everyone treats everyone else with love. This dream will probably never come true in our imperfect world, but it already exists in God's Kingdom in heaven and in the representative of his Kingdom on earth – the Church.

The person who brought us this peace was Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and part of the Holy Trinity, who became human to reconcile us with God. God had given us his laws to obey, and humanity had repeatedly broken them. But rather than punishing us, God, out of his love for us, chose to send his Son to become one of us, to show us the immensity of God's love, and to suffer and die so that we would not have to. Christ brought us the message of God's love, of how we can become right with God, and share in the peace and joy of his Kingdom forever.

During the Divine Liturgy, at the beginning of the portion called the Holy Sacrifice, the bread and wine, representing our offering to God but also Christ's body and blood, are brought in procession to the altar from the side niche or altar where they had been placed after being prepared earlier in the service. In some ways the Divine Liturgy represents all of Christ's life, and the bringing of the bread and wine to the altar indicates that Christ has come into our lives and is now actually among us. As Christ himself said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Mt. 18:20). In a real sense, he is now "seated" on the altar. We celebrate the coming of Christ, our reconciliation with God, and our unity in his Church, by giving each other the Kiss of Peace and singing its hymn.

Early Christians often greeted each other with a "holy kiss"; St. Paul ended a number of his epistles by writing "Greet one another with a holy kiss" (for example, Rom. 16:16). Once Christ is in our midst in the Divine Liturgy, we can and should do the same. It is a dramatic sight to see the "Voghchooyn" (greeting) come down from the altar (representing heaven) and move through the entire congregation pew-by-pew from the front to the back. As we have become reconciled with God through Christ, so must we become reconciled with each other. Only in that way can we truly become part of Christ's body, which he is offering for us as sacrifice, and which also is his Church. As Christ commanded, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift" (Mt. 5:23). The first epistle of John (1Jn. 4:20) goes on to tell us "Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen" .



How do we respond to the coming of Christ and his words for us? Is the Kiss of Peace an action that we just ceremonially perform on Sunday mornings, or is it something that guides our entire life? How do we treat others? With love and respect, as we ourselves would wish to be treated, or as people that we must fight with or brush past in order to obtain our own selfish desires?

Only if the love of God and the peace of Christ rule our lives can we truly participate fully in his Church and look forward to the time when this world of enmity and hatred ends and the Kingdom of God on earth begins. Only when peace is in our hearts and love is truly spread over us all can we meaningfully exclaim to each other the words of the Kiss of Peace:

-- Krisdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.
Christ has been revealed among us!

-- Orhnyal eh haydnootyoonun Krisdosee.
Blessed is the revelation of Christ!

ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Best wishes to Chris and Ernie Peacock as they celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in Italy. We wish them many more healthy years ahead – and more exciting trips as well!... A happy 10th anniversary to Gena and Kim Willard who celebrated with a European cruise. How time flies!...Welcome to Raffi Munir Garibian born in September to Antranig and Sabrina Garibian. And congratulations also to first-time grandparents Rosemary Garibian and Garo Garibian and the rest of their families.....Wedding bells rang for Erika Hajatian and Michael Torosian who were wed on November 12. It was a special joy for the HT family, having seen Erika grow up! Best wishes to the entire Hajatian clan.... Stephanie Vishab has moved to Bangkok, Thailand until March where she will be teaching English to children in Kindergarten and First Grade. We expect she'll be doing some travelling while there, as she is truly a world traveler! Good luck, Steph.....Check out www.civilnet.tv where Greg Bilizarian is broadcasting from Yerevan, Armenia. Greg helped launch a new web-based internet television show.... Deepest sympathy to the Kapeghian family on the passing of their beloved mother and sister, Mary, who was married to our dear Kappy. We have a long history with the Kapeghian family and many will remember all the years that Mary was our faithful church secretary....What an incredible undertaking that Fran and Ana Torcomian and Nancy Hovnanian and Karinne' Andonian embarked on as they committed to the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure Walk in mid-October. The Walk covered 60 miles and they raised thousands of dollars for cancer research. We salute them! (See article elsewhere in this issue.) Still on the mend is Armena Bartow. We miss seeing her and pray she continues to improve..... We offer our sympathy to Doris Alahverde on loss of her dear husband, Armen, a regular at Holy Trinity for many, many years. We are always reminded of the sweet basil from his garden that he donated each year for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross Sincere condolence is extended to Valerie Der Pilbosian, Alexander Santerian, Albert and Linda Santerian and their families on the loss of their father, grandfather, brother and uncle, Alex Santerian Sr. Additionally, we also extend sympathy to Bob and Jean Ohnigian and their family on the passing of Bob's mother Grace, an active member of Armenian Martyrs...Congratulations to our "seniors" on achieving milestone birthdays during October: Mary Paretchan who turned 95, and Rose Serabian (mother of Merle) who turned 102. What's their secret!!...We joyfully witnessed the baptism of three new baby boys among us: Paul Charlie Terkanian, Tavit Stephen Murray and Raffi Munir Garibian. May they grow strong in faith.....Our young people are taking leadership roles and making us proud. At the October Intercommunal event, Nadia Silk made a presentation about her trip to Armenia and Karinne' Andonian entertained us with beautiful songs... Just before we went to press, we learned of the passing of long-time member Mike Hajatian, Sr. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Penny, sons Mike and Jeff, and the entire Hajatian family. He will be missed by his extended family at Holy Trinity...As we approach the season of Christ's birth, we pray that all will be renewed in spirit and begin the New Year with hope and energy.!



Parents: Jake and Gina Terkanian

Baby: Paul Charlie Terkanian

Godparents: Christopher and Kristen Vosbikian

Date of Baptism: September 17, 2011



Parents: Tavit and Stacy Murray

Baby: Tavit Stephen Murray

Godfather: Michael Murray

Godmother: Sabrina Walter

Date of Baptism: October 2, 2011



Parents: Antranig and Sabrina Garibian

Baby: Raffi Munir Garibian

Godparents: Toros Torcomian and Anita Torcomian

Date of Baptism: November 26, 2011

Address Changes and/or Additions

Valerie and Harry Santerian
1323 Squire Drive
Ambler, PA 19002
Valerie: 215-272-1223
Harry: 215-901-6600
Our new email address is: vtsanterian@gmail.com

Funerals 2011

ARMEN ALAHVERDE entered into his eternal rest on October 10, 2011. Funeral services were held on October 17, 2011 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

GEORGE KANGIAN entered into his eternal rest on October 28, 2011. Funeral services were held on November 11, 2011 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

ALBERT LOUSINIAN entered into his eternal rest on November 12, 2011. Funeral services were held on November 16, 2011 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

ROSE EJDAHARIAN entered into his eternal rest on November 26, 2011. Funeral services were held on December 1, 2011 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

MICHAEL HAJATIAN SR. entered into his eternal rest on December 4, 2011. Funeral services were held on December 9, 2011 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

Inter-communal Group



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Civil War Veteran Dedication

On Saturday October 1 the grave of a Civil War Veteran was dedicated by the Church Clergy (5). With the effort of Philadelphia Armenian-American Veterans Association and the effort of Paul Sookiassian, and a generous donation, a Khachkar war dedicated to the Civil War Veteran, Khachadour Garabedian 1836 - 1881.

*The best gift for the younger generation
is a good example from
the older generation.*

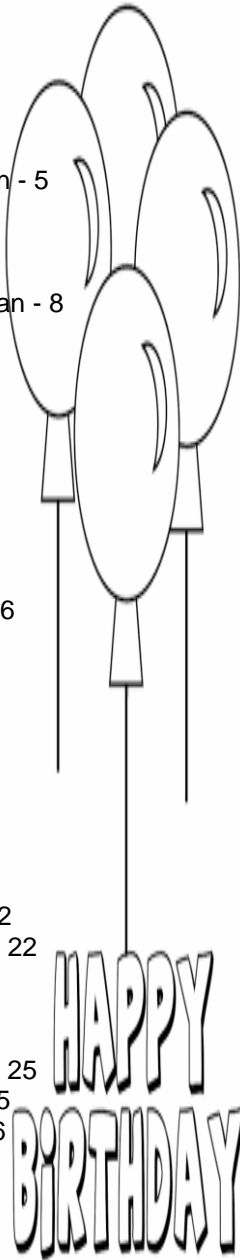


MEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

This listing is for dues-paying members. If you should be included but are not, please advise the church office.

January

May Arzoumanian - 1
 Drew Doudoukjian - 4
 Serge Minassian - 4
 Andrea Minassian - 5
 Mark Santerian - 5
 Alec Edward Yeretzian - 5
 Laura Temoyan - 6
 Nicole Santerian - 7
 Berj Yeretzian, Sr - 7
 Alexander Arzoumanian - 8
 Naomi Mukalian - 8
 Helen Vishab - 8
 Diane Williames - 8
 Lori Sarkisian - 9
 Rose Carlucci - 13
 Fred Jordan - 13
 Sona Nalbandian - 13
 Robert Temoyan - 14
 Arax Gargan - 16
 Victoria Gureghian - 16
 Larry Grocott - 17
 Amy Terkanian - 17
 Lillian Ambarian - 18
 Dylan Santerian - 18
 Halle Santerian - 18
 Luceen Attarian - 21
 Albert Chapjian - 21
 Ella Hanamirian - 22
 Nareg Kaprielian - 22
 Albert Keshgegian - 22
 Evelyn Weinsheimer - 22
 John Williames - 22
 Daniel Aslanian - 23
 Betty Hovsepien - 24
 Hagop Arzoumanian - 25
 Sarkis Nalbandian - 25
 Sophia Carnevale - 26
 Gay Hagopian - 29
 John Hanamirian - 30
 Pauline Dedeian - 31



February

Frank Aghazarmian - 1
 Jamie Kapeghian Ward - 1
 Rev Fr Hakob Gevorgyan - 2
 Berdj Movsesian - 2
 Frederick Jordan, Jr - 3
 Rimma Rafiyeva - 3
 Anna Hanamirian - 4
 Michael Santerian - 4
 Kyle Burrows - 6
 Eileen Carr - 6
 Michael Hajatian, Jr - 6
 Melanie Minassian - 7
 Gregory Yazujian - 7
 Ashley Radell - 8
 Van Injaian - 9
 Haig Torigian - 9
 Michael Hajatian - 10
 Mark Kalenian - 14
 Ricky Mukalian - 14
 Ayshe Chakmaklian - 15
 Vartan Gevorgyan - 15
 Pearl Jamgochian - 17
 Wilson Theobald - 17
 Gale Zorian - 17
 John Bandaian - 18
 Gloria Basmajian - 18
 Timothy Gargan - 18
 Alexander Balint - 20
 Janice Kapeghian King - 20
 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
 Doretta Aslanian - 28



March

Doris Alahverde - 1
 John Arslanian - 1
 Paul Movsesian - 1
 Peter Ohnigian - 1
 Toros Torcomian - 1
 Deran Maloumian - 2
 Arsen Hanamirian - 3
 Barbara Papazian - 3
 Gary DerHagopian, Jr - 5
 Gary Papazian, Jr - 5
 John Kash - 6
 Casey Baldadian - 7
 Michael Tookmanian - 7
 Robin Bilazarian - 11
 Florence Boyajian - 12
 Francesca Torcomian - 12
 Lucy Garabedian - 13
 Kevin Kalustyan - 13
 Jaclyn King - 13
 Nishan Boyajian - 14
 Scott King - 14
 Robert Damerjian - 15
 Rose Okurian - 15
 Benjamin Asadoorian - 17
 Mikenzie Juskalian - 20
 Nancy Hovnanian - 21
 Ara Arzoumanian - 22
 Michael Juskalian - 22
 Bob Kangian - 22
 Virginia Kouyoumjian - 22
 Melody Damerjian - 23
 Michael Santerian - 23
 Robert Damerjian, Sr - 24
 Michael Paretchan, Jr. - 24
 Terri Sadjian-Mears - 25
 Brenda Jilajian - 26
 Mary Yeretzian - 26
 Ronald Gooshian - 27
 Skye Jilajian - 27
 Mariett Kalenian - 29

Wedding Anniversaries

January

Richard & Rose Carlucci	1/10/1954
Michael & Tanya Paretchan	1/15/1972
Tom & Barbara Harmon	1/21/2006
Richard & Helen Kazigian	1/25/1953
Diran & Andrea Alexanian	1/29/2000
Gary & Susan DerHagopian	1/31/1981



February

Alex & Annabelle Alexanian	2/4/????
Philip & Marie Kazanjian	2/6/1955
Berdj & Adrienne Movsesian	2/10/1963
Harry & Alice Andonian	2/24/1951
Robert & Tara Zane	2/26/2000

March

Gary & Carol Jerrahian Miller	3/23/2004
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IN LIEU OF FLOWERS

ARPINE LULEJIAN (continued)

Rev. Fr. Arten & Yn. Mary Ashjian
Gregory and Maria Javardian
Mardie Juskalian
Richard and Linda Vishab
NEW TOTAL: \$2,060.00

ARMEN ALAHVERDE

Ron and Betty Agasar
Arpen and Frank Agasar
James & Mary Jane Agasar
Armen J. Alahverde
Alice & Harry A. Andonian
Anonymous
Mr. & Mrs. Aoun
Robert and Elizabeth Barone
David and Marta Brann
Lynne Boghossian
Florence Boyajian
Nargis Buchakjian
Ayshe Chakmaklian
Albert & Pauline Chapjian
Alice Charles
Kiong Lee Banh & Tinh Chiem
Lynne Connor
Kathryn Cotler
Robert & Lorraine Damerjian
Robert & Melody Damerjian
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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maloumian
Diana and William McGarvey
Rose Minassian
Harry & Anita Mirijanian
Berjoohy Murray
Mr. and Mrs. George Nazarethian
Annabell Noroyan
Barbara Papazian
The Pappas Family
Mr. & Mrs. Don Paretchan
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Mickey Sherian
Mary Shomon & Family
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Doris & Daniel Sourwine
Edward Terzian & Ethel Terzian
Jack & Helen Vishab
Richard and Evelyn Weinsheimer
Rosemarie Zartarian
TOTAL: \$ 1,855.00



GEORGE KANGIAN

White Horse District Committee, Boy
Scouts of America
Mr. and Mrs. Alex Alexanian
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Andonian
John Arslanian
Florence Boyajian
David and Marta Brann
George Brown
John and Kathy Burmaster
Eleanor Cantando
Wendy Cutler
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Jane and Larry Kiert
Lucille & Grant Mazmanian
Mr. & Mrs. John Meterissian
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mirijanian
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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Santerian
Merle Santerian
Sarkisian Family, Harry, Donna,
Greg & Jon
Harry Shaboian
Margo and Sam Silk
Evelyn Sukala
Edward Terzian and Ethel Terzian
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Terzian
Richard and Evelyn Weinsheimer
Berj and Mary Yerezian
Jean and Lisa Zacker
Armen and Rose Zartarian
TOTAL: \$1,590.00

ALBERT LOUSINIAN

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and Sons
Armena Bekarian
Roupen and Helen Berberian
Ayshe Chakmaklian
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John Devedjian
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George and Joyce Gutchigian
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TOTAL: \$2,085.00

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TOTAL: \$ 660.00

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stepanian Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stepanian Sr.
TOTAL: 645.00

*God has not taken them from us.
He has hidden them in His heart,
that they may be closer to ours.*

IN MEMORIAM

Armen Joseph Alahverde, Sr.

Loving Husband, nurturing Father, proud Grandfather and great Grandfather, Armen Joseph Alahverde, Sr., 92, a lifelong resident of the Philadelphia area and longtime resident of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania joined God's kingdom this past Monday, October 10, 2011. Armen is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Doris and their daughter Faith (Jose) & son Joseph (Maria). Armen is also survived by his oldest sons Armen Jr. & Stephen (Helene), a sister Arpen Agasar of Langhorne, seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Armen was born in 1919 to Sophia (nee Keworkian) Alahverde and Joseph Stephan Alahverde, both Armenian immigrants who came from Persia to Philadelphia in the early 1900s.

Armen served honorably during the 1930s in The Fairmount Park Cavalry Division of The PA. National Guard and later in the U.S. Army. He ran a successful painting contractor business for 70 years by trade, and was actively working until early 2011.

Armen was a self-educated man, and family and friends admired his encyclopedic knowledge and conversation on a variety of subjects. He passed on this love of learning to his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, in particular through his knack for telling stories and jokes.

In his spare time, Armen enjoyed studying and speaking foreign languages including Armenian, Assyrian, Arabic, French, Latin & Farsi. He loved to peruse the bookshelves of local resale shops searching for old tomes and interesting artifacts. Old books about ancient history were particular favorites.

Armen was an avid herb gardener who always gave credit to God for the abundant harvest of his lovingly tended garden. He prepared and gave away his homemade cheese spread with his garden grown herbs. Each fall, Armen proudly donated his bumper crop of basil for the Blessing Of The Basil/Transfiguration of the Cross celebration at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church in Cheltenham.

In 1979, Armen was commended for bravery by The Philadelphia Police Department for his assistance in the apprehension of an armed robber.

Armen was a hardworking man whose life revolved around family, God, pride in country & love of learning. Armen had a charitable heart and lent a hand to his fellow man as well as God's creatures.

He was loved by his customers, friends, neighbors & fellow parishioners of the two churches he attended, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Burholme, and Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church in Cheltenham.

An evening viewing was held Sunday, October 16th from 7-9 PM with a service at 8 p.m. at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church, 101 Ashmead Rd. Cheltenham, Pa. 19012. Monday morning, October 17th, a viewing will be held at Holy Trinity from 10-11 AM, with a service at 11 am and burial at Lawnview Cemetery, 500 Huntingdon Pike Rockledge, PA. 19046.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Armen's memory to Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church.



Remembering Mary and Kappy Kapeghian

Kappy and Mary were both eight years old when they first met in 1931 at the marriage of Haig and Ovsanna Injaian. Most of the guests took the Delaware River Ferry to get across the Delaware River into Camden, New Jersey, where the wedding was to take place. At the reception, a little boy (Kappy) made a great impression on Mary when he helped her get a bottle of orange soda out of a huge metal washtub filled with ice and water.

It was ironic that years later they should meet again, but this time through wartime correspondence. During World War II, Kappy (Junior, as he is known to his family) enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. A fellow GI bunkmate, John Kerner, told Kappy he was writing to a "nice, young, pretty Armenian girl." John Kerner was from Philadelphia and lived about three blocks from Mary's house. He was the best friend of her brother John.

Kappy's curiosity was piqued, and he asked if he could also write to John's "pen pal." Correspondence was the next move, and the lonely GI sent a letter and picture to Mary. This was the beginning of their brief courtship through love letters. Kappy's picture was eventually seen by Ovsanna while visiting the Autian family. To her surprise, she recognized the soldier as "our Junior." From then on, Ovsanna was instrumental in arranging their first meeting.

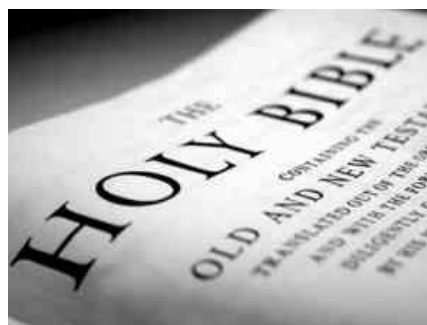
Months later, after seeing each other twice on two separate furloughs, Uncle Charlie, Aunt Florence and Rose Kapeghian visited the Autian family with Junior. They asked Mary's father for her hand in marriage. That was on Wednesday, April 19, 1944.

Mary bought her wedding dress. It was called a furlough dress because it could be purchased at a moment's notice. The bridesmaids borrowed their dresses - each of a different color. She didn't worry about the ushers; they had their uniforms. The Kapeghian family and Ovsanna made all the wedding arrangements such as food, pictures, invitations by phone, etc., and in three days, the wedding took place. They were married on April 23, 1944, at Holy Trinity Armenian Church at Susquehanna and Marshall Streets. Haig Injaian was the Best Man and Ovsanna Sarafian Injaian was the Matron of Honor; little Margie, their daughter, was the Flower Girl.

It's still amazing that so much was accomplished in such a short time. Kappy was sent overseas as World War II continued. Mary stayed with her parents until her new husband came home in December, 1945. So, the hasty wartime marriage between a young, naive couple did survive through sixty-four years, three children and four grandchildren.

Now they are together once again.

(Taken from the Kapeghian Family Reunion Book.)



REMEMBERING BARBARA JERRAHIAN KUMKUMIAN

Barbara has been honored in many ways this past year by her devoted friends and colleagues. Many continue to call and write with wonderful stories and pictures and they give us great joy and comfort.

I would like to share a few special tributes. Asdghig Kazanjian had Barbara's picture prominently displayed in Armenian Delight for the entire year after her passing. The Armenian Sister's Academy remembered Senora Kumkumian in their yearbook with a lovely picture of Barbara and farewell message.

Lynne Gulezian created an original piece of art in Barbara's memory as part of her "Sucker-Punched" series which is being exhibited at the Bego Ezair Gallery on Madison Avenue in New York City from November 1 – 30, 2011.

The Haverford Township Free Library dedicated twelve books in Barbara's memory in late February. It was obvious that considerable thought was given to the selections as each book covers one of Barbara's many passions. Seven of the books were donated by friends and five were donated In Loving Memory of BARBARA KUMKUMIAN, Our Friend and Colleague, by the Staff of the Haverford Township Free Library.

- The Armenians – Art, Culture and Religion
- The Armenian Table
- Armenia & Karabagh
- Family of Shadows
- Cut Flowers of the World
- A Householder's Guide to the Universe
- The Foreign Film Renaissance on American Screens
- Children's Books
- Silvericious
- ABC Dinosaurs
- Look! A Book!
- Max and the Lost Note
- Cuddle Up, Goodnight

The library staff also presented three books to her grandson Nicholas Robert Bokas who was born eleven days after her passing on October 16, 2010 (the date of his great grandparents Bob and Naz Jerrahian's wedding anniversary!). Those books are:

- Gadoo the Cat – An Armenian Folktale
- Armenian History: A Journey for Children
- Where Does the Sun Goes at Night?

All fifteen books were displayed beautifully on a lace covered table surrounded by flowers, candles and pictures of Barbara that featured her radiant smile. Another table was laid out with lahmajoon, tell tell baneer, basterma, burma, and apricots. It was a true Armenian table and was very much enjoyed and greatly appreciated.

We thank everyone for their continued love of Barbara; as long as she is remembered, she will be with us always.

Carol Jerrahian Miller



**Sorrow looks back
Worry looks around
Faith looks up**

Author Unknown

AN AMAZING WEEKEND

By Fran and Ana Torcomian

This past October I had the honor, along with my daughter Ana, my niece Sara, and my sister Millicent, to participate in the *SUSAN G. KOMAN 3 DAY FOR THE CURE* - a sixty-mile walk raising funds to find a cure for Breast Cancer and help women obtain mammograms and information necessary to live a life without this disease.

This was Ana's idea last February and it quickly became a family affair especially when we discovered that the final day of the walk, October 16th, would have been my sister Gloria's 61st birthday. I lost my sister to Breast Cancer when she was 42 years old ... this would be a wonderful way to remember her and celebrate her life.

We trained over the summer spending hours walking together, but mostly alone. Finally, after many months, our weekend arrived.



It was an amazing weekend with a sea of people in pink! But beyond the hundreds of walkers - men & women, young & old - were the volunteers who were also involved in the weekend. They were a constant source of encouragement and strength. They fed us, kept us safe and mended us at the end of the day. We knew how really important they were on the second day of the walk at about the 18th mile.

We were on the River Drive heading back to the city; no cheering crowds giving us snacks, no sweep vans to beep at us and rescue us from our pain....it was just us and our feet, and I didn't know if I could go another step, let alone another 5 miles.

So I began to think of my sister and all she endured fighting the cancer and for her right to raise her young children....what I was doing could not even compare. So we began to sing her favorite songs and we did it.... We finished our day!

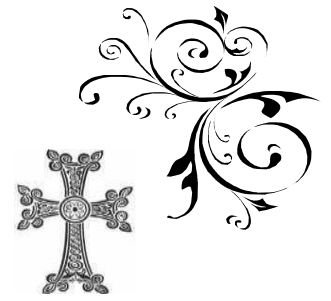
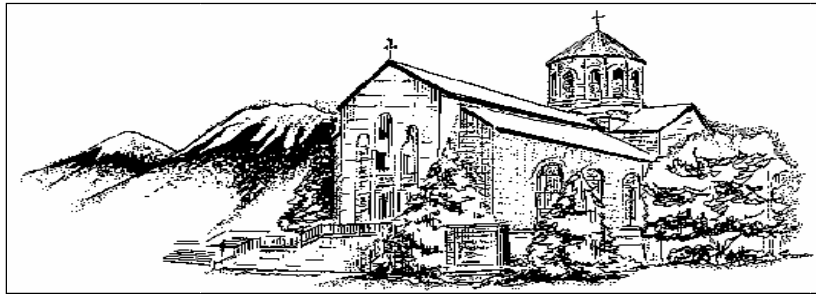
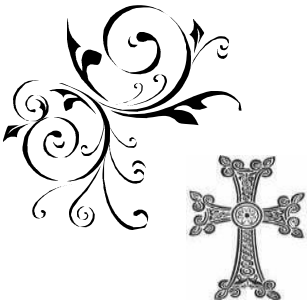
Our third and last day was great. We spent a great time with Nancy Hovnanian and Karinne Andonian enjoying South Philly and cheese steaks. Our finish at the Navy Yard was once again an incredible sea of pink energy from people cheering for you and the sixty-mile accomplishment. We were blessed to have many of our supporting friends and family surprise us by joining us for the Closing Ceremonies. But it was the final moments of the ceremony that touched me the most.

Breast Cancer survivors walk into the ceremony last. Nancy and I were linked arm-in-arm with other survivors, with Nancy on my right and a young woman on my left. Everyone began sharing how many years they've survived. I realized this young woman could have only been in her late 20's or early 30's when diagnosed. As I looked around at this army of women, arm-in-arm, I saw more young faces, more than I'd first realized, and at that moment it was clear....this was more than celebrating my sister's memory, it was for our daughters and our granddaughters so that, hopefully, they may never know this disease.

For Ana, the unbearable pain in her feet and the shin splints didn't matter anymore once she entered the Naval Yard and felt the warmth of the crowds and the love of our friends and family. Sharing the 3-Day Walk with her aunt, cousin, mom, Karinne and Aunt Nancy made all the struggles completely worth it and felt it was the most emotional and amazing experience of her entire life.

Our team, Team Gloria, raised over \$10,000 to fight Breast Cancer. Thank you once again, everyone, for your support.





Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church

Cheltenham, Pennsylvania

Presents



2012 Lenten Services

Services 6:30pm

Dinner 7:00pm

Program to Follow



Friday, February 24, 2012

Topic: Seven Words Addressed
to the Cross

Speaker: Dr. Garo Garibian



Friday, March 2, 2012

Topic: Exploration of the Liturgical
Differences among the Cultures
of the Oriental Orthodox Church

Speaker: Nadia Silk

Friday, March 9, 2012

Topic: Reflection on the Holy Badarak
Speaker: Very Rev Fr Simyon Odabashian

Friday, March 16, 2012

Topic: A Historic Trip to Digranagerd,
Many Firsts
Speaker: Dr. Garo Garibian

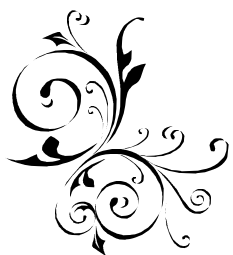
Friday, March 23, 2012

Topic: "Meaning of the Hymns
and Prayers of the Badarak"
Speaker: Albert Keshgegian



Friday, March 30, 2012

Topic: Armenian Church Jeopardy
with Host Al Trebekian
Speaker: Nancy Basmajian



A Lenten dinner will be served following Services

\$5.00 Adults

\$3.00 Children (ages 5-12)

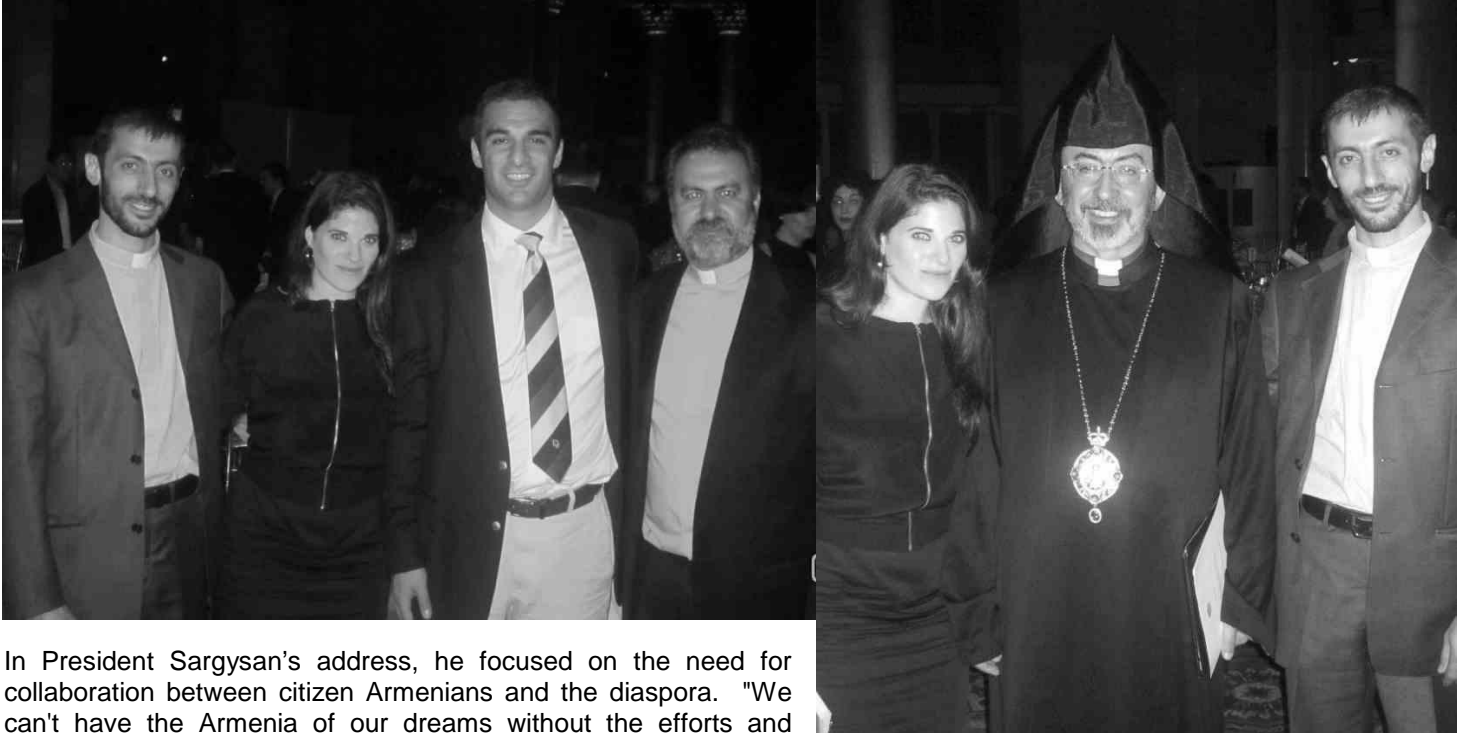


ARMENIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY: New York Celebration

By Nadia Silk

In celebration of Armenia's twentieth anniversary of being an independent nation, New York City welcomed President Serge Sargsyan to its downtown gem, Ciprini. The banquet was hosted by the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia to the United States, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Armenia to the United Nations and the leading Armenian-American Organizations.

Following a cocktail reception and dinner, a full program commenced with remarks from Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, our Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern). Archbishop Barsamian said "our 20th anniversary of independence is meaningful for many reasons; but in the largest sense, it is a vindication of the Armenian people: of our ability to endure, struggle, prosper, build, and grow even out of the ashes of pain and suffering. This milestone belongs to all of us: every Armenian alive on this planet has a reason to celebrate this achievement."



In President Sargsyan's address, he focused on the need for collaboration between citizen Armenians and the diaspora. "We can't have the Armenia of our dreams without the efforts and contributions of diasporan Armenians. On the other hand, we can't have a diaspora that is productively preserving its national identity and language without the backing of a homeland that is recognized on the global stage."

Commended for their strides and service to homeland support, several leaders were recognized and honored with presidential medals. The recipients were Archbishop Khajag Barsamian; Berge Setrakian, President of the Armenian General Benevolent Fund; Rita Balian, the founder of the Armenian American Cultural Association (AACA); Ambassador Tatoul Markarian, Armenia's Ambassador to the United States; and Ambassador Garen Nazarian, Armenia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations.



United States Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, in a message, commended the Armenian community for its strides over the last two decades. "Armenia has made significant advances, but history shows that this path is never straight or easy. I celebrate with you your achievements, and encourage all Americans of Armenian ancestry to redouble their efforts to strengthen American-Armenian ties."

As a young, diasporan Armenian, I am grateful to have attended this remarkable event. Being among dynamic Armenians to celebrate our homeland's independence was uplifting; and hearing the word of our leaders was inspiring. I am thankful to Der Hakob for the opportunity.

* New stewards since last listing

Stewardship in action

Holy Trinity is blessed to have members and friends who are truly stewards of our church. Some of them include:

- ‡ Mary Paretchan, winner of the Men's 200 Club of \$1,000.00, who donated \$200.00 to the church for Stewardship and \$800.00 to Mer Doon, a home for orphans over the age of 18 in Armenia.
- ‡ Bob Temoyan who bound the runner used in the center aisle at church.
- ‡ Anne Terkanian for donating commercial baking trays and a standing rack to hold them, all of which make the kitchen a better functioning area.
- ‡ George Terkanian for providing materials and labor at no cost for the renovation of the Sunday School classrooms AND the parking lot lights
- ‡ Don Paretchan for overseeing and coordinating the renovation of the Sunday School classrooms.
- ‡ Melani Kodikian Burrows for donating tablecloths for church use.
- ‡ Ani Gooshian for a framed piece of artwork for the Ladies Room.

Please express your appreciation the next time you see them!

Welcome 2012

A new year is upon us and with it comes thoughts of new beginnings. With that in mind, we ask you to fill out the enclosed Membership and Stewardship forms (elsewhere in this issue) and make a commitment to be a part of the growth and family that is Holy Trinity. For any questions, feel free to ask any Parish Council member.

Stephen and Jean Ajemian
Florence Altoonian
Harry and Alice Andonian
Ralph and Nane Arpajian
John Arslanian

Hagop Arzoumanian
Steve and Doretta Aslanian

*** Walter Bagian**

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Garo Garibian
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Pearl Jamgochian
Harry and Rose Kalafian

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Albert and Patrice Keshgegian
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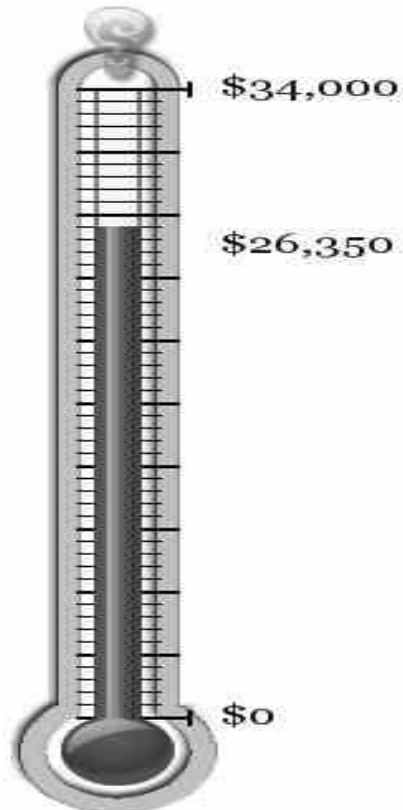
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*** Rosemarie Zarzatian**



Success

*You can use most any
measure when you're
speaking of success*

*You can measure it in fancy
home, expensive car or dress*

*But the measure of your
real success is the one you
cannot spend*

*It's the way your kids
describe you*

*When they're talking to a
friend*

(reprinted from "Keepers" by Dear Abby)

BAZAAR

Donors For Bazaar 2011

Armen and Doris Alahverde

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Alexanian

Harry and Alice Andonian

Mr. and Mrs. George Arslanian

(In Memory of Varsen Lousinia)

Arthur and KC Baldadian

David and Marta Brann

(In Memory of Deacon Krikor & Margaret Ohanian and Armenag & Marta Mirakian)

Robert and Lorraine Damerjian

(In Memory of the Damerjian and Hintlian Families)

Larry and Jeanette Der Hagopian

(In memory of Nicole Der Hagopian)

Michael and Lynn Hajatian

(In Memory of Hajatian & Vosbikian Families)

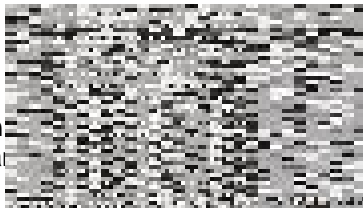
Mary and Harry Injaian

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kalafian

(In Memory of Aghavney Kalafian, Nerses & Pepron Mukhalian and Hripsima & Ohanes Mamasian)

Clarence Kalenian

(In memory of his wife, Marian N. Kalenian)



Ronald A. Kashkashian

(In Memory of Arsen, Katherine, John & Nicholas Kashkashian)

Philip and Marie Kazanjian

(In Memory of Arakel & Aroussiag Kazanjian)

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Killian

(In Memory of John & Dorothy Chalikian)

Brenda Tookmanian LeCompte

(In Memory of Helyn Zulalian)

Mr. and Mrs. George Nazarethian

Mary Paretchan

(In memory of Sooren Paretchan)

Merle Santerian

(In Memory of Ned Santerian, Corinne Santerian Moore, John Serabian, Edward & Rose Karnikian and Mike & Rose Santerian)

Harry Sarkisian

(In Memory of Dolores Sarkisian and Nicole Der Hagopian)

Charles and Alice Sisian

Mr. Edward Terzian

(In Memory of Avedis, Maritza & Zaven Terzian)

TOTAL: 1,475.00

The Extra Mile

Through the efforts of Donna Sarkisian, many items were donated by her vendors for use in the food preparation of our Harvest Bazaar. These included butter, chicken broth, rice and cheese and much appreciation is extended to her for soliciting these items for us.



Line forms to the Right

Bazaar of 2011 – waiting in line for delicious Armenian food

Thank you to all of our donors to the Chinese Auction at the Harvest Bazaar

Berjoohy Murray, Janice King, Barbara Harmon, Alen & Stacey Cakiryan, Greg & Grace Meranshian, Robert and Melody Damerjian, Robert and Lorraine Damerjian, Tom & Fran Torcomian, Nancy & Gloria Basmajian, Jeanette & Larry Der Hagopian, Pat & Joyce Killian, Larry Der Hagopian and Kim Sarajian, Susan & Gary Der Hagopian, Liz & Robert Barone, Tavid and Stacy Murray, Alice & Berj Kalustyan, Maria & Greg Javardian, Robert Barone, Jr., Richard & Naomi Mukalian, Nancy & Steve Hovnanian, Florence Boyajian, Adrienne & Serge Minassian, Merle Santerian, Marguerite Arslanian, Tanya Paretchan, Dolly & Mary Jamgochian, Anne & George Terkanian

The 2011 lucky winners of the Chinese Auction

Lorraine Damerjian (Michael Kors Signature Bag), Carol Jerrahian Miller (Angel Sweater Set), Joyce Gutchigian (14k gold cross & chain), Anne Terkanian (Sterling Cross & cord), Angel Obazian (Persian Wall Hanging), Clara Samelian (Bicentennial collage), Anne Terkanian (Abstract print), Angel Obozian (Abstract print), John Hanamirian Family (Chickie's & Pete's Gift Card), Karinne & Krikor Andonian (Regal Entertainment Gift Card), Nancy Hovnanian (Macy's Gift Card), John Hanamirian Family (Field House Restaurant Gift Card), John Hanamirian Family (iTunes Gift Cards), Alice Charles (Kosta Boda Candlesticks), Mary Parnagian (Coach handbag), Barbara Harmon (Michael Kors Tote Bag), Michael Paretchan (Basket of Cheer), Anne Ward, (Go Video/DVD), Anne Terkanian (Poker Games with basket of cheer), Michael Paretchan (Standing Santa Decoration), Andrew Movsessian (2 Phillies tickets), Gary Berberian (2 Phillies tickets), Christopher Torcomian (Eagles Tickets), Liz Barone (Philadelphia Museum of Art membership, mug and book), Nancy Basmajian (Basket of stoneware country dishes), Sky Jilajian (Coach Cosmetic Bag), Liz Barone (Golf @ Wedgewood CC), Cissy Der Hagopian (Stoneware dishes), Mary Ohnigian (Cross-stich baby blanket), Joyce Killian (framed picture), Liz Barone (framed picture), Florence Boyajian (framed picture), Legna Santerian (Basket of cheer), Jim Fariday (Basket of cheer), Carol Schwigster (The Works GT Trimmer)



2012 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE FORM

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State and Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email address: _____

Stewardship Pledge for 2012..... \$ _____

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

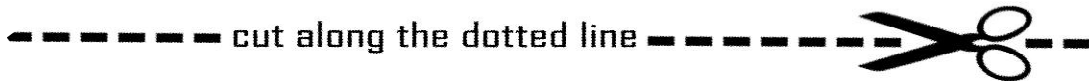
A pledge is a personal commitment, in addition to or besides Membership Dues, to support the mission and goals of Holy Trinity Armenian Church.

_____ \$100.00 _____ \$250.00 _____ \$500.00 _____ \$1,000.00 _____ Other

Spouse, if joint pledge: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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



2012 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership Dues for 2012..... \$ _____

Total for all dues paying members. Annual dues per person:

***\$260.00 Adult Membership (21 & over)**

***\$150.00 Seniors (age 65+)**

***\$75.00 Students (ages 18-22)**

A dues paying member of Holy Trinity Armenian Church must be at least 18 years of age and pay the required annual dues in order to be a member in good standing.

Please list the names of those who wish to be dues paying members:

Name _____ DoB _____

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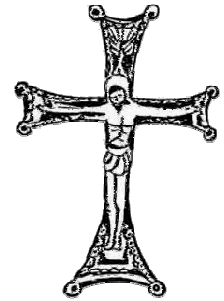
Signature: _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. Please mail this form to the church office as soon as possible. If you have any questions about how to complete this form, please call the church office (215-663-1600).

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



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www.holytrinity-pa.org



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

CHURCH INFORMATION

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 Church Kitchen Telephone: 215-663-0428
 Pastor: Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan
 frhakob@holytrinity-pa.org
 Church Secretary: Maggie Miller
 office@holytrinity-pa.org

REGULAR SUNDAY HOURS OF WORSHIP

Morning Service: 10:00 AM
 Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak): 10:30 AM
 Sunday School: 10:30 AM
 Armenian School: 12:30 PM

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