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Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church



LOOYS



Cheltenham, PA

October to December 2013



Hours of Worship

- Morning Service: 10:00 AM
- Divine Liturgy: 10:30 AM
- Sunday Church School:
10:15 AM

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



Upcoming Events

- So many events upcoming, there is not enough room to list them all. Please check them out on the inside.
- January 6 - Armenian Christmas Badarak
- March 29 – Walk thru the New Testament
- April 13 – Palm Sunday Banquet

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THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

"Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; and you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it" (Exodus 20:8-11).

The Sabbath in the Old Testament was given to man as a Blessing for man to imitate God's rest. When Jesus Christ came, He changed the interpretation of Sabbath. Honoring the Sabbath today means rest in Christ, rest from routine and gather in worship.

Today there are some people who believe that this commandment should be followed to the letter of the law. These followers of the New Testament will still meet on Saturdays to worship the Lord, they won't work or play. And, some people think that today's Sunday is the New Sabbath. They don't work or play on Sunday but instead they go to Church and praise the Lord.

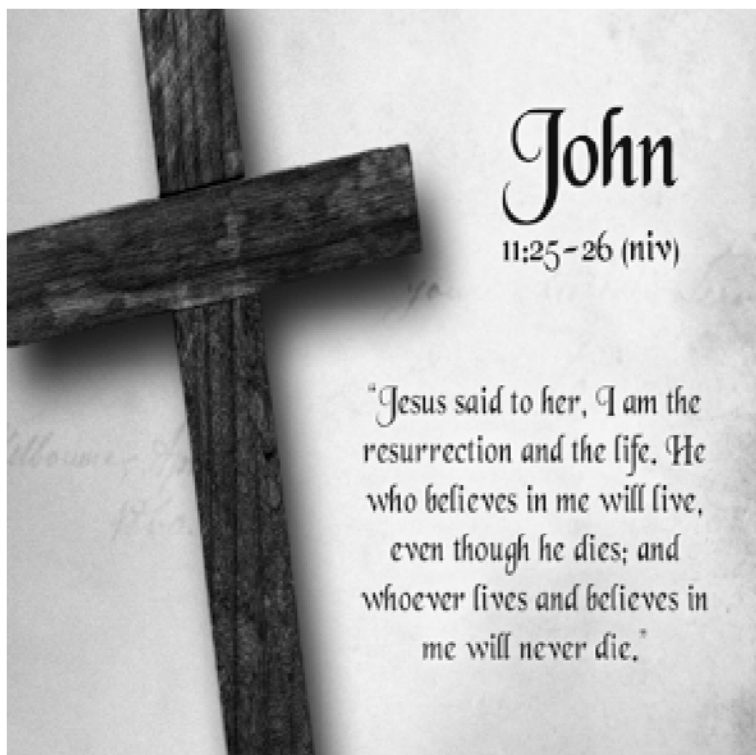
In the Old Testament we see how God brought the people of Israel out of Egyptian slavery and gave them a day off, which was a blessing for them. In the New Testament Jesus confirmed this by saying "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27). God worked six days and on the seventh day He rested and made it holy. We should follow His example and make our Sunday a day of rest and worship.

In the New Testament we read, "At that time Jesus went through the grain fields on the Sabbath; His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. When the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath" (Matthew 12:1-2). He said to them, "Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and yet are guiltless? I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice', you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath" (Matthew 12:5-8). Here we see that the disciples were technically breaking the law, but Jesus didn't criticize them, rather He called His disciples innocent.

Another time, the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me'..." (Mark 7:5-6). During His preaching Jesus is taught the people that the most important thing is the spirit of the law and not following it only to the letter.

Dear Faithful, we should always remember that God gave us the law for the betterment of our Christian life; but He never commanded us to become slaves of the law. We should spend our Sabbath (Sunday) resting, praising, glorifying and trusting in the Lord, because only He can give us rest and peace. Amen

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The front steps, landings and the first phase of the brick project were completed in September. There were a few errors that are being corrected in December and will be replaced.

We had a very successful Bazaar with good attendance all three days. and the turnout of parishioners for the Gospel Marathon throughout the event had heavy participation. I believe everyone enjoyed the young Armenian dancers. The committee will maintain it as a three-day event in 2014.

Nancy Basmajian will be heading up the Adult Christian Education program. She will have responsibility for the Lenten dinner programs, "Walk Through The New Testament," and ongoing Christian education programs.

Going forward, other major events will include our annual Palm Sunday banquet, the 80th anniversary celebration of Holy Trinity on June 1, and probably a few others.

ACEF's (Armenian Church Endowment Fund) chairman, Bruce Ballard, met with the Parish Council and our Investment Committee to explain how they function and invest.

Our 2014 Stewardship Drive was initiated in December pointing out the importance of the program.

An attempt was made to find a wireless company to install a cell tower on the back of our property (great monthly income), but AT&T decided to just expand the one they have nearby.

We have completed more enhancements to our Church property. With a little coaxing, SEPTA was nice enough to fence in the top half of our property on the railroad side for safety as well as appearance. With a little more coaxing, the Township agreed to cut the branches overhanging our driveway on the gas company side. The back lot was weeded and re-seeded to maintain its appearance. The two trees in the front will be removed/replaced. All new LED lights have been installed above the doors for appearance, easier maintenance and reduced power costs. We plan to install LED lights on the building (side and back) for improved lighting, additional safety and power reduction operated by sensors. At the same time we will install surveillance cameras. We have collected the money from SPECTRA to seal and then re-stripe the parking lot which will be done in the Spring (firm contract).



There are some major repairs being done in December. The dome is being re-grouted and sealed at a cost of \$17,000. The walk in freezer and refrigerator will have new cooling units and an entirely new roof installed with significant costs.

We have a donation of \$3,000 to buy new chairs for the hall; however it will take a lot more. The tables are being sanded and re-finished. We will need some new long tables.

The Township instituted a new requirement to control the discharge of fats, oils and grease into the sewerage system. We passed the first test and obtained the \$500 license for 2014. Additional maintenance items included extermination, which we do 3 times per year, and HVAC seasonal maintenance, which is done by contract (\$1500/yr) All non-member LOOYS recipients are being contacted re sponsorship to defray costs. We will try the March issue in color at an 80% premium as a test.

We are experiencing a steady increase in attendance which we'll cover at our annual Parish Assembly scheduled for February 16, with snow dates of Feb 23 or 30.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

\$ (John Kash!)



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



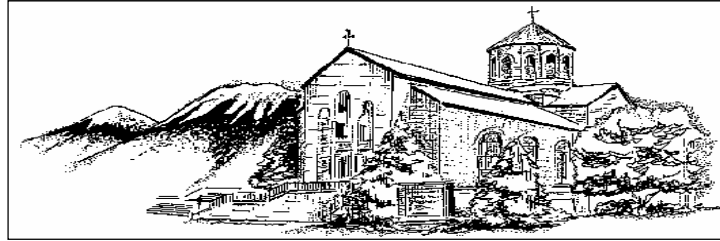
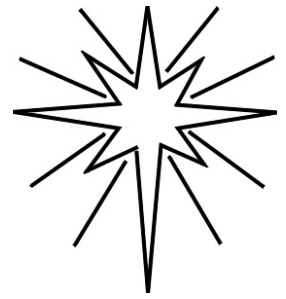
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We deeply appreciate the generosity from all those
named above who share the Glad Tidings of Christmas
with all our Church Family and Friends.



Holy Trinity
Armenian Apostolic Church
Cheltenham, Pennsylvania



Christmas Services 2014

Sunday January 5, 2014

Christmas Eve

3:00 PM Divine Liturgy

NO MORNING DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday School Christmas Pageant after Services

Followed by a House Blessing in the Hall

Please bring food to share during the fellowship hour

Monday January 6, 2014

Christmas Day

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Sunday January 12, 2014

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Followed by Blessing of the Water



ACYOA ACTIVITIES

Peter Ohnigian

To kick off a new year of ACYOA, we have participated in a couple of activities that have held our churches ACYOA Juniors group together. What we have done so far this year has been ACYOA Fall Sports Weekend, host a game room at our church's bazaar, and go-karting. These activities have kept ACYOA Juniors enjoyable and interesting.

The first thing we did this year was sports weekend. Ani Javardian, Dominique Damerjian, Andrew Movsesian, Isabella (Last Name) and I were Holy Trinity's participants on Philly's team. The first night, we welcomed ACYOA Juniors members from other Armenian churches at St. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church. The next day, the competition began! All of the church's ACYOA Juniors teams were put into brackets for tournaments of futsal, volleyball, and basketball. There also were board game tournaments for chess, tavloo, and connect four. There even was a tournament for ping-pong! It was an exciting weekend for everyone and I look forward to the next sports weekend in spring.

After an intense sports weekend, we did something a bit calmer. At the church bazaar, we set up a game room for children to come in and play. What we had to offer was the game "Scene It?", pumpkin decorating, Connect Four, and Apples to Apples. There was a steady stream of people that came to check out the games and we were occupied almost the entire time. This was a great idea and it was very fun to help run it.

The final thing we have done this year is go-karting. After church, we all took a 20-minute car ride to the raceway. When we got there we registered with and created our racer names that would show up on the scoreboard. Then we put on our helmets and hopped into our go-karts. The race was intense as the karts sped around the track at high speeds. After the race was over, we got our scorecards and found out what place we came in. Then we ended by going to a pizza place that was down the street from the speedway.

So far this year we have had some fun activities and we await sports weekend in spring. We all look forward to more of these activities to come and hope that this ends up being a good year for Holy's Trinity's ACYOA Juniors.

Additionally, the ACYOA Juniors have collected food for the Berachah Food Pantry servicing people of the Cheltenham Area, packed boxes for the Christmas Child Samaritan Purse project, and visited homebound parishioners with Der Hayr in November. In December, we will be selling Poinsettia plants to our parishioners to support our CASP child and we plan to attend Tom Brinker's Operation Christmas Basket where we will pack food with St. Sahag & Mesrob ACYOA Juniors for families in need. Thank you to all of our parishioners for your continued support of our monthly soft pretzel sales. Look forward to Super Bowl soft pretzel order opportunities in January and Flower Show ticket raffle in February. If you are age 13-18 (18 year olds in HS) please contact Leslie Movsesian, the parent advisor for ACYOA Jrs., at htacyojrs@gmail.com to get involved with our group."





ACYOA Jr visitation to Alice Andonian.



ACYOA jr drops off food to a local food pantry.



ACYOA jr visitation to Armena Bartow.



*Happy moments, praise God.
Difficult moments, seek God.
Quiet moments, worship God
Painful moments, trust God
Every moment,
thank God*

SUNDAY SCHOOL



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

December 2013

The Holy Trinity Church School has been in full swing this fall. Our enrollment is up to 54 students over the 49 we had last year!

The Armenian language classes, under the direction of Yn. Anna, use a curriculum provided by the Diocese. We provide classes in both western and eastern Armenian. Teachers - Ms. Silva, Ms. Marianna, Ms. Seda, and Yn. Anna work with the students on basic grammar, vocabulary, writing and memorization. Ms. Seda's nursery students are learning their colors, numbers, fruits, vegetables and any appropriate seasonal phrases. Their favorite song this fall is "Arshooneh".

The religion classes use a wonderfully rich curriculum provided by our Diocese. Nursery classes through eleventh grade are exploring the Bible, faith, and the Armenian Church. The grade two book used by Ms. Grace is entitled; Circles of Faith. Ms. Merle is using the grade four book entitled Being a Disciple. They are exploring the life of Jesus and his message to us all, why we have confession, the meaning of the Beatitudes, and a more in-depth discussion of the Lord's Prayer. Ms. Talene's class is using book six entitled Living the Good Life. Our parishioners may notice her class in church singing in the choir or serving on the altar. Ms. Gail's class is using a new book in this year's curriculum entitled Surprised by Joy, with Ms. Nancy using the grade ten book entitled - Breathed by God. The nursery, under the enthusiastic direction of Ms. Amy, is one of our most "hopping" classes with Ms. Berjoohy's kindergarten class close behind.

The first of each month our students go up to church for communion with a special sermon from Der Hayr followed by a continental breakfast in the hall. In December, communion was moved to December 15th followed by the annual Lunch with Santa. Parents, grandparents, friends and family all had a wonderful lasagna lunch. A BIG Thank You to Barbara Harmon and Patty Alexanian for taking care of the details for the lunch and to our parents for providing desserts. Everyone had a wonderful time and the children were so excited to see Santa!

On January 5th, all students participated in the annual Christmas Pageant held after Badarak. Our new director, Sabina Khachatryan, held rehearsals during the fall to prepare the students for their speaking roles. The students recited the Bible story in both Armenian and English. Karinne' Andonian worked with the students with the music in rehearsals in the fall. They sounded "angelic"! To hold the pageant on Armenian Christmas Eve this year was so special. It gave so much more meaning to our students about the birth of Christ in relation to our Armenian Church traditions.

The Church School is so blessed to have the support of Der Hayr, the Parish Council, our parents and our parishioners.

Thank you!
Yn. Anna and Nancy Hovnanian

THE LADIES' CORNER

What a beautiful fall! The temperatures were moderate, hardly any rain, and the changing leaves were spectacular. We enthusiastically got involved with the annual bazaar. Thank you to all the ladies who worked in the kitchen preparing our delicious specialty items, the kitchen crew who cooked them and kept our buffet table well stocked, the servers who graciously served our guests, and the bakers who filled the sweet table with wonderful desserts. It was the best ever Fall Harvest Bazaar.

Forty of us returned again to the Michener Art Museum on December 3rd to take in the Grace Kelly exhibit. We traced her fairy tale path from Philadelphia to Monaco viewing personal photos, couture fashion, home movies, and souvenirs from her acting career. Following our guided tour, we met for lunch at the Doylestown Country Club. It was a relaxing event before the rush of the Christmas season.

Years ago we sponsored a Pollyanna that we eventually outgrew. Rather than gifting each other, we donated the money to a deserving charity or service group. We changed our plans again this year when we sadly learned of the untimely death of Gayane Petrosyan. The family needed financial help to return Gayane to her Armenian homeland for burial. We all agreed to donate the money this year to the Petrosyan family. Although we could not ease the pain of their suffering, we knew helping them was the right thing to do.

The rush is on!! We wish all of our ladies and their families a Merry Christmas and a most joyous New Year. Looking forward to 2014 with the possibilities of new ideas and experiences!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR LENT 2014

THEME:

Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ

March 7

- Living the Gospel
- *Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan*

March 14

- Falling in Love with God...Again
- *Elise Antreassian, Christian Education Director, Diocese of the Armenian Church*

March 21

- The Gospel and the Divine Liturgy
- *Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, Director of the Zohrab Information Center, Diocese of the Armenian Church*

March 29* (Saturday)

- Walk Thru the New Testament
- *Dr. Roger Petersen, Professor of Speech and Performance, Philadelphia Biblical University*

April 4

- Armenian Illuminated Manuscripts and the Image of Christ
- *Nancy Hovnanian, Guide, Philadelphia Museum of Art*

April 11

- Gospel Jeopardy
- *Al Trebeckian, Game Show Host*

NOTES:

All programs held at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church

Those interested in sponsoring one of the Lenten dinners are asked to contact Berjoochy Murray at berjmurray@yahoo.com or 856-866-2479 (home) or 856-912-2417 (cell).

**There will be no program on Friday, March 28.*

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The
Season
of
Lent



Letter received by Der Hakob from one of his teachers when he was in New York:

Hi Fr. Hakob – I am writing just to say hello. I hope that you and your family are doing well. We just finished our Summer session, and Peter and I are looking forward to taking some vacation in Cape Cod and Vermont.

I also wanted to tell you that I enjoy reading your newsletter and hope to continue receiving it. It seems as if you and your parish members are very active and productive. I know it is due to your wonderful membership and your leadership. Congratulations and have a great summer.

Margie Salomon

WANTED: BABY GRAND PIANO

If you are downsizing, we are looking to upgrade our current piano which has served us well. If anyone has a gently used piano that still has much life to it, perhaps you would consider gifting it to the church. If so, please contact the church office.



THANK YOU, GREG VOSBIKIAN

.....for graciously donating copies of his new CD, Armenian Stone, to our Bookstore. Greg's renditions on the oud are filled with majestic beauty and grace and this special collection includes well-known compositions by Gomidas Vartabed as well as some contemporary pieces. The recording promises to "capture and fill" the heart of the listener and provide "a sense of peace and serenity." On sale now for \$10.



WEDDINGS

September 28, 2013:
Vahe Kafalmazyan & Angelina Alkhasyan
Best Men: David Kafalmazyan



ENGAGEMENTS

September 14, 2013
Marcelle Noushig Chamavonian &
John Kevork Alexanian

Marriage is a promise to each other to guide and to protect.



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Warminster, PA 18974
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Larry and Kim Der Hagopian
198 Shewell Ave
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BAPTISMS

September 29, 2013: **GAVIN TODD PICA**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Todd Pica

Godfather: Gary Pica

Godmother: Alexis Seropian

November 3, 2013: **ELIAS JOHN TERKANIAN**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicklas Terkanian

Godfather: Christopher Vosbikian

Godmother: Erika Torosian

November 10, 2013: **STELLA NAZELI BOKAS**

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Bokas

Godfather: Antranig Garibian

Godmother: Jessica Clark

December 8, 2013: **SCARLETT ELLE KESHGEGIAN**

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Keshgegian

Godfather: Gregory Keshgegian

Godmother: Elizabeth Foyle

CLARENCE KALENIAN

Clarence Kalenian, age 87, passed away this past June 13, 2013 in Dothan, AL. He was born on Sep. 25, 1925 in Chicago, IL to immigrant parents, and genocide survivors Hagop (Jacob) & Adrine Kalenian. He graduated from Steinmetz High School of Chicago, Ill in 1943 where he was Chess team captain, and NW Park District Junior Chess Champion. He served in the US Navy during WWII as an electronics technician and was stationed in San Francisco, Hawaii & Midway. He won a checker tournament for Midway Island in 1946. He attended college at the Illinois Inst. of Technology (IIT), graduating in 1949 and was Chess Club president and IIT Chess Champion (1948-49). At IIT he was pre-law and obtained a JD law degree in 1951 from The Univ. of Miami and later was a contract administrator at Philco Corp. and Amtrak. His father, who had once been Chicago checker champion, instilled in him a love of chess, checkers and backgammon.

Clarence went on to win many amateur chess titles, including the Miami amateur champion in 1950, FL in 1950, Tokyo International Chess Club Champion in 1953, twice amateur champion for Philadelphia in the 1960's, PA in 1964, NJ in 1969, all culminating in the US Amateur Chess Championship in 1971 making the cover of Chess Life & Review magazine. Years later he made national AP news when he took a greyhound bus at age 86 from Dothan, AL to Phila, PA and tied for first for the World Senior Open in 2012. He is in both the National Chess Hall of Fame and the Phila. Chess Hall of Fame. Recently, he was an active member of his local Dothan, AL public library and city chess clubs who plan to have an honorary tournament in his name in the spring of 2014. He helped start the annual Knights of Vartan backgammon tournament in Phila, recently named in his honor, as well as a similar tournament at St Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church in Miami. In addition to his love for chess was his strong faith, he was active in church for many years, read the Bible and loved listen to Christian radio programs. He played violin when in high school and in the military. He had been living in Dothan, AL since 2009 near his son after moving from Philadelphia, and also previously lived in Savannah, GA, Miami, FL and Chicago, IL. When younger he sang in the choir at the Armenian church in Miami, now St. Mary's and was a member of Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Phila. since moving to Phila. from Savannah, GA around 1960, and was a member of the Knights of Vartan for 53 years. He is survived by his sister Audrey Pilafian of Miami, FL, brother Robert Kalenian of Chicago, IL and their extended families, as well as his only son, allergist Dr. Mark Kalenian and his daughter-in-law Mariett Kalenian. He was preceded in death by his wife Marian N. Kalenian, a decorated music teacher who taught in Bell Glade, Florida and at Penn Charter School in Philadelphia, PA, who grew up in Port Orange, FL.

Give our families best to everyone there. We miss all our friends in Philadelphia and our original church.

Sincerely,

Mark Kalenian, MD

Mariett Kalenian

109 North Iroquois Ave., Dothan, AL 36303

FUNERALS: 2013

ANNAHIT GUYEYIAN entered into her eternal rest on September 15, 2013. Funeral services were held on September 18, 2013 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

GAYANE PETROSYAN entered into her eternal rest on November 25, 2013. Funeral services were held on November 27, 2013 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

NEW MEMBERS 2013

- Dr. Paul G. Bogosian
- Henry Mardigian
- Armen Simonyan
- Eric Silk Brian and Joyce Hoyle
- Marsha Marshall
- Carlene Thomassian
- Lucille Thomassian
- Kenneth & Lucine King
- Davit Mneyan & Anush Mankyan



IN MEMORIUM

Just before Thanksgiving, we learned of the tragic passing of 29-year-old Gayane Petrosyan, who lost her short battle with a very rare form of cancer. Gayane came from Yerevan, Armenia in the summer of 2009, and shortly thereafter became enthusiastically involved in our parish life, including becoming an Armenian language instructor. She was among the first to arrive each Sunday, with a smile and greeting for all.

It was the wish of Gayane's family that her remains be returned to her homeland for burial. Because of the financial hardship on the family, we reached out to our faithful who responded with an outpouring of compassion and financial support. We were humbled to learn that Dr. Albert Aloian generously donated \$10,000 to the family, and that the staff in his office also donated \$1,000. Beyond that, almost \$5,000 more was collected by church family and friends. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of all who donated, thus enabling the family to have their wishes fulfilled.

Please continue to keep Gayane's memory alive and her family in your prayers.



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Today's forecast: God Reigns & the Son Shines

NEW DEACON ROBES

Before the end of the year, our deacons will be enjoying a new set of shabigs, thanks to the thoughtfulness of Nadia Soghomonian & Eric Silk, who asked that gifts honoring their parents, Margo & Sam Silk, on the occasion of their 30th Wedding Anniversary, be directed to the church. We thank them for their kindness toward our church.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2014

- January 5 – Christmas Pageant 3 pm
followed by Armenian Christmas Eve Service
and Home Blessing/Fellowship
- January 6 - Armenian Christmas Badarak – 10:30 am
- January 12 - Armenian Christmas & Blessing of Water – 10:30
- February 16 – Dyaruntarach – Blessing of Married Couples
Parish Assembly (snow dates 2/23 & 3/2)
- March 7, 14, 21, April 4 & 11 – Friday Lenten Series
- March 29 – Walk thru the New Testament – 9:30 am
- April 13 – Palm Sunday Banquet
- May 17 – Parish Retreat – (3 hours)
- June 1 – 80th Anniversary of Holy Trinity Armenian Church

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BECOMES A PRIORITY AT HOLY TRINITY

Our Pastor and Parish Council recently made a commitment to address the need for adult faith formation here at Holy Trinity with the appointment of Nancy Basmajian as the Director of Adult Christian Education. The new position was created as a result of Der Hakob's efforts to introduce the Diocesan theme, "Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ" to our parish.

Nancy's responsibilities will focus on designing and implementing programs that promote church literacy, spiritual growth and faith development. The programming actually began this past summer with a six-week Bible study series for women, which Nancy prepared and facilitated with fellow parishioner Gail Lulejian and a presentation on "Jesus in Art" by Church School Superintendent Nancy Hovnanian. Several initiatives also took place this fall with the Gospel Marathon, the Instructed Liturgy and two separate Bible studies—one for men and one for women. In addition, she hopes to work with young parents who want to make faith a priority in their home and also with parish leaders in visioning the future of a believing, Christ-centered community. Other programming ideas include a Sunday morning series called "Faith Talk for Today's Christians" and a day-long "Walk Thru the New Testament," a follow-up to last March's "Walk Thru the Old Testament" program which drew a hundred participants to Holy Trinity from the entire Philadelphia Armenian community.

The parish has also benefited from Nancy's long-time association with the Diocese; she presented sessions at the September 14 teacher-training workshop for both the Holy Trinity and Sts. Sahag & Mesrob parishes and a retreat for women in the Philadelphia region on October 5 at Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church. Both events were sponsored by the Diocesan division of Christian Education.

"I'm very excited about the possibilities," said Nancy. "I believe the local parish is where the richness of our faith is lived out and that people want opportunities to learn more about their Church and to grow in their relationship with Christ."



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - 2013

Nine years and counting.....that's how many years we have been filling shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse to send to underprivileged children all over the world, including Armenia. Happily, we exceeded last year's collection for a total of 68 shoeboxes, bringing our total boxes filled since inception to 597....an awesome number to be sure!

An added feature from Samaritan's Purse this year was that you could print your label and pay online, thus enabling you to track where your own shoebox ultimately arrived. Some of our donors took advantage of this new twist and will be waiting to learn the final destination of their boxes.

Thank you for responding to our call, most of whom are "regulars." Of interest is that many people filled MORE than one box. We're still hoping to break the 100 mark and next year, if everyone can influence just one new person to fill a shoebox, we'll do it. Our slogan will be: Yes, we can!!

Pictures to the left are Armenian children in Javakh, Georgia receiving shoeboxes.

MUSICALE A GREAT SUCCESS

Thanks to the efforts of Der Hakob and Tanya Paretschan, a Luncheon & Musicale was held on the afternoon of Sunday, November 10, with a crowd that topped 100 people. After the opening prayer, the luncheon began with an abundant offering of Armenian delicacies, overseen by Berjoohy Murray (with an assist from Anne Terkanian and Liz Barone). Following that, guests were treated to an amazing array of performances. The talented artists included: Anton Balasanyan (recitation); his son Ashot (recitation) – powerful for such a young man; Maria Danielyan (piano); Karinne Andonian (piano and voice); Anait Sakoian (piano); Ashot Petrosyan (voice); and Anzhela Hovhannisyan (violin). We thank these gifted people for their superb performances and everyone else who contributed to an uplifting and heartwarming afternoon. The program ended with much applause and requests for more programs such as this.



CHELTENHAM PASTOR OFFERS PRAYER AT PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

On Thursday, October 24, the Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, pastor of the Holy Trinity Church in Cheltenham, PA was invited to deliver the invocation at the weekly meeting of the Philadelphia City Council. The invitation came from Hadji Maloumian who serves as the Legislative Counsel for Bill Green, a Councilman-at-large for the city. Mr. Maloumian's grandfather, the late Minas Maloumian, served the Holy Trinity parish as a deacon for decades; this gesture was a way to honor him. The younger Maloumian, who was hired just three months ago, said that one of his priorities upon his hire was to invite his pastor to bless the council proceedings. Der Hakob delivered an eloquent prayer wearing his cassock and holding his hand cross. After the invocation, Councilman Green introduced him to each of the representatives. Before bidding Fr. Hakob farewell, Mr. Maloumian gave him a mini-tour of the council's meeting rooms located in the majestic City Hall which is the largest municipal building (with almost 700 rooms) in the United States and one of the largest in the world.





Pictured left are the men and women who came together in the fall for a six-session Bible Study on "Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Der Hakob led the Wednesday morning study for men and Nancy Basmajian and Gail Lulejian led the Tuesday morning study for women. Both groups spent most of their time exploring the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel, chapters 5-7. The atmosphere was warm and inviting; the conversation was animated and the fellowship, to be continued! Everyone who participated is looking forward to the next series. We'll keep you posted.

REMEMBERING HIS BEATITUDE ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN

An afternoon of reminiscence took place on Sunday, October 6 as the parish hosted a luncheon and program on the first anniversary of his Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian's passing. Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian, Dean of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, joined the congregation during Badarak and was the guest preacher. His message, often directed to the Sunday School children, talked about super-heroes and how there are so many in our church history. Following the offering of hokehankist in Surpazan's memory, a light luncheon was served by the ladies of the church. Der Hakob then welcomed Fr. Mardiros who provided a wonderful reflection of the life, accomplishments and achievements of His Eminence. Along with showing a brief video which included the consecration of St. Vartan Cathedral, with Torkom Surpazan presiding, Der Mardiros lovingly shared his personal relationship with him throughout the years, including his many, many visits to the Holy Land. We learned that Surpazan was the one who ordained him and of the great impact he had on his life as a priest. He added that Torkom Surpazan was easily his own super-hero. The program ended with personal stories by the parishioners who were actively involved in the church during the years that His Beatitude served as a parish priest which was, in fact, the only parish he ever served in that capacity. He was always referred to as "our Hayr Soorp." All who attended left remembering the great influence he had on the parish of Holy Trinity Armenian Church in North Philadelphia, where it was at that time, as he remained in the hearts of all who served with him.



Courage is contagious.

When a brave person takes a stand, the spines of others are stiffened.
(Billy Graham)

KAREKIN II HEADS WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

17:08, 4 November 2013



YEREVAN, NOVEMBER 4, ARMENPRESS: The delegates of the 10th assembly of the World Council of Churches in Busan, South Korea unanimously elected His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians to become the President of the World Council of Churches. The Press Service of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin informed Armenpress that Karekin II will head the Council for the coming eight years.

In the framework of the 10th assembly of the World Council of Churches held in Busan, South Korea, on October 31 His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians met with the representative of the Hungarian Catholic Church and the secretary general of the Hungarian Council of Churches. The Press Service of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin informed Armenpress that during the meeting the parties discussed the issue related to the extradition of the Azerbaijani assassin Ramil Safarov by the Hungarian

authorities to Azerbaijan.

His Holiness Karekin II stated with pain that the incident put a shadow on the Armenian-Hungarian relations, adding that such phenomena are unacceptable. In their turn the representatives of the Hungarian churches condemned the step made by the authorities. During the meeting the delegation of the Hungarian churches expressed their readiness to assist the events to be held by the Armenian Church ahead of the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

Earlier it was reported that His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, extended his message to 4000 assembly participants during the opening ceremony blessing of the 10th assembly of the World Council of Churches in Busan, South Korea. Before offering his message on the occasion of the assembly, His Holiness greeted the WCC 10th assembly participants, conveying the 1700 year old blessings of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin for their mission of illuminating each corner of the world with Christ's light. His Holiness Karekin II also extended his blessings to the hospitable country of Korea and its people.

Source: <http://armenpress.am/eng/news/738834/karekin-ii-heads-world-council-of-churches.html>

ALTAR SERVERS/ DEACON TRAINING AT ST. STEPANOS ARMENIAN CHURCH

– Andrew Movsesian

In November, I attended the Altar Server/ Deacon Training weekend that the Diocese organized in Elberon, N.J. at St. Stepanos Armenian Church. During this weekend, I learned how to swing the poorvar, when to use it during the Badarak and what pattern to follow depending on the part of the service. Also, I learned how to sing some hymns from the liturgy and speak some parts of the deacon. More experienced people were taught how to do the Blessing of the Water Service. We worked from 9 am to 10 pm, stopping only to eat the great food prepared by the Yeretzgin and to walk down to the beach. Der Daniel Karadjian and Hayr Daniel Findikyan led the training. Der Daniel kept us laughing and made our time there very enjoyable. Despite the long hours, I met several new people from Washington DC, New York and New Jersey and it was a very pleasant experience.





NEW BOARD BOOK FOR TODDLERS

The Diocese's department of Christian Education has released a new book for toddlers, titled *When I Go To Church*. At 5" X 5," the book is sized for a child's small hands and made of thick, coated cardboard to withstand the curiosity and energy of the youngest worshipers.

Its 15 pages feature simple bilingual text lines describing what children experience in church—praying, lighting candles, singing, receiving Holy Communion, and more. Best of all, children will be entranced by the illustrations of Anush Movsesian Avejic whose winning renderings are certain to charm toddlers into looking again and again.

Ideal for church pews and classrooms, the book also makes a perfect gift for baptisms, name days, birthdays, and Christmas. *When I Go To Church* is available for \$10 at our bookstore, which is open every Sunday after worship.

HOLY TRINITY TEACHERS ATTEND PHILADELPHIA REGION WORKSHOP

"What a great and energizing way to start the new school year!" declared Greta Wiley at the end of the Philadelphia region teacher workshop held Saturday, September 14. She and Alice Pakhtigian, Co-Superintendents of the Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Sunday School of Wynnewood, Pa hosted the day, working with Holy Trinity Superintendent Nancy Hovnanian to bring together 16 attendees from their schools.

Entitled "What Every Sunday School Teacher Needs to Know," the five-hour workshop was offered by the Christian Education division of the Diocese and facilitated by its Coordinator, Elise Antreassian along with Nancy Basmajian. "You don't have to be a teacher by profession or a theologian to be a great Sunday School teacher. But there are approaches, understandings, and a core of knowledge that you do need to 'own' in order to be an on-target teacher," noted the facilitators. The workshop included a quick quiz on "Basic Armenian Christian literacy," an introduction to best practices in using curriculum, and a lesson planning exercise. After lunch and collegial networking, teachers grew animated once again for an "FAQ" session during which they were offered over a dozen typical questions asked by children and young people and challenged to answer them. "It was amazing how much we learned simply by grappling with these questions," commented Gail Lulejian who teaches middle schoolers at Holy Trinity. The day ended with an open discussion and a spiritual self-assessment, confirming that even more than knowledge -- which is relatively easy to acquire -- a commitment to one's own faith journey is essential for a great Sunday School teacher.

ARMENIAN INTER-COMMUNAL COMMITTEE OF PHILADELPHIA (AICCP)

The Philadelphia Community has been a model of respect and cooperation as the five Armenian Church communities (Apostolic, Roman Catholic and Protestant) gather together three times a year to celebrate or commemorate three important facets of Armenian life: Vartanantz, Martyrs Day and Culture. On Sunday, October 13, 2013, this gathering took place again, but with a celebratory flair...to recognize fifty continuous years of its existence.



The host church for this occasion was the Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church in Haverford, PA. Current Chairperson of the committee, Hrant Jilozian, welcomed almost 200 people who attended and gave a brief history of the organization. A program of talented people was presented with musical and recitative performances from members of all five churches which was followed by a video presentation of Rev. Fr. Zaven Arzoumanian, Ph.D. who expanded on the history of the organization from its inception. Of great interest was a visual retrospective of pictures and papers from the archives of Hagop Kitabjian, who also spoke about the formation of the organization and its challenges and achievements throughout the years. A delectable dessert buffet followed.

It is admirable that despite the many various leaders and clergy that have participated over the years, one goal always remained clear: to remember the past, honor the history and culture of our people and to support the Armenian nation. All of these many people involved over fifty years are to be commended for their diligence in preserving this organization. Other Armenian communities could certainly learn a lesson from it.

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ABOUT OUR FAMILY

We begin this issue, sadly, with the tragic passing of Gayane Petrosyan and pray for the Holy Spirit to comfort her family in the many difficult days ahead. (see article elsewhere in the Loos). Congratulations to Seta & Todd Pica who opened the oh-so-popular Yo Go Factory, a self-serve yogurt eatery in Glassboro, NJ. I'm sure their three boys will be lovin' it! Best wishes to Mark and Kate Keshgegian on the arrival of their first child, Scarlett Elle. This makes #4 in the grandchildren department for Albert and Patrice Keshgegian! We continue to be blessed with new babies. Our latest is Spencer Aram Murray who arrived early in October to join parents Tav and Stacy and big brother Tavit. Chalk up another member for our Sunday School in a few years.... "Antzadz ullah" to members of our church family who have been suffering from various serious ailments or surgeries: Yolanda Terzian, Lorraine Damerjian, Jack Goushian, Alex Alexanian, Margo Silk and Ron

Gooshian. We are happy to report that they are all on the mend. May their days ahead be bright and sunny.... We joyfully welcome the following babies being baptized into the family of God and congratulate them and their families: Gavin Todd Pica (Seta & Todd); Elias John Terkanian (Amy & Nick); Stella Nazeli Bokas (Amber & Nick); Shya Araxie Terkanian (Gina & Jake); and Scarlett Elle Keshgegian (Kate & Mark).... Our deepest sympathy to Mamas Alexanian and the entire Alexanian Family on the passing of Clara, loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. May their many warm memories sustain them in their sorrow.... A new year is upon us – remember when we worried about Y2K – that is just a dim memory now.... Chrisdos Dznay yev Haydnetzav - Orhnia eh Haydnootiunn Chrisdosee!

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DIOCESAN THEME CAPTURES THE HEART OF OUR PARISH

"Can I read about Noah's ark?" asked 9-year-old Diego Montanez. "Sorry Diego, that's in the Old Testament; we're reading from the New Testament—the Gospels". His face dropped, "I wanted to read about Noah's ark; that's my favorite story from the Bible." He thought for a moment, "Well then, can I read about Jesus' baptism?" And so he read about the birth and baptism of Jesus from a Children's Bible, standing on a stool so he could reach the podium in the chancel facing the altar. The church was adorned with colorful mums—70 plants in all; it was a virtual garden in God's sanctuary!

Diego was one of scores of our parishioners participating in A Gospel Marathon to introduce the Diocesan theme of Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For two days, October 25 and 26, from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. during our annual Harvest Bazaar, they made a pilgrimage to the sanctuary. Some came alone—adults and children—others came as couples, or with friends or family; they read in ten-minute intervals from the Gospel. Most read in English, some, in Armenian; the youngsters read from a Children's Bible. A few read aloud in a booming voice, others, softly; and some even read silently. Young parents held their infants in their arms as they read; a few toddlers sat at their parent's feet or explored the wonders of the chancel. All who participated agreed that it was a unique and beautiful experience. Eleven-year-old, Ella Hanamirian said it made her "feel closer to God."

Der Hakob explained the purpose of the marathon, "Our goal was simply to honor the Lord and affirm that this parish is built on the Word of God. The bazaar, as always, provides our people with a wonderful opportunity for fellowship; the marathon was a way for us to have fellowship with God. I came up to the sanctuary whenever I could to just sit and listen, and I also read. The spiritual energy was unmistakable—it was the presence of the Holy Spirit!"

Nancy Basmajian, our newly-appointed Director of Adult Christian Education, coordinated the effort. "I was really nervous at first because people were slow to sign up, but once they understood what we were trying to do, they wanted to be part of it. It turned out to be such an uplifting experience for all involved." She credits Der Hakob for his openness to innovation and his untiring support, which led to the success of the project.

Assisting with the effort were Diana McGarvey, who worked tirelessly for several hours in creating the perfect "garden" — with some help from Der Hakob and Nancy (even little Vartan lent a hand!). Also lending their support were Jeanette Der Hagopian and Gail Lulejian who served as guides on Friday and Saturday evenings, directing readers and keeping an eye on the clock.



What better testimony to the impact of the marathon than from the readers themselves. Here's what a few of them had to say:

"It was such a special thing for me to do with Stepan [her infant]. We read a children's Bible to him almost every night but reading the scripture while holding him in my arms in church was something really beautiful for me. Thank you for the opportunity." - Karine Andonian

"I haven't read the Bible in a long time—since my Sunday school days. It was a great story; I enjoyed reading it and I learned something new." - Pauline Chapjian

"What a wonderful spiritual Gospel Marathon. The plants added a beautiful touch to the whole atmosphere. I was so happy that I could share the reading with my granddaughter Rebekah. I look forward to many more projects like this." - Mary Yeretian

"It felt so spiritual. I can only compare it to the way I felt this past summer in the Holy Land." - Tanya Parechan

"I had a wonderful experience, and what made it even better was that I already knew the story that I was reading! Thanks to Bible Study this summer." - Barbara Harmon

"Being in front of the altar reading the Gospel by myself at night allowed for me to feel especially close to God. Although it lasted for only ten minutes, the Gospel reading was truly a spiritually uplifting experience." - Krikor Javardian

"I found the experience of reading the Gospel during the Gospel Marathon very moving and peaceful in the beautiful atmosphere of the soft lighting and the flowers that decorated the church." - Merle Santerian

"I think this was a great idea and a great event. Der Hayr asked me to read and I really enjoyed it. I would definitely do it again. Thank You Holy Trinity." - Seda Hovhannisyan

"It was an honor to work on such a worthwhile project; my contribution was a joy—what a great idea. I loved the photo Ara took of Bill and myself; I will treasure it always." - Diana McGarvey

"I had a peaceful feeling. It didn't feel 10 minutes; I thought it was just 5." - Audrey Movsesian, Age 11

"It was different from being in Sunday school class. It was easier to focus being in church. I'd like to do it again."
- Andrew Movsesian, Age 15

"As I read from the text I began to visual names and places, this made the readings interactive for me. A must-do for next year!!!" - Ani Peckjian

"It was a wonderful opportunity to take a break from everything and to read in church for ten minutes. I plan on incorporating this into my daily life as much as I can." - Antranig Garibian

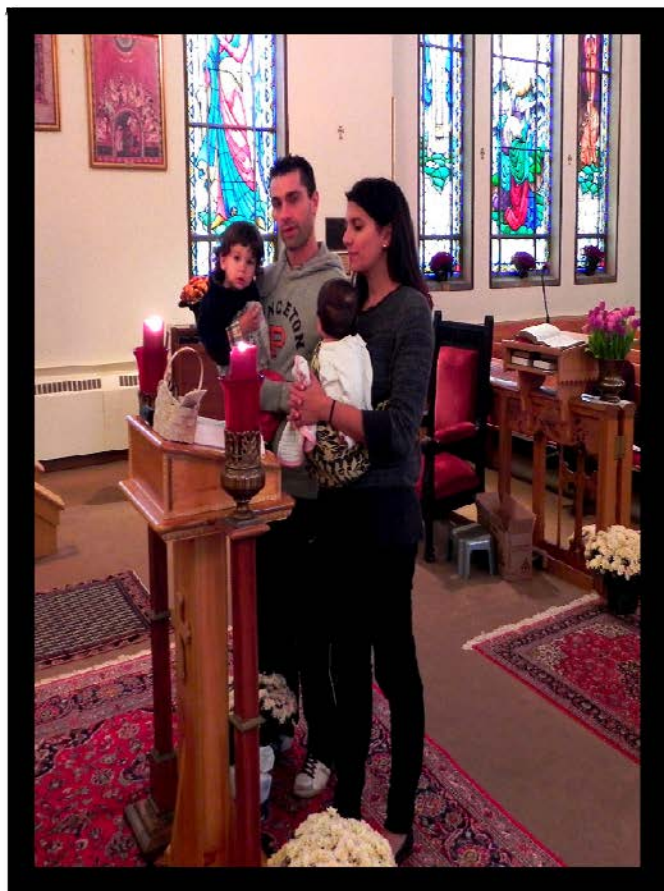
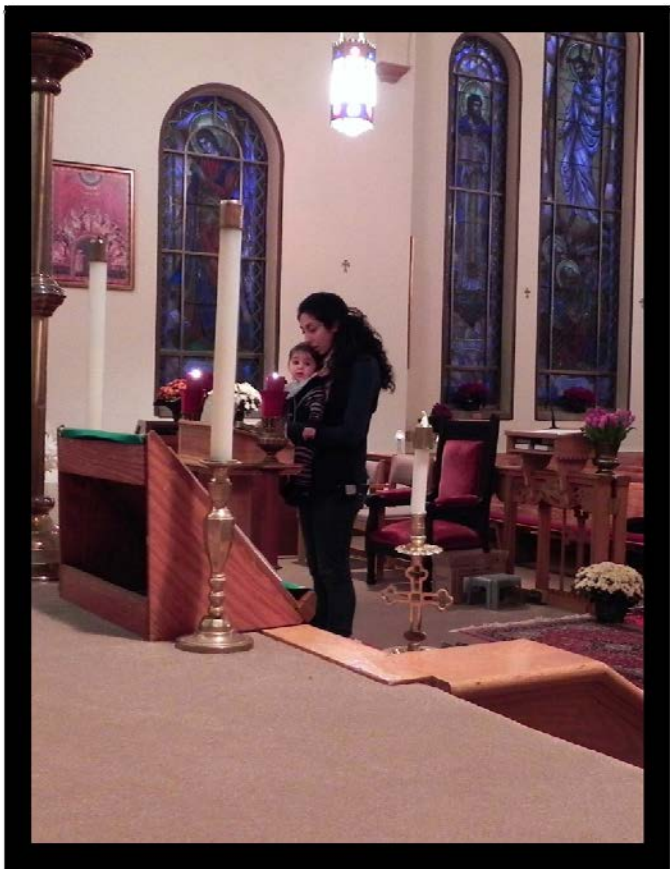
Upon being told that his time was up, Greg Meranshian, who signed up to read for 20 minutes said, *"No, not yet, I still have a few minutes left. I could go on for hours. I love doing this."*

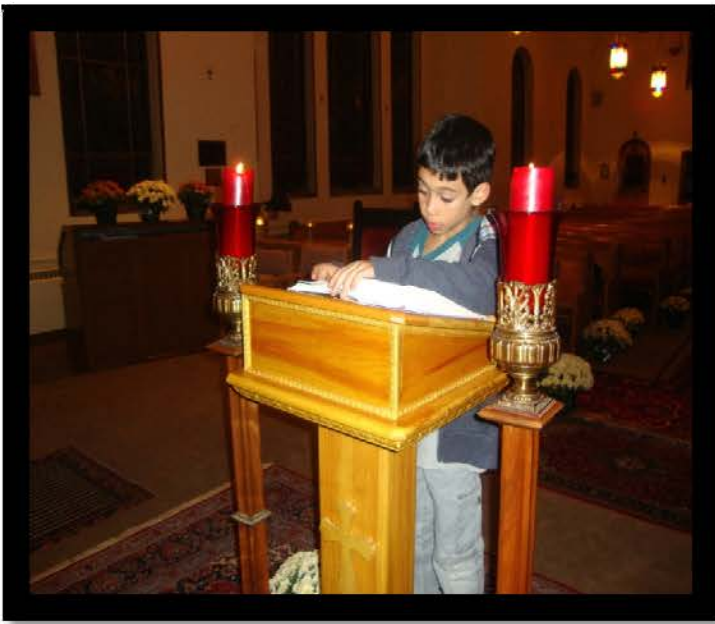
"It was a joy to be part of this marathon with my fellow parishioners of all ages." - Bob Ohnigian

"I enjoyed the photos and was glad to be able to participate in reading the Gospel. I think it reminds us of the wonderful fulfillment we get from reading the Bible. I hope to participate again in the future." - Gary Berberian

"With all the hustle and bustle of the bazaar, my personal highlight was going upstairs to church on Friday and Saturday for my 10 minute Bible readings. I felt a calmness and inner peace as I read. It was a very special time, just me with my Lord." - Liz Barone

"Please, schedule this again—it was wonderful!" - Talene Peckjian







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HARVEST BAZAAR REVISITED

Thanks to many volunteers and our Bazaar committee, Harvest Bazaar 2013 was a great success. Starting with our "save the date" refrigerator magnet, designed by Lisa Viarengo Berberian, parishioners were excited by the item and responded early to donation requests – great job, Lisa! Also, Marsha (Kanjian) Marshall, wrote the messages that were mailed. Her marketing skills certainly contributed to the attendance we had. Thanks to Nancy Hovnanian, who contributed her ideas, kitchen skills, running on errands and everything in between, her steadfast support kept us going. Nick Terkanian, once again, set up the hall with his crew creating a festive atmosphere for all of us to enjoy. Also, what would the Halloween Parade be without him? He did a great job introducing each goblin, creature and princess by name. Without the Kitchen chairpersons, there would not be a bazaar. Thanks to Anne Terkanian, Nancy Hovnanian, Gay Hagopian and all the volunteers who tirelessly shopped, chopped, cleaned and seasoned to prepare the food for our buffet. Jeanette Der Hagopian, whose experience is so valuable to us, once again scheduled and oversaw the cooking and baking days prior to the festival. Also, we are grateful to all of you who served on the buffet and operated the cashiers. You're hired next year!

Robbie Barone took charge of the shish kebob and we think he has a second career at Holy Trinity when it comes to marinating and grilling the meat. Thanks also to his helpers who stood on their feet into the night until the job was done. Our Country Store, run by Lorraine Damerjian with Angel Tookmanian's assistance, was a huge success. It seems most people didn't leave without a bag of delectable treats. Another success story is the Attic Treasures where Ayshe Chakmaklian, Pauline Chapjian and Liz Barone sold more items than Santa could fit into his sleigh. They all worked many hours and many days leading up to the bazaar.

Naomi Mukalian and Fran Torcomian have become the Silent Auction dynamic duo. They assembled magnificent baskets that so many of us looked forward to winning....oh well, there is always next year! Thanks to Meredith Hanamirian and Denise Sisian, the bake shop sold out this year.

Our bar was transformed into a cabaret-style bar that Tom Harmon managed the whole weekend. Shant Kapeghian was on hand to help out and also want to note that he donated the outdoor signs. MC Steve Hovnanian raised extra money with the 50/50 raffles. Thanks to you all.

The Kids' Room was open thanks to Leslie Movsessian and the ACYOA. They did a great job entertaining the children giving parents a break to eat and walk around to enjoy our loyal vendors.

We give a special thanks to Merle Santerian for her continued service and guidance. She is meticulous with the table and buffet settings. To Berjoohy Murray, thanks for inviting us on the committee last year....hope we were able to continue what we started last year.

Most of all, we thank our bazaar sponsors and donors, especially Jon's Restaurant, who supported this endeavor helping to realize its success.

From our hearts, it has been a pleasure to work with Der Hakob and Yn. Anna who prepared the delicious muhamara, our committee chairpersons and volunteers who partnered with us for the fellowship we are able to provide for our church family and friends. With their suggestions, laughs and commitment, our bazaar is able to perpetuate and improve upon its signature components.

Barbara Harmon and Margo Silk



ANNUAL GIFT BASKET AUCTION AT THE HARVEST BAZAAR

The 2013 Harvest Bazaar took place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 25, 26 and 27 in the Church hall. The bazaar is our biggest fundraising event of the year and once again, the gift auction was very successful.

The auction committee would like to thank the following supporters for their generous donations of auction items: Marge Arslanian; Sarah Babaian; Liz and Robert Barone; Robbie Barone; Gloria and Nancy Basmajian; Marta and David Brann; Stacey and Alen Cakiryan; Lorraine and Bob Damerjian; Jeanette and Larry Der Hagopian; Sue and Gary Der Hagopian; Kim and Dan Dunigan; Garo and Cecelia Garibian; Gay and Haig Hagopian; Lynn and Mike Hajatian; Nancy and Steve Hovnanian; Maria and Greg Javardian; Berdj and Alice Kalustyan; Serge and Adrienne Minassian; Grace and Gregory Meranshian; Naomi and Rick Mukalian; Tanya and Michael Paretchan; Merle Santerian; Anne and George Terkanian; Fran and Tom Torcomian. And a special thank you to our church secretary, Maggie Miller for her tireless administrative help.

--The Harvest Bazaar Gift Auction Committee



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INSTRUCTED LITURGY PRESENTED TO THE FAITHFUL

As part of Holy Trinity's ongoing commitment to adult faith formation and programming focused on the Diocesan theme of Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we offered our parish an opportunity to learn more about the Divine Liturgy. The vehicle was the "Instructed Liturgy," modified from the version developed by the Christian education department of the Diocese a number of years ago.

The program, held on November 10, was a unique learning opportunity intended to help the faithful grow in their knowledge and experience of the Divine Liturgy at the most effective time—as it was unfolding before them. The Liturgy, celebrated by Fr. Hakob, was interrupted in progress several times for commentary, delivered by our two young narrators, Krikor Javardian and Alise Peckjian, both college students and graduates of our Sunday school. The commentary offered an explanation of the words, actions and symbolism of the Liturgy.



Other young people involved in the Liturgy were Ani Peckjian, also a Sunday school graduate, who read the epistle for the day; and 10th-11th grade Church School students Danny Aslanian and Ani Javardian, who distributed the Kiss of Peace.

One of the most instructive parts of the program was the Vesting, which took place in front of the congregation in the chancel. Our long-time deacon, Albert Keshgegian assisted Fr. Hakob while the narrators translated the prayers and discussed the significance and symbolism of each vestment.

At the end of the Liturgy, which was very-well attended, Fr. Hakob reminded the congregation of the centrality of the Liturgy in the life of the church and expressed his prayer that the program had deepened their understanding and would enhance their participation in worship.



HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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
Stepan Andonian - 8
Alexander Arzoumanian - 8
Naomi Mukalian - 8
Helen Vishab - 8
Diane Williames - 8
Lori Sarkisian - 9
Lucine King - 10
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 Hovsepian - 24
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Sophia Carnevale - 26
Martin Gutchigian - 28
Gay Hagopian - 29
John Hanamirian - 30
Pauline Dedeian - 31

February

Frank Aghazarmian - 1
Rev Fr Hakob Gevorgyan - 2
Aren Torcomian - 2
Frederick Jordan, Jr - 3
Rimma Rafiyeva - 3
Anna Hanamirian - 4
Michael Santerian - 4
Alik Oflazian - 5
Kyle Burrows - 6
Eileen Carr - 6
Michael Hajatian, Jr - 6
Melanie Minassian - 7
Gregory Yazujian - 7
Ashley Radell - 8
Van Injaian - 9
Michael Hajatian - 10
Franklin Vartanian - 10
Patil Boghosian - 11
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
Manoug Hovhannesian - 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
Shooshig Oflazian - 27
Doretta Aslanian - 28

March

Doris Alahverde - 1
John Arslanian - 1
Michael Damerjian - 1
Paul Movsesian - 1
Peter Ohnigian - 1
Toros Torcomian - 1
Deran Maloumian - 2
Miles Hanamirian - 3
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Gary DerHagopian, Jr - 5
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John Kash - 6
Casey Baldadian - 7
Michael Tookmanian - 7
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Skye Jilajian - 27
Mariett Kalenian - 29

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH MEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

January

Peter & Rosaleen Oskanian	1/6/2001
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
Harry & Alice Andonian	2/24/1951

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be the worst of your future.**

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ACYOA History

Commentary by Ralph E. Arpajian, Esq.

It is with great interest that I read Krikor Javardian's article in the April-June 2013 "LOOYS" regarding the ACYOA Chapter at Holy Trinity Armenian Church and the Palm Sunday/ACYOA Day Banquet.

As a former Chairman of the ACYOA Chapter at our sister church, St. Sahag, there is a special place in my heart for the ACYOA. However, it is through my lovely wife, Nané Arpajian, and my wonderful mother-in-law, Elizabeth Hovsepian ("Mom"), that I have come to understand what an integral part our parish played in the formation and rich history of the ACYOA as a national organization.

Zaven Hovsepian – the man that I am privileged to say became my father-in-law (albeit, and unfortunately, posthumously) – was, as many of you may recall, an active and engaging member of the Holy Trinity parish and the Philadelphia Armenian community at large. However, what you may not know is that he was also one of the founding officers of the ACYOA, having been appointed and served as the Chair of the First Central Council of the ACYOA. As Mom has often recounted to me, Dad played a vital part in the establishment of the ACYOA.

The following is taken from the website of Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston (http://www.htaac.org/htaac1_012.htm):

A Brief History of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

When the Armenian Church took roots in America back in the early twentieth century, there was little need of youth groups within the Church. However, as the number of young people increased in the various parishes, a spontaneous formation of youth groups took place but with no organizational plan in mind. Some parishes had a youth group within the Church and others did not feel the need of such a group since the work of the Church was primarily about the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. As the scope of the work of the Church increased, the leaders within the Church saw the necessity of a youth organization in order to hold the young people to the Armenian Church and thus not allow them to drift to other churches by default. The attraction of other church youth groups drew many of the Armenian youth away from their centuries-old Church. In the early nineteen forties, the need for a national Church Youth Organization became imperative and one of our great Church leaders, His Eminence Archbishop Garegin Hovsepian, the Primate in America, took the first steps for the formation of such an organization. However, World War II interrupted this noble work and most of the local youth groups were dissolved. Young people went into the service of the United States and served heroically for the cause of their beloved United States.

After the war, a great religious revival swept over America and especially the Armenian Church. The Armenian youth flocked back into the Armenian Churches in America and providentially the Primate of the Armenian Church in North America was His Grace Bishop Tiran Nersoyan. Bishop Tiran, a religious and intellectual giant, stepped into the work of bringing cohesion and purpose to the youth, and with selfless devotion and inspiring leadership, he challenged the youth with spiritual and intellectual goals. The youth were quick to see the value of the man and the Church he represented and immediately set about establishing parish youth groups throughout the Diocese.

With Parish youth Groups now active again within the Diocese, Bishop Tiran called together a group of interested youth and on January 12, 1946, the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America was formed at the Constitutional Assembly held in Providence, Rhode Island. For two days, young people from throughout the United States deliberated and formed the Constitution of the A.C.Y.O.A., established the objects of the organization, the activities, the administration and many other phases of the group. The Assembly elected a Central Council from its members and the reality of a Church Youth group under the supervision of the Primate and the Diocesan Council of the Armenian Church of North America was an accomplished fact. The guiding light and inspiration was His Grace Bishop Tiran Nersoyan.

The youth went back to their local parishes and within a few short years the phenomenal growth of this organization took place.

Members of the First Central Council of the A.C.Y.O.A.

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	Jack Kazanjian

Having been very much involved with local and national politics, and as a lawyer himself, I can easily imagine Dad in Providence, fully engaged with his fellows in the drafting, deliberating and establishment of the constitution of the ACYOA. He would have thrived in this environment and the Chairmanship would have fit him like a glove.

More importantly, we know that Dad would be (and, we are certain, is) very proud of the vibrancy of our parish and, in particular, our ACYOA. He would be thrilled to see the continuing good work accomplished by our ACYOA members and the fruits of his labors all these many years hence.

Nané and I have often commented on how heartened we are to see such an active and growing community of young families and children in our church. We recognize that this is, in large part, due to the efforts of our dear Der Hakob and our beloved Yn. Anna. We all need to support and encourage the youngest members of our parish and the ACYOA to help them to keep up the good work!

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