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Pray Until Something Happens

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

(Exodus 20:17)



Covet means a strong feeling of wanting to have something or wishing for something to happen.

God has given us thousands of gifts and blessings. We should value what we have; and when we start to appreciate our blessings, only then can we understand that whatever belongs to us is the best, because it belongs to us. If we want to have a joyful heart, then we should be thankful to God for everything. Unsatisfied people are always angry and upset.

Why do people want to have their neighbor's belongings? The problem comes not only from the appetite but also from the eye, because the eye always wants to have more than we need.

People who don't obey this commandment usually will steal or commit adultery. The consequences of stealing and committing adultery are very serious. People can go to jail, they can lose their families or can even lose their lives. That's why we should

always think about the consequences of our actions before we act on them.

In the Gospel of St. Matthew our Lord Jesus Christ gave us the Golden Rule: "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and Prophets" (Mtt.7:12).

Of course, we want everybody to be nice and kind to us, to help us when we need. If we expect other people to do all these good things to us, then we should do the same to them. In every relationship there should be mutual love and respect. People can help us and love us for a while, but if they don't receive the same thing from us, that can end very soon.

Very often people think that they are immortal and are going to live forever. That's why they desire to have everything and sometimes they covet what belongs to others. But, Roman Stoic philosopher Seneca tells us how we should live our current life. "True happiness is to enjoy the present, without anxious dependence upon the future, not to amuse ourselves with either hopes or fears, but to rest satisfied with what we have. The greatest blessing of mankind is within us and within our reach" (Seneca).

Dear Faithful, the Commandments are like steps between the Old Testament and the New Testament. They can help us to grow in our faith and Christian spirit.

May God continue to help us live a life according to His Will.

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan



The true test of our character is what we do when no one is watching (from Our Daily Bread)

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

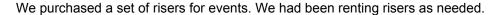
John Hanamirian, Chair

Hope everyone is doing well. The past few months have been relatively active in the Parish.

The Parish Council met with our Investment Committee to review our results for the year to date and to discuss our investment strategy and future plans. The Investment Committee was pleased to be asked to meet with the Council and we collectively determined that we should have twice-a-year meetings for that purpose.

We have engaged Ricky J. Mukalian to create a website. Our existing website was outmoded and did not have the capabilities or capacity necessary to exist in the current internet environment. We are pleased to have "one of our own" doing this work. Larry D. Der Hagopian is coordinating this effort for Council.

A new Parish Council Directory is in the works and should be published in the next few months.





Srpazan Yeghishe's event was a success with more than 200 attendees. That is just such a nice message for Srpazan.

We are going to put together another "newcomers" meeting. Please encourage anyone who is new to the Church to reach out and let me or any Council member know of their interest to attend. The objective is, of course, to help new Church attendees meet others and feel welcome in our Church home.

Finally, Amy Paretchan is the new Church School Superintendent - Christian Education. Amy has the skills to lead this ministry and, given her schedule and young family, we are more than fortunate to have her accept this role. Yn. Anna will continue in her role as Superintendent - Language Education. We thank outgoing Superintendent Gail Lulejian for her service.

On another note, the Diocese has determined that the new Pennsylvania law requiring a background check and registration of teachers applies to our Church School and so we will have to ask all of our teachers to register. There was some debate in Council on this issue given that our teachers are all so very well-known to us and we did not want them burdened.

Again, I hope everyone is doing well and if anyone needs anything, please reach out.

DON'T JUST GO TO CHURCH - BE THE CHURCH



90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP YEGHISHE GIZIRIAN

On the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Trinity welcomed Archbishop Yeghishe Gizirian to celebrate his 90th birthday. After Badarak and Blessing of the Grapes, over two hundred parish members and guests joined in a luncheon program of joyful celebration and reflection on what His Eminence and his ministry have meant to our parish and to us individually. Enjoying an Armenian menu and good wine, parishioners and friends reminisced, told stories, and toasted his long ministry and relationship with our parish. Garo Garibian called Srpazan Hayr the "Ambassador of Love" who, following in the footsteps of Our Lord, exhibits love in every aspect of his life. Jeanette Der Hagopian aptly called him "Our Beloved Srpazan" who has touched us so deeply in his long career of ministry and service to the Church.

The Primate of the Eastern Diocese. Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, in a video message, reminded us that life is God's greatest gift of which we must fulfill our responsibilities as stewards. He characterized Srpazan Yeghishe as a great steward of the talents with which God endowed him. Der Hakob Gevorgyan, Pastor of Holy Trinity, reminded us that Yeghishe Srpazan is the senior celibate clergyman in the Armenian Church bv ordination....a role model for all the clergy... and of his



inspirational sermons. Very Rev. Oshagan, Pastor of St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church in Wynnewood and Rev. Nishan Bakalian of Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church each expressed their fond remembrances of their relationship with His Eminence and his important contribution to the Delaware Valley Armenian community.

Robert Damerjian, Sr, who is a cousin, recalled the Damerjian family's participation in Srpazan's first Badarak in the United States in 1954, as well as their joyful reunions in the United Kingdom where Archbishop Gizirian served as Primate for eighteen years.

Members of the parish, three of whom were under 18 years of age, treated the guests to an Armenian cultural program of poems, song, and stories of Armenian history and triumph over adversity. We give tremendous thanks to Anton and Ashot Balasanyan and Dariko and Maria Danielyan for their stirring performances.

In closing, Srpazan thanked the parish for its hospitality and reminded us that as Christians, we must give thanks that we were born in the image of God, raised Christian, and are members of the Church. May he live long and be with us often.

A special thank you to all who attended this celebration and all who supported this event as sponsors (see separate listing) which helped make it the special event that it was. In addition, a portion of the monies received were gifted to a favorite charity of Srpazan Hayr's in Syria.





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The day God made you, He made the very best gift He could have given to me. You're always thoughtful, kind and so very inspiring. God made you to last and He always knows what He's doing!





A REFLECTION

by Deacon Albert Keshqeqian:

"...God made you without you. You didn't, after all, give any consent to God making you. How were you to consent, if you didn't yet exist? So while he made you without you, he doesn't justify you without you. So he made you without your knowing it, he justifies you with your willing consent to it. Yet it's he that does the justifying...." Attributed to St. Augustine (354-430), early Christian theologian and philosopher, and a saint in the Roman Catholic Church

"From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near'." (Mt.4:17)

He created it all. In six days, Genesis tells us, resting on the seventh, God created light and darkness, sky and earth and sea, plants and trees, the sun and moon and stars, birds and fish and animals. And God created humans, male and female.

All this God did out of love. And God continues to create. Every time a new person is born, even though science can explain much of the process, it is a miracle that can, ultimately, come only from God.

Adam and Eve didn't agree to be created back then, and we don't choose to be born now. St. Augustine reminds us that we don't participate in our own creation. How could we, if we don't even exist yet? It happens because God wants it to happen.

But God does give us the ability, once we are born, to make decisions and choose courses of action. Adam and Eve chose to disobey God and eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge. And so humans began to sin, to turn away from God's love. Humans continue to sin, to follow a course of action that rejects God and ultimately leads to death.

It's up to each of us to choose to be justified, meaning to become right with God. We need to participate consciously in that process. Jesus preached that we must repent, to be sorry for our sins, to resolve not to sin again, as a necessary step in reaching God's kingdom in heaven.

God does the saving, St. Augustine reminds us, but we need to agree, and to want, to be saved. God started the process by moving the burden of all our sins onto his only-begotten and beloved son. Through Christ's death and resurrection, God offers us all the gift of forgiveness and eternal life. And God does the actual justification and

salvation. But we need to be active participants, both by having faith in the message of Christ and by showing through our good works in this life that our faith is real and vibrant (James 2:14-17). St. Paul counsels us to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure (Phil. 2:12b-13)".

Christ still calls us to repent, as he did 2000 years ago. He wants everyone to be right with God, to be saved from sin, and to share in his kingdom. But God has loved us enough to give us the ability to choose our response and our course of action. It is up to each of us to listen to Christ's call and to decide what our answer to it will be.





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ABOUT OUR FAMILY

We are happy to share new births among us. Congratulations to all the families beginning with: Harry & Stephanie Vartanian, who welcomed Nadya Siroun early in July. She joins big brother Franklin. Atcherkerneet looys to the Hajatian and Vartanian grandparents, aunts and uncles too!... Alice and Berdj Kalustyan became great-grandparents for the first time with the arrival of Baby Madison, born to their granddaughter Kim and her husband Jordan who live nearby in South Jersey....and it's the FOURTH time that Harry and Anita Mirijanian became great-grandparents with the birth of Baby Girl



Elodie, born to their grandson in CaliforniaAnd last but not least, our Custodian, Tyrome Thompson became a grandfather for the 6th time...In July Robin Barone traveled with a group of friends to Turkey via Georgia to climb Mt Ararat. The walk took three days, reaching the summit in a snowstorm, where they proudly unfurled an Armenian flag. Bravo, Robin!... Congratulations to those who have already or will be celebrating special milestone wedding anniversaries: Berdj & Alice Kalustyan and Ara & Virginia Shakarjian (60 years); George & Marguerite Arslanian (50); David & Marta Brann (35); Steve & Mary Sona Brod and Leslie & Paul Movsesian (25). May your blessings continue to multiply...Our condolences to the family of Bobby Sarkisian who passed away in July: wife Mary, sister Mary Parnagian, and daughters Nancy Berryman, Joan Kurkian and Diane Sarkisian. It was a life well lived, much of it involved in our church. Many will remember his oft-used phrase -"what can I say"...Get-well wishes to Karnig Torossian, who injured his shoulder, but is now doing better; Selma Alexanian, who fell and suffered serious injuries; Armenoui Aznavuryan, now home from the hospital; and our secretary, Maggie's brother, Richard Miller, who is critically ill. We pray that healing takes place for all of them...We miss seeing Vicki Berberian who is having difficulty attending church regularly. She and son, Gary, were always up front each week, faithfully participating in Badarak.....and finally, it gives us great pleasure to send warmest wishes to Ohannes Hashas, who celebrated his 90th birthday at a special gathering in August at their shore home. May God continue to bless him.....Now that Labor Day has come and gone, we resume a busy calendar at church with many activities. Please check your Sunday Messenger for upcoming events and be a part of life at Holy Trinity. There's not a better place to be, starting on Sunday mornings!



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August 29, 2015: GREGORY ARTHUR WILLIAMS

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams Godfather: Ashot Kotcharian Godmother: Diana Kotcharian

"Let the little children come unto Me, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Luke 18:16



FUNERALS

- ROBERT H. SARKISIAN entered into his eternal rest on July 8, 2015. Funeral services were held on July 13, 2015 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.
- ❖ MARGARET PALOUIAN entered into her eternal rest on July 28, 2015. Funeral services were held on August 6, 2015 at Lamb Funeral Home. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

OBITUARIES

- ❖ Mary Garabedian passed away on July 13, 2015, in California. She was predeceased by her husband George. She is survived by her son, Richard (Maryellen) Garabedian and daughter, Alyce Garabedian; and three grandchildren.
- Sahag Okoorian passed away on July 29, 2015. He was the son of Hauighie and Kevork Okoorian; and he was a brother to Paul, Manuel, Frank, George, Jacob and Mesrob Okoorian.

OUR GRADUATES

"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go." (Joshua 1:7)

<u>Nane Amiryan</u> graduated in June from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with a Master's Degree in Supply Chain Management, having come from Armenia in 2009. She previously received her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Economics from Yerevan State University in Armenia where she grew up. She is now working at Sonos, Inc. since graduation. Nane is the daughter of Anahit Petrosyan and Artur Amiryan.

<u>Daniel Serak Aslanian</u> graduated from Neshaminy High School. His high school career kept him extremely busy with his love of music, playing both clarinet and saxophone. His role of drum major during his junior and senior years was such a highlight. He is now attending Penn State University, Altoona Campus, with a major in civil engineering. Danny is the son of Steve and Dorie Aslanian.

<u>Jessica Marie Jordan</u> graduated with honors from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication Science. She is the daughter of Fred and Janet Jordan and granddaughter of Rosemarie Zarzatian. She will begin the Doctor of Audiology Program at the University of Pittsburgh in the Fall.

<u>Gabrielle Meranshian</u>, daughter of Grace and Gregory, received a degree in Nutrition and Dietetics from Immaculata University in 2014, after which she began a nine-month dietetic internship working in different aspects of nutrition and food service. At the conclusion of this rotation, Gabrielle passed the official state exam in July, 2015 and received her credentials as a Registered Dietitian (R.D.). She is now working at a long-term care facility in South Jersey.

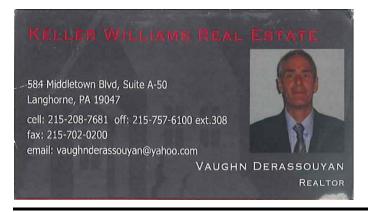
<u>Meredith Moore</u>, daughter of Will and the late Corinne Moore, and granddaughter of Merle Santerian, graduated from Penn State University with a B.S. in Biology and will be continuing her education at Parsons The New School of Design to pursue her MFA in Interior Design.

<u>Mark John Santerian</u>, son of Mark and Silva, and grandson of Merle, graduated from Drexel University LeBow College of Business majoring in Business Administration, with a minor in Entrepreneurship. He is now working as an account executive at SAP Academy.

PARK and WALK

In efforts to help our parishioners, Cheltenham Township agreed to our request to place two handicapped parking spots in front of our church as shown. (A third space in the same area remains that does not require a handicapped placard.) This will enable those who have trouble climbing steps to park out front and use the ramp to enter the church. At the end of Badarak, if going down stairs inside the building is also difficult, they can drive their car down and park in the handicapped parking spots easily visible. We have also added two additional handicapped spaces against the back wall of the Banquet Hall. We hope this step will be an aid to our parishioners when they come to church since other alternatives have been studied and found impractical.







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Thank You



today. Thank you again for allowing me to attend a pilgrimage I'll never forget.

Sincerely, Gabrielle Meranshian

Dear Der Hayr, Parish Council Members and Parishioners,

I would like to express my deep appreciation for giving me the opportunity of a lifetime to compete in basketball in my Motherland this past summer and represent Los Angeles/USA at the 2015 Pan Armenian Games. I had the privilege of playing with extremely skilled players who have experience playing at Portland State, Princeton, Texas A&M, USC, and William Patterson University.

As one of the only Armenian speakers on the team, I had to communicate with the Armenian-speaking referees the entire game and translate for my teammates. I also had the chance to explore Yerevan as well as many other parts of Armenia with my team. Some of the teams we beat were from Sydney, Australia; Antelias, Lebanon; and Marseille, France. The championship game was against another US team, which was Glendale, CA. We were awarded with our own gold medals and an ever-lasting experience, which we will carry with us for the rest of our lives.

Ani Javardian



STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

We thank the following who have given of their time, talent & treasure in the following ways:

- Bryan Peckjian, for the installation of a new water cooler at the far end of the hallway, going up to church. Our Church School students will especially appreciate it!
- Ara Shakarjian, for always being ready and willing to help us with all of our video needs.

MOVIE TIME IN SANTERIAN HALL

On Sunday afternoon, August 30, more than forty people stayed after church to watch a full-length, faith-based movie called "I Am Gabriel." It told the story of people in a small, mid-western town where the fields are dry, businesses are failing and kids can't wait to grow up and move away.... in other words, a town without hope. With the arrival of a mysterious young boy who demonstrates the love of God through signs and wonder, the people begin to discover the power of prayer and hope becomes a reality again. This story of revival was a powerful reminder of God's love for each one of us, no matter what our circumstances might be, and the need to spend time on our knees in prayer with Him. Stay tuned for more movie events!!

A STORYTELLER AMONG US

Kudos to Vani Hanamirian - daughter of proud parents, John and Meredith - who was selected as a winner in the "Once Upon a Nation Storyteller Contest" organized by Historic Philadelphia, Inc. On August 8, she participated in a day-long event during which she, along with the other contest winners, shared their story with all the visitors who came to the Independence Mall area. Way to go, Vani!!





DUES ARE DUE!!

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



October 3 – Concelebrated Liturgy – 10:30 am

October 4 - Daughters of Vartan Coffee Hour and Program

October 7 – Ladies of Holy Trinity Gathering – 7:00 pm

October 23, 24, 25 - Harvest Bazaar

November 3, 10, 17, 24 – Book of Narek Study – 10 am

November 14 – Comedy Night

December 6 – Stewardship Sunday

December 8 – Ladies of Holy Trinity Gathering – 7:00 pm

January 6 – Armenian Christmas – 10:30 am

January 10 – Water Blessing Service & Christmas Pageant

January 17 - Day of Remembrance

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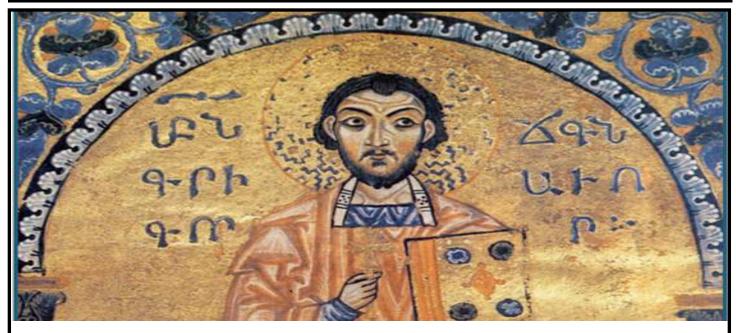
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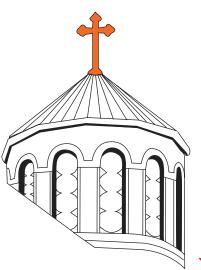
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Berj & Michele Yeretzian, Jr	10/ 14/1989
Garo & Tamar Hovnanian	10/14/2006
Gregory & Maria Javardian	10/15/1983
Ara & Virginia Shakarjian	10/ 16/1955
Donald & Judy Paretchan	10/18/2009
Jake & Gina Terkanian	10/20/2007
Larry & Jeanette Der Hagopian	10/24/1964
Steve & Mary Sona Brod	10/28/1990
Berj & Alice Kalustyan	10/29/1955



October Marina Hovhannesian - 2 Grace Meranshian - 4 Steve Aslanian - 5 Aram Attarian - 5 Robert King - 5 Jack Vishab - 5 Haig Hagopian - 6 Philip Kazanjian - 6 Matthew Santerian - 6 Lauren Lillis - 7 Janice Owens - 7 Jennifer Hagopian - 8 Brianna Juskalian - 10 Jeannine Juskalian - 10 Richard Carlucci - 14 Marta Brann – 18 Karinne Andonian - 19 Florence Maloumian - 19 Mary Parnagian - 19 Peter Hovnanian - 20 Jean Ohnigian - 21

Tara Zane - 29 Kyle Dunigan - 31 Katie Hashas - 31 Michelle Oskanian - 31

Adrienne Minassian - 29

Henry LeCompte - 22

Ella Hovnanian - 27

Laura Bilazarian - 29

Peter Oskanian, Jr. - 23

Christopher Torcomian – 26

November

Naomi Kapeghian - 1 Rosaleen Oskanian - 1 Scott Santerian - 1 Harry Mirijanian – 2 Annabel Hovnanian - 3 John Oskanian - 3 Dori Juskalian - 4 Kimberly Dunigan - 6 Bennett Ohanes Oskanian - 8 Thomas Torcomian - 8 Lesly Attarian - 10 Angel Tookmanian - 12 Gary Altoonian - 16 Selma Alexanian - 17 Elizabeth Barone - 17 Shawn Carnevale Jr - 18 Veronica Carnevale - 18 Alice Kalustvan - 18 Janet Hashas - 20 Marie Kazanjian - 21 Stefanie Vishab - 22 Larry D. DerHagopian - 23 Vartan Mazmanian - 24 Madison Radell - 25 Levon Attarian - 27 Gabrielle Meranshian - 28 Valerie DerPilbosian - 29 Joyce Killian - 29 Yolanda Terzian - 29

Florence Dandegian - 30

November

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December

Terri Sadjian-Mears	12/1/1984
Robert & Janice King	12/3/1983
Albert & Patrice Keshgegian	12/22/1974
Melani & Kyle Burrows	12/29/2007
Robert & Elizabeth Barone	12/30/1972

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December

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THE WOMEN'S CORNER

Liz Barone, Chair

What an amazing summer!! We shouldn't complain about the heat because it definitely beats driving in the snow and ice to church, visiting family and friends, or simply shopping. Fall will bring the glorious colors of the changing leaves and the crisp air is invigorating and energizing.

Speaking of energizing, we can certainly use a boost or a helping hand to energize our women's activities. Everyone is busy but it is nice to take an occasional break to relax and enjoy some down time with the ladies of Holy Trinity. Please call me at 610-449-2236, drop me an email at lizbarone04@gmail.com, or chat with me at coffee hour with your suggestions or proposals.

A few of us are interested in coloring our way to feeling happy and enjoying the adult version of child's play. Keep an eye on the Sunday Messenger or your email for an E-Blast with an upcoming October date. We also have an opportunity to learn more about our women saints. This program will be presented after we recover from supporting our annual Fall Bazaar. In addition, the ladies at St Sahag are traveling to Lancaster on Tuesday, November 10 for the Miracle of Christmas and lunch at a local restaurant. They have invited us to join them. The cost is \$80 for the ticket and lunch. Transportation will be provided from St. Sahag's. Please let me know if you are interested.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY AT HOLY TRINITY

While many people think of July as a time to sit back and enjoy the lazy, hazy days of summer, several of our parishioners and a few friends from sister parishes used it as an opportunity to spend time with the Word of God. A group of 15 to 18 individuals came together on four consecutive Thursday mornings to expand their knowledge of Scripture and reflect on its meaning.

The study was sponsored by our Adult Christian Education ministry, which was established a few years ago by our pastor and Parish Council. While one of the sessions was facilitated by Der Hakob, the others were led by Holy Trinity parishioners. "We have so much talent in our parish; I feel very comfortable assigning lay people to guide our discussions on Scripture," remarked Fr. Hakob. "I am never disappointed."

The readings, chosen by the facilitators themselves, were from both the Old and New Testaments. Deacon Albert Keshgegian led an enlightening session on the Psalms, focusing on five specific psalms used in our liturgical services; and Parish Council member Brian Hoyle directed an intense examination of the Suffering Servant passage from the prophet Isaiah. Nancy Basmajian used St. Paul's epistle to the Ephesians and one of the prayers of St. Gregory of Narek to examine meditations on the Church.

The Bible study concluded with Fr. Hakob's presentation of the great "I AMs" of Jesus in the Gospel of John. That session began with a lively conversation centered on a question posed to participants by Fr. Hakob: Is your experience of Jesus Christ more like swimming in a pool OR swimming in the ocean? How would you respond?





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friend. Thank you for your support!

ACYOA

What is the ACYOA?

The ACYOA (Armenian Youth Organization of America) is an organization made to help bring the youth of the Armenian Church together where they will gain a greater sense of their culture. It also will help the youth learn to take charge in leadership positions within our parish 's ACYOA Juniors.

What do you do in the ACYOA Juniors?

In ACYOA Juniors, there are many activities, events, and fundraisers that the youth take part in. One of these events is the Palm Sunday Banquet that is hosted by our parish's ACYOA Juniors. This includes serving food and showcasing their talents for all the guests. Another event would be the Mid-Atlantic Retreat that brings the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York parishes together for a weekend that will help the ACYOA Juniors form stronger bonds with God and meet new people too. Probably the biggest event Sports Weekend in Watertown, MA. The parishes compete in volleyball, basketball, chess and Activities in the ACYOA include trips to haunted houses, paintball, and go-kart racing. Many of these activities are spent

with St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Parish's ACYOA Juniors.



How do I join the ACYOA?

To join the ACYOA Juniors you must be 13-18 years of age and still be a high school student. Please contact a co-parent advisor: Michele Oskanian or Melissa Paretchan for more info.

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Fall Sports Weekend will be held on October 9-12th (Columbus Day weekend) at Holy Martyrs in Bayside, NY. Sign up for this will be in September. The first meeting of the new school year will be held sometime in September and will be announced shortly after the beginning of the first class. There will be new officers elected at this meeting as well as planning for the upcoming year so it is important that ACYOA members make every effort to attend this first very important meeting.

The ACYOA made a donation of \$500 towards the Changing Landscapes FAR project at the Palm Sunday banquet. This project has a unique focus of using art, specifically nature photography, as a restorative and healing tool for different age groups and environments. Changing Landscapes was designed to help more than one vulnerable population from at-risk teens and adolescents to hospital

patients of all ages and their families who support them. It will provide hospitals in Armenia with landscape photographs that will be hung on the walls with the intention of being an additional source of comfort, hope and calm to the patients, their families and hospital staff members. This donation was made in the memory of Taline King and was sent along with the notes of encouragement signed by parishioners at the banquet. Additionally, the ACYOA raised \$147.00 doing their annual car wash after graduation. This money was designated to the support of the child we sponsor through the CASP organization. Thank you for all of your continued support!



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SCHOOL READY FOR ACTION

Our Church School, which provides both a Christian education program and Armenian language instruction, kicked off the school year on September 13 with Registration Day! While Yn. Anna Gevorgyan remains the superintendent of the language program, we have a new person at the helm of Christian education. Amy Terkanian is taking over for Gail Lulejian, who has decided to return to the classroom to teach 7th-8th grade.

Amy, who has been overseeing our Preschool class for several years, has accepted the position and is very excited about the future. A professional educator who currently teaches full-time at Garnet Valley Middle School, Amy is also the mother of two young children so she has a personal stake in the success of our school. To assist her, Fr. Hakob has appointed a Church School Board, which will work with her in the management of the school.

There are also some new faces in the classroom this year, as well as some faithful veterans. One of our new teachers is Gabrielle Meranshian who will be taking over the 1st-2nd grade class. Returning teachers include Robbie Barone, who will teach the 5th-6th graders and Talene Peckjian, who will be coordinating the Teen Seminar. Rounding out the staff are veterans Merle Santerian, Berjoohy Murray, Denise Sisian, and Mariana Majian.

Also returning will be our popular Little Sprouts program for infants and young toddlers. Last year, we created a colorful, welcoming space for our families with very young children. The Little Sprouts room is a place where 18-month through 2.5-year-olds participate in Christian Education class, as well as a place where parents can play with and care for their babies. New to the Little Sprouts room is Armine Keshaegian, who will be coordinating the program, with a staff that includes Christy Barone, Diana Boghosian, and Seta Pica.

In case you missed registration, new students are always welcome! Please see a staff member in our Church School office to get started.

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A WORTHY OUTREACH

Early in July, we learned of a little girl in Armenia named Angelina Mirzoyan, who desperately needed a second surgery for brain cancer. We reached out to our church

family and they generously opened their hearts and purses to help this family in crisis. As we prayerfully await news of the outcome of the surgery, we wish to thank those listed below who together donated an amazing \$1,015! We also thank Ayarpi Nazaretyan for sharing Angelina's story with us, thereby giving us the

and her family.

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REFLECTIONS ON VOLUNTEERISM IN ARMENIA

From: Ani Gooshian

Last October I travelled to Armenia as a member of Armenian Volunteer Corp.

The idea of volunteering in Armenia, to take on a commitment to make a difference in others' lives, came in the middle of a major upheaval and challenges in my life. I was going through much emotional turmoil, as well as facing many overwhelming challenges. My beloved husband Ronald had passed away earlier in the year; I was preparing to relocate from my present residence.

However, the prospect of being able to shift away from the focus on my own internal feelings, as well as the vision of the positive impact I was capable of making on others, picked me up, lifted me, recharged and revitalized my spirit and inspiration. I was also reminded of the moral obligation and social responsibility my husband Ronald and I always felt towards doing our best to help improve the lives of others.

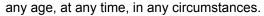


I grew up in Armenia, received my education in Armenia, worked as an English Teacher in one of the specialized English language schools. I also facilitated and conducted the English language programs on Armenian television. In the United States my career shifted to the banking industry. I held management positions in various departments such as Retail Training, Retail Communications, Recognition/Events Planning, etc. Planning and participating in community volunteer programs have always been the source of my inspiration and inner satisfaction.

It has always been my belief that volunteering is a heart and soul activity. It's all about being willing to give our time, energy, skill or knowledge to help others without financial gain. Most importantly it's just as much about the satisfaction we volunteers feel, witnessing how our contributions make a difference. Actually, the reward can even be greater for the volunteer because it leaves us with a feeling of pride, satisfaction, confidence, connection and attachment.

Being well aware of the benefits of volunteering, deciding to return to Armenia and take on two weeks of volunteer activity felt exciting and uplifting. Upon arrival I was impressed to see how the Volunteer Program in Armenia was well organized and managed by competent and really caring professionals with the infrastructure capable of supporting all aspects of the program. From the first day I arrived, I knew I was in a place where people cared and were ready to help.

Based on my qualifications, professional experience and preferences, the joint decision for me was to teach in one of the foreign language schools in Armenia. What a wonderful experience! Warm, welcoming staff, bright-eyed smiling faces of children eager to learn, their little expressions of love and devotion towards the teachers, was really amazing. I sincerely couldn't wait till it was morning again, so that I would arrive at the school and could start the assignment of the day. The experience in some ways had spiritual, intangible, miracle healing power that I find difficult to explain. I feel forever grateful for the knowledge, warm welcome and well wishes I received from the principal and the whole staff of the school, in return for my little contribution as a volunteer. I am also greatly thankful to AVC for their efforts to make it happen, to connect people that are willing to share their time, knowledge, skill and talent with the people who can benefit from all of the above. The experience proved and further etched in my mind, that volunteerism has the miracle power on anyone, at





While in Armenia, outside of volunteering hours, I encountered many amazing experiences and surprises that I think would be interesting to share with you at a later date...

Closing comments

In 2014 the volunteering activity turned out to be the best decision for me personally. I will undoubtedly recommend it to anyone. No other activity, financial gain, recognition or reward of any kind would have lived up to this level of self realization, inner harmony and satisfaction.

I have already registered to volunteer again this autumn, guided by my favorite quote by Albert Einstein: "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile". The Standing Conference of Oriental Orthodox Churches presents . . .



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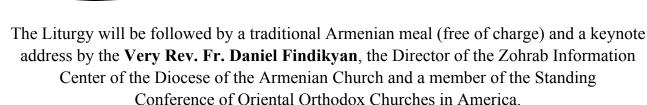
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Imagine a group of twelve individuals with ties to Holy Trinity meandering around the Philadelphia Museum of Art in search of spiritual meaning. That's exactly what occurred on Thursday, August 27— except that the "meandering" was purposeful.

Our Adult Christian Education ministry sponsored a day-long program at the museum entitled "Contemplating Christian Art." The guide was retired minister and museum docent Rev. John Hougen who led participants through the museum (up and down elevators and around corners) to view a variety of examples of explicitly Christian art and mixed in teaching about how to open ourselves to spiritual nourishment while contemplating art. "Trust your experience and instincts," he said, "and see where they take you."



The group had one break; it was lunch in a private room at the museum's elegant Granite Hill restaurant, where participants had an opportunity to relax and discuss the morning's tour. After lunch, the group received some direction and written materials about their afternoon "assignment."



an amazing experience."

That assignment was to select a piece of art that they felt drawn to or that "spoke to them;" and be prepared to share that experience with the group. Participants were turned loose; some went off on their own, others teamed up with a partner. The group then re-gathered and went from gallery to gallery, from Arms and Armor to the Impressionists, from landscapes to portraits, so individuals could share their selection and discuss its significance for them. Some were touched emotionally, others spiritually, but everyone felt enriched by the day.

One participant said, "I learned to look at art in a new way and to open myself up to the possibility that the Holy Spirit can be speaking to me in ways I never thought possible. This was truly



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