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Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church



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Cheltenham, PA

October to December 2015



Narek and Vartan displaying some of the harvest from Der Hayr's backyard!

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

**Read what's been happening at our
church and be a part of what's
coming up!**

Pray Until Something Happens

PEACE BE UNTO ALL

“And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places; all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs” (Matthew 24: 6-8).

God created this world and everything in it for all mankind. In the beginning it was a harmonious and peaceful place, but not anymore. Every day on the news we see how people die from wars, famine and natural disasters. And when we see the same thing over and over, it becomes commonplace, which is very sad.

Cain killed his brother, Abel, because of jealousy. Today people kill each other for the same reason as well as for land, power and riches. For instance, let's take the history of Armenia. During the centuries, Persians, Mongols, Arabs, Turks and today Azeris still attack Armenia and try to kill and destroy our nation and our culture. Why is this happening? The answer is, for the same reasons: jealousy, land and riches. The world has lost its peace because of greed and power. Unfortunately, this is an ongoing and serious problem because some people think that they are going to live forever; but, our life is like a blink of an eye in eternity.

One thing is clear: we all need physical and spiritual peace. That's why our Church fathers put these beautiful words - "Peace be unto all" - in our Divine Liturgy, which the priest repeats several times during the entire Liturgy by turning toward the congregation and making the sign of the Cross.

Every father likes to see peace in his home; and in the same way I believe that God wants to see peace in this world which He created. In this confused world we all need to remember Jesus' words which can give us hope and encouragement to continue our journey. "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I don't give you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:27).

As Christians it is our responsibility to do our best for the peace of our world. By saying this I mean that we should teach and preach love and solidarity to people, because our Lord said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9).

Peace be unto all! Amen

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan



PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

John Hanamirian, Chair

The past few months have been very active for the Parish. The children are back in Sunday School and Armenian School and all is going so well with our Superintendents, Yn. Anna and Amy Terkanian. The Bazaar was a great success and for that and for the Comedy Night, we can thank Barbara Harmon for her leadership and we are also so grateful to all of those who gave their time.

This year we are focused on the continued viability of the Church as an institution and as someone who is in the middle of the adult age group for Parishioners, I look at things with a longer term perspective. Where will our Church be twenty years from now and who will be the stewards when my children are adults.

We had a meeting recently where we solicited input from our Hayastantzi parishioners about what they may want from their Church, their Pastor and their Parish Council. We do, as a Parish Council, work for the best interests of our Parishioners. There were many new ideas and new faces to volunteer, and the hope is that the momentum will continue and that those new faces and the existing volunteers will help to steer the Church in the coming years.

What I just described is being a steward. What is also a necessity is having stewardship. People read or hear that and think, "Oh, John is going to ask for money." That's right. Just as you run businesses, we can cut expenses to a certain level and then there is nothing to cut without compromising quality. We are at that point. Over the years, between John Kash, Don Parechan and myself, the costs of the Church operations have been scrutinized and reduced to the lowest possible amounts. We now need money from the Parish. We spend each year budgeting and trying to have Church operations break-even or do a little better. Our investments that we hold are helpful, but if you understand our asset picture, we only have investments because the Ananian family and a few others left a lump sum of money in their estate planning process and we sold the rights to some of our land for a gas pipeline. There is nothing else. We do not have a strong continuous contribution base.

When I talk about giving, I hear back, "well, the Diocese will support us," but it is the opposite; we send money to the Diocese. If there were a financial crunch at our Parish, they would consolidate us into one of the other Philadelphia area churches. No, the Diocese will not help. We need to form a contribution base and have that be our road to autonomy. We cannot continue to rely on volunteer labor to create profit from our events, while we charge \$7.00 for lunch. It isn't an economically viable approach. The volunteers are getting more senior and when they are gone, there is not a second tier. No, we need to provide support for the Church ourselves through giving. I am not asking for thousands of dollars, but rather that each of us should be giving whatever anyone can afford to enjoy the continued existence of our Church. I grew up here and I would like my girls to grow up here.

We just commemorated the 100th year since the Genocide and 2016 is the 50th Anniversary of this Parish. We are the children and grandchildren of some of the smartest and strongest in our history. They built our foundation and gave us

opportunity and hope. They suffered and gave their lives for their beliefs and those beliefs are personified in the four walls of this Church. Let's have a plan and keep this Parish alive as a testament to their sacrifice.



BLESSING OF HOLY MURON

Clergy from across the Eastern Diocese gathered at New York's St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral in November to receive the Holy Muron—the holy oil employed in all the church's sacramental anointing services. Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Diocesan Primate, celebrated the Divine Liturgy and distributed vessels containing the holy oil to the clergy.

The Holy Muron was prepared at Holy Etchmiadzin and blessed by His Holiness Karekin II, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, in September. His Holiness proclaimed this year's Muron the "Muron of Victory" in commemoration of the centennial year of the Armenian Genocide.



ANOTHER MILESTONE EVENT

Before you know it, the 50th anniversary of the consecration of our church in Cheltenham will be here – on September 18, 2016. Anyone wishing to be a part of the organizing committee should contact the church office as soon as possible. We hope to have various events during the year leading up to “the main attraction” in September.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 27 – Pomegranate Blessing
January 5 – Armenian Christmas Eve – 7:00 pm
January 6 – Armenian Christmas, 10:30 am
January 10 – Blessing of Waters
January 17 – Day of Remembrance
February 7 – Poon Paregentan
February 12, 19, March 4, 18 – Lenten Series
February 14 – Dyaruntarach
February 21 – Parish Assembly (snow dates: 2/28 & 3/6)
February 27 – Leadership Workshop – 9:30 am
March 6 – Women’s Sunday Forum
March 12 – Exploring the Eucharist Workshop 10:00 am
March 20 – Palm Sunday ACYOA Banquet
March 27 – Easter Sunday

FR. DANIEL FINDIKYAN VISITS CHELTENHAM PARISH

by Brian Hoyle

On Sunday, September 13, on the occasion of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, the Parish Council and parishioners were honored to welcome the Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, Director of the Zohrab Information. Fr. Daniel celebrated the Divine Liturgy, gave a moving sermon and blessed basil. Following the traditional Antasdan service, he presented a lecture on martyrdom over a light lunch enjoyed by close to 100 parishioners.

While we tend to think of martyrs as those who have given their lives for their Christian faith, Fr. Daniel reminded the group that the word “martyr” means witness and that a witness must provide testimony about what he or she has personally witnessed. A Christian martyr must have a relationship with Christ to be able to witness.



Hayr Soorp began his PowerPoint presentation by showing the Icon of the 21 Coptic Martyrs of Libya, killed by ISIS in February of this year. One of the martyrs was a Muslim from Chad who was so overcome by the faith demonstrated by the Egyptian Christians that he did not tell the terrorists that he was a Muslim. He might have saved himself by professing his Muslim religion, but when asked to deny Christ and accept Islam, he refused to do so and suffered the same fate as the Egyptians. He won his martyrdom as a Christian by baptism of blood by his refusal to deny Christ, thus resulting in his death.

His acceptance of Christ seemed so much more remarkable when it was revealed that he was the last of the twenty-one to be put to death and had to live through seeing the gruesome killing of the other twenty. Fr. Daniel reminded the audience that martyrs are not made by the Church, but by God. God alone knows what is in our hearts and the hearts of those who suffer martyrdom. The Church merely recognizes and formalizes their status. When the Armenian Church canonized the Martyrs on April 24, no one knew how many of those 1.5 million souls actually died for their faith.

Almost all of those in attendance on Sunday were related to someone who was put to death in the Genocide. We shall hope that they attained the status of martyrs and we shall ask them in our prayers to intercede for us. Fr. Daniel left all those present with a deeper appreciation for the role of martyrs in the Christian Church, what it means to be a martyr and how the martyrs as saints can intercede for us.

CONCELEBRATION EVENT A GREAT SUCCESS

By Nadia Soghomonian

On October 3, our church hosted the 3rd annual Oriental Orthodox Concelebrated Liturgy of the Philadelphia Region, marking the first time this event has been hosted by the Armenian community. "The goal of the event was to bring together the regional Oriental Orthodox faithful for a day of worship and fellowship as a manifestation of our full communion and fraternal unity," said our pastor, Fr. Hakob.

Over 150 of the faithful from seven different Oriental Orthodox parishes (including the Armenian) attended the event, represented by six vested clergy from Philadelphia, New Jersey and Washington D.C.

"When we started this regional concelebration three years ago, our hope was to give our communities the chance to live out our unity in Our Lord Jesus Christ as Orthodox Christians," said committee member Deacon Nicholas Siniari from the Coptic Church. "Each year, we rotate among the jurisdictions so that we all have a chance to experience one another's liturgical traditions and hospitality. It's truly humbling to experience that real agape love each hosting parish extends to their guests. This year, Holy Trinity really treated the rest of us like family," he said.

The celebration continued after Liturgy with fellowship including a traditional Armenian luncheon and a presentation by Zohrab Center Director Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan.

Hayr Daniel spoke to the gathering about the extraordinary act of concelebration with these words: "Today we witnessed something quite remarkable and rare. We come from different places. We are different colors. We speak different languages. We are moved by different kinds of music. And yet despite these very real differences, today we came



together in full and complete unity, concelebrating the Divine Liturgy and sharing real and full Communion of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. That is what God calls us to do: to create unity where there is division, by the power of God in our Lord Jesus Christ, and so to bring His healing into this troubled and fragmented world."

He then introduced a new video from the Diocese entitled "A Cloud of Witnesses" which discusses the canonization to sainthood of the martyrs of the Armenian Genocide and reminds us that, as Christians, we are all called to be martyrs in the name of Jesus Christ.

"The Concelebrated Divine Liturgy with our Oriental Orthodox brothers and sisters was a great success. This was not only a unifying opportunity for all faithful who participated," said Der Hakob, "but also a great way for us to restore the unity and love in our Christian family."



THE FORGOTTEN ARMENIANS

by George Medzigan

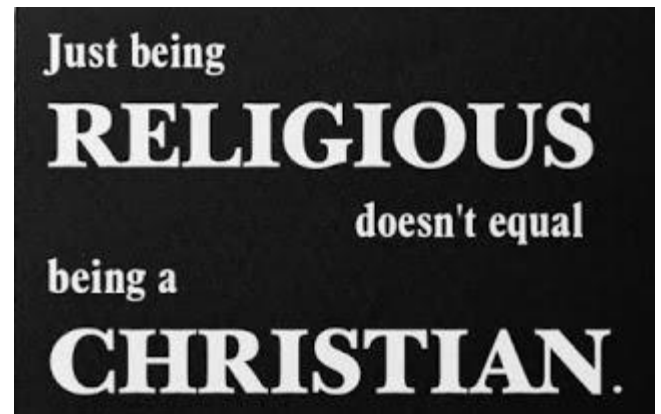
Many of you know of famous and historically important Armenians but may be unaware of heroic Armenians that seem to have eluded our attention. We look at Armenia today but do we know how it evolved into a country? When Tsar Nicholas the Second of Russia abdicated the throne much in this part of the world changed. The lower part of Russia was no longer dominated. The battle began to claim this territory known as the Caucasus. There were Turks, Azeris, Georgians as well as Armenians descending on this territory.

Like Teddy Roosevelt and The Rough Riders, volunteer Armenians descended to the Caucasus. One of those men was a family member of mine. As a boy I would hear stories while they had their homemade raki and mezza. I even remember seeing a picture of him in his uniform. I can recall what strong character this man had. If the other volunteers were like him, what a formidable army they must have been! Remember that these ordinary men had little or no former education nor any military training. What was their motivation?

Some say the Armenian Church is old fashioned. Tell that to those living descendents of these brave men who sacrificed so much to fight for our homeland! They entered into a situation that was most unpredictable. For it was the Armenian people and the Armenian Church that motivated them. Our church has been the cornerstone of the Armenian nation since its inception. These volunteer Armenians won many battles to form the nation of Armenia and then some.

It was that effort that brought all parties to negotiations. The boundaries they negotiated gave us the nation of Armenia as we know it today. These volunteers are a part of our history but few know of them. We owe many thanks to these brave men who returned our homeland to us.

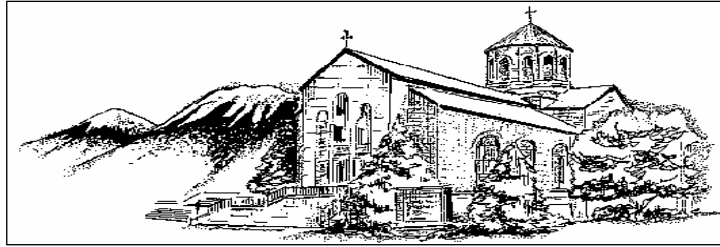
As for me, it was a privilege to know my family member, Archaveer Ajamian, who fought so bravely. He left an indelible impression on me. I will never forget this man and I will always remember those forgotten Armenians who fought for our homeland.



IT'S HERE!!

After months of planning, designing, building, revising, tweaking – and more, we are excited to announce the launch of our new website. We hope you will find our site easy to navigate so that you can be up-to-date on all the activities and events happening at our church. Visit us often at www.holytrinity-pa.org. A major shout-out to Rick J. Mukalian for his expertise in putting us “back on the map.”





Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church
Cheltenham, Pennsylvania

Christmas Services 2016



Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Christmas Eve

7:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Followed by a House Blessing in the Hall
Please bring food to share during the fellowship hour



Wednesday, January 6, 2016

Christmas Day

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy



Sunday, January 10, 2016

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Followed by Blessing of the Water
Godfather: Harout Nalbandian



On January 28th the Armenian Church commemorates St. Vosgi and his Companions (also known as the Vosgeyan priests). The following is a reflection by Deacon Albert Keshgegian, based on the Gospel reading for that day:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be fulfilled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the poor in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."*

Matthew 5:1-12

Values. They form the attitudes and beliefs that we think are important. They help us define the way of life we follow. They are what we try to pass onto our children and to our children's children. In our secular and pluralistic society, values unfortunately are also pluralistic, often degenerating to the lowest common denominator. We allow television shows, movies, and popular songs to define for us what our beliefs and goals should be. And they often emphasize the values of greed, abuse of power, pursuit of personal pleasure and gain, and sex as a recreational pastime.

Jesus taught another set of values. Values that are important to God, that reflect how God wants us to behave. Values of being poor in spirit—humble—rather than proud. Mourning our sinful ways rather than doing whatever makes us happy for the moment. Meekness—recognizing that there is someone greater than us—rather than pursuing power and authority. Seeking righteousness, rather than personal wants. Showing mercy to others, instead of pushing them aside to reach our goals. Being pure in heart, rather than telling lies or hurting other people to get ahead. Being a peacemaker rather than one who generates conflict. Those who uphold these values, Jesus said, would often be persecuted in this world. But he promised them great rewards: comfort, mercy, the kingdom of heaven, seeing God himself.

The lure of worldly pleasures is great and their seductiveness strong. Who would choose to follow the values that Jesus taught? The Vosgeyan priests did. They were five individuals (led by a man name Vosgi) who were sent by the pagan King Sanadrouk of Armenia to Rome as ambassadors in the mid-first century. On the way to Rome they encountered St. Thaddeus who converted and baptized them. They retired to the mountains in one of the eastern provinces of Armenia and lived there for 14 years. Later, they began to preach in the Armenian royal court and were martyred by Prince Ardavast in 107 A.D.

We don't know a great deal about the lives of this interesting group of people. But they must have been very highly placed in the Armenian royal court, immersed in the luxuries of this world, to have been appointed ambassadors to the prestigious city of Rome. Yet they gave all this up to live as hermits in service to Christ. They took on the values of Christ. When they preached these values to the skeptical society of their day, the Vosgeyan priests did indeed meet with persecution—even martyrdom—as Jesus said his followers would. But these early martyrs knew and believed in the wonderful rewards that Jesus promised those who followed him.

Jesus asks us to adopt those same values. We don't have to leave civilization and go to the mountains for 40 years, unless we want to. But we do need to resist the materialistic values that much of society would have us worship. We do have to be faithful to Christ and obey his commandments. Then we shall realize, as did St. Vosgi and his companions, that the rewards of this life do not lead to lasting happiness. Only by being close to Christ can we achieve the true contentment that we all desire and rewards that will last forever.



A LOOK AT ST. GREGORY OF NAREK

"May [God] heal the souls and wash away the transgressions of those who read this book with pure hearts....May your light enter and dwell in those who taste and embrace these mournful psalms." St. Gregory of Narek, Prayer 3C

When Pope Francis officially proclaimed St. Gregory of Narek a Doctor of the Church in April of this year (an honor bestowed on only 36 saints), he referred to him as "an extraordinary interpreter of the human soul." This recognition by the Roman Catholic Church of perhaps the greatest mystic of the Armenian Church assures that his work will be read and studied by thousands of scholars and faithful Christians around the world.

With this in mind, Fr. Hakob took the opportunity to introduce our people to the life and writings of this "extraordinary interpreter of the human soul." A group of twenty-plus parishioners and friends of Holy Trinity were drawn to a four-week study of the saint's most important work, *Speaking with God from the Depths of the Heart*, a collection of 95 prayers, popularly known as "The Lamentations of Narek." A few of the participants were familiar with the prayers, but most of those who attended were simply curious. No one was deterred by the daunting task!

Each of the four sessions was led by a different facilitator: Nancy Basmajian took on the first session which included a brief biography of St. Gregory and a general introduction to the prayers; Dn. Albert Keshgegian led participants through several prayers which focused on the saint's theology; Brian Hoyle examined the types of prayer contained in the work and defined Christian mysticism. The guide for the final session was Fr. Hakob who received his first copy of the Lamentations as a young man. He shared his special affection and respect for the saint (naming his first son, Narek in Gregory's honor) and encouraged participants to keep reading.

At the beginning of each session, the group prayed one of St. Gregory's prayers to whet their appetites. Over the four-week period, more than 20 prayers were read, studied and analyzed by the attendees who worked in small groups; each session included discussion questions which required participants to look deeply into the prayers. The program ended with lunch at a local restaurant for fellowship and more conversation.

Joan Momjian, who attended a few sessions with her husband Set, summed up the feelings of many when she commented, "these prayers were so beautifully written and thought-provoking...thank you for introducing us to St. Gregory of Narek and his prayers for the inspiration they will bring to our faith journey."



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ANOTHER WINNING BAZAAR

Many thanks to our volunteers for the annual Harvest Bazaar 2015. It was a great success, and the hard work and efforts helped to once again exceed the budgeted profit goal.

Without the kitchen workers, there would not be a bazaar. Thanks to all of our talented women and men who came together and tirelessly shopped, chopped, cleaned and seasoned to prepare the food for our buffet. From the ladies who snapped string beans for our homemade tourshi, to our own Der Hayr and Yn Anna, who helped shish the chicken kebab. We thank you all! We are grateful to all of you who served on the buffet and operated the cash registers.

This year's shish kebab was prepared once again by Robbie Barone, the chicken kebabs were prepared by Greg Meranshian and his crew. The luleh kebabs this year were made by Alice Torossian and they were delicious!

Our Country Store, run this year by Angel Tookmanian and Jeanette Der Hagopian, was a huge success. It seems most people didn't leave without a bag of delectable treats, and the store just about sold out completely. Another success story is the Attic Treasures - once again, these women outdid themselves. Ashe Chakmaklian, Liz Barone, Linda Boornazian, Pauline Chapjian, Grace Meranshian and Adrienne Movsessian worked many hours and many days leading up to the bazaar.

Naomi Mukalian and Fran Torcomian had another successful year with the gift basket auction. Thanks to this year's "Bake Shoppe" creators, Berj Murray and Diane Doudoukjian, and thanks to all who baked for them.

Merle Santerian, Nancy Hovnanian, Anne Terkanian and Maggie Miller.... we thank you for the making the room look so beautiful.

This year's bar was buzzing with activity, and headed up by our "bartenders" Tom Harmon and Shant Kapeghian. Thank you to Garo and Cece Garibian for donating our very own popcorn machine. That will certainly be used often!

Thanks to Steve Hovnanian, David Mears, and Nick Terkanian, this year's MCs. They did a wonderful job. And a shout-out to Nick Terkanian and crew with the set-up and breakdown of the booths.

Most of all, we thank our bazaar sponsors and donors especially Jon's Restaurant, and Shorethings Enterprises who supported this endeavor.

It has been a pleasure to work with Der Hayr and Yn. Anna, and all the volunteers who partnered with us for the fellowship we are able to provide for our church family and friends. Each year our commitment to this major fundraiser continues to perpetuate and remain successful. Thank you all.

Barbara Harmon



GIFT AUCTION

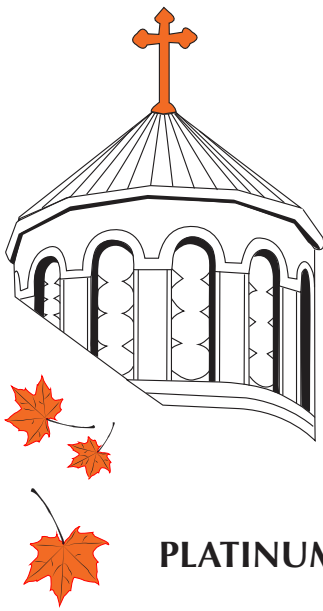
Once again a very successful Gift Basket Auction took place at our October 2015 Harvest Bazaar. As always, we were so very pleased with the abundant donations from both regular supporters as well as first-time donors. Our continued success is the direct result of the generosity of our parishioners.

The gift auction committee would like to thank the following contributors for their charitable donations of auction items this year: Eileen and Gary Altoonian; Lynne Baboujian; Christy and Rob Barone; Nancy and Gloria Basmajian; Linda and Rich Boornazian; Marta and David Brann; Stacey and Alen Cakiryan; Melody and Robert Damerjian; Jeanette and Larry Der Hagopian; Kim and Larry Der Hagopian; Sue and Gary Der Hagopian; Cecelia and Garo Garibian; Sabrina and Antranig Garibian; Dianne and Christopher Hajinian; Barbara and Tom Harmon; Maria and Greg Javardian; Grace and Greg Meranshian; Leslie and Paul Movsesian; Naomi and Rick Mukalian; Tanya and Michael Parechan; Anna Polizzi; Merle Santerian and Family; Anne and George Terkanian; Fran and Tom Torcomian.

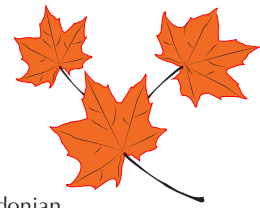
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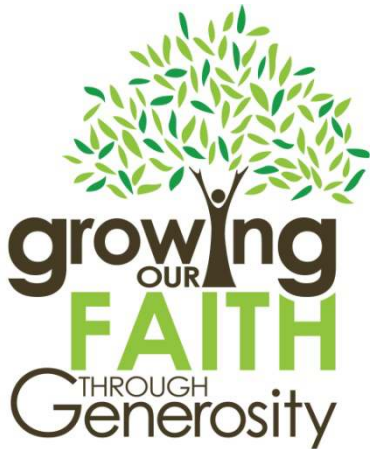
- **EDWARD TERZIAN:** Total: \$2,265.00
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- In memory of **Rose Kalafian** - Harry Kalafian
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STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Sincere appreciation is expressed to the following for their true stewardship:

- ✓ Alice Torossian who handles the ongoing repairs to all linens, vestments, garments and more for our church.
- ✓ Rick Mukalian who donated and installed a door stop in the Pastor's vestry.
- ✓ Kim Willard, Economy Roofing, who repaired the roof over the Conference Room, including shingle replacements, all at no cost to our church.
- ✓ Robert Barone, who replaced our grease trap in the kitchen on an emergency basis, thus keeping our kitchen operational.
- ✓ Garo and Cece Garibian for the donation of a popcorn machine for our church and to Vartan Gevorgyan who spearheaded the project because he felt we "really needed one" at church.

We are indebted to these members for their ongoing commitment – with their time, talent and treasure – for the benefit of our church.

A GENEROUS GIFT

To Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, Pastor:

One of Rose Kalafian's last requests before passing on October 7, 2014 was that we make a donation to the church in her name. On behalf of Harry Kalafian, I'm enclosing a check for Ten Thousand Dollars in Rose's memory.

Sincerely,
Janet B. Schell
Rose Kalafian's Executrix



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ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Babies, babies and more babies...our parish is blessed! Welcome to **Elsie Angele**, daughter of **Nadia and Vache Soghomonian**. What an honor to be named after two of her great-grandmothers. Little Levon is lovin' being a big brother!...**Kyle and Melani (Kodikian) Burrows** welcomed their first child, **Sarkis William**, who is also the first grandchild of **Doris and Hal Kodikian**....**Mike and Erika (Hajatian) Torosian** added to the Hajatian grandchildren with the arrival of their first child, **Tomas**. That makes it six grandchildren (3 & 3) for **Mike & Lynn**. And we can't forget **Penny Hajatian**, a great-grandmother once again.....Also grandparents for the sixth time (5 girls, 1 boy) are **Albert and Patrice Keshgegian** who welcomed **Luella Eve**, born to their son **Mark and his wife Kate**..... Congratulations to **Florence Boyajian** whose family grew again with the arrival of her third great-grandchild, **Wesley Mac**, who was born while she was working in the kitchen in the midst of our busy bazaar. Achkerneet Looys to one and all – parents, grandparents and great-grandparents!.... A special couple among us – **Patty & Vaughn Alexanian** – celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. We are happy to add our own good wishes....With sorrow, we mourn the passing one of our most senior and beloved church members, **Ed Terzian**, who passed away after a very brief illness. Our deepest sympathy to his sisters, **Helen and Ethel**, and extended family. He will surely be missed by our HT family.... A shout-out to another lifelong member of our church: **Harry Mirijanian** who celebrated his 90th birthday recently at church during coffee hour. Unfortunately, he wound up in the hospital the next day – too much excitement? Thankfully, he is now home recuperating following surgery....Others on the sick list include **Robert Damerjian, Sr, Mary Injaian, Aram Aghazarian, Krikor Kapeghian, Vaughn Alexanian, Mamas Alexanian, Alice Charles, Liz Barone, Frank Aghazarmian and Michael Santerian**. Wherever they are on their road to recovery, please keep them in your prayers.... Pray also for **Melissa Parechan** whose father passed away recently after a lengthy illness..... Congratulations to **Anie Megerian** who retired from her role as Office Administrator of our sister church, St.Sahag & St. Mesrob in Wynnewood, after more than 21 years. She played a vital role in the daily operation providing efficient assistance to all. We know she will be tremendously missed. At the same time, we send good wishes to our own **Ayshe Chakmaklian** who has begun working in the office at St. Sahag as their bookkeeper, putting her efficient skills to good use. Good luck, Ayshe, in your new career!....Hats off also to **Legna Santerian** in her new role as Director of Admissions for the Armenian Sisters Academy – they are lucky to have her!....One more eligible bachelor is off the market. Congratulations to Michael **Alexanian** and **Jenna Pawlowsky** who have become engaged. As soon as there is more news, you'll see it here!....Best wishes to **Veronica (Ronnie) Torcomian** who turned 85 years young! Continue your celebration of life....Deepest sympathy to the **Alexanian Family** on the passing of sister **Marion Avrigian** who grew up at Holy Trinity until her marriage took her to St. Sahag..... Locomotive, the New York-based indie production company behind Maggie's Plan and HBO's Grey Gardens, has hired film producer **Alexis Alexanian** as its president of production. Continued success to you, Alexis!... We congratulate **Jim Keshgegian** who was the Godfather of the Blessing of Water with new Holy Muron, a most distinct honor since the blessing of Muron only happens every seven years.....the New Year is upon us – where did 2015 go?

VILLA JOSEPH MARIE STUDENT COMPETES INTERNATIONALLY

October 6, 2015 via www.yardleyvoice.com

Villa Joseph Marie High School has gained a reputation for excellence in athletics, and its athletes have earned accolades at the high school and collegiate levels and beyond.

One of the latest examples is Ani Javardian, a senior at the private Catholic college-preparatory high school in Holland. Ani's Armenian heritage made her eligible to compete at the Pan-Armenian Games, a multi-sport competition held every four years in Yerevan, Armenia.

Competitors in individual and team sports from within Armenia and from the Armenian diaspora throughout the world gather for a two-week, Olympics-style event in their shared homeland.

Ani was a member of Team USA Women's Basketball.

She says, "My team was very unique because, before Armenia, we had not met before. I had the privilege of playing with extremely skilled players from UCLA, Portland State, Princeton, Texas A&M, and USC. As one of the only fluent Armenian speakers on the team, I had to communicate with the Armenian-speaking referees and translate for my teammates."

Team USA defeated the French, Syrian, and Australian teams by wide margins to make the playoff round, earning the players some fame. "People would stop me for autographs and photos," Ani recalls. "Winning soon became something that I wanted not only for myself, but also for the young fans who looked up to me. I could hear people cheering for me in Armenian – people I had never met before, but who knew me as #13."

Ani and her teammates defeated Armenia and Azerbaijan to reach the championship game against Lebanon. After three neck-and-neck quarters, USA gained a 15-point lead – and the win – in the final 10 minutes. Of her gold-medal achievement, Ani says, "Somehow, 10 strangers who were still learning one another's names on the court during the first game became the 2015 Pan-Armenian Women's Basketball Champions."



NOTES OF THANKS

A Note to Share

Bobby Sarkisian was looking forward to his 94th birthday on November 15, 2015, but God wanted him and so he wanted to be with God. We miss him terribly. His cheerfulness and loving spirit is always with us. God picked the best when he chose him. May he rest in peace with God's blessings and ours.

With eternal love – Mary and Ahnee Sarkisian

A special note received from Der Hayr's English teacher Camilla Chiappari, in White Plains, NY

Hello Father Hakob,

Do you remember your old English teacher? We received the latest LOOYS in the mail and I was happy to read that you and Anna are now official Americans. Congratulations and "Welcome to the Club!" It was so nice to see the picture of the two of you and the boys.

What a wonderful family you are!

I am impressed by how lively and active your parish community seems to be and how involved you are in all the activities. Are you comfortable now with your English? I am sure you are!

Greetings to you and please also say hello to Anna for me.

Take care,
Camilla

Dear Der Hyre, Parish Council, 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 have had the privilege of playing with extremely skilled players. 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 played and beat were Sydney, Australia, Antelias, Lebanon, and Marseille, France. The championship game was against another USA team, Glendale, California. We were awarded with our very own gold medals and an ever-lasting experience, which I will remember for the rest of my life. Thank you again!
-Ani Janardian

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Godmother: Stella Sevumyants



November 7, 2015: **VALENTINA MARIE GARIBIAN**

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antranig Garibian

Godfather: Robert Barone

Godmother: Alexis Javardian & Ani Javardian



FUNERALS: 2015

EDWARD TERZIAN entered into his eternal rest on September 4, 2015. Funeral services were held on September 10, 2015 at Holy Trinity. The officiating clergy for the service was The Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan.

OBITUARY

George Mukalian passed away peacefully in his sleep at age 92 on October 16, 2015. He was the brother of Mary Mukalian of Philadelphia and the brother-in-law of Mary (Harry) Injaian and the late Haig Torigian. He was married to the late Varsenia (Shake) Torigian and they were blessed with four children: the late Marcina, Melinda, Gregory and Michele; and three grandchildren. A Memorial Service took place on October 23 at St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church of Philadelphia. In-lieu-of-flower contributions may be made to Holy Trinity Armenian Church or to the US Veterans.



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HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH

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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



MEMBER BIRTHDAY

January

May Arzoumanian - 1
Joyce Hoyle - 2
Kimberly Der Hagopian - 4
Drew Doudoukjian - 4
Serge Minassian - 4
Andrea Minassian - 5
Mark Santerian - 5
Alec Yeretizian - 5
Laura Temoyan - 6
Nicole Santerian - 7
Berj Yeretizian, Sr - 7
Stepan Andonian - 8
Alexander Arzoumanian - 8
Naomi Mukalian - 8
Diane Williams - 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
Dylan Santerian - 18
Halle Santerian - 18
Luceen Attarian - 21
Albert Chapjian - 21
Ella Hanamirian - 22
Nareg Kaprielian - 22
Albert Keshgegian - 22
Gavin Pica - 22
John Williams - 22
Daniel Aslanian - 23
Betty Hovsepian - 24
Hagop Arzoumanian - 25
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
Mickey Sherian - 9
Michael Hajatian - 10
Franklin Vartanian - 10
Patil Boghosian - 11
Margaret Leck - 14
Mark Kalenian - 14
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George Arslanian - 22
Jonathon Tancredi - 22
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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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Casey Baldadian - 7
Michael Tookmanian - 7
Braxton Pica - 10
Robin Bilazarian - 11
Florence Boyajian - 12
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Jaclyn King - 13
Nishan Boyajian - 14
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Robert Damerjian - 15
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Mariett Kalenian - 29

ACYOA FALL ACTIVITIES

By Peter Ohnigian

As we near the end of the year, Holy Trinity's ACYOA Juniors wrap up another successful fall season. The season included fundraising, fellowship, and community service that brought the youth members of the ACYOA Juniors closer together.

We started off the year with ACYOA Juniors Sports Weekend in New York on Columbus Day Weekend. Andrew, Ani, and Isabella attended the event. Everyone had a great time meeting new friends from other parishes, competing in basketball and volleyball, and going to the dance on Saturday night!

Our fellowship outing for the year was a trip to the Valley of Terror Haunted House in West Chester, PA. Andrew Movsesian and I attended the event with Saint Sahag's ACYOA Juniors. We all had a great time shooting zombies with paintball guns from the back of a military truck and walking through the thrilling haunted house. Also, Bennett and Alex Oskanian went to LuLu Temple in Plymouth Meeting for Holy Trinity's ACYOA Juniors event. The night was a success and we hope to do it again next year!

For community service, the ACYOA Juniors worked with the younger Sunday school students in Operation Christmas Child by boxing the goods brought in by Sunday school students to be sent to children who normally wouldn't get anything for Christmas. Bennett and Alex Oskanian and Angelina Everly participated in the event. I represented the Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors at the Thanksgiving food drive at Saint Sahag/Mesrob Church. We packed boxes with different canned and boxed Thanksgiving food items to donate to those in need. The annual food drive arranged annually by the Brinker Organization was once again a great success!

Overall, the season was everything we had hoped for and we cannot wait for what 2016 has in store!



LOOYS UPGRADE

With deep appreciation, we acknowledge those who have contributed to the color upgrade of the Looy's by becoming a Supporter and/or making a donation in memory of a loved.

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IN MEMORIAM

All who passed away in the 2014
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Ann & Deran Chopoorian
By Larry & Jeanette Der Hagopian
Nicole Der Hagopian
By Gena & Kim Willard
John & Nicholas Kashkashian
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Friday, February 19

*The Spiritual Journey of the
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Deacon Greg Andonian,
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Dinner Hosts: Steve & Nancy Hovnanian

Friday, March 4

Topic: To Be Announced

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Saturday, March 12

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