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Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church



LOOYS



Cheltenham, PA

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, Pastor

Spring 2020-02

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Hours of Worship

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

Church School

- Language Instruction: 10:15-11:15
- Christian Education: 11:20-12:15



Upcoming Events

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

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REGULAR SUNDAY HOURS OF WORSHIP

Morning Service: 10:00 AM
Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak): 10:30 AM
Church School: 10:15 AM

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The mission of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church is to preach the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ and to proclaim its message of salvation. This mission is realized through worship, education, witness, service, and a common life in Christ as expressed in the distinctive faith- experience of the Armenian people. All the faithful of the Armenian Church – both clergy and laity – are called to participate fully in this mission.

Our Community

What is a community? The dictionary says that the community is a unified body of individuals such as people with common interests living in a particular area.

Our Holy Trinity community is almost one hundred years old. The survivors of the Armenian Genocide came to this country with the hope for a bright future. With God's help, these hardworking people were able to establish a great community. As a unified body our common interest was and is to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our people and to preserve our Armenian identity. Learning Jesus' teachings is the first step for every Christian community. The second step is to practice His teachings in our daily life.

Over the years, our Holy Trinity community has provided a spiritual nourishment to our people. In our community people love, respect and care for one another. When someone is sick, we pray for him/her; when someone grieves, we grieve with him/her; and when someone celebrates, we celebrate with him/her. We try to help each other in any way we can.

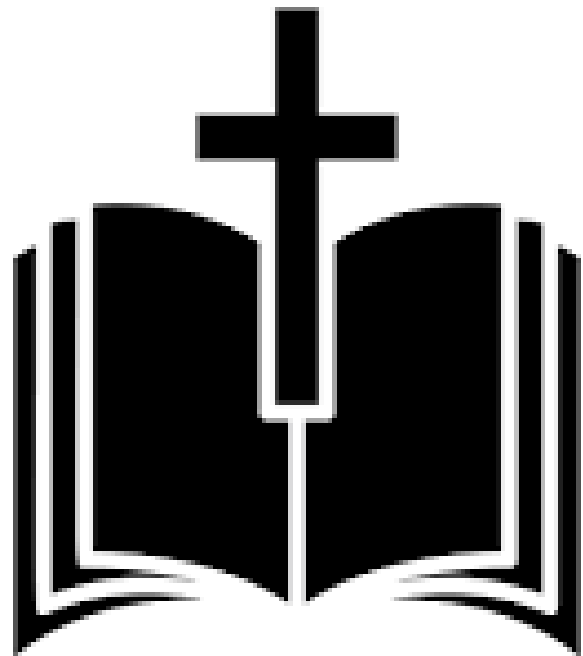
Today because of Covid-19, our world is facing many difficulties. People can't visit their loved ones in the hospital or in the nursing home. People can't visit church or any other religious organization. People can't get baptized or married. The funerals must be conducted with limited people at the graveside only. Millions of people lost their jobs. Many people are sick and, sadly, many others have died. And the big question is that no one knows how long this situation will last. But we should remember that on this earth, everything has a beginning and end.

Now, as a community, what can we do to help our people?

When this problem started, we began to livestream our services for our community so we could pray together. Thanks to our deacons, choir members and professionals for their technical support. Our leadership (Parish Council members) started continually to call our parishioners and check on their well-being. People called me and offered their help especially for elderly parishioners. Every day, I see more and more caring attitude and love towards each other. WE are a community!

Dear Faithful, these are trying times. We need to be strong, stand together, and continue our prayers and do good works.

With prayers,
Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan



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(Matthew 5:16).

Parish Council News

By John Hanamirian, Chair

All. I hope each of you are doing well and that everyone you know is well. During this time, the Parish Council has met via telephone conference, usually once a week, to discuss the changing environment and the issues we have and anticipate for the balance of this year.

Initially, asset protection. Our assets are our investments, both those held with the Investment Committee and those held in ACEF. In each instance, we have lost some money, but in each instance, we have implemented stop-loss protections. ACEF has built in loss protections and we follow the strategy of the Diocese in that investment. The Investment Committee has kept close touch with Michael Santerian and with me and we determined to pull out of the markets for a portion of our investments and hold that amount in cash. I suggested that we hold one year of our operating costs in cash and we are doing that.

Second, we have cash in the bank and cash in the Estate of Serpouhie Tchmiyan accounts. We also hold a private mortgage. So, we have money and we can withstand this crisis. It doesn't mean we don't always need donors to help; it means we can survive this crisis.

Next, we applied and received Payroll Protection Plan funds of approximately \$29,000 to help cover our payroll, medical and utilities costs for 8 weeks. That money came through my banker at Columbia Bank. Our existing bank, Santander didn't answer us on whether we could apply for those funds. We are re-thinking our relationship with Santander as a result.

On the personnel side, Tyrome has moved on to a new job. That change for him was not related to the pandemic. Maggie has been working from home as the Church Office is formally closed. We have hired a young Parishioner to cut our grass, a maintenance person to clean the Church and we have coverage for hall rental events when we are able to have hall rentals again.

On the personal side, Don Parechan suggested we provide an Armenian dinner to some of our Parishioners whom Der Hayr identified as persons who would appreciate that gesture more than most in this time of crisis. That effort has been very well received. People knowing that the Church community cares for and about them is not fully understood until you see and hear the reaction of those affected by the effort. Thank you, Don, Der Hayr, Gay and Arous who arranged and delivered the meals. We did not do this as "the Parish Council" necessarily as we obtained individual donors to support fully the effort; no Parishioner monies were used.

Finally, as proof that out of bad comes good, Der Hayr has been conducting weekly video-conference sessions with the Church School students. This is just terrific and the children have the benefit of Der Hayr's teachings much like their other academics at this time.

Finally, finally, your officers for this year are me, Larry, Don, Liz, and Michael. Thank you to my fellow Council members for allowing me to help again this year. This Church means so much to me and leadership matters much more in crisis than in the everyday of operations, but the everyday operations position you for responding to crisis. I am thankful to have a role in that leadership.



A Reflection

by Deacon Albert Keshgegian

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

It's been a strange, difficult, foreign, frightening time. Needing to stay in our homes, venturing out only for essentials with a covering on our face, staying a safe distance away from other people, washing our hands frequently according to the prescribed method. Worried about catching Covid-19, with its possibility of severe disease and even death. And of course our hearts go out to those who have lost loved ones to the disease.

It's hard to know what the exact situation will be when you read this, but some form of "social distancing" guidelines will still be in place and the virus will still be a threat. How have people coped with their concerns and fears? Individuals have turned to various sources for support and consolation. Some tune to the cable news channels for updates several times during the day. Some try to escape with movies or TV shows. For those of us who are the faithful, there are numerous Bible verses that promise the constant and ongoing presence, strength, and support of God, for example:

God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its water roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. (Psalm 46:1-3)

Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

It's important to remember in times like this that God and his strength and peace are always with us. But there's another Bible verse that I think is important for today: ***This is the day that the Lord has made.***

It is God who created the sun and the earth and the land and the water. It is God who created the plants and the animals and gave us the gift of life. God made the world and everything in it. He makes the sun rise every morning, even if clouds may obscure it, to provide us light and warmth. Every day is a day made by God and given to us as a gift by him, even if it is in the midst of a pandemic.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

As I write this, trees and bushes are in bloom in a myriad of colors. The beauty and majesty of nature are in full display. Most of us have adequate food and shelter and financial security. We have friends and family that we can stay in touch with, even though we can't physically touch them. Every morning we should rise and rejoice and be glad and thank God for all his good gifts.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

But we also need to do more. God gave us this day, and he wants us to use it to do something meaningful, something that will please and glorify him. The virus has reminded us of how our behavior can affect others and how much all of us are connected with each other and need each other. We can follow the guidelines and requirements to minimize the spread of the virus. We can look out for our neighbors. We can call them just to check in on their well-being and to offer them human contact. We can offer to do grocery shopping or pick up medicines for those who are more at risk for the virus than we are. We can provide a meal or other aid to a neighbor who has lost their job. We can donate to food banks or the other charities in the US and Armenia that are taking care of those who have been affected the most.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We should embrace it, appreciate it, rejoice and be glad in it, and use it to do God's good works.

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About Our Family

Considering that we've been in isolation for over two months, a lot has gone on among our people during that time. Congratulations to **Eric & Tia Silk** as they were united in marriage in early March. They were doubly blessed since their special day took place just before our world "shut down"....A most unique wedding took place when **Vahan & Monica Parechan** exchanged vows in Florida (late March) while the world was in isolation. But that didn't stop hundreds from being witness to it via ZOOM, and continuing throughout the reception. It was a day they'll never forget for more reasons than the usual ones..... It's another set of twins in the **Torcomian** family with the arrival of **Arineh & Vache**, born to first-time parents **Chris and Larissa**. And we are certain that **Grandpop Tom** and **Great-Gmom Veronica** are overjoyed as well.....Congrats also to **Diane and Bob Parechan** on becoming grandparents for the third time, with the arrival of Baby **Robert**, born to their son and his wife, **Jeff and Lilit**, who live in Armenia. Big sister, **Natalie**, also loves having a baby brother – and **Grandpop Bob** now has a namesake! Atchkerneet Looys to all.....During these months, we have also had sorrows among our HT family. We extend condolences to the **Mahserejian** Family, whose son and brother, **Kevork**, died as a result of a hit-and-run accident.... We remember **Frank Tornetta's** brother, **David**, who died suddenly in his sleep.... Deepest sympathy to **Cece Garibian** and her entire family, with the untimely death of her young niece, **Aylif Patricia Quinn**, who was a health-care worker during this COVID crisis.... Condolences to **Richard & Naomi Mukalian** and the family of **Gay Mukalian** on her passing in early April.....We were saddened by the demise of **Adrienne Movsesian** and extend our sympathy to her son, **Paul**, and the entire **Movsesian** Family.....Our condolences to **Bill McGarvey** who was a devoted husband to **Diana**, a lifelong member of HT, who passed after a lengthy illness. Many will also remember her son, **Jack Mehlbaum** who grew up at Holy Trinity.....May the Holy Spirit comfort these families during their time of sorrow..... So happy to share that **Mary Yeretizian**, who is living at Christ's Home in Warminster, has found her surroundings to be peaceful and serene and keeps herself very busy. As you may remember, Mary was always an active person and in her new home, she continues the same!....During the last few months, we have also learned of many milestone birthdays that took place and we celebrate them.... **Mike Santerian, John Kash, George Arslanian, Kyle Burrows, Terry Sadjian-Mears, Nezihe Hashas, Jake Terkanian and Don Parechan - Shnorhavor Daretartzner**. Not to be forgotten, our milestone anniversaries include: **Steve & Nancy Hovnanian (45), John & Diane Williams (40), Greg & Diane Yazujian (35) and Brian & Joyce Hoyle (30)** Wishing them all many happy & healthy years ahead. We don't know how much longer we will be isolation and away from our beloved church but until then, be safe, be happy, be at peace.



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To Der Hakob and my Holy Trinity Family and Friends:
Thank you for your concern, prayers and well wishes for my wife, Theodora,
and me as we battle our health issues. Your support has given us strength
and I always carry you in my heart.
Love Always,
Armen Mirakian



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Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants

During this first-time-ever restriction from conducting church services due to the COVID-19 virus, we salute those dedicated members who supported Der Hakob with their participation in the variety of services conducted: Karinne Andonian and Emily Movsesian (Choir) and Garo Garibian, Karnig Torossian and Antranig Garibian (Deacons). Thanks also to Larry Der Hagopian for his tech support so that the services conducted in the Sanctuary could be viewed on our screens (computer, phone, tablets) while following isolation guidelines. It was a source of great comfort to so many that we could hear our ancient liturgical music and participate from home.

Parish Council Updated

Our Parish Assembly election results were recently approved by the Diocese after which elections were held for the Executive Body of our Parish Council. Those currently on the Executive Committee were re-elected to their same positions for the 2020-21 time period. (See Page 2 for complete listing of Parish Council.) Barbara Harmon was welcomed as a returning member and Garo Garibian, who retired after fulfilling three consecutive terms (six years), was recognized for his many years of service and commitment.

From the LOOYS Archives – March/April 1996

Karinne M. Hovnanian age-10

If I could serve the church, I would want to be the choir director. I would like to be the choir director because I love singing. I think if I worked hard enough, I think I could do it. Also, because my dad is teaching me the songs in Armenian. I already know a lot of songs.
I WOULD LOVE TO DO THIS !!

Tina Hagopian age-10

I would like to be a part of the Armenian Church because I am proud of my religion. I would like to be in the choir or play the organ for the choir as well as help the church by being a Sunday School teacher or working in the office.

Chris Torcomian age-10

I would want to be a priest. The reason I want to be a priest is that it is interesting. If I wasn't a priest I would want to be a deacon. I would be a deacon so I could help the priest and sing with the choir and other deacons. If I wasn't the deacon I would want to teach Sunday School so every one could be taught about Jesus. If I wasn't a teacher, I would just help around the church and go up to service.

Men's Club

RECENT MEN'S CLUB WINNERS

February 2020

\$500 Alex Alexanian #013
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\$100 Greg Jamgochian #181
\$100 David Hoplamazian #016
\$100 Albert & Patrice Keshgegian #037

March 2020

\$500 Joyce Killian #087
\$200 Jeff Pogharian #193
\$100 Paul Borian #151
\$100 Carol Jerrahian #125
\$100 Shant Kapeghian #097

April 2020

\$500 Larry & Kim DerHagopian #196
\$200 Steve & Dorie Aslanian #132
\$100 Alice Karabian #194
\$100 Carlene Thomassian #110
\$100 Ed Attarian #014

May 2020

\$500 Kim & Gena Willard #114
\$200 Merle Santerian #082
\$100 George & Anne Terkanian #009
\$100 Jeff Thompson (Bryers) #002
\$100 Mike & Lynn Hajatian #084

When my arms can't
reach people who are
close to my heart...

I
always
hug them
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Marriage Blessing

On Sunday, February 16, approximately thirty couples were present to participate in a Marriage Blessing service at the conclusion of Badarak. The ceremony, which has become an annual tradition, is intended to honor the relationship of husband and wife and is an opportunity for couples to rededicate that relationship to God and His sacred purposes. Before blessing the Coffee Table, Fr. Hakob invited two couples to help with the cake-cutting. Gregory & Karinne Andonian, married ten years, and Karnig & Alice Torossian married more than fifty years, were chosen because of their strong commitment to weekly worship and participation in the Liturgy. As you all know, Karinne serves as our Choir Director while husband Greg is our most recently ordained deacon. Alice and Karnig have been lifelong choir members, no matter where they have lived, and Karnig often serves on the altar. The two couples are living examples of God's place in their lives together.



When you trip over love, it is easy to get up. But when you fall in love, it is impossible to stand again

-Albert Einstein



Funerals: 2020

OHANNES HASHAS entered into his eternal rest on February 3, 2020. Funeral services were held on February 8, 2020 at Holy Trinity.

HELEN MIRIJANIAN entered into her eternal rest on February 6, 2020. Funeral services were held on February 13, 2020 at Holy Trinity.

BERJOUHIE TOUTKALDJIAN entered into her eternal rest on February 22, 2020. Funeral services were held on February 24, 2020 at Toppitzer Funeral Home at Arlington.

KEVORK MAHSEREJIAN entered into his eternal rest on March 17, 2020. Funeral services were held on March 23, 2020 at Ivy Hill Cemetery.

MARCUS A. MAMOURIAN entered into his eternal rest on March 20, 2020. Funeral services were held on March 24, 2020 at West Laurel Hill Cemetery.

ADRIENNE P. MOVSESIAN entered into her eternal rest on April 28, 2020. Funeral services were held on May 2, 2020 at Locustwood Memorial Park.

DIANA MCGARVEY entered into her eternal rest on May 7, 2020. Funeral services were held at Bryer's Funeral Home.

VARTOUHI HACIKIAN entered into her eternal rest on May 10, 2020. Funeral services were held on May 15, 2020 at Lawnview Cemetery.

The Cross In My Pocket

By Verna Thomas

I carry a cross in my pocket
A simple reminder to me
Of the fact that I am a Christian
No matter where I may be.

This little cross is not magic
Nor is it a good luck charm
It isn't meant to protect me
From every physical harm.

It's not for identification
For all the world to see
It's simply an understanding
Between my Savior and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket
To bring out a coin or key
The Cross is there to remind me
Of the price He paid for me.

It reminds me too, to be thankful
For my blessings day by day
And to strive to serve Him better
In all that I do and say.

It's also a daily reminder
Of the peace and comfort I share
With all who know my Master
And give themselves to His care.

So, I carry a cross in my pocket
Reminding no one but me
That Jesus Christ is Lord of my life
If only I'll let Him be.



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The next issue of the **LOOYS** will feature **Our Graduates** and we are hoping that you will submit your own details so that you can be included. Write-up should include: full name, parents' names, name of institution, grade level or degree achieved, activity involvement, and future plans (further education/ work). Please include a picture (*in high resolution color*), if possible. Everything should be sent to looy@holytrinity-pa.org by an **ABSOLUTE** deadline of July 20, 2020.

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A New Normal?

Armenians are people of faith while at the same time, those same people with whom we worship become part of our extended families. By mid-March, when the Coronavirus became the main topic of news, it soon became apparent that our lives would be changed almost instantly. And in the blink of an eye, our churches were fully shut down, depriving us of our time of worship in the Sanctuary and Hospitality time with our extended family.

Social distancing became a new phrase added to the dictionary; sanitizers and masks were as important as food. And we stayed home!

The leadership, under the direction of Der Hakob with the Parish Council, immediately began to plan ways to stay connected with our church community. Uplifting messages from Der Hayr and other updates were e-blasted and snail-mailed regularly; shut-ins were called on a regular basis by many caring members to make sure all of them had whatever they needed. But we were missing Church!

Once the mechanics were worked out, the Lenten services were conducted and streamed through the Holy Trinity Facebook page, with Der Hayr and two deacons participating. Interestingly enough, there were more people viewing online than the number who usually attend the Friday night Peace and Rest Services. It was clear that while many might not attend church often, they certainly missed it if it wasn't available to them!

Palm Sunday dawned as we watched online – and even participated in - a memorable service, unlike any other: priest, two deacons and two choir members. And yet it was AWESOME! Well over one hundred people watched the service with comments of praise and thanksgiving.

As of this writing, we are still NOT finished with COVID-19, so we don't really know the ending yet. But along the way, perhaps we began to learn some things.

- We didn't like the isolation, but we were managing it.
- We live in a country of plenty and we are blessed to be able to go out and buy whatever we want at a moment's notice, but that stopped during this time. And we saw that we were able to do without those extra items that we thought we needed.
- Sharing dinners together as a family really was wonderful.
- Many could not get to the food stores, so we depended on the kindness of family, friends and neighbors to help us. And though the items were not just what we wanted, we made do and were fine.
- We spent more time on the phone "visiting" with people. Hopefully, we spent more time with God and in prayer. We interacted by playing games with our grandchildren on computers or phones, something that might not happen in "normal" circumstances.

Hopefully, these lessons will stay with us when we return to our "other normal life" as we work to amend the priorities in our lives.

The Storm

*And once the storm is over you won't remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive.
You won't even be sure, in fact, that the storm is over.
But one thing is certain. When you come out of the storm, you won't be the same person who walked in.
That's what this storm is all about.*

By Haruki Murakami
From his novel "Kafka on the Shore"



A Sign of the..... Times Who are these masked people?





Outreach - Up Close & Personal

It was a pandemic and for the first time in modern times, our church doors were closed. We tried to reach and connect with as many people as possible. Aside from the church streaming services online and the voluminous number of phone calls that Der Hakob made to his flock, many church members created their own “calling lists” hoping to make sure that no one was ignored.

Since all restaurants were ordered to close their doors to customers, the only opportunity for the owners to recoup some of their business was to accept take-out orders for pick-up in their parking lots.

During this time, Don Parechan had a brainchild to help create some business for two restaurants with whom we have a relationship: Denim owned by Tavit and Stacy Murray and Apricot Stone owned by the mother/son team of Ara & Fimy Ishkhanian. This bit of help for the restaurants came to fruition when it was decided to deliver home-cooked, Armenian meals made by these talented chefs, and donated by a large group of generous people in our parish, too numerous to mention.

With the full support of Der Hakob and the Parish Council, meals were ordered and then delivered to many of the elder, frail and living-alone parishioners in our church family. With Gay Hagopian at the helm, the operation was carried out smoothly and efficiently. The delivery team included Der Hayr, Gay, Barbara Harmon, Arousiag Keshishian, Don Parechan and Nick Terkanian. As of this writing, meals are still being delivered.

We are delighted to share just a few of the many comments from the recipients: *can't begin to say how good the food was - from appetizers, main course to dessert..... moved to tears to be remembered by my church family.... so humbled to be thought of this way.... extremely grateful and it warmed my heart.... cannot believe how lucky I am not only to get dinner, but delivery as well... portions so generous, I had more than two meals with it....* And on and on it went.

Thank you to this outstanding team and the generous donors who worked together to provide delicious meals to shut-ins which warmed not only their stomachs but also their hearts!

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Covid -19 Shortens 2020 Lenten Series

Our five-part Lenten series was cut short by the pandemic which has, of course, impacted our life as a community of faith. However, the two programs that were presented and sponsored by our Adult Christian Education ministry were well-received.

On Friday, February 28, following a short worship service conducted by Fr. Hakob, Yn. Anna hosted a delicious Lenten dinner with almost 40 faithful in attendance. Our guest speaker was Dr. Chris Sheklian, the Director of the Zohrab Information Center at Diocesan headquarters in NYC. His topic, "Ecology and Fasting," was delivered with enthusiasm and drew the interest of our audience judging from their questions at the conclusion of his talk.

The other program—Parish Outburst—attracted fewer people (it was a rainy evening in early March) but proved to be as lively and enjoyable as our previous game nights. Following worship and a plentiful Pot Luck dinner provided by participants, Fr. Hakob introduced game show host, Tom Torcomian. In his capable hands and no-nonsense style, he "worked the room," asking questions and timing responses...and providing comic relief as needed. Thanks to the creativity and technical know-how of Ara Shakarjian, the game board added to the professionalism of the game.

ACE hopes to re-schedule a few of the programs that were cancelled such as "The Gospel According to Elvis" workshop and the debut performance of the Holy Trinity Acting Troupe which was preparing a novel version of "The Foolish Man Who Went to See God."



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What we did during the Pandemic . . .

- We started with a 1500 piece jigsaw puzzle which we completed in a week. Since then, we've completed eight more; it's great fun! (Don and Judy Paretchan)
- I had salsa and chips for breakfast (Nancy Basmajian).
- I grew a sourdough starter (Emily Movsesian).
- I took a walk with my family every day (Fr. Hakob).
- I played games on my computer and completed several books of crossword puzzles (Gloria Basmajian).
- I watched reruns of Mannix (Albert Keshgegian).
- I had a Zoom class with my kindergarten students in their PJs (Berjoohy Murray).
- Karnig butt dialed my cell phone three times. (I never gave him my number.) He also called twice and left me garbled voicemails in Armenian—which I don't speak. It was great. (Vickie Shakarjian)
- I planted a "fairy garden" with my kids and tried my hand at making lamajoun from scratch, but the gang decided I shouldn't do it again (Karinne Andonian).
- We built a raised garden and planted veggies for the summer (Janet Jordan)
- I watched short videos of Jacques Pepin cooking at his home—something about his French accent, his kind face, and his old-school practicality is SO comforting. Merci Jacques! (Kim DerHagopian).
- We made lots of Armenian food (e.g., choreg and dolma) and ate it all (Gena Willard).
- Marge Ayoub got creative and wrote this poem:
Eventually, this pandemic will pass,
For the virus is not so clever,
And when we are able to meet again,
We will all be fatter than ever!!!

Books we read ...

- The Storyteller's Secret by Sejal Badani (Merle Santerian)
- The Rent Collector by Camron Wright (Jeanette Der Hagopian)
- All the Lights We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr (Legna Santerian)
- The Red Lotus by Chris Bohjalian (Nancy Basmajian)
- The Martian by Andy Weir (Emily Movsesian)
- The Guernsey Literacy & Potato Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows (Margo Silk)
- Beside Still Waters by Albert Keshgegian (Lucy Aghazarian)
- Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (Karine Andonian reading with her children)
- One Perfect Summer by Brenda Novak and The Sea Glass Cottage by RaeAnne Thayne (Janet Jordan—someone's looking forward to summer!)

Movies we watched...

- Faith, Hope and Love (Jeanette Der Hagopian)
- Parasite (Nancy Basmajian)
- Mayrig: 585 rue Paradis (Lucy Aghazarian)
- Bad Education (Gloria Basmajian)
- Blinded by the Light (Janet Jordan)

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Take This Quiz to Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

This spiritual-gifts indicator is based on the gifts listed in Romans 12:6-8 and 1 Corinthians 12. (Other spiritual gifts are cited in Ephesians 4:7-13; and 1 Peter 4:10-11).

Read each of the following statements and determine how well it describes you. Mark the statements according to the following scale:

*M = This describes me **most** of the time*

*S = This describes me **sometimes**.*

*N = This does **not** really describe me.*

- ___ 1. I look for creative ways to meet others' needs.
- ___ 2. People generally look to me to make the first move.
- ___ 3. I try hard to help others feel good about themselves.
- ___ 4. Teaching a Sunday School class or leading a Bible study interests me.
- ___ 5. I'm likely to mow a neighbor's lawn or take a meal to someone who's been sick.
- ___ 6. I'm drawn to people others might consider "outcasts".
- ___ 7. I'm likely to notice when those around me are feeling down.
- ___ 8. I like the idea of sharing my faith with others.
- ___ 9. Giving is an important part of my financial plan.
- ___ 10. I'm likely to generate enthusiasm among others.
- ___ 11. When I lend things, I don't worry about getting them back.
- ___ 12. Others tell me I explain things in a clear, easy-to-understand way.
- ___ 13. I appreciate what others do, and I tell them so.
- ___ 14. I feel called to tell others about the teachings of the Church.
- ___ 15. I'm not bothered when my work goes unnoticed.
- ___ 16. People who need help solving problems often ask for my opinion.
- ___ 17. I think everyone deserves second and third chances.
- ___ 18. I enjoy facilitating small group discussions on personal issue of faith.
- ___ 19. I'm interested in ministering to the poor, the homeless, the disabled, and people forgotten by society.
- ___ 20. People tell me I present biblical messages in a clear, compelling way.
- ___ 21. I'm likely to volunteer for tasks others may have neglected.

Interpreting Your Score

- A. Each statement describes a possible demonstration of a spiritual gift. Statements you marked with an M could indicate giftedness in the corresponding spiritual gift. Two or more related statements marked with an S could also indicate giftedness.

Match your responses with the gifts below by circling the statement numbers that you ranked with an M. Those qualities with the most M rankings are probably your spiritual gifts (see list at bottom of page for a contemporary “translation” of the gifts).

- prophecy: 8, 14, 20
- serving: 5, 15, 21
- teaching: 4, 12, 18
- showing mercy: 6, 17, 19
- encouraging: 3, 7, 13
- giving: 1, 9, 11
- leading: 2, 10, 16

- B. List three concrete ways you think you can strengthen a specific ministry in our parish based on your gifts.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The Prophet: Fortright, outspoken, uncompromising. Points people back to the church’s mission in concrete situations.

The Servant: Practical. Needs-oriented. Hardworking, conscientious and faithful. Gets satisfaction in seeing things done, regardless of who gets the credit.

The Teacher: Concept-oriented. Systematic, logical and theoretical. Good at insight into Scripture and teachings of the church and making things clear to others.

The Sympathizer (Mercy): Feeling-oriented. Good at listening. Sensitive to others in need or who are hurting; compassionate and affirming.

The Encourager/Exhorter: Success-oriented. Disciplined, single-minded and dedicated. Good at setting goals and exhorting others.

The Steward/Giver: Cause-oriented. Strategist. Able to see “big picture,” assess resources, accumulate wealth and use it wisely.

The Administrator/Leader: Task-oriented. Organized, authoritative, decisive and thrives under pressure. Good at delegating responsibility and getting things done through others.

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Gianna Tancredi - 3

Jenna Tancredi - 3
Andrew Movsesian - 5
Doris Kodikian - 6
Marie Hagopian - 7
Stephanie Vartanian - 7
Sabrina Garibian - 9
Sarkis Burrows - 10
Patrice Keshgegian - 10
Mark Santerian - 10
Ralph Arpajian - 11
George Medzigian - 12
David Santerian - 12
Ani Gargan - 14
Marguerite Donoian - 15
Vahan Paretchan - 16
David Brann - 18
Johnny Alexanian - 19
Arpena Hajatian - 19
John Juskalian Jr - 19
Valerie Santerian - 21
Greg Bilazarian - 22
Raffi Garibian - 23
Legna Santerian - 23
Ani Peckjian - 25
Christopher Boyajian - 26
Carlene Thomassian - 26
Phil Worrell - 27
Christopher Owens - 28
Tyler Juskalian - 29
Robert Ohnigian - 29

Member Wedding Anniversaries

July

Sarkis & Katie Hashas 7/12/1959
Mark & Silva Santerian 7/16/1988
Gary Jr & Colleen Papazian 7/24/2009
Antranig & Sabrina Garibian 7/25/2009
Garen & Diana Boghosian 7/27/2008

August

Daniel & Kimberly Dunigan 8/11/1996
Garob & Cecelia Garibian 8/12/2011
Michael & Lynn Hajatian, Jr. 8/12/1972
Paul & Leslie Movsesian 8/18/1990
Ken & Lucine King 8/20/1994
Gary & Sonia Papazian 8/28/1954

Gregory & Karinne Andonian 8/28/2010
Serge & Adrienne Minassian 8/31/1957

September

Fred & Michele Oskanian 9/3/1994
Kim & Gena Willard 9/9/2001
Harry & Stephanie Vartanian 9/12/2009
Richard & Naomi Mukalian 9/13/1981
Robert, Sr & Lorraine Damerjian 9/15/1962
Van & Suzanne Injaian 9/24/1961
Michael & Dori Juskalian 9/26/1998
Henry & Brenda LeCompte 9/27/1975
Harry & Valerie Santerian 9/29/1996
John, Jr & Adrienne Juskalian 9/29/1984

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