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Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church



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Cheltenham, PA

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, Pastor

Summer 2020-03



BLESSING OF GRAPES

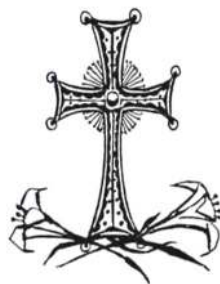
Although it was anticipated that the Grape Blessing would take place outdoors this year, that was not possible because of inclement weather. Thank you to Karnig & Alice Torossian for their donation of grapes every year.

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!

Pray Until Something Happens

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

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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.

THE GOLDEN RULE

The Golden Rule is a simple principle of treating other people as we wish to be treated. In the Bible we read the following, "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 7:12).

This is very important in following the commandments of God and creating a more beautiful and peaceful environment.

In the beginning God created paradise and put Adam and Eve over there. But because of disobedience, our ancestors lost paradise.

We haven't seen paradise but from the Bible we learned that it's a wonderful place and every human being will wish to be there one day and spend his/her eternal life there. But before we leave this world and hopefully be a part of God's paradise, how can we help our world to become a better place?

God gave us the Law, the Prophets and, of course, He sent to us His Son, Jesus, who not only sacrificed His life for us but also taught us how to live our lives and please God.

The Golden Rule was the first Bible verse that struck me during my first year in the seminary and I learned this verse by heart, of course, in Armenian. Honestly, it is very easy to learn this verse by heart - but it is more essential to practice it in our daily life. We can't say that people should love us without loving them first; we can't say people should forgive us without forgiving them first; we can't say people should help us without helping them first; and the list can go on and on.

Another Bible verse can help us to understand the Golden Rule. "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap" (Galatians 6:7).

Dear Faithful, if we want to see peace, harmony, a forgiving attitude, mutual understanding, respect and love in our relationships, then we should plant them first. And, of course, when we do or say something, we should think twice about how it will affect the other person. Amen

With prayers,
Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

By John Hanamirian, Chair

We are moving along. Of course, things remain uncertain, but we have regular services and we continue the business of the Church. Our revenues for the year are less than 2019 at this time, of course, but we are managing expenses and we will be fine. Our investments are back up with the stock and bond market recoveries. Our only decline will be in revenue from events, plate collection and candles. Please continue your support.

In the past two years, we have had a few parishioners provide something from their estates for the Church. This is a wonderful way to help assure our future. Please think about that. Even if you leave five percent of your estate, it all helps.

Next, Dn. Armen Terjimanian, a graduate of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, is joining our Church family for the year as he interns with us as part of his continuing education. During this time, he will be working closely with Der Hakob and participating in all areas of parish life. Please welcome Dn. Armen when you see him.

Finally, if it is safe for you, consider returning to Church and while you are there, consider volunteering to serve on Parish Council or any of the other Church organizations. We forget during this time that all of our organizations must continue, and if you have time at home or otherwise because of the Pandemic, maybe use it to help.



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OUR NEW PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Dn. Armen Terjimanian was born on June 2, 1982, in Royal Oak, MI to Arsen and Shoghig Terjimanian and raised in Troy, MI. He has two younger brothers, Dr. Michael Terjimanian and Stephen Terjimanian.

A 2000 graduate of Troy (MI) High School, he attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and graduated in 2004 with a Bachelor of Arts in Film & Video Studies and Political Science. He then attended Columbia University in New York, where he graduated with a Master of Science in Journalism in 2005. He spent his secular working career as a web content and online producer in the Washington, DC, region, working at USA TODAY Sports (August 2005-November 2010) and Georgetown University's Office of Communications (December 2010-February 2015).

In February 2015, Armen moved to Armenia where he participated in Birthright Armenia for eight months, volunteering his writing and communications expertise at a number of organizations including CivilNet, Children of Armenia Fund (COAF), PicsArt in Yerevan, Artsakh Press and the Government of the Republic of Nagorno-Karabakh in Stepanakert. He returned to Detroit in October 2015 until August 2016, when he moved to New York and worked for AGBU and later the Eastern Diocese as a communications consultant. During his time at the Eastern Diocese, Armen realized that he had a calling to serve the Armenian Church and made the decision to attend St. Nersess Armenian Seminary.




Armen grew up attending St. John Armenian Church along with his family, where his father Arsen has taught Sunday School for almost 30 years. He was baptized at St. John and graduated from the Sunday School. During his teenage years, he started serving on the altar as an acolyte and was ordained as a tbir by then-Primate His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian in 1995. When Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian became St. John's pastor, Armen continued his altar-serving education, learning how to swing a poorvar and chant the deacon's portions of the Badarak. As part of a graduate school course in Religion Reporting, Armen visited Jerusalem and the Armenian Quarter for the first time in 2005, which helped cement his faith. He returned to the Holy Land in 2007 with a Diocesan pilgrimage and again in 2018 as part of his St. Nersess Seminary studies.

When Armen moved to Washington, he attended St. Mary Armenian Church and served on the altar. In 2008, he was ordained a Subdeacon by then-Primate Archbishop Khajag Barsamian. Armen was very active in the parish, serving St. Mary in numerous capacities from ACYOA Seniors chair to substitute Sunday School teacher. In 2013 he was elected to the St. Mary Parish Council and served one term until 2015. Armen also was active on the national ACYOA front, participating in numerous retreats, conferences, and General Assembly/Sports Weekends. In 2011, he was appointed to the ACYOA Central Council and served in the executive body until 2014.

**Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen. For by it the
men of old received divine approval. By faith we
understand that the world was created by the
word of god, so that what is seen was made out
of things which do not appear**

Hebrews 11:1-3

Armen graduated in May 2020 from St. Nersess Armenian Seminary and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in Westchester County, NY, with a Master of Divinity degree. He completed a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) internship at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia in Summer 2019. He and Holy Trinity parishioner Emily Movsesian are engaged to be married on December 5 in Detroit. In his spare time, Dn. Armen enjoys running (he has run numerous full and half-marathons since 2011) and following sports, and watching films and TV, most especially Jeopardy!, in which he was a contestant in 2013.



ACE introduces its Fall Season brought to you by ZOOM

*Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, Pastor
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Walking Through the Gospel of Mark

Featuring Dn. Armen Terjimanian, Pastoral Intern

Tuesday mornings, September 29-November 17, 10:30-11:30

The Bible in the Badarak: God's Word in the Hymns

Featuring Dn. Albert Keshgegian, ACE Member

Thursday, September 24, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Book Discussion

Mayda: Echoes of Protest by Srpuhi Dussap

Featuring Lucy Aghazarian, ACE Member

Thursday, October 22, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Exploring *God's Love for You* Through Scripture and the Armenian Church

Featuring Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian, Pastor,

St. Peter Armenian Church, Watervliet, NY

Thursday, November 19, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

COMING SOON:

How to register for the ZOOM link.

For more information, contact nancybasmajian@verizon.net

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Welcome Back to Church School!

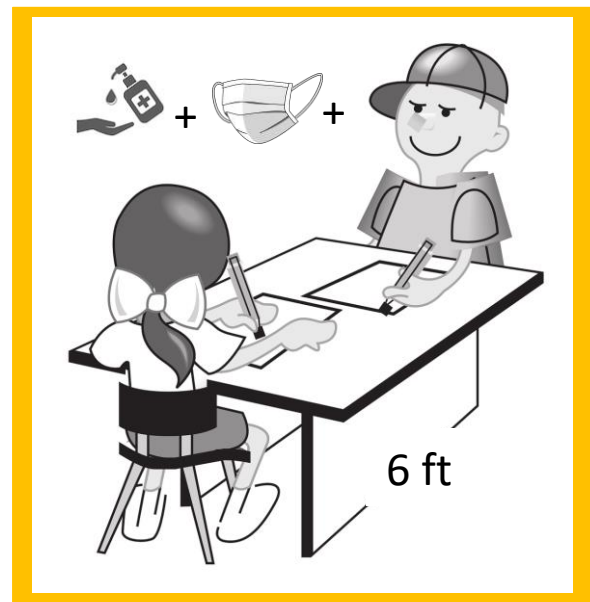


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hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to
such as these."*

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A REFLECTION BY DEACON ALBERT KESHGEGIAN

You have been blessed so you can bless others — Rep. Elijah Cummings

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16)

Within the past year this country lost two long-term, well-respected U.S. congressmen, Rep. Elijah Cummings and Rep. John Lewis. Both had also been active in the civil rights movement. Rep. Cummings' colleagues described him as "the best among us," kind, humble, thoughtful, a "man of God," passionate and a mentor. Rep. Lewis was called "the conscience of Congress." When they passed away, both were greatly mourned and praised, and their bodies lay in state in the U.S. Capitol building.

Both of them were also known as powerful orators and quotes from them were all over the news. One of the quotes that Rep. Cummings was noted for was especially meaningful and moving for me and is above: "You have been blessed so you can bless others," paraphrasing a number of Bible verses.

What does this quote mean? Most of us are so blessed in this country, despite the ongoing pandemic. We have abundant food, good housing, and enough income to enjoy our lives in addition to providing for all the necessities. We have the freedom to say and believe in what we want and the opportunity to advance as far as we can in education and careers. All these blessings, and many more, come ultimately from God, who loves us and wants the best for us and is the source of everything that is good.

However, with these blessings also come responsibilities. We need, in turn, to bless others.

Jesus came as the light of the world (Jn. 8:12) to illuminate our souls and minds to see the path that leads to God. But he taught us that we, in turn, are also to be the light of the world. God has blessed each of us with the light that shines in us. Just as one would not light a lamp and hide it, but would use that lamp to provide light, we need to let our light shine before others, to show them good works, to show that our light reflects the glory of God and the path that leads to him.

How can we light the world with our good works? We must strive to make the world a better place. We can volunteer for community or church organizations. We can donate to worthwhile charities. On a more personal basis, we can locate people in our church or community who need help – someone elderly who could use assistance with getting to appointments or grocery shopping, someone sad or lonely who wants a person to talk to or bring them the comfort of God, someone ill who would like a friend to read them a favorite book or cook them a special treat or just be with them.

Whatever we do, we will be shining the light of God in us to others. And we will be blessing others, just as we ourselves have been blessed.



ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Much to our dismay, COVID-19 continues to be a serious dynamic intersecting our lives, but we have been able to open up our church somewhat, most importantly so that those who are able can come to Badarak, with masks and social distancing. We never thought those few words would be ruling our lives....But life goes on, and so did the wedding of **Ana Torcomian and Christos Karagiannis** as they were joined in holy matrimony in July, with fewer than expected attending in person, but many more watching electronically. Congratulations to the newlyweds and the **Torcomian Family** on this very happy occasion.....Continued good health to all who celebrated milestone birthdays during these last few months: **Barbara Harmon, Rosemarie Zarzatian, Berj Yeretian, Jr, Kim Willard, Robert Barone, Doris Kodikian** and **Harry Santerian**. But the winners of the milestone birthday lottery are **Mary Jamgochian** and **Alex Alexanian**, both of whom reached "Nonagenarian" status (90) in July! May each day that follows be a good one!...And finally, congrats to **Paul and Leslie Movsesian** on celebrating a milestone anniversary – 30 years and counting!.... There was great sadness within our church family upon learning of **Armen Mirakian's** premature passing as a result of a brain tumor, despite his valiant fight to beat it. Armen grew up at HT and although he moved to New York years ago, he was always one of our own. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his sister, **Marta (David) Brann** on this loss, as well as the many members of Armen's family who are still among us....At the same time, we offer our condolences to the families of lifelong HT members **Elizabeth Kapeghian, Rose Minassian** and **George Medzigian**. Life eternal....Congratulations to **Emily Movsesian**, an environmental engineer with the Army Corp of engineers, who has taken on a new job as a project Manager for environmental issues. Continued success in your career, **Emily**.... And even more exciting for Emily is that she became engaged to St. Nersess graduate, **Dn. Armen Terjimanian**. Continued happiness for the newly engaged couple. If you don't yet know Armen, you'll get to meet him, as he will soon be interning with **Fr. Hakob** at Holy Trinity....It's been a long, hot summer – much more than usual, but we know that soon our temperatures will start becoming more seasonal. We can only hope – and pray – that COVID will be leaving us soon as well.... Till next time, be safe, be happy, be at peace.



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MEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

October

Todd & Seta Pica	10/2/2004
Steven & Stephanie Balint	10/12/1997
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 Parechan	10/18/2009
Jake & Gina Terkanian	10/20/2007
Steve & Mary Sona Brod	10/28/1990
Berj & Alice Kalustyan	10/29/1955

November

Gary & Eileen Altoonian	11/5/ ????
Ernest & Christine Peacock	11/6/1976
Phil & Alyssa Worrell	11/13/2010
Steve & Doretta Aslanian	11/15/1987
John & Margaret Bandaian	11/25/2005
Ralph & Nane Arpajian	11/26/2010
Richard & Florence Maloumian	11/27/1965
David & Marta Brann	11/29/1980

December

David & 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



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

October

Marina Hovhannesian - 2
Grace Meranshian - 4
Spencer Murray - 4
Steve Aslanian - 5
Aram Attarian - 5
Robert King - 5
Jack Vishab - 5
Matthew Santerian - 6
Janice Owens - 7
Brianna Juskalian - 10
Jeannine Juskalian - 10
Tomas Torosian - 11
Karnig Torossian - 13
Richard Carlucci - 14
Marta Brann - 18
Karinne Andonian - 19
Florence Maloumian - 19
Mary Parnagian - 19
Peter Hovnanian - 20
Jean Ohnigian - 21
Henry LeCompte - 22
Peter Oskanian, Jr. - 23
Lilit Andonian - 23
Christopher Torcomian - 26
Ella Hovnanian - 27
Laura Bilazarian - 29
Adrienne Minassian - 29
Tara Zane - 29
Kyle Dunigan - 31
Katie Hashas - 31
Michelle Oskanian - 31
Alice Sisian - 31

November

Rosaleen Oskanian - 1
Scott Santerian - 1
Annabel Hovnanian - 3
John Oskanian - 3
Dori Juskalian - 4
Kimberly Dunigan - 6
Bennett Oskanian - 8
Thomas Torcomian - 8
Lesly Attarian - 10
Stephen Griffin - 11
Patty Alexanian - 12
Angel Tookmanian - 12
Gary Altoonian - 16
Ani Burrows - 16
Taline Burrows - 16
Selma Alexanian - 17
Elizabeth Barone - 17
Shawn Carnevale Jr - 18
Veronica Carnevale - 18
Alice Kalustyan - 18
Janet Hashas - 20
Marie Kazanjian - 21
Stefanie Vishab - 22
Larry D. DerHagopian - 23
Zaven Andonian - 25
Madison Radell - 25
Timothy Worrell - 26
Vaughn Alexanian - 27
Levon Attarian - 27
Gabrielle Meranshian - 28
Valerie DerPilbosian - 29
Joyce Killian - 29

December

Alice Karabian - 1
Kimberly Kalustyan - 2

Nancy Basmajian - 4
Alise Peckjian - 4
Abigail Zane - 4
Sonia Papazian - 5
Robbie Barone - 7
Berjoohy Murray - 7
Robert Damerjian Jr - 9
Mariana Majian - 9
Leslie Movsesian - 9
Linda Vishab - 9
Richard Mukalian - 10
Phillip Santerian - 10
Danielle Sarkisian - 12
Margaret Bandaian - 13
Berj Kalustyan - 14
Michele Yeretzian - 14
Deskouhy Attarian - 15
Natalie Boghosian - 17
Denise Sisian - 18
Harry Vartanian - 19
Helen Terzian Gallagher - 22
Theresa Hovnanian - 22
Grayson Oskanian - 22
Natalie Movsesian - 24
Baby Jesus - 25
Maria Javardian - 25
Christina Juskalian - 25
Alexander Griffin - 25
Isabella Balint - 27
Alyce Jilajian - 27
Elize Mazmanian - 27
Taline Schmidt - 27
Jonothan Koengetter - 28
Alexis Javardian - 29
Adrienne Juskalian - 29
Michael Alexanian - 31



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BAPTISMS:

August 8, 2020: AVERY ROSE MARSHALL
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall Jr.
Godfather: Michael White
Godmother: Jennifer Hagopian and Denise Gardner



FUNERALS: 2020

ANTRANIK VARTANIAN entered into his eternal rest on May 16, 2020. Funeral services were held on May 21, 2020 at Lawnview Cemetery.

EDWARD TATOIAN entered into his eternal rest on June 7, 2020. Funeral services were held on June 16, 2020 at Bryers Funeral Home.

ELIZABETH KAPEGHIAN entered into her eternal rest on June 4, 2020. Funeral services were held on June 20, 2020 at Arlington Cemetery.

ROSE MINASSIAN entered into her eternal rest on June 19, 2020. Funeral services were held on July 1, 2020 at Arlington Cemetery.

JOHN TOUTKALDJIAN entered into her eternal rest on June 19, 2020. Funeral services were held on July 1, 2020 at Arlington Cemetery.

GEORGE MEDZIGIAN entered into his eternal rest on July 29, 2020. Funeral services were held on August 4, 2020 at Lawnview Cemetery.

HERMINE BENNUHAN entered into her eternal rest on July 31, 2020. Funeral services were held on August 6, 2020 at Bryer's Funeral Home.



WEDDINGS:

July 18, 2020:
ANA TORCOMIAN
& CHRISTOS KARAGIANNIS

Brother of the Cross:
Konstantinos Gregoriadis

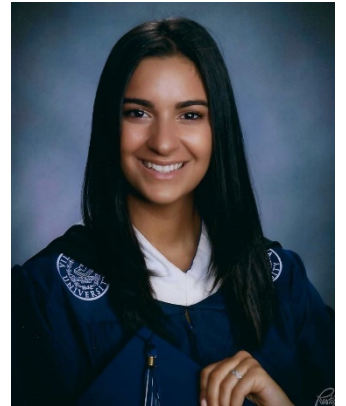


CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Ani Javardian, daughter of Gregory and Maria Javardian, was graduated Magna Cum Laude from Villanova University with a B.A. in psychology and a minor in cognitive science. She was a member of the Villanova Club Basketball Team, with an undefeated season in her senior year, a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority and the Psychology Honore Society. She was also the president of the Armenian Student Organization. Ani will be attending Temple University to earn her master's degree in Speech-Language and Hearing and will

become a speech-language pathologist in two years! She hopes to work with stroke and traumatic brain injury victims in an acute care setting.

Audrey Movsesian was graduated from Lower Moreland High School on June 10, 2020. She was a member of the National Honor Society, a National Merit Commended Scholar, Tech Committee Captain and Yearbook editor-in-chief among other activities. Growing up at Holy Trinity, she was a graduate of the Church School and an active ACYOA member. During a 2019 trip to Armenia, she performed community service with the PAROS Foundation. Audrey will be attending Villanova University this fall where she plans to study Psychology. She is the daughter of Leslie and Paul Movsesian.



HAYK SAFARYAN was graduated from Lower Moreland High School. He actively participated in soccer, volleyball, swimming and the Armenian Club. At church, he was a member of the ACYOA and was an Armenian School teacher/assistant. Beyond that, he was a legislative intern with the Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA) and an Election Day volunteer for Lower Moreland Township. Hayk will be continuing his education at Temple University after which he plans to pursue a Master's Degree and ultimately practice medical or corporate law. He is the son of Karen and Flora Safarian.



THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT YOUR FUTURE IS TO CREATE IT.

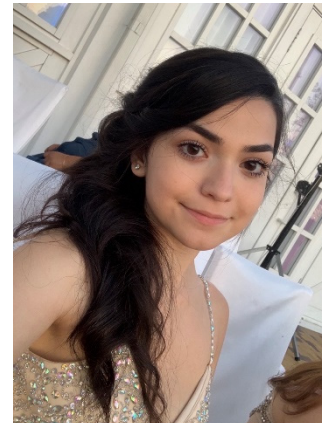
– Abraham Lincoln



Dariko Danielyan was graduated from Temple University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Speech Language Pathology. She will be attending Temple University's Speech Language Pathology Graduate School in Fall 2020. While at school she was involved with PACT (Philadelphia Aphasia Community at Temple) and worked with individuals who had aphasia in the Philadelphia area, helping to organize group therapy sessions. Dariko is the daughter of Hrepsime Samvelyan and Artashes Danielyan.

Christina Grigoryan, daughter of Nonna and Hayk Grigoryan, was graduated from Lower Moreland High School. During her high school years, she was part of the tennis team for three years, was a member of the National Honor Society and participated in a Mini-THON for two years. She will continue her education this Fall at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia and will work towards becoming a nurse practitioner in pediatrics with the goal of opening

her own practice in the future. At church, Christina was active in the ACYOA and was part of the team that prepared meals for Aid for Friends. During her ACYOA years, she served as Chair for two of them.





Ella Hanamirian was graduated from Moorestown Friends School where she was the Senior Class President and Co-Captain of the Field Hockey Team. She will be attending the Parsons School of Design in New York City in the fall. She is the daughter of John Hanamirian and Meredith Godley.

Alise Patricia Peckjian was graduated from Drexel University College of Medicine on May 15, 2020. Alise received two awards at graduation: The Eckbold Scholarship, given to a resident entering a Pediatric Residency, and The Women's Medical College Legacy Award to a resident entering a Primary Care field in the Philadelphia area. Alise earned her B.S. degree from Drexel University's School of Engineering and Health Systems, with a concentration in Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering. Alise is currently a Pediatric Intern at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. She is the daughter of Bryan and Talene Peckjian,



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Robert M. Damerjian was graduated this year from Moorestown High School. He was an all-around athlete with accolades from his high school as a catcher in baseball, a running back in football and the "Beast from the East" as a 220-lb wrestler, placing fourth at the NJ State Championship. Robert will be attending Rutgers Big Ten where he will be advancing his academic career and pursuing his talents on the wrestling mats. At church, he attended Sunday School and served on the Altar. His connection with Holy Trinity remains with him as he continues to follow and live his life with a strong connection to the Lord. Robert's hobbies include lifting weights, fishing and dirt bike riding. He is the son of Robert and Melody Damerjian.

Isabella MaryJean Balint was graduated from Central Bucks South High School with a High School Scholar's Diploma; Summa Cum Laude. She was active in dance for 15 years (ballet, tap, contemporary, jazz and musical theater); Titans Connect; Athletes Helping Athletes; Dance Club; and a member of the National Honors Society. Isabella will be attending the University of Pittsburgh, Main Campus, majoring in Neuroscience and minoring in Dance. She is the daughter of Drs. Steven Balint and Stephanie Ekizian Balint.



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IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME

By Tom Torcomian

Sunday June 28th. Church is Open!

It's been a long time since we've been able to come to church. It seems like forever ago that I had done my Sunday routine, to be out the door by 9:15 so I could be there in time for Morning Service. Then our beautiful Badarak followed by 30 minutes of coffee hour to see everyone; then home and get ready for the week ahead.

Suddenly things changed. We became a COVID society. Stay home and don't see your families! Do not kiss anyone; in fact, stay as far away as possible from anyone you love; and for sure DO NOT see your mother. Not very normal, but we all complied (for the most part).

Facebook and Zoom filled the void, but as the saying goes "there is nothing like being there."

The email comes out June 28 - "Church Open" Count me in!

Knowing there was no morning service (or traffic), I left at 9:55 to arrive at 10:30. I was excited to get back to that sanctuary I looked forward to each week and which is such a big part of my life. Frankly, it was a little strange having to get into the car and drive the 35 minutes. These days I got so used to flipping on my computer, hitting the link and BAM! you were in church, not to mention – no suit needed!

First impression when I drove into the parking lot was no different than before. I am usually one of the first people to arrive so an empty parking lot was normal.

Walking into the Narthex, it was a great feeling to see our beautiful altar without the lens of my TV. Normally after my hellos, I would light a few candles. However, they were removed for COVID reasons as were the books in the pews and anything else that would come into human contact.

When I walked into the church, the first thing I noticed were yellow caution tapes attached to every other pew. Yes, these are strange days with barely anything consistent in our lives, but we don't go to church to look at pews.

It was also amazing to experience hearing our service live as opposed to through my TV speakers. It was good to be home. The few of us who were there truly felt the joy of being there. Frankly, because I sit in the front and tend not to turn around, I couldn't tell if they were 10 people behind me or 100, so in my mind it was back to normal.

Our Badarak is the only consistent thing in our lives. Der Hakob, our wonderful Deacons and the inspiring voice of Karinné Andonian are such a blessing to all of us in this community. The serenity of the day completed what seemed like a long journey to get back home.

I continue to be grateful to those who serve on the altar as well as Larry Der Hagopian who was each week behind the scenes to make sure we could all worship together and keep us connected. Soon this will end and we will hug and kiss each other as we did before.

Keep praying....



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HOLY TRINITY ZOOMS INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

In an effort to provide faith-based initiatives to Holy Trinity parishioners, the ACE team sponsored two separate opportunities to bring our faithful together. Given that in-person group meetings are not possible during the Covid-19 crisis, our Adult Christian Education ministry, using the now-popular Zoom video communication tool, brought learning into the homes of community members.

The first program was a six-week Bible study during May and June, facilitated by Fr. Hakob. Participants explored passages from the book of Psalms, the Gospel of Matthew, the Epistles to the Philippians and Galatians and the Revelation to John. Although only a dozen people attended the Tuesday morning sessions, Fr. Hakob was gratified to have a technology tool that would enable him to connect with his congregation.

The other Zoom program on the ACE calendar was three evening presentations in June that turned out a larger audience including participants from Connecticut, Michigan, South Carolina and Wisconsin. Our readers will remember Yn. Pat Buttero who, with her pastor husband Fr. Michael Buttero, served our parish from 1971 to 1974. She joined in on all three programs in the series and was overjoyed to re-connect with old friends.


The three-part series began with "Elvis and Covid: God is Gonna See Me Through" led by Dn. Albert Keshghegian who compared lyrics from Elvis Presley's gospel music to Scripture passages and prayers from the Armenian Church. Leslie Movsesian, our Christian Education Church School Superintendent, presented "Art and Faith Talk: Expressing Joy." Participants were treated to several of her very personal creations inspired by the writings of St. Paul and her life in the Church. The final presentation, "Does Jesus Want Us to be Poor?" was an astute and informative commentary on the first Beatitude, "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." This last evening in the series was guided by Dn. Eric Vozzy, a staffer in the Department of Creative Ministries at the Diocese.

While all who participated in these interactive programs were appreciative for the opportunity to learn more about their faith and be "together," it is unfortunate that so few of our community members were present. Hopefully, that will change in the future.





A TIME SUCH AS THIS!

Congratulations to our very own Emily Movsesian, one of our leading choir members, on her engagement to Dn. Armen Terjimanian. She said YES!  on July 17 and that following Sunday, Der Hakob gave a special blessing for their future together.

Both Emily and Armen are native Detroiters where all their parents still reside. On Sunday, August 2, Emily and Armen traveled back "home" for their Nishandook or Betrothal where Hayr Aren Jebejian and Der Armash Bagdasarian performed the beautiful ancient ceremony. They will be joined together in Holy Matrimony by the end of the year and reside in Philadelphia.

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A GRATEFUL AMERICAN

By Marc Willard

To promote Americanism, Kim Willard, a Vietnam veteran and a member of American Legion Post 800 in Huntingdon Valley, had an idea. Very much disheartened by the unpatriotic acts reported in the media, he decided to hand out American flags on the beach in Ocean City, New Jersey. He ordered 500, 8x12 inch stick flags from The American Legion. On July 4th, Independence Day, he went to the beach with his wife, Gena, and other family members and started to hand out flags. People were excited to receive them. Some people were suspicious of his motive, but when he explained there was nothing "political," they gratefully accepted the flag. He was really taken back by the number of young people, high school and college age, who very much appreciated the flag. Some even asked if they could have more than one. By day's end, he had given them all away.

Thinking about the day as he made his way back to his home, he had a renewed feeling of patriotism in America. It made him realize that what we see in the media is not necessarily the whole story. The next day Kim saw his flags on bikes and baby coaches, cars and front lawns. People even took them back to the beach. It made him feel good knowing that he had contributed to promoting Americanism.



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CHURCH PICNICS COVID STYLE

On June 7th, Holy Trinity held a drive-by meal pickup for members and friends. It was the first time that many parishioners had come by church since March. One group enjoyed dining “al fresco” on the church lawn, under a tree. Shish kebab and chicken kebab meals were prepared by Chef David Murray, owner of Denim Restaurant, Haddonfield, New Jersey. The response was very positive. Over 200 meals were ordered, and the church realized a profit of \$2700 in sales and additional donations. A special “thank you” to the men and women who participated in organizing the day and those individuals who supported the event.

Because that event was so successful, our dedicated team decided to do it again, but this time, instead of ordering the meals, they were the chefs! So on August 16th, as we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption and Blessing of Grapes, a “picnic” was organized whereby people could pick up their meals to go, or stay and picnic on the grounds. Though the inclement weather prevented any “picnicking,” our parishioners were just as happy to take their meals to go, but not before having an opportunity to greet one another after long absences from church. It was a win/win all the way!



More than 200 meals - which consisted of a choice of luleh kebab or chicken kebab, pilaf, eetch and paklava - were ably prepared by Parish Council members and volunteers. Even Der Hakob could be found in the kitchen trimming and cutting chicken for kebab and rolling luleh kebab.

Special thanks to Robbie Barone and Larry Der Hagopian, our kebab crew; Angel Tookmanian, pilaf chef; Gary Altoonian, master paklava maker; and Liz Barone and Markrid Keshishian whose eetch was delicious, with the latter three people (Gary, Liz & Markrid) donating what they made! Thank you also to all of the people who gave their time to help in the kitchen and assemble the packaged meals.

Once again due to the labor provided by a team of cooks, our church realized a substantial profit from the sale of dinners and additional donations. Through the generosity and support of so many people during both of these “picnics,” we are able to defray the costs of running the church during the coronavirus pandemic.

Finally, kudos also to the team that pulled it together: Liz Barone, Gay Hagopian, Barbara Harmon & Arousiag Keshishian. Job well done!





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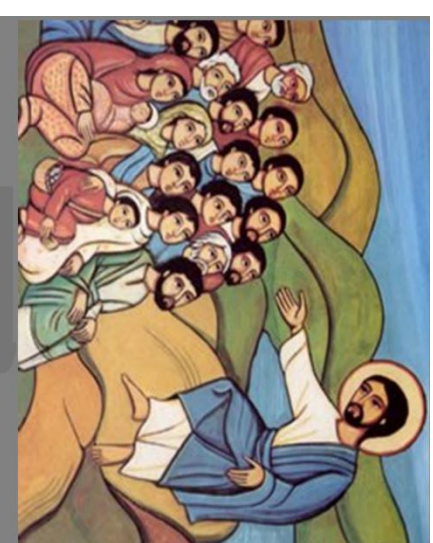
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