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# Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church



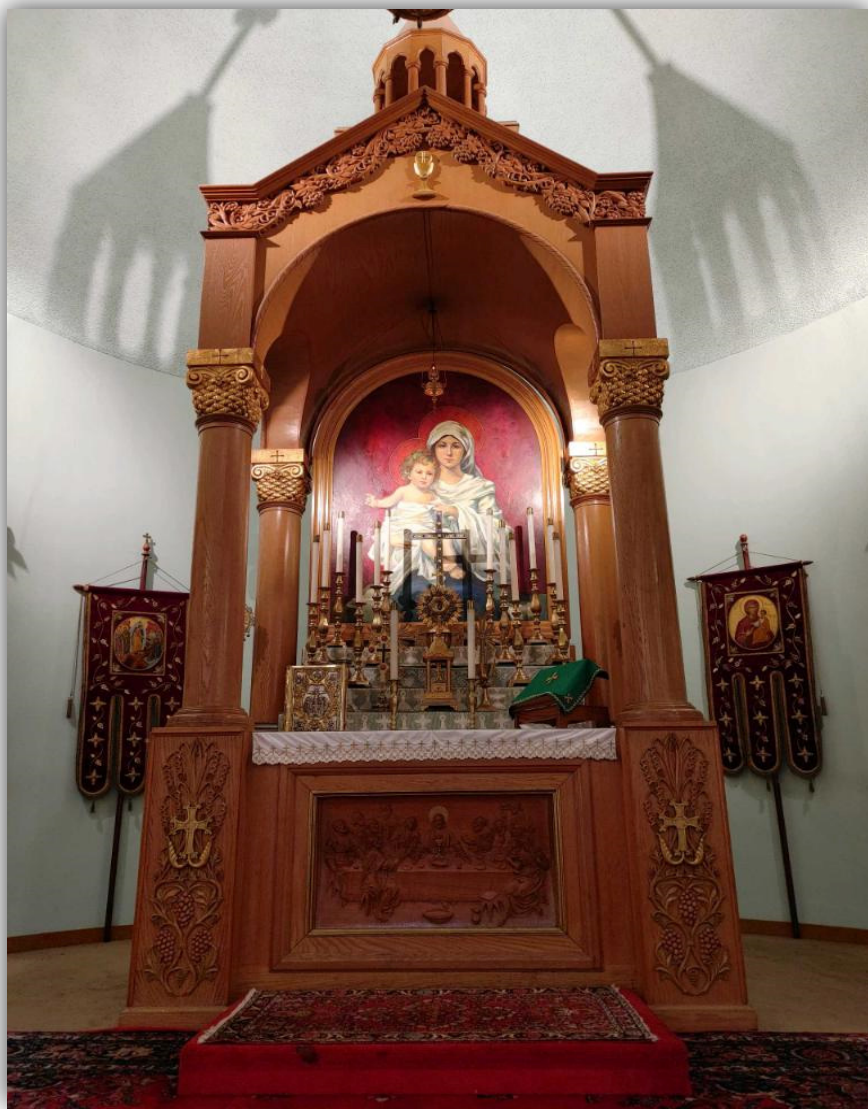
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Cheltenham, PA

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, Pastor

Spring 2022-02



## 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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*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.*

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## **We All Need Spring In Our Life**

I believe that every human being loves Spring. During the Spring nature wakes up, the flowers and trees blossom, the birds sing all day long and rivers babble. What a beautiful picture - how can we not love this God-given season?

Spring is about a new life and a new beginning. After this pandemic which started in 2020 and the 44-day war in Artsakh, we all need a new beginning and a new life.

A new beginning and a new life mean that again we will be filled with hope and faith for the future. Without hope and faith it is very hard to live in the present and to be productive.

In 1915 when the Ottoman Turks committed a very well-organized Genocide against the Armenian nation, they thought that it was the last Spring of the Armenian people. Those Armenians who died during the massacre didn't disappear; they live in our hearts and minds, and their souls are going to live forever. Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in Me will live, even after dying" (John 11:25). The survivors of the Armenian Genocide continued their lives with the hope of a new Spring and a new life. Our Diaspora, our homeland Armenia and Artsakh are the best examples of continuation and a new life.

Spring can come not only in our physical life but also in our spiritual life. How can we bring Spring into our spiritual life? By reading our Bibles and learning what God did for us and how we are supposed to live our lives as Christians. Spiritual spring means to be filled with love towards God and His people.

The cornerstone of our spiritual spring is the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. His Resurrection teaches us that with this life everything is not going to end but we are going to have a new spring, a new and eternal life. This information already brings into our lives lots of energy, joy and inspiration. And it makes us feel good and blessed.

Our life will be meaningless and uninteresting if there is not continuation. The physical and spiritual Springs prove that life is beautiful. And it can be more beautiful if we can bring Spring into others' lives, I mean if we truly love and care about each other.

Amen

With prayers,  
Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan



**Excerpts of the Message from Very Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan  
following the election results which named him as the new  
Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church**

Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan expressed humble gratitude, appreciation for his predecessors, and optimism for the road ahead in his first message to the people, following his election as the 13th Primate of the Eastern Diocese. In accordance with the Diocesan bylaws, pending confirmation by the Catholicos of All Armenians, His Holiness Karekin II, Fr. Mesrop will assume the office of Primate for a term of four years.

"I pledge to serve the needs of the Eastern Diocese to the very best of my ability," he told the delegates, adding that he looked forward to visiting all of the parishes of the Diocese, and spending time among its faithful.

He directed special words of appreciation to current Primate, Bishop Daniel Findikyan. "Thank you, Srpazan, for the many ways you have shepherded this Diocese," he said. "I look forward to our continued interactions, mutual fraternal support, and prayer for one another. I pray God's blessings upon you, Srpazan, as you move to a new chapter in your ministry."

With the same heartfelt sincerity, I want to greet Vicken Srpazan, who is here with us. Thank you Srpazan for your support and blessings. I want to thank my brother clergy. Please know that I'm deeply grateful to each and every one of you for all that you do and I look forward to ministering with you as we take care of this portion of the Lord's kingdom entrusted to us together.

The possibility of a day like this was far beyond my comprehension. I couldn't bring myself to accept that something like this would happen; but as we know of our God, He does things His way, and we, His children can only obey and glorify Him.

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He concluded with a call for mutual prayer, as all the clergy and faithful work to advance the mission of the church. "My dear friends, I ask you all ... to constantly and continually pray for me as I do for you, and together with your understanding and cooperation, our Diocese may continue to grow spiritually and physically."

I am greatly humbled and yet highly honored to be elected as the Primate of this historic Diocese. Allow me to express my great gratitude to the clergy and faithful delegates of this diocese, who elected me today the Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America. I'm both humbled and excited by this new chapter of my life, and I pledge to serve the needs of the Eastern Diocese to the very best of my ability.

My brothers and sisters, I anticipate visiting all of our parishes in our Diocese. I look forward to getting to know you through our interactions and most importantly by listening to your hearts. I also look forward to you getting to know me as I am here to serve you, to journey with you in faith and to celebrate all that God is doing in our lives.

I am deeply grateful for your faith and your dedication to our Lord Jesus Christ, and for the privilege to walk with this Armenian family of faith on this road to salvation.

My dear friends, at this point in the history of this wonderful diocese let us renew our trust in our Lord Jesus Christ, and again pledge to serve him by serving one another. In God and God alone we place our hope and our trust, and we are confident and we know that God will never leave us to endure anything alone.

May God bless all our efforts. And may the peace of God be with us. Amen.





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## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

By John Hanamirian, Chair

I am so glad to be back on Council. Everyone has done such a terrific job. We have a great group of people. Speaking of great people and speaking of Church, I want to take a personal moment and share a story. I am intensely private, but I think it is important to share.

About two months ago, I went to a doctor for a routine visit and all visits have been virtual, but this time, my doctor said, come in, I want to see you. I said, "ugh". He said, just come. The doctor is in Philadelphia and it was a 5:00 pm appointment. It was also the day after that crazy snowstorm where we got nearly a foot of snow. I went. The doctor asked me generally, how are you feeling. I said, eh, I shoveled for four hours yesterday and I feel like junk. He said, let me listen around. He then said "hmm, I didn't hear that murmur before". Ugh. Next thing I know, that doctor is emailing Garo Garibian (both in the Temple Health System). Turns out I had inherited my father's bicuspid aortic heart valve birth defect and I needed a replacement. I didn't do anything to cause the issue and there was nothing I could do to prevent it from happening. Nonetheless, pretty scary stuff to face open heart surgery. My point isn't about me. My point is to share with you how much Garo helped me. He came in on his day off, arranged everything, texted with me, called me and assured the entire process was monitored. Unless you have an issue like this, you never fully understand what it means to have someone in your corner as an advocate. Garo is a servant of God, obviously, and that commitment and spirituality transcends into his professional life. Thank you, Garo.



Thank you too to Der Hayr who came and visited with my Mom. I asked if they were there for last rites...they didn't find it as funny as I did. So, I am okay now and as I said, I am so glad to be back on Council and feel like I am helping this Church, our Church.

**Felt  
uncomfortable  
driving into the  
cemetery. The  
gps blurted out  
you have reached  
your final  
destination.**

Following our Parish Assembly in February and having received the approval of the Primate and the Diocesan Council of the Eastern Diocese, we are pleased to inform our faithful of the current Parish Council for the next two years.

President – Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan

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## Supporting Armenia

Dear Parishioners,

A team of donors from the East Coast, many of whom are our fellow parishioners, have been taking part in a donation project to help families in the Aragatz region of Armenia who have been negatively affected by the Artsakh war in some way. Many families have lost their loved ones in battle or are facing permanent injuries, leading to a lack of income and support. Prior to the war, many families were already living in poor and uncomfortable conditions without access to heat, clean water, food, medicine, etc. These families need our help, and such a small amount can make a large difference.

I personally send the money via Zelle to Bishop Mkrtych Proshyan, the Bishop of the Aragatz region in Armenia. Bishop Proshyan personally delivers the funds to 30 families in the region. We have been sending \$1,200 each month for 15 months, which means each family is receiving \$40 a month. We would like to increase that dollar amount and reach the lives of more families in this region!!

**So far, we have sent a total of \$18,000 to families in need!!!!** However, we are not stopping there...

Each donor has been contributing roughly \$100-200 monthly, or larger amount every few months; whatever is comfortable for the donor! **One-time donations are also greatly appreciated!** *Donations are sent to Holy Trinity Armenian Church via check or Venmo'd to Ani Javardian.*

If you are interested in joining this donation team or contributing to our fundraising efforts, please contact Ani Javardian at 267-746-1903 or [ajavardian@gmail.com](mailto:ajavardian@gmail.com). Ani's Venmo is @anijavardian



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## THE BIBLE IN THE ARMENIAN CHURCH

*The following is the last installment of our four-part adult education series on the Bible in the Armenian Church, written by Rev. Fr. Vazken Movsesian of the Western Diocese.*

Today, we have a finished copy of the Bible, all nicely printed and available virtually anywhere. What is the role and use of the Bible for us, as members of the Armenian Church? Where does the Bible fit-in in the life of the Armenian Church and the Armenian Christian?

Our Armenian Church is often criticized for not stressing the Bible, or for not emphasizing the Bible enough. When we hear these complaints, we must always keep in mind that the Bible is the product of the Church! Beyond a doubt, our Armenian Church is one of the most biblical churches. Every part of our liturgies, hymns, and services can be paralleled with the Bible. However, the Bible is not the only article of faith our Church has to offer; we have Holy Tradition. These are practices of the Church which were established before the Bible was written. As St. John writes in his Gospel, “Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:30-31).

Moreover, St. Paul writes, “So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter” (2 Thessalonians 2:15). It is apparent that there was an oral tradition which was equally as valid as the written one. Where do we learn about these traditions and about Holy Tradition? In the same place where we learn about the Bible – in the Church!

If we open the Armenian Church lectionary for the Feast of the Holy Translators, we find the Gospel reading is from Matthew 7:6, “Do not give dogs what is holy, do not throw your pearls before swine; they will only trample on them and turn and tear you to pieces.”

Perhaps our forefathers had a reason for instructing us with this passage, and I suspect, a very good reason. When we speak of the Bible in the Armenian Church, we speak of the *Breath of God*. The early Church Fathers did not intend the Bible – the Breath of God – to be an evangelical or inspirational tool *outside* the Church. The accessibility of a Bible to us is a phenomenon of only the past few centuries, from the time of the printing press. Even today, in our churches, the Bible, especially the Gospels, is considered sacred. Be it Deacon or Priest, whoever handles the Gospel in the Church, never directly touches the Holy Book, but uses a cloth to hold it.

Because the Church produced the Bible, the Church, ultimately, is the entity which gives authority to the Bible. And, in the same light, only *in the Church* can the Bible be interpreted with authority.



The Bible is not something which God gave directly to us. No, it evolved through time. God gave us the very best – His Son Jesus Christ. The Bible is a collection of the writings and oral traditions of year upon year, century upon century. We as the living Armenian Church today should never forget that in terms of historical reality our Church, along with its rich Tradition existed long before the Bible was compiled. This statement *does not* diminish the importance of the Bible in the Church, only clarifies its place within Tradition.

Yes, the Armenian Church does believe the Holy Scriptures are inspired by God. We even make note of this every Sunday when in the Creed we recite, “We believe also in the Holy Spirit, . . . who spoke in the law and in the prophets and in the Gospels.” However, we must keep it in perspective and view it in accordance with and in acknowledgment of the Holy Tradition of the Church.

The Bible is a part of the Holy Tradition of the Church. Although the Bible holds supremacy in this Holy Tradition, we must remember that if we are to speak about the Bible, we must also speak about liturgical and sacramental life, the ecumenical councils, the writings of the Church Fathers, the lives of the saints, canon law, music, and architecture. All of these are sources of faith and very much a part of Holy Tradition. As the living Armenian Church today, we must not only share in the Bible, but in the *entirety* of Holy Tradition.



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## THE FEAST OF ST. LEVONTIUS

Every year on the Tuesday before the Feast of Vartanantz, clergy gather at St. Leon Armenian Church in Fair Lawn, NJ to celebrate Badarak on the occasion of The Feast of St. Levontius, which honors the sacrifices made by a group of martyred priests, known collectively as the Ghevontian Fathers, led by their heroic leader, St. Levontius. As in past years, Der Hakob continues to be an active participant and/or celebrant at the service.

St. Levontius is acknowledged as an illustrious and radiant figure of the first half of the 5th century, the Golden Age of Literature. He was a commonplace priest in the village of Ichevan, highly educated having studied under St. Mesrob Mashdots and St. Sahag. St. Levontius possessed a brilliant mind, was fluent in Persian and worked as a translator. His strong religious faith and fierce nationalism qualified him as one of those select leaders who participated in the Council of Shahapivan (444 A.D.), a political-religious body which developed rules for their society.

The historic meeting in Artashat in 450 A.D., however, marked St. Levontius' life as a revolutionary. He expressed his intolerance of the presence in Armenia of hundreds of Persian magi who were forcing their pagan religion (Zoroastrianism) upon the Armenians. He roused the other delegates, including Vartan Mamigonian, and influenced them to resist the Persians and defend their Christian faith. When the magi tried to break down the doors of the Armenian church, St. Levontius raised a great cry, creating panic among the Persians, while the people, armed with sticks and stones and clubs, drove the enemy back. This stunned the enemy temporarily until they launched another attack.

In 451 A.D., the Persian Army descended upon Armenia again and the very lopsided battle (300,000 Persians versus 66,000 Armenians) took place on the field of Avarayr. St. Vartan Mamigonian led the forces, but it was St. Levontius and other priests who fought along with the soldiers, on the front lines, firing the soldiers' zeal and courage as they struggled to defend their faith.

Many lives were lost in this famous battle. Hundreds were sentenced to die on the spot. Following the initial Vartanantz battle in 451 A.D, the Levontian Fathers were abducted by the Persian king and imprisoned. Eventually, they were brutally tortured and killed. Although the king commanded their bodies not to be handed over to their families so that their remains become relics, a Christian named Khouzik succeeded in placing each of the bodies in a separate coffin.

The heroism of these martyred priests is remembered every year in the Armenian Church.





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## About Our Family

Spring finally arrived! It's the season that takes the longest to make its nature known, but we are relishing the brighter and longer sunny days.....PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE: Birthday wishes to those who have already or will be celebrating milestone birthdays: **Martin Attarian**, **Garo Garibian**, **Christine Sadjian-Peacock**, **Patti Ayjian Smith**, **Araxie Radynsky** and **Helen Kazigian**....A shout-out to **Mike & Lynn Hajatian** whose marriage will turn 50 years before summer's end. May each of our named parishioners enjoy their special day in whatever way that pleases them...We extend sincere condolences to the families of lifetime members **Arpena (Penny) Hajatian**, **Tom Babaian** and one of our true pillars and steward, **Robert (Bob) Damerjian, Sr.** . May their memory be eternal.... Belated congratulations to **Fred Jordan & Danielle Conaway** who became engaged in December and have scheduled their wedding for November 2023. Fred grew up in our church, graduated from our Sunday School and is the son of **Janet & Frederick Jordan**. Happy planning!....With joy, we celebrate two new additions to our church family. **Armen Haig** is the first-born child of **Tina & Joe LaRose**. We congratulate the parents and also first-time grandmother, **Gay Hagopian**. Armen already has a big family of cousins waiting to start hanging out with him!....We also celebrate the arrival of **Nareh Mia**, third daughter of **Armena & Jimmy Keshgegian**. We are sure that **Maneh & Anoush** are loving their new roles as big sisters. Congrats also to **Patrice & Albert Keshgegian** who now total nine grandchildren. We look forward to watching our new babies grow and thrive among us....Church activities will soon be slowing down with the arrival of summer, but the Badarak continues week after week. We look forward to seeing you on some of those Sundays.....Enjoy the summer and until we meet again - be safe, be happy, be at peace.

## Loving Words

The following excerpts are from messages that Fr. Hakob received from several non-Armenian friends who attended the funeral of Dorie Aslanian. They are shared to encourage us to continue being the warm and welcoming parish we aspire to be. Keep up the good work.

"I'd like to say how beautiful her funeral service was – your words inspired me....I knew Dorie since high school and we talked a lot about your church and how she loved it. The women who cooked were so kind and loving. God bless you all."

"We were very moved by Father's spiritual words, the warm inviting environment and the Women's Guild's generous hospitality that afternoon. It was an honor to be there that day and meet such kind people."



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To Der Hakob, Altar Servers and Choir,

A heartfelt thank you for your dedication to our church and for the very beautiful funeral service for my husband and dear father, Robert (Bob) Damerjian, Sr. He loved his Church Family very much.

To our Church Family: I would like to express our sincere appreciation for the outpouring of support we received from so many of you during this difficult time in our lives. It will always be remembered.

Love,  
Lorraine, David and Robert

**BLESSED ARE THEY THAT MOURN: FOR THEY  
SHALL BE COMFORTED.**

Matthew 5:4

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## A HUNDRED-YEAR EVENT!

On Sunday, February 6, the Holy Trinity Parish of Cheltenham, PA, had the great privilege of celebrating the 100th birthday of Marty Gutchigian, a life-long member of this parish and the first and only one to reach centenarian status. With over one hundred people in attendance, the party was lavishly co-hosted by both his family and the parish, making it a true family event – his birth family and his church family!

Pastor Rev.Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan shared an abbreviated bio of his long and varied background which included Marty's time in the US Navy, beginning in 1942, as he served on the USS Tuscaloosa during World War II. Having been wounded twice, he was awarded a Purple Heart and the Victory Medal.

He is the father of seven children, all of whom were present to celebrate this rare kind of event.

To see and be around Marty, one would be surprised that they were seeing and talking with one who is 100 years old. His mind is sharp and active with current events, he still enjoys playing water volleyball and spending time near the ocean. He has an open and outgoing personality, and with his comedic nature, is always looking to help people laugh. One of his favorite pastimes is singing, and he didn't disappoint when he took the mike and sang one of his favorite songs – "You'll Never Walk Alone" – to a waiting audience, which ended with affirmative applause.

Marty – and all the guests - were also treated to musical performances by two young adult members of the parish. Sendi Vartanovi, who will soon be completing her undergraduate degree with a Bachelor of Arts in Music Performance, played two poignant Komitas pieces on the violin - Groong and Choghery - to the delight of all.

Following her, Stephan Sarkissian, a high school senior, performed amazingly and as professionally as someone more than twice his age and experience. His offerings included Oror by Barsegh Kanachyan (which he arranged); Waltz Op.64 No. 2 by Frederic Chopin; and Piano Sonata No.14 Op.27 Nr.2 by Ludwig Van Beethoven. Stephan will be off to college in the fall, pursuing a career in music.

It was a day for all to remember: to celebrate a 100-year-event; to be inspired by the upbeat and positive outlook of Marty, even at this age; and to enjoy the shared fellowship which connects all of us through our heritage and our church.





## HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### July

Fred Hess - 2  
Linda Santerian - 2  
Sarkis Hashas - 3  
Nadya Vartanian - 4  
James Der Hagopian - 4  
Michael Hanamirian - 5  
Colleen Papazian - 5  
Martin Attarian - 6  
Lynn Hajatian - 6  
Jon Sarkisian - 6  
Christian Balint - 7  
Alice Charles - 7  
Kim Willard - 7  
Robert King - 8  
Brennan Pica - 8  
Melani Burrows - 9  
Antranig Garibian - 9  
Andrea Alexanian - 10  
Emily Terjimanian - 10  
Maxwell Hanamirian - 11  
Mary Jamgochian - 12  
Merle Santerian - 12  
Michael Sherenian - 15  
Lenna Vartanian - 15  
Grace Vartanian - 15  
Garen Boghosian - 16  
Anne Terkanian - 17  
Judy Paretchan - 18  
Alex Alexanian - 19  
Jeannine Carol Juskalian - 19  
Susan DerHagopian - 20  
Janet Jordan - 20  
Brielle Alexanian - 21  
Robert Barone - 21  
Raffi Kaprielian - 21  
Garo Garibian - 22  
Hrepsik Samvelyan - 22  
Jessica Jordan - 23  
Nicklas Terkanian - 23  
Lindsey Santerian - 24  
Olivia Torcomian - 24  
Eva Torcomian - 24



Kylemore Hajinian - 26  
Noushig Hovhannesian - 26  
Logan Radell - 26  
Peter Oskanian - 27  
Kristine Koengetter - 28  
Melissa Paretchan - 28  
Christine Peacock - 28  
Virginia Knott - 29  
Frederick Oskanian - 29  
Christine Temoyan - 29  
Tula Torosian - 29  
Gregory Andonian - 30

### August

Jessica Sarkisian - 1  
Gina Terkanian - 1  
Diana Boghosian - 2  
Michael Hanamirian Jr - 2  
Richard Doudoukjian - 3  
Nane Hovsepian Arpajian - 3  
Jeff Hajatian - 6  
Heather Maloumian - 6  
Kristen Santerian - 9  
Mary Ohnigian - 10  
Kelsey Sarkisian - 12  
John DerHagopian - 14  
Gregory Keshgegian - 14  
Marsha Marshall - 14  
Alyssa Worrell - 14  
Sarkis Dedeian - 15  
Richard Maloumian - 15  
Robert Zane - 15  
Dimitry Terkanian - 16  
Stephanie Williams - 17  
Millicent Asadoorian - 18  
Araxie Radynsky - 20  
Mary Sarkisian - 22  
Tavit Murray - 23  
Azlen Oskanian - 23  
Harry Santerian - 23  
Azlen Theobald - 23  
Kenneth Smith - 24  
Sue Injaian - 26



Helen Kazigian - 26  
David Alexanian - 26  
Andrew Alexanian - 26  
Donna Sarkisian - 27  
William McGarvey - 28  
Arthur Baldadian - 30  
Richard Maloumian Jr. - 30  
Shirley Hajatian - 31  
Brian Hoyle - 31  
Cate Zane - 31

### September

Elsie Soghomonian - 1  
Gary DerHagopian - 3  
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  
David Santerian - 12  
Ani Gargan - 14  
Marguerite Donoian - 15  
Vahan Paretchan - 16  
David Brann - 18  
Johnny Alexanian - 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

Mark & Silva Santerian  
Christos & Ana (Torcomian) Karagiannis  
Gary Jr & Colleen Papazian  
Antranig & Sabrina Garibian  
Garen & Diana Boghosian

7/16/1988  
7/18/20  
7/24/2009  
7/25/2009  
7/27/2008

Gregory & Karinne Andonian  
Serge & Adrienne Minassian

8/28/2010  
8/31/1957

### August

Daniel & Kimberly Dunigan  
Garo & Cecelia Garibian  
Michael & Lynn Hajatian, Jr.  
Paul & Leslie Movsesian  
Ken & Lucine King

8/11/1996  
8/12/2011  
8/12/1972  
8/18/1990  
8/20/1994



### September

Fred & Michele Oskanian  
Kim & Gena Willard  
Harry & Stephanie Vartanian  
Richard & Naomi Mukalian  
Van & Suzanne Injaian  
Michael & Dori Juskalian  
Henry & Brenda LeCompte  
Harry & Valerie Santerian  
John, Jr & Adrienne Juskalian

9/3/1994  
9/9/2001  
9/12/2009  
9/13/1981  
9/24/1961  
9/26/1998  
9/27/1975  
9/29/1996  
9/29/1984



## HOLY TRINITY CELEBRATES MARRIAGE

Despite challenging winter weather, more than a dozen couples attended church and participated in our eighth annual Marriage Renewal Service following Badarak at which time all couples together participated in renewing their marriage vows. The service also included the reading of the "Love Scripture" from First Corinthians which talks about all the attributes of love, especially as it relates to the relationship between husband and wife.

### 3. Ecclesiastes 4:9

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor..."

Following the service, the falling snow did not deter anyone from moving outside where a bonfire was waiting for those adventuresome couples to "jump the fire" in the tradition of Dyaruntarach – Feast of the Lord's Presentation to the Temple. Originally, this fire ritual was only for newlyweds, but Holy Trinity recognizes all marriages as being sacred and participation is always open to all married couples of any length of years.





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## 2022 Lenten Series - LOVE WAS AT THE CENTER

By Lucy Aghazarian

It was March and the cold winter days lingered endlessly. But an occasional whiff of sweet air came our way signaling Spring would come soon and the holiest weeks on the Christian calendar would follow. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan and his ACE committee were ready with a 6-week series of programs to mark Lenten season via the ZOOM platform.

**Week One:** An interactive Rest Service led by Fr. Hakob took place, featuring the voices of our Church School educators and students reciting the penitential prayers of St. Nerses Shnorhali asking God for forgiveness.

**Week Two:** "Love Thy Neighbor" was a two-part program. It began with a video discussion led by the Rev. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian of Wisconsin joined by three other distinguished clergy who discussed the need of our churches to be more involved in social justice efforts, particularly those concerning racism. All four seemed to appeal to our "better angels" urging us to engage with an open and loving heart in activities that would lessen injustice in our community. Using their discussion as a stepping stone, the second part of the evening continued to explore ways, as a faith community, to heed God's core Commandment and breakdown the barriers of not only racism, but anything that prevents us from creating a loving and less divisive world.

The discussion led by Lucy Aghazarian, ACE member, was lively but it was clear that solutions for collective action would not be easy to find in one evening. However, what we could all do immediately and individually was to take the challenge and examine how we personally approach these issues and perhaps make changes to our own behavior and attitude.

**Week Three:** Leslie Movsesian, a former superintendent of HTAC's Church School, gave her audience a deeply moving account of her recent life-threatening illness and the power of love, compassion and empathy. Leslie used Biblical passages and her artwork to explore God's loving nature and His influence in her faith during her difficult battle and likened her journey to Jesus' suffering in the days leading to His death and resurrection. Through the power of faith, science, and encouragement from her family and community she endured and prevailed. She described how in her darkest moments, she would "hear" the healing voices of those who were praying for her and who demonstrated their compassion in a thousand different ways like soft whispers in her ears keeping her strong and fighting.

Leslie concluded her presentation by sharing two paintings she had produced when her health had improved to further express what she perhaps could not do in words. The first, a young girl sitting by a mountain side, her head lowered, distraught. The second painting was of a woman warrior clad in a metal armor, her wounds still fresh and visible, standing tall, holding her head high, her attention drawn to the distance. Faith and love had won. The despair on one canvas had been replaced by victory on the other.

**Week Four:** At the conclusion of Badarak parishioners made their way to Santerian Hall and enjoyed a Lenten luncheon (the first one since 2019) to be followed by guest speaker Christopher H. Zakian, Director of Communications for the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America. His subject was "Vartan, Yeghishe, and the Theater of War."

If some of us expected the usual celebration of the legendary Vartan Mamigonian, military hero, we were proved wrong. Once Mr. Zakian took the podium, we knew this was going to be different. In a soft but dramatic delivery, Mr. Zakian brought to life the fierce battle of Avarayr in 451 A.D. based on the book by Yeghishe Vardapet, historian of the 5th century.

Suddenly the room was hushed, the audience transfixed. We could "hear" and "see" men, horses, arms, metal clashing and soldiers falling on the blood-soaked earth. For the massive Persian army, vastly outnumbering the Armenian soldiers, it was just another battle. For Vartan and his men, it was the survival of their nation, their identity and, above all, their Christian religion. They had made a pact with God and they were staying true to it.

"The soul of a nation and its people," said Mr. Zakian, "is revealed on the battlefield." While the Armenians lost at Avarayr, their courage and faith remained unquestioned, for in the end, they won the right to practice their Christianity freely for generations to come.

The comments at the conclusion of the presentation ranged from "fantastic account" to "the best description we have ever heard of this key battle." Indeed, it was!

**Week Five:** Senior Deacon, Albert Keshgegian, presented "Songs of Inspiration" by examining the connection of two popular songs to Biblical references. Being well-versed in Biblical works, he provided surprising and thought-provoking questions for discussion prompted by Dolly Parton's "A Coat of Many Colors" and Josh Groban's "You Raise Me Up."

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Parton's song had a touching narrative about her mother who had stitched her a coat of many colors from pieces of rags when she was a child. She had told her that the coat would bring her luck. While Parton had suffered the mockery of her classmates, she felt rich and loved because her mother had poured love in every stitch of the coat. A colorful coat was also mentioned in Genesis 37 in the story of Joseph who wore the coat given to him by his father to signify his being a favorite son. Sadly, in that story, the coat had brought Joseph great suffering from his envious siblings, but in God's own timing, it turned good.

Josh Groban's song "You Raise Me Up" does not identify who the "you" is, but it is clearly someone of infinite and miraculous power who could lift him to heavenly heights when he was weary.

Both songs, rendered in contrasting styles, Parton in her up-beat Southern twang and Groban with a soulful voice, were equally inspiring.

The discussion portion of the hour was devoted to the numerous questions raised by these beautiful songs. For example - what is real wealth, what and who makes us feel loved, to whom do we appeal in moments of darkness, and do we feel our Creator's presence when we are alone, in quiet prayer.

**Week Six:** Very Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan\*, Director of Ministries for the Diocese of the Armenian Church, delighted and inspired us with his topic: "Solitude and Silence as Spiritual Disciplines" a most timely subject for our current world filled with noise and strife. In his presentation, he cited three important elements to build and maintain a healthy spiritual life: 1. A space of one's own. 2. A place uninterrupted by distracting sounds. 3. Discipline.

While it may be difficult to find a physical space, Fr. Mesrop explained, we can create a mental space to isolate ourselves from material concerns. Silence is necessary to be able to communicate with God with an honest, open heart despite distracting thoughts challenging our concentration.

As to discipline, if we can devote numerous hours and energy to keeping physically fit and healthy, we should be able to apply an equal amount of energy and time for our spiritual health. Silence and solitude are necessary to create a sanctuary, to commune with God, to find guidance, consolation and solace in dark times, and gratitude in joyful moments. But it requires vigilance and must become a regular part of our daily life. Fr. Mesrop's "prescription" was a much appreciated and instructive hour, indeed.

As we left our six-week series behind us, we looked forward with enduring faith and hope, to next year and another exciting and enriching series. Much gratitude to all who participated and helped make this year's programs enlightening, informative and uplifting.

\*Note: Since the time of Fr. Mesrop's presentation during Lent, he has since been elected to the office of Primate of the Eastern Diocese of The Armenian Church.





## New Member

We welcome the following new dues-paying members to our church family: Zaruhi Alayan

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Zaruhi Alayan  
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## Adult Christ Education (ACE) OUTREACH

Once again the ACE Ministry provided an opportunity for a group of willing volunteers to gather in order to prepare meals for the Caring for Friends organization (formerly Aid for Friends). After a two-year hiatus due to Covid, this is the fourth time a large group came together, providing almost two hundred meals for the elderly and isolated shut-ins served by the organization. Special thanks to all those who joyfully signed up: all four members of the Gevorgyan Family, Berjoohy Murray, Dn. Armen & Emily Terjimanian, Kim Sarajian DerHagopian, Angel Tookmanian, Florence Boyajian, Carol Temoyan, Carol Jerrahian, Gay Hagopian, Tamar Aslanian, Talene Peckjian, Nancy and Gloria Basmajian, Liz Barone, Jeff Barasatian and Ani Navasartian. "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7) and our volunteers were all that and more!



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## Men's Club Update

By Mickey Paretchan

With an annual donation of \$500, the Men's Club continually supports two Armenian orphans through CASP. In addition this year, due to generous donations by some winning ticket holders, the Men's Club also decided to donate \$1000 to help our displaced Armenian brethren overseas. Der Hakob suggested we provide half of that money, \$500, to Syrian-Armenian Relief to aid those Armenians who fled from their homes in Syria due to the civil unrest. Another \$500 donation went to FAR to directly aid families in Armenia. After watching the news of Ukrainian families recently fleeing their homeland, we are glad that we could help in a small way to provide some financial support to Armenians being resettled.

### Men's Club 2021-2022 "200 CLUB" Winners – Congratulations !!

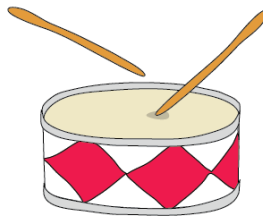
#### Feb. 2022

\$500 Eric & Nina Asadoorian #094  
\$200 Mike Tookmanian #158  
\$100 Garo Garibian #193  
\$100 Brenda & Hank LeCompte #109  
\$100 William Mukalian #064

#### Mar. 2022

\$500 Ron Asadoorian #060  
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\$100 Barb & Tom Harmon #120  
\$100 Art Baldadian #031

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#### Apr. 2022

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## The Return of Mitchink

Some 60-plus faithful and friends of Holy Trinity came together following Liturgy on Sunday, March 27 to mark the median day of Great Lent with a Mitchink luncheon and an inspiring message.

Beginning with a sumptuous luncheon of many of traditional Lenten foods, all who attended were delighted to be at an in-person event after several years without this day and the joyfulness of being together was clearly recognizable.

The message was delivered by Christopher Zakian, the Director of Communications of the Diocese. With a presentation intriguing entitled, "Vartan, Yeghishe, and the Theater of War," the audience was treated to a fresh novel approach on an old story. And indeed, storytelling was the point. But while war is a great topic for storytelling, is that all Vartanantz is to us?

Along with visuals, including paintings that depicted the war and Vartan, Mr. Zakian re-told Yeghishe Vartabed's History of the Vartanantz War—no easy task given the more than 1500 years that separate us from the 451 Battle of Avarayr. Zakian treated the audience to a series of short, dramatic, and compelling readings from his text (soon to be published) that left his listeners on the edge of their seats. A short Q and A followed.

Der Hakob commented afterwards that, "this was the most interesting, and riveting telling of the Vartanantz story I have even heard!" Judging from the applause, the audience agreed!



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## ATTENTION GRADUATES!

The next issue of the LOOYS will feature our graduates (all levels) and we invite you to submit your own details for inclusion. Write-up should include: full name, parents' names, name of institution, grade level or degree achieved, activity involvement (church or school), and future plans (further education/work/other). Please include a picture (in high resolution color), if possible. Everything should be sent to [choirboss@hotmail.com](mailto:choirboss@hotmail.com) by July 15, 2022.

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### A Word of Thanks

To my dear Holy Trinity Family,  
It meant so much to me that many of you were present to celebrate my 80th birthday celebration recently. Your loving words, your friendship and your donations to church in my honor were deeply appreciated. I am thankful to God that I found at Holy Trinity Armenian Church a caring home 50+ years ago.

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## Children's Musicale ... a Great Success

Following Badarak on Sunday, May 22, a dozen of our children from the Language School of our Holy Trinity Church School performed on the piano or by song to an enthusiastic audience of 75 or more people. The age range for these talented young people was from 7 to 16. One could not help but be impressed when watching their polished performances. Composers of the various offerings included Yekmalyan, Komitas, Chopin, Babadjanyan, Mozart, Shiraz, Beethoven, Tumanyan, Khachaturyan and more. Much appreciation is given to the driving force of Nune Sarkissian, who spent countless hours teaching and guiding the children. With such talent, we can envision future choir members and organists!



## *Christ's Bell*

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#### I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child (John 1:12)  
I am Christ's friend (John 15:15 )  
I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)  
I am bought with a price (1 Cor 6:19-20)  
I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)  
I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)  
I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt 5:13-14)  
I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)  
I am free forever from condemnation ( Rom. 8: 1-2)  
I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil 3 :20)  
I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31 -34)  
I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor 5:17-21)  
I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)  
I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)  
I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom 8:35-39)  
I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor 1:21-22 )  
I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28 )  
I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16 )  
I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph.. 3: 12 )  
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13 )  
I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)  
I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16).. I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)  
I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3).. I have been justified (Romans 5:1)  
I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)  
I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1: 5)  
I have been redeemed and forgiven ( Col 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)  
I belong to God  
Do you know  
Who you are?

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## Palm Sunday Banquet

Narek Gevorgyan, ACYOA Jrs. Co-Chair

Every year on Palm Sunday the ACYOA Juniors organize a banquet where we celebrate the organization. Due to the pandemic now, it's been two years since our last official banquet. During this time our church family has been separated for quite a while. But more recently we have been coming back together and hosting events to reconnect with each other. We hope that nothing will ever happen again which will keep us from joining each other in social interactions that bring joy to us all.

The annual Palm Sunday Banquet was another time where we came together to help with the preparations, to celebrate and to enjoy another great time together. We were very happy with the turnout of 170 people.

Our guest Celebrant was His Eminence Archbishop

Vicken Aykazian, who is a good friend to our parish and feels very much at home with the Holy Trinity parishioners. His remarks included keeping church a part of our lives and staying involved and to "love one another."

The keynote speaker was Ms. Christine Beylerian, ACYOA Central Council Member. She shared the goals of the organization and how our involvement helps keep us connected to each other and to our church.

Musical selections this year were performed by several of our Church School students: Grace Vartanian on the piano playing "On the Bridge at Twilight" by Jennifer Linn; and Lenna Vartanian also on the piano playing "Sonatina In G Major" by Ludwig Van Beethoven. Karine Nersisyan and Tomas Majian shared their outstanding talents by singing "Ապրել Խաղաղ" - "Live in Peace" by Lily Grigoryan. The performances of these young people produced much applause from the many guests.

This event also included a Silent Auction where ACYOA young Armenian artists, Maria Badalyan, and Diego Majian, contributed their talent of artwork with six unique pieces. This added feature provided additional income and fun for all who participated in the bidding.

A special thank you to Berjoohy Murray and Anne Terkanian for coordinating the kitchen and advance prep for the delicious meal, and to all the ladies who are ready to help out in the kitchen. Another big thank you goes to Robbie Barone, who happily served as our Master of Ceremonies for the third time.

We are grateful to our Parent Advisor, Mariana Majian, who has been serving in that role for several years. She has dedicated a lot of time to us. We also thank Skye Jilajian who helped our Parent Advisor during this special event.

We look forward to holding more events in the future that will help keep our Holy Trinity Armenian Church family together.







Start children off  
on the way  
they should go,  
and  
even when  
they are old  
they will  
not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6





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### **BAPTISMS:**

March 6, 2022: **ALESSANDRA ANI BUCCI**  
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bucci  
Godfather: Robert Hitchiner  
Godmother: Nicolette Hitchiner

March 6, 2022: **STEPHEN ARMEN BUCCI**  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bucci  
Godfather: Paul M. Frasca  
Godmother: Nina Uchniat

March 6, 2022: **CHRISTIAN ANDRANIK BUCCI**  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bucci  
Godfather: Paul Frasca  
Godmother: Rebecca Hitchiner



April 29, 2022: **LUKE EDWARD BRUNTON**  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brunton  
Godfather: Luke Jingoian  
Godmother: Denise Jingoian



### **WEDDINGS:**

April 21, 2022:  
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### **FUNERALS: 2022**

ASHKHEN ABRAMYAN entered into his eternal rest on January 24, 2022. Funeral services were held on January 28, 2022, at Lawnview Cemetery.

DORETTA ASLANIAN entered into her eternal rest on January 25, 2022. Funeral services were held on February 5, 2022, at Holy Trinity.

JULETTA ARAKELOVA entered into her eternal rest on February 10, 2022. Funeral services were held on February 14, 2022, at Forest Hills Cemetery.

TAMARA SARGSYAN entered into her eternal rest on February 19, 2022. Funeral services were held on February 26, 2022, at John J. Bryers Funeral Home.

HELEN TERZIAN GALLAGHER entered into her eternal rest on February 26, 2022. Funeral services were held on March 4, 2022, at Holy Trinity.

ARPENA HAJATIAN entered into her eternal rest on March 6, 2022. Funeral services were held on March 11, 2022, at Holy Trinity.

ROBERT DAMERJIAN SR. entered into his eternal rest on March 13, 2022. Funeral services were held on March 18, 2022, at Holy Trinity.

RIMMA YEGIAZAROVA entered into her eternal rest on March 10, 2022. Funeral services were held on March 16, 2022, at Lady of Grace Cemetery.

THOMAS BABAIAN entered into his eternal rest on March 18, 2022. Funeral services were held on March 25, 2022, at Holy Trinity.

## ZOOM BOOK CLUB: Recent News

The first season of the Holy Trinity Zoom Book Club officially wrapped up on June 2 with a discussion of its 12th book selection, "The Dutch House" by Anne Patchett and facilitated by Suzanne Sherenian.

From January of 2021 through June of this year, the Planning Team of Lucy Aghazarian, Nancy Basmajian and Janet Jordan presented a dynamic and eclectic selection of books and facilitators. Guest discussion leaders from outside the parish included Rev. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian of Wisconsin and Elise Antreassian of New York; and from within our community, facilitators included our pastoral intern, Dn. Armen Terjimanian, Marge Ayoub, Nancy Hovnanian, Suzanne Sherenian, and Emily Terjimanian.

Most recently, the participants read "The Immoral Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot and "Mayrig" by Henri Verneuil (Ashod Malakian).

In March, Marge Ayoub capably led a discussion on the short life of Henrietta Lacks, a poor Southern tobacco farmer whose cancer cells (taken without her knowledge) became one of the most important tools in medicine. The conversation was enriched by the participation of our own "scientist in residence," Dr. Albert Keshgegian who patiently explained some of the more complicated elements of the book.

In April, Elise Antreassian who is well-known in our community as a workshop and retreat leader, guided readers through a memoir by renowned French-Armenian filmmaker Henri Verneuil. His moving story of a boy and his family recounts the quintessential immigrant experience tinged with the hues of Armenian joy and sorrow. Judging from the shared stories of the participants, the group clearly empathized with Verneuil's story. Ms Antreassian's comments and observations were especially instructive given that she was the French-into-English translator of the book!



Beginning in July, a new Planning Team takes the reins of the Book Club; they are Marge Ayoub, Nancy Hovnanian, and Janet Jordan. Their first selection will be "The Radium Girls" by Kate Moore; the discussion will be facilitated by Marge Ayoub on July 14. Look for details coming soon!



**Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Cheltenham, PA**  
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<b>Description</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Market Value</b>
Lilliam Avrigian Memorial Fund	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,608
Acabe & Roxie Boornazian Endowment Fund	\$ 11,500	\$ 18,489
Aram & Rose Boornazian Endowment Fund	\$ 5,000	\$ 8,039
Chalikian Family Memorial Fund	\$ 55,230	\$ 88,796
Nicole Der Hagopian Memorial Fund	\$ 24,330	\$ 36,005
Donchian, Hajeian, Chirkinian Fund	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,029
Karapet B. Garibian Endowment Fund	\$ 12,912	\$ 20,759
Niaz Garibian Memorial Fund	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,608
Mary Mirakian Sunday School Fund	\$ 7,685	\$ 12,200
Yervant & Elsie Parnagian Youth Endowment Fund	\$ 5,935	\$ 9,542
Dr. Corinne Santerian Moore Endowment Fund	\$ 7,985	\$ 11,163
Ned Santerian Family Endowment Fund	\$ 11,000	\$ 17,685
Elizabeth Tookmanian Endowment Fund	\$ 3,230	\$ 5,045
HT Investments	\$ 412,200	\$ 597,920
Patriarch Torkom Manoogian Fund	\$ 15,670	\$ 21,358
V. Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Melkonian Endowment Fund	\$ 15,635	\$ 21,953
Nicole Der Hagopian Memorial Fund	<u>\$ 7,143</u>	<u>\$ 8,410</u>
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Psalm 73:26



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