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Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church LOOYS



Cheltenham, PA

Rev. Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan, Pastor

Summer 2022-03

Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God



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



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eternal life

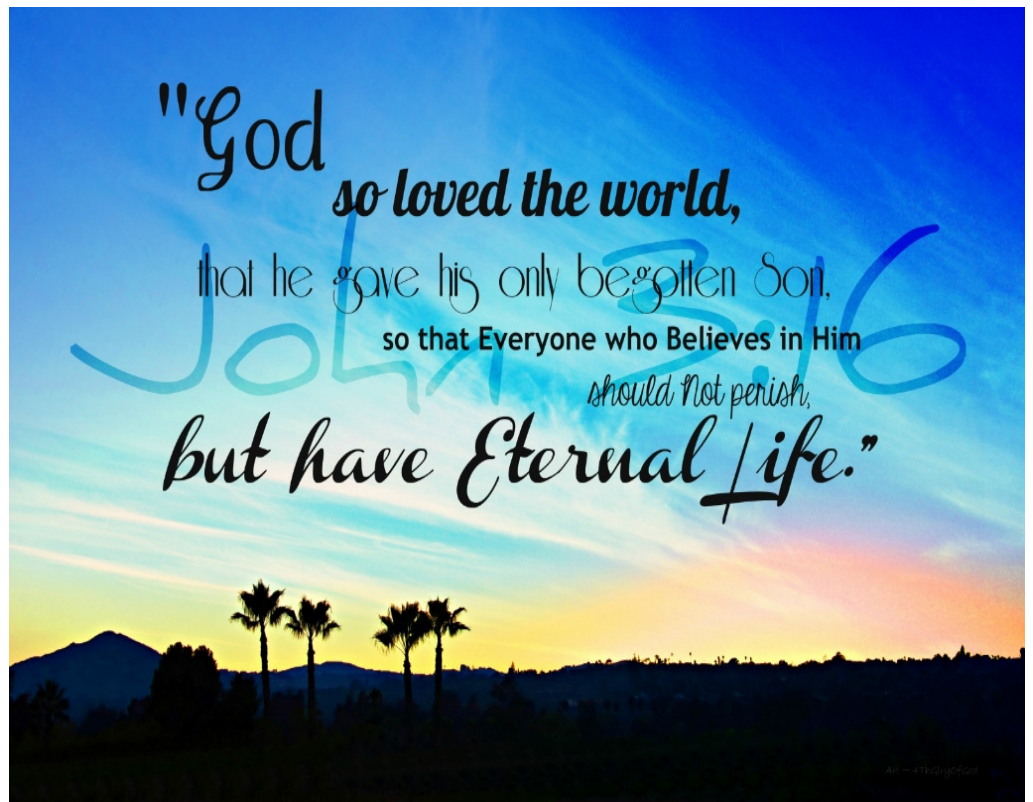
"Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves Me must follow Me, and where I am, there will My servant be also. Whoever serves Me, the Father will honor" (John 12:24-26).

We have heard these Gospel verses very often. Or I would say that we hear these verses each Sunday when we have a Requiem Service. Some people understand this reading, but others say that it is hard to understand. Let us see what we can learn from these meaningful words.

When we put a grain of wheat into the earth usually it dies and then it bears much fruit. Without dying, it remains just a single grain. In the same way when a person dies his body will be put into earth with the great hope that on the great day of Resurrection, God is going to raise all dead people who have been followers of Christ. We Christians live with that hope and faith.

It is very hard to understand especially the following sentence, "Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life" (John 12:25). People say why should we hate our life? This is a very valid question. (The Armenian translation for the word 'hate' in this context is ignore.)

God created each one of us and I believe that He wants us to have a good life and enjoy and share His blessings that He has been giving to us in this world. With this verse Jesus is teaching us that we should not be selfish; our life and well-being should not be our first priority. Jesus gave us the best example - He died on the cross so that we can be saved and have eternal life. Today, with little or big sacrifices we can help other people, we can change their lives and we can make a difference in this world.



In 2020 more than five thousand young Armenian men died for our homeland Artsakh. They died because Artsakh and the safety of their families were more important and valuable for them than their own lives. It is very simple. Serving God and doing His will can be the first priority and then we can concentrate on our personal life. It is always good to ask ourselves the following question, "What is the first, second or third priority of my life?" Our answer can help us to grow in our spiritual life.

In the following verse Jesus said, if you serve Me and follow Me, you will be with Me [forever].

And finally, if we serve Jesus, our Heavenly Father will honor us and accept us in His Heavenly Kingdom. Amen

With prayers,
Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan

parish council

By John Hanamirian, Chair

Since rejoining the Council, we have had a few significant developments. In the past month or so, we had the roof replaced as well as our air conditioners. Lots of expenses, but the philosophy has been to use some of our resources for capital improvements to our Church building while our economy is not the best rather than just watching our investment accounts go down in value and we have nothing to show for it. Don't get me wrong, our investments are fine, we are just not experiencing the market increases we enjoyed over the past 5 years.

Sunday School is enjoying a strong enrollment, St. Vartan camp was loaded with Philly Armenians, we have a Bazaar scheduled and we are moving ahead with more in-person events; we schedule and then we kind of wait and see. Our Hall rentals are terrific. Speaking of which, our secretary, Maggie, retired recently after 14 years of service. It seems people loved her or not, but there was very little in-between. I was a fan. I think she did a great job on our hall rentals and she did everything Der Hayr needed. We are hiring a replacement.

I have learned over time that we don't know as much as we thought. I know that sounds pedestrian, but it is very true that we can always and should continue to learn. In that vein, let's give our new secretary an environment that fosters success, meaning that the person has one boss. We are all in the Church environment by choice and for personal reasons; it is not our livelihood. Please consider that when we interact with Church employees and understand that their perspective is not yours.

Thank you, as always, for allowing me to help our Church. I very much appreciate and respect my fellow Council members and our Parishioners.



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a reflection

By Dn. Albert Keshgegian

The 76ers' team bus was parked next to the basketball arena in downtown Milwaukee. A young fan was standing on the sidewalk, holding a 76ers pennant and a pen, hoping to get a few autographs, but the bus driver shooed him away as the players filed past. The last one out of the locker room, as always, was [Julius] Erving ["Doctor J"]. He would not leave until he had filled every reporter's notebook.

"Let's go, Doc," the bus driver said.

Erving saw the boy standing there. Without saying a word, he took the pennant and signed it. Then he brought it on the bus and had the other players sign it. He returned it to the boy, who was so awed that he could only mouth the words "Thank you."

Erving could have walked right past the boy the way everyone else did, and no one would have thought twice about it. He was late, the team was waiting – people would understand. Instead, he took the time to reach out to a kid he didn't know. I asked why.

"You saw the smile on his face," Erving said. "That's why."

--Ray Didinger [5-decade Philadelphia sports reporter], Finished Business, Temple University Press, 2021, p.195

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13:34-35).

Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right (2Thessalonians 3:13).

We all can name some of them: sports stars who are arrogant, rude, self-centered and even narcissistic. And yet there are others who are kind, considerate and caring. Julius Erving was one of those. Ray Didinger, who reported on sports in Philadelphia for over 50 years, describes one encounter he had with "Dr J", as quoted above in his memoir. Although it was late after a big game and the team bus was waiting for him, Dr. J took the time to sign a little boy's pennant, even after all the other players had ignored the small fan. He made the other players on the bus sign that pennant, too. Didinger also mentioned that when the Denver Post polled media members nationwide in 1986 to identify the "nicest" people in sports, Dr J won in a landslide.

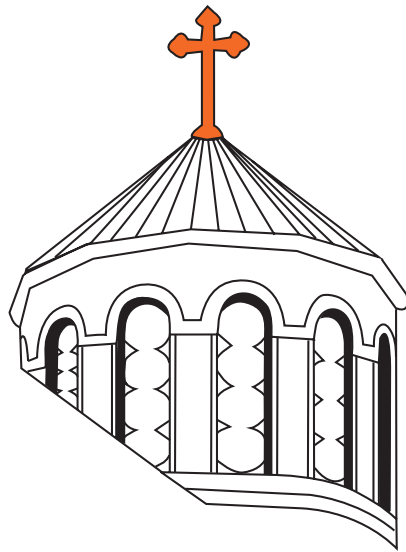
He wasn't the only player like that. Shaquille O'Neal, another basketball superstar, described in a TV interview how his mother taught him to treat people with honor and respect, quoting her as asking him, "What have you done to make somebody smile today?"

That's not too different from what Jesus asks us to do. He told us to love one another, just as he loved us. He went on to explain that the way people will know that we are his followers is by the love that we show to each other. And Saint Paul, in his second letter to the Thessalonians, counseled to never get tired of doing what is right.

How do we respond to that call from Jesus and Paul? How do we live our daily lives? Do we treat others, no matter what their color, religion, or sexual orientation, with courtesy and respect? Or do we avoid our neighbors who are different from us? Do we work collegially at the office, or do we trample on other people at work to get the promotion or corner office? Do we try to put a smile on the face of people we encounter during the day, or do we act to get whatever benefit we can for ourselves at their expense?

Julius Erving is remembered as "one of the good ones." How will we be remembered? Even more importantly, how will God judge the life that each of us led?






2022 Harvest Bazaar & Food Festival



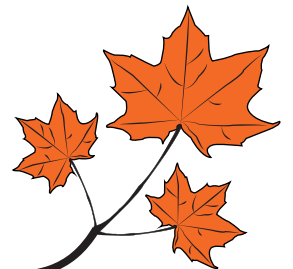
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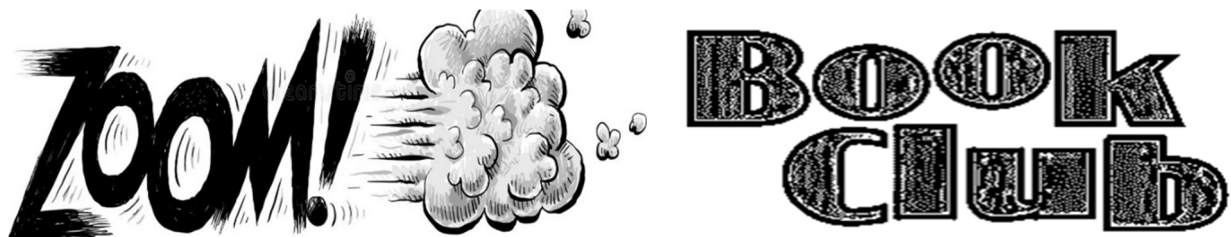


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The popular Holy Trinity Zoom Book Club is in its third year!

Every six weeks or so, on a Thursday evening at 7pm, Der Hayr and 15 to 20 book lovers meet on zoom to discuss the book of the evening. There are people from our sister parishes and cities along with our own parishioners on the zoom call each time. Some participants are happy to discuss, while others just like to listen.

Please join us, everyone is welcome!

Below is the calendar for the upcoming year.

September 22 – A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

Nancy Basmajian – facilitator

November 17 – Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

Janet Jordan - facilitator

January 12, 2023 – The Engineer's Wife by Tracey Enerson Wood

Nancy Hovnanian – facilitator

February 23 – TBD

April 20 – Sand Castle Girls by Chris Bohajalian

Lucy Nalbandian – facilitator

June 1 – Book of Lost Names by Kristin Harmel

Nancy Hovnanian – facilitator

An invitation comes via email each month to sign up to receive the zoom information.

We would love to see you. If you have any questions or book ideas contact:

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Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

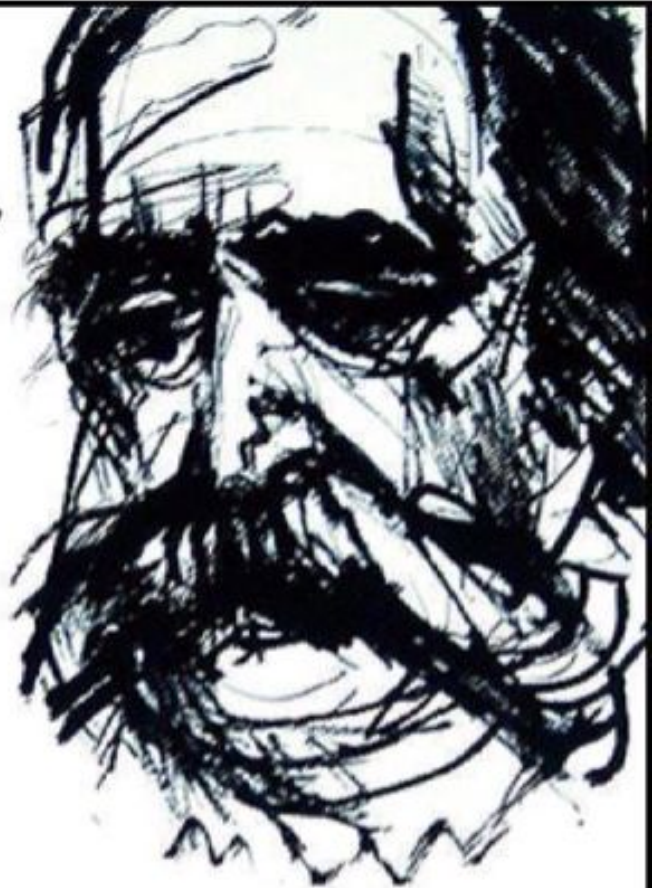
(Deuteronomy 31:6)

I should like to see any power of the world destroy this race, this small tribe of unimportant people, whose wars have all been fought and lost, whose structures have crumbled, literature is unread, music is unheard, and prayers are no more answered.

Go ahead, destroy Armenia.

See if you can do it. Send them into the desert without bread or water. Burn their homes and churches. Then see if they will not laugh, sing and pray again.

For when two of them meet anywhere in the world, see if they will not create a New Armenia.



William Saroyan

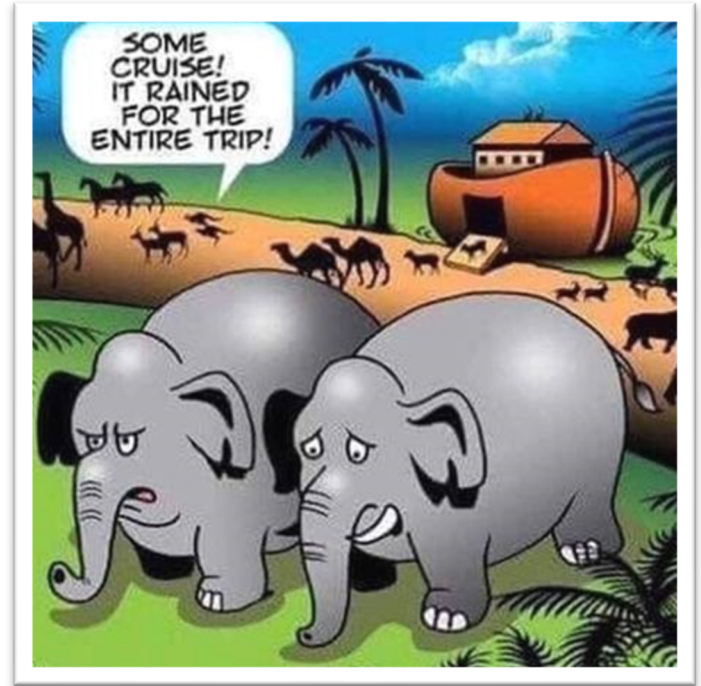
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Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Be strong and courageous. This is what the LORD will do to all the enemies you are going to fight.

(Joshua 10:25)

about our family

More than any other season, we always say, “where did the Summer go?” The season that is the most casual and carefree is now over! Fall is the season that gets us energized to begin anew: to get organized again, start new projects and get back to schedules. And that’s where we are now headed, with multiple church activities scheduled. Make sure that you are receiving our electronic mail so that you don’t miss anything.....In the last few months, we have been blessed with two new babies in our church family born to first-time parents. The first one, **Anna Sophia**, arrived in May to waiting parents, **Ricky & Nicole Mukalian**. We congratulate them as well as first-time grandparents, **Naomi & Rick Mukalian**.....Just one month later, **Alex & Kiki Javardian** welcomed their first child, **Andre**, lovingly named after Baby Andre’s great-grandfather, Andre, of blessing memory. Not to be forgotten are also first-time grandparents, **Maria and Greg Javardian**. Our church family celebrates their arrival and looks forward to watching Little **Anna** and Baby **Andre** grow,,,,,A shout-out to our pastoral intern, **Armen Terjimanian**, who celebrated a milestone birthday of 40. Also belated wishes to **Armenoui Aznavuryan** on reaching the milestone of becoming a nonagenarian (90). Congratulations to both of them and **Yergar Dareener**... Much happiness to **Christine & Brian Jenkins** who tied the knot, with Der Hakob officiating. Christine grew up at Holy Trinity and is the daughter of **Diane (Mangasarian) & John Williames**.With sorrow we mourned the unexpected passing of **Berjouhy Bosnian** and extend our condolences to all the members of the Bosnian, Damerjian, Vishab and extended families..... As a church family, we also share in the sorrow of **Lucy Aghazarian** and **Aram Alan Aghazarian** as they mourn the loss of their beloved daughter and sister, **Lori**, much too young. Our prayers go with you.... We are excited to share the news that **Andrew Movsesian** received his military commission this past May. We wish him great success in his military career. (see more about him in the Graduates section.)....The time has come to enjoy the fall colors, a season loved by so many.....Until next time - be safe, be happy, be at peace.



questions from god

By Liz Barone

In mid-July, a group of Holy Trinity Ladies met at the home of Jeanette Der Hagopian to chat. The focus of the conversation were questions based on the book “Questions God Asks Us.” It was the first time many of us had been together in a long time and that in itself created a joyful feeling. We were so busy catching up that no one noticed the refreshments on the table!!

Leslie Movsesian and Nancy Basmajian moderated the short program. The questions were from both the Old and New Testaments. In a nutshell, the first question “what is in your hand” represented the things that we hold dear or important and how we can use those things for our betterment or that of our community or world. The next question opened up the conversation about what is truly important to us and about how we would like to be remembered. The conversation flowed as the ladies shared their thoughts. Although no world-shattering problems were settled, it was a worthwhile evening with rewarding conversations, and we hope to have more such interactive evenings.



building up the body of christ in cheltenham

By Dn. Armen Terjimanian

On Saturday morning August 6, the Adult Christian Education team (ACE) hosted a breakfast and book discussion on Bishop Daniel Findikyan's *Building Up the Body of Christ: The Treasure of the Armenian Church for Our People Today*. Emily Terjimanian facilitated the discussion, which included a Bible study on Ephesians 4:11-16 where St. Paul discusses what makes up the "Body of Christ." The 12 participants who took time out of their busy schedule to discern and learn more about how to strengthen and build up Holy Trinity's own "Body of Christ" came away refreshed and empowered with a variety of ideas and steps to strengthen and inspire others within the parish. "This brainstorming workshop was easy to facilitate for our Holy Trinity family," said Terjimanian. "Everyone arrived with open hearts and jumped right in to sharing experiences and feelings during our Bible Study. Then, creativity blossomed in our brainstorming session on new ideas for our parish. I think we'll see a few new things put in place this year as a result."

persecutions continue @ dadivank monastery

01/26/2022 Nagorno-Karabakh (International Christian Concern) – Azerbaijan continues to prevent Armenian pilgrims from visiting the Dadivank Monastery, where Christians seeking to visit have been banned since May. Five clergymen remain at the monastery with Russian peacekeepers staying nearby.

For months, the monks have carried out their activities and purposes in the presence of the peacekeepers, including prayer, conducting services and celebrating liturgies. The Primate of the Artsakh Diocese, Bishop Vrtanes Abrahamyan, commented that it was unclear why Azerbaijan continues to forbid visitors as the area is not in a forbidden zone. He said, "[The Azerbaijanis] do not permit it and that is it, without a reason. They do not say anything. The peacekeepers are in the territory of the monastery. They live together. Of course the rooms are different. They are separated: they are military, while the clergymen perform spiritual service. What the Azerbaijani side thinks is a secondary question. We are doing what we have to do."

Armenians fondly recall the times of baptisms, blessings and larger corporate worship at Dadivank. Now, like many other cultural and physical aspects of life in and near Artsakh, visitation to Dadivank Monastery is but a memory. Azerbaijani aggression has limited the way of Armenian life and Christian culture.



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In the last few months, our church has been the recipient of unsolicited donations from The Jirair S. & Elizabeth Hovnanian Family Foundation, Doris & Hal Kodikian, Dr. Albert Aloian and the Estate of Doris Alahverde. In total, the amount is very significant (almost \$125,000) and as the Body of the Church, we want to share this with you as we all benefit when our church is strong and able to provide for the spiritual and physical needs of our members. We salute and thank these generous donors for their beneficence to our beloved Holy Trinity Armenian Church.

Pastor and Parish Council

a note of appreciation

The following are excerpts from a letter Der Hakob received from one of our senior couples who wrote to him after having one of his "phone visits" with them.

"Thank you for your prayers and articles in the LOOYS. We read them several times. They inspire us to follow the ways of God and His works. We pray for your congregation and light candles for them."

Editor's Note: We thank Jacob and Nina Okoorian of Egg Harbor Township, NJ for their kind words. We are happy to learn that our content is meaningful to them and are grateful for the prayers they offer on our behalf.

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movie time & popcorn

On June 5, following Badarak, a group of nearly 40 people stayed after coffee hour to view a full-length movie, with most everyone staying through to the end and shedding some tears along the way. Along with the movie, traditional movie snacks were plentiful!

The movie "Overcomer" tells the story of a high school coach, whose team is reduced to nothing when the largest manufacturing plant in town suddenly shuts down, and the coach reluctantly winds up mentoring a struggling student in cross country. The story, which had themes of endurance, persistence and forgiveness, reminds us that with God's lead, we can overcome many things and become victors!

This event was made possible by the efforts of our ACE Team who all supported such an activity. Many positive comments were made about the movie by the attendees and we hope to provide another movie opportunity to show us how God is ever-present in our lives and turning to Him in all ways will enable us to be better and do better.



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acyoa jrs. fundraiser

By Christian Balint

On the 20th of March 2022, the ACYOA Jrs. held a Soup Fundraiser. Churchgoers could buy a ticket(s) and then enjoy the delicious soups prepared in the kitchen. The soups served were lentil, minestrone, and creamy mushroom. They were served with bread. A BIG thank you to Yn. Anna Gevorgyan, Sabrina Garibian, and Mariana Majian for preparing the soups for this fundraiser.

A portion of the income from this event will be used to support ACYOA activities throughout the year; and a portion of the income will go on to support struggling children in Artsakh and Armenia. It was very nice to help the community by selling the tickets for the event. I enjoyed selling them and got to meet new people in our church family. I was also able to talk more with my fellow members of ACYOA Jrs.



In addition, we would like to thank Stephanie Balint, Nancy Hovnanian and Tanya Paretchan for also aiding in the kitchen with the fundraiser. Lastly, a thank you to Arous Keshishian for donating dessert and cake in honor of her birthday. This soup fundraiser was quite successful and was the first ACYOA event to gather people together after Covid-19.

men's club - "200 club"

By Mickey Paretchan

Tickets for the upcoming 2022-23 season were mailed or distributed prior to Labor Day.

As of 8/15/22, nine (9) Tickets were available for purchase; new ticket buyers preferred.

A one-time donation of \$100 will entitle you to eight (8) months of drawings, with five winners drawn each month; that's 40 possible chances to win. And your ticket number could be drawn more than once during the Eight monthly drawings. The first drawing will take place this November and the last drawing next June.

Prizes for Winners: Nov 2022 & June 2023 will be \$1000 / \$400 / \$200 / \$200 / \$ 200.
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PLEASE SUPPORT THE MEN'S CLUB: If you already have a ticket, Thank You for your support. Please consider purchasing another ticket or maybe split a ticket with a friend or family member.

There will be \$10,000 in Prize Money, and \$10,000 donated to the Church.

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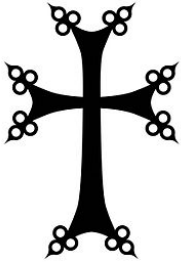
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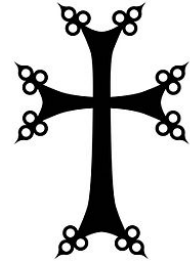
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The following persons entered into their eternal rest as noted. All funerals were conducted by Rev.Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan through Holy Trinity Armenian Church unless otherwise noted.



May 3, 2022 - Ohanes Oskanian
May 24, 2022 - Berjouhy Bosnian
June 14, 2022 - Manya Kocharyan
June 21, 2022 - Hank Mardigian
July 5, 2022 - Lori Aghazarian
August 23, 2022 – Lidia Sohodski
August 25, 2022 – Vram Nedurian *

*conducted at St.Sahag & St. Mesrob in Wynnewood



WEDDINGS:

April 21, 2022
JUSTIN MICHAEL GRASSO & MARIYA POGOSOVA



June 25, 2022
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**Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.**

Ecclesiastes 4:12

church school news

Congratulations Graduate!

Congrats to 11th grader Tigran Safaryan who graduated from the Christian Education division of our Church School on May 15. Tigran is the son of Karen and Flora Safaryan, and according to Kiki Javardian who served as his instructor and mentor (and prepared him for the graduation exam), "an excellent student." Tigran is in good company, as one of over 150 students our Church School who has graduated since 1967!

During the ceremony which took place in the sanctuary, Tigran responded to a series of questions posed by Fr. Hakob concerning his faith and commitment to the Church. At the close of the service, Fr. Hakob anointed Tigran's forehead with the words, "Sweet ointment in the name of Jesus Christ is poured upon you as a seal of faith that you may serve the Lord with gladness" and his palms with the words, "This seal in the name of Jesus Christ be to you a cause for good works and for all virtuous deeds and conduct."

Superintendent Nancy Hovnanian presented a gift to Tigran on behalf of the Church School. The gift (a silver pin of his initial in Armenian) was designed and generously donated by Greg and Grace Meranshian (a gesture which has become a tradition for them). Finally, Fr. Hakob presented Tigran with an official diploma from the Diocese. During



Fellowship, our church family enjoyed Tigran's cake and greeted him with many good wishes for his future.

Outgoing Superintendent

Nancy Hovnanian answered the call and served as Superintendent of our Children's Christian Education ministry during the 2021-2022 school year. While there were fewer students and a shortened school year, we were able to meet in person—a joy for both staff and students. Nancy was determined to provide our students with a quality education during these difficult times; her demanding work paid off. Her teaching staff included Amy Terkanian, Marguerite Vedanskaya, Alex Yavru-Sakuk and Kiki Javardian with Gloria Basmajian, Nancy Basmajian, Sue Der Hagopian, Janet Jordan, Arous



Keshishian, and Margo Silk providing administrative support.

With regret, Nancy stepped down from the position in May. Fr. Hakob commended her for accepting the leadership challenge and for her love and dedication to the school and its students. **THANK YOU, NANCY!**

New School Leadership

On September 18, our Church School opened its doors for the 2022-2023 school year. Classes from Kindergarten to Grade 10 are again being held in person. Fr. Hakob has appointed a new team to serve as administrative leaders: Janet Jordan and Arous Keshishian will be at the helm of the school as Co-Superintendents. We wish them much success!



vartavar

The most beloved and anticipated Feast Day of the Armenian Church, Transfiguration (Vartavar) was celebrated on July 24. Following Badarak, Der Hakob welcomed everyone outdoors with a fire truck splashing them with water. With temperatures in the 90s, everyone enjoyed getting wet! It ultimately presented a magnificent and fun experience for all who participated.



jazz concert a success in all ways

On Sunday, May 15, an enthusiastic crowd of over one hundred people attended a Jazz Concert at Holy Trinity Armenian Church in Cheltenham, PA. This event was planned as a fund-raiser for support of the wounded soldiers in Armenia and Artsakh, and created by a group of women in Washington, DC who formed The Seeds of Hope Armenia for this very purpose. Their goal is to empower Armenian soldiers to return to civilian life with dignity and independence.

The Levon Mikaelian Trio showed their artistry with a kaleidoscope of music arrangements emanating from piano, base guitar and percussion. Incorporated into their program was the music of Komitas, Sayat Nova, Armen Mandakunyan and many other well-known composers beyond those of Armenian heritage. For more than ninety minutes, the guests experienced a variety of emotions based on the intensity or simplicity of the different pieces....mellow, upbeat, familiar, energizing, soothing, soulful and more.

The Parish was happy to undertake this fundraiser, knowing that one hundred percent of the proceeds would benefit those wounded and disabled soldiers. Donations can be made at www.seedsofhopearmenia.org



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congratulations to our graduates



ALEXIS TAYLOR HOEPFL was graduated from Penn State University/Abington with Summa Cum Laude Honors and a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance. In her journey, she was a recipient of various scholarships and awards. She is currently working in a Financial Analyst position. Alexis is the daughter of Mark and Lynne Hoepfl and the granddaughter of the late Gilbert and Silva DeMirjian.

ANI NICOLE JAVARDIAN, daughter of Gregory and Maria Javardian, graduated from Temple University with her Master's degree in Speech Language and Hearing Sciences in May of 2022. Ani graduated with a psychology and cognitive science degree from Villanova in 2020. She recently passed her state licensure exam and will be

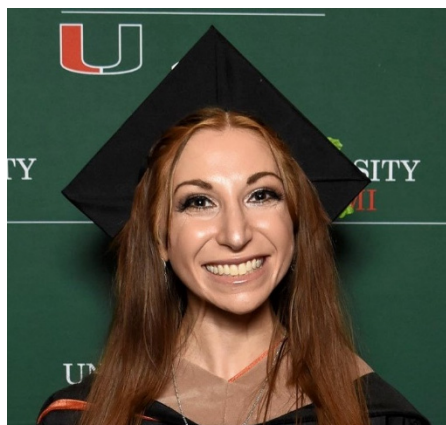
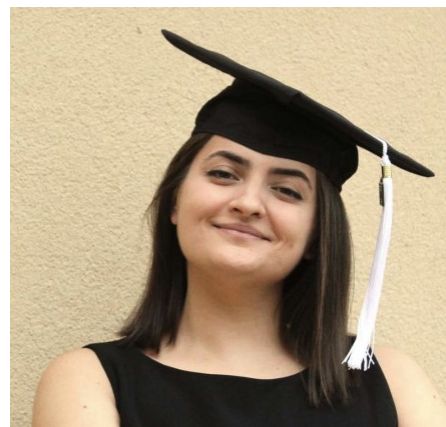
pursuing a 9-month clinical fellowship in medical speech pathology before she independently practices. She wishes to complete this fellowship with patients who experienced stroke, brain injury and neurological disorders, resulting in problems with swallowing, memory, speaking and understanding language.



ANDREW MOVSESIAN graduated from Penn State University with degrees in Political Science and Military Studies. During his college career, he was active as the President of the Navy Surface Warfare Club and also President of the Armenian Students Association. He was awarded the Capt Anthony Starner Memorial Scholarship for academic and military excellence. He is the son of Leslie and Paul Movsesian and the grandson of Merle and the late Ned Santerian. He is an ROTC graduate with a current career as an Ensign (Naval Officer) with orders to Norfolk, Va., having received his commission.

DARIKO DANIELYAN was graduated Summa Cum Laude from Temple University with a Masters Degree in Speech Language

Pathology. She also received a certificate in ASL (American Sign Language). While in school she participated in PACT (Philadelphia Aphasia Community at Temple) and helped organize oversee groups for people with Aphasia. Her plans are to work in a school or inpatient rehab and also to work with clinicians in Armenia to give people more access to therapy and assistive communication devices. Down the road she hopes to open her own private practice. Dariko is the daughter of Hrepsik Samvelyan & Artashes Danielyan.



MEGAN ALICE ASLANIAN was graduated from the University of Miami with a Master of Business Administration, Concentration in Finance. Her involvements included Graduate Student Association and ACYOA Seniors (Central Council & local branch). She is continuing her career progressing within Mass General Brigham, beginning in the Pediatric Gastroenterology subspecialty and currently transitioning to the Professional Billing Office and will be working as a billing manager for the North Shore Physicians Group. In the future, she hopes to continue with higher education which gives her great joy. In her free time, she enjoys travel, shopping, the gym, reading for leisure and actively participate in church. She shared that she has been blessed and supported by the Holy Trinity parish during her educational journey. Megan is the daughter of Steven and the late Dorie Aslanian.

DIEGO ARAM MAJIAN son of Mariana Majian, was graduated from Abington High School on June 8th, 2022. He was recognized as a Student of the Month by his English teacher; and he has been awarded two scholarships at his high school: The Cooper Union scholarship for Creative Potential and the Richard Scott Beck Memorial Scholarship. He enjoys practicing fencing. Growing up at Holy Trinity, he was graduated from the Church School in 2021 during the pandemic and he was an active ACYOA member. Diego will be attending the University of the Arts this fall in Philly where he also was awarded the Dean's Award Scholarship for Artistic Merit. He plans to study a Major in GAME ART and a Minor in education.



STEPHAN SARKISSIAN was graduated from Neshaminy High School. He will be attending Temple University Fox School of Business. Since 1010 he has attended Temple University - Boyer College of Music and Dance Preparatory Classes. He also participated in Assistant teaching musicology/solfege for 1 year at Temple University Boyer College of Music and Dance Preparatory. He has been an active participant at Holy Trinity serving as an Armenian Language teacher, piano teacher and organizing recitals. His future plans include receiving a Bachelors Degree in Financial Planning, going to study abroad during university years (Temple's Tokyo Japan Campus) and organizing a study abroad in Armenia. Stephan is the son of Ka'ren and Nune Sarkissian.

NAREK GEVORGYAN, son of Fr. Hakob and Yn. Anna Gevorgyan, was graduated from Murray Avenue Middle School and will continue his education at Lower Moreland High School as a 9th-grader. In our church community Narek takes part in Church School and serves on the altar. For the future he plans to study environmental engineering and entrepreneurship.



ANNA AKHOBADZE was graduated from Murray Avenue Middle School and will be continuing her education at Lower Moreland High School as a 9th grader. She is part of the gifted education program. Anna plays piano in the school's jazz band, is an accomplished pianist and has performed at Carnegie Hall. Anna enjoys mountain biking and is a member of the South Montgomery team. She is the daughter of Ruzanna Israyelyan and George Akhobadze.

VARTAN GEVORGYAN, son of Fr. Hakob and Yn. Anna Gevorgyan. was graduated from Pine Road School and will continue his education at Murray Avenue Middle School. At church he participates in Church School and serves on the altar. Vartan wants to study law and entrepreneurship.



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a voyage of music

By Nune Sarkissian

This was a season of exciting musical events in our Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church. First, our students of Armenian Language class performed a wonderful Musical Show on May 22nd, 2022, dedicated to Mother's Day, Father's Day, and to the Graduation from Spring 2022 semester. They performed famous Armenian poets' and composers' poems and songs, including works of many musicians Silva Kaputikyan, Paruyr Sevak, Hovhannes Shiraz, Yekmalyan, Komitas, Nairi Zaryan, Rafael Patkanyan, Babadjanyan, Tumanyan, Romanos Melikyan, Khachaturyan, Hovhannisyan, Nahapet Rusinyan, Chopin, Mozart, Cserny, and Beethoven.

Next musical event was on June 12th, for a Piano Recital for a Book One Graduation by one of our Church students, Elena Sysoyev, and her piano teacher, Stephan Sarkissian. Elena quickly learned playing piano with Stephan, and her Program included 19 pieces written by Carl Czerny, Shinichi Suzuki, T. Dutton, Jean-Baptiste Lully, Thomas Haynes Bayly, F.X. Chwatal, and also German, Bohemian, French, English Folk songs, and American Nursery songs, followed by presentation of Stephan Sarkissian playing Ludwig Van Beethoven Sonatas, and "Henzeli" Armenian Dance by Aleksander Spendaryan. Auditorium enjoyed this successful recital and piano performances very much, and that was also very influential for other students, who are now also willing to present their talents

Finally, we had a Church Musical Retreat on June 25th, 2022 at the Jacobs Music in Doylestown, where Stephan Sarkissian was invited to perform his favorite piano pieces for one hour: Enzelee (Armenian Dance), Erebuni-Yerevan (Armenian Song), Oror (Armenian Lullaby) by Barsegh Kanachyan/Stephan Sarkissian, two Waltzes and two Preludes by Frederic



Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Piano Sonatas by Beethoven. Stephan dedicated his last play, Clair De Lune by Debussy, to all family members who are not with us now. After a short Intermission, his student, Elena Sysoyev, played this time not only her Book One pieces, but also a new song Ecossaise from Book 2! Elena received her Certificate of Graduation from Book One. There was a wonderful auditorium with their friends and families from church, including Anna and Alex Akhobadze, and Narine and Kristina Andreasyan

We look forward to our next Talent Show dedicated to Vardapet Komitas and we hope many of you will join us to enjoy the talents of our young musicians. Stay tuned for future details.

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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
Marta Brann - 18
Karinne Andonian - 19
Florence Maloumian - 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
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
Carol Jerrahian - 2
Kimberly Kalustyan - 2
Nancy Basmajian - 4
Alise Peckjian - 4
Abigail Zane - 4
Sonia Papazian - 5
Robbie Barone - 7
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Robert Damerjian Jr - 9
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Linda Vishab - 9
Richard Mukalian - 10
Phillip Santerian - 10
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Margaret Bandaian - 13
Berj Kalustyan - 14
Michele Yeretizian - 14
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Christina Juskalian - 25
Alexander Griffin - 25
Isabella Balint - 27
Taline Schmidt - 27
Jonathan Koengetter - 28
Alexis Javardian - 29
Adrienne Juskalian - 29
Michael Alexanian - 31

member wedding anniversaries

October

Todd & Seta Pica	10/2/2004
Steven & Stephanie Balint	10/12/1997
Berj & Michele Yeretizian, Jr	10/ 14/1989
Garo & Tamar Hovnanian	10/14/2006
Michael & Jenna Alexanian	10/14/2017
Gregory & Maria Javardian	10/15/1983
Donald & Judy Paretchan	10/18/2009
Jake & Gina Terkanian	10/20/2007
Steve & Mary Sona Brod	10/28/1990

November

Vaughn & Patty Alexanian	11/2/1980
Gary & Eileen Altoonian	11/5/ ????
Ernest & Christine Peacock	11/6/1976

Phil & Alyssa Worrell	11/13/2010
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
Armen & Emily Terjimanian	12/5/2020
Joseph & Tina LaRose	12/5/2020
Albert & Patrice Keshgegian	12/22/1974
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