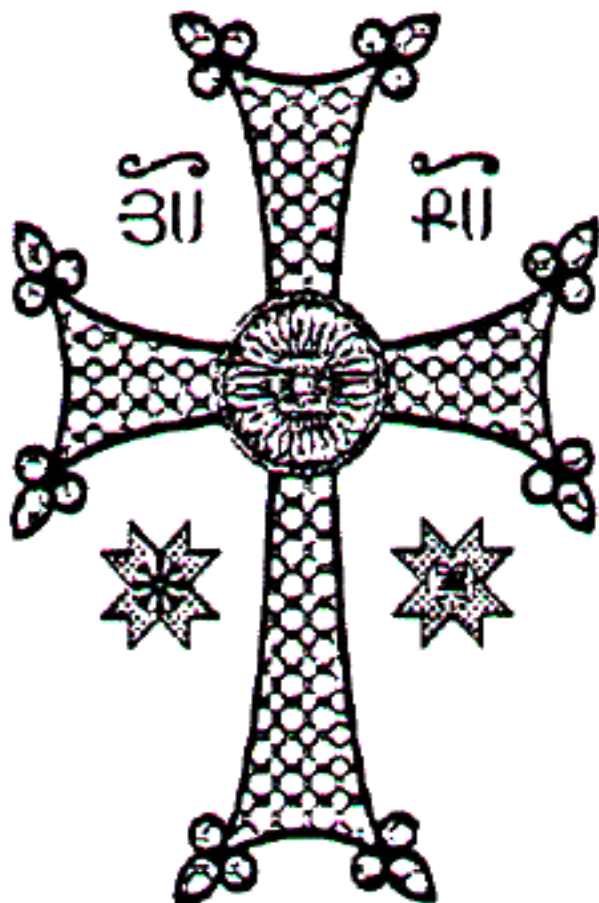


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PRIMATE'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE - 2017

After the angels had left them and returned to the heavens, the shepherds said to one another: "Let us now go to Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." They went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. When they had seen it, they made known abroad what had been told them about this child; and all that heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. (Luke 2:15-19 JSV)



IT IS PROBABLY THE MOST FAMOUS STORY in human civilization—and it is certainly the most beloved. It conjures crisply vivid details—the starry night, the crowded city, the shared warmth of huddled bodies—that never fail to awaken deep emotions in the listener, even after numerous retellings.

Its theme of dislocation touches the heart of anyone who has ever felt isolated, rejected, dispersed. Yet the deepest truth it conveys is one of community and belonging: where the great and the humble, the cosmic and the earthly, the natural and the supernatural, all mingle together in tranquil harmony, around a single object of reverence and affection: the newborn Jesus.

If, as has been claimed, the longing for an ideal, peaceful world is the central theme of Western culture, then the story of Christ's Nativity surely reveals man's deepest hope.

Indeed, it strikes such deep, universal chords that we tend to assume it has always held a place in human consciousness. We can forget that the Nativity only took place at a specific moment in time—2,000 years ago—and was not widely known until years after it occurred. The evangelist St. Luke set down the details long after Jesus had grown to manhood, completed his ministry, and performed his miracles.

Who was it, then, that first told this beautiful story?

The gospel may give us a clue in an odd remark at the end of Luke's Nativity account: "But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart." The evangelist seems at pains to reveal that Mary remembered everything, treasured her memories, and thought often about the wonders she had seen.

We might ask: Is this Luke's way of revealing his "source" for the Nativity story? His account is so rich in detail—details so intimate that they could only have been known to a few people. Was it Mary, then, who told the story of her son's birth to

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Luke, as he was compiling his gospel of Jesus? Was it Mary who, like any mother, could never forget the vivid night when she beheld her child for the first time?

If so, how poignant it is to reflect that the Nativity story we know and love may have originated in a personal recollection of the holy Mother of God. Mary told it to Luke. Luke set it down in his gospel. Preachers, scribes, and printers have spread the story over the course of 2,000 years—until it has reached our own ears.



In a similar fashion, all the stories of our faith have been spread: from the Holy Land to our homeland, and to every remote corner of the world. Today, the new media of the 21st century—video, audio, electronic text—broadcast these beautiful, intimate stories in ways unimaginable to earlier generations. They are the storytelling tools of the present age, which the church has also taken up in recent years—as it previously took up the manuscript, the printing press, and the technical breakthroughs of earlier times.

But whether the tool is the pen or the pixel, it can only amplify the more essential, & more important, way that the stories of our faith are transmitted: namely, from person to person. As in the case of Mary the Mother of God, the treasured memories kept in the heart, and shared out of love, became the foundation for communities of faith, which awakened mankind to a higher spiritual aspiration. Indeed, our very ability to relate and respond to a story like the Nativity is an affirmation of the spiritual character of man.

This revelation about man's spiritual nature—about the reality of God, and His loving presence in history and in our lives—is what makes the Nativity story such a potent, life-giving force in our world. The message transcends the tools of the moment, uniting us across the ages and across all divisions, as the beloved children of God.

Let us celebrate that message again this year, as we joyfully share the news of Christ's birth from person to person, through the timeless greeting of the Armenian Church:

Krisdos dzunav yev haydnetzav! Orhnyal eh haydnootiunun Krisdosee!

Christ is born and revealed! Blessed is the revelation of Christ!

**With prayers,
Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate**

MISSION OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH



The mission of the Armenian Apostolic 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 common life in Christ as expressed in the distinctive faith - experience of the Armenian people.

All members of the Armenian Church - both clergy and lay - are called to participate fully in this mission.

PARISH NEWS

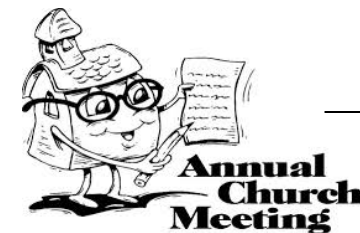
Artsakh bound!

On Tuesday, December 27, Fr. Kapriel brought six large boxes of handmade and donated hats, scarves, gloves and other warm apparel to the New Britain Post Office bound for Artsakh. All of our donations were mailed to St. Vartan Church in Washington State, to be complied with a much larger shipment for our brothers and sisters in need. God bless all who donated.



Madrigal Concert

On Thursday evening, December 15, the weather outside was definitely "frightful," but the music and fellowship for the New Britain High School Madrigal Singers was for sure, "delightful." Many of our neighbors, family members of the singers and parishioners made an impressive attendance showing to support this annual Christmas tradition, now in its 31st year in our Sanctuary. Thank you to all of our Guild members, led by Yn. Pat Buttero, for a wonderful night of music and fellowship.



Please be reminded that our Annual Church Meeting will be on Sunday, January 29 immediately following church services. A light luncheon will be offered. Please make every attempt to be present and participate. Thank you.

IMPORTANT UPDATE RE: SUBMISSIONS TO THE LOOYS

Dear Faithful,

From time to time, we are asked why the *Looy's* was late in being sent to the printer in order to be mailed. Great question! First the easy answer: Depending on the time of year, the printer we use, UCONN printing shop, has priority work to be completed for the needs of the Medical Center.

Secondly, the *Looy's* sometimes in on the 'drawing board' for two weeks (or more) due to the well intentions of organizations and individuals who submit items of interest far after the deadline of the 20th of every month, and really urge us to get their timely articles, notices or fliers in the *Looy's* for the sake of needed publicity and benefit of the parish.

In order to be fair to all, and remain on time, starting in February, we will install an electronic lock box to our e-mail that will accept submissions for the *Looy's* only until a certain day of the month.

For instance, submissions for the March *Looy's* are due by February 20th. No changes there; so after February 20, any submission received will go into the April *Looy's*, so as not to hold up March's edition.

This seems to be the only way we can be fair to all and encourage timely submissions. Once implemented, we'll take all the necessary time needed to review with all organizations. Thank you.

Fr. Kapriel & Matthew Cannata

How Your Endowment Gift Helps



Our Pastor and Parish Council would like to thank and publically recognize the following families for their thoughtful and generous additions made to their families Endowment Funds benefitting our parish during 2016:

Guy & Darlene Simonian and Atty. Harry & Janice Mazadoorian.

May God bless all who strengthen His Holy Church.

LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL



Shunhavor Nor Dari yev Soorp Dznoont
(Happy New Year and Holy Birth)

Once again, we write this article after a very successful Christmas program on December 11 - a sunny Sunday afternoon. The theme of the program was "The Tale of the Three Trees," a well-known Christmas story for children, acted out beautifully by our students. Jeanne Abrahamian capably directed the skit, with a large variety of props made by students and teachers in the past few weeks.

The play was preceded by a recitation of the Armenian Christmas poem "Donadzar" (The Holiday Tree) by students in Grades 5-7. The program concluded with all students singing "Joy to the World" in Armenian, directed by Yeretzgin Patricia with Susan Sagherian accompanist on the organ.

The parents' committee invited all to the elaborate luncheon set up in the auditorium. Thank you to all who contributed food and other items that helped to make this an exceptionally festive event with our church family.

Although the New Year has just begun, a reminder for your calendars; February 26 is Poon Paregentan (Day of Happy Living). Our students will be having a Teacup Auction and Luncheon on that day. Each student will be asked to donate an item for the Auction Table as a fund-raiser for the Sunday School. Co-Chairs for this event are Diane Roy and Sarah Kallajian. Assisting them will be Melanie Kallajian, Kimberly McLaurin and Paula Pare. Notices for this will be distributed in late January. Please Save The Date! All are invited.

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Christmas Greetings

In keeping with tradition, the following members of our church family
extend their Christmas greetings and wishes to all

Shnorhavor Nor Dari yev Soorp Dznoont | Happy New Year & Blessed Christmas

Fr. Kapriel and Yn. Diane

Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year to all

Arthur, Lucy & Mark Simonian

Best Wishes to our friends and relatives throughout the year

Nick and Betty Bagdasarian

Warm wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Baggy and Queenie Hovhanessian

Merry Christmas!

Sonia Ohanian and Family

Wishing everyone a happy & healthy New Year!

Eleanor Egazarian

Good health and love to everyone

Gerard, Diane, Jack, Sam and Lily Roy

World Peace

Lee Abrahamian

Merry Christmas!

David Abrahamian

Good health for all ACHR members and stewards

Gail Onanian

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all!

John and Roxie Maljanian

Merry Christmas

John and Jeanne Abrahamian

Merry Christmas

Margaret Abrahamian

Merry Christmas

**Berj and Henrietta Kallajian; Michael, Sarah, Emily & Brian; Gregg, Melanie,
Nicholas & Anna** - Merry Christmas

Susan Der Margosian

Merry Christmas

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Connors and Boys

May we all have good health and God's blessings

Peter Bagdikian, Jr.

World Peace, good health and safe 2017

Manusak Terdjanian

World Peace

Yn. Patricia Buttero

Better understanding and communication, and peace in the world

Arthur and Sylvia Simonian and Family

Merry Christmas!

Gary & Ellen Hovhanessian

Merry Christmas!

Hayley Hovhanessian

Merry Christmas!

Cara Hovhanessian

Merry Christmas!

Carol Hougas

Christmas wishes from the Hougas and Moshovos families

Harry & Janice Mazadoorian

Merry Christmas

Beth Mazadoorian and Wilson Keithline, Margaret, and Cate

Merry Christmas

Lynne Mazadoorian and John Lockhart

Merry Christmas

Peter & Nancy Hansen

Merry Christmas to all

Arthur Bagdasarian

Merry Christmas!

Harry and Jane DerAsadourian

Merry Christmas!



CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE - 2017

Sunday, January 1, 2017 - New Year's Morning

Morning Services at 9:15 AM | Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Eve of the Feast of the Nativity & Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ

Sacred Scripture Readings at 6:30 PM

Candlelight (*Jrakalooyts*) Divine Liturgy at 7:00 PM

Friday, January 6, 2017

Feast of the Nativity & Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ

Divine Liturgy and Service of the Blessing of the Waters offered at 10:30 AM

We invite all who can, to participate in a Pot Luck Fellowship Luncheon after church services by brining a dish to share with 4-5 people. Plates, napkins, utensils, and coffee have been donated.

Sunday, January 8, 2017

Morning Services at 9:15 AM | Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM

Service of the Blessing of the Waters to follow

Serving as Godfather of the Cross will be Mr. Charles Vartanian

Fellowship will be offered in Abrahamian Auditorium sponsored by our ACYOA.

Sunday School resumes.

Sunday, January 15, 2017

Annual Service of the Blessing of the Pomegranates (*noor*)

All are encouraged to bring a pomegranate to church for shared blessing.

REQUIEM SERVICES

Mr. Craig Simonian (Dareleets / First Anniversary)

Requested by Arthur, Lucy and Mark Simonian, Guy & Darlene Simonian, Arthur & Sylvia Simonian and family, Mary Abrahamian and family, Manusak Terdjian, John & Roxie Maljanian and children & grandchildren, Gerard & Diane Roy and family, Mary Omartian and family.

Harry Azarigian (Second Year Anniversary)

Requested by Fr. Kapriel & Yn. Diane Mouradjian

May Almighty God enlighten their souls. Amen.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers for the glory of God were donated by Fr. Kapriel & Yn. Diane in memory of Craig Simonian.



The poster for 'Hye Hearts Dance' features a large, stylized heart in the center, outlined in red and white. The text 'Hye Hearts Dance' is written in a cursive font inside the heart. To the right of the heart, the date and time are listed: 'Saturday, February 11, 2017' and '8 pm'. Below this, the location is given: 'Holiday Inn, Enfield, CT' and '1 Bright Meadow Blvd.'. A section titled 'Featuring:' lists the 'Live Armenian Band' with members Harry Bedrossian, Kenny Kalajian, Leon Janikian, and Charlie Dermenjian, along with 'DJ Chris Habibian' and 'International Music'. A small heart-shaped box on the left contains ticket prices: 'Adults \$45 in advance', '\$50 at the door', 'Students \$30 in advance', '\$35 at the door', and 'Children 12 & under free'. Another small heart-shaped box below it says 'Mezze & Cash Bar'. At the bottom, it says 'To purchase tickets: https://hyeheartsdance.eventbrite.com' and 'Reservations for tables of 10 available'. The bottom right corner features a logo for the 'Holy Resurrection Armenian Church' and the 'Tri-Church Cultural Committee' with the tagline 'Keeping Our Culture Alive'. At the very bottom, it says 'To reserve a room for Saturday night at a rate of \$89, call (860) 741-2211 and mention "Hye Hearts Dance."'.

Hye Hearts Dance

Saturday, February 11, 2017
8 pm

Holiday Inn, Enfield, CT
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WORD MATCH FROM OUR DIVINE LITURGY

You've heard these words sung or chanted literally thousands of times, but are you sure of what they mean? Draw a line connecting the Armenian (Krapar) word from the left to the English translation on the right. Answers will appear in next month's *Looys*!

Park kez Der	Only Begotten Son
Hor	Trinity
Soorp Gooys Mariam	of/to the Son
Yerortootiun	Glory
Getzo	Ever Virgin Mary
Vortvo	Word of God
Asdvadz	Save!
Hayr	of/to the Holy Spirit
Miadzin Vorti	Glory to (you) God
Pant Asdvadz	Son
Mishd Soorp Gooys Mariam	Father
Park	God
Soorp Hoki	Holy Spirit
Asdvadzadzin	of/to the Father
Asdoodzo	Holy/Ever Virgin Mary
Hokvooyñ S'rpoh	of/to God
Soorp Yerortootiun	of/to the Holy Trinity
Soorp Yerortootyan	Holy Trinity
Vorti	Mother of God

IN THE CHURCH



When you are attending the church service, let your apparel be appropriate and modest. Abstain from adornments and flashy clothing which are not suitable in a church setting, where a spirit of concentration and meditation is required as a precondition to participate in a communal prayer.

As you enter the church, it is appropriate to cross yourself. It is also an age long Armenian tradition, just as it is customary in Eastern Orthodox and Catholic churches too, to light a candle as a way of placing yourself in a contemplative mood.

The lighting of the candle is also a symbol of the sacrifice of the self and the radiance of Christian's love. Just as the candle burns and is consumed to spread light, so must every Christian man and woman live to radiate love, light and warmth.

It is a genuine Armenian custom of piety to light the candle in front of an anointed picture of a Saint, to pose for a moment, and breathe a prayer of self-dedication and to prepare oneself spiritually to participate in the church service.

Like everywhere else that we receive information from, we will increasingly be relying on e-mail to keep you informed as to the life of our church. This will allow us to keep you better informed and will provide you with better quality publications.



It doesn't hurt to remind everyone that our parish actively seeks suitable folks that would like to rent our hall for their function use. We currently host the New Britain Chess Club as well as numerous birthday parties, anniversaries and other medium-large functions.

Please keep your church hall in mind for any need including memorial meals, as it's very affordable and convenient for all.

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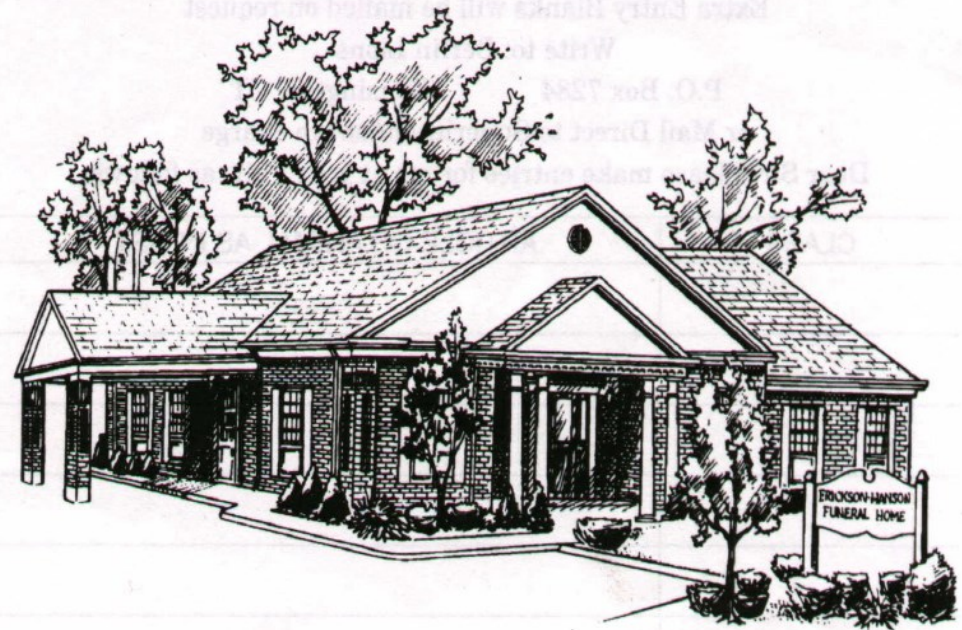
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Calendar of Events - January 2017

Monday - 1	New Year's Day
Thursday - 5	Eve of the Theophany of our Lord Divine Liturgy at 7:00 (see schedule inside)
Friday - 6	Divine Liturgy at 10:30 (see schedule inside)
Saturday - 7	Hishadag Merelots (Remembrance of the Deceased) This occurs the day after all Major Feasts
Monday - 8	Divine Liturgy & Blessing of the Waters (see schedule inside)
Friday - 13	Feast of the Naming of our Lord Jesus Christ
Saturday - 14	Birth of St. John the Forerunner
Monday - 16	Remembrance of St. Blaise
Tuesday - 17	Remembrance of St. Antony the Hermit
Saturday - 21	Remembrance of the Holy Fathers - St. Athanasius & Cyril of Alexandria
Monday - 23	Remembrance of St. Kyriakos
Tuesday - 24	Remembrance of St. Vahan of Goghtn
Thursday - 26	Remembrance of Sts. Eugene and Macarius
Saturday - 28	Remembrance of St. Gregory the Theologian
Sunday - 29	ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
Monday - 30	Remembrance of Sts. Maccabees, Eleazar the Priest, Samona and her seven sons

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