



# Dear Faithful,

While our parish is named after the Holy Resurrection of our Lord (Easter), we are all indebted to the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide, who sacrificed their lives to preserve the soul of our Armenian Christian Church which we've inherited, and have benefitted from on various levels.

Our parish doors are open for you most any day and time of the week to chat, light a candle, or yes, even pray alone or during our beautiful liturgy on Sundays.

Quite simply, you are the church...you can make her stronger...you can make her more meaningful in someone's life...you can continue the traditions of our ancestors.

I encourage all to continue their participation in the life of our church family, and again, I reach any member of our family and share their concerns, desires and ideas.

As Billy Joel says, "It's all about soul; It's all about knowing what someone is feeling.."



With prayers and Hye Hopes for our spiritual health, Reverend Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian Pastor

# ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION SEPTEMBER 2017

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### **CELEBRATE OUR 76TH ANNIVERSARY**



Come one, come all! Come join us on Sunday, November 12, 2017 as we celebrate the 76th Anniversary of our beloved church, the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection. Committee co-chairpersons Robbin Haboian-Demircan and Ellen Hovhanessian, with the guidance of Father Kapriel, are planning a wonderful meal and festive program for that day. There will be special recognition awards given that day.

Also on the invitation list of special guests are Our Beloved Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian and the Mayor of New Britain, Erin Stewart. We realize their busy schedules and

hope to hear back from them both as soon as possible.

For that special day and annual anniversary, we are also seeking Godparent donations. John and Jeannie Abrahamian will be in charge of these donations. Please bring your donation to the Parish Council office by Sunday, November 5th. You can reserve your place at dinner with Robbin or Ellen or any Parish Council member. Robbin may be reached at (860) 558-9256 or via email - rlhuba@hotmail.com.

### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

On Sunday, August 13, we joined in prayer with all Armenian Apostolic Churches in offering our 'first" and best "fruits" to God through the annual Blessing of the Grapes. Our appreciation is recognized and extended to the following for their thoughtful donations towards the purchase of the grapes. Additionally, we thank Fr. Kapriel, Matthew Cannata and Michael Kallajian for the washing and bagging of the nearly 30 pounds of grapes that we distributed to our faithful in church and by home visitations. Our donors were: Manusak Terdjanian, Ellie Egazarian, Marge Litteral, Harry & Janice Mazadoorian, Mary Abrahamian, Fr. Kapriel & Yn. Diane. The total amount of gifts received was \$125.

### LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

I hope that you and your families are enjoying time together while making warm summer memories. And just as our seasonal calendar begins a new cycle, once again our Church calendar begins anew.

In June, we excitedly celebrated the ACHR Sunday School graduation of our seven high school students. Just as excitedly, our parish is preparing to play a part in the upcoming journey of a new school year. We will open Sunday School on September 17, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. After a brief gathering for the students to reconnect, we will invite them all to attend



Soorp Badarak while the parents chat briefly. We would be delighted to have your children serve on this day (readers, greeters, Kiss of Peace, etc.); please let me or Der Hayr know the week prior if they are interested.

We are grateful for the years – decades – of service by our recent Sunday School leadership; I am also grateful for the opportunity to play my part in its future, and invite all members of our dear parish family to participate in the life of the ACHR Sunday School. I hope that you are as excited as I to revisit familiar traditions as well as dive into new undertakings; I invite you to share questions and thoughts at ACHReducation@gmail.com. Of course, I would always enjoy a face-to-face chat any Sunday as well. We look forward to seeing you all on "opening day", if not sooner!

Most sincerely, "Deegeen" Elisa Griego



### THE 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 REGISTRY

Requiem Services were offered for the souls of:

All deceased clergy who served the needs of our parish

Requested by Fr. Kapriel & Yn. Diane.

Mr. Harry George (4th year)

Requested by Mrs. Violet and Laurie George

Helaina Surabian-Connelly and Sarkis Surabian

Requested by Nick & Betty Bagdasarian, Christian & Rebekah Maynard and family, and

Steven & Deborah Surabian.

Our prayers are extended to the Kazanjian and Machata families on the occasion of the passing of Mrs. Victoria Kazanjian. May Almighty God accept her soul and may her family

be comforted by the peace and presence of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Be mindful of them in the great day of the coming of your kingdom. Amen.



Our Pastor and Parish Council gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

Mrs. Victoria Kazanjian

John & Roxie Maljanian

Peter Bagdigian, Jr.

Yn. Pat Buttero

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**Carol Hougas** 

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Theresa Ward

Lois Radavich

Alice Milardo

Total through August 20: \$2,160

Mr. Robert Camp

John & Roxie Maljanian

Total received through August 20: \$25

Mrs. Alice Bagdigian

(corrections and additions)

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Kerr

Tim & Laurie Davidian-Smith

Eleanor Egazarian

Gregg Abrahamian, Jr.

Peter & Violet Galazan

**Donna Woodward** 

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Norsigian

Barry & Margaret Liss

Total received through July 23, \$2,090

# ANNUAL CHURCH ANNIVERSARY DINNER SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

DIVINE LITURGY OFFERED AT 9:45 AM
GUEST CELEBRANT, VERY REVEREND FR. ANANIA TSATURYAN,
MOTHER SEE OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN

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### JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Freshly made & frozen delicious pies from Lyman Orchards. Orders can be placed with payment in advance through October 22 and pies can be picked up from church on Saturday, November 18 from 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM.



## **NORIAN ARMENIAN PROGRAMS**

# 2017 ARMENIAN FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL

## SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017 | 12:00 - 6:00 PM

UConn Storrs Campus - Nathan Hale Inn 855 Bolton Road | Storrs, CT 06269

Bring family and friends to join us for folk music, a rug making workshop, traditional food, a string cheese making demonstration, food and merchandise vendors! More information about the lineup of activities for the day is available at <a href="http://s.uconn.edu/3tv">http://s.uconn.edu/3tv</a>. The evening concert will take place in Rome Commons Ballroom.

### Lecture: Filmmaking in Armenia

by Mr. Arsen Bagdasaryan, Film Commissioner of the Republic of Armenia

**Workshop: The Making of Armenian String Cheese** 

with Maggie Stepanian

### Workshop: The Art of Rug Weaving

with Hayk Oltaci, Master Craftsman, Hayko Fine Rugs and Tapestries

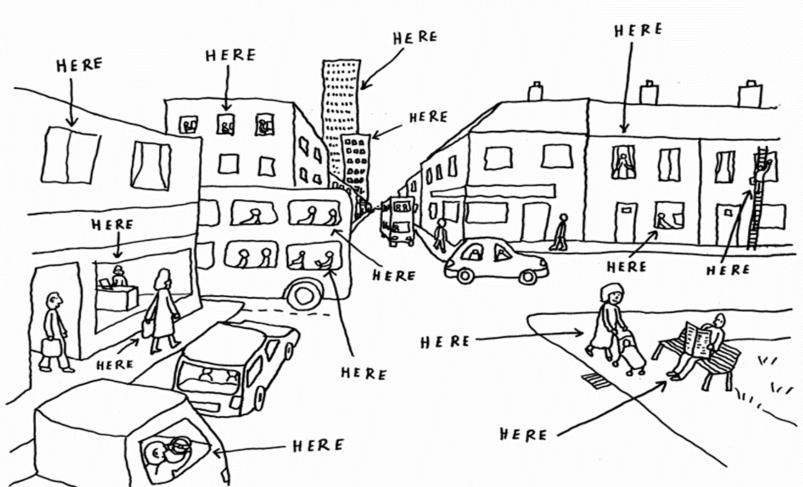
### **Evening Concert: Huyser Music Ensemble**

"Staying true to your culture sometimes is not very easy when you are on foreign grounds, but it would be a shame if one didn't try at all." – Huyser <a href="https://www.facebook.com/HuyserMusic">https://www.facebook.com/HuyserMusic</a>

### **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP (FICTION)**

There were three country churches in a small Texas town: Presbyterian, Methodist and Armenian. Each church was overrun with pesky squirrels. One day, the Presbyterian church called a meeting to decide what to do about the squirrels. After much prayer and consideration they determined that the squirrels were predestined to be there and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will. The Methodist group got together and decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creations. So, they humanely trapped the squirrels and set them free a few miles outside of town. Three days later, the squirrels were back. It was only the Armenians who were able to come up with the best and most effective solution: They baptized the squirrels and registered them as members of the church.





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Our church leadership would like to thank YOU for your donations of your valuable Time, Talent and Treasure.

Together, assembling our gifts and talents, we make up the body of the church.

Together, we assemble to educate our youth, offer sacraments to our faithful, make visits for healing the sick, and yes at times, to provide the necessary sacraments in returning our loved ones home to God.

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# ACHR AND DIOCESAN HIGHLIGHTS

# STAY UPDATED WITH THE EASTERN DIOCESE

Do you or your children receive the weekly e-mails from your diocese? Do you read about the advancement of the Armenian Church throughout the Diaspora & world? If not, please send an e-mail to the public relations department asking to add your e-mail: publicrelations@armeniandiocese.org

# WHY ATTEND CHURCH OR SUPPORT CHURCH ACTIVITIES?

There is a growing understanding of the fact that our corporate (parish) life represents a definitely higher form of human existence than does a mere individual life. Besides, your family and friends enjoy seeing you!

#### **CAMP VARTAN - SUMMER 2017**

Everyone makes a difference...We'd like to look back and recognize the following from our parish who participated in Camp Vartan this year and served as wonderful representatives of our parish. Megan Simonian, Taylor and Parker Gregory, Michael Connors and Emily Kallajian. Tom Connors served a nurse and Fr. Kapriel offered religious classes.

# HELPING OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

Our parish is joining all diocesan parishes in adding the recovery for those devastated by the terrible floods in the Houston, Texas area, specifically, aiding the faithful of St. Kevork Armenian Church. Special Collections will be offered in all parishes through September 17. You may also mail to your donation to the church office, notating Houston on the envelope and check memo. May God continue to watch over all of His children. Amen.

#### SANDWICH FUND DONATIONS

Thank you to Mary Carlino and Gail Onanian for their donations to the Sandwich Fund.

#### **CORRECTION**

In the last issue of the *Looys*, Matthew Marottolo was listed as having three absences during Sunday School. He achieved perfect attendance + due to extra attendance during services when Sunday School was not in session.

# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### Sunday, September 10

First day to place your order for Thanksgiving Pies from Lyman Orchards Order forms are being mailed to everyone

#### Sunday, September 17

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Opening Day & Registration for Sunday School

#### Sunday, September 24

Women's Guild sponsored parish Cookout

### Sunday, October 22

Women's Guild sponsored Pasta Luncheon Last day to place Thanksgiving pie orders

#### Sunday, November 12

Annual Parish Anniversary Banquet following church services Fliers are being mailed to everyone

#### Saturday, November 18

Please stop by church from 9:00 AM 11:30 AM to pick up your Lyman Orchard Thanksgiving pies

#### Saturday, December 2

Holiday Craft & Food Fair from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Fliers listing Vendors & Food Order forms are being mailed to everyone

#### Thursday, December 14

Women's Guild sponsored Madrigal Singers Christmas Concert & Reception

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