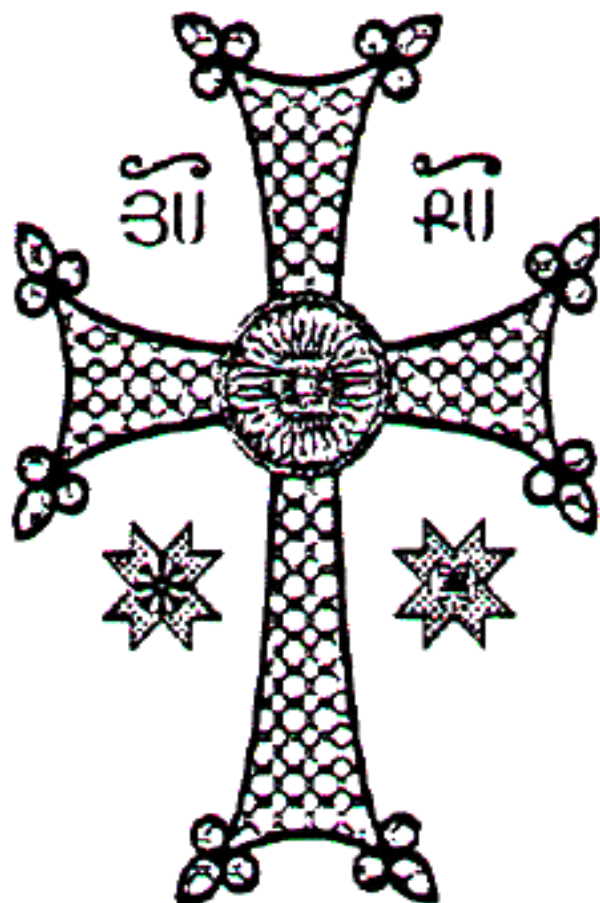


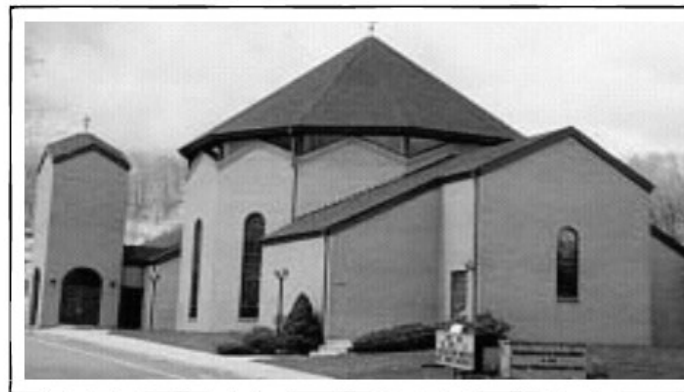
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#SaveKessab

In recent days, we have all been greatly distressed by the news reports emerging from the region around Kessab, in Syria. At this writing, the Armenian-populated town of Kessab has been invaded by armed rebels affiliated with international terrorist organizations. The attacks—which began on Friday, March 21—are reported to originate from across the border in Turkey (Kessab lies in Syria’s northwestern corner, near the Turkish border).

An estimated 670 Armenian Christian families—the majority of Kessab’s population—have been evacuated by the local Armenian community, and have taken refuge in the nearby towns of Basit and Latakia. But a number of Kessabtsi Armenian families have remained in their homes, to care for elderly members too old to move.

A counter-offensive by Syrian troops attempted to retake the crossing point at the Syrian-Turkish border on Saturday, March 22; but the armed rebels re-entered Kessab the following day and continue to occupy the town and its surrounding villages. The remaining Armenian residents (estimated at 10 to 15 families) are being held hostage; the local Armenian churches have been desecrated; and local residences and holy places have been shelled and pillaged.

The Armenian Assembly of America has sent a letter to President Barack Obama asking the United States to take steps to safeguard the Kessab Armenians. I too have sent a letter to our President, in my capacity as Primate and on behalf of the Eastern Diocese.

Also, our Diocesan Ecumenical Director, Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, along with the Armenian Assembly’s Bryan Ardouny, had a meeting today (March 27) at the U.S. State Department to emphasize the urgency of the predicament of the Kessab Armenians. Undersecretary of State Eric Rubin received them sympathetically and gave assurances that the United States would make a strong statement to the government of Turkey regarding the armed rebels’ egress from that country into Syria.

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All of this is the troubling news of the day. Most of our parishioners will know the town of Kessab as an Armenian stronghold since the Middle Ages, with Armenian roots dating even farther back, to at least the era of Tigran the Great. Armenians have long been the vast majority of its population, promoting a humane, tolerant, and vital civil, cultural, and religious life. Nearly every parish in our Diocese has a connection to Kessab through a church member or family relation. Indeed, Kessab was the much-loved birthplace of our late Catholicos of All Armenians, His Holiness Karekin I, of blessed memory.

With these details in mind, I ask our Diocesan parishes and families to offer prayers for our brothers and sisters in Kessab. In this hour of need, please remember them in your prayers, at home and in church. And remember, too, all our church leaders and Armenian clergymen who are trying to minister to our people in Kessab, in Syria, and throughout the Middle East. We express our fundamental solidarity with all our fellow churchmen and countrymen throughout the region.

May he shine his holy light into our world, and may our humble prayers and contributions help to ease the suffering of our brothers and sisters in Kessab at this time.



With prayers,

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian

Primate



MISSION STATEMENT

Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

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

New England Clergy Retreat

Clergy in the New England region met for a Lenten retreat from March 24 to 26. The retreat was held at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT.

Led by Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Diocesan Primate, clergy from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Texas gathered for prayer, meditation, and spiritual discussion focusing on the Diocese's theme "Living the Gospel of Christ." A presentation was made by Fr. Thomas FitzGerald, professor of church history and historical theology at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.

On Tuesday evening, clergy took part in a prayer service and continued study in our Sanctuary and Hall. Our appreciation is extended to the following members, organizations and friends for their part in providing for Lenten meals and other needs for our Primate and clergy: Choir, Women's Guild, ACYOA, Sharon Sherwood, Ria Baylock, Lisa Cox, Joni Noyes, Diane Sheard, Yn. Diane Mouradjian, Yn. Pat Buttero and Gail Onanian.



Fate, Faith, Fun

On Friday evening, March 14, Reverend Fr. Untzag Nalbandian, Pastor of Holy Ascension Armenian Church in Trumbull, visited our parish with his book editor, Ms. Dotty Bengoian. All in attendance had an enjoyable evening as Fr. Untzag shared his journeys in life from Lebanon through his invitation to serve as a priest here in our Diocese over thirty years ago. Der Untzag commented, "I wanted to celebrate my Thirty-fifth Year of Ordination with the publication of this book. The

writing was a fifteen month journey, but the topics were flourishing in my mind for the past forty years. My resolve deepened and this book was born."

This book is not a research book or collection of sermons. It is a reflection of Fr. Nalbandian's life journey and experiences in different parts of the world at different times of his life. The first 127 vignettes are in English and the final 18, Armenian. Thank you to the clergy and faithful of all our CT Armenian Churches for contributing to the success of this book presentation.



PARISH NEWS

Harry Mazadoorian to be Honored

Attorney Harry N. Mazadoorian has been named as the recipient of the John Eldred Shields Distinguished Professional Service Award, according to the Connecticut Bar Association.

Mazadoorian is a commercial arbitrator and mediator and serves as Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Center on Dispute Resolution at Quinnipiac University School of Law, having previously served on the faculty at the law school. Prior to that, he was employed by CIGNA Companies for 25 years and held a number of positions.

He has been in private practice and has served as legislative commissioner for the State of Connecticut and corporation counsel for the city of New Britain. Involved in ADR for over three decades, he was first appointed to the American Arbitration Association's panel of arbitrators in 1976. As a member of the Connecticut Bar Association, he holds membership in the Health Law Section and Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, serving on both sections' executive committees.

The John Eldred Shields Distinguished Professional Service Award was presented to Mazadoorian at the CBA's first annual awards celebration, "Celebrate with the Stars," held on April 4 in Hamden (From Berlin Citizen)

Congratulations to both Harry and Janice for this special recognition.



Acolyte Training

Shortly after Easter, Fr. Kapriel will again invite our children to form another Acolyte class. These informal meetings will be used to teach our young men and women why we do what we do in the Sanctuary, the history behind our services and how they play a key role in preserving our rich liturgical history. Once they have all reached an acceptable and comfortable level of knowledge and participation, Der Hayr will submit their names to our Primate for ordination as Acolytes/Tbirs. Der Hayr will meet with them as their family and individual schedules allows. Please talk to Fr. Kapriel regarding your child's participation and availability.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

April showers will soon bring us our May flowers which will be a special treat after this cold winter!

Thursday, February 27 was Vartanantz Day. On the following Sunday, our students were reminded of St. Vartan, St. Ghevont and all their companions with a short lecture, posters and the **Vartan** song written by Harry Badrigian.

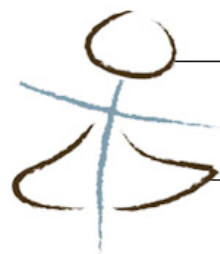
With the CD playing and words on a poster, we all sang our best to follow the recording. During Badarak, several Knights of Vartan local members were in attendance. Later, during Fellowship Hour, Mr. Arisian, a member of the Knights of Vartan, told a very interesting story of his family and its connection to Historical Armenia.

This past month, we were pleased to welcome our newest student, four-year-old Elyana Najarian-Garb, daughter of Gregory and Joanna Najarian-Garb of Kensington. We wish her much happiness among her friends in Sunday School.

On Poon Paregentan, Sunday, March 2, our Sunday School students and teachers enjoyed a morning of FUN beginning with talents displayed and then BINGO with many prizes. Announcers Megan Simonian and Emily Kallajian did a fine job introducing the three students: Lauren Simonian on piano, Elizabeth Kalfayan with her clarinet and award winning gymnast Lily Roy showing us some of her moves. Than you for sharing your talents!

Special thanks to the committee of Michelle Kalfayan, Diane Roy, Karlin Asaturian, Sarah Kallajian and Karen LaPointe for their efforts and providing delicious refreshments for the Fellowship Hour, including popcorn during BINGO.

Now that Lent is in full swing, a gentle reminder to all of our boys and girls to try their best in practicing our Armenian Lenten customs. The Lenten donations should be returned on Easter morning. Next month, we will report the names of the young ladies who participate in the Tuesday evening service and boys in the Thursday evening Washing of the Feet service during Holy Week. Altar Servers and Epistle Readers - keep up the great work!



WOMEN'S GUILD



Women's Saints Day - Sunday, March 26

On Sunday, March 26, the Women's Guild hosted a Saintly Women's Day Service followed by a Lenten Luncheon. Following the luncheon, Armen Michalak Slusarz read the biography of St. Sanatoukht, which nicely led into the introduction of our guest speaker, Jo Montgomery. With wit, confidence and charisma, her presentation was passionate and purposeful dealing

with those who live with and chose to conquer their seemingly life-threatening illnesses.

Jo Montgomery was a commercial writer most of her life but then became a freelance writer and marketer. A former student of Connecticut local painter, Brendan Loughlin, she was inspired by his artwork, courage, faith and joyfulness. She was compelled to write his life story of when he was ready to tell about it. The story is about his extraordinary ability to rise above abandonment, abuse and poverty. Jo rose to the challenge and after two years, the book entitled, Loughlin, was published.



"Brendan thought I was doing him a favor," says Montgomery. "The fact is that he did me the greater favor" was a quote from her book. In closing, she found that you receive such blessings for helping others.

We wish to thank Fr. Kapriel and Yn. Diane Mouradjian for donating the food which was prepared by Saint's Restaurant of Plainville, CT. Second, we thank Shannon Bagdikian for inviting Jo, her co-worker, to come and speak about her experience as a writer and stepping up to the challenge of helping others and for donating the gift for our guest speaker. We also wish to thank Adriene Damian for her desserts.



Making this year's event different and hopefully permanent, was having the men of our parish serve the ladies and assume all responsibilities of the day.

Many of our women commented on how it was to be "pampered" at least for a day!

Our appreciation is extended to the dedicated Guild members for all they do and for reaching out to our members to take part in this special day.



ACYOA

ACYOA Retreats Held in New England and Texas

More than 40 young people representing eight parishes across the New England region gathered for an ACYOA Juniors Lenten retreat at the St. Methodius Faith and Heritage Center in Contoocook, NH, from March 14 to 16.

Titled #MadeInHisImage, the retreat focused on the Diocesan theme "Living the Gospel of Christ." Presentations were made by the Rev. Fr. Vasken Kouzouian, pastor of Holy Trinity Church of Cambridge, MA, and Yn. Arpi Kouzouian; the Rev. Fr. Vart Gyozyan, pastor of Hye Pointe Church of Haverhill, MA; Maria Derderian, youth minister at St. James Church of Watertown, MA; and Jennifer Morris, the Diocese's director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

On Saturday morning, the participants were welcomed by Metropolitan Methodius of the Greek Orthodox Church, who led them in prayer before breakfast. On Sunday morning, sub-deacon Michael Sabounjian led the group during morning service and high school students spoke about their experience in the ACYOA. In attendance from our parish were Aram Kerr, Griffin and Michael Connors and ACYOA Advisor, Mary Lou Connors.

A similar retreat was held at St. Sarkis Church of Carrollton, TX, on March 15. More than 20 ACYOA Juniors and Seniors participated.

Annual Women's Guild Bake Sale

Saturday, April 12: 9AM - 3PM - Abrahamian Auditorium

Featuring Armenian and American baked goods and foods
Choreg, Baklava, Yalanchi, Cheese Boreg, Cookies, and more!

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HYE ANGELS

Hye Angels are Flying High

With spring around the corner and the birds back in the air, the Hye Angels are ready to spread their wings again and take flight. Although we have been dormant this very cold and snowy winter, we are ready to hit the spring air flying high.

May is upon us once again and my team, Hye Angels, is ready for the challenge as we participate in the Foodshare Walk Against Hunger for the 5th year in a row. Every single year we have increased our goal, helping to feed so many of our hungry neighbors here in greater Hartford. And each year we get more and more Hye Angels to participate. The first year we had two walkers, and this year we are expecting close to ten already. I'm truly excited to see our walk group grow, because with its growth comes more donations which means more money goes to our friends at The Friendship Service Center of New Britain.

This year, as a team, we have increased our goal to \$500. Please join us on Sunday, May 4th for this incredible tradition - simply type the link below into your browser to go directly to the Hye Angels team page. There you can donate to the cause or sign up to walk with us, we'd LOVE to have you. You are also welcome to contact Shannon Bagdigian directly with any questions via email: Shannon.hye@gmail.com

http://site.foodshare.org/site/TR/Walk/General_team_id=11110&pg=team&fr_id=1280

Be on the lookout for more events sponsored by the Hye Angels coming very soon. The start of Hye Angels was based on the idea of more social activities between fellow friends and doing good deeds in the community, as well as bringing us back home to the house of God we grew up in and love so much and my mission remains the same.

Together we can move mountains :)

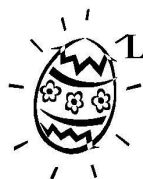
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9:30 am – 12:30 pm



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Our Pastor and Parish Council would like to recognize and thank the following for hosting Fellowship in March. Sunday School Poon Paregentan Cmte, Machata & Kazanjian families, Berj & Henrietta Kallajian, Mary Lou & Tom Connors.



Flower donations for our Holy Altar are always welcomed. Please speak to Der Hayr if you'd like to donate affordable floral arrangements. *It's worth noting that most types of hearty flowers can last and be on our Holy Altar up to three weeks. Thank you.*



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Rose Badrigian

Timothy and Lynda McHugh

Total Amount: \$1,940



PARISH REGISTRY



Requiem Services were offered for the souls of:

Takouhi, Yeghia, and Hovhaness Demirjian; Sarkis, Ovsan, Siranoush, Victoria, Antranig, Jacque and Araxie Andrikian; Sirvart Ayvazyan, Krikor Goughasian and Maribel Chester.

Requested by Roxie Demirjian and Sarkis Kalfayan.

May Almighty God enlighten their souls. Amen.



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When the 'church' needs and looks to you for a helping hand,
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May all who respond in His name be blessed.

*Bring a friend and join us
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*How can we strike a balance between these two
gifts to strengthen ourselves, our families and our
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When: Monday, May 19th

Where: Holy Resurrection Church Hall

Time: 7:05 p.m.-8:15

Refreshments

****We ask you to kindly RSVP to frkapriel@gmail.com*

To all CT Armenians and friends,
Your presence, prayers and participation are
respectfully requested on

Thursday evening, April 24 at 6:30 PM
For the celebration of Solemn Divine Liturgy
on the occasion of the



99th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide

Armenian Church of the Holy Ascension
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all CT Armenian Churches



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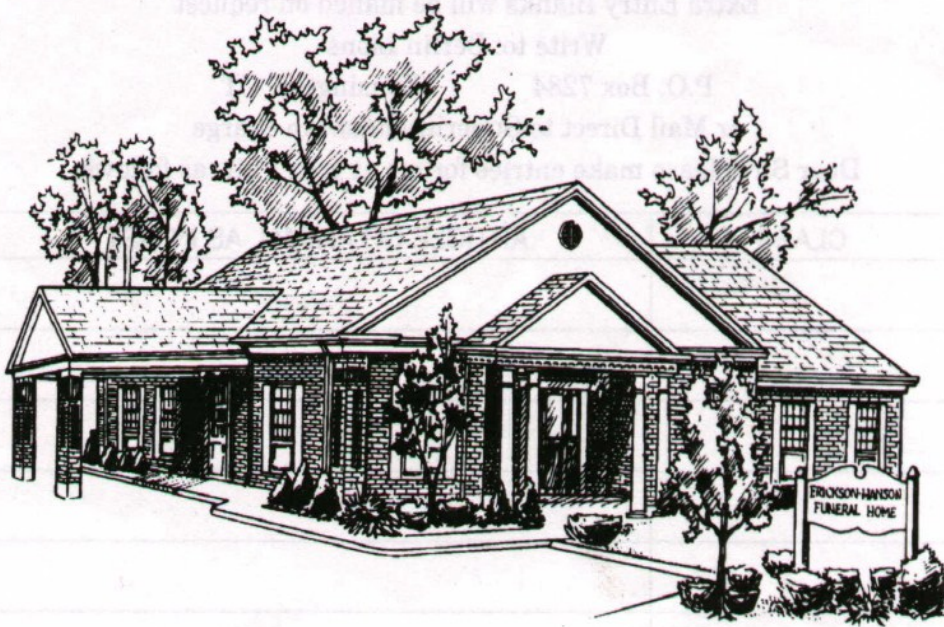
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All CT churches are participating (pls see inside flier)

April 26: Genocide Commemoration at State Capitol at 11:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker, Ruth Thomasian; Founder and Exec. Dir. Project Save

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