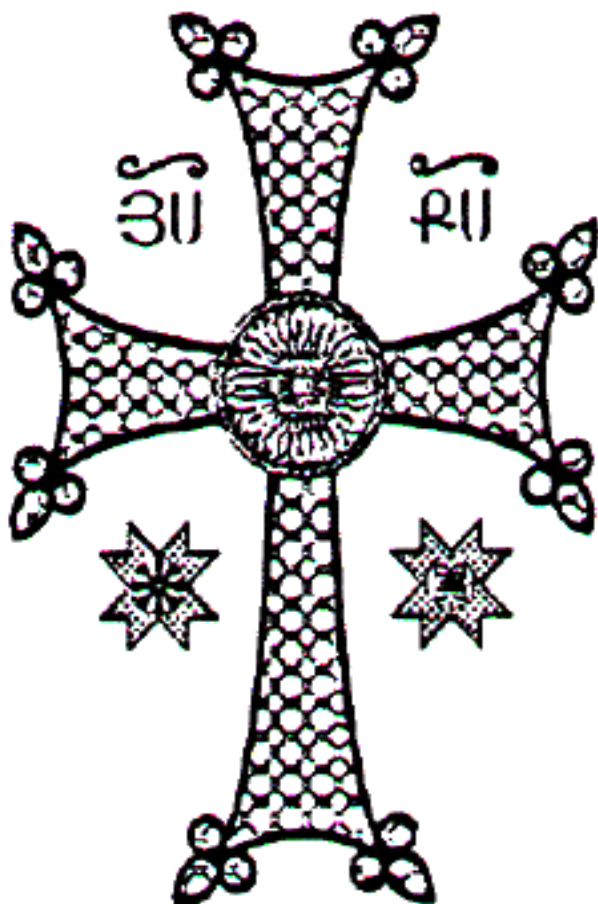


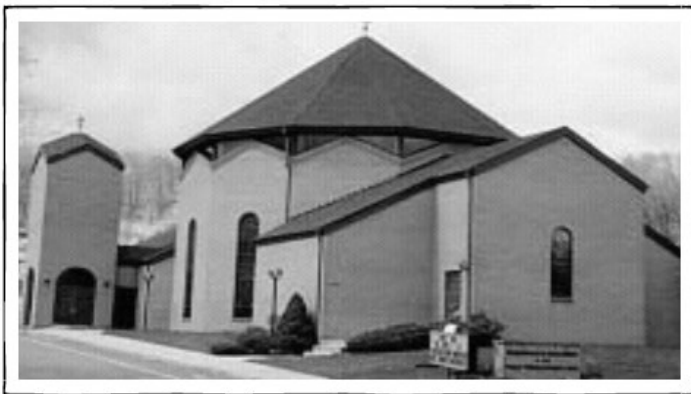
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April
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Genocide: "Any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group, such as: (a) killing members of the group, (b) causing serious bodily harm to members of the group, (c) deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part, (d) imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group, and (e) forcibly transferring children of the group to another group."

In the spring of 1915, notable Armenians and leaders of their local communities were arrested under various pretexts, rounded up, and killed shortly thereafter—usually in secret. The most infamous example of this elimination of the Armenian leadership is the arrest of the Armenian intellectuals of Constantinople, which began on the night of April 24, 1915. Today, Armenians around the world have consecrated that date for their yearly commemoration of the sorrowful, tragic fate of their ancestors.

Today, as Christians we remember the over 1.5 million Armenians
who made the ultimate sacrifice in keeping their faith,
and who dared not to renounce their identity.

Today, we take solace in the fact that they have now been justly
deemed worthy of Sainthood in His Holy catholic and Apostolic Church.

Today, we dedicate this church publication, as we've dedicated within our hearts,
all that we do, to our over 1.5 million relatives who gave their lives for us, and who
today, now reside with God as *Saints...*



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



Welcome and thank you!

Our Pastor, Parish Council and Pledge Custodian would like to thank and recognize the following for making a financial offering to strengthen our parish as Dues paying members.

We thank and offer our prayers for their continued health and success in life to the following: **Leandra Manos, Nicole Varteresian-Pease, Richard Picard, Renee Picard and John Kerr.**

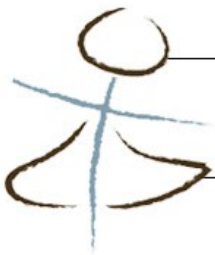
We applaud them for recognizing what it means to give back a portion of what our Lord has freely given us. We hope (and pray) that we'll see them in church as well as receiving their financial support.

Do you know how to make mas?

On Sunday, March 8, the senior class in Sunday School had a baking session in our church kitchen to learn how to make mas. They were led by their teacher, Debra Kerr. A successful day gave them the opportunity to donate a generous amount to the church. Their photo will be posted on Graduation Day. Thank you all!

Birth Announcement

Elissa Pesino and Brian Kileen welcomed a baby girl, Rose Marie Kileen on December 14th. Darlene Hovhanessian and Dave Clarette are the maternal grandparents. The maternal Great-grandparents are Queenie and Baggie Hovhanessian Congratulations to Elissa, Brian and big sister, Eve.



WOMEN'S GUILD

On Sunday, March 15, the dedicated members of our Women's Guild hosted our annual Mid-Lenten Luncheon. This years Guest Speakers were New Britain Mayor, Erin Stewart and R.I. State Representative, Katherine Kazarian.

Both young women, successful in their public service careers, offered anecdotal incites as to how their family values and faith play important roles within their public life and decision making for thousands of people.

Prior to the luncheon, the Sainly Woman's Day Service was offered in church as Chairwomen Adrienne Damian offered a reading of this years featured biography of the women who suffered the 1915 Genocide, now soon to enter into Sainthood.





SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year's April showers bringing May flowers will be a special treat after the winter we had. Also, our church family with missing snowbirds will be welcomed back to our community life.

We thank our young Altar servers who are continuing to serve on a volunteer basis, along with recent graduates Griffin Connor and Jack Roy when they are free and able from their college studies.

As our Lenten journey comes to a conclusion, we appreciate the gifts from our students who have donated for the Diocesan Lenten Drive. Next month, we will give more details on this and our Easter events.

Just a reminder to all that there is no Sunday School or church services on April 26. As most of you are now aware, the bus has been reserved to New York for the three area churches to commemorate the 100th Genocide of our people together. Der Hayr can be contacted to reserve your seat.

Senior class graduates have been studying hard for their graduation on Sunday, May 17 following Badarak. A beautiful reception in their honor is being planned by the Parents' Committee. This is co-chaired by Michelle Kalfayan and Mary-Lou Connors with their team of Melanie Picard and Elisa Marottolo.

To honor the graduates, all are invited to both the ceremony and reception in Abrahamian Auditorium. This year's candidates are: Elizabeth Kalfayan, Emily Kallajian, Nicholas Kallajian, Justin Picard and Sam Roy.



Save the Date!

Sunday, June 7 will be the last day of Sunday School!

Awards will be presented during school hours and Fellowship Hour
will be sponsored by the Sunday School.



COMMEMORATION OF NEW SAINTS OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH

Bus travel to St. Vartan Cathedral

Commemoration of New Saints of the Armenian Church

Bus travel to St. Vartan Cathedral & Times Square, Sunday, April 26

An Episcopal Divine Liturgy will be offered on Sunday, April 26, the first Holy Badarak after the Canonization of the Armenian Martyrs of the 1915 Genocide. Celebrant for this liturgy will be His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, and His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Chiloyan will offer the Homily. This will be a historic occasion for all Armenians.

The CT Genocide committee has secured bus transportation to the Cathedral and to Times Square. The bus will leave Holy Resurrection approximately 7:00 a.m. and the cost for round-trip will be approximately \$35.00 (or \$40.00 with tip). The committee will finalize this on/about March 1.

There will be no sign up sheet due to bus contracts. Your payment is your sign up and guarantees your reservation. We will inform you payment information for your check and approximate return time very soon. Thank you.

Thank You God for Everything

Thank you, God for everything...the big things and the small,
For "every good gift comes from God" ...the giver of them all.

And all too often we accept without any thanks or praise the gifts
God sends as blessings each day in many ways.

First, thank you for the little things that often come our way,
the things we take for granted but forget to mention when we pray.

Then, thank you for the miracles we are too blind to see, and giving
us new awareness of our many gifts from Thee.

And help us remember that the Key of Life and Living is to make
each prayer a Prayer of Thanks and every day, Thanksgiving.

"For Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things.
To whom be glory forever."

Romans 11:36

Armenian Church of The Holy Resurrection

THE BREAKFAST CLUB Hosting Annual Pancake Breakfast



Join in on the festivities on: Saturday, April 4th, 2015
9:30 am –12:30 pm



LOCATION: Armenian Church of The Holy Resurrection
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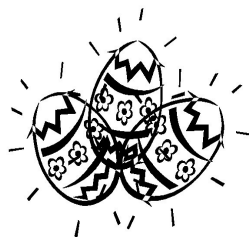
Cost: \$10.00

******Kids FREE** (12 yrs & under) ONLY if accompanied by a paying adult****



Easter Eggstravaganza includes:

Pancake Breakfast
Raffle Prizes
Visit from the Easter Bunny
Easter Egg Hunt
Bunny Store
Fun for all ages!



PLEASE BRING A FRIEND!



We ask that you be with us on
Sunday, April 19th

for the celebration of Divine Liturgy and
the last offering of Solemn Requiem Services
and Blessing of Madagh
for the Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide
prior to their Canonization
on April 23rd in Holy Etchmiadzin.

Following Church Services will be a
complimentary Hokejash
in their memory in Abrahamian Auditorium.

Musical selections will be offered by
Harry Bedrossian
along with personal testimonies of faith.

There will be no admission fee
for this Memorial Meal and musical program.
Your kind donations will be accepted.

This is sponsored by all church organizations



DONATIONS

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In memory of his wife, Rose Badrigian

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Palms (Palm Sunday)

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In memory of Derahayr Aram Mouradjian

Palm Cross on Altar

Yn. Diane Mouradjian

In memory of Nevart Serdjenian

Altar Wine

Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian

In memory of Rev. Fr. Garen Gdanian



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Our Pastor and Parish Council would like to thank Christine Parnagian-Esposito and Carl & Rachel Boloyan for their generous donations of flowers for our Holy Altar, offered for the glory of God.



ALTAR FLOWERS

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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Eleanor Egazarian

Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Hovhanessian

Total as of March 15, 2015: \$855

Harry Azarigian

Manuel Fanarjian

Alice Bagdigian

Armen and Michael Slusarz

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Connors

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Egazarian

Total as of March 15, 2015: \$2,085

The role of a Pastor is not to grow a big church...
The Pastor's role is to grow mature disciples who make disciples....

Who'll join me...?

Fr. Kapriel



NEWS AND NOTES

From the Eastern Diocese

Representing Armenia on Annual International Day

On Saturday, March 7, the Greenville Troop of The Girl Scouts of America held their Annual International Day at the Greenville Central Jr- Senior High School. As Armenians around the world gather in 2015 to commemorate the centennial of the Armenian Genocide, it was noteworthy that the Greenville Girl Scout Troop chose this year to honor and represent the country of Armenia and its rich culture and heritage. Ararat Center Executive Chef and Client Relations Manager, Paul Ventura, was present to lend a helping hand with the community event.

International culture came to the forefront in the form of art, literature, costume, and customs. Many countries and their cultures were represented by the various Girl Scout troops who participated. Over 300 guests were exposed to many different cultures and were especially impressed with Armenia and all that the Greenville troop showcased--books, beautiful photographs, maps and posters, as well as hand-crafted tiles and Armenian-styled pottery.

On behalf of the Ararat Center Board of Directors and staff, Chef Paul Ventura personally thanked the Greenville Chapter of the Girl Scouts of America and looks forward to working with the Troop again in the future. The International Day program has helped develop a stronger relationship for the Center within the town of Greenville. "It was a pleasure working with the Troop, and we are pleased and honored that they chose Armenia as their country to highlight."

Greenville, NY is home to Camp Vartan.



IT'S A GIRL!

God bless and congratulations to Tom and Nicole Varteresian-Pease on the birth of their first child, Ari Theresa Pease. Ari's maternal grandmother is Marion Varteresian of the St. Mark's parish, Springfield, MA.



Love. Grow. Serve.

Bring us your talents...

What does it mean when we say
"I am a member of and belong to the Armenian Church?"

Being a member of or belonging to the Armenian Church means that we are baptized, confirmed in the church. But the question is, "What does it *really mean to us*?"

Does it mean that we want our Church vibrant, relevant and active to be there when we need her?...Or simply available for a wedding, funeral or baptism...?

Where do you come in?

Do you support your church? Do you participate in her services as often as you can?
Have you ever served on Parish Council, Women's Guild, Choir,
helped ACYOA or Sunday School?

Most of us can easily fit into at least one of these categories.

As a parent, how often have you encouraged your children to participate in the life of the church to carry on your family legacy?

We're blessed that some of our family members actively belong to and give of themselves to God via our church groups and activities. These are the ones who truly are pillars of the Church and are not members in name only.
They do, and work for the Church to which they belong.

It's because of the dedication of members such as these and those before us, that makes it possible to enjoy the fruits of their labor, love and service today.

We have a Christian obligation to use of God-given talents.

Bring your talents to your Church.
Share them, join in, volunteer, pitch in and help your family.

**Your Church always needs you,
but not nearly as much as you truly need your Church.**



DEAR READERS...

We are enthusiastic in bringing you a monthly newsletter that will keep you informed on the life of our parish. We recognize that you, our parishioners and friends, contribute much to our parish life and to the *Loos*, and for this we're very grateful.

Feel free to send to the editor your announcements and contributions related to the life of our Diocese and our parish to achrloos@gmail.com. Those wishing to make donations or sponsor the cost of printing this newsletter may do so to the attention of the *Loos* staff.

We're certainly open to suggestions and thoughts that can make our *Loos*, your *Loos* a more enjoyable source of information.

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Liturgical Service Schedule

Morning Services are offered at 9:15 and Divine Liturgy at 10:15. Fr. Kapriel is available to accommodate your requests for both weekday and weekend Requiem Services, Home Blessings and Visitations. Please call Der Hayr at 860-223-7875 for your pastoral needs.

Calendar of Events for April 2015

Palm Sunday, March 29

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

Opening of the Sanctuary Curtain/ ACYOA sponsored Luncheon

Holy Thursday, April 2

Morning Services: 9:30 AM | Divine Liturgy: 11:00 AM

Complimentary Luncheon to follow

Service of the Washing of the Feet and

Remembrance of the Passion of our Lord: 7:00 PM

Evening services will be offered jointly with the Coptic & Assyrian churches

Holy Friday, April 3

Remembrance of the Crucifixion of our Lord: 12 noon

Remembrance of the Burial of our Lord: 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 3

Easter Eggstravaganza for children (flyer enclosed): 9:00 AM

Reading of Sacred Scriptures: 6:30 PM | Candle light Pascal Liturgy: 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 5

Morning Service: 9:15 AM | Pascal Liturgy: 10:00 AM

Blessing of the Fields/Andastan

Sunday, April 19th

Last Requiem for Martyrs (see inside)

Thursday, April 23rd

Regional Divine Liturgy at 6:30 PM

Armenian Church of the Holy Ascension, Trumbull

Sunday, April 26th

St. Vartan Cathedral (see inside)

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