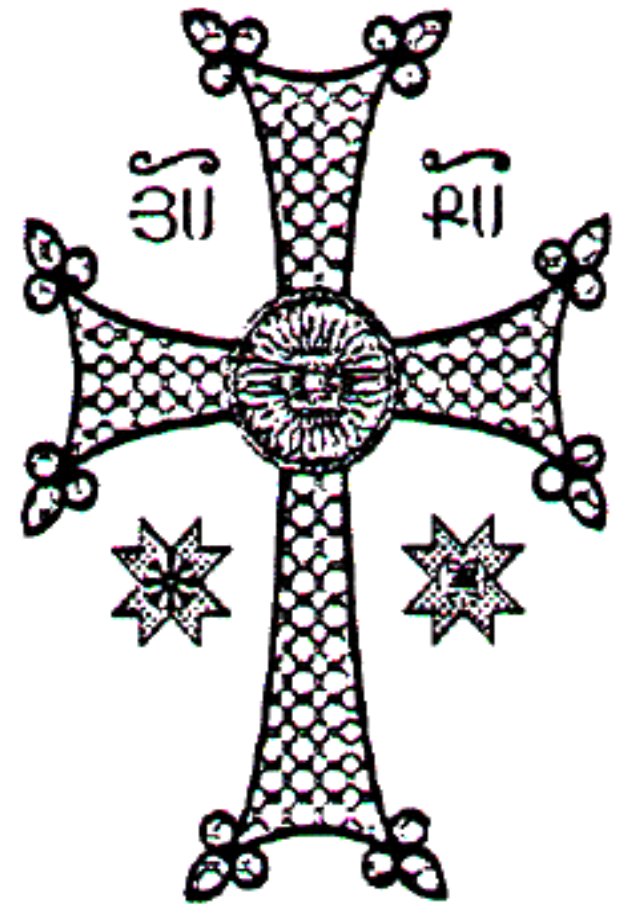


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Pastor's Message

Below is an abridged article given to me at a recently clergy meeting here in Connecticut. While it speaks of coffee, the heart of the matter is Christian love and extending ourselves to others, showing that we really care, and who we really are.....Fr. Kapriel

"The goal of coffee hour is to embody the welcome Jesus gives us to his realm.
Its goal is intimacy, ordinary intimacy."

Fellowship Hour is more than cake and coffee. It's about hospitality and fellowship and the grace that sharing food makes real. It reminds us that too many go without the food they need, it invites us to widen our circle of sharing, and it points us to the one called "the bread of life " (Jesus Christ).

Some think it is all small talk, or cocktail party gab. It is only that way if we ourselves keep it that way. It is we who can widen the circle and magnetize the crowd. What makes a coffee hour sing is you— having a great time, extending your joy to others, talking to them about them, learning the art of connection.

Statistics show that the average newcomer or returnee comes back to worship six months after a major life change: cancer, death, divorce, or some sort of disappointment. Our job is not to find out what that crisis was on the first encounter, but to ready ourselves and the other person for that revelation.

It is not just newcomers who need welcome at coffee hour. Regular members do also. When our shyness glues us to one comfortable person and same spot in the hall each week, something is wrong. Circulate. Move. Make it a point to speak to ten people. Really speak to them. Remember something about them: Isn't this the anniversary of John's death? How did your big meeting go this week? How is your mother doing?

The goal of coffee hour is to embody the welcome Jesus gives us to his realm. Its goal is intimacy, ordinary intimacy. It is kitchen talk. Toni Morrison said, "Is it any wonder the most intimate conversations take place in the kitchen, anguish poured out to an aproned back or sputtered over a chopping board?" When Morrison said this, she meant coffee hour conversations. At their best, they are quick, deep, and self-revealing.

They are our weekly chance to demonstrate the love of God incarnate to one another, and to all who walk through our doors.



With prayers and hopes of great new conversations,
Reverend Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian
Pastor

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

We apologize...

To our dear friend, Eddy Kerekian, we regret the oversight in not listing your donation on the occasion of our Parish Anniversary in the October Loos. Thank you Eddy for understanding and our appreciation to Mary Abrahamian for finding the error within our lists.



Dear Der Hayr,

Thank you for all the effort you are putting into the Monday night Armenian school classes. I have found the two I have attended to be both enjoyable and beneficial.

It's clear that you have expended much thought and work into shaping these classes into good learning experiences. (All the more a difficult task because of the different levels of previous knowledge of the Armenian language by the students attending.)

I wanted you to know how much your efforts are appreciated.

Note: Simply Armenian meets every 2nd & 4th Monday from 6:45-7:30 where we look at our rich language, poetry, music, church traditions, cooking and more.

Sunday School

With this publication of the *Loos*, our Thanksgiving Food Drive for the benefit of the New Britain Friendship Center will have been completed and delivered. We thank each student and all other parishioners who donated many items. The delivery was made on Sunday, November 22 with the aid of Gary Kerr. The recipients not only were satisfied with the food, but know they are not forgotten. The names of the donors, along with a Sunday School photo, are posted on our bulletin board. Thank you one and all!



Our Sunday School Christmas Program on Sunday, December 13 will again be directed by Jeanne Abrahamian with a revised theme of the 2013 show of "Mary did you know?" Our program that year was so well received that it is being repeated with a few actor and musical changes. Don't miss this fun program where all are invited to attend!



After the program, our capable Parents' Committee invites the parish to our Christmas Luncheon. This year, the committee is again headed by Robin Demircan and Nora Machata with assistance from Marylou Connors, Stephanie Davootian, Christa Miclette, Sharon Sherwood and Sylvia Simonian. They always do a fantastic job and invite everyone at no charge since the parents of the students provide the refreshments. Ghagant Baba (Santa Claus) has our church on his list to visit that day, so get those cameras ready!



The Christmas Tree Project has now been beautifully completed with a delivery date to the Museum on November 30. Special thanks to our Guy Simonain and two men from participating churches for his delivery service. Once again, the Festival of Trees event is from December 4 - 13 with free admission on Saturday, December 12. Hopefully, as many as possible from our parish with friends and family will make this a holiday gift for yourselves!

Lastly, a reminder to everyone that there will be no Sunday School on December 20 and 27. We will resume on January 3, with Armenian Christmas services on the following week of January 10.

Thankfulness Sunday

While most agree that our thanks and gratitude to God for His endless gifts should occur every day, our calendar reminds us of the holiday of Thanksgiving, when as a nation we pause to reflect and give thanks.

On Sunday, November 22, at the invitation of Fr. Kapriel parishioners had the opportunity to share what they are most thankful for to all the parishioners gathered in the Sanctuary. Coming forward to share their appreciation and thanks to God were Art Simonian and Elise Greigo-Marottolo. May we all pause each and every day and give our thanks to God.



The word 'liturgy', from ancient Greek, literally means "the work of the people".

**See you at work
in the pews on Sundays :)**

The Women's Guild of the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection presents The New Britain High School Madrigal Singers



2015 Madrigal Singers

Date: Thursday, December 17, 2015
Place: ACHR Sanctuary
1910 Stanley Street, New Britain, CT
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Come enjoy an evening of great music -- it will put you in the Christmas spirit!

Everyone is invited to the reception following the concert!

#VictoryMuron

On Sunday, November 15, churches throughout our Diocese were united in offering the Service of the Blessing of the Water with the newly Blessed Holy Muron from Holy Etchmiadzin from this past September.

A few days before (Thursday) clergy from all over our Diocese gathered at St. Vartan Cathedral for Divine Liturgy which was celebrated by our Primate, Abp. Khajag Barsamian, who, after liturgy, presented a bottle of Muron to each clergyman for their parish. Some of the base ingredients of Holy Muron having been preserved and carried forward for over 1,700 years to today, is used during Baptisms, priestly ordinations and episcopal consecrations.

Serving as Godfather of the Cross during our service was Arthur G. Simonian, in appreciation of his continual service and dedication to God's Holy Church.



Remember...

"Remember, when you leave this earth,
you can take with you nothing that you have received,
only what you have given;
A heart enriched by honest service,
love, sacrifice and courage."

- St. Francis of Assisi

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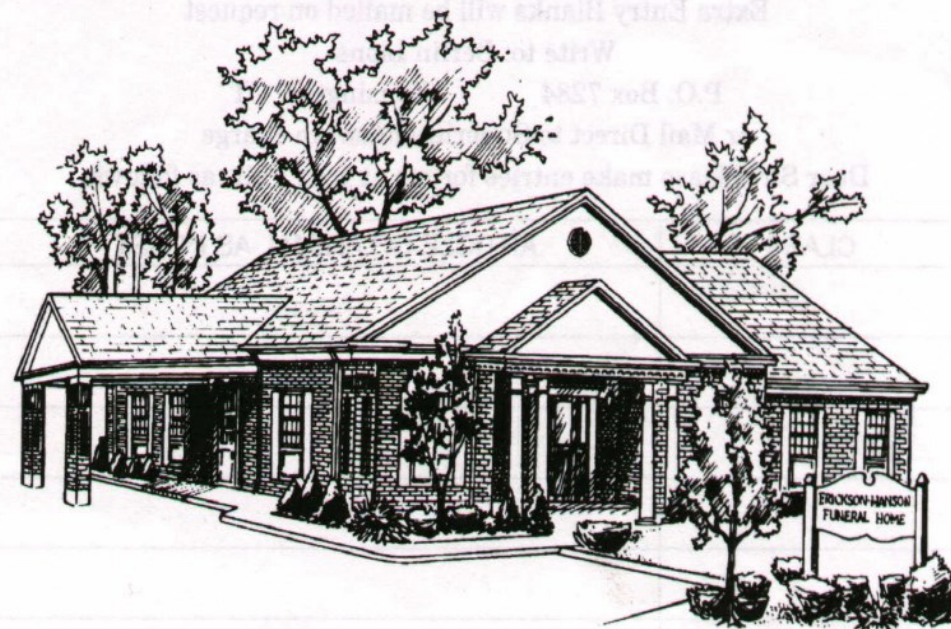
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Liturgical Service Schedule

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.

Upcoming Events for the month of December

Saturday	5	Remembrance of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker
Sunday	6	No Church Services
Monday	7	Remembrance of St. Minas
Wednesday	9	Feast of the Conception of the Holy Virgin Mary
Saturday	12	Remembrance of St. James of Nisibis
Sunday	13	Sunday School Christmas Program; Reception to follow
Sunday	20	No Church Services as Fr. Kapriel has been invited to celebrate Divine Liturgy at St. Vartan Cathedral
Thursday	24	Remembrance of St. David the Prophet-King and The Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord
Friday	25	Western Christmas Day!
Saturday	26	Remembrance of St. Stephen the Protodeacon and First Martyr
Monday	28	Remembrance of the Holy Apostles Peter & Paul
Tuesday	29	Remembrance of Holy Apostles James and John, “Sons of Thunder”
Thursday	31	New Year’s Eve!

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