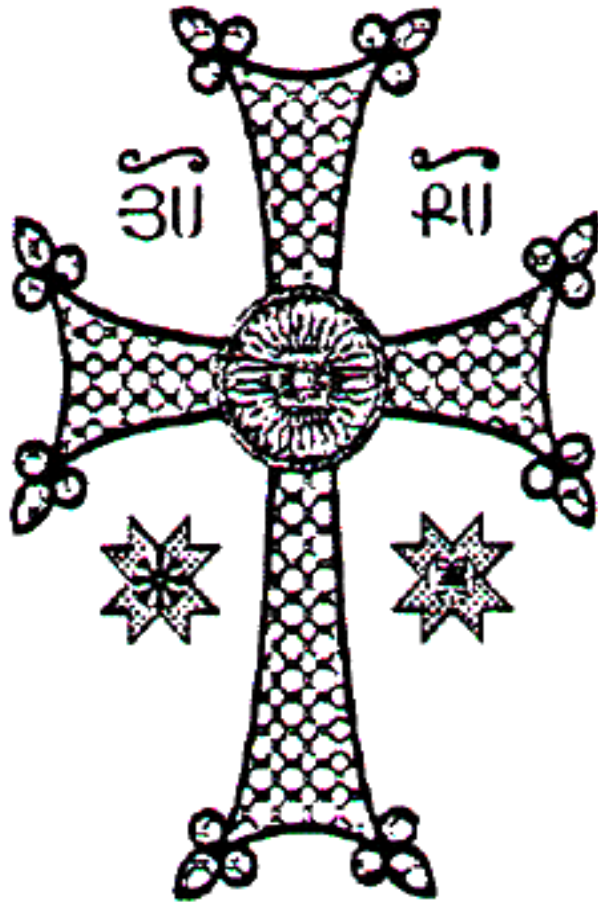


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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Faithful,

The following was recent posting on Facebook...Doesn't it make sense that if we all agree with the message, we should do more for our churches, and strengthen our children's inheritance of faith by good works in His name?

Me: God, can I ask You a question?

God: Sure

Me: Promise You won't get mad..

God: I promise.

Me: Why did You let so much stuff happen to me today?

God: What do u mean?

Me: Well, I woke up late.

God: Yes.

Me: My car took forever to start.

God: Okay.

Me: At lunch they made my sandwich wrong & I had to wait.

God: Huummm.

Me: On the way home, my phone went DEAD, just as I picked up a call.

God: All right.

Me: And on top of it all off, when I got home ~I just want to soak my feet in my new foot massager & relax. BUT it wouldn't work!!! Nothing went right today! Why did You do that?

God: Let me see, the death angel was at your bed this morning & I had to send one of My Angels to battle him for your life. I let you sleep through that.



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Me (humbled): OH..

GOD: I didn't let your car start because there was a drunk driver on your route that would have hit you if you were on the road.

Me: (ashamed)

God: The first person who made your sandwich today was sick & I didn't want you to catch what they have, I knew you couldn't afford to miss work.

Me (embarrassed): Okay

God: Your phone went dead because the person that was calling was going to give false witness about what you said on that call, I didn't even let you talk to them so you would be covered.

Me (softly): I see God.

God: Oh and that foot massager, it had a shortage that was going to throw out all of the power in your house tonight. I didn't think you wanted to be in the dark.

Me: I'm Sorry God.

God: Don't be sorry, just learn to Trust Me.... in all things , the good & the bad.

Me: I will trust You.

God: And don't doubt that My plan for your day is Always Better than your plan.

Me: I won't God. And let me just tell you God, Thank You for Everything today.

God: You're welcome child. It was just another day being your God and I Love looking after My Children...

God is always with us...are we with Him enough..?



With prayers,

Reverend Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian

Pastor



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 COUNCIL

Correction...

By error we listed Jon Simonian as a in lieu of flowers donor for Rose Kalajian. It should have been Jon Simonian, Jr. We appreciate Jon's remembering the kind deeds offered by Rose to him as she did for many area college students. Thanks Jon.

New England Clergy Lenten Retreat

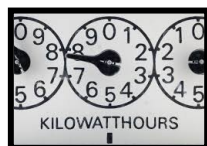
We are pleased to share that again, Fr. Kapriel and our parish have been selected to hosts this year's Lenten Retreat for area clergy. This retreat will be held at Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford on Monday-Wednesday, March 24-26.

Electricity Rates...New Carrier

As we've updated all participants via e-mails and Sunday Bulletins, all members are encouraged to change their electric carrier to Titan Energy. You may change easily via the following link:

<http://directenergy.gesc.com/Products/Signup.aspx?state=ct&sc=RES>
and use promo code TitanAC

Homeowners will save, and our church will receive a monthly income from them as well. We thank John Maljanian for his 2+yrs long management of our last carrier and Art Simonian for setting up this new one.



PARISH NEWS

Lenten Reminder...

Great Lent begins on Monday, March 3. This year, due to concerns of driving in darkness to come to services, our Lenten Services in the Sanctuary will begin at 3 PM.

Jerusalem Pilgrimage

Thanks to a very generous benefactor of our Diocese, our Primate is again able to lead a youth Pilgrimage to Jerusalem this summer at a subsidized cost. This trip will be from June 1 - June 10, 2014 for young adults aged 21-26. The cost of this opportunity is in excess of \$3,300, of which only \$1,000 is due to participate. Diocesan wide, this a first come, first accepted opportunity.

If your child would like to participate, please call Fr. Kapriel - no e-mails, please. Thank you & God bless those who provide their talents for the betterment of others.

Century Club

Members of our church "Century Club" (formerly called the Men's Club) are reminded that their annual payments for membership are due before March 1st to participate for the coming year. Please make payments to John Maljanian or Charles Hovsepian or any Parish Council member. There are still openings in the Century Club. To inquire about the club or become a member, please email garyhov@aol.com (Gary Hovhanessian).

Teacher Dedication Service

On Sunday, January 26, our faithful served witness as our Sunday School teachers gathered before the Chancel and joined Der Hayr in this special service and prayer. Our teachers, be they religious or lay, serve as positive role models for our children and deserve all of our appreciation and respect for their daily and weekly sacrifices.





SUNDAY SCHOOL

After a three week vacation from Sunday School classes, it was great to see our boys and girls in the new year. We were set up for a Christmas video since the Birth and Baptism of our Lord was being celebrated in our Armenian Churches on January 12.

Our auditorium was still in a Christmas theme with the tree lit up, advent candles burning, Christmas banners hanging, etc. Our students and teachers seemed pleased with the thirty minute video taking us back to the days of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, then the Holy Family's "flight to Egypt," and ending with Jesus helping his father as a young boy in the carpenter's shop.

It was gratifying to see many of our Sunday School students serving on the Altar during the **Service of the Blessing of the Water**. Additionally, at Der Hayr's request, Todd Hougas (Sunday School graduate) took many pictures throughout the day's liturgy.

We thank the following for their recent gifts to our Sunday School: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Azarigian (monetary), Gerard and Diane Roy & Family (2 newly published books from the Diocese for our library), and Tammy Bagdigian (Library donation).

Before we know it, our chilly winter months will be winding down and we will be in the Easter cycle! Five of our Parents' Committee members will be planning for a fun time during Sunday School hours on Poon Paregentan on Sunday, March 3. Before Lent, there will be a talent show and game day for all of our students.

With several students already showing their talents during the Christmas program, we hope more may want to sign up to demonstrate their abilities, such as announcing the program, doing magic tricks, doing athletic movements, reading poetry, telling jokes, etc. A sign up sheet will be passed around in February. Don't be bashful! We are all your church family!

The parents on this committee are Karlin Asatourian, Sarah Kallajian, and Karen Lapointe. The committee is chaired by Michelle Kalfayan and Diane Roy.

Good luck to all!



CHRISTMAS LITURGIES & EVENTS

The Armenian Church celebrates the holy birth (Sourp Dznount) of Jesus Christ on January 6. In Armenian tradition, this feast day commemorates not only the birth of Christ, but also His baptism by John the Baptist. The latter is remembered through the "Blessing of Water" ceremony, which follows the Divine Liturgy on January 6.

On the eve of the Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Jrakalouyts Divine Liturgy (the lighting of the lamps service) is celebrated in honor of the manifestation of Jesus as the Son of God (theophany). It is custom for the faithful to hold lit candles during this special service.

On the following day, January 6, the mystery of our Lord's baptism in the River Jordan is remembered in the ceremony of the Jurorhnek, or the "Blessing of Water."

In ancient times, this ceremony was celebrated by the riverside or sea shore, but, for various reasons, it was later confined to the interior of the churches. During the ceremony, the cross is dipped in water, recalling Christ's immersion in the Jordan River.

Blessed oil, or Holy Chrism (Muron), is poured into the water from a dove-shaped container, symbolizing the appearance at the baptism of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove and the voice of the Father proclaiming to all that Jesus is His Son.

The Holy Chrism is prepared in Holy Etchmiadzin and is blessed by the Catholicos and is assisted by the bishops. Muron contains olive oil, balsam and the essence of forty different flowers and herbs. At the end of the ceremony, members of the congregation are given the blessed water to drink, thereby sharing in the life giving act of Christ. As water is essential to the life of the body, drinking the blessed water is a reminder that participation in the acts of Christ is essential for eternal life.

This year, after liturgy on January 6, our community enjoyed a Pot Luck lunch followed by a slide presentation by Fr. Kapriel & Yn. Diane of their pilgrimage to the Holy Land this past summer. On January 12, Mr. Guy Simonian humbly and proudly served as Godfather of the Cross.



ACYO

Our ACYO hosted a spectacular dinner and kef on Sunday, January 5th - Armenian Christmas Eve. After a Candlelight Service celebrated by Father Kapriel, many parishioners and friends crowded in to Abrahamian Auditorium for a delicious pork loin and pilaf dinner. The music and dancing began as the meal began and the crowd was serenaded to the wonderful music of the Harry Bedrossian Ensemble.

The crowd danced off the calories to the traditional Pomporig, Tamzara, Halay and many more traditional dances. The ACYO would like to thank all those who attended and also thank the anonymous donors for donating the cost of the Armenian band for the event. Many thanks to ACYO advisor Mary Lou Connors and her family for her hours of preparation and to Darlene Hovhanessian for assisting the entire day before with the preparation of the meal.

With the enthusiasm and participation showed that evening, the ACYO is hoping this becomes an annual event.



ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Genocide and World Council of Churches

Geneva, Switzerland - The World Council of Churches (WCC) has taken a decisive and courageous step last November as it moved to remind the nations of the world of the Armenian genocide of 1915, and to impress upon them a recognition of the horrendous tragedy that befell the Armenian nation, and of the need for reparations to be made.

In a minute adopted at its 10th Assembly meeting in the South Korean town of Busan, the WCC announced it would seek to organize an international conference in Geneva on April 24 next year, which marks the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide, to urge "recognition of and reparation for the Armenian genocide, with the participation, among others, of WCC member churches, international organizations, jurists, historians and human rights defenders."

Father Pakrad Bourjekian, who was representing the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem, stated that it was mainly through the efforts of the Armenian delegation, which also included Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, Eastern Diocese of America's Ecumenical Director, and Bishop Hovakim Manoukian, head of the Ecumenical Department in the mother See of the Armenian mother church at Holy Etchmiadzin, in Yerevan, capital of Armenia, noting their "efforts and the uncompromising support and solidarity."

The WCC was acceding to requests from leaders of the Armenian church, in particular His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of All the Armenians, lodged prior to the 10th Assembly meeting, for the WCC to initiate programs to observe the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide.

The 10th Assembly also wants to organize an ecumenical prayers service commemorating the victims of the Armenian genocide at the cathedral of Geneva in conjunction with the international conference and invite members of the WCC to pray for the memory of Armenian martyrs, and also for the recognition of the Armenian Genocide.

*Remember the
Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection
in your will.*



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OR A PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER FOR WAYS



A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

- Thank you to Yeretegin Patricia Buttero for donating two floral arrangements for the side Altars
- Thank you to Lucy Simonian for donating two Armenian Church music CDs, which will be played in our Sanctuary during special events.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

*Our Pastor & Parish Council
would like to thank the following members and friends
for offering their Christmas Greetings...*

Fr. Kapriel & Yn. Diane
Yn. Patricia Buttero
Gail Onanian
Berj & Henrietta Kallajian
Baggy & Queenie Hovhannessian
Susan DerMargosian
Victoria Galazan
Peter & Nancy Hansen
John & Lynne Mazadoorian-Lockhart
Dr. & Mrs. Gary Kerr & family
The Machata family
Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Sagherian & family
Art & Sylvia Simonian & family
Mr. & Mrs. John Maljanian Jr. & family
Sonia Ohanian
Gregg, Melanie, Nick & Anna Kallajian
Sarah Sansone
Wil & Ruth Swisher
Eleanor Conochalla
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cannata & family
Harry Azarigian
Gary, Ellen, Cara & Hayley Hovhannessian
Mary Abrahamian
Gerard, Diane, Jack, Sam & Lily Roy
John & Roxie Maljanian
Peter Bagdigian, Jr.
Arthur, Lucy and Mark Simonian
Art & Chris Bagdasarian
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Galazan
Margaret Abrahamian
Harry & Janice Mazadoorian
John, Jeanne, Taline & Taylor Abrahamian

Mr. & Mrs. Guy Simonian
David Abrahamian
Carol & Harry Hougas
Todd Hougas, Amy & Jim Moshovos
Elizabeth Kalagian
Eduardo & Sheila Haddad
The Marottolo Family
Eleanor Egazarian
Thomas, Mary, Griffin and Michael Connors
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Donna Vernali
Rose Tashjian
Sophie Elia
Victoria Kazanjian
Abraham Kazanjian
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Anonymous
Manusak Terdjian
Sharon and Jamie Sherwood
Mr. and Mrs. Greg Boyajian
Nick and Elizabeth Bagdasarian
Jon and Charlene Simonian
Lois and George Simonian Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Onnik Tahtakran
Anthony and Christine Esposito
Alice Dadourian
Ara and Alice Shimshidian
Alice Bagdigian
Armen Mlchalak Slusarz
Robert and Julia Nattrass
Greg and Joanna Najarian - Garb



Requiem Services were offered for the souls of:

- **Hagop & Takouhi Erikian, Sarkis & Zarouhi Akelian, Harootiun & Nazeli Yirigian**
Requested by Dian and Talin Erikian
- **Nevart Serdjenian and Mesrob Mahtesian**
Requested by Fr. Kapriel & Yn. Diane and family

Funeral Services were offered for the soul of:

- Rose Harmian-Bagdrigian

May Almighty God enlighten their souls. Amen.



The 'church' has responded to the needs of her people for centuries.
When the 'church' needs and looks to you for a helping hand,
please be attentive to her needs.
May all who respond in His name be blessed.



DONATIONS

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Baggy and Queenie Hovhanessian
Mary Ambat
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kallajian
Ruth Kevorkian
Carol, Harry, and Todd Hougas
Jim and Amy Moshovos
Stephan DerMargosian



FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Our Pastor and Parish Council would like to thank and recognize the following for hosting Sunday Fellowship in January: Christmas Kef by our ACYOA, Parish Council, and Diane and Talin Erikian.



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.*



IN LIEU OF FLOWERS

Rose Badrigian

- Vrej and Marie Yapoujian
- Karnig and Diana Ovia
- Jack Krikorian
- Gary and Ellen Hovhanessian
- Rose Tashjian
- Adrienne Damian
- Emil and Rose Mosey
- Tess Kalmbach
- Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ovia
- Nick and Elizabeth Bagdasarian
- Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Hovhanessian
- Mr. and Mrs. Berj Kallajian
- Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hougas
- Edward Kerekian
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- Nansemond-Suffolk Academy
- Sonia Ohanian
- Peter Bagdigian Jr.
- Yn. Patricia Buttero and Family
- John and Roxie Maljanian
- Arthur and Sylvia Simonian
- Eleanor Egazarian
- Arthur, Lucy, and Mark Simonian
- Rose Fazio
- Violet and Peter Galazan
- Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Norsigian
- Lisa, Steve, Henry, and Charlie Anderson

- Manusak Terdjanian
- Mr. and Mrs. Rose Najarian
- Dolores Garofalo
- Mr. and Mrs. Donald Azarigian
- Shannon Bagdigian
- Edward and Marcisa Magardian
- Ani Gruia
- Deborah and James Catacosinos
- Kevin and Julie Ovia
- Anonymous
- Harry and Janice Mazadoorian
- Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bardoorian
- The Bardoorian Family
- A.C.H.R. Women's Guild
- Mary Abrahamian
- A.C.H.R. Seniors
- Robert, Cynthia, Melissa, Alyson, and Matthew Conroy

Total as of January 14, 2014: \$1,830

Margaret Geragosian

- Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Norsigian

Total as of January 14, 2014: \$300

Violet Mooradian

- Ohanian, Pare, and Srukasian Families
- Mr. and Mrs. M Maroon
- A.C.H.R. Choir

Total as of January 14, 2014: \$435



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Healthy Cooking Workshop Series!

When: First Tuesday of each month beginning Tuesday (Feb. 11) from 6:30pm – 8pm

Where: Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection Auditorium

Sharon Sherwood, Certified Health Coach, is launching a healthy cooking workshop series. Since becoming a CHC, Sharon launched “Holistic Living in CT” and has successfully helped her clients recover from chronic disease using food as medicine. In addition to health coaching, she gives workshops, cooking demos, and has developed her own seasonal cleanse program. Sharon combines her passion for food and over 25 years of culinary experience with the knowledge she has gained at the Institute for Integrative Nutrition. She is currently pursuing her certification as a raw food chef. Join Sharon the first Tuesday of every month (6:30pm – 8pm) at our church auditorium for healthy workshop/cooking demonstrations. Bring a few containers as every participant will be able to bring home samples!

We will kick off our series on Tuesday (2/11/14) exploring Gluten-Free cooking.

Participants must sign up in advance! This is the only way to prepare enough food for everyone to take home. The cost to church members is \$10. This series will be open to the public for a cost of \$15 (Children under 10 are free). You may sign up by calling Sharon at 860-384-2724 or pay by credit card or Paypal by visiting her website at www.holisticlivinginct.com and click on “events” (make sure you open the entire event by clicking on “read more”).

Schedule as follows:

2/11/14 – Gluten Free Cooking

3/4/14 – Organic vs GMO

4/1/14 – Health benefits of Mushrooms

5/6/14 – Cooking with Wild Edibles

****Based on interest, I will be scheduling additional workshops**



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.



PASTORAL OUTREACH

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund provides individuals or families with financial assistance to meet immediate or emergency situations. Medical bills, money for groceries and rent, heating bills are some of the requests received by our Pastor from our Armenian community residents. All donations will be acknowledged but recipients do remain anonymous.

If you would like to make a financial donation, are in need of assistance, or know anyone who requires some help, please speak to Fr. Kapriel. As always, all inquiries are held in the strictest of confidence.

A reminder to all parishioners and friends that when loved ones are admitted to area hospitals, it is asked that if you wish to have Der Hayr make a visitation, please notify him directly. To maintain your confidentiality, hospitals no longer offer patient information. In order to avoid misunderstanding and hurt feelings at critical times, please do not assume that Fr. Kapriel knows unless you have contacted him.



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If you receive updates via e-mail, we thank you. If you do not, may we please receive yours...? We do not give lists out and we very rarely fwd, fwd, fwd "stuff" to you.

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Thank you very much :)

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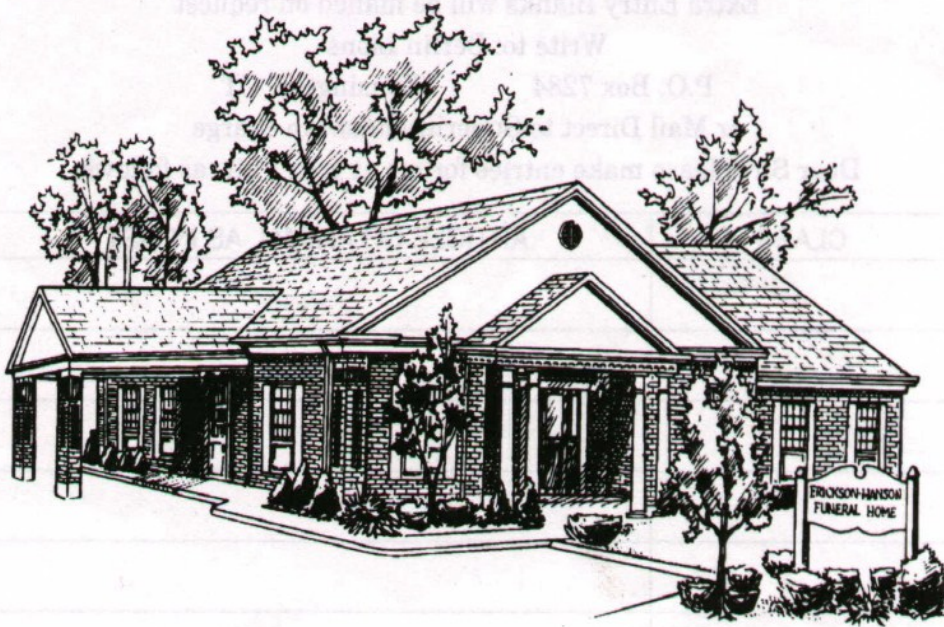
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Morning Services are offered at 9:15 and Divine Liturgy at 10:15. Fr. Kapriel is available to accommodate your requests for both weekday and weekend Requiem Services, Home Blessings and Visitations. Please call Der Hayr at 860-223-7875 for your pastoral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

Calendar of Events for February 2014

Saturday - 1 Remembrance of St. Gregory the Theologian

Saturday - 8 Remembrance of Sons and Grandsons of St. Gregory the Enlightner

Sunday - 9 Annual Parish Assembly

Thursday - 13 Remembrance of the Prophet Jonah

Friday - 14 Presentation of the Lord to the Temple
Valentine's Day!

Saturday - 15 Remembrance of St. Sarkis the Warrior

Saturday - 22 Remembrance of Catholicos St. Sahag Barteve

Tuesday - 25 Remembrance of St Ghevont the Priest and
his companions

Thursday - 27 Remembrance of St. Vartan the Warrior and
His companions

March

Monday - 3 First Day of Lent

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