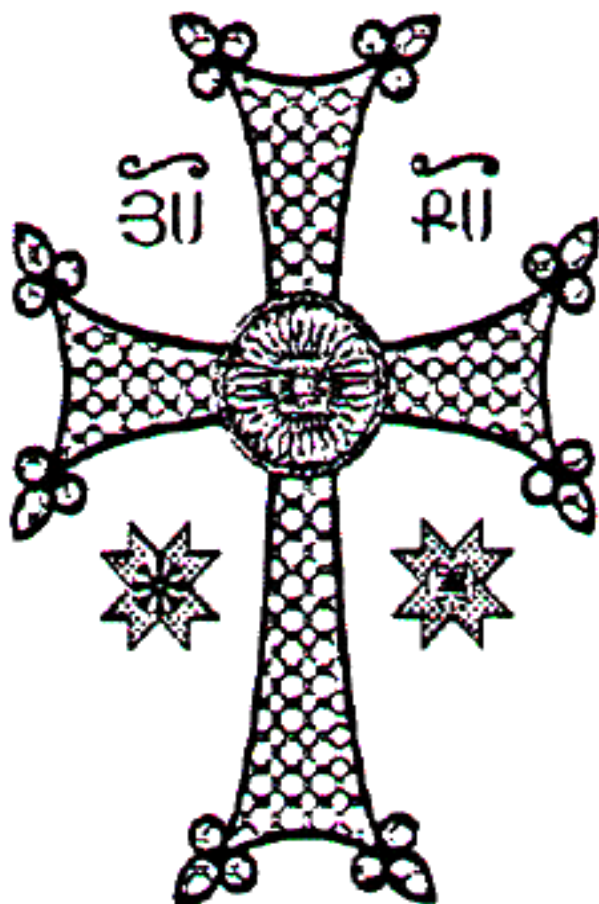


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February  
2015

Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection  
1910 Stanley Street - New Britain, CT, 06053  
Rev. Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian, Pastor



This edition of the *Loosys*  
is dedicated to the unending love and devotion  
offered by our church Godfather,

**Mr. Harootiun Azarigian,**

who now rests with our Lord.

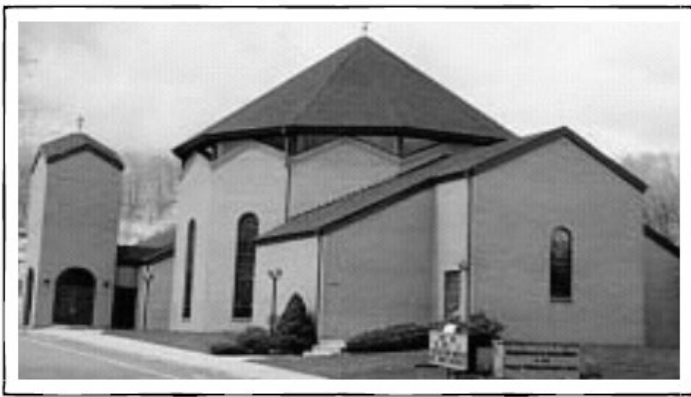
For decades, “Uncle Harry” never refused God,  
church or any member of our parish family.

Harry would happily lend a hand to anyone, and any cause; from  
going fishing to planting trees on the church grounds, always making  
time to beautify our perennial gardens, and being oh so eager to share  
his faith experiences with others.

Harry’s most recent gift, aside from sharing his faith,  
was his generous donation in 2007  
of the five magnificent wooden doors that adorn  
and protect the entrances of our spiritual home.

His motto of living a simple life consisting of  
honest hard work, prayer and modest diet served Harry well, and gave  
him the strength well into his 90’s to help others.

**May Almighty God illumine the soul of his worthy son, Harootiun**



# Church Directory

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1910 Stanley Street - New Britain, CT 06053

## Parish Council

Gary Hovhanessian  
Arthur Simonian Jr.  
David Abrahamian  
Sarkis Kalfayan  
Matthew Cannata  
Charles Hovsepian  
Gail Onanian

**Chairman**  
**Vice - Chairman**  
**Treasurer**  
**Asst. Treasurer**  
**Rec. Secretary**  
**Advisor**  
**Advisor**

## Parish Council Emeritus

John Maljanian Sr. **Executive Director**

## Diocesan Delegate

Adrienne Damian

## Cemetery Custodians

Peter Bagdikian  
Emil Mosey, Assistant

## Loos Staff

Reverend Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian  
Matthew Cannata  
Emil Mosey

## Sunday School

Roxie Maljanian **Superintendent**

## ACYOA Jrs.

Mary Connors  
Gary Hovhanessian

## Breakfast Club

Sylvia Simonian **Chair**

## Choir

Adrienne Damian **Director**  
Yn. Patricia Buttero **Asst. Director**  
Susan Sagherian **Organist**

## Hye Angels

Shannon Bagdikian **Chair**

## Sandwich Fund

Henrietta Kallajian **Chair**

## Seniors Coordinators

Queenie Hovhanessian **Chair**  
Yn. Patricia Buttero  
Gail Onanian

## Sons and Daughters

John Paul Abrahamian

## Women's Guild

Adrienne Damian **Chair**



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# MISSION STATEMENT

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Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

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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.



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## PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Still giving thanks, still celebrating...**

Our Pastor and Parish council would like to recognize the following donors for their thoughtful Christmas Greetings that were inadvertently omitted from last month's *Loos*:

Marottolo family, Eleanor Egazarian, Ed & Sheila Haddad, Wilson & Beth-Mazadoorian-Keithline and Margaret & Katherine, Christine Parnagian-Esposito and Angel Parnagian. *We pray for and thank and all who strengthen His Holy church.*

### **Century Club Dues**

Century Club members - please note that dues for the coming year are due before March 1. We also encourage new members to support our church via this "club." Payment of dues should be made out to the church and given to Charles Hovsepian. *Don't be caught off guard if your number comes up and you haven't renewed...*

### **Save your event dates!**

We gently remind all church groups to be diligent in marking your event dates (including hall set up dates) on the church calendar ASAP. With our increase in hall rentals to meet our budget needs, your cooperation is greatly appreciated, and will ensure proper planning. Thank you.



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# PARISH NEWS

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## **Epiphany 2015**

On Monday, January 5th, our pastor and faithful joined the St. George parish family for the celebration of Irakalooys (Candle-light) Liturgy on Christmas Eve, celebrated by Fr. Gomidas Zohrabian. A fellowship followed. The next day, on the Feast of the Nativity & Theophany of our Lord, St. George members joined our church family here in New Britain for Divine Liturgy and Service of the Blessing of the Waters. Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian celebrated this liturgy. Following church and Water Blessing by the two clergy, all faithful gathered in Abrahamian Auditorium for a very nice luncheon.

On Sunday, January 11, again the Service of the Blessing of the Waters was offered for all the faithful. Serving as Godfather of the Cross was Mr. Guy Simonian.

## **Altar Server Award**

On Sunday, January 25, the Deacon Charles N. Mazadoorian Memorial Altar Servers Award was presented to and shared by brothers Matthew and David Marottolo. This award, rather, special recognition, was established in 2008 by Harry Mazadoorian, Esq. in memory of his late brother, Deacon Charles. It's purpose is to recognize, strengthen and thank those who have the honor and calling to serve on God's Holy Altar, in assisting the priest in sacraments and for their dedication in learning proper ways of serving during liturgy. An honorarium and Deacon's Guide book to the Divine Liturgy were presented to both recipients. God bless them for their service and to their parents, Paul & Elise Griego-Marottolo for their parental encouragement and guidance.





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# SUNDAY SCHOOL

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After a three week vacation from Sunday School, it was gratifying to see most of our students back to welcome the new year and celebrate Armenian Christmas services on January 11. Most classes enjoyed watching the Christmas video and then attended short classes until it was time to attend Badarak.

Only the Senior class met for classes since their graduation being in May requires a number of activities to complete. Good luck to all of them!

Our thanks to Mrs. Melanie Goodin and family for remembering us at Christmas time and sending a donation to our Sunday School. We miss her and her two lovely children, Zachery and Lillian, and wish them well in the new year.

**St. Vartan Camp brochures** have arrived at our church and can be picked up at the grand piano in our vestibule. This beautiful camp site in the Catskill Mountains of New York, owned by our Diocese, is available to children ages 8 through 15 for three sessions beginning on June 28 and ending on August 8. Maybe this is the year your child or grandchild can take advantage of this very beneficial camp for one or two weeks. Lasting friendships have been made by many! A CIT program also is available for 16-17 year olds.

Most importantly, this month of February is our biennial **Teacup Auction and Pizza Luncheon** on Sunday, February 15 after Badarak. Poon Paregentan (Day of Happy Living) is our Armenian celebration before Lent, which begins on Monday, February 16. The parents' committee making this year's preparations are Sarah Kallajian and Diane Roy as co-chairmen. They are assisted by Melanie Kallajian, Karen LaPointe and Kimberly McLaurin. Thank you for all auction donations in advance!





# **TEACUP AUCTION**

## **AND PIZZA LUNCHEON**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 12:15 PM**

Come and celebrate Poon Paregentan  
'Day of Happy Living'

<b>Sponsored by:</b>	<b>Our Sunday School</b>
<b>Benefit:</b>	<b>Sunday School Projects</b>
<b>Admission:</b>	<b>\$7 for Adults   \$5 for children</b>

**FUN FOR ALL!**





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# DONATIONS

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## **Church Donations**

Stephan DeMargosian

## **Looys Donations**

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kallajian

Arthur Bagdasarian

Zabelle Harutunian

Stephan DerMargosian

Menas and Grace Kalagian

## **Steward Donations**

Harry Badrigian

Alyssa McGiveron

Arthur Bagdasarian

## **Sandwich Fund Donations**

Mary Carlino

Stephan DerMargosian

Isabel Mouradjian

## **More birthday gifts for “Baggy” to God’s church**

The following donations have recently been received on the occasion of Baggy Hovhanessian’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration:

Sue Der Margosian, Tom & Mary Lou Connors, Shannon Bagdigian, Dr. Jacob & Charlotte Ohanesian, and by the party’s bartenders :)

God bless all for their donations to God’s Holy church on such a joyful occasion.



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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# IN LIEU OF FLOWERS

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## Harry Azarigian

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kallajian  
Jack Krikorian  
Nick and Betty Bagdasarian  
Mary Omartian and Family  
Ruth and Wil Swisher  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Simonian  
Mark and Craig Simonian  
Lena Czarry  
John and Roxie Maljanian  
Manusak Terdjianian  
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Baynam  
Sarah Sansone  
Peter Bagdigian Jr.  
Yn. Patricia Buttero  
Mary Abrahamian  
Mr. and Mrs. Tony Grano  
Eleanor Egazarian  
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Sagherian  
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Simonian  
Mr. and Mrs. Emil Mosey  
Marge Literal  
Gary and Ellen Hovhanessian and family  
Mr. and Mrs. John Chiloyan  
Shannon Bagdigian  
Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Hovhanessian  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry DerAsadourian  
Harry and Carol Hougas  
George and Lois Simonian  
George Simonian III  
Edward Kerekian  
Charles Hovsepian  
Alice Norsigian  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mazadoorian  
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kerr  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Azarigian  
Robert Azarigian  
Dr. Gerard and Diane Roy  
Sonia Ohanian

**Total as of January 11, 2015: \$1,560**

## Ann Sadoian

Sarah Sansone  
Eleanor Conochalla  
Elizabeth Kalagian  
Ann Grano

**Total as of December 21, 2014: \$555**

## Mabel Sadoian

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Norsigian  
Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Hovhanessian  
Rose Sadoian

**Total as of January 11, 2015: \$70**



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# BAPTISMAL RECORDS

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We know full well when our birthdays are, for we usually celebrate them with stress free days, cake, family and friends. Do we know the date in which we were born/brought into the Christian faith by our parents and grandparents? ***Our Baptism date.***

In each of the upcoming editions of the *Looy's*, we'll publish by month (not year) our Baptism records so that as many people as possible may now know or confirm when they were baptized a Christian and who their Godparents were.

***Jack Roy, as a service to his church, compiled these records.***

Please bear in mind that some were not legible. We'll provide as much as we can.

<b>Baptized</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Godparent(s) (legible)</b>
Cheryl Nurissa George	8th	Jack Arisyan...
Laurie Rose George	8th	Jack Arisyan...
Debra Lynn Maljanian	9th	Karnig Maljanian & Lucy Yessian
Alexandra Maritza Nattrass	12th	Ronald Nattrass & Susan Nattrass
Amanda Tina Romano	14th	Edik Baghoumian & Madeline Baghoumian
Claude Baghoumian	14th	Sarkis Davootlarian & Roubina Davootlarian
John Paul Abrahamian	24th	Hratch Azarigian & Siranoush Azarigian
Renee Marie Picard	24th	J. P. Picard & Marcia Mooshegian
Clinton Gabriel Assalone	25th	Guy Boyajian...
Stephen Cole	25th	Astun Simonian & Queenie Hovhanessian
Dawn Elizabeth Cole	26th	Astun Simonian...
Kimberly-Jo Bagdigian	26th	Robert Azarigian...
Noel Martin Donabedian	26th	Ralph Anoushian & Sarah Anoushian
Amanda Rose Boyajian	28th	John Boyajian, Jr....
Kathryn Grace Cannata	28th	Alan Rindflesh & Mona Rindflesh

## **Order of Baptism according to the Armenian Apostolic Church**

*"Our peace and our maker of peace Jesus Christ, anointed and worshipful and eternal priest, behold this thy servant (name) has received the unction of holiness from you; therefore, we pray to you ,Lord, may he/she never be blotted out of thy Book of Life. And may we also be worthy of thy heavenly glory, when you crown your saints and those that love your name. And we shall incessantly glorify you with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen."*



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## THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE 100TH YEAR OF REMEMBRANCE

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Leaders of the Armenian Church in the United States have joined to plan a special remembrance of the Armenian Genocide. Commemorating the passage of 100 years since the start of the first genocide of the 20th century, a schedule of events including an ecumenical prayer service at the National Cathedral, a memorial concert, public exhibitions and a Pontifical Divine Liturgy will take place from May 7 to 10, 2015, in Washington, D.C.

His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, and His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, will both journey to the United States to lead and participate in the commemorative events.

A National Centennial Committee has been formed under the auspices of the Diocese and the Prelacy to oversee and guide the commemorative activities. The Committee, chaired by Dr. Noubar Afeyan, Boston-based entrepreneur and philanthropist, includes leaders from Armenian religious, political, and civic organizations from across the United States.

"We are organizing these events in the nation's capital in order to involve the country's political leaders, raise awareness in the non-Armenian community, and honor countries and individuals that have helped Armenians during and after the Genocide," said committee chair Dr. Afeyan. "We are honored that Catholicos Karekin II and Catholicos Aram I will be among us, blessing the occasion, as together we stand up for the Armenian presence in America and in the world," he added.

The National Centennial Committee has met several times and is working together with Washington D.C.-based sub-committees to plan the various events and activities. The Committee is working closely with the Central Commemorative Committees for the United States and Armenia to coordinate the activities.

Here in Connecticut, our Genocide committee is finalizing events being held statewide throughout 2015.

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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



## 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.



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# STEWARDSHIP 2015

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*Everything we have comes from God*

What exactly is Christian Stewardship?

Christian Stewardship is the faithful management of all that God gives us. Making a commitment according to our individual ability to be a faithful and wise steward of the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection begins with acknowledging that everything we have comes from God.

Stewardship then begins and takes root in our lives when we offer our gifts back to God with generosity and gratitude.

- Your annual membership commitment entitles you to fully benefit from the parish's various pastoral and educational resources while supporting the work and volunteers of your parish.
- Membership in the parish is a wonderful way to make a commitment to be part of something larger than yourself...to be part of a Christian Community, united in our love of God and God's love for us regardless of our different backgrounds.
- Your annual gifts will help your parish sustain and contribute towards our future, thus ensuring that our children, and your grandchildren and families will always have a place of worship to call their own home that you help build and sustain.

*We appreciate all those who provide Stewardship  
to our spiritual home.*



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.



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## REMEMBERING HRANT DINK

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On January 19, 2007, the Armenian journalist Hrant Dink was assassinated on the street outside his newspaper offices in Istanbul. Dink's prior writings on the Armenian Genocide had made him a well known figure in Turkey, and had prompted his prosecution under Turkey's retrograde law forbidding anti-Turkish statements.

The murder of this brave and gentle man was later revealed to contain elements of state persecution along with what we in this country would call "hate crime." It became a cause célèbre for Armenians the world over, but also for elements of Turkish society longing for a more open public discourse. At Hrant Dink's funeral, more than 100,000 people, Armenians side-by-side with ethnic Turks, jammed the streets of Istanbul carrying placards reading, "We are all Hrant Dink." Even after eight years, the demoralizing horror of that terrible January day still lingers; and the astonishing spectacle of the subsequent weeks is likewise unforgettable. Today we again offer prayers for the repose of Hrant Dink's spirit, for the consolation of his loved ones, and for the light of Divine truth, which even the deepest darkness cannot extinguish.

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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 February 2015

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|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Sunday - 8</b>     | Annual Parish Assembly following church services   |
| <b>Tuesday - 10</b>   | Remembrance of St. Ghevont the Priest and his companions                                   |
| <b>Thursday - 12</b>  | Remembrance of St. Vartan the Warrior and his companions                                   |
| <b>Saturday - 14</b>  | Feast of the Presentation of our Lord to the Temple<br>Valentine's Day :)                  |
| <b>Sunday - 15</b>    | Poon Paregentan/Day of Great Living<br>Sunday School Tea Cup Auction after church          |
| <b>Monday - 16</b>    | First day of Great Lent  |
| <b>Wednesday - 18</b> | Lenten Services begin and run through March 18.<br>Services begin in the sanctuary at 3 PM |
| <b>Saturday - 21</b>  | Remembrance of St. Cyril of Jerusalem  |
| <b>Saturday - 28</b>  | ACHR to host New England ACYOA Sr's Lenten Retreat   |

### Save the dates for these special events in March!

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| <b>Sunday, March 8 - 1 PM</b> | Book presentation by Matthew Karanian.<br>Co-sponsored by St. Stephen's Armenian Church. |
| <b>Sunday, March 15</b>       | Mid-Lenten luncheon & Saintly Women's Day.   |
| <b>Saturday, March 28</b>     | Women's Guild Bake Sale  |
| <b>Sunday, March 29</b>       | Palm Sunday/ACYOA Day - Luncheon and Program to follow church services.                  |

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