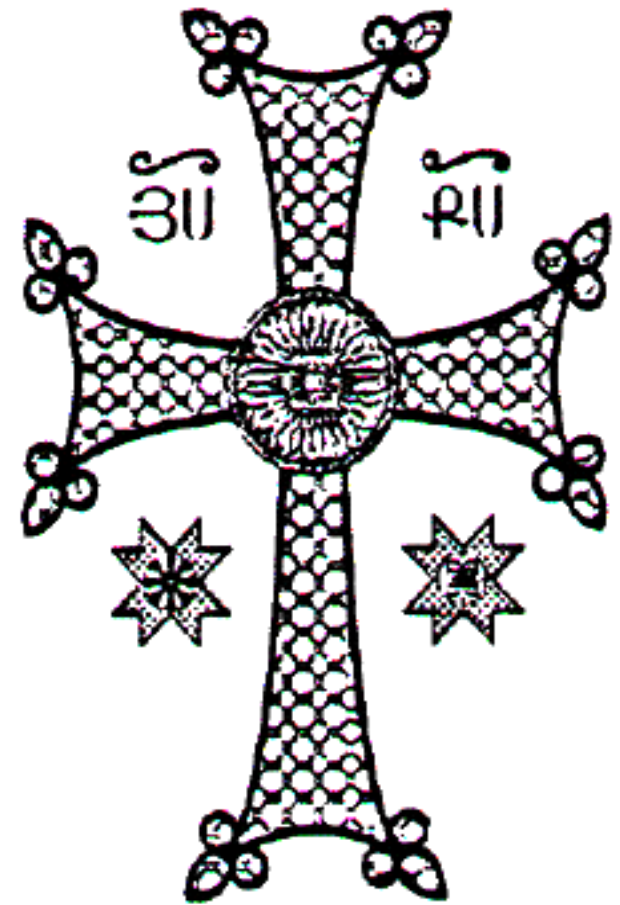


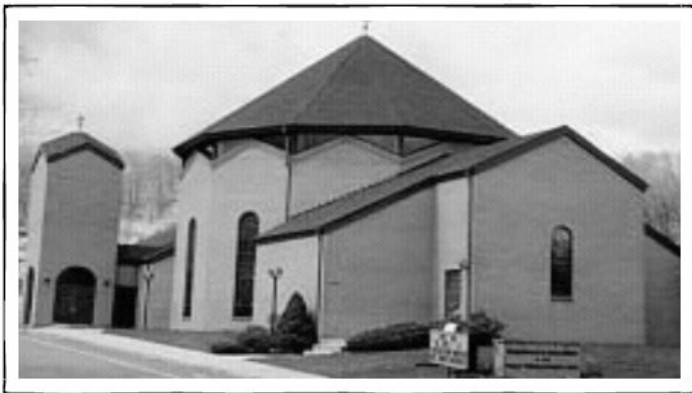
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Pastor's Message

*"Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,
and bless the Lord"*

Psalm 134:2

Psalm 134 has only three verses, but it is proof that little things can mean a lot. The first two verses are an admonition to the priests who serve in God's house night after night. The building was dark and empty; nothing of consequence was occurring—or so it seemed.

Yet these ministers were encouraged to "lift up [their] hands to the holy place and bless the Lord". The third verse is a voice from the congregation calling into the darkness and loneliness of the night: "The Lord who made heaven and earth bless you."

I think of other servants of the Lord today—pastors and their families who serve in small churches in small cities, as well as parishioners in smaller parishes like ours. They're sometimes discouraged, tempted to lose heart, doing their best, and at times think that they're serving unnoticed and unrewarded. They wonder if anyone cares what they're doing; if anyone ever thinks of them, prays for them, or considers them a part of their lives.

I would say to them—and to anyone who is feeling lonely or insignificant: Though your place is small, it is a holy place. The one who made and moves heaven and earth is at work in and through you. "Lift up your hands" and praise Him. **Love our Sanctuary as I do, and you'll think and pray differently. This has to be our first achievement towards our future. First and foremost, we are a church and have been gifted to be good stewards of a House of God to maintain and fortify via prayer.**

May we all have the courage to ask our Lord how we can be an encourager of others who might feel they are in a "small" place. May we all let them know that their lives leave an eternal impact on those they serve.

Anyone doing God's work in God's way is important in His sight. God's work here in New Britain is plentiful, and we are certainly capable.



Wishing all prayerful and spiritually productive Lenten season & beyond,
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

Deacon Charles N. Mazadoorian Altar Server Award

On Sunday, January 24, the Deacon Charles N. Mazadoorian Altar Server Award was posthumously awarded to Craig J. Simonian. This award, established in 2008 by the Mazadoorian family, recognizes those men who unselfishly serve the church by assisting the Pastor in the offering of all Sacraments, and show an eager willingness and desire to learn the importance of their roles as “Deacons.” Both Fr. Kapriel & presenter, Harry Mazadoorian, brother of Deacon Charles, offered emotional testimony as the love and dedication that Craig exhibited, and noted that this decision of recognizing Craig was made in advance of his passing. Accepting the award on behalf of the Simonian family was brother Arthur.

Camp season is just around the corner!

Even though it's still winter, it's not too early to make plans for Camp Vartan's Summer Sessions. Camp registration forms are available on the candle table or online at www.diocesansummercamps.org

Thank you!

- Our appreciation is extended to Manusak Terdjian for her making mahs at home for our community each and every Sunday. The blessing and distributing of mahs is an ancient Christian tradition of bringing “a portion” of the liturgy to someone unable to travel to church.
- Thank you to the Mazadoorian family for their recent annual contribution to the Armenian Church Endowment Fund for the Deacon Charles N. Mazadoorian fund benefitting our parish. All those maintaining and increasing endowment funds help provide a secure future for our unique Armenian Christian heritage, faith and parish.

Parish News ctd...

Plenty of Pomegranates!

Our collective appreciation is extended to those families who brought Noor for blessing on Sunday, January 24. The Service of the Blessing of the Noor, was established last year by His Holiness, Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians.

Area Clergy Liturgy & Fellowship in New Jersey

As is tradition in our Diocese, clergy from all over our Diocese gathered at St. Leon (Soorp Ghevont) Armenian Church, Fair Lawn, NJ on February 2, on the occasion of the remembrance of St. Ghevont and his companions. Led by our Diocesan Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, the clergy had a rare opportunity to gather together and exchange pastoral experiences while paying tribute to the patron saint of clergy, Saint Ghevont. Celebrating Divine Liturgy for the clergy was our priest, Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian.

Epiphany Celebrations



This year provided abundant opportunities for our faithful to participate in Christmas liturgical celebrations. On Christmas Eve, January 5th, the faithful of St. Stephen's Armenian Church, led by their pastor, Reverend Fr. Aram Stepanian, joined our community for Jrakalooys Badarak, with Fr. Kapriel as Celebrant and Fr. Aram as Guest Preacher.

Following Divine Liturgy, all of the New Britain Armenian community enjoyed fellowship offered by both parish communities.

Tuesday, January 6 brought to us the day of Epiphany with Divine Liturgy with the Blessing of the Water, followed by a catered luncheon for all offered by Fr. Kapriel & Yn. Diane.

Sunday, January 10 brought the parish together again for liturgy and for Blessing of the Water. This year, serving as Godfather of the Cross was Mr. Berj Kallajian. Our collective prayers are offered to all who made the effort to support our liturgical traditions.

Sunday School

Poon Paregentan (Day of Happy Living) is only days away as it will be held on Sunday, February 7. Our last day of festivities before the solemn period of Lent, beginning on Monday, February 8.



Some of our students are ready to share their talents during Sunday School hours on this day. With bingo prizes and popcorn, waiting after the show, our Parents' Committee will insure a good time for all. Contact a committee member if you have any questions!

Our Diocese has mailed us two special things - the 2016 Sunday School Lenten Drive will benefit **Child Malnutrition in Armenia (FAR)** and **Feed the Children in America Fund**. Brochures and a 40-day Lenten Calendar has been distributed to each child.



Please encourage your child to use the calendar with your family for a meaningful Lenten journey. Extra copies are available on the grand piano for others to take.

The **2016 Diocesan Summer Camp** brochures are also available for planning your families' summer events. Campers ages are 8-15, CITS are 16-17 and staff are ages 18 and beyond. Lifelong friendships are often made at this beautiful camp site - just ask some of our own graduates! The three sessions are from June 26 - August 7, for one or two weeks at a time.

Locally, we are already looking at a milder winter and hope to see good attendance in our Sunday School because of it!

Lenten Services



Lenten Wednesday Services will be offered at 3 PM starting on February 10.

There may be occasions when visiting clergy are here with us or will host prayer services at their parish.

As the schedule is finalized, we will inform everyone via the Sunday Bulletin and our website, which can be found at www.armenianchurchct.org.

Scenes from Armenian Christmas



Top Left: The Blessing of the Water service during the celebration of Armenian Christmas.

Top Right: Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian and Fr. Aram Stepanian bless the table after Christmas Eve services.



Bottom left: Members from both parishes enjoy fellowship after Christmas Eve services.



Please don't be afraid to ask your children and their spouses if they offer Stewardship to our church. Kindly reinforce the notion and responsibility of Christian charity. Your children are never too old for you not to be their parent and role model for fairness.

2016 Looy's Christmas Greetings

Our Pastor & Parish Council would like to thank the following for offering their Christmas Greetings to all via the *Looy's*.

Fr. Kapriel & Yn. Diane Mouradjian	Yn. Patricia Buttero
Gary and Ellen Hovhanessian	Gail Onanian
Cara Hovhanessian	John and Darlene Chiloyan
Hayley Hovhanessian	Tony and Ann Grano
Pete Bagdigian	David and Greg Abrahamian
John and Roxie Maljanian	Mary Abrahamian
Charles Hovsepien	Michael, Sarah, Emily & Brian Kallajian
Ruth & Wil Swisher and Family	Gregg, Melanie, Nicholas & Anna Kallajian
John & Rose Maljanian and Family	Lynne Mazadoorian and John Lockhart
Diane, Gerard, Lily, Sam & Jack Roy	John, Jeanne, Taline and Taylor Abrahamian
Berj and Henrietta Kallajian	Mary, Tom, Griffin and Michael Connors
Elizabeth and Nick Bagdasarian	Harry and Janice Mazadoorian
Arthur, Lucy and Mark Simonian	Keithline/Mazadoorian Family (Beth, Wilson, Margaret and Kate)
Eleanor Egazarian	

The challenge of
LEADERSHIP
is to be strong, but not rude;
be kind, but not weak;
be bold, but not bully;
be thoughtful, but not lazy;
be humble, but not timid;
be proud, but not arrogant;
have humor, but without folly.

— Jim Rohn

Parish Registry

Requiem Services were offered for the souls of:

Craig J. Simonian (40th day)

Requested by Arthur, Lucy & Mark Simonian; Art, Sylvia, Megan and Lauren Simonian; Guy & Darlene Simonian; Mary Abrahamian and family; Manusak Terdjanian; Darlene Evslin; John & Roxy Maljanian and family.

Helaina Surabian Connelly, Sarkis Surabian

Requested by Nick & Betty Bagdasarian, Chris & Rebekah Maynard and family, Steven & Deb Surabian.

May almighty God enlighten their souls and provide peace through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Donations

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

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

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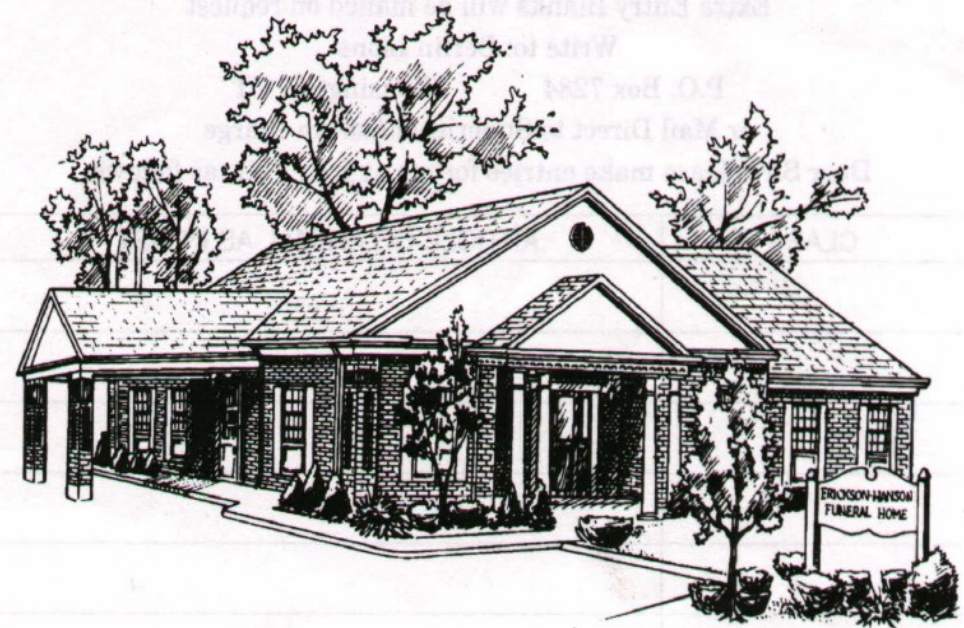
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Liturgical Service Schedule

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 February

Tuesday	2	Remembrance of St. Ghevont & his companions
Thursday	4	Remembrance of St. Vartan & his companions
Saturday	6	Remembrance of the 150 Fathers of the Holy Council of Constantinople (A.D 381)
Sunday	7	Poon Paregentan/Day of Good Living
Monday	8	First day of Great Lent
Sunday	14	Presentation of the Lord to the Temple
Saturday	20	Remembrance of St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Sunday	21	Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Sunday	28	Sunday of the Steward

Upcoming Events for the month of March

Saturday	5	Remembrance of the 40 Martyrs of Sepastia
Sunday	6	Sunday of the Judge
Saturday	12	Remembrance of St. Gregory the Enlightener's Commitment to the Pit (Khor Virab)
Sunday	13	Sunday of the Advent
Saturday	19	Remembrance of the Raising of Lazarus
Sunday	20	Palm Sunday
Mon-Sat	21-26	Holy Week
Sunday	27	Holy Easter
Monday	28	Hishadag Merelots/Remembrance of the Departed

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