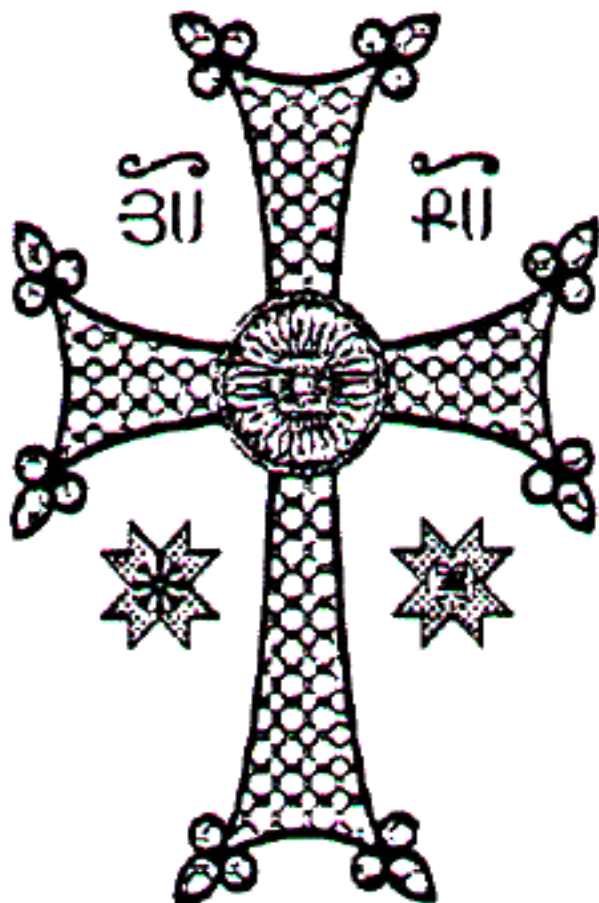


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Yn. Patricia Buttero	Asst. Director
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John Paul Abrahamian

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Adrienne Damian	Chair
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. —Galatians 6:7

Dear Faithful,

I once read a fable about a man who was browsing in a store when he made the shocking discovery that God was behind a sales counter. Imagine that..?

The man walked over and asked, "What are you selling?" God replied, "What does your heart desire?" The man said, "I want happiness, peace of mind, and freedom from fear . . . for me and the whole world." God smiled and said, "I don't sell fruit here. Only seeds."

In Galatians 6, St. Paul stressed the importance of sowing seeds of God-honoring behavior, for "whatever a man sows, that he will also reap" (v.7). We can't expect to experience the fruit of God's blessings if we don't recognize the importance of doing our part in planting and nurturing the seeds of love and success.

As you think to yourself, and offer your positive or even negative thoughts to others regarding your life or our parish, first, practice the pause, and ask yourself, "What good seeds (if any) have I planted to bring forth goodness, and do I offer my share in preventing weeds (idle thoughts) from choking the future harvest?"

We have much to be thankful for within our parish family and with prayer, good intentions and yes, thoughts put into deeds, our future can indeed be bright for many more.

May we all wisely use this year's period of Great Lent for further self examination to see where best we fit in; where best our talents lie within the life of the church so that our efforts, from God-given talents may produce God-pleasing fruits for all.



With prayers,
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

Knitted hats and scarves for Artsakh

Dear Father Kapriel, my name is Eddis Petrossian from Vancouver Canada, Bridgette's friend, and I am spearheading the Vancouver Armenia friendship Group's Humanitarian Aid mission to Arzagh.



Thank you for joining the Vancouver St. Vartan Armenian Church ladies initiative to Knit for Arzagh. We received your boxes and will be forwarding same with our collected boxes to Arzagh. They are awesome.

Our appreciation is extended to your Yeretzhin, Diane, and all of the wonderful ladies of your church. Yours truly, Eddis

Century Club

Payments for the 2017 Century Club are now due. Participate in a fun way to raise money for our church. Please see Chuck Vartanian, Gary Hovhannessian or any PC member to participate and to pay your annual donation. We can double the fun, and double the success if each participant (that's you) can find one non-church participant...Thank you in advance. Chuck & Gary.

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

THANK YOU!

From the Women's Guild

We wish to thank the following individuals who graciously donated goodies and other items for the NBHS Madrigal Concert Reception in December: Yn. Diane Mouradjian, Yn. Patricia Buttero, Adrienne Damian, Hasmig Cannata, Violet Galazan, Rose Mosey, Elizabeth Bagdasarian, Carol Hougas, Alyssa McGiveron, Henrietta Kallajian, Harry & Janice Mazadoorian, Sonia Ohanian, Paula Pare, Beth Mazadoorian.

From the Choir

We wish to thank an individual who wishes to remain anonymous for making a donation to our church choir and always thinking about us!

Dear Fr. Kapriel,

Thank you for always remembering us when there is blessed water from church. We appreciate very much when you bring it to our house and read the prayer. It makes a difference. What a great photo of you and all of your altar servers on Facebook! *With love, (name withheld)*



Yes...There will be joint Lenten-Wednesday services held by Holy Resurrection and St. Stephen's. Please see the schedule below:

March 1, 15 & April 5 - services will be offered at Holy Resurrection.

March 8, 22, & 29 - services will be offered at St. Stephens

All services begin at 3:00 p.m.

Please note: A Guest Speaker will be with us at Holy Resurrection on March 15 at 2 PM to address the seniors in the church hall. Ms. Christianne Kovel, Senior Policy Analyst, with the CT Commission on Women, Children & Seniors will be with us.

She will speak to and answer your questions regarding the various needs and regional resources for senior citizens.

LATEST NEWS FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL

As we mentioned in the January *Loos* Article, February 26 will be here before we know it. On this Sunday, we will be sponsoring a Teacup Auction/ Pizza Luncheon on Poon Paregentan. This "Day Of Happy Living" precedes the start of Lent on Monday. The Parents' Committee is actively planning a fun-time for all present. Families of students are being asked to donate a gift for the auction table. Other parishioners may also donate.

Thanks to Vicky Galazan and Adrienne Damian, we have already received two interesting bags of gifts. Committee members - Sarah, Diane, Melanie and Paula - can be contacted for further information.

This year, the Diocesan Sunday School Lenten Drive will benefit an important effort, raising critical funds for The Syrian Armenian Refugees in Armenia (FAR).



Did you know that 20,000 Syrian Armenians have already found a safe haven in Armenia?

A poster now hangs on our church bulletin board detailing the distribution of the funds. Let us all be thankful for our blessings and pray for a better life for these refugees. The children are asked to bring in their offerings on Easter, April 16.

In the meantime, our senior class has been studying hard along with their A.C.Y.O.A. and school projects to prepare for their Graduation Day, May 21st. Keep up the great work!!

How Your Endowment Gift Helps



Our Pastor and Parish Council would like to thank and publically recognize the following families for their thoughtful and generous additions made to their families Endowment Funds benefitting our parish during 2016:

Guy & Darlene Simonian and Atty. Harry & Janice Mazadoorian.

CHOIR RECEIVES DN. CHARLES MAZADOORIAN AWARD

The Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection recognized the services of its church choir on Sunday January 15 by awarding the Deacon Charles Mazadoorian Memorial Altar Server Award to the entire choir. The award was established in 2007 to recognize excellence in preparation, attendance, initiative as well as knowledge of the Sacred Liturgy. Father Kapriel Mouradjian, pastor of the church, pointed out that while the award has traditionally been given to an individual, the entire choir was recognized this year because of its contributions for decades, throughout the entire liturgical cycle of the church.

In addressing a full congregation, he stated that "their unselfish offering of singing voices and organ accompaniment for so many years is a true testament to their collective dedication to our Lord, to the rich Armenian Church traditions and to our parish."

Attorney Harry N. Mazadoorian, making the presentation, highlighted the choir's unique role in carrying on the deep religious traditions and heritage of the Armenian Church and its unparalleled musical treasures.

In recognition of the award a contribution is being made to the Fund For Armenian Relief at the Church's Eastern Diocese in New York City in honor of the Choir and the award will be permanently memorialized on a plaque in the Church narthex. Adrienne Damian, director of the choir, accepted the award together with the entire choir and thanked the church for the recognition. (Special from the Mirror Spectator).

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TEACUP AUCTION AND PIZZA LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Come and celebrate Poon Paregentan
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The Teacup Auction is sponsored by our
Sunday School. All proceeds will benefit
Sunday School projects.

Admission: \$7 for Adults | \$5 for children

FUN FOR ALL!



REQUIEM SERVICES

Requiem Services were offered for the souls of the deceased members of the New Britain Hardware City Chapter of the Armenian Democratic Liberal Organization (ADL), requested by Charles Hovsepien and John & Roxie Maljanian.

- Gregory Abrahamian
- Paul Abrahamian
- Hurach, Sarkis & Seranoush Azarigian
- Levon & Shooshan Azarigian
- John Bogosian
- Joohar, Ghevont and Steven Der Margosian
- Given & Beverly Hoosigian
- Hagop & Ovsana Hovhanesian
- Garabed & Siranoosh Hovsepien
- Harry Hougas
- Lazar & Arshaloos Manoogian
- Mary & Jack Mansigian

- Maritza Ohanesian
- Ernestine Ohanesian
- Charles & Alice Onanian
- George Simonian
- Sirvart and Esghoochi Simonian
- Lucy Tatoolian
- Charles & Betty Vartanian
- Alan & Ruth Waite
- Jack & Ann Yagoobian
- Arshal and Sarah Yagoobian
- Shavarsh & Vartoohi Yessian

May Almighty God enlighten their souls. Amen.

DONATIONS

Church Donations

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Isabel Mouradjian
Stephen Der Margosian

In this Home
we share, we laugh,
we make mistakes and we say sorry.
we show gratitude, we give bear hugs.
we work hard and we play hard too.
we learn, we have fun and sometimes
we're really silly. but most of all,
we love each other because we're
Family.



(This year, Lent begins on Monday, February 27)

Please join your family for church services on
Sunday, March 12, 2017

as we welcome the students of
St. Nersess Armenian Theological Seminary.

Guest Celebrant & Preacher will be Reverend Fr.
Yeprem Kelegian, Spiritual Director of St. Nersess



You are cordially invited to welcome our guests and
enjoy a plentiful & delicious reception of Lenten foods
during Fellowship with a brief presentation from the
seminary students

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PRIMATE VISITS CHILDREN'S CENTER IN ARMENIA

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Diocesan Primate, visited Armenia last month and spent time with the young residents at the Fund for Armenian Relief's Children's Center in Yerevan.

Thanks to the generosity of donors from the Eastern Diocese, the Children's Center organized a festive Christmas luncheon for the more than 40 children currently residing at the facility. Children performed songs and skits and received a blessing from Archbishop Barsamian. The Primate also donated winter clothing to each child.

Thousands of children have been served by the FAR Children's Center since its inception in 1999. The center performs crisis intervention and short-term rehabilitation to children who are victims of abuse and abandonment, or face other life challenges. It is the only institution in Armenia where children can access shelter, medical care, psychological counseling, and legal assistance



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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.

Like everywhere else that we receive information from, we will increasingly be relying on e-mail to keep you informed as to the life of our church. This will allow us to keep you better informed and will provide you with better quality publications.

We Rent Our Hall

It doesn't hurt to remind everyone that our parish actively seeks suitable folks that would like to rent our hall for their function use. We currently host the New Britain Chess Club as well as numerous birthday parties, anniversaries and other medium-large functions.

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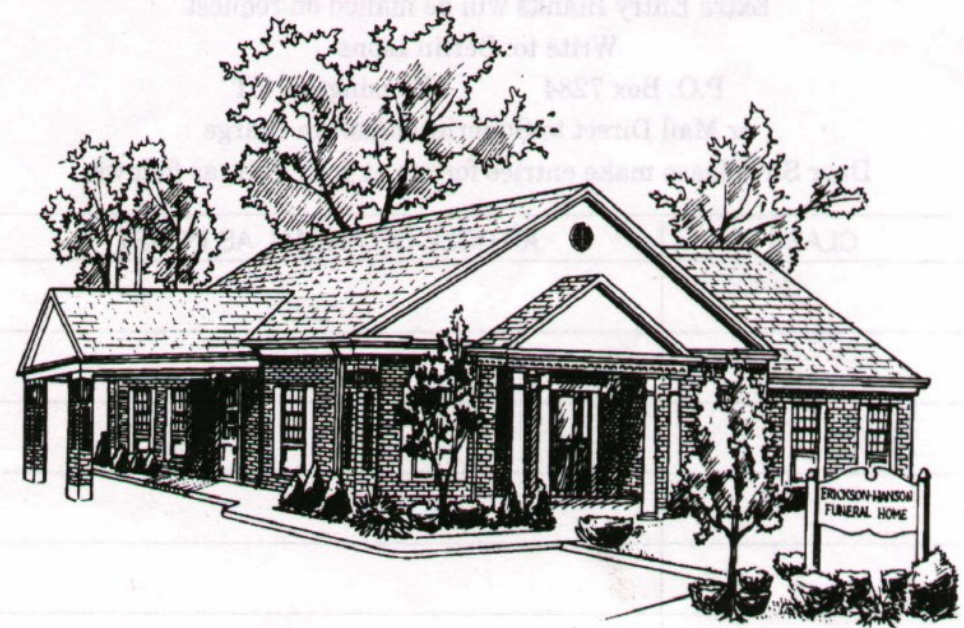
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Liturgical Service Schedule

Morning Services are offered at 9:15 and Divine Liturgy at 10:00. 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 - February 2017

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| Saturday - 4 | Remembrance of the Grandsons of St. Gregory the Enlightener |
| Saturday - 10 | Remembrance of St. Sarkis the Warrior |
| Tuesday - 14 | Presentation of the Lord to the Temple
Valentines Day |
| Thursday - 16 | Remembrance of St. Voski the Priest and his companions |
| Saturday - 18 | Remembrance of St. Sahag Barteve |
| Tuesday - 21 | Remembrance of St. Ghevont the Priest and his companions |
| Thursday - 22 | Remembrance of St. Vartan and his companions |
| Saturday - 25 | Remembrance of the 150 Fathers of the Holy Council of Constantinople (AD 381) |
| Sunday - 26 | Poon Paregentan/Day of Great Living |
| Monday - 27 | First day of Great Lent |

Please note that Fr. Kapriel will be away from Monday, February 20 - Thursday, February 23. For any pastoral emergency, please call PC Chairman, Arthur Simonian at 860-883-9691.

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