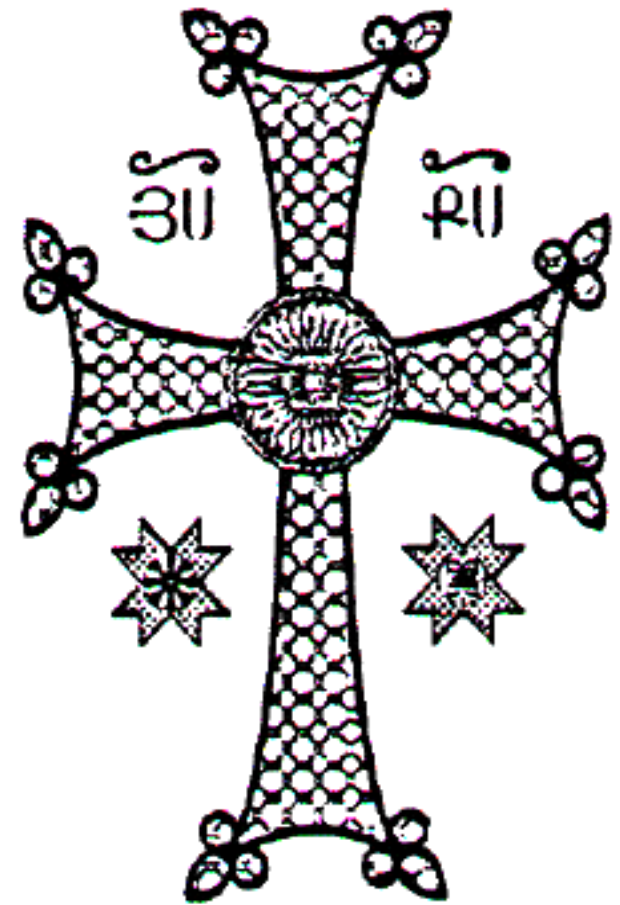


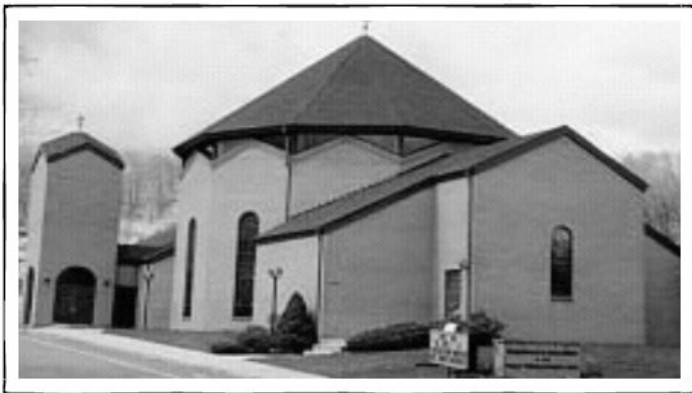
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Choir

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Yn. Patricia Buttero	Asst. Director
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Hye Angels

Shannon Bagdigian	Chair
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Henrietta Kallajian	Chair
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John Paul Abrahamian

Women's Guild

Adrienne Damian	Chair
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Pastor's Message

Dear Faithful,

The message below originally appeared as a Letter to the Editor in the Mirror Spectator (April 2016) by our pastor, Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian.

"Oh, Armenian people..."

To those who have answered the calling to holy marriage and have been given the gift of parenthood; to those who remember the Ten Commandments and our (5th) instruction to "honor thy father and thy mother; to all clergy brothers who preach on the life of our Lord and Savior; and to those who thankfully answer their inner spiritual calling to go "home" to Holy Etchmiadzin or to Antellias, I respectfully offer the following.

If you make it a point to love both mother and father, albeit with different nuances and memories, why not return to the land where Christ walked? Why not make a pilgrimage and see with your own eyes where our Risen Lord preached, taught, healed, performed miracles, was crucified and rose from the dead (for you and for me)?

In a world of (church) politics, Armenian Jerusalem holds the unique place of belonging fully to all Armenians, not just to this group or to that group. See how your brave and dedicated Armenian clergy defend and represent Armenian traditions in the most holy and sacred locations in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jordan and beyond.

Do not fall into the media-driven trap of avoiding Jerusalem and her lands. Go and see with your own eyes how much belongs to us, and in doing so, then honoring both your spiritual mother and your spiritual father.

Not sure..? Take a moment to read and take to heart the words of Yeghishe Charents as he advises us, "Oh, Armenian people, your only salvation lies in the power of your unity."

Let's start our unity where Christianity began; Jerusalem.



Wishing all a successful Lenten journey and 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

Award presentation in our nation’s capital

Congratulations to Arthur G. Simonian on receiving the National Recognition Award for ‘Water Pollution Control Facilities Upgrade -Mattabassett District’ by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) 2016 Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) competition in Washington D.C. A prestigious distinction etched crystal glass award given to Art, honors projects that demonstrate exceptional achievement in engineering was presented to him recently during a black-tie EEA Gala Dinner.

Tbir Candidates for November

Tbir Candidates (15 so far) have now received a letter reminding them to schedule a meeting with Fr. Kapriel in preparation of their service to God, parish and blessing during our Primate’s visit in November. Please do not put this off, then rush into this commitment come September. Kindly schedule your brief meeting prior to the summer months. Thank you.



ACOYA Jrs. Sports Weekend

Memorial Day would not be the same without our annual pilgrimage to Watertown, MA to take part in the ACYOA Jr Hye M’rtsoom. Again, the groups enthusiasm has encouraged other young teens from our parish to join. This year, eight very enthusiastic teens took part in nine sports events, an annual outreach program, two late night dances and tons of other fun with over 200 fellow Armenian teens from across our Eastern Diocese.

This year’s theme was Stronger Together; and that they were! Our supportive parents taking part this year also shared in the excitement of the weekend. We could not do this without you! Stay tuned for updates in the next edition of the *Loos*.

Parish News

75th Anniversary Plans Underway

Plans for our 75th Anniversary Celebration are underway and are progressing nicely. The steering committee, which is co-chaired by Matthew Cannata and Robbin Haboian-Demircan, includes Elisa Griego, Yn. Patricia Buttero and Sylvia Simonian. Together, they are working on numerous events beginning in September and culminating with the banquet in November. More information will be coming in the next issue of the *Loos*!

Thanks for hanging around...

Our appreciation is extended to Yn. Pat Buttero for the re-framing of a parish photo collage she made back in 2004 and to and Elise Griego-Marottolo for the hanging of the consecrated picture of the Holy Martyrs located in the chapel area by the Baptismal Font in our Sanctuary.

Another Home Blessing...Another opportunity

“Dear Fr. Kapriel, It’s not only a gift having you visit our home to bring God’s blessings, but to have you as our Pastor and friend...”

Peter Balakian wins Pulitzer

Peter Balakian has won the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry. The Ozone Journal is the name of the collection of poems he submitted. He is best known for his novel, the Black Dog of Fate, as well as several other novels and collections of poems.



Sunday School

Recently, we received gifts from two Endowment Funds for our Sunday School. We continue to thank the families of Sarah Yagoobian and Margie Sagherian, who established these funds which benefit our children each year.

Good news about a former Sunday School student and graduate, Hayley Hovhanessian, who is now a Sunday School teacher in her new Florida parish as well as working in that area. Keep up the good work, Hayley!



As we wind down our classes in this month of June, we are reminding all interested students that the sign-up sheet for Armenian Folk Dance Lessons will be posted for the summer. We are sending get-well wishes to Tammy Bagdigian, our instructor, who is recovering from shoulder surgery. Let's put a smile on her face and ours as well as we enjoy the dancing at our Annual August Church Picnic, complete with a live band!

Soon, our campers, counselors and nurse (Tom Connors) will be heading to St. Vartan Camp to spend time with old and new friends. Have a great time to all those lucky enough to attend!



June 5 was our last day of Sunday School until September 11. Awards were given on that day and we participated in group confession and communion. After church, we had lunch and then went to the New Britain Bees baseball game for our annual outing. We thank all teachers, subs, and parents who served this past year.

As we mentioned last month, we welcome interested people to serve as teachers, subs or otherwise. Pupils who are between the ages of 4-17 and interested in starting Sunday School in September should contact the

Superintendent of Parish Council by the end of June. Let us continue to encourage family and friends to make time for our beloved ancient Armenian Church.

Hopefully, it has been a rewarding year for your child as it has been for our staff - Elizabeth, Emily, Karlin, Hasmig, Alyssa, Debbie and Roxie.

Have a wonderful, safe and happy summer!

Parish Registry

Requiem Services were offered for the souls of:

- His Grace, Abp. Yeghishe Gizirian †
- Reverend Archpriest Arten Ashjian †
- All deceased mothers who now reside with our Lord



• Hugas & Anna Terdjanian
Requested by Manusak Terdjanian

• Seranoosh Azarigian, Elizabeth Vartanian, Aghavny Simonian
Requested by Mary Omartian

• Takoohi Najarian Maljanian, Vartoohi Pilibosian Yessian
Requested by John & Roxie Maljanian

• Charles Vartanian
Requested by the Vartanian children

• Derahayr Aram Mouradjian (5th yr.)
Requested by Fr. Kapriel, Yn. Diane & family

• John Tutunjian
Requested by Alice Bagdigian, Armen & Michael Slusarz.

May Almighty God enlighten their souls. Amen.

“I was sick and you visited me” (Matthew 25:36)

Dear Faithful, during this time of relative tranquility, please be reminded that the ‘senior’ members of our community, come to expect a visit from their parish priest while hospitalized or in a rehab center.

Due to privacy laws, your clergy have no way of knowing when or where your loved ones are if in need of prayer.

Please don't assume that ‘someone’ will call Der Hayr. That ‘someone’ is you...a son, daughter or close relative. Thank you.

- Fr. Kapriel

Special Blessings



On Sunday, May 8th, coinciding with Mother’s Day, those in church witnessed our annual special blessing of Godparents & Godchildren. This blessing and mere being together in the Chancel created our annual opportunity to unite in prayer, mind, body and spirit and renew the bond brought via the Holy Spirit at the Baptismal Font for adult and child. Those participating in this blessing has increased, and we hope for even more participation next year.



Continuing local tradition, at the conclusion of church services on Mother’s Day, all moms present received a wonderfully decorated carnation sponsored by our ACYOA Jr’s.

The carnations were designed and made by Megan and Lauren Simonian. God bless our mothers each and every day.

Renewal Sunday



On June 5, nine couples came together in prayer before God’s Holy Altar and offered thanks and prayers for their spouses and the strengthening of their marriages. As we’ve offered previously, Renewal Sunday offered married couples an opportunity not only to stand together as husband and wife, but also as children of God and members of our parish family to give thanks for the gifts that God has provided them with. More participated this year than last and we hope for even more next year!

Sarah Yagoobian Scholarship



On Sunday, June 12, Nicholas Kallajian, son of Gregg & Melanie and grandson of Richard & Henrietta, joined a long line of Holy Resurrection youth, who, upon high school graduation and academic success in high school, received the Sarah Yagoobian Memorial Scholarship Award for 2016.

This endowment, started by our late and dedicated choir director, serves as a reminder to all of the importance of carrying traditions within our parish to encourage and reward youth for their continued participation within the life of the church. By today’s standards, it’s referred to as “Paying it Forward.” In

September, Nicholas will enter Western CT State University. Congrats Nick!

Graduates of the Class of 2016

We thank our parishioners for providing graduation news on behalf of the following young adults from our parish family. **High School:** Nicholas Kallajian, Ryan Terdjanian, Ani Jermakian, Sam Roy and Justin Picard. **College:** Michael Sagherian Masters Degree from Boston College & Nina Vernali, BS from Southern NH University. May God bless, protect and encourage the further advancement of His children and may they always remember their parish roots.

2016 Pledged Members List

Ms. Silva Abadjian
Mrs. Margaret Abrahamian
Mr. & Mrs. John P. Abrahamian
Mr. David Abrahamian
Mr. Gregory Abrahamian, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Vanik Asaturian
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Azarigian
Mrs. Nick Bagdasarian
Mrs. Alice Bagdigian
Mr. Peter Bagdigian, Jr.
Ms. Sheila Burr
Yn. Patricia Buttero
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cannata
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Cannata
Mr. & Mrs. John Chiloyan
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Connors
Ms. Adrienne Damian
Mr. & Mrs. Alain Demircan
Mr. Vatche Der Asadourian
Ms. Carol Der Boghosian
Mrs. Susan Der Margosian
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Egazarian
Mrs. Eleanor Egazarian
Mrs. Sophie Elia
Ms. Talin Erikian
Ms. Dian Erikian
Ms. Victoria Galazan
Mrs. Peter Galazan
Mr. Antony Galazan
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Gregory
Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Elisa Griego-Marottolo
Mr. & Mrs. John Haboian
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Haddad
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hougas
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Hovhanessian
Ms. Darlene Hovhanessian
Mr. & Mrs. B.J. Hovhanessian
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Mr. & Mrs. Gregg Kallajian
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Baggy & Queenie Hovhanessian
Alice Bagdigian

Steward

Harry & Janice Mazadoorian
James & Amy Gregory

Special Thanks...



Fellowship Hour

Our Pastor and Parish Council would like to recognize and again thank the following for hosting Sunday Fellowship (April-June): John & Jeanne Abrahamian, Connors family, Marottolo family, Machata & Kazanjian families, John & Roxie Maljanian, Roy family, Vartanian family, and our Scholarship Committee

A Clean Sanctuary

We may at times take for granted, the way in which our Sanctuary is maintained; always orderly, clean seven days a week, and of course, showing our never-ending respect and love to God.

We'd like to take a moment to recognize and thanks those who come to offer their service to our Lord during the week, weekends, or even evenings to meet these responsibilities: Fr. Kapriel & Yn. Diane, Roy family, John & Rose Maljanian, Kerr family, Connors family, John & Jeanne Abrahamian, Cannata family, Marottolo family, Susan Sagherian, and Kalfayan family.

May almighty God bless these and all who serve His Holy Church.



Stewardship

Our Pastor and Parish Council would like to publically acknowledge one of our newest pledging families, James & Amy Gregory and family, from Clinton, CT. We're blessed to be the spiritual home for their family and provider of Sunday School education for Taylor and Parker, their children. May God bless these and all who support His Holy Church.



Support Artsakh



The joy of Eastertide was shaken in early April by painful reminders of the simmering danger to life in Armenia's border regions.

Armenians throughout the world have been moved by the terrible news that border towns in Nagorno-Karabagh (Artsakh) were shelled by the Azerbaijani army.

The resumption of military operations against Nagorno-Karabagh has led to a loss of both military and civilian life in the small republic. Casualties have mounted among men and women, children and the elderly; numerous civilians and soldiers have been wounded in the attacks.

Readers are aware that a ceasefire has been in place since 1994. It has proved to be a unique agreement between conflicting parties, maintained without the deployment of international peacekeeping forces. Since 1996-1997 the OSCE Minsk Group has been charged with mediating the Nagorno-Karabagh conflict; its co-chairs-the U.S., Russia, and France-have accumulated valuable knowledge and experience, which has helped keep the parties at the negotiation table.

Though the ceasefire was repeatedly violated, especially during the last two years, these episodes have never taken the region into a full-fledged war. A durable peace, while never around the corner, seemed to be within reach on several occasions. This delicate but stable situation has been jeopardized by this week's aggression by Azerbaijan, whereby Armenian-inhabited border villages were targeted and shelled, with a consequent loss of innocent life.

At the request of His Holiness, Karekin II, Armenian churches and organizations world wide began numerous campaigns to send financial support to our Mother See in order to further aid the protection of our ancestral lands. Our parishes response is as follows: Plate collections \$385, ACYOA \$150, Sunday School and Breakfast Club \$100 each, Woman's guild and Choir \$100 each.

Think about this...

"If I love until it hurts,
then there is no hurt, but only more love...

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.

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 forward "stuff" to you. Please send your name and e-mail address to achrupdates@gmail.com

Dear Readers...

We are enthusiastic in bringing you a monthly newsletter that will keep you informed on the life of our parish. We recognize that you, our parishioners and friends, contribute much to our parish life and to the *Looy*s, and for this we're very grateful.

Feel free to send to the editor your announcements and contributions related to the life of our Diocese and our parish to achrlooy@gmail.com. Those wishing to make donations or sponsor the cost of printing this newsletter may do so to the attention of the *Looy*s staff.

We're certainly open to suggestions and thoughts that can make our *Looy*s, your *Looy*s a more enjoyable source of information.

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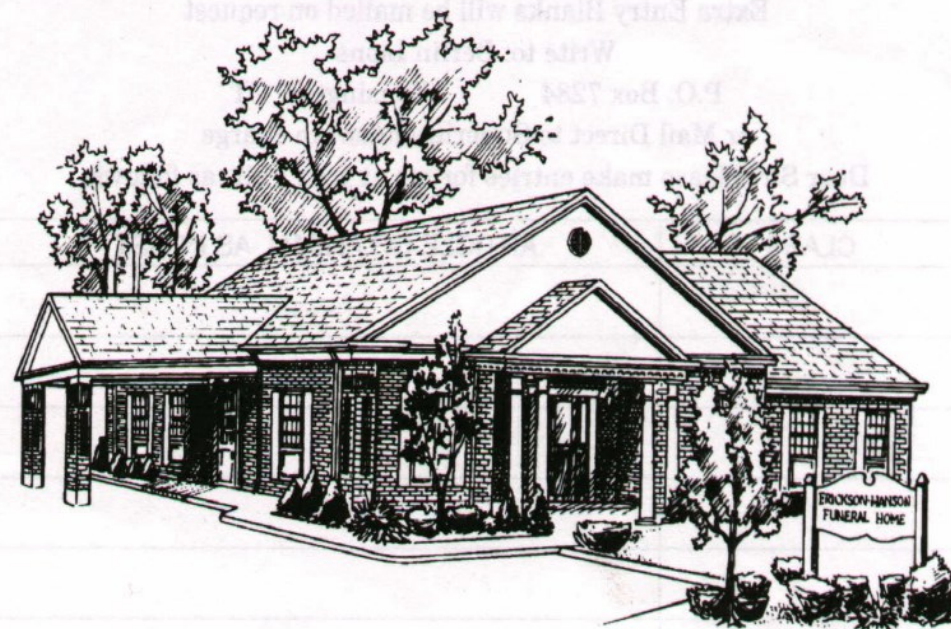
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June Events at ACHR

Saturday	4	Remembrance of Catholicos St. Nersess the Great
Sunday	5	Renewal Sunday
Tuesday	7	Remembrance of Sts. Constantine the Emperor and his mother, Helen
Saturday	11	Discovery of the Relics of St. Gregory the Enlightener
Sunday	12	ReConnect Sunday
Thursday	16	Remembrance of the Holy Translators, Sts. Sahag & Mesrob
Sunday	19	Father's Day
Saturday	25	Remembrance of the 12 Holy Apostles of Christ and St. Paul, the 13th Apostle
Sunday	26	Women's Guild General Meeting following Fellowship

**There will be no church services on Sunday, July 3 and
Summer Hours will begin on Sunday, July 10 (10:00am)**

Please note that Fr. Kapriel will be away from Tuesday, June 28 - Sunday, July 3.

For a Pastoral Emergency, you may contact
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