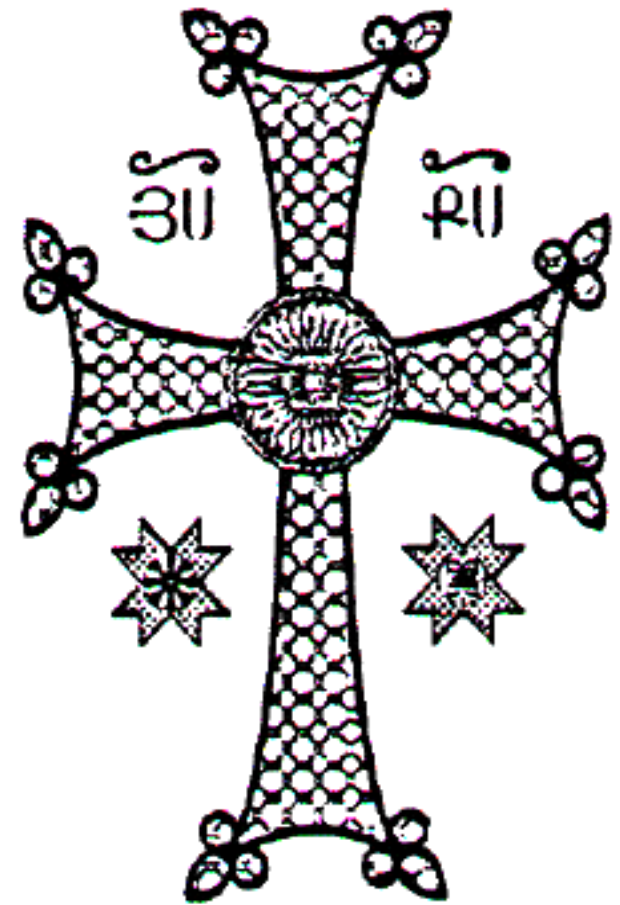


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Pastor's Message

Just imagine that this Lent is going to be different from every other Lent you've experienced. Imagine that there will be many graces offered to you this year, and even imagine that God is going to help transform your life, with greater freedom, greater joy, and deeper desires for love and service.

Preparing our hearts is a process of preparing our desires. This means practicing our sense of anticipation. If we imagine Lent as an "ordeal" or a time to dread in some way, then we've already made up our minds not to get very much out of it.

Our sense of spiritual excitement and anticipation will grow more easily if we begin to imagine what God wants to give us. There is something coming that we can truly look forward to. If we get too focused on ourselves and what we are going to do or not do, we could risk missing the gift God wants to give us. We have to keep aware of the fact that grace comes from God. This is about God's great desire to bless us. *With this mindset, it is easier for us to imagine that what we really want to do is place ourselves in a space to receive what God wants to give us, and less of what we think we might want to give Him.*

We experience things with our senses, relish them with our imaginations, and share in God's own creative and loving activity when our hearts and hands work together for and with others.

We can let our homes be places full of the holy – things that help raise our minds and hearts to God. Our world is full of so many images that lure our minds and hearts elsewhere. Some symbols will carry the ongoing meaning we give them, for us and for our families and loved ones.

We can make sure that we have a cross in a central place in our home during Lent (and all year). A bowl of water on our dining room table can be transformed into a reminder of our preparing to renew our baptismal promises. A candle can be lit at each meal to remind us of the light of Christ among us in Lent and to prepare us for the new fire being lit at the Easter Vigil. Placing a Bible in a central place in our home reminds us of the central place of God's Word in our lives on this Lenten journey.

If we do some of these things, God's desire for our hearts and our desire for greater union with God will meet. Lent will no longer feel like a burden, but rather a blessing.



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

Donation Made for New Poorvars

Recently, our parish purchased two new poorvars/censers that are used during the liturgy and funerals. One of these has been generously donated by Sonia Ohanian, in loving memory of her husband, Paul. One remains to be donated. If you wish to donate the remaining one, please speak to Der Hayr. We thank Sonia, and all who answer the needs of our church.

Attention all Century Club Members

Please accept this gentle reminder that payments are due by March 1st for the 2016-17 year. You may give your payment to any Parish Council member, Peter Bagdigian, or John Maljanian Sr. Through your Century Club membership, we all financially benefit!

Acolyte Candidates

We have seven young adults and parents who have offered a “count me in” response to being blessed as Tbir’s/Acolytes of the Armenian Church in the fall. If you’ve offered a maybe, or I’m thinking about it, please make a decision either way very soon and communicate that decision to Der Hayr. If you haven’t enrolled your children in this honor, please re-think it, and not have them be left out. Thank you.



Parish Registry

Requiem Services were offered for the souls of Nevart Serdjanian and Mesrob Mahtesian, requested by Fr. Kapriel, Yn. Diane and family. May almighty God enlighten their souls.

Parish News ctd...

Parish Annual Meeting

On Sunday, January 31 our parish’s Annual Meeting was held in Abrahamian Auditorium. Preceding the meeting, as is custom, Fr. Kapriel asked all present to remember in their prayers those from our community who entered eternal rest in 20015. Those being: Haiganoosh Berberian, Paul Der Boghosian, Noemi Abadjian and Altar server, Craig Simonian. Chairperson for the meeting was Guy Simonian and Secretary of the day was John Abrahamian. Der Hayr and all committee organizations presented their annual reports and a very well prepared financial presentation on behalf of the Parish Council was offered by John Maljanian Jr.

Three members of the Parish Council had completed their service - Gary Hovhanessian, Charles Hovsepien and Matthew Cannata. At this meeting, elected to serve as Parish Council members were David Abrahamian, Guy Simonian, Tim Smith and Ellen Hovhanessian, joining existing members, Art Simonian, John Maljanian, Jr. and Robbyn Demircan. John Abrahamian was elected to the Nominating committee and Hasmig Cannata, Gary Hovhanessian and Yn. Pat Buttero now comprise our nominating committee.

These are the servants that willingly manage the business operations of our church and its maintenance for all our parishioners. We thank with appreciation those that served, those that are still serving and those that are starting their service. God bless all who labor for His Holy Church, and to our Choir members for preparing lunch for the event.



Even our youngest members made their presence known at the Annual Meeting!

Sunday School

We talked too soon last month about our mild winter! Since then, these mini-storms have slowed us down, but not enough to cancel events.

Our thanks again to the Poon Paregentan Committee who insured our students a good time on February 7. The five students who shared their talents before the Bingo event were Megan and Lauren Simonian, Anna Kalljian, Matthew Marottolo and Ryan Terdjian. Popcorn munching between the Bingo games (where all students were winners) made it that much more enjoyable!

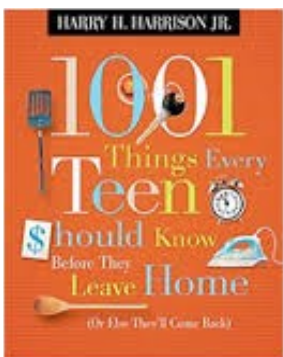


All the students have now received their Lenten Calendars with many suggestions for their Lenten journey to be more meaningful with their families at home. A reminder to all that their donations should be brought back on Easter, which is on March 27.

On the Sunday before February 4, Vartanants Day, our students reviewed the life of St. Ghevont, the priest and St. Vartan, the general, during assembly time. Included was the singing (with CD background) as a group of the **Vartan Song**, written by former New Britainite, Harry Badrigian, who was a music teacher and parishioner of our church. Thank you Harry for the memory!

Our appreciation to Amy and Jim Gregory, new members of our Sunday School families, for their monetary donation to have our auditorium piano tuned. Along with that, our Sunday School had the grand piano tuned as well! Now, we will hear even better music!

Before we know it, people are planning their spring and summer events. Therefore, we are reminding our staff for our April 10 meeting to make plans for the last day of Sunday School, which will be on June 5. **St. Vartan Campers - Don't forget to register!**



151. They should know all interviewers will ask, "So, what do you know about us.?"

If they respond with a blank stare, they'll be home before lunch...

Western Armenian with Matthew Karanian

On Sunday, February 14, Matthew Karanian offered an insightful, passionate and photographic glimpse into the ancestry lands of Western Armenia via his new book. His passion and expertise was certainly felt by all in attendance who appreciated his devotion to our homeland and the sacrifices he personally makes to preserve memories and to remind as us to stake a claim in our past by visiting these lands to keep the thousands of memories alive.



Sarah Yagoobian Scholarship Awarded



Almost providentially, on the Feast of the Presentation (of our Lord to the Temple), David Maljanian, son of John & Rose Maljanian, and grandson of John & Roxie Maljanian, was presented the Sarah Yagoobian Scholarship. Presenting the award was committee chairperson, Mary Lou Connors.

David has served on our Altar as an acolyte, graduated from our Sunday School, proved himself a formidable baseball player and now is a freshman studying at Assumption College, Worcester, MA.

We wish David and all of our children God's graces and guidance as they enter a new and exciting phase of their lives.

In Lieu of Flowers - Craig Simonian

- Fr. Kapriel & Yn. Diane Mouradjian
- Arthur, Lucy & Mark Simonian
- Guy & Darlene Simonian
- Arthur G, Sylvia, Megan, Lauren Simonian
- John & Roxie Maljanian
- Mary Abrahamian
- Lee Abrahamian
- Gerard & Diane Roy and family
- Gregory Abrahamian
- David Abrahamian
- Gary & Debra Kerr and family
- Malcolm & Susan Sagherian and family
- John & Rose Maljanian and family
- Manusak Terdjianian
- Mary, Lisa & Lauren Omartian
- Sharon, Chuck, Mark & Pam Vartanian
- Jon & Charlene Simonian
- John & Jeanne Abrahamian and family
- Yn. Patricia Buttero
- Adrienne Damian
- Matthew & Christine Cannata
- Michael & Sarah Kallajian and family
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- Barbara Detrick and family
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- Richard & Henrietta Kallajian
- Harry & Carol Hougas
- Eleanor Egazarian
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- Joseph & Hasmig Cannata
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- Theresa & Ron Schaller
- Donald & Chris Azarigian
- Eileen Fuller
- Gary & Laurie Napierski
- Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Norsigian
- Queenie & BJ Hovhanessian
- Abreu family
- Jennie Garabedian
- Gerry & Lisa Amodio
- Rose Linda Tashjian
- Greg & Ann Mittelmann
- Top Managers, Town of Berlin
- Frank & Celestine Casa
- Pamela Mc Veigh
- Margaret Abrahamian
- Charles Hovsepien
- Louise Bagdasarian
- Gary & Ellen Hovhanessian
- Mr. & Mrs. Gregg Kallajian and family
- Gail Onanian
- Victoria Kazanjian
- Charlotte Ohanesian
- Helen DerAprahamian

Total as of February 1, 2016: \$5,001

Palm Sunday and ACYOA Day - Sunday, March 20



Please continue to support your church by being with us for Palm Sunday services and stay for lunch as our ACYOA Jr's have planned a very special and fun meal!

Loaded baked potatoes (just the way you like them), fasoulia, salad, dessert, beverages. The program will highlight the talents of our children!

Continue to support their involvement in the life of the church by being with us. Adult donation \$12/Children under 12 yrs. \$6

What is Stewardship?

Stewardship is not simply giving money...

Stewardship is giving back to God the gifts that we've received from Him.

Stewardship is offering to Him our time and talents.

Thank you and God bless Art Simonian, Chucky and Sharon Vartanian for their recent acts of Stewardship for our church.

Who's next..?

Annual Women's Guild Bake Sale

Saturday, March 19 from 9 AM - 3 PM

Abrahamian Auditorium

Featuring Armenian and American baked goods and foods

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Sunday, April 17 – 10:00 AM

Join us as we will offer another
Narrated Divine Liturgy



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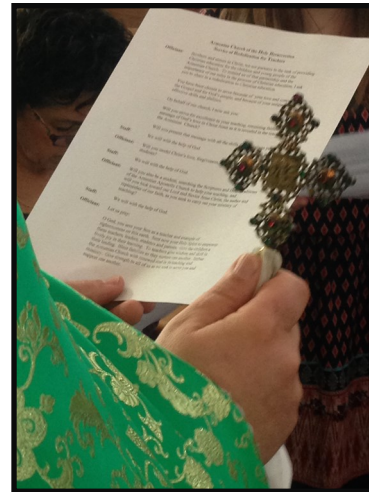
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in memory of William Leahy

Annual Blessing of our Sunday School Teachers



*"You can't reach for anything new,
if your hands (and minds) are full of
yesterday's junk"*

News Around the Eastern Diocese

A New President for the Mass. Council of Churches

Anthony Barsamian, a longtime friend and leader of the Eastern Diocese, and a founding member of Holy Translators Church of Framingham, MA, was installed as president of the Massachusetts Council of Churches during the ecumenical organization's annual meeting in February. Mr. Barsamian has served on the National Council of Churches and as vice president of the Massachusetts Council of Churches. He is the first member of the Armenian Church to head the latter.

Helping Hands from Houston

The parish council of St. Kevork Church of Houston, TX, has partnered with the Aleppo Compatriotic Charitable Organization to help Syrian-Armenian refugees who are resettling in Armenia. More than 100 parishioners in Houston have already extended support for the project.

The Aleppo Compatriotic Charitable Organization helps underwrite refugees' travel to Armenia, offers humanitarian aid to newly-arrived refugees, organizes vocational training for women refugees, hosts activities for children, and runs other projects.

EU: Slaughter of Mideast Christians Equals Genocide

Meeting this month in Strasbourg, France, the European Parliament passed a resolution applying the word "genocide" to the systematic killing and persecution of Middle East Christians and religious minorities by the Islamic State terror organization (ISIS).

The vote was the first time the EU's governing body has recognized an ongoing conflict as a genocide. The resolution, which passed overwhelmingly, states that those who intentionally commit atrocities for ethnic or religious reasons should be brought to justice for violations against international law, crimes against humanity, and genocide.

The insecurity faced by Christians in the Middle East has seen their populations plummet in recent years. Press accounts estimate that as of July 2015, a third of Syria's 600,000 Christians had fled; Lebanon's Christian population share has shrunk from 78 percent to 34 percent over the previous century; and only a third of the 1.5 million Christians who lived in Iraq in 2003 remain today.

In the face of these realities, the European Union's recognition of the mass slaughter of Christians as a genocide would seem like a non-controversial move. Yet in the United States, the State Department under President Obama's administration has so far refused to employ the same designation. Diocesan Legate Archbishop Vicken Aykazian has been among the prominent voices in the U.S. ecumenical community urging American lawmakers and officials to change the current policies on the issue.

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.



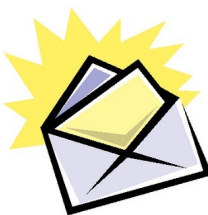
The lighting of the candle is also a symbol of the sacrifice of the self and the radiance of Christian's love. Just as the candle burns and is consumed to spread light, so must every Christian man and woman live to radiate love, light and warmth. It is a genuine Armenian custom of piety to light the 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.

Dear Readers...

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 achupdates@gmail.com

Looys Submissions



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 *Looys*, 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 achlloos@gmail.com. Those wishing to make donations or sponsor the cost of printing this newsletter may do so to the attention of the *Looys* staff.

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

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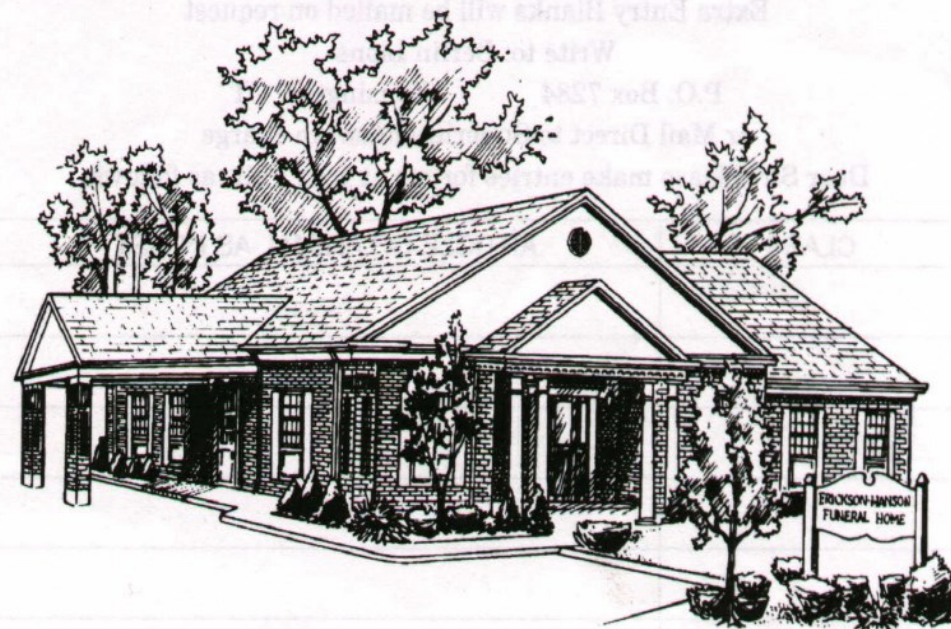
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Upcoming Events for the month of March

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| Wednesday | 02 | Median Day of Lent |
| Saturday | 05 | Remembrance of the 40 Martyrs of Sepastia |
| Saturday | 15 | Remembrance of St. Gregory the Enlightener's Commitment to the Pit (Khor Virab) |
| Wednesday | 16 | Parish Council meeting at 6:30 |
| Saturday | 19 | Remembrance of the Raising of Lazarus Women's Guild Bake Sale |
| Sunday | 20 | Palm Sunday |
| Mon-Sat | 21-26 | Holy Week |
| Saturday | 26 | Easter Eggstravaganza for children & families |
| Sunday | 27 | Easter Sunday: Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ |
| Monday | 28 | Remembrance of our departed loved ones (Hishadag Merelots) |

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