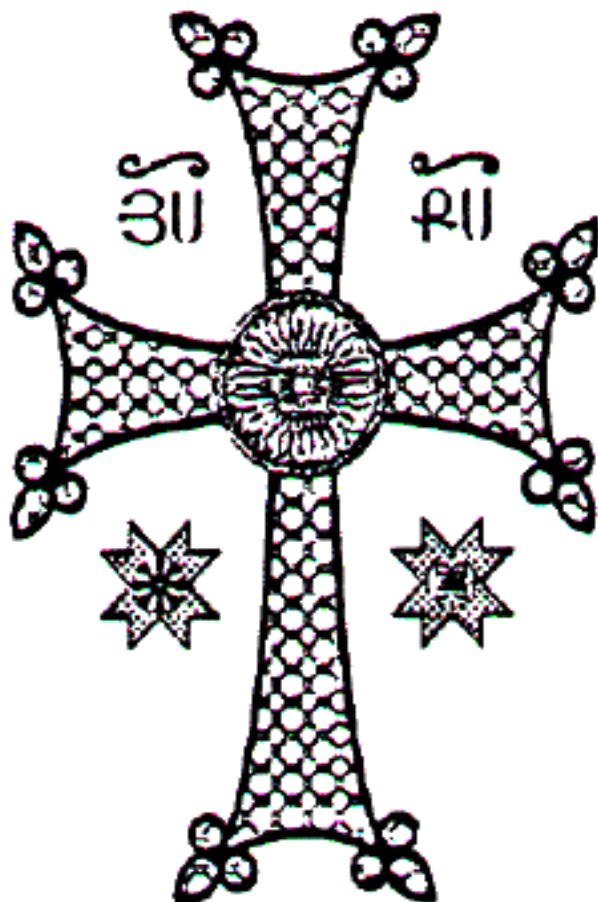
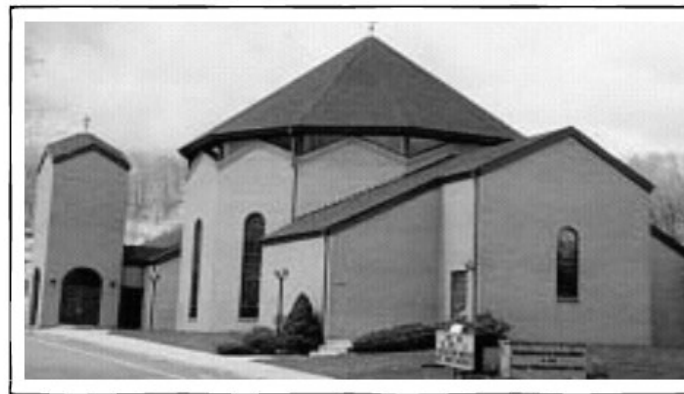


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PRIMATE'S EASTER MESSAGE

THE EASTER MESSAGE OF ARCHBISHOP KHAJAG BARSAMIAN
Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

Living the Resurrection

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed!" he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" (Mark 16:5-7)

In those days Peter stood up among the believers and said, "Brothers & sisters, it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one must become a witness with us of his resurrection." (Acts 1:15-22)

AS WE APPROACH THE GREAT CELEBRATION of our Lord's resurrection, there is no better guide for our thoughts and hearts than the liturgy of the Armenian Church. The readings for Easter Sunday are especially instructive.

From St. Mark we hear the story of the empty tomb: the women arriving to perform the ritual anointing, stunned to see that the stone had been rolled away, amazed to hear an angel declare their Lord's resurrection. This episode is retold in each of the gospels, confirming the miracle that changed the world forever: Christ had risen from the dead, healing the wound that had severed earth from heaven so long ago.

The Book of Acts chronicles the story of the Church—the Body born out of Christ's sacrifice - and in this Easter lection we learn the criteria of discipleship. For in replacing Judas, the disciples were searching for someone who fulfilled two requirements: First, they felt the new disciple should have accompanied Christ throughout his ministry; and second, he should be prepared to witness to Christ's resurrection.

The disciples were seeking someone who would not just believe and follow, but who would actually live the Resurrection. What would such a life look like?

Mary Magdalene's story from the Gospel of St. John, read to us twice on Easter Sunday—at the opening and closing of the day—provides a powerful answer. Healed by Jesus, Mary is mentioned in all four gospels, and generally listed first whenever the women are mentioned (except when she stands with Mary, Jesus' mother, at the cross).

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She was clearly a formidable presence among Jesus' followers. Most importantly for us, she sets the example for a life transformed by the Lord, having accompanied him throughout his travels and in his darkest hours—even to Jerusalem, where she saw Christ crucified, and laid to rest in the tomb. Finally, she was the first, according to John, to see the risen Lord and proclaim his resurrection. "Go!" Jesus told her. And go she did, with the joyful words: "I have seen the Lord!"

What does it mean, 2,000 years later, to walk with Christ and live the Resurrection?

Living the Resurrection means to follow Christ daily by opening our hearts to him through the Bible, and through the fellowship of his people, the Church.

Living the Resurrection means putting off one's old self with its old habits, and putting on a new self—which God is continually renewing in his own image, to bring us to a full knowledge of himself (Colossians 3:9-10).

Living the Resurrection means loving one another as God loved us, for by this and this primarily will we be known as disciples of Jesus (John 13:35).

Living the Resurrection means not just hearing the good news, but putting it into practice - walking with the Holy Spirit and bearing the fruits of that relationship: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

Living the Resurrection means that we not only believe and trust in that miraculous event, but are ready to witness to it—as the disciple chosen to replace Judas was ready. Do we, as witnesses, truly believe in all the ways Christ is with us, today and always? Can we, in company with the joyful Mary Magdalene, boldly declare to the world: "I have seen the risen Lord!"

Our Armenian ancestors were the first people, as a nation, to join in that declaration. With boldness and joy, and at great cost, they declared that Jesus Christ was the Lord of their lives. Over the subsequent centuries, millions of Armenians have endured sacrifice—from the plains of Avarayr to the sands of Der Zor—for the love of their Lord and the integrity of their faith. Preserving the heritage we share with these martyrs is the precious responsibility of our generation, and of all future generations of the Armenian people.

But as we rightfully honor these martyrdoms, let us also commit ourselves—as they did—to taking up the Lord's cross every day. Let us dedicate ourselves to our own transformation to glorify God, as He works through all of creation, "groaning with the pangs of labor" (Romans 8:22) to restore the world: an endeavor of divine love that burst forth with renewed vigor from the Cross of Jesus Christ.

For under its protective and empowering shadow, the Lord's faithful continue to gather in hope and joy. In this spirit let us live Christ's resurrection this Easter, as we proclaim:

Krisdos haryav ee merelotz! Orhnyal eh harootiunun Krisdosee!
Christ is risen from the dead! Blessed is the resurrection of Christ!

Easter 2014



MISSION STATEMENT

Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

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

Memorial Day Grave Blessings

Rooted in Sacred Scripture and in the unbroken traditions of the Church, we have always been taught of the importance of praying for the deceased. Keeping to our tradition, Fr. Kapriel will be at Fairview Cemetery on Monday, May 26 in the ACHR section between 10:30 - Noon.

Please contact Der Hayr if your loved one is interned elsewhere, or if you are not able to make it on Monday, but still would like to have a grave blessed.

Hot Fun in the Summertime!

Mark your calendar and join us for these fun and exciting summertime events.

- Sunday, June 15 Annual Father's Day BBQ
- Sunday, June 29 Red Sox @ Yankees Baseball Bus Trip
- Thursday, July 24 Armenian Night at New Britain Rock Cats game
- Sunday, August 17 Annual Church Festival. Live Music, Shish Kebab
- Sunday, August 24 Bus Trip to Fenway Park - Mariners vs. Red Sox
Departing ACHR 9:00 am sharp.



For info on summertime events, call Gary Hovhanessian @ 860-690-5959 or email garyhov@aol.com



Acolyte Training

Shortly after Easter, Fr. Kapriel will again invite our children to form another Acolyte class. These informal meetings will be used to teach our young men and women why we do what we do in the Sanctuary, the history behind our services and how they play a key role in preserving our rich liturgical history. Once they have all reached an acceptable and comfortable level of knowledge and participation, Der Hayr will submit their names to our Primate for ordination as Acolytes/Tbirs. Der Hayr will meet with them as their family and individual schedules allows. Please talk to Fr. Kapriel regarding your child's participation and availability.

Holy Week

Our Pastor and Parish Council extend their appreciation to all who participated in the Holy Week-Holy Easter Sunday Services.

Additionally, our appreciation is extended to the Hansen Families for sponsoring our (now) traditional Holy Thursday luncheon after liturgy.

This year, at the invitation of Fr. Kapriel, the faithful of St. James Missionary Baptist Church participated along with our community on Holy Thursday evening. Their choir sang beautifully and the words of Pastor James Walker were indeed, inspiring.

For this holy season, we thank and recognize the following for their donations to the Sanctuary: Palms donated by Deramayr Irene Mouradjian, in loving memory of Derahayr Aram Mouradjian; Palm Cross by Yn. Diane, in loving memory of Nevart Serdjenian. Easter Lily donations were offered by Yn. Pat Buttero and family (2) in loving memory of Rev. Fr. Michael Buttero and parents Peter & Margaret Bagdigian; Guy & Darlene Simonian in loving memory of Joseph & Mildred Casa; and Berj & Henrietta Kallajian in loving memory of their parents.

A complete listing of Easter donations will appear in the next Looy's. We thank these members and all who donate to His Holy church.





PARISH COUNCIL

Diocesan Endowment Fund

We wish to again thank those of our church that have donated to the Diocesan Endowment fund to provide financial support for the operation of our church. In April, we received income for the church, Sunday School, Choir and the ACYOA!

We thank those of our membership who have donated to both the Diocesan and our church endowments for operating income, which is needed for day to day expenses, maintenance and repairs.

Church Maintenance

After 34 years, in April, we replaced the roof shingles of our church and replaced some aluminum flashing to keep bats out of our church.

ACYOA Day

Congratulations to the ACYOA on their Palm Sunday ACOYA Day Dinner, which was enjoyed by all that attended. They are doing an excellent job of providing service when called upon!



Ecumenical Prayer Service

On Sunday, April 6, His Grace Archbishop Leonard P. Blair (Abp. Hartford Catholic Archdiocese) and His Excellency Bishop Paul Chomneyky (Catholic Ukrainian Diocese) invited some 25 clergy from throughout CT to participate in an Ecumenical Prayer Service held at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in New Britain. On this day, the clergy and some 500 faithful gathered to offer prayers for our Christian brothers and sisters in the Ukraine, Poland, Armenia, Egypt and Kessab, Syria.

Representing the Orthodox churches were our pastor, Rev. Father Kapriel Mouradjian and representing the Coptic Orthodox Church was Rev. Father Andrew Awad.

After the services, the participating clergy gathered to discuss ways of staying in better communication between our faith communities.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

As we write this article during Holy Week, we already must thank some of our Lenten Drive donors who will not be present on Easter, but gave their gifts already. We will report on the total given by our generous children and their families next month. Their gifts will go to **Feeding America** and the **Berd Soup Kitchen** in Armenia.

Our young boys who have been serving as Acolytes for the month of April were: Michael Connors, Brian & Nick Kallajian, David & Matthew Marottolo and Sam Roy. God bless you for your participation!

On Palm Sunday, it was a pleasure to witness all the graduates who are now in ACYOA serving the luncheon and being active in the organization in other ways. Students of Sunday School who are also in ACYOA and took part in the luncheon were: Emily Kallajian, Elizabeth Kalfayan, Megan Simonian and Michael Connors. Senior Class helpers that day were Nick Kallajian and Justin Picard. In all, it was a memorable day, with the beautiful ACYOA cake being made by Emily.

Four of our students are planning to participate in the 99th Armenian Genocide Commemoration program at the State Capital on April 26. Come and hear them sing in the group singing, directed by Hartford Parish Priest Fr. Gomidas Zohrabian. The children from our parish are Arben & Alina Asatourian and Sarina & Elyanna Najarian-Garb.

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, June 1 at 12:15 PM, our students, parents and graduates are planning their annual outing to a New Britain Rock Cats game right here in town! Notices will be given to parents shortly with details. Our seats are already reserved and we will be carpooling for transportation. Come and join us for a great outdoor activity with your church friends!

The last week of Sunday School will be the following week on June 8 with group confession and communion along with awards during the Sunday School session.



ACYO

Palm Sunday/ACYO DAY 2014

At the invitation of Fr. Kapriel, Mr. Jonathan Pelaez visited our parish from New Jersey as our Guest Speaker. Jonathan works in the finance industry in NYC and currently serves as Chairman of ACYO Central Council. Jonathan's ACYO duties regularly include group discussions with our Primate and Diocesan Council members as well as other Diocesan staff members.

His message to our parish and specifically to our youth was to use media and technology as an additional tool of our faith. Many of our ACYO 'children' have demanding school and work responsibilities, and using social media outlets such as Twitter, Facebook and Instagram are useful and quick ways of 'checking-in' with what's happening in birth parishes while away at college. Our Diocese has invested many man-hours and funds in these media outlets to further engage our media savvy youth.

Our appreciation also is extended to Mary Lou Connors and Debbie Kerr for managing the kitchen on this day and of course to our ACYO members for capably assisting in the kitchen, serving and cleaning after the event.



Jonathan Pelaez, Chairman of the ACYO Central Council with ACHR ACYO Chairman, Aram Kerr.



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Please note that in the June **Looys** (the last one until September) we will list all of our Members & Stewards who have sent back their Pledge forms for 2014. *Don't be left out.* Please take a moment to fill out and mail /bring back your form. Thank you.



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.*

Thank YOU

From the Breakfast Club

Thank you to all who participated and supported our church's 10th annual pancake breakfast.

It was once again a great success thanks to all of you!

Looking forward to seeing you again next year on
Saturday, April 4th, 2015!

This year's raffle prizes were all generously donated by the following:

Vanik & Karlin Asatourian

****Peter Bagdigian**

Alain & Robbin Deremcan

Berj & Henrietta Kallajian

Greg & Melanie Kallajian

Debbie Kerr

Art & Sylvia Simonian

Guy & Darlene Simonian

Lucy Simonian

Manusak Terdjianian

****In addition to donating raffle prizes, Peter also graciously donated the paper plates, napkins & utensils**

Thank you all for your support and generosity! ☺



Happy
Easter
Day

*Bring a friend and join us
for a comfortable discussion of*



*How can we strike a balance between these two
gifts to strengthen ourselves, our families and our
relationships?*

When: Monday, May 19th

Where: Holy Resurrection Church Hall

Time: 7:05 p.m.-8:15

Refreshments

****We ask you to kindly RSVP to frkapriel@gmail.com*

*Remember the
Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection
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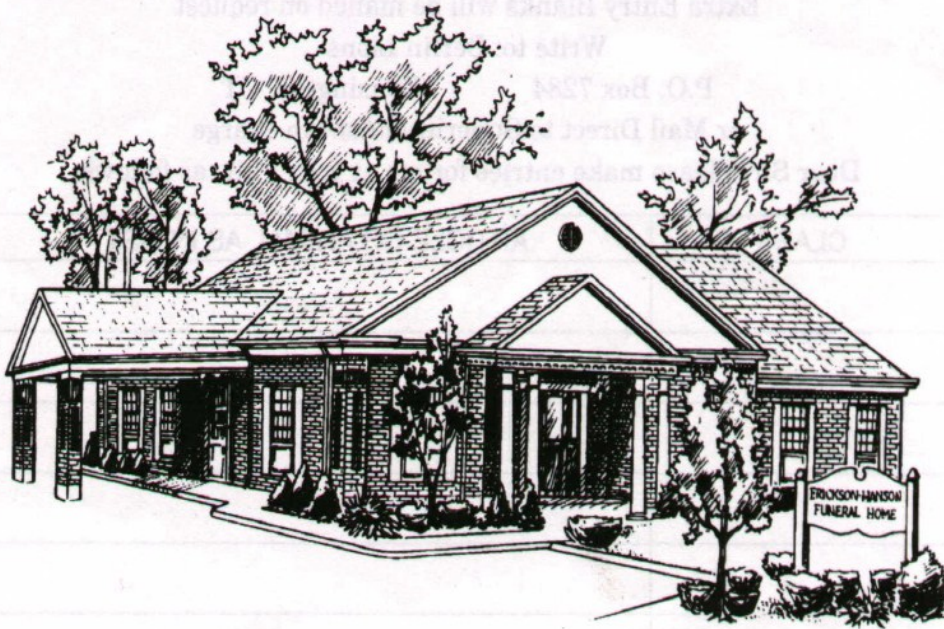
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Calendar of Events for May 2014

Monday, April 28 - Saturday, May 3

Annual Clergy Conference & Diocesan Assembly-St. Vartan Cathedral

Sunday 4 No church services will be offered as Fr. Kapriel will be participating in Divine Liturgy at St. Vartan Cathedral

Sunday 11 Mother's Day

Monday 19 Discussion of Religion & Spirituality 7:05 pm

Monday 26 Grave Blessings (please see schedule inside)

Thursday 29 Feast of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ

Save the Dates!

Sunday, June 1 - Sunday School outing to New Britain Rock Cats game. We will leave church at 12:15 - graduates and parents are invited! Contact Superintendent Maljanian if interested!

Sunday, June 8 - Last day of Sunday School classes. Awards will be handed out and students and staff will take part in confession and will receive communion.

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