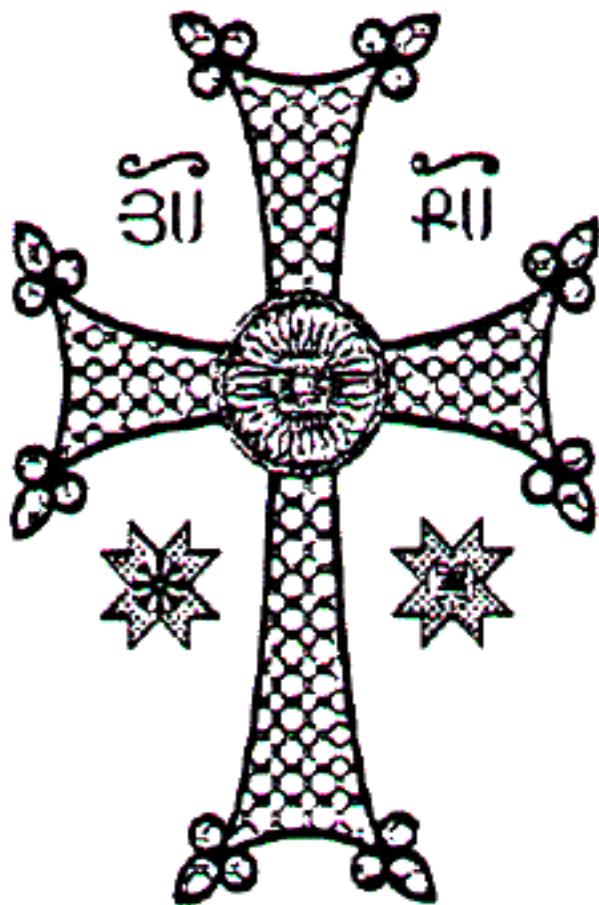


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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

geno+cide

In 1944, a Polish-Jewish lawyer named Raphael Lemkin (1900-1959) sought to describe Nazi policies of systematic murder, including destruction of European Jews.

He formed the word "genocide" by combining geno-, from the Greek word for race or tribe, with -cide, derived from the Latin word for killing. In proposing this new term, Lemkin had in mind "a coordinated plan of different actions aiming at the destruction of essential foundations of the life of national groups, with the aim of annihilating the groups themselves."

The word "genocide" was included in the indictment, but as a descriptive, not legal, term. The Armenian Church and her faithful children have made valiant efforts to have the atrocities against our people, homeland, church and culture characterized as "genocide."

While that battle continues today within the hearts and minds of many, may we "Never Forget" the worldwide contributions of industrious Armenians, and the continuation of consecrating churches throughout the world. Feel free to view the websites 100years100facts.com, or 100lives.com for a glimmer of our vast accomplishments.

Today, as you receive this monthly newsletter from a modest Armenian parish, located in a modest former industrial city here in New England, may we all pause to give thanks to Almighty God for the gifts that have been bestowed upon us, our families and our people, and for the continuation and growth of our culture post 1915, and that we've had the privilege of witnessing the canonization of saints to the Armenian Church, a site which hasn't been witnessed since the 14th century.

As our political battle continues for acknowledgment of "Genocide", may we re-new the spiritual battle of our forefathers in ensuring the strength and security of our churches and families.

May Almighty God continue to keep watch over His children.



With prayers,

Reverend Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian

Pastor



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 COUNCIL

Our Pastor and Parish Council would like to recognize and thank the following for their efforts for the glory of God.

- Manusak Terdjanian and Mariam Terdjanian for their preparation and donation of mahs for our church community.
- Peter Bagdigian, Jr. for snow removal from our parking lot for Easter weekend.
- John Maljanian for hanging the Genocide Centennial banner outside our church.
- Roxie Maljanian for her "annual" spring cleanup over the church grounds.

Endowment Fund Income

The council is happy to report \$3,354 in income from the Diocese Armenian Church Endowment Fund, representing a five percent return on endowments made by our parish members.

Of that money, \$369 goes to the ACYOA, Sunday School and choir. The balance is then used for church operations. Distribution is made as specified by the donors when the funds were originally established.



PARISH NEWS

Grave Blessing Services at Fairview Cemetery

Please note that weather permitting, Der Hayr will be at Fairview Cemetery on Monday morning from 10:30-12:30 p.m. to offer Grave Blessing Services. Please do your best to meet this time frame so that all families at other cemeteries may be accommodated as well. From 1:00 on, Der Hayr will be at other cemeteries by appointment.

Reminder for May 10

Due to the Annual Diocesan Assembly's schedule, there will be no Divine Liturgy offered on Sunday, May 10. ***There will, however, be Sunday School. Thank you.***



ACYOA

Thank you to all our friends and family that came together to celebrate Palm Sunday and support our ACYOA youth and enjoyed a wonderful luncheon. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful program and speaker, Bill DeMaio. His enthusiasm drew us all in! The youth in New Britain are very well served because of Bill's commitment.

There are Lahmajoun for sale. These are both large and delicious and for \$22 per dozen, they can be yours! Please contact Marry Connors at 413-567-2373 if you would like to purchase. Get them while they last!





SUNDAY SCHOOL

In this month of May, we wish to first thank all the boys and girls who gave very generously to the Annual Diocesan Lenten Drive. On Easter Sunday, all returns were totaled by some of our graduates and was sent. The total that was raised was \$248 and will be used to help the two funds, which were mentioned in earlier articles. It was a beautiful day to see our church full with so many Altar Servers along with the choir, which was enhanced with Philip DerMargosian's melodious voice.

Going back to Holy Week, services on Maundy Thursday were blessed with members of the Coptic and Assyrian churches joining us. Thank you to four of our students who were on the Altar with eight others to have their feet washed in our traditional service. They were: Brian & Nicholas Kallajian and David & Matthew Marottolo. The entire service was very moving!

Our senior class will have taken their final exam (May 3) by the time this article is published. They had an early breakfast prior to the exam, which was provided by their teacher, Debra Maljanian-Kerr.

Just a reminder to everyone that on May 10, there is no church but there will be Sunday School. Der Hayr will be in Washington D.C. for the Genocide Commemoration Services. Fellowship hour will take place from 11:30 AM - 12 Noon.

Sunday, May 17 is the big day for our senior class graduates after a full year of preparation! The ceremony will take place after Badarak, followed by a reception to honor our five graduates in the auditorium. Please come to honor them and their parents. All are invited!

Tammy Bagdigian has once again volunteered to be the instructor for Armenian Folk Dance Lessons for our children. A sign up sheet will be posted before June 7. The costumes are ready to be worn! The group will perform with a live band at our annual church festival in late August!

Lastly, we thank all the adults who volunteered as teachers, assistants, substitutes and committee members as well as Altar Servers and others in any capacity this past year. We will miss Paula Pare, who has been a teacher for many years along with Melanie Picard, who has been an assistant teacher for many years. Both will still be with us as subs when called on. Thank you for all your time, talents and energy.

We welcome new people in 2015-2016. Let us continue to encourage family and friends to participate in our church life, as busy as one is. Please notify me as soon as possible of potential four-year-olds or older who wish to enroll in September. We hope this has been a rewarding year for your child as it has been for our staff! **Have a wonderful, safe and happy summer!**



100 TIMES ON APRIL 19, 2015

At the conclusion of Divine Liturgy on April 19th, the faithful of our church were invited to come forward towards the Chancel and offer 100 candles in memory of our Martyrs, and to ring the church bell, 100 times. This precluded the final Requiem Services and Blessing of Madagh for our Martyrs.

Following services, a Hokejash of Madagh and soup was offered. Speakers for the Memorial Meal were Atty. Harry Mazadoorian and history teacher, George Simonian. Both presented a passionate and moving talk on various historical and legal aspects of the Armenian Genocide, coinciding with their respective fields of study. During the afternoon, oudist, Harry Bedrossian, offered musical selections.

Thank you to the following for their preparation of the afternoon program:

- Madagh and Pita Donation - Sonia Ohanian
- Preparation of Madagh - Sonia Ohanian, Emil & Rose Mosey
- Soup Preparation- Mary Connors, Roxie Maljanian and Adrienne Damian
- Donation of soup ingredients and bread - Adrienne Damian and Roxie Maljanian
- Fr. Kapriel & Yn. Diane, Gary & Ellen Hovhanessian, and Gerard & Diane Roy for their donations to have Harry Bedrossian offer musical selections.

Thank you also to the Parish Council, Sunday School, ACYOA Juniors and Women's Guild for helping set up, serve and clean up. Please note that the left over Beef Vegetable soup and bread was donated to the New Britain Friendship Center to go along with the Sandwich Committee's monthly donation. *Our sincere appreciation is extended to all who helped in the preparation of the important Hokejash.*





HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Our sincerest thanks and prayers are offered for all who participated in this year's Holy Week services. We again thank the Hansen families for their annual sponsoring of Holy Thursday luncheon, offered after Divine Liturgy.

The week then took on ecumenical note with the participation of Coptic and Assyrian clergy and faithful on Holy Thursday evening. Reverend Fr. Andrew Awad (Coptic Church of Stamford) and Rev. Fr. Pouls Namrood (St. Thomas Assyrian Church, New Britain), along with their deacons and faithful took part in the service of the Washing of the Feet, featuring prayers offered throughout the evening in Armenian, Arabic, English and Aramaic (the language of our Lord Jesus Christ).

With the abundance of clergy in attendance, they too participated by washing each other's feet, continuing this service's theme humility and service to fellow man. Holy Friday evening took on a more somber note as we remembered the Crucifixion and Burial of our Lord.

Saturday morning brought both well-deserved and needed sunshine, as our Breakfast Committee offered their annual Easter Eggstravaganza for the young and young at heart.

Saturday night culminated the week with Candle-light (Jrakalooys) Divine Liturgy where the Resurrection of our Lord was proclaimed. Holy Easter brought many of our families and friends together for worship and fellowship. Again, many people commented on how "alive" the church felt with the presence of so many in attendance.



HOLY WEEK





DONATIONS

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Gary and Ellen Hovhannessian
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Fr. Kapriel and Yn. Diane Mouradjian

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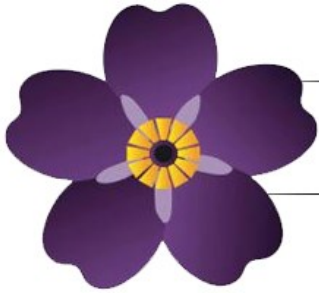
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Our Pastor and Parish Council would like to recognize and thank the following for hosting Fellowship during the months March-April.

Adrienne Damian, Kerr family; Women's Guild for Saintly Women's Day; Marottolo family, ACYOA/Palm Sunday; Lucy Simonian, Henrietta Kallajian , ACYOA and Parish Council for Holy Easter; Fr. Kapriel & Yn. Diane for Holy Thursday evening.



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.



APRIL 24, 2015



The first Divine Liturgy post canonization offered in our Diocese was held on Friday, April 24 at St. Vartan Cathedral, NYC. At the invitation of the Cathedral Dean, our pastor, Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian was invited to be the celebrant.

At the end of liturgy, a prayer service was offered at the Martyrs Chapel in the cathedral, where a relic of a martyred Armenian is encased. His Grace Apb Yeghishe

Gizirian offered this service, along with Cathedral Dean, Very Rev. Mamigan Kiledjian, and Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Karayan, in full view of the some 2,000+ worshipers.



PARISH REGISTRY

Requiem Services were offered for the souls of:

- **Henrietta Berberian (40th day)**

Requested by the Berberian families

- **Paul Ohanian, Charles Mooradian and Violet Mooradian**

Requested by the Ohanian, Pare and Soukiassian families

May Almighty God illuminate their souls in His Kingdom. Amen.



IN LIEU OF FLOWERS

Henrietta Berberian

Arpi S. Emirzian | Mary Abrahamian

Total as of April 9: \$970

Mabel Sadoian

Edward Kerekian

Total as of April 18: \$170



GENOCIDE PROGRAM AT STATE CAPITOL



Hundreds of Armenian-Americans gathered in the Hall of the House at the state Capitol Saturday to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the systematic murder of 1.5 million Armenians by Ottoman Turks.

"The Genocide matters morally and it matters politically," author and keynote speaker Chris Bohjalian told those gathered at the Capitol.

"It matters because it was an unpunished crime and a crime of cataclysmic proportions.

It matters because impunity has fostered a century of killing."

The Armenian Genocide, which killed more than half the Armenians that existed at the time, was the first genocide of the 20th century, he said. "As all of this in this room know, there is a direct link between the Armenian Genocide, the Holocaust, the Cambodian killing fields, Bosnia, Rwanda, Darfur," Bohjalian said. "It is a very, very long list. The Genocide matters because, to this day, Turkey denies it and our own president is among the chief enablers."

"Time and history is not on the side of those who deny the Armenian Genocide", Bohjalian said. "We are winning everywhere thanks to the activism of Armenians,", adding that " ...those in Turkey who deny the Genocide, including the nation's president, look increasingly like petulant children. "They, the denialists, are losing and they are losing badly," he said, adding even in the last few years awareness of the Genocide has increased. "You can't muzzle the truth," Bohjalian said. "You cannot muzzle Pope Francis. And you certainly cannot muzzle Kim Kardashian."

The Kardashian line drew laughs from the crowd, but the celebrity's criticism of Obama for not recognizing the genocide drew a wide audience. "We all know the power of that unlikely tag team," Bohjalian said, referring to the Pope and Kardashian.

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy said it was important to remember the Armenian Genocide not just one day a year, but every day.

A survivor of the genocide was honored during Saturday's ceremony: Haiganouch Magarian, who was born in Ayntab, Armenia, in 1920, in the midst of the killings.

Your Church always needs you,
but not nearly as much as you truly need your Church.



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.

Thank You God for Everything

Thank you, God for everything...the big things and the small,
For "every good gift comes from God"...the giver of them all.

And all too often we accept without any thanks or praise the gifts
God sends as blessings each day in many ways.

First, thank you for the little things that often come our way,
the things we take for granted but forget to mention when we pray.

Then, thank you for the miracles we are too blind to see, and giving
us new awareness of our many gifts from Thee.

And help us remember that the Key of Life and Living is to make
each prayer a Prayer of Thanks and every day, Thanksgiving.

"For Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things.
To whom be glory forever."

Romans 11:36



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

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

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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.

Calendar of Events for May 2015

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| Sunday 3 | Apparition of the Holy Cross |
| Monday 4-10 | Annual Clergy Conference & Diocesan Assembly Washington, D.C. |
| Sunday 10 | Mother's Day No church services, but there will be Sunday School. |
| Wednesday 16 | Women's Guild Board meeting 6:30 PM |
| Sunday 17 | Sunday School Graduation & Reception |
| Sunday 24 | Pentecost |
| Monday 25 | Memorial Day Please see inside for Grave Blessing schedule time frames. |
| Sunday 31 | Remembrance of the Prophet Elijah |
| June 7 | Last day of Sunday School. Awards during Sunday School hours. Confession/Communion. Fellowship Hour by Sunday School. |

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