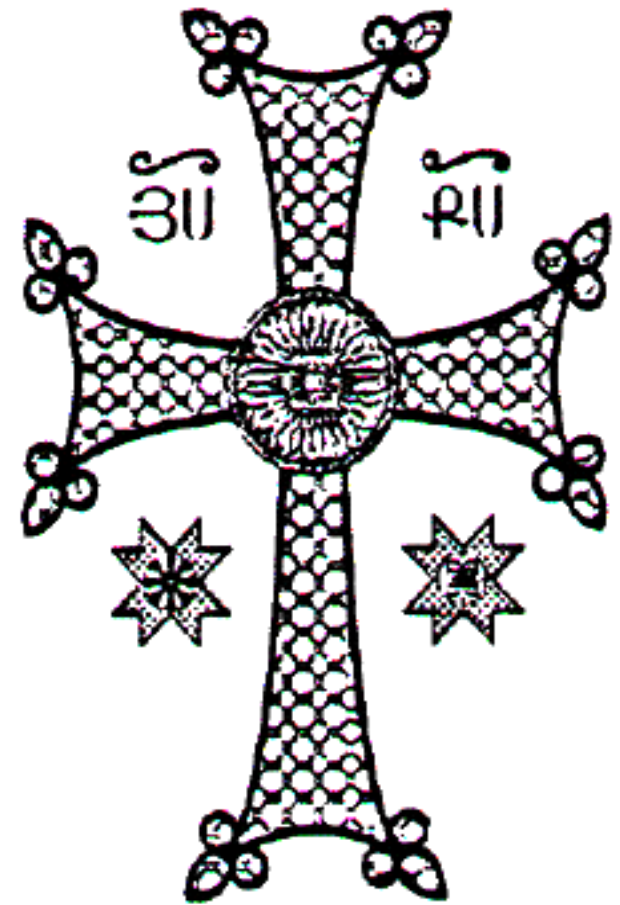


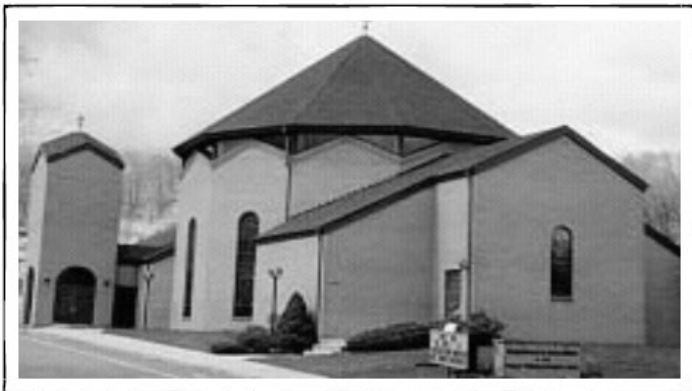
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Hye Angels

Shannon Bagdigian	Chair
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John Paul Abrahamian

Women's Guild

Adrienne Damian	Chair
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Dedication to the Holy Martyrs



***This issue of the Looys,
 and all of our acts of Christian outreach are dedicated
 to the Holy Martyrs who gave their lives during the Armenian
 Genocide for Faith and for the Homeland.***

"Christ our God, you crown your saints with triumph and you do the will of all who fear you, looking after your creatures with love and kindness.

Hear us from your holy and heavenly realm by the intercession of the Holy Mother of God and by the prayers of all your saints, especially the holy martyrs who gave their lives during the Armenian Genocide for faith and for the homeland.

Hear us Lord, and show us your mercy. Forgive, redeem and pardon our sins. Make us worthy thankfully to glorify you with the Father and with the Holy Spirit.

Now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen."

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

Submitted by Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian

Memorial Day Weekend Grave Blessings

Please note that on Monday, May 30, Fr. Kapriel will be at Fairview Cemetery from 10:30-12:30 to offer Grave Blessings for your departed loved ones. This time frame will be kept in order to allow Der Hayr's visit to other cemeteries by appointment. If more than one name is to be prayed for, kindly come with names already written. No honorariums are necessary...only prayers.

Save the date for our 75th Consecration Anniversary Banquet!

On the joyous occasion of our parishes 75th Consecration Anniversary, we are pleased to share the news that our Diocesan Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian is planning on spending the weekend of November 11-13 with our parish. Srpazan Hayr will have a special meeting with Fr. Kapriel, our Parish Council members and with all organizational leaders and invitees.

Additionally, during the Episcopal Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 13, Fr. Kapriel will present our 10 candidates for Blessing as Tbirs/Acolytes of the Armenian Church.



Activities leading up to the November celebration are being meticulously planned and coordinated by Robbyn Demircan and Matthew Cannata. They will reach out to as many people as possible in order to include all in our celebration. Once all activities and venues are finalized, a special Calendar of Events will be sent to everyone on our mailing list from New Britain to California!

String Cheese for Sale!

There is string cheese (tel banir) for sale at \$8.00 each. All proceeds will benefit the Women's Guild. Please see Mary Lou Connors or leave a message at 413-567-2373. P.S. - Mary Lou's tel banir is excellent!!

Parish Council

Submitted by Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian



Making a noticeable difference already...

They're not new to us; we've known them for many, many years, but their talents are now being optimized for the Glory of God in their leadership roles within our Council.

We're talking about Ellen Hovhanessian and Tim Smith, two newly elected Parish Council members. Their joint efforts and desire to better our Christian environment

have already led to the development of "Reconnect Sundays," and outreach of special events and Sunday Blessing services in our Sanctuary in order to 'bring home' many of your family members and "reconnect" them with parish life. Phone calls to those we miss are soon to come as well.

Additionally, newly elected Chairman Art Simonian has positively affected the way in which your Parish Council handles the agenda and needs of the church, along with Treasurer John Maljanian, Jr. who has greatly improved our financial reports and long term forecasting. We are grateful for the talents and energies of all who wish to come forward, serve God and better our parish community.

Gentle reminder....

Please accept this gentle reminder that on June 1, our Parish Council will be again publishing a list of all those who financially support our parish home. Please avoid being left out and upset by filling out your Pledge Form today. May God bless all who support His Holy Church.

"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

Sunday School

Submitted by Roxie Maljanian

In this month of May, we wish to thank all the boys and girls of our Sunday School who gave generously to the **Annual Diocesan Lenten Drive**. On Easter morning, a few of our graduates rang up the totals and within a week, others also gave with a final amount of \$269.85 mailed to the Diocese in New York. This beautiful Easter morning ended with a full sanctuary, choir and many Altar Servers.

Going back to Holy Thursday, several of our students along with their fathers participated in that service. They were: Aidan Demircan, Brian and Nick Kallajian, David and Matthew Marottolo and Jordan and Justin Pare. Thank you, boys!



During our staff meeting in April, the final plans for attending the **New Britain Atlantic Bees Baseball** game were presented and posted. All tickets are to be reserved by May 1 with the superintendent. The \$12 ticket is for all ages for a reserved seat on Sunday, June 5 in New Britain at 1:35 PM. Graduates and family members are encouraged to attend in their own cars. All are asked to bring a boxed lunch to be eaten before we leave for the game at 12:15 PM. Before we leave the church on this last day of Sunday School, awards for goof attendance and altar flower donors will be given out during our assembly.

At our teachers' meeting, we also voted to donate \$100 to the **Artsakh Fund** and another \$100 to the **Sponsor a Teacher Fund** from our Sunday School.

A sign up sheet for Armenian Folk Dance Lessons for children will be posted before June 5. This group will be able to perform, with a live band at our Annual Church Picnic in late August. For more information, contact Tammy Bagdigian, who we are thankful for and will once again be the teacher, provided there is enough interest.

The Sunday School staff welcomes anyone interested in teaching a class as teacher or assistant to contact the Parish Council. We have an abundance of great material from our Diocese along with current teacher generated material from our Diocesan Website, especially helpful the newcomers. Potential students, ages 4-17, please contact the superintendent directly before the end of June.



Parish Registry

Requiem Services were offered for the souls of:

Victims of the Artsakh attacks in the Nagorno-Karabagh Republic.

Rose & Thomas Yagoobian, Toros & Zabel Omartian, Anne & Jack Yagoobian, baby John Yagoobian, Sarah Yagoobian

Requested by Tom, Mary, Griffin and Michael Connors.

Sarkis & Zarouhi Akelian, Nazeli Yirigian, Hagop & Takouhi Erikian

Requested by Dian and Talin Erikian.

Mary Asadorian, Mary Derderian, Arshalous Haboian, Takouhi Erikian

Requested by Carolyn & John Haboian.



May Almighty God enlighten their souls. Amen.

Narrated Divine Liturgy



On Sunday, April 17, we offered another Narrated Divine Liturgy for the faithful. The narrators for the day, who did a wonderful job, were father and daughter, Gregg and Anna Kallajian.

Starting with the viewing of the vesting of the celebrant priest in the Chancel, the faithful in attendance experienced brief pauses during the liturgy as Gregg and Anna explained what was occurring during the liturgy and more importantly, why. All in attendance expressed their appreciation for this joint effort of Altar servers, choir members and of course our narrators. We will offer the next Narrated liturgy in the fall.

Maljanians celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Submitted by Mary Abrahamian

Congratulations to John and Roxie Maljanian on their milestone celebration of 60 years of marriage. The couple wed on April 22, 1956 at the Erwin Place Holy Resurrection Church, followed by a wedding reception at Cooke's Tavern. This very active couple has devoted many years to serving our church, in every aspect of church involvement. John served countless years on the Parish Council, followed by his current role on the Council as Executive Director, and Roxie likewise has devoted many years of leadership in the Sunday School, first as a teacher, and presently as Superintendent (20 years plus). This active devoted couple can still be called upon to assist and be involved in not only our church family activities, but in many Armenian causes near and far. We wish them and their family, Debra Kerr, Susan Sagharian, and John Maljaniann and eight grandchildren, continued success and good health. In celebration of this event, a family Mediterranean Cruise is planned in July.

From Victims to Victors

On Sunday, April 10, our parish welcomed Very Reverend Fr. Daniel Findikyan, former St. Nersess Seminary Dean, and present Director of the Zohrab Information Center, headquartered at our Diocesan complex.

Hayr Daniel offered the Liturgy and sermon of the day, and later, presented information from his booklet entitled “From Victims to Victors; The Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide.”

During his presentation during Fellowship, Hayr Daniel touched upon the subjects of, Who are Saints? What are Martyrs?, Who are the New Martyrs?, and How does the church commemorate its Martyrs and Saints?

The wonderful Fellowship meal was offered & prepared by the following parishioners; Dian Erikian, Mary Lou Connors, Lucy Simonian, Adrienne Damian, Yn Pat Buttero, Hasmig Cannata, Rose Mosey, Matthew Cannata, Sonia Ohanian and Roxie Maljanian.



Donations

Church

Donald and Chris Azarigian
Levon and Diane Vatian
Linda, Deanna, Aram Soukiassin
In memory of Paul Ohanian's 10th anniversary of passing

Sandwich Fund

Emil and Rose Mosey
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Armen Michalak
Wil and Ruth Swisher
In memory of Albert Esgejian

Steward

Melanie Picard
Angel Yirigian
Darlene Hovhanessian

Looys

Anthony & Christine Parnagian-Esposito
Angela Esposito

In Lieu of Flowers - Craig Simonian

Alice Bagdigian
Michael and Armen Slusarz
Total as of April 15, 2016: \$5,126



It's not too early to plan now....Pick up the phone and make the call :)

Godparents & Godchildren's Day

“What does this child request...? ...Faith, Hope, Love & Baptism”

Sunday, Mother's Day, May 8, 2016

All moms will receive carnations in church from our ACYOA

Mark the date now and plan to be with us for worship as we offer special prayers for the continuing bond between Godparents and their Godchildren.

As Godparents, we've accepted to be part of this child's Baptismal Record and life, *forever*. Contact one another today and join us for worship, for this blessing and of course for Fellowship.

Godparents & Godchildren's Day is another outreach effort of the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection as part of our *Reconnect Sundays Program*. *Why...? Because people matter. We meet no ordinary people in our lives. If you give them a chance, everyone has something amazing to offer.*

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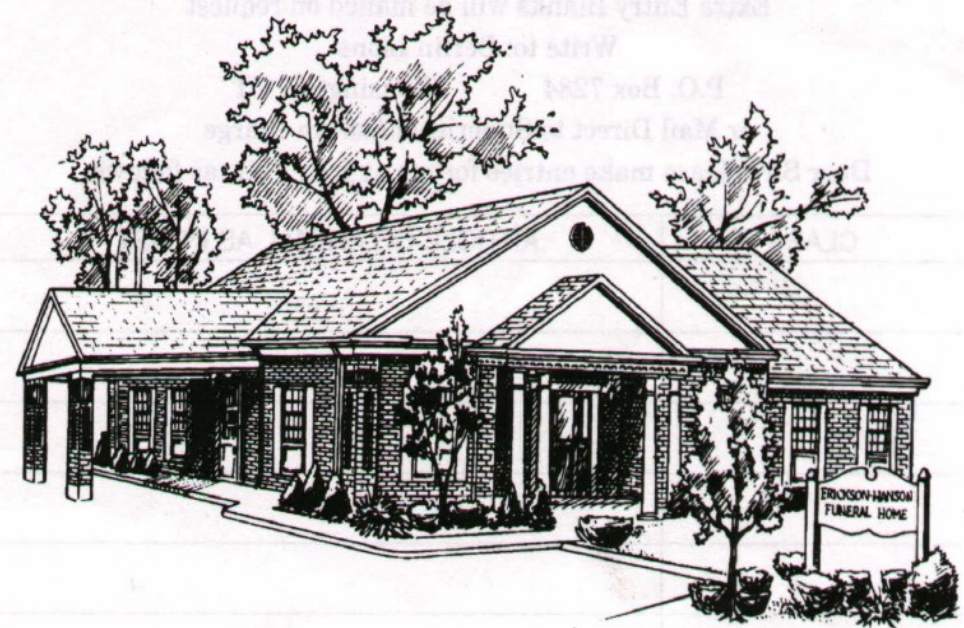
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Liturgical Service Schedule

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.

Upcoming Events for the month of May

Thursday	5	Feast of the Ascension of our Lord Divine Liturgy will be offered at Holy Ascension Armenian Church, Trumbull, CT at 11:00 on the occasion of their Name Day. Luncheon will follow.
Sunday	8	Mothers Day & Godparent/Godchild Day with a special Blessing Service offered in the Sanctuary.
Sunday	15	Pentecost
Sunday	22	Remembrance of the Prophet Elijah
Monday	23	Remembrance of Hripsime & her companions
Tuesday	24	Remembrance of Gayane & her companions
Saturday	28	Remembrance of St. Gregory the Enlightener's Delivery from the Pit(Khor Virab)
Sunday	29	Feast of the Catholic Church of Holy Etchmiadzin
Monday	30	Memorial Day Grave Blessings will be offered

June

Sunday	5	Renewal Sunday Special prayer service will be offered for all Married couples in our Sanctuary. Last day of Sunday School - Confession/Communion
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Please note that Fr. Kapriel will be away from Tuesday, June 28-Sunday, July 3.
There will be no Church Services on Sunday, July 3. For a Pastoral Emergency, you
may contact PC Chairman, Art Simonian @ 860-883-9691.

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