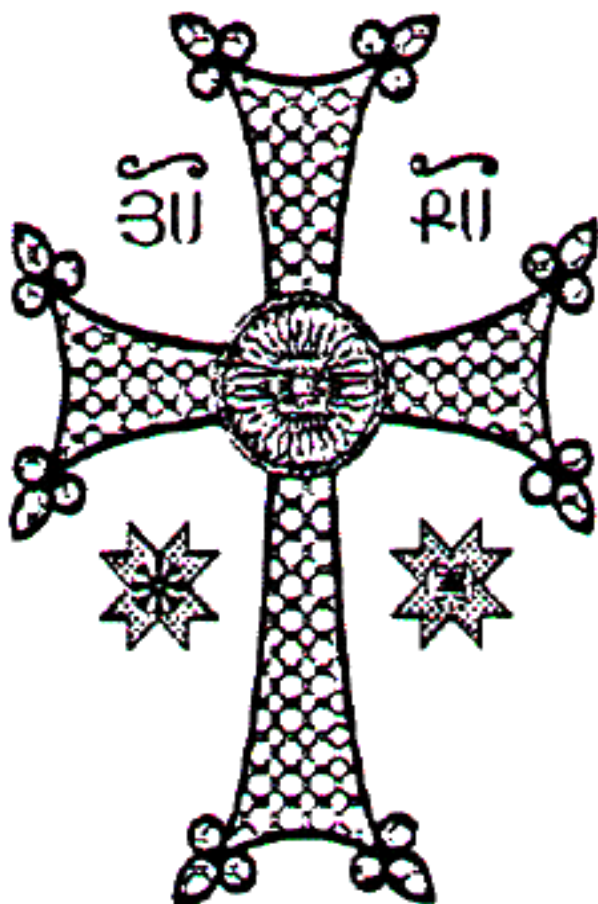


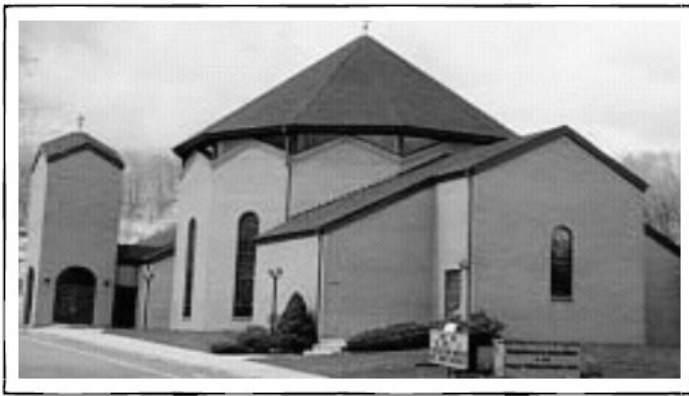
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Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection  
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# Church Directory

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

## Who Do Men Say That I Am?

*Jesus went onward with his disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples: "Who do men say that I am?" "Some say John the Baptist," they told him; "and others say Elijah. Still others call you one of the prophets." And Jesus asked them again: "But who do you say that I am?" (MARK 8:27-29)*

ST. MARK'S GOSPEL invites us to eavesdrop on a very human scene involving Jesus and his companions. We find them on a long walk, bantering as young men do when they're traveling between destinations. At a lull in the conversation, the teacher seizes the opportunity to turn his disciples' thoughts to more serious matters. "Who do men say that I am?" he asks.

The disciples, a bit embarrassed to be suddenly put on the spot, offer a few "approved" answers they had heard from people on the street. But Jesus sees through them—sees that they are evading the point of his question. No, no, he says, perhaps shaking his head: "Who do you say that I am?"

This question—appearing at the midpoint of Mark's gospel—is in fact the central question of the Christian faith. It's a question directed at us, too—and at no time more urgently than at Easter. "Who do you say that Jesus is?"

He is a man who never walked more than a hundred miles from the town of his birth. But for two millennia he has been worshipped as God by people in every remote land—including our homeland of Armenia.

He died hanging on a cross between criminals. He lives seated at the right hand of God the Father. He is servant and master. Commoner and king. The all-powerful Creator of universe—who had no place on Earth to lay his head.

*Who do you say that he is?*

In the gospel story it is Peter—the loyal, loving fisherman—who receives the flash of insight. He bursts out, "You are the Christ!" with all the enthusiasm of a dazzled student.

And in reply Jesus quietly, deliberately, informs his friends exactly what being the Christ will mean. It means Jesus will suffer; he will be rejected; he will die. But it also means something that, at the time, must have been quite incomprehensible to the disciples: he will rise again.

That's where we meet Jesus on Easter: at his resurrection. One would think that his defeat of death would settle the matter of "who Jesus is" once and for all. But in fact, it only makes the question burn with greater intensity. For ever since that first Easter Sunday, it has become impossible for any human being to evade the question, "Who do you say that Jesus is?"

For our ancestors, their answer led them to establish Armenia as the first Christian kingdom. Centuries later, we uphold their faithful conviction. Yet no Christian can feel smug about giving a "correct" answer. Jesus himself (in the same passage in Mark) was quick to scold Peter—calling him Satan!—when Peter imagined that his insightful answer gave him some control over Christ's mission in the world.

Indeed, the "correctness" of our answer as Christians depends on whether we truly place our lives, our life missions, under Christ's control: into his hands.

It was in this spirit that the martyrs confronted the question of "who Jesus is." Their answer had an urgency we can hardly imagine—because it was not a mere academic issue to them. Their answer was a choice between life and death; yet still they affirmed that Jesus Christ—God incarnate, the redeemer of mankind—was their only acceptable reality.

That same reality will stand before us again this Easter, asking the question first posed to the disciples: "*Who do you say that I am?*"

The way we answer is consequential, both for ourselves and for our world. For as the surrounding society lurches between extremes of fanaticism and apathy, it moves ever farther from its central axis: the cross of Christ, the empty tomb, the living person of our risen Lord and Savior.

Do we join the world in its aimless wandering? Or hold fast to Jesus Christ? *Who do you say that he is?*

On Easter Sunday, as we joyfully exchange our beautiful Armenian greeting, worship in church, and receive the precious sacrament of Holy Communion, we must also search within ourselves for the deepest meaning of the day. Each one of us must confront the question: "Who do I say that Jesus is?" And the answer we give must stay alive in our hearts, and evident in our deeds, throughout the year.

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

## MISSION OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH

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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 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

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### Century Club UP-date

The 2017 fundraising by our Century Club is off and running. We appreciate those who have offered their 2017 fee. We encourage others who have not, to please make your donation soon. Please see Chuck Vartanian, Gary Hovhanessian or any Parish Council member. We can double to fun!!

### Easter Donations

A listing of all thoughtful Easter donations will appear in the June *Loos*.

### Father's Day Gathering

After a hugely successful initial dance event in February, the Tri-Church Cultural Committee is planning a family style gathering for one and all. Father's , Family & Fun will take place on Father's Day , Sunday June 18 on the grounds of our church, the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection. The first annual gathering will move from parish to parish from year to year.

The details will follow but tentatively the gathering will be bring your own picnic basket (grills will be provided), bring your own beverages and bring your own lawn chairs. The main intent of the gathering is just that, **to gather together**. There will be a tavloo tournament, volleyball for the young adults and games and face painting for children and music.

For additional information, contact Gary Hovhanessian at [garyhov@aol.com](mailto:garyhov@aol.com) or call Gary at 860-690-5959.

### Spring Dance in Trumbull

Our sister parish, Holy Ascension in Trumbull , Connecticut will host its spring dance on Saturday, May 20 . The dance will be at the church hall at Holy Ascension from 7 - 11 PM. The live band will include Harry Bedrossian (oud, vocals), Leon Janikian (clarinet), Kenny Kalajian (guitar, vocals), Charlie Kalajian and Gary Hovhanessian (dumbegs). All are encouraged to attend.

## LATEST NEWS FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL

In this month of May, we wish to first thank all the boys and girls who gave generously to the Annual Diocesan Lenten Drive. On Easter, all returns were totaled and a check for \$230 was mailed to New York to help the Syrian Armenian refugees now living in Armenia. Several of our students added beauty to the service as Altar Servers and Epistle Readers. During Sunday School, the remaining students watched the movie, **The Easter Story**. Beautiful chocolate crosses (made by our assistant teacher, Alyssa Cannata) were given to each student. It was a very emotional day to witness our church full as most churches are on Easter!

Once again, we wish to thank the Sarah Yagoobian and Margie Sagherian families for establishing the Endowment Funds for our Sunday School. A check from both funds of \$268 was received and deposited in our local bank.

This year, we had a special treat at Mid-Lent (Michink) where the traditional Armenian Bread, baked with a coin inside, was made by Karlin Asatourian and Roxie Maljanian. Karlin remembered this custom from her youth in Iran. The five breads we baked were cut and distributed with lucky children getting the prize and good fortune. They were Parker Gregory, Jordan Pare, Alina Asatourian, Brian Kallajian and Elizabeth Kalfayan.

Sunday, May 21 is the big day for our senior students! They have been working diligently with excellent attendance to pass all the necessary requirements. They will be rewarded on that day during a ceremony in our church. A beautiful reception in their honor is being planned by the committee of Marylou Connors and Elise Marottolo as co-chairs with assistance from Yeretzgin Diane and Darlene Chiloyan. All are invited to witness their accomplishment!

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## PRAYERS FOR OUR COPTIC BRETHREN

Palm Sunday marked another dark milestone in the ongoing affliction suffered by the Coptic Church, when a bomb explosion tore through the St. Mark Coptic Cathedral and the St. George Church in Egypt. It was not the first time the cathedral - seat of authority for the Coptic Church's pope, His Holiness Pope Tawadros II - was targeted. This time, at least 45 people lost their lives, with more than 100 injured.

The fact that this outrage took place on Palm Sunday only makes the action more horrifying - and the perpetrators, the terrorists of ISIS, all the more contemptible.

His Holiness Karekin II, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, communicated with the authorities of the Coptic Church, extending a spirit of solidarity and Christian love for our persecuted brothers and sisters, and sending them the sincere condolences of the faithful of the Armenian Church.

With the feast of our Lord's resurrection still a glowing our minds, and with the liturgical remembrances of Christ's persecution and suffering uppermost in our hearts, let us keep our Coptic brethren in our prayers. May our Lord Jesus Christ shine his light into our world, and may our humble prayers help to ease the suffering of our sister church at this time.

## DONATIONS

### **Church Donations**

Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian -  
Easter mailing printing costs

Rachel Boloyan & Family  
Altar flowers in memory of  
Dn. Paul Abrahamian

### **Looys Donations**

Atty. Harry & Janice Mazadoorian  
Janet Der Abrahamian

### **Sandwich Fund**

Emil and Rose Mosey  
Atty. Harry & Janice Mazadoorian  
Anonymous

**Never, Never, Never...**

Never miss a chance to say 'thank you'.

Never miss a chance to give praise.

Never miss a chance to apologize.

**Never**



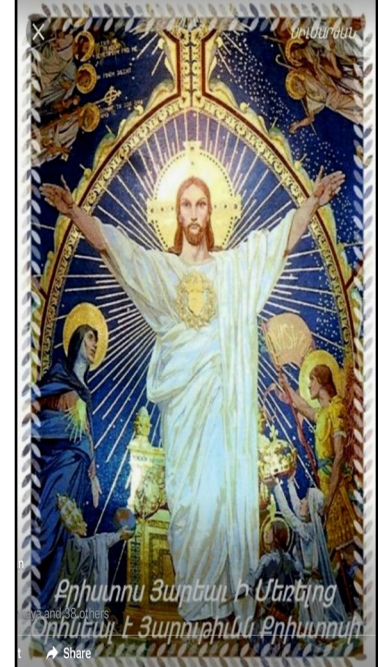
## LENTEN, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER HIGHLIGHTS

- The Palm Cross on our Holy Altar was donated by Yn. Diane Mouradjian for the glory of God, in memory of Nevart Serdjenian.
- Palms were donated for the glory of God by Deramayr Irene Mouradjian, in memory of Derahayr Aram Mouradjian.
- Altar flowers for Holy Week were generously donated by Rachel & Carl Bolyan and family for the glory of God, in loving memory of Dn. Paul Abrahamian

**During this Eastertide season of blessings, we'd like to offer God's blessings and acknowledge the following for their participation in the life of our parish:**

- Participants of the Wednesday Lenten Services with the faithful of St. Stephen's.
- All participants and congregants participating in Holy Week services.
- All who contributed their time and talents for our Annual Bake Sale.
- All who have offered their Easter Yughakin.
- All who willingly and lovingly serve the needs of the parish all year long

*Our appreciation and thanks is also extended to the Hansen family for their thoughtful annual offering of our Holy Thursday luncheon.*



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## REMEMBERING THE HOLY MARTYRS

On Friday, April 21, the CT Genocide Committee hosted a fund raiser here at Holy Resurrection. A wonderfully planned Wine & Cheese Reception was held in honor of former U.S. Ambassador to Armenia, the Hon. John M. Evans. Ambassador Evans presented two of his most recent books for the public, and offered a very engaging style in creating conversation with everyone present to make it an enjoyable evening for all. The following morning, Amb. Evans was the Guest Speaker at the Capitol for our community's annual Genocide Remembrance Program. His most poignant remark of the weekend, was when at the Capitol he shared with all his advice to U.S. State Department Officials, that not categorizing the atrocities committed against the Armenian people is "the worse case of alternative facts in the last 100 years." Every Armenian should be grateful for the efforts of Ambassador Evans, who paid the ultimate professional 'price' for his honesty and bravery by being relieved of his duties, for not heeding U.S. State Department advise and used the word "Genocide" for the Armenian people.





## Armenian Genocide Commemoration Committee of Connecticut

74 Wildwood Rd.  
West Simsbury, CT 06092

April 28, 2017

Dear Der Kapriel,

On behalf of the Armenian Genocide Commemoration Committee of Connecticut, I extend my sincere thank you and appreciation to you and the members of the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection for allowing us use of your facility for our Friday reception.

This fundraising event was a great success and the funds raised allow us to continue to present an annual commemoration program at the State Capitol in Hartford. Our committee is also actively working on two additional initiatives. One is to include the study of the Armenian Genocide in the curriculum of all public schools in Connecticut and the second one is to establish an Armenian Genocide Memorial, in the Hartford area, preferably in a public park, which will honor the victims and survivors of the Armenian Genocide.

Thank you again for your support of the efforts of this committee. We truly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

*Melanie Kevorkian Brown*, Treasurer

*Armenian Genocide Commemoration Committee of CT*

## 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.

**We Rent Our Hall**

It doesn't hurt to remind everyone that our parish actively seeks suitable folks that would like to rent our hall for their function use. We currently host the New Britain Chess Club as well as numerous birthday parties, anniversaries and other medium-large functions.

Please keep your church hall in mind for any need including memorial meals, as it's very affordable and convenient for all.





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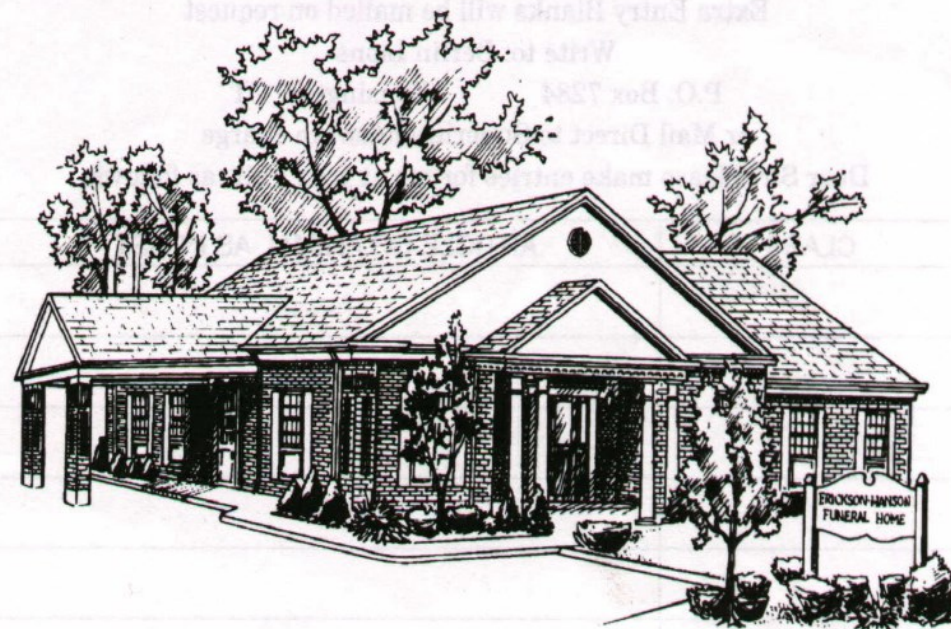
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### Calendar of Events - May 2017

<b>Monday-Friday</b>	<b>1-5</b>	Annual Clergy Conference & Diocesan Assembly - St. Petersburg, FL
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14</b>	Mother's Day
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21</b>	Senior Class Graduation Ceremony after Badarak. Reception in their honor to fol low in the Abrahamian Auditorium. All parishioners are invited.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>25</b>	Feast of the Ascension of our Lord
<b>Monday</b>	<b>29</b>	Memorial Day Grave Blessings at Fairview Cemetery will be offered from 10:00 - Noon. Please speak to Der Hayr to arrange visits to other cemeteries this same day.

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