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ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION



Dear Faithful,

Our ligament(s)

"The worship of the Church is based upon a few tried and practical principles.

In the first place, religion is looked upon as the putting of ourselves back into a union with God, a union which has been tragically lost."

To take the old meaning of the word 'religion,' we find it made up of the root *lig*, as in our word, '*ligament*,' and *re* as in 'repeat, restore, renew.'

Thus, religion is essentially a 'binding back' or 'binding over again' our soul with God.

Just as our ligaments bind parts of our body together...so religion aims to bind our characters into that union with God."

L. Lewis

*As many of us strengthen our bodies at health clubs, and by the careful intake of foods, may we have the inner strength and **desire** to build our spiritual ligaments.*



*With prayers,
Reverend Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian
Pastor*

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LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL



Our Sunday School has opened a new year and has begun the task of looking ahead towards our goals and hopes for our collective religious education. Yet before we turn the page of the calendar, let us also take a moment to look back.

Every year, our students participate in a Lenten drive organized by our Diocese. This week, we received an email letter from the Department of Christian Education thanking and congratulating the 25 Sunday Schools which collectively raised funds TWICE the typical Lenten Drive. Here is an excerpt from the letter from the Fund for Armenian Relief:

"On behalf of the Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR), I would like to wholeheartedly thank you, and your families for your kind and very generous gift ... which you have designated for our "Helping Syrian Armenian Refugees" in the Republic...You are sending a message of hope to your underprivileged peers, who came to Armenia to seek safe haven from the war-torn Syria, who are deprived of many of the blessings we have here in the U.S. ... What could be a better manifestation of your true identities as Armenians and Christian. We at FAR are so proud of you, just as your Sunday School teachers and, your families must be."

This year's staff consists of Elisa Greigo-Marottolo, Superintendent: Staff: Amy Gregory, Sylvia Simonian, Carlin Asadourian, and Yn. Diane Mouradjian. Student teachers: Olivia Sherwood, Megan Simonian, David Marottolo and Anna Kallajian. On behalf of the Sunday School, we look forward to continuing our work with the students in the classroom, in the parish, and in our communities.

PARISH REGISTRY

Funeral Services were offered for the souls of:

Mr. Harry Badrigian (Sept. 23) and for Mr. Arthur Simonian (Sept. 29)

Solemn Requiem Services were offered for:

All of the innocent souls who were murdered on September 11, 2011, including Alysia Barsamian, Carl Bedigian, Aram Iskandarian, Peter Mardikian, Garo Voskerichian, and John Iskyan

Deacon Charles N. Mazadoorian, Nigoghos & Yegsa Mazadoorian, deceased members of the Mazadoorian, Aharonian, Der Bagdasarian and Der Bogosian families

Requested by the Mazadoorian family

Derahayr Aram Mouradjian

Requested by Fr. Kapriel & Yn. Diane and family



May Almighty God enlighten their souls and remember them...Amen.

THANK YOU

On the occasion of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Sept. 17), we'd like to thank the following "gardeners" for the donation of basil for our Holy Altar & Cross: Lucy & Arthur Simonian, Elisa Griego-Marottolo, Guy & Darlene Simonian, Roxie & John Maljanian, Harry & Janice Mazadoorian.



THE 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.

WOMEN'S GUILD HOLDS AFTERNOON PICNIC



On Sunday, September 24th, our Women's Guild held a picnic after church that included vegetable salad, pasta salad, chips, drinks, desserts, chili, hotdogs, and the tastiest losh kebab ever, prepared by Yeretzgin Patricia and Dian Erikian.

Of course, the food would not have been ready without the able assistance of the cooks, Harry DerAsadourian, Art Simonian Jr., David Abrahamian, John Abrahamian, Tom Connors, and special guest "chef" Sebby Haratoonian, grandson of the late Harry and Margaret Haratoonian.

We'd like to thank Der Hayr and Yn. Diane for donating the soda, Yn. Pat for donating the meat, Henrietta and Berj Kallajian for donating the salad, Sonia Ohanian for donating the parsley, Jane Der Asadourian for donating the onions and chips, Paula Pare for the chili, and Adrienne Damian for the pasta salad.

Second, the women who prepared desserts for the event included, our newest members, Jane DerAsadourian, Ellen Hovhanessian, Diane Erikian and Marge Litteral. along with Rose Mosey, Paula Pare, Sonia Ohanian, Mary Connors Adrienne Damian, Hasmig Cannata, Betty Bagdasarian, and Yn. Pat.

Last but not least, we thank those who attended and supported the event. We know you enjoyed the food, and we are pretty sure you didn't leave hungry. Again thank you.

PIES...PIES...PIES - OCTOBER 22

This year, as part of their fundraising efforts, our Guild is sponsoring a Pie Sale through well known and loved, Lyman Orchards. It can be purchased for Thanksgiving or saved for Christmas. Whether you purchase a pie for yourself or not, the idea is to ask your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to purchase their pies from our organization. Every pie counts -- all you have to do is collect the money and orders and return it to church before October 22 and then distribute.



Our goal is to sell 250 pies, but that can only happen with your help. So we are now half way through the sale, and the end is in sight. Should you have last minute orders, you can contact Adrienne Damian at 860-919-5469 with your information and still send the money to the church.

Pies will be delivered Saturday, November 18th at 8:30. Pick up time is between 9 and 11:00 a.m. Thank you in advance for supporting this fundraiser.



The Women's Guild of the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection is sponsoring an old fashioned

Pasta Luncheon

on Sunday, October 22, 2017 following church services

Please be with us as we also celebrate over half a century of Church & Guild dedication by Mrs. Eleanor Egazarian, on the joyous occasion of her 95th Birthday!!! (Shhh..it's a surprise)

Also, enjoy a review of this year's Armenian Service Program, by our own, Sarah Kalfayan

Menu: Pasta with meatballs, bread, salad, soda, coffee & dessert.
Adult donation \$8.00/Children under 12, \$5.00

LOCAL DENTIST PROVIDES FOR OTHERS...FUND FOR ARMENIAN RELIEF



It's been about a year since FAR Children's Center beneficiaries have been attending "Shams" Dental Clinic to have routine exams and checkups. As a medical student Doctor Sargis Shamoyan (aka Shams), director of the clinic, used to volunteer for humanitarian missions. When he started his own business and established the dental clinic together with some friends, he started to provide professional support at no cost to the most vulnerable.

"I have long made giving back a priority in my personal and professional life. I used to help the vulnerable with clothes, food, and now it's more in line with professional care," said Sargis as

here collected the time when he first set foot in FAR's Children's Center in October 2016.

It was an emotional, eye-opening, and life-altering experience for him to encounter children with different socio, psychological and physical problems. "I learned

a lot about the lives of those kids and their cases. Then an idea revealed itself to me, thus leading me to fulfill my passion – to help those kids both professionally and emotionally," said Sargis with excitement.

Dr. Shamoyan, states that the ongoing cooperation with the Children's Center will provide him with a chance to extend access of their dental care to the underserved children for the foreseeable future.

OFFERING CANDLES

One of the devotional practices in the Armenian Church, as in all Orthodox Churches, is the beautiful custom of burning candles in front of sacred shrines, icons or relics. It is symbolic of the sacrifice of the Christian soul in order to shine with divine graces, confident in the example and intercession of the saints. So the candle burns itself up to give out light.



Light symbolizes Christ, "The Light of the World."

When attending the Divine Liturgy on Sunday or any Worship Service, the believer may obtain a candle(s) in the Narthex which is accompanied by a donation. Then, he/she will take their candle to one of the icons in our church. The faithful will then light the candle, make the sign of the cross, say a prayer and return to the pew. During the prayer he/she may ask the intercession of the particular saint in his/her mind which may be represented by the image or relic.

HOUSTON RECOVERY

May God bless all of our members who gave from the heart, as we joined all diocesan parishes in holding special plate collections for our brothers & sisters in Houston, Texas. After the pure devastation of the storms, it was reassuring to know that others within our church family care. Here in New Britain, we share the news that our collections from individuals and organizations totaled \$1,100. "Job well done, my good and faithful servant."

ANNUAL CHURCH ANNIVERSARY DINNER SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

DIVINE LITURGY OFFERED AT 9:45 AM
GUEST CELEBRANT, VERY REVEREND FR. ANANIA TSATURYAN,
MOTHER SEE OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN

COMPLETE INFORMATION WILL BE MAILED TO ALL FOR THE DINNER

FROM SYMBOL OF DEATH TO PROMISE OF LIFE



Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Observed on Sunday, Sept. 17)

We see it soaring atop church spires and standing solemnly over graves. It ornaments our places of worship, and dangles from the neck to rest close to the heart. It flashes through our field of vision when an ambulance speeds by on a mission of mercy, and lends a reserved dignity to the crests of great universities. It's the sign of the Cross: the universal symbol of Christianity, which lends its simplicity of form to the distinctive virtues of our religion. Faith, hope, and charity. Righteousness, compassion, and mercy. Humble appreciation for learning and for conveying fruits of accumulated knowledge. Comfort in the trials of living & the promise of life after death.

These are the impressions we take for granted after 2,000 years of Christian civilization. But it was not always this way. In ancient times, the cross was an object of fear and loathing; and it was in this guise that the cross was made the instrument of painful death for our Lord, Jesus Christ. It was only in the light cast by his resurrection that the cross took on a new symbolic meaning. Christ's apostle St. James was the first to perceive the cross not with fear, but with reverence and awe. In raising up the cross, and bowing before it, St. James showed the world that Christ's resurrection marked a decisive turning point in history. The old era's symbol of death would henceforth be known as the Christian era's symbol of everlasting life.

This is the story the Armenian Church remembers on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It's one of the major feast days of the church calendar, and the first of several celebrations marking the season of our Lord's Cross. (Diocese of the Armenian Church).

CELEBRATING ARMENIA'S 26TH ANNIVERSARY

A celebration of the 26th anniversary of the Republic of Armenia was offered and was broadcasted live from St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral in New York, on the evening of Thursday, September 21: Armenia's Independence Day. The evening began with the Thanksgiving Prayer for the Republic of Armenia, followed by a concert featuring cellist Laura Navasardian, pianist Michael Kakossian Khoury, violinist Simon Hagopian-Rogers, and pianist Şahan Arzruni.

Armenia's Minister of Foreign Affairs Edward Nalbandian was the guest of honor, and delivered opening remarks. After the concert portion of the evening, closing remarks were offered by Archbishops Khajag Barsamian and Oshagan Chiloyan. A wonderful fellowship followed for all in Kavookjian Hall. The evening was organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Armenia to the United Nations, with the participation of regional and national Armenian organizations.

BACKPACKS FULL OF LOVE FOR EARLY LEARNERS IN ARMENIA

The Fund for Armenian Relief's crowdfunding platform "Ayo!" recently completed its "Backpacks for Berd" project, an effort to give a leg up to grade-schoolers in one of Armenia's poorest rural regions. In the course of three months, Ayo!'s dedicated volunteers and partners raised enough money to outfit 333 first-graders in Berd and its 16 surrounding towns with new school supplies for the coming year. Each student received a durable backpack filled with notebooks, pens, pencils, rulers, erasers, colored paper, drawing

STEWARDSHIP TIME - TALENT - TREASURE

Our church leadership would like to thank YOU for your donations of your valuable Time, Talent and Treasure.

Together, assembling our gifts and talents, we make up the body of the church.

Together, we assemble to educate our youth, offer sacraments to our faithful, make visits for healing the sick, and yes at times, to provide the necessary sacraments in returning our loved ones home to God.

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There is a growing understanding of the fact that our corporate (parish) life represents a definitely higher form of human existence than does a mere individual life. Besides, your family and friends enjoy seeing you!

REGISTER FOR THE EASTER 2018 PILGRIMAGE TO JERUSALEM

Registration remains open for the Eastern Diocese's pilgrimage to the Holy Land, slated for the spring of 2018. The pilgrimage is the culmination of the Diocese's "Save the Tomb" campaign in support of the restoration of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

The dates of the pilgrimage are April 3-14, 2018. Participants will spend Holy Week and Easter in Jerusalem and its environs, and will worship at the newly restored Tomb of Christ in the Holy Sepulchre. (Forms for the Pilgrimage are located in the Martyrs Tower, or you may see Fr. Kapriel).

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 CRAFT FAIR AND FOOD FESTIVAL

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- Middle Eastern & Armenian Music provided by Harry Bedrossian
- Great Armenian and Middle Eastern foods to enjoy in or take home.
- Kebabs, Paklava, Toorshi, Hummus, Mezze plates, Lahmajune & more.

THE LEGACY OF KAREKIN HOVSEPIAN

A special gathering recently took place at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin to in honor of one of the great Armenian churchmen of the 20th century.

His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, presided over the event honoring the 150th anniversary of the birth of His Holiness Karekin Hovsepien, the late Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia. The present-day Catholicos of Cilicia, His Holiness Aram I, traveled to Holy Etchmiadzin for the occasion, which was held at the Mother See's Vatche and Tamar Manoukian Library.

His Holiness Karekin Hovsepien was an Armenian intellectual figure of international standing. During his tenure as Catholicos of Cilicia (1945-1952), he made the Cilician See at Antelias a flourishing center for religious and cultural activities—and a refuge for Armenians displaced from their native lands. But prior to becoming a catholicos, Hovsepien served as the Primate of the Diocese of America (1939-1944), and is responsible for many enduring features of our present church life.

It was Archbishop Hovsepien who restored order to a fragmented church in the wake of the upheaval following the 1933 murder of Archbishop Tourian. It was Hovsepien who launched the idea of building a "national home" for the Armenians of America, which would eventually result in the St. Vartan Cathedral project. Among his innovations were an official Diocesan publication, Hayastanyaitz Yegeghetzi, and the designation of October as "Armenian Cultural Month."



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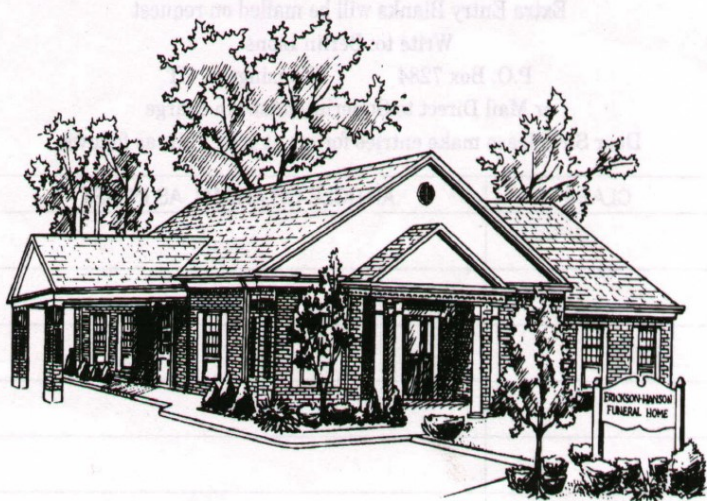
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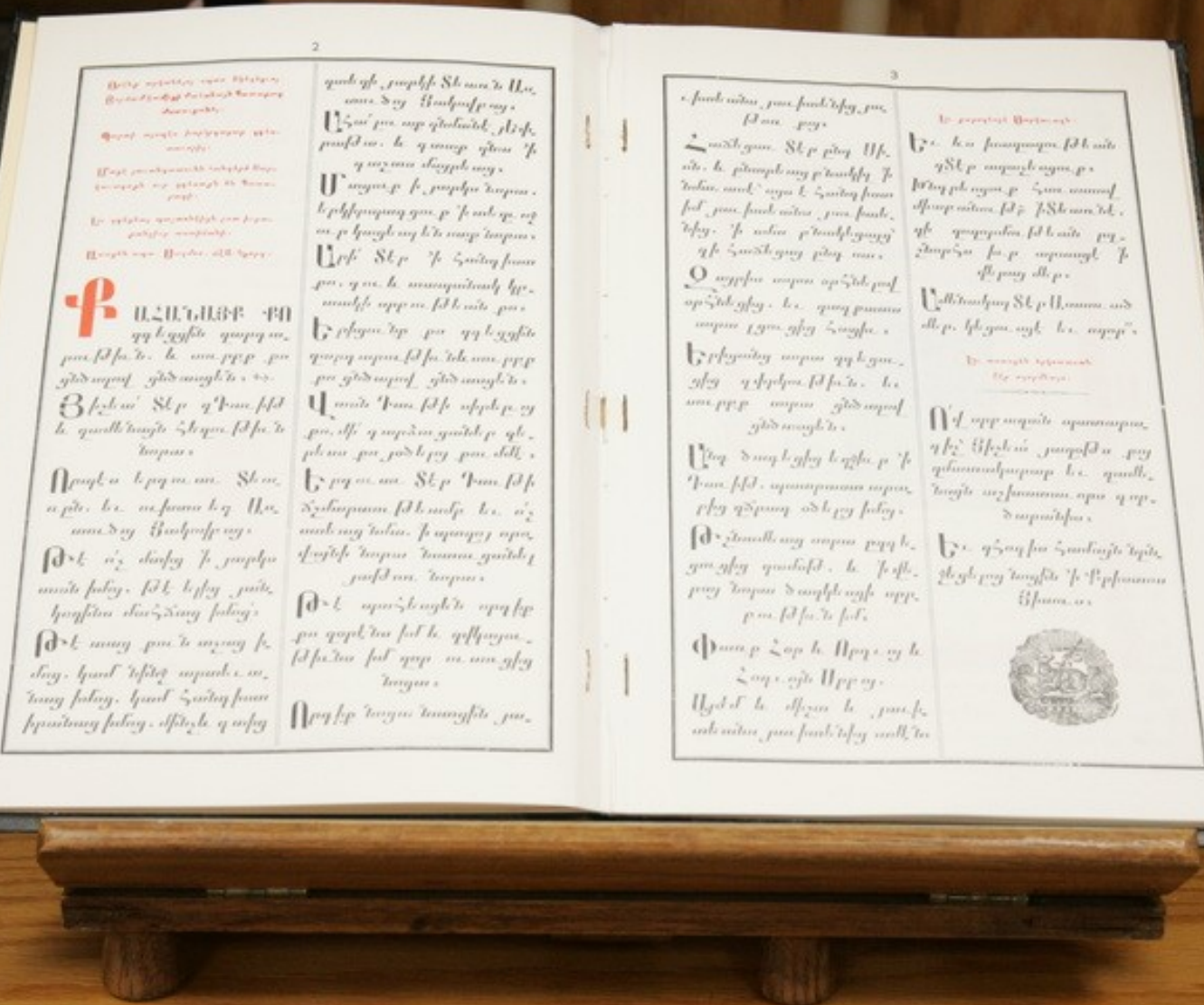
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