

September 2015

Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection 1910 Stanley Street - New Britain, CT, 06053 Rev. Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian, Pastor



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Pastor's Message

Dear Faithful,

Within the Armenian Church, the month of September is sometimes referred to as the "Season of the Cross" as we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Sept. 13) and Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak (Sept.27). While these feast days maintain their distinctive historical roots, they share the common theme of the importance of Christ's Cross and its visibility to all believers.

Closer to home and thousands of years later, during the month of September you and I, the faithful members of the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection and a simple parish priest will share a day when we recall our sacrifices and joys; happy days and challenging situations as we each celebrate and thank God for our consecration anniversaries.

As we mark the 35th consecration anniversary of the magnificent Sanctuary that you built (while in New Britain for 74 years) and the 10th anniversary of my ordination to the Holy Order of the Priesthood, may we continue to pray for one another.

May we pray that Almighty God continues to guide us so that we may confront what challenges both of us and search for God's glory in all of our challenges.

May we strive to give our children the same level of intensity, pride and responsibility you exhibited that blossomed into the building of our Sanctuary on Stanley Street.

May we all gather on September 20 in the Sanctuary that God blessed us with, along with our Diocesan Primate & show our thanks to our Lord and to those who serve us.



With prayers,

Reverend Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian
Pastor

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

Church Festival a Success!

Our Pastor & Parish Council extend our prayers and appreciation to all who labored for the glory of God in making this year's Armenian Festival a wonderful day for all. Despite the hazy, hot and humid weather, our friends and relatives from throughout the tri-sate region came and enjoyed fantastic Armenian food, pastries and great fellowship.

Additionally, we acknowledge and thank the following Leg of Lamb donors: Lucy Simonian, Manusak Terdjanian, Marottolo family, Art & Sylvia Simonian, Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Sagherian, Sonia Ohanian, John & Roxie Maljanian, Yn. Pat Buttero, Carol & Harry Hougas, Mary Abrahamian, Eleanor Egazarian, Charlotte & Al Grella, Diane Roy, Arthur Bagdasarian, Sonia Ohanian, Victoria Kazanjian, Baggy & Queenie Hovhanessian.

God bless and thank you...

Our Pastor & Parish Council would like to thank the Marottolo family for the wonderful job they performed in hanging the picture of His Holiness, Karekin II and the banner from the Diocese on the occasion of the Sainthood of our Martyrs by the candle table; and Griffin Connors for the donation of incense from Armenia. May God bless all who serve in His name. Amen.

Fellowship Hosts

Our Pastor & Parish Council would like to thank and recognize the following for hosting Sunday Fellowship in the months of June, July and August: Sunday School, Machata & Kazanjian families, Marottolo family, Berj & Henrietta Kallajian, Adrienne Damian.



God bless all who serve others in His name.

Seniors

On Wednesday, June 8, the New Britain Seniors hosted a luncheon for Seniors from St. Mark, Springfield, Mass., St. George, Hartford, and St. Stephen's, New Britain. Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian, Fr. Aram Stepanian and Yn. Margaret graced us with their presence. Our Der Hayr Fr. Kapriel And Fr. Aram blessed the beautiful array of food on the table.

The committee that normally oversees the seniors every week planned a delicious luncheon of Armenian foods; coffee and dessert was also served, which was watermelon, ice cream with peaches and Italian cookies, a gift from St. Marks' seniors. This was enjoyed by all. Everyone enjoyed a fun day of fellowship and reminiscing old times.

Committee members were Queenie Hovhanessian, Yn. Patricia Buttero & Gail Onanian

From the Desk of the Parish Council Chairman

As the summer began to wind down (AND HEAT UP), our church became a gathering place for hundreds of our Armenian sisters and brothers and friends. On June 24th, sisters Charlotte Grella and Betty Cole (Queenie Hovhanessian's sisters) hosted a pizza party for our Seniors group honoring the life of Mabel Sadoian. The group gathered in the midst of our failed air conditioner in Abrahamian Auditorium. It reminded some of our early years on Erwin Place and even here on Stanley Street without the comforts of air conditioning until 1994.

A few weeks later on July 8, our active Seniors group hosted a luncheon with attendants from the four area Armenian Churches, namely St. Mark's of Springfield, St. George's of Hartford, St. Stephen's of New Britain and our own. A great time was had by all. We congratulate our Senior group for their ecumenical dedication.

On Sunday, August 16th, we celebrated the Blessing of the Grapes, formally known as the Feast Day of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.



Our annual church festival was attended by hundreds of Armenian who attended regionally from Boston and Worcester, Massachusetts. They also came from

Providence, Rhode Island and Westchester, New York. We were also happy to see familiar faces traveling from as far as Baltimore, Maryland and Paris, France. Friends from our sister Armenian parishes were also flanked in the dance lines with our Greek and Assyrian patrons. The live Armenian, Greek, Persian and Anatolian music lent itself to the traditional dances from those areas also. Much thanks goes out to festival Co-Chairman Art Simonan and Dave Abrahamian and Lucy Simonian who was in charge of the kitchen and food preparation. The Parish Council and Women's Guild planned and organized the event with the support of our membership. As Father Kapriel stated in the NB Herald article, "It's a time to rejoice and have fun!"

Upcoming on Sunday, September 20, our parish will be graced by the presence of our Beloved Primate Archbishop Khajag Barsamian as he presides over Soorp Badarak (Holy Mass) and our 74th Anniversary Banquet. This year's special visit from our Primate also allows us to celebrate the tenth Anniversary of the Ordination of our pastor, Father Kapriel Mouradjian.

We encourage all to make your reservations early to join us in celebrating these two glorious occasions. To make dinner reservations, please contact Henrietta Kallajian by phone at 860-563-0065 or by email at kallajian1@aol.com or any Parish Council member. To make a generous donation as Godfather or Godmother, please contact Gail Onanian by phone at 860-578-9689 or by email at gailonanian@att.net .

Sunday School

Welcome back, old and new readers! After a pretty hot summer, we are hoping that all are refreshed and ready to be with your church family once again! With our newly installed air conditioning in our auditorium, it will certainly be most comfortable!

St. Vartan Camp brought a lot of pleasure to several people from our church, including Tom Connors, who served as one of the camp nurses and Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian, who taught classes there for a week.



On our first day of Sunday School, September 13, several students will have the opportunity to share their stories with all of us!

Going back to our last day of Sunday School on June 7, we were pleased to present prizes to the following students. Congratulations on a fruitful year!

Perfect Attendance

Michael Connors Emily Kallajian Nicholas Kallajian David Marottolo Matthew Marottolo Lily Roy

One Absence

Elizabeth Kalfayan Anna Kallajian

Two Absences

Lauren Simonian

Three Absences

Brian Kallajian Alina Asatourian Arben Asatourian Justin Pare Justin Picard Sam Roy Megan Simonian

Thank you to the following three students who brought flowers for our Sunday School altar during the past year: Arben & Alina Asatourian and Makayla McLauren. Maybe next June, we will have a few more donor names!

Check out our bulletin boards during these last weeks of summer, especially the one featuring memories of our graduates!

We will miss them in class but fortunately, Elizabeth Kalfayan and Emily Kallajian will be back with us volunteering as teachers for the Primary Class. The other three boys - Nick Kallajian, Justin Picard and Sam Roy - will be helping the Parish Council or serving on the Altar. Our sincere thanks to all of you!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Opening Day, September 13 at 10 AM!

Feast of the Assumption

On Sunday, August 16, our church joined Armenian Churches throughout the world in honoring the sacrifices of our Holy Mother, the Blessed Ever Virgin Mary. As we blessed the finest fruits (seedless grapes), we recalled the sacrifices that this young Jewish woman made in saying "yes" to the will of God.

We thank our Guild members and friends lead by Henrietta Kallajian and Adrienne Damian for the preparation of the grapes for blessing. Additionally, we acknowledge those who donated our first fruits of the season:

Atty & Mrs. Harry Mazadoorian, Harry & Carol Hougas, Arthur Bagdasarian, Mary, Lisa & Lauren Omartian, Robert, Julia & Alexandra Nattrass, Gerard Roy, Rose Sadoian, Eleanor Egazarian, Mary Abrahamian, Yn. Pat Buttero, John & Roxie Maljanian, Peter & Nancy Hansen, Mary Abrahamian, Gerard & Diane Roy, Paul & Elisa Marotollo, Kazanjian & Sarkissian families, Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Sagherian, Lillian & Peter Sivaslian, Andrew & Patricia Chaglasian, Violet Galazan, Manusak Terdjanian, Diramayr Irene Mouradjian.

Pastoral Council



Dear Faithful,

For nearly 75 years, the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection has strived mightily to meet your religious, spiritual, educational, social, and personal needs.

This has been accomplished through the grace of God with dedicated clergy and by the legacy of your family members that you now carry forward. Your assistance and concrete ideas are again being sought for ways to strengthen the present and future columns of our spiritual home.

Please consider being a member of our new Pastoral Council so that you may have a venue to openly and respectfully share your ideas along with your time and talents.

Those interested in this council may meet for a brief time on Sunday, September 27 after Fellowship in my office.

With prayers,

Fr. Kapriel



Under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, your prayers and presence are requested on

Sunday, September 20, 2015

as we

Celebrate the 35th Consecration Anniversary of our present Sanctuary and mark the

10th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Holy Order of the Priesthood of our pastor, Reverend Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian

Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10:15 followed by a dinner in Abrahamian Auditorium, Presided by His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, and guest clergy.

Complete Pork Roast Dinner:

Roast Pork, roasted potatoes, corn, applesauce, rolls, dessert & coffee.

Adults \$10.00/Children under 16 free

Kindly RSVP by Sunday, September 13th for your dinner reservation to: Henrietta Kallajian at 860-563-0065 or via e-mail: kallajian1@aol.com

Parish Registry

Requiem Services were offered for the souls of:

Mihran Serdjenian (40th day), Veronica Debellian (40th day), Hon. John Garan (40th day) Requested by Fr. Kapriel & Yn. Diane and family, Mrs. Hermine Mahtesian

Sarkis Yirigian | Requested by Mrs. Angel Yirigian and family

Dn. Sarkis & Seranoosh Azarigian, Hurach Azarigian, Elizabeth & Charles Vartanian, and Aghavnie Simonian | Requested by Mary, Lisa and Lauren Omartian

Derahayr Aram Mouradjian | Requested by Deramayr Irene Mouradjian

Deceased picnic committee members | Requested by Lucy Simonian

Tom Bartumioli | Requested by Arthur & Sylvia Simonian

Aharonian, Hougas, Der Hagopian and Cha<mark>kmakian deceased family members</mark>
Requested by Harry & Carol Hougas

Christine, Eli, Pauline Arthur & Toowanda Bagdasarian | Requested by Arthur Bagdasarian.

Martiza Ohanesian | Requested by the Nattrass family.

Greg Abrahamian, Russell & Theresa Roy | Requested by Dr. Gerard Roy

Peter Egazarian | Requested by Eleanor Egazarian

Greg Abrahamian, Mari Abrahamian, Maryam Pilibosian | Requested by Mary

All deceased members of our parish | Requested by John & Roxie Maljanian

Margie & Jack Sagherian | Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Sagherian

John Bogosian | *Requested by the Galazan family.*

Elizabeth & Karl Chaglasian | Requested by the Chaglasian family.

Hougas & Anna Terdjanian, Minas and Nishan Terdjanian, Lucin, Krikor Terdjanian and deceased members of the Terdjanian family | Requested by Manusak Terdjanian.

SCENES FROM OUR

CHURCH FESTIVAL



















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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 September		
Monday	1	Remembrance of the Prophets Ezekiel, Ezra and Zechariah
Thursday	3	Remembrance of St. John the Baptist and Job the Righteous
Saturday	5	Remembrance of the 318 Fathers of the Holy Council of Nicea (AD 325)
Monday	7	Labor Day
Tuesday	8	Feast of the Nativity of the Holy Mother of God
Wednesday	9	Women's Guild Board meeting @ 6:30
Sunday	13	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Opening Day of Sunday School
Monday	14	Remembrance of the Deceased (Hishadag Merelots)
Tuesday	15	Parish Council meeting
Sunday	20	Visit by our Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian (Please see inside flyer)
Monday	21	Armenian Independence Day
Saturday	26	Remembrance of St. George the Warrior
Sunday	27	Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak

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