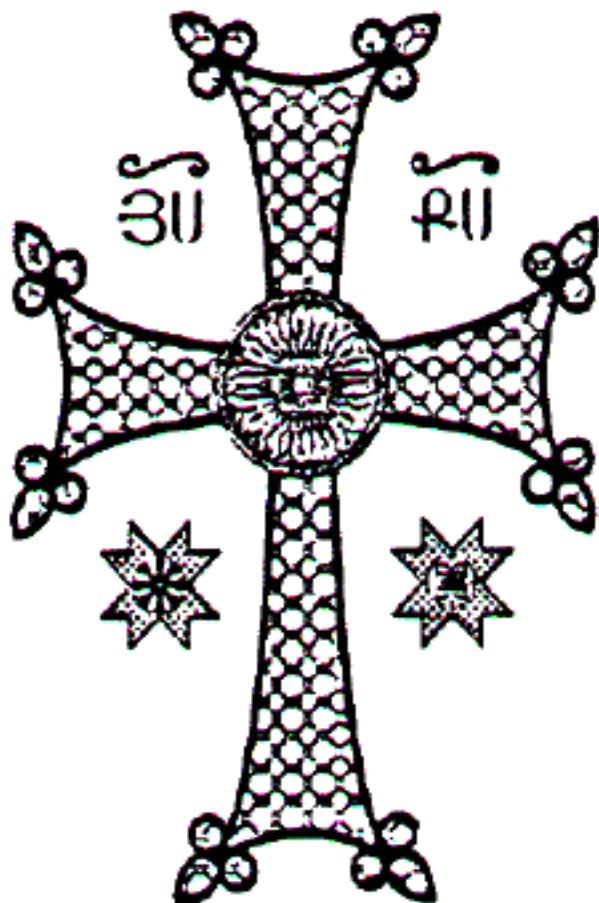


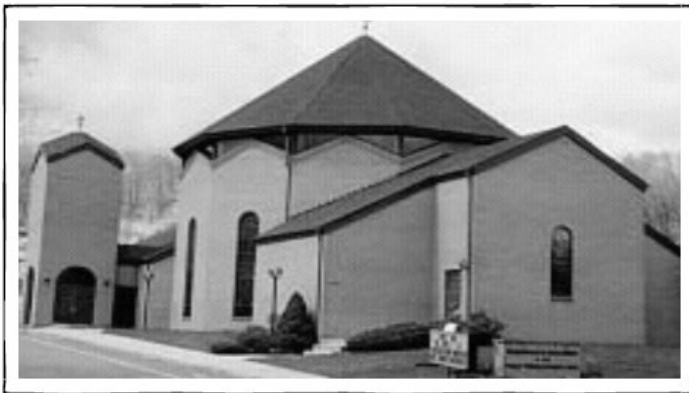
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Sunday only..?...No Way..."

When we talk about serving the church with God-given talents and gifts, people oftentimes think too small. They picture the choir member, Altar server or the Sunday school teacher. But if they don't happen to be naturally gifted at singing or teaching, they quickly give up.

"Service" and "Faith" demonstrates how we should never we stop thinking or serving the church in terms of a "Sunday only" establishment. The church is not a place or a time; it is a body of believers, each one uniquely gifted by God to guide, help, challenge, and support others.

Actually, most service to the Lord doesn't take place inside the church building. It happens out in the world, where we do all the things that Scripture commands, and faith call us to do.

Most believers are not in a position to influence a lot of people. When we act or speak, only those closest to us notice, but remember, a chain reaction can ripple outward to affect an entire community.

St. Paul's talk of body parts working together harmoniously is a helpful description of how one small action can have a widespread impact [1 Corinthians 12:18-26].

Consider the way tensing your big toe keeps your foot stable and thereby steadies your whole body. In the same way, a listening ear, or a loving deed benefits the church by strengthening another, who then supports another...and so on.

We are on this earth to serve the Kingdom of God and His Holy church. And we do that by ministering to each other in small ways that strengthens the whole body as we give extra support to one another.



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 REGISTRY

Solemn Requiem Services were offered for the souls of:

Reverend Archpriest Vartan & Yeretsgin Marie Derasadourian

Requested by Harry & Jane Derasadourian

Anna Terdjanian

Requested by Manusak Terdjanian and family.

Takoohi Maljanian and Vartoochi Yessian, and all their aunts

Requested by John & Roxie Maljanian

Mihran & Betty Serdjenian, Veronica Debellian-Accetta.

Requested by Fr. Kapriel, Yn. Diane and family

Souren & Nounia Mirzaian, Ardashes Mirzaian, Noyemzar & Sargis Grigorian, Salpy Alahverdian, Aziz & Korshid Mirzaian.

Requested by the Mirzaian families.

All deceased Fathers, observed on Father's Day

Hougas Terdjanian

Requested by Manusak Terdjanian and family

Alice Bagdigian (40th day) and Monty Bagdigian

Requested by Armen Slusarz and family

May Almighty God enlighten their souls. Amen.

ARMENIAN SERVICE PROGRAM 2017

This year's Armenian Service Program (ASP) is scheduled for July 1-18, 2017. The program's focus continues to be for its participants to deepen their connection to their faith, identity and homeland. Sarah Kalfayan from our parish will be a participant in this wonderful spiritual, cultural and learning experience.

The Armenia Service Program has a long history of providing young adults (ages 18 to 30) a unique opportunity to affirm their faith, discover their homeland and serve its people in a meaningful way. Participants return home enriched and inspired by their experience and eager to strengthen their bond with the homeland and their Church.

This summer, we are partnering with the Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR) with a few service programs and new endeavors. Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about the FAR Children's Center and innovative programs such as "Ayo!"

They will also have the opportunity to harvest apricots side by side with local villagers to help them prepare their supplies benefitting the village throughout the year. In addition to the service portion of the trip, the group will visit religious and cultural sites throughout Armenia, including Yerevan, Etchmiadzin and Sevan.

May God bless Sarah, and all of this year's participants as they travel to our homeland to learn and to give of themselves.

ALTAR FLOWERS

- A special thank you is extended to two of our dads, for donating ACYOA flowers for our moms On Mothers Day... Thank you to Arthur Simonian and Alain Demircan.
- Flowers for our Holy Altar were donated for the Glory of God by the Connors family on the occasion of Michael's graduation from Sunday School.
- An Altar Flower arrangement was designed, made and donated by Sarah Kalfayan for the Glory of God for our Holy Altar. Many days during the week, you can find Sarah hard at work designing floral arrangements at Stew Leonard's in Newington. Thank you Sarah!



Dear Faithful,

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.

Together, we continue the great legacy left to us and our children from our
Holy Martyrs and survivors of the Armenian Genocide.

Together, our Pastor and Parish Council thank all for their ongoing efforts and
encourage each and every individual to come forward and offer their heart to
our Lord through the life of our parish.

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IN THIS SEASON OF GRADUATION...

In this 'season' of graduation, both in churches and at public schools, we need to intensify our prayers for graduating students. Pray for clear direction and wisdom regarding the future.

Most students will be experiencing adult freedoms for the first time, which create new challenges. The world will bombard them with liberties that may have been taboo for them a short time ago. Pray for them to handle temptations.

The students who go directly into the job market will have to assimilate into workplace environments that will include people of all ages and backgrounds. They may come in contact with unethical business practices, crude and vulgar language, or other less obvious behaviors. Pray for them to stand firm in their beliefs.

New responsibilities will create new burdens for them financially and socially. They may have to pay for insurance, travel expenses, continuing education expenses, clothing, etc. Pray for God to meet their financial needs.

Pray for those who will be continuing their education. Pray they will take their education seriously and learn skills that will be helpful later in life.

ARMENIAN FESTIVAL SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017 12:00 NOON - RAIN OR SHINE



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LATEST NEWS FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL

Graduation day for our seven senior class members was very special. After a challenging year of lessons, quizzes and projects with teacher Debra Maljanian-Kerr, coupled with student efforts and support of family and church community, they received their Diplomas!

Some photos are already posted on our bulletin board. Congratulations to the students, Michael, Anna, Brian, David, Justin, Olivia and Megan.

Following the Badarak, the Ceremony commenced with appropriate music played by organist Susan Sagherian. A beautiful reception in their honor followed in the Abrahamian Auditorium. Mary Connors, Elisa Marottolo and Yerezgin Diane organized the party and had assistance from several other parishioners. Our appreciation to all who made this event happen.

On that day, a surprise event also took place, with a lovely cake, flowers and gifts for the three retiring Sunday School Staff members. Art Simonian Jr., Parish Council Chairman, offered complimentary remarks regarding Hasmig Canata and Debbie Kerr (each having taught for 25+years) and retiring Superintendent of 31 years, Roxie Maljanian.

All three have served with love and enjoyment of the wonderful students, parents and church family. We are confident our new Superintendent Elisa Marottolo will be blessed with the same support we have experienced over the years.

The last day of Sunday School was June 4, at which time gifts were awarded to the following for their attendance:

Perfect Attendance

Michael Connors, Olivia Demircan, Megan Simonian

One Absence

Aiden Demircan, Brian Kallajian, Olivia Sherwood

Two Absences

Anna Kallajian, David Marottolo

Three Absences

Matthew Marottolo, Jordan Pare, Justin Pare

Other surprise gifts were also raffled off. It was a great day for all who attended!

Now that summer is approaching, The St. Vartan Diocesan Camp in the Catskill Mountains is quickly filling sessions with campers. From our parish, so far... Counselors in Training (CITs) are Michael Connors, Elizabeth Kalfayan and Emily Kallajian. Also, Nurse Tom Connors will be working during Session B. Sessions run from June 25 and end on August 5. For more information see the website: diocesansummercamps.org . Its not too late!

We thank all teachers and parents who have served this year and in years past. Let us continue to encourage family and friends to make time for our beloved Armenian Church for its future leaders.

Have a wonderful, safe and happy summer!



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

The end of the 2017 Sunday School year was different from any in recent memory. Actually, it was very different from any in the last 31 years, as our parish offered her thanks and respect to “retiring” Superintendent, Roxie Maljanian along with decades long teachers, Debra Maljanian-Kerr and Hasmig Cannata .

All were presented with gifts by our Sunday School at graduation as collectively, prayers were offered for their continued health and service to our Lord. Of course, we’re sure that they’ll all enjoy some lazy (and well deserved) Sunday mornings now and then J.

May God continue to watch over these exemplary servants of our parish and keep them, and all of His children under the protection of His Holy and Precious Cross. Amen.

2017 Sunday School Graduates

Justin Pare, Megan Simonian, Brian Kallajian, Anna Kallajian, David Marottolo, Olivia Sherwood, Michael Connors.



Since this is the last issue of the *Looys* until September, we invite and gently remind all that we would appreciate your thoughtful donations of any amount towards the purchase of grapes for blessing on the occasion of the Feast of the Annunciation of the Holy Virgin Mary (Sunday, Aug. 13)

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS - ALICE BAGDIGIAN

Note: Names as of July 1, 2017

Mr. & Mrs. Guy Simonian
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Deborah Buttero & family,
Russ & Cathy Shepherd & family.
Eleanor Agazarian and daughter, Rose
Carol Hougas
Charles Hovsepian
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kallajian
John & Darlene Chiloyan
Shannon Bagdigian
Aris Derderian
Adrienne Damian
ACHR Woman’s Guild
Manusak Terdjian
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Bagdasarian
Harry & Janice Mazadoorian
Mary Omartian
David Abrahamian
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Egazarian
John & Rosemarie Maljanian
Peter & Violet Galazan
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Norsigian
Andrea Slusarz

Bagdigian & McLaurin families
Jennie Garabedian
Holly Ohanesian-Coulter
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Donna Woodward
Somia Ohanian
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Gail Onanian
Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Sagherian
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John & Roxie Maljanian
Lucille & Larry Ryan
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Azarigian
Ronald Therrien
Catherine Tefi
Diane Cornell & Michal Tutunjian
Linda Tutunjian

Total as of July 1: \$2,040

DONATIONS

Church Donations

Sophie Elia, in memory of
her deceased parents
and brothers
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Guy Simonian
Yn. Diane Mouradjian
Total: \$247

Steward Donations

Darlene Hovhanessian
Alyssa McGiveron
Total: \$102

Looys Donations

Janet Der Abrahamian
Alyssa McGiveron
Total: \$97

In Lieu of Flowers for Manol Asatourian

John & Roxie Maljanian

THANK YOU!

Dear Fr. Kapriel,

We have received two checks from your ACYOA Jr's, (total \$328), including one for the sales of Easter Cards I had sent to you. Thank you so very much, this is just beautiful. Please convey our special appreciation to your ACYOA Jr. members – the gift from them makes it even more special! A formal acknowledgement letter will be mailed to you shortly We will use the funds as designated, of course (Job Training Center in Tavush).

With warm regards,
Garnik Nanagoulian | Executive Director, Fund for Armenian Relief

Dear Der Hayr,

Thank you for receiving all of our many phone calls at such odd hours of the night. Our situation is getting slightly better, and we remind ourselves of your reminder to us that "progress is more important than perfection." You're very sweet to do what you do for us. God bless you too.

(name withheld)

Thank you to Manusak Terdjianian for her recent beautifully prepared mahs for our parish...The distribution of this blessed bread (mahs) is a centuries old Christian custom of extending the blessings of the day to those not able to attend church services.

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TRI-CHURCH CULTURAL COMMITTEE HOSTS FATHER'S DAY PICNIC



The Tri -Church Cultural Committee (TCCC) hosted a Father's Day Picnic on the grounds of our beloved parish. The first of its kind event attracted almost 100 people and was supported by the three host parishes - the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection in New Britain, St. George Armenian Church in Hartford and St. Mark's Armenian Church of Springfield, Massachusetts. We also appreciate the support from members of St. Stephen's Armenian Apostolic Church in New Britain who participated in the event also.

Additional tent set up was needed the day before and the TCCC would like to thank John Maljanian, Jr. and Dr. Gerard Roy for helping in this extra effort. The TCCC would also like to thank Elissa Pesino for bringing and setting up a "bounce house" for the younger children in attendance and Ani Jermakian for face painting, also for the children in attendance. The picnic was set up as a "bring your own picnic basket" casual event. Many brought grinders and sandwiches and some brought their own grills to BBQ hot dogs, burgers and chicken.

There was continuous music throughout the day with Armenian and Middle Eastern "Kef" favorites and the sounds of Frank Sinatra and other soulful oldies from the 1960's and 70's.

The highlight of the day was a very competitive Tavloo (backgammon) tournament set up by Dina Bagdigian and run that day by Talene Jermakian. Ten participants battled their way through the brackets. Those participating were: David Jermakian, David Abrahamian, Diane Roy, John Maljanian, Jr., Anahid Betros, Sue Sagherian, Roxie Maljanian, Vahig Vartanian, Harry DerAsadourian and Greg Abrahamian, Jr..

It was a fun day for all who attended and we look forward to expanding and enhancing the event for next year. The Father's Day Picnic will be a rotating event between the three churches of the TCCC so next year's event will be on the grounds of either St. George in Hartford or St. Mark's, Springfield, MA. Mark your calendars!



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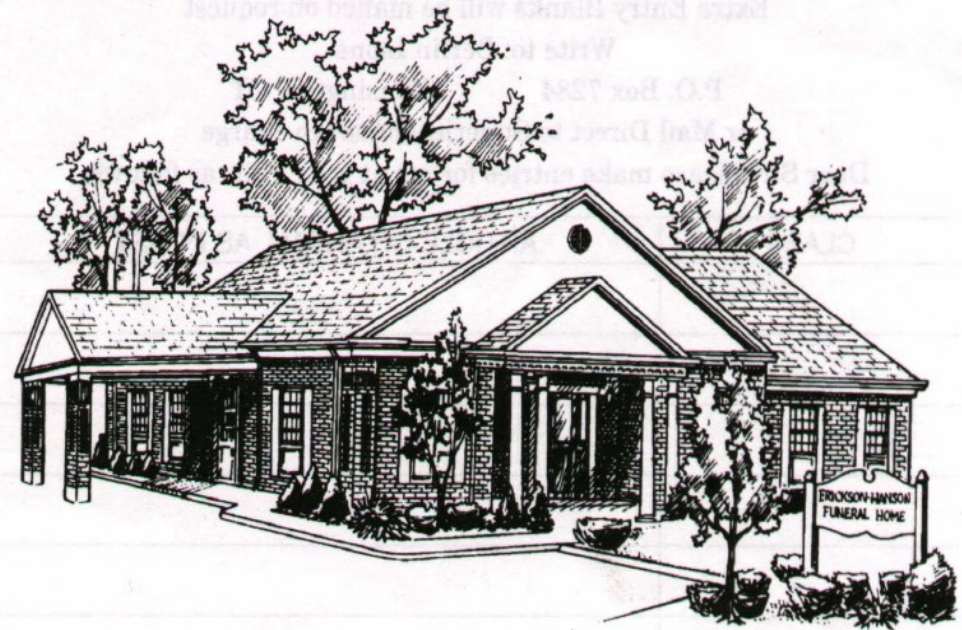
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Summertime Reminders

Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God

Sunday, August 13

Annual Festival - 12:00 Noon

Sunday, August 20

Please note the following dates and times for church services through Labor Day weekend

Morning Services at 9 AM and Divine Liturgy at 9:45 AM

SAVE THE DATE

**Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection
Anniversary Banquet**

will be held on

**Sunday, November 12, 2017
in the Abrahamian Auditorium**

Articles submitted by:

Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian, Gary Hovhanessian, Debbie Kerr, Roxie Maljanian

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