

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

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WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of our new *Dajar*. We've increased the size, but stayed within the same boundaries for the cost of mailing. We hope you enjoy our new updated and larger format as we continue to chronicle life within our Holy Trinity Church family.



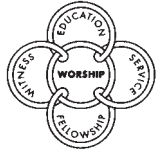
OUR REFURBISHED BRONZE DOORS

On behalf of our entire parish, the Pastor and Parish Council wish to extend their deep appreciation to the Charles G. Talanian Family for their generous donation to refurbish our beautiful bronze doors and restore the “sparkle” to our grand chandeliers.

BEFORE . . .

AND AFTER . . .





FROM OUR PASTOR

The following is the sermon offered by Fr. Vasken on April 21, the Sunday following the Boston Marathon Bombings.

"We've been in a direct confrontation with Evil this week."

These were the words of John Kerry during a news conference last Friday morning. Once again we were confronted with tragedy and sorrow so near to home. It was a week of fear, suspicion, chaos, sadness and uncertainty. It was a week where parents drew their children closer and children felt the need to stay within sight of their moms and dads. It was a week we will never forget.

With having more than 23,000 runners from all over the world participating in the Boston Marathon meant that there were families and friends from every country on earth looking for their loved ones and watching the news trying to piece together what had happened last

Monday morning. I, like so many of you, had watched the live coverage of both the Marathon bombings and the pursuit of the bombers on the internet and on television as new information was being made available.

The world became a single neighborhood last week, and that single neighborhood shared in the pain and sorrow of others — of people young and old, people familiar and unfamiliar, and they did that so easily. On Twitter, in the early evening a message was sent out that "seconds after the first bomb, before the smoke cleared, people were tearing down the barriers to help and to assist and to save." A tally of those who were injured and being treated at nearby hospitals followed and we all whispered a prayer for them. When it was confirmed that one of the victims was a child, our hearts broke and our prayers increased. May God embrace that child. May He bring comfort to his family and help us see through the darkness.

While all this was going on, I thought about the Bible story I chose for today. It's a familiar story; one we've heard many times before. It's the story about the Apostles being caught in a storm at sea. They were all alone or at least they thought they were. Their attention was absorbed by the storm and trying to survive - so much so that they didn't see Jesus walking toward them from across the water. When they eventually see Him, they didn't recognize Him.

Evil is just like that. Whether we watch the news reports of hurricanes or tornadoes, whether we hear of road-side bombings in Afghanistan, tsunamis across the ocean, meaningless and horrific school shootings, or we hear of bombings at the end of the Boston Marathon, the evidence of evil at work is not only real, but it's almost seductive. It lures us in. It not only manipulates the perpetrators and the victims alike, but also affects "the onlooker" as well in very profound ways.

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What do I mean? Simply this: Each time evil raises its head in this country, it is quickly replaced by the countless miracles that follow it. These are the countless miracles that come from the heart of good and caring people - the onlookers. That's the kind of selfless service that blossoms in the wake of terror. So, as "the onlookers," how should we deal with evil? What's our role as the ones who watch these terrible events unfold?

I think that our role is the role of being that Christian example - the ones who see God through their prayers and who turn those prayers into Christian compassion for others because we do so knowing that God is walking towards us. We can become the "flame of faith" that brings God's hope and strength to the world. We can be the love that will heal the world. And we can be the faith that brings God's hope to others.

We are in the Season of Easter. It's the season when we celebrate the triumph of Jesus Christ over evil. The terrible events of this past week challenge us to face our faith and

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ask ourselves: Is Jesus' Resurrection real to me? And if so, then how real? And what comfort does this reality provide me?

It takes faith not to be mesmerized by the darkness around us and to see Jesus Christ walking towards us even in the circumstances of last week. It takes faith to

leap into action when we see the innocent fall victim to evil. It takes faith not to take our eyes off of God and to see Him standing with us in times like these. And it takes faith to put our feelings aside and spread the compassion of God into the world.

Tragedies like what happened at the end of the Boston Marathon may happen again. Tragedies like the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut may unfortunately happen again. Earthquakes, tsunamis and other natural and man-made disasters, and ethnic genocides may find their way to ruin lives again and again. But that's why Jesus walked across the sea and calmed the storm. That's why He was born in Bethlehem, and that's why the Tomb was found empty on Easter morning so that we shine His light on darkness and spread His love where hatred destroyed - and that way, show the world that the Kingdom of God is real.

May God comfort those whose lives ended all too soon and those whose lives will be forever affected by the past week. It takes faith not to take our eyes off of God.

Fr. Vasken

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The Armenian Assembly of America (AAA) presented the organization's Distinguished Humanitarian Award to three of our parishioners, Ann Hintlian, Virginia Ohanian and Nevart Talanian, at an elegant reception at the Hyatt Hotel on May 16.

The program featured tributes to these three outstanding women for their support of the organization since its inception almost 40 years ago.

For all their love, support, and commitment to our church, the Armenian Assembly, and all their philanthropic endeavors, we say "Thank You" and "Congratulations" on this well-deserved honor.



Honorees, standing: Virginia Ohanian, left, and Nevart Talanian with Ann Hintlian

**Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston
invites you to**

Armenian Christmas in the Holy Land
Our 1st Parish Pilgrimage to Jerusalem

January 13 - 23, 2014

Cost: \$2800 per person

Includes: round-trip airfare from Boston; 9 nights accommodations; two meals daily; luxury bus transportation; entrance fees to all sightseeing destinations; and taxes. English tour guide. Rooms are based on double occupancy.



Tomb of Christ

Pilgrimage Details

- ✦ Spend Armenian Christmas in Bethlehem
- ✦ Open to all parishioners and friends of Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston
- ✦ Join us as we travel on a journey of spiritual growth and discovery
- ✦ Experience the historic sites of the Holy Land
- ✦ Led by Fr. Vasken A. Kouzouian, Pastor

10 Days in the Holy Land

*Bethlehem • Tomb of Christ • Sea of Galilee
Jordan River • Burial place of St. Mary
Armenian Quarter of the Old City • Nazareth
Garden of Gethsemane • Cana
And many other biblical sites*

Space is limited.

A minimum of 20 participants required.

**A \$300 non-refundable deposit per person due by October 4, 2013,
payable to "Holy Trinity Armenian Church."**

Final payment deadline is November 4, 2013. Credit card payment accepted.

For more information contact the church office at office@htaac.org or 617.354.0632
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In his June letter to parishioners, Fr. Vasken states:

"Imagine spending Armenian Christmas in Bethlehem, or reading about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ as you stand before His empty Tomb. I have done so twice, and I can tell you that you will never experience anything like it again in your life. I invite you to join me in walking through the pages of the Gospels."

On Sunday, September 8, at 1:00 p.m., in Johnson Hall, Fr. Vasken will go over the exact pilgrimage itinerary and will answer any questions for those interested.

THE DR. MICHAEL & JOYCE KOLLIGIAN DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES PETER BERGEN, CNN NATIONAL SECURITY ANALYST

“THE AWAKENING: THE REMAKING OF THE MIDDLE EAST”



As part of the Dr. Michael and Joyce Kolligian Distinguished Speaker Series, Peter Bergen, best-selling author of *Manhunt: The Ten-Year Search for Osama bin Laden*—From 9/11 to Abbottabad, spoke to a gathering of parishioners, neighbors, and people from the Greater Boston area community in our Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall on Tuesday, May 7.

In his opening remarks, Fr. Vasken thanked Bergen for his presence and stated that through his work, Mr. Bergen brings about truth and awareness from places far removed from our everyday life.

In introducing the speaker, Valerie Kolligian Thayer, daughter of the late Dr. Michael and Joyce Kolligian, made note that Mr. Bergen’s visit to our community had even more significance given the recent Boston Marathon bombings and ensuing events in Cambridge and Watertown.

Mr. Bergen spoke of his 1997 television interview with bin Laden in Afghanistan. He believes that bin Laden’s legacy is his ideas that inspire others and that these ideas can live on and can be very deadly as was evidenced in the recent Boston Marathon bombings. However, Mr. Bergen feels that we should be encouraged by the overall decrease in frequency and magnitude of terrorist attacks, and says he is optimistic about Afghanistan’s future.

At the conclusion of his presentation, a Question/Answer period was held. In his closing remarks, Fr. Vasken thanked Mr. Bergen for sharing his knowledge and experiences and thanked the Kolligian Family for making this event possible. A reception and book signing followed.





Our gratitude and appreciation are expressed to the Dr. Michael and Joyce Kolligian Family for establishing this "Distinguished Speaker Series," for the purpose of "providing high-quality education and cultural programs to enhance knowledge and provide enjoyment to the members of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church, as well as to the community at large."

Previous programs of the Dr. Michael and Joyce Kolligian Distinguished Speaker Series featured: Dr. Bob Arnot, "On the Front Line of Terror," in 2004; Immaculee Ilibagiza, survivor and author of *Left to Tell, Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*, in 2007; and Mia Farrow, "With Knowledge Comes Responsibility: The Darfur Crisis," in 2010.

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POSITIONS OF HONOR



We wish to congratulate James M. Kalustian who was recently elected Chairman of the Diocesan Council. He was first elected to the Diocesan Council in 2001. Jim has the distinction and honor of being a member of the Supreme Spiritual Council of Holy Etchmiadzin since 2005.

Under the presidency of our Primate, the Diocesan Council consists of 11 members — four clergymen and seven laymen — elected by the Diocesan Assembly. The Council convenes once every month, typically at the Diocesan headquarters in New York. The Council supervises the parochial institutions and

organizations of the Diocese and the activities of its officers. Jointly with the Primate, the Council examines and renders decisions on matters relative to the establishment of churches, education and charitable institutions, and organizations within the Diocese. The Council also approves proposals for the establishment of new church communities or parishes, or other church or community organizations. In addition, the Council is responsible for preparing and presenting an annual operating budget to the Diocesan Assembly.

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We as a parish are very proud that many of our pastors, delegates, and parishioners have offered leadership in different capacities to our Diocese over the years.

- The late Fr. Papken Maksoudian, our pastor from 1952 to 1974, in addition to being a member of the Diocesan Council for 8 years, had been elected as Chairman of several Annual Diocesan Assemblies.
- Fr. Mampre A. Kouzouian, our pastor from 1977 to 2001, served on the Diocesan Council for 16 years, 4 years as Chairman. Representing the Armenian Church, he was also a member of the National Council of Churches for 16 years.
- Our pastor, Fr. Vasken, is currently in his 6th year on the Diocesan Council and served as Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry from 1999-2001.
- The late Daniel K. Dorian was a member of the Diocesan Council for 10 years and served as Chairman of several Diocesan Assemblies. He also was on the Diocesan Board of Trustees for 10 years.
- The late Charles B. Garabedian, Esq., served on the Diocesan Board of Trustees for 10 years.
- Our former pastor from 1974-1976, the Very Rev. Fr. Yeghishe Gizirian, now Archbishop Gizirian, served as the Primate of the Armenian Church in England.
- The Very Rev. Fr. Krikor Maksoudian, ordained in our church, served as Professor of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary preparing clergymen for our Diocese. He also served as Director of the Zohrab Center of our Diocese.
- The Very Rev. Simeon Odabashian, ordained in our church, presently serves our Diocese as the Diocesan Vicar.
- Yeretzgin Arpi Kouzouian is currently a National Council of Churches of Christ Governing Board Member, is Chair of the Nominations Committee, and a delegate, General Assembly Ecumenical Young Adult Ministries Team. Yeretzgin also served as Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry from 2002-2005.

111TH DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The 111th Diocesan Assembly was hosted by the St. David Armenian Church in Boca Raton, FL, and held at the Marriott Town Center Hotel in Boca Raton, FL, from May 2 to May 4. Attending as delegates from Holy Trinity were Fr. Vasken Kouzouian, David DerVartanian, Aram Hintlian, James M. Kalustian, Gregory Krikorian, Bruce Newell, and Dean Soultanian. There were 141 delegates in attendance representing all of the parishes throughout the Diocese. This year there was a new theme, "Living the Gospel of Christ," which was the focus of the assembly.

At the first and second sessions on Thursday, we heard a message from His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians. There were reports on the Clergy Conference; the status of the mission parishes from Fr. Tateos Abdalian; the Sacred Music Council by Dn. Rubik Malian; the Department of Youth Education (DYE); the Women's Guild Central Council (WGCC); and the Legate's Committee. Also, elections were held for the assembly Tivan and for Diocesan Council, Auditing Committee, Proposals Committee, Nominating Committee, and Board of Trustees. Jim Kalustian was re-elected to Diocesan Council and has recently been named chairman.

The third session on Friday morning began with worship. We heard from Fr. Mark Liontes from the Greek Church in Boca Raton, FL. His theme was "Being the Beloved." He quoted a Bible passage, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." We then had a Bible study discussing this passage.

The Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, then addressed the assembly and gave his annual "Primate's Message." In his address the Primate announced that the theme of the assembly would be "Living the Gospel of Christ."



Delegates Bruce Newell, David DerVartanian, Greg Krikorian and Aram Hintlian with Der Vasken

This year we would focus on the word "living." The Primate said, "The Gospel is the book of the life of Christ. How can we live a Christ like life? The words were meant to be acted on. Our mission is to be like Christ and offer forgiveness. The church is valuable to help us live the life of Christ. This year we will use the 5 major feast days to help live the life of Christ." The Primate also stated that he is committed to the unity of the Armenian Church as one. This drew a large positive reaction from the delegates.

The Primate's message led into a presentation, discussing what resources are available through the Diocese, regarding the 5 major feast days which are Christmas, Easter, Transfiguration, Assumption of Mary, and Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

The balance of the morning session was spent hearing the results from the discussions of a few of the Bible study tables and a discussion from Fr. Vasken Kouzouian on following the examples of Christ. In the fourth session on Friday afternoon, there were reports from the Global By-Laws Committee, the Proposals Committee, and the Auditing Committee.

In the fifth session on Saturday, we started the morning by having a requiem service for His Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, the late Patriarch of Jerusalem. We heard a report from

the Vice Chairman of the ACYOA Cental Council, Karen Dardarian. Diocesan Council Treasurer, Papken Megerian, presented the 2012 financial report and made proposals for the 2013 and 2014 budgets. There was also a report from Dr. Sam Mikaelian who discussed the fund-raising efforts of 2012 and 2013. There were reports from St. Nersess Seminary, the Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF), Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR), and the Ararat Center. We also heard from St. James Armenian Church, Watertown, regarding a successful membership campaign.

As I have done each year, I would like to highlight the topics I feel are important. St. Nersess has purchased a new property to relocate the Seminary. The 5.5 acre property is located in Armonk, New York. Construction permits have been secured and a new 8400 square foot Theological Center and Chapel is under construction. St. Nersess is still working on selling the current location in New Rochelle. There were 3 seminarians three months ago. There are currently 6 seminarians, and there will be 8 seminarians by the fall. Fr. Mardiros Chevian is the new Dean at the seminary.

For the third consecutive year, there were lengthy discussions at the assembly concerning proposed new bylaws for the Diocese. Richard Norsigian, a member of the Global Guidelines Committee, which has been working on this since 2008, along with Lisa Esayian, led the discussion. Lisa and Richard explained that there were 10 provisions that the Committee looked at that may need changes. After studying them, the Committee decided that 8 do not need to be changed. The Committee recommended changes on 2 provisions. The first proposal has to do with Looma, a yearly donation that the Diocese makes to the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin. The second has to do with the process for selecting our Diocesan Primate. The Diocesan Council made a proposal regarding each of these two articles. The

discussion was lengthy and delegates were very passionate in their views. There were amendments proposed to the two proposals. After much discussion, a proposal passed to give 5% of Diocesan dues to Etchmiadzin. A second proposal to have primate candidates approved by the Catholicos vs. in consultation with the Catholicos, passed. These will both need to be passed at next year's assembly to change the by-laws.

The Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF) has \$87,000,000.00 in assets, up from \$74,000,000 in 2011, with 1800 endowed funds. ACEF had a gain in 2012 of 11.3%. ACEF distributed 4.5% to beneficiaries in 2012.

The Ararat Center is in its eighth year of operation. The Ararat Center is expanding rentals to both Armenian and non-Armenian groups. Much of the work needed at the center has been done by volunteers. The pool at the center is being refurbished and will be ready for the summer season. In 2012, the center

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had a \$15,000 positive cash flow from operations.

The Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR) continues to be the major

agency delivering aid to Armenia from the Diaspora. FAR focuses on three strategic initiatives. The first is to protect vulnerable populations. Some of the programs in this area are the FAR Homeless Children Center, C.A.S.P., which FAR is now distributing the funds to children, Vanadzor Old Age Center, and soup kitchens. The second area is education and research. Some of the programs in this area are FAR scholarships, Gumri IT Center, and Octet Music School. The third area is jobs and business development. One program in this area is a food distribution center. In 2012, FAR raised \$4,400,000 in

contributions for their programs which was 54% ahead of budgeted revenue, and spent \$2,800,000 on programs.

The Diocesan financial situation got worse in 2012. In 2012, the Diocese had a deficit of \$178,000 vs. a surplus of \$78,000 in 2011. In 2012, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal received \$726,577, down from \$915,946 in 2011. The 2013 budget was revised downward to show a surplus of \$118,696. A budget of \$4,288,213, which includes a surplus of \$118,696, was approved for 2014. A concern is that the Diocese continues to use a line of credit with Citi Bank for \$1,000,000, and that we continue to borrow from restricted funds. The current borrowing level is \$1,400,000. The Diocese hired a new Director of Development, Lou Ann Matossian, who will start later this year.

The Women's Guild Central Council continues its successful C.A.S.P. program. The funds are now being distributed by FAR. More than 1500 children receive annual support through CASP. The WGCC also provides school supplies to schools in Armenia. At this year's WOW Luncheon, one of the honorees was a local member of the Women's Guild, Carol Norigian.

The Legate's Committee is working to raise awareness of the Armenian Church among ecumenical and interfaith groups and works with the government regarding

Armenian issues. One major concern is the state of Christians in the Middle East, especially in Syria. Archbishop Vicken Aykazian was elected President of Christian Churches Together.

There was a lengthy discussion on parish membership. The presentation on parish membership by Paul Mardoian showed that 17 parishes are up in membership and 17 parishes are down.

A proposal to amend the Bylaws, submitted by Holy Trinity, Cambridge, MA, to reduce dues for members between the ages of 18 – 25 passed for the 2nd consecutive year. It needs to be confirmed by the Catholicos to change the current Bylaw. A proposal also passed regarding quorums for parish assemblies.

In conclusion, this year's assembly was a successful one. This is the 22nd year I have been a delegate, and once again, I thank you for allowing me to represent our parish. If you would like any further details on any of the proceedings, there is an excellent summary of the proceedings at the Diocesan website: armenianchurch-ed.net. Go to the news archives for an article dated May 9. You may also contact me directly.

Respectfully submitted, Aram Hintlian,
Diocesan Delegate

BLESSING OF THE BABIES



Our joyful annual Blessing of the Babies' Service took place on April 14.

FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Graduates Seven on May 19



Always a day of joyous celebration and tremendous pride, our Sunday School Graduation took place on Sunday, May 19, when we witnessed seven Grade 12 students, who successfully completed the required course of Christian Education as set forth by the Department of Youth and Education at the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern), receive their Sunday School diplomas in an impressive ceremony in church at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. This year's graduates were Rose Arslanian, daughter of Dr. Armen and Araz Arslanian of Lexington, Elizabeth Nayiri Ayanian, daughter of Dr. Mark and Maral Ayanian of Belmont, Ani Rose Hollisian, daughter of Ara and June Hollisian of South Weymouth, Allison Nicole Jakob, daughter of Christopher and Barbara Jakob of Lexington, Lori Keverian, daughter of George and Diane Keverian of Medfield, Melissa Sahagian, daughter of Richard and Nancy Sahagian of Burlington, and Caroline Thayer, daughter of Harvey and Valerie Kolligian Thayer of Concord. Serving as ushers and participating in the Graduation Ceremony were Grade 11 students Alex Avakian, Gregory Dorian, Alex Ensign, and Haig Torosian.

The morning began with the graduates attending church services, reading the Confession and receiving Holy Communion. The Graduation Ceremony, which was presided over by Fr. Vasken A. Kouzouian, began with opening remarks by Seta A. Buchter, Sunday School Superintendent. Seta stated, "We have watched our graduates, over the years, grow and develop into the wonderful young adults they are today. For each of them, their years attending Sunday School, has been a journey in discovering who they are as Armenian Christians. During this journey, it has been extremely gratifying to witness our graduates' strengthening of their faith, their greater appreciation and understanding of their religion, culture and heritage, and their growing dedication and commitment to the Armenian Church, especially Holy Trinity Armenian Church." Seta also noted the strong bonds of friendship this class has that have been developed not only through the Sunday School program but

also through the graduates' participation in the ACYOA Juniors program where many have served on the Executive Committee over the years, through their continued attendance in the St. Vartan Camp program, and for some, their families' participation in Holy Trinity's Second Pilgrimage to Armenia in 2008. Seta also congratulated our graduates' parents thanking them for their commitment, encouragement and sacrifices throughout the years especially as they taught their children by example which is the best teacher of all.

Two Awards were then presented. The "Bagdasar and Elmas Garabedian Award," which recognizes two graduating students of the Holy Trinity Sunday School who have maintained an exemplary record throughout their years as a student of the Sunday



With Der Vasken, left: Ani Hollisian and Lori Keverian, and right: Nayiri Ayanian and Caroline Thayer

School, was presented to Ani Hollisian and Lori Keverian. The "Arsha Sarkisian Award," which is given to the "Outstanding Sunday School Student of the Year," was awarded to two graduating students – Nayiri Ayanian and Caroline Thayer – as both were deserving of the recognition.

The Order of Graduates was then presented to Der Vasken. Each graduate received her Sunday School diploma from Der Vasken and a gift of the book, "Armenia: A Journey through History," by Arra Avakian.

Due to the large size of the graduating class, each graduate's remarks on "What Sunday School or Church Means to Me" were printed in the Graduation Program along with a brief biography of each graduate. Three students, Caroline Thayer, Ani Hollisian and Nayiri Ayanian, were asked to speak on behalf of the graduating class. Their remarks were a composite of each graduate's responses to a number of questions. Caroline spoke about the people who influenced our graduates and what they liked most about attending Sunday School and Church. Ani talked about our graduates' most memorable moments or experiences in Sunday School and Church and the lessons that have stayed with them throughout the years, and Nayiri addressed their service year and the future.

Melissa Sahagian presented this year's class gift to Der Vasken which was 21 copies of the newly printed, beautifully illustrated, children's book, "When I Go to Church," for the pews in the church sanctuary. Lori Keverian offered the Bible reading of the day from the Book of Proverbs, chapter 1, verses 1-5, "... to receive the instruction of wisdom justice, judgment, and equity...", while Allison Jakob read the Gospel reading from John, chapter 20, verses 19-23.

The Ceremony concluded with the Graduating Class, in a symbolic gesture, passing a lit candle to the students of Grade 11 with the words, "As the 2013 Sunday School

Graduating Class of Holy Trinity Armenian Church, we pass on to you this symbol of our faith with our Hope and Love.” The candle, which also represents the passing of leadership



from the outgoing graduating class to the incoming one, was passed from Rose Arslanian to Haig Torosian. Rose then briefly explained what the candle, as this “symbol of faith,” meant to her and her fellow graduates.



In offering the closing remarks, Der Vasken congratulated the graduates for their commitment to learning about their faith since they were young children. He reminded the congregation that today’s Graduation fell on the Feast of Pentecost. In drawing an analogy to the Feast of Pentecost when the students of Jesus stopped being called “Disciples” and went on to be called “Apostles,” Der Vasken stated, “Today, we send out into the world seven new ‘Apostles’ in the name of Jesus Christ and the Armenian Church. You are called to take your faith in Christ with you in

life. You are called to walk with your Lord. And you are called to be the Apostles of Christ, of the Armenian Church, of the Armenian people, of this Sunday School and ACYOA, and of Holy Trinity Armenian Church. By being a ‘Modern-day Apostle,’ you can now use your knowledge to begin changing the world in the name of Jesus Christ.” Der Vasken continued, “Our hope is that through your Sunday School and ACYOA experiences, you make good decisions in life and that you let your faith help define the world – that’s the work of an ‘Apostle of Christ.’” Der Vasken concluded by thanking “our graduates’

parents and all the teachers who had a hand in helping these young women reach this milestone in their lives, most especially, Seta Buchter.”

Following church services, the graduates, their families and invited guests were honored at a luncheon held in Johnson Hall.

Special thanks and appreciation are expressed to: Catherine Minassian, the teacher of the graduates during their Grade 11 year, for preparing the students for graduation and for assisting with the Graduation Ceremony and the Luncheon; David Minassian for preparing the delicious luncheon; Dave Dorian for helping with set-up and the Luncheon; and the Grade 11 students Alex Avakian, Greg Dorian, and Haig Torosian for serving. A special thank you is extended to Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., who gifted the book “Heaven is for Real,” to each graduate during our Mother’s Day Special Assembly Program as he couldn’t be present on the day of Graduation.



Sunday School Diocesan-wide Lenten Drive

We were very pleased to contribute \$850 to this year’s Diocesan-wide Lenten Drive benefitting “Relief for Syrian Armenians” and the “Tovuz Village Day Care Center in Armenia.” Thank you to our students, parishioners, and friends for their donations towards this worthy project. Special thanks is expressed to: Parish Council members Armen Skenderian, Mark Haroutunian, Cathy Minassian and Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., for donating the proceeds from the Wednesday Lenten suppers; Dr. Mark and Maral Ayanian and family for their donation of \$100; and the parishioners who supported the Mid-Lent Lunch on March 3, with one-half of the proceeds earmarked for the Lenten Drive.

Easter Worship Service and Breakfast Held Saturday, March 30

The Sunday School and Armenian School students celebrated Easter on Saturday, March 30, with a special Worship Service, followed by a delicious breakfast including the traditional cracking of colored eggs. During the breakfast, a birthday cake was presented to Caroline Thayer who was celebrating her 18th birthday that day.



The students then participated in an "Easter Fair and Egg Hunt" where they decorated cupcakes, made "Bunny" bags, solved word puzzles and had a sticker activity on the Last Supper. Always a highly anticipated event is the Easter Egg Hunt where children and youth looked for hidden plastic Easter eggs filled with candy. And no Easter Fair would be complete without the Easter Bunny who visited with the children, posed for photos and gave out chocolate pops. We are grateful to all those whose help ensured the success of this annual activity in celebration of Easter.





Movie Night at the Parish House on April 5

Our younger children, in Kindergarten through Grade 2, wearing PJs and with their favorite stuffed animals and blankets or pillow pets, gathered with Der Vasken for a movie night at the Parish House where they watched “Brave” and enjoyed time with Der Hayr and one another. It was a fun evening for all who attended!

Visit to Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, May 5

Our annual visit to the Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (ANRC) continues to be a wonderful community outreach service project which is enjoyed by our students, teachers, families and especially the residents at the ANRC who always love seeing our children and youth. On Sunday, May 5, 68 people comprised of Armenian and Sunday School students, teachers, staff and parents participated in this year’s visit. Our students presented a great and enthusiastic program of Armenian, religious and patriotic songs,



recitations and musical selections on the piano, guitar and saxophone and then had an opportunity to socialize with the residents which is an important aspect of our visit. At the conclusion of the program, we hosted a losh kebab/hot dog barbecue for the ANRC residents and staff and our Armenian and Sunday School students and families. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie that the barbecue afforded.

We are grateful to the “crew” who made losh kebab patties at the ANRC on Saturday, the chefs who grilled the losh and hot dogs on Sunday, parents who helped set-up and serve and especially our students who participated as they made a difference in the lives of the residents even if it was for only one day.

—Seta A. Buchter, *Sunday School Superintendent*

WASHING OF THE FEET SERVICE, MARCH 28



Participating in the "Washing of the Feet" Service on Thursday, March 28, were students from our Sunday School: left to right: Gregory Arustamyan, John Annaian, Michael Haroutunian, Alexander Der-Kazaryan, Samuel Gojjam, Joseph MacDonald, Vahan Der-Kazaryan, Levon Haroutunian, Armen Manucharyan, Armen Youssoufian, Elias Gojjam, and Jack Avedis Kolligian



Anne at her 100th Birthday Celebration

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO ANNE HINTLIAN!

**"INDEED, THE STORY OF ANNE HINTLIAN
IS A REFLECTION OF THE STORY OF THE
ARMENIAN PEOPLE IN THE NEW WORLD."**

*His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate*

In his congratulatory letter to Anne Tashjian Hintlian on her 100th birthday, April 19, the Primate went on to write that from her earliest days, Anne has faithfully served God, His church, and our people. He continued: "Your strength of character is a fitting symbol of the vigor and endurance of the Armenian people in this country."

And in a letter, James Kalustian writes of his aunt's warm and passionate love for her church and community that has helped to make Holy Trinity a special place for all who are part of it.

Happy Birthday Anne from your Holy Trinity Church Family!!

ACYOA NEWS

ACYOA Juniors Let Loose in the City of Boston!

On May 4, a beautiful Saturday afternoon, nearly 40 ACYOA Juniors from Holy Trinity Church and St. James Church in Watertown, broke up into 5 teams and scattered across the city for a joint Scavenger Hunt. Teens were let loose all over the city, hunting for items that ranged from a Mike's Pastry box and slice of pizza from Pizzeria Regina, to taking photos which included Armenian Heritage Park, the biggest milk bottle in Boston, a postman, an Armenian not part of the Hunt, and a Canadian (not including Yn. Arpi!) Everyone had a wonderful afternoon exploring the city, enjoying fellowship and creating memories. Many thanks to all the volunteers who served as team captains and accompanied the Juniors on the adventure.



ACYOA Juniors Participate in Hye M'rtsoom Sports Weekend



ACYOA Juniors Hye M'rtsoom Girls' Basketball Champions

Congratulations and many thanks to the 24 ACYOA Juniors who participated in the 38th annual Hye M'rtsoom Sports Weekend hosted by St. James Armenian Church in Watertown, MA, from May 24-27.

Our Juniors were just one of the 15 different parishes and 225 Juniors participating in the event. This year, many Juniors participated in two out-reach programs: bringing gift cards and making sandwiches to donate to a shelter.



Preparing sandwiches for the shelter

We congratulate the Girls' Basketball Team for their first place victory; Greg Arustamyan for his second place victory in Advanced Chess; and Amalia Petrosyan and Nayiri Ayanian for first and second place respectively in Beginner's Tavloo. We offer very special thanks to our dedicated coaches, Vickie Alani and Dr. Mark Ayanian, and to our favorite chaperone, Cathy Minassian. The ACYOA Juniors truly appreciate each for their leadership,

expertise and dedication! On a final note, we congratulate Ani Maroyan for receiving the Female Sportsmanship award, and for a special dedication she made just prior to the finals: "On behalf of the Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors, today's Girls' Basketball finals are dedicated to the victims of the horrific Oklahoma tornado which took the lives of 24 people, 7 of which were children. Today's game is to honor them through our good sportsmanship, along with the ACYOA Juniors of Philadelphia. Gone but not forgotten, may they rest in peace." Thank you Ani for reminding us all of the importance of Christian compassion.

ACYOA Juniors' Election Results

Congratulations to our new ACYOA Juniors Executive Committee, elected on June 9. There were 13 members vying to serve on the five-member Executive Committee, all candidates sharing meaningful responses to the question, "Why do you want to be on the Executive Committee, and what can you bring to the position that will benefit our organization?" After an exciting election, which even included a run-off for the fifth and final position, we congratulate our new Executive Committee:

Gregory Dorian & Haig Torosian

Co-Chairmen

Ani Soultanian

Treasurer

Ani Maroyan

Corresponding Secretary

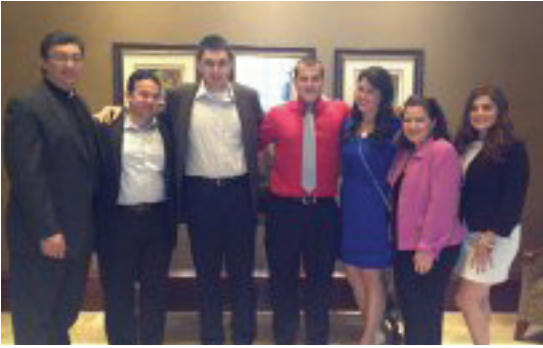
Naneh Petrosyan

Recording Secretary

The ACYOA Juniors express many thanks to outgoing Executive Committee members: Caroline Thayer - Chairman; Gregory Dorian - Vice-Chairman; Nayiri Ayanian - Treasurer; Ani Hollisian - Recording Secretary; and Lori Keverian - Corresponding Secretary.

ACYOA Seniors Attend General Assembly and Sports Weekend held in Providence, RI

During Memorial Day weekend, from May 23-27, 21 ACYOA Seniors from Holy Trinity Church attended the annual General Assembly and Sports Weekend held in Providence, RI. Among the attendees were five members who served as delegates and attended the General Assembly prior to the weekend: Gregory Ekchian, Chairman; Danielle Malconian, Ronald Malconian, Jr., Nicole Prince, and Gregory Torosian.



**Holy Trinity Delegates to the
ACYOA Seniors General Assembly
held Memorial Day Weekend
in Providence, RI,
with Fr. Vasken and Yn. Arpi**



ACYOA Seniors Election Results

Congratulations to our new ACYOA Seniors Executive Committee, which was elected on June 25, at the General Membership Meeting.

Danielle Malconian	Chairman
Ronald Malconian, Jr.	Vice-Chairman
Suzanne Ekchian	Treasurer
Christina Azarian	Corresponding Secretary
Caroline Ekchian	Recording Secretary
Christine Hovsepien	Public Relations/Event Planning
Hayk Krikorian	Sports Coordinator

The ACYOA Seniors, Pastor and Youth Director all wish to thank Gregory Ekchian who served as Chairman of the organization for more than three years. Through Greg's leadership and dedication, the organization has grown over the past few years, resulting in a membership that exhibits a renewed commitment and enthusiasm - a group that has become a vital resource to the parish. We also thank those who served alongside Greg these past few years, Nicole Prince and Alexandra Tashjian, and the four incumbent Executive Committee members, Caroline Ekchian, Suzanne Ekchian, Danielle Malconian, and Ron Malconian, Jr.

During the June 25 meeting, the ACYOA Seniors planned some exciting events for the coming year, including a monthly Trivia Night. The first one will take place on Saturday, August 17, from 7 - 9 p.m. The following day, Sunday, August 18, the ACYOA Seniors will host the annual Brunch on the Feast of Asdvadzadzin (Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God), immediately following church services. Watch for details about these and future ACYOA Seniors events.

CALLING ALL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS...

The Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors are open to all youth ages 12 to 18 (and still in High School.) Youth aged 12 may participate in all parish programs, but may not participate in Diocesan programs; i.e., retreats and Sports Weekends, until having reached age 13. If you or someone you know would like to join the ACYOA Juniors, or you know of anyone between the ages of 18-28 who lives in the area, or who has moved to the area for college and would like to join the ACYOA Seniors, please contact: Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, Youth Director, at youth@htaac.org. —Yeretzgin Arpi Kouzouian, *Youth Director*

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



LEAH BENNETT—daughter of Lynette Aznavourian and Robert Bennett and granddaughter of Audrey Aznavourian, all of Arlington, graduated on May 10, from the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst with a Bachelor of Science degree in Hospitality and tourism. She was initiated into the Eta Sigma Delta Honor Society for Hospitality in her junior year, and also served as secretary for the National Society of Minorities in Hospitality every year of her college career. Leah will be traveling to Italy this summer.



ASHLEY KOLLIGIAN DORIAN—daughter of Lisa and Danny Dorian of Winchester, received her Master in Education degree from Lesley University's Urban Initiative Program. Ashley graduated from New Hampton School in 2001, and the University of Massachusetts/Amherst in 2005.



ANI ROSE HOLLISIAN—the daughter of June and Ara Hollisian of South Weymouth, graduated from Weymouth High School and will be attending Suffolk University in the Honors Program this fall on an International Relations/Pre-law track for which she has been awarded a four-year academic scholarship. While at Weymouth High, Ani was a member of the National Honor Society during her junior and senior years, varsity Swim Team for four years (serving as captain this year), Yearbook Committee, and a Peer Leader. Through the Town of Weymouth, she played soccer for ten years and refereed for three. Her interests include playing the piano (she has played since age 5), swimming

(certified lifeguard since 2010), and fashion (voted best-dressed girl in Weymouth High's Class of 2013). Ani was the recipient of this year's Helen G. Tony Scholarship as well as the WHS Latin Award and Yearbook Committee Award for Outstanding work.

Ani was ordained an Acolyte in 2008, by our Primate, participated with her family in Holy Trinity's Second Parish Pilgrimage to Armenia in 2008, and has been an active

member of the ACYOA Juniors for the past five years, serving as recording secretary for two of those years. She has attended St. Vartan Camp for nine years as a camper, two years as a counselor-in-training/lifeguard, and will return as a counselor/lifeguard this summer. Ani is a 2013 graduate of our Sunday School and a recipient of the Bagdasar and Elmas Garabedian Award. For her Grade 12 Sunday School service project, Ani assisted the Parish Council with its weekly Sunday morning responsibilities.

AMALIA PETROSYAN—daughter of Mikhail Petrosyan and Naira Balagyozyan and granddaughter of Adelaida Hoveyan, graduated from Watertown High School. She was a member of the National Honors Society. She served as the WHS Armenian Club President, was involved in the Watertown Youth Coalition Peer Leaders, and was a member of the school's Science League. Amalia was in the girls' track and tennis team in high school. She was selected to represent Watertown High School at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). She is a dancer with the Sayat Nova Dance Company. This past year, she served as a teacher's assistant in both our Sunday School and Armenian School. Amalia will be attending the University of Massachusetts/Boston in the fall, majoring in Biology in the premed program.



ZACHARY TAYLOR ZEYTOONJIAN—son of Richard and Michelle Zeytoonjian of Wellesley, and grandson of Carol Zeytoonjian and Germaine Messett, graduated from Wellesley High School. Zachary was a four-year member of both the football and wrestling teams and served as captain during his senior year. He came in second place at the Lowell Wrestling Tournament and took fourth in his weight class at States. Zachary received the Raider Pride Award signifying his good sportsmanship and leadership abilities. He served as a peer mentor to middle school students and was a student speaker to incoming high school parents. During his years at WHS, Zachary volunteered at the Junior Raider football camp. Zachary will attend the University of Rhode Island's Marine Biology program in the fall.

**The Pastor and Parish Council
wish to congratulate all 2013 Graduates!!**

THE GREGORY HINTLIAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT THIS YEAR REMEMBERING DANIEL K. DORIAN

It was a great day on and off the course as we honored and shared warm memories of both Gregory Hintlian and Daniel K. Dorian with family and friends on Monday, June 17, at the Marlborough Country Club. We again express our gratitude to the Co-Chairmen of this event, Aram Hintlian and Jeffrey Hinlian, and their Committee: Danny Dorian, Janice Dorian, Elissa Hintlian, Nancy Hintlian, Nancy E. Hintlian, Cynthia Kazanjian, Dick Kazanjian, Greg Krikorian, Cathy Minassian, Bruce Newell and Bruce Ohanian. And a sincere thank you, also, to all our generous Tournament Sponsors, Silent Auction and Raffle donors, Tee sponsors, golfers, and volunteers for making it such a success!



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Holy Trinity Annual Christmas Bazaar



December 6 & 7, 2013

Please help support our annual Holy Trinity Christmas Bazaar by becoming a sponsor. Your help and support will be prominently displayed throughout the bazaar in sincere recognition and gratitude.

Please contact the church office at 617-354-0632 or office@htaac.org

Bazaar Meals:

7 available
\$1,000.00 each

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\$2,250.00 each

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\$1,500.00 each

Raffle:

2 available
\$750.00 each

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\$300.00 each

Pastry Booth:

4 available
\$500.00 each

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1 available
\$500.00 each

Gourmet Booth:

2 available
\$1,000.00 each

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4 available
\$500.00 each

Santa's Play Land:

2 available
\$500.00 each



General Donations are welcomed with much appreciation

Thank you for helping us make this year's bazaar a success!

**Prepaid Manti
Orders being taken
on Sundays during
Fellowship Hour**

From now through August, prepaid manti orders, at \$15 per pound, will be taken on Sundays during Fellowship Hour.



In her letter, dated March 21, 2013, Roseann Manoogian Attar, Treasurer of the Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF), informed Fr. Vasken, our pastor, that she was enclosing a check for \$16,545.33, representing the 2012 year-end distribution of the endowed funds listed

below and made to the ACEF by generous benefactors to benefit our church and to whom we express our gratitude. She reported that there was a 3.78% increase in the distribution for the year 2012 versus 2011.

Kazor & Sophie Babaian Memorial Fund	\$1,306.02
Drs. John & Alice Bandeian Endowment Fund	363.86
Nerses & Mary Guleserian-Bergoudian Fund	240.30
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Shirley & Shirley Rita Tatarian Memorial Fund	25.99
Major Robert Zaven Zartarian & Rose M. Chacran Zartarian Endowment Fund	1,299.51
	\$16,326.54

We also received \$218.79 from the Armenian Women's Education Society of Arlington Fund of the ACEF for the Armenian School.

STEWARDSHIP 2013

Thank you to the following additional Stewardship 2013 participants:

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 \$15 - Gayle M. Yapchaian \$10 - John Goshdigian; Ashod D. Hagopian; Adrienne Hamparian; Jan Haroutunian and Family in memory of Harry Haroutunian; Michael G. Yapchaian; Donald Tellalian
 \$45 - Anonymous

BELL RINGING FOR HARVARD

For the 25th consecutive year, Holy Trinity Armenian Church was pleased to join other Cambridge churches in the beautiful ringing of bells celebrating Harvard's Commencement on Thursday morning, May 30. In a letter to Fr. Vasken from the Harvard University Commencement Office, Cynthia W. Rossano wrote, "A joyful noise will sound throughout the city because of your kindness, celebrating both the city itself and the ancient University within it."

DONATIONS TO OUR TRUST FUND

- \$19,864.25 from the Dr. Michael and Joyce Kolligian Charitable Fund a Donor Advised Fund of Renaissance Charitable Foundation to the Dr. Michael and Joyce Kolligian Trust Fund
- \$4,000 from Adrienne Tashjian to the Dickran, Victoria, Mabel & Richard Tashjian Trust Fund
- \$2,000 from Gerard & Rosemarie Odabashian establishing a Trust Fund in their name
- \$1,000 from Zevart M. Hollisian to the Hollisian Family Scholarship Trust Fund
- \$1,000 from Charles Nahabedian to the Charles & Alice Nahabedian Trust Fund
- To the Father Papken & Yeretzgin Azadouhie Maksoudian Trust Fund:
 - \$500 from Nancy R. Kolligian
 - \$100 from Juna and Roxie M. Hedison
 - \$100 from Peter and Isabel Talanian
 - \$50 from Shenorig and Mary Ishkanian
- \$200 from Martin & Mimi Kalustian, Drs. Albert & Anita Kalustian, and James M. Kalustian to the Aram & Anne Hintlian Trust Fund on the occasion of Anne's 100th birthday

DONATIONS TO OUR CHURCH

- \$58,000 from the Charles G. Talanian Family to refurbish the bronze doors of the church, clean the chandeliers, and provide temporary air conditioning in the sanctuary
- \$7,000 from Nancy Kolligian, Lisa Kolligian Dorian, Michele Kolligian, and Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., toward the underwriting of meals for the 2013 Trinity Christmas Bazaar
- \$700 from William & Karen Martin for underground gas piping for an outside grill set
- \$600 from Mrs. Agnes Aznavorian to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- \$350 from Gregory Berberian
- \$250 from Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., to the Young Adult Pilgrimage
- \$150 from Armen & Susan Skenderian to the Youth Choir
- \$100 from Marian Koumjian to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- \$100 from Albert & Ann Oskoian for Christmas Youghakin
- \$100 from Lorraine Vaccaro on the occasion of Anne Hintlian's 100th birthday
- \$50 from Arshag Gechejian; Michael Gregory; \$30 - Anna Glover; \$25 - Charlene Brennan

\$\$\$ FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY 1000 CLUB \$\$\$

1000 CLUB SAYS . . . *If you lack the courage to start, you have already finished.*

1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR APRIL

\$1,000 - Arthur DerBoghosian; \$300 - Donna Kirkland; \$200 - Amelia Lee Martin; \$100 - Donna Kirkland; \$50 Winners: Scott Martin; Glenn Shenloogian, Gary Kayakazhoian; Richard & Barbara Surabian; Dean Soultanian; Robert & Marilyn Takvorian; Mary L. Almasian; Joyce L. Guleserian

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\$1,000 - Arthur Avakian; \$300 - David Donabedian; \$200 - Robert Simonian; \$100 John Goshdigian; \$50 Winners: Taylor Fleming; Armine D. Hagopian; Edward Shoushanian; Nancy Young; Dean Soultanian; Gregory Torosian; James M. Kalustian; William H. Martin

1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR JUNE

\$1,000 - Mrs. Charles Talanian; \$300 - Eleanor Yessaian; \$200 - Rita Kechejian; \$100 - Charles Deradourian; \$50 Winners: Jeffrey Martin; Claire Mosgofian; Victoria Basmajian; Armen & Susan Skenderian; Zevart Hollisian; Rose Marie Odabashian; Marilyn & Bob Takvorian; Barbara Dorian

ONE FUND BOSTON

\$1,064, representing the collective donations from our parishioners, was sent to the One Fund Boston to assist the victims and their families affected by the Marathon bombing attack on April 15.

THANK YOU TO . . .

An anonymous donor for 100 Jerusalem cross tiles at a value of \$350.

DAJAR DONATIONS

- \$100 Alma Cherian, CA
- \$75 Garbis & Mary-Louise Essaian, CA
- \$50 Mary Baker; Joanne Barrow; Virginia DeFilippis; Doreen M. Nersesian, IL
- \$30 Adelaida Hoveyan
- \$25 Dorothy Kohler
- \$20 Rose Mary Aznavorian; Katharine Eastman



WEDDINGS

Ara Diloyan of Woburn, MA, and **Jackielyn M. Nazareno** of Woburn, MA, on May 11. Bestman Wissam Ajjour

Oliver Kaspar Ozcan of Waltham, MA, and **Laura Ann Abkarian** of Waltham, MA, on June 2. Bestman Vahram Dolukhanyan

Charles Christopher Talanian of Boston, MA, and **Noel Faith Tashjian** of Stoneham, MA, on June 22. Bestman Mark Ohanian



BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS

Clara Audrey Tokatlyan, daughter of Stepan and Heather (Johnson) Tokatlyan of Waltham, MA, on June 1. Godfather, Mike Tokatlyan, and Godmother, Anahid Tokatlyan

Shahe Andre Maserejian, son of Shahe and Arlene (Helvadjan) Maserejian of Framingham, MA, on June 16. Godfather, Mardiros Helvadjan

Eva Araya Fanyants, daughter of Haig and Pacharawan (Budde) Fanyants of Waltham, MA, on June 23. Godfather, Viggo Kjaerlid, and Godmother, Gayane Fanyants



FUNERALS

Diramayr Zabel Odabashian of Dedham, MA, on April 10

Sarah Hajenlian of Hollywood, FL, on May 14

Anna Nazarova of Brighton, MA, on May 30

Araxie Gostanian of Broomall, PA, on June 17

Joyce Juskalian Kolligian of Longboat Key, FL, on June 18

Helen Donabedian of Everett, MA, on June 24



IN LIEU OF FLOWERS

Sincere sympathy is extended by the Pastor and Parish Council to the families of those parishioners who have departed from this life.

Grateful acknowledgment is expressed to the families of the departed souls for making it possible for friends and relatives to contribute in lieu of flowers, partially or totally, towards our church.

Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of **DIRAMAYR ZABEL ODABASHIAN** for our church:

The Very Rev. Fr. Simeon Odabashian; Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs, Bayside, NY; Jeannette John; John, Elizabeth & Adrienne Kefeyan; Edward, Alex & Beth Marootian; Rose & Jerry Odabashian; M/M Harry Koumjian; Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian; Dr. Sam Mikaelian, IL; Albert & Anne Oskoian; Jack & Audrey Pilibosian; S. J. Zaroogian, RI; Gary M. Nahabedian, RI; George W. Haroutunian & Shirley Spencer; M.L. Hedison-Flynn; Jane Jamgotchian; Zita Y. Butler; Manooshak G. Penrose, TX; Armenian Women's Welfare Assoc.; Arthur Avakian; Mrs. A. Aznavorian & Rose; Grace A. Boyajian; George D. Hagopian; The Staff of Hanlon Elementary School; Leo & Narine Haroutunian; Mark & Elaine Haroutunian; Holy Trinity Choir; Shenorig & Mary Ishkanian; James Kalustian; M/M Martin Kalustian; Sona D. Kapilian; Vahan H. Koyoumjian; Melanie Krikorian, RI; Margaret & David LoPriest; M/M George N. Moorachian, RI; Nancy Moscofian; B. Betty Nersessian; Robert Ovagimian; George & Aramene Sarkisian; Aram & Aida Sarkissian; Ann Simon; George Thomasian & Rebecca Sarkisian; Nathalie Yaghoobian, RI; M/M Diran Zahigian; Sue & Ann Ayrassian, RI; Paul Jamgotchian; James Najarian

Total: \$2,065.00



Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of **SARAH HAJENLIAN** for our church:

The Hajenlian and Aroyan Families; Alice M. Larner; Peter, Isabel & Joyce Talanian; Robert & Mary Lou Curtis; M/M Martin Kalustian

Total: \$2,200.00



Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of **ANNA NAZAROVA** for our church:

Mary & Grigor Hovanesian; George D. Hagopian

Total: \$75.00

DONATIONS

- In memory of **ARSHA SARKISIAN**:

John & Florence Pepi

\$100.00

- Additional "In lieu of flowers":

In memory of **JOHN DEMIRJIAN**: M/M Albert Oskoian; Paul Jamgotchian

In memory of **JOAN HEDISON**: Paul Jamgotchain

In memory of **SARKIS SIMON**: M/M Albert Oskoian

AS ONE CHAPTER BEGINS . . .



On May 19, Sunday School Graduation Day, serving on the Altar for the first time, were Acolytes-in-Training Samantha Annaian, left, and Ariana Hovnanian



ANOTHER CHAPTER ENDS.

**Our Sunday School Graduates,
many of whom had been
ordained acolytes:**

First row, left to right: Ani Hollisian, Lori Keverian, Allison Jakob, and Nayiri Ayanian. Top: Caroline Thayer, Rose Arslanian, and Melissa Sahagian

"Through thick and thin, I can depend on my Church to catch me when I fall, support me when I recover, and celebrate when I succeed. I have learned that there is always Church, there is always faith, and there is always God."

—Ani Hollisian

"Train a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it."

—Proverbs 22:6

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Calendar of Events

JULY

7 - Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

AUGUST

- 12-16 - Trinity Kids' Place
- 17 - ACVOA Seniors host Trivia Night, 7-9pm
- 18 - Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God; Blessing of Grapes
 - ACVOA Seniors host "Asdvadzadzin" Brunch

SEPTEMBER

- 8 - Pilgrimage Meeting; Johnson Hall; 1pm
- 15 - Trinity Family Festival
 - Church Schools' Registration and 1st Day of Sunday School Classes

OCTOBER

20 - Annual Church Banquet

NOVEMBER

24 - ACVOA Thanksgiving Luncheon

DECEMBER

6 & 7 - Trinity Christmas Bazaar

SAVE THE DATE!

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