

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON  
*Fr. Vasken A. Kouzouian, Pastor*

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## WITH OUR DEEP GRATITUDE



*ZEVRT M. HOLLISIAN*

*WITH A TILED ARMENIAN CROSS FROM JERUSALEM THAT WAS PRESENTED TO HER*

At our ACYOA Palm Sunday Banquet, April 13, our parish recognized, with gratitude, Zevart M. Hollisian for her \$400,000 gift to our church, fulfilling her mother's wish.

When Zevart visited the church to bring her gift, Der Vasken quickly glanced at the check, thinking it was for \$400.00. After looking at it more carefully, he realized it was not \$400.00, but \$400,000.00. "If I remember correctly," stated Fr. Vasken, "my jaw dropped."

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To read more of Zevart's heartwarming story, please go to page 8.

## FROM OUR PASTOR

The following is the sermon offered by Fr. Vasken on May 18.

**“But, for those of us who believe, the Holy Cross is the power of God.”**

1 Cor 1:18

Today the Armenian Church celebrates a feast that has eternal value to those who believe. This feast is about a gift that, when unwrapped, is different for everyone. It's about a gift that keeps on giving. And it's about a gift that we can put down but will never put us down.

Today is the Feast Day of the Apparition of the Holy Cross. The Apparition of the Holy Cross is the third of four feasts dedicated to the Cross of Jesus Christ. This Feast is in remembrance of a miracle that

occurred over 300 years after Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Back in the early years of Christianity, the sign of the Holy Cross appeared over the City of Jerusalem.

According to church historians, in the year 351 AD, the sign of the cross appeared in the sky over Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives to the place of Jesus' Resurrection and it is recorded in this way: "The Appearance was so luminous that it shined in the sky brighter than sunlight. It was seen by both the clergy and the laity and everyone rushed to the churches to praise God for this miraculous sign," a sign that their faith did indeed come from God Himself.

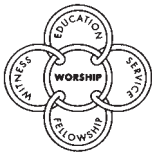
Four years ago, twenty-five members of our parish traveled to historic Armenia in present day Turkey. We saw and experienced many unforgettable sites and ruins of a once vast and vibrant Christian Armenia while we drove and walked through the land of our ancestors.

I remember that trip very well and think about it often. I remember walking into many former monasteries that summer—monasteries of which only a crumbling wall or an archway remained to tell of its existence. Each of the monasteries held a story. Each of those monasteries no longer had domes to hold up their crosses. There were no crosses on the altars because the altars were removed long ago. The doors no longer displayed the image of a cross because the doors were long since battered down. But I remembered something very important while visiting those desecrated holy places. It was a phrase I often heard as a child - we are a "cross-bearing people;" we are a "cross-bearing nation."

We were the "crosses" of that monastery on that day witnessing our Christian Faith and Armenian heritage for all the local Kurdish villagers to observe. We were the "crosses" of our faith proclaiming to the people of each village we entered the Blessed Name of Jesus Christ. The local women stared at us curiously. The children sneered and giggled as they dropped harmless pebbles on us and the men stood off in the distance watching with suspicion wondering who we were and why we travelled into "their" village. Did they know "their village" was once the spiritual home of 800 Armenian monks? I can tell you that they did by the time we left.

Here is what I came away with on many of those visits to our ancient and forgotten monasteries:

- If we are a "Cross-bearing people," then we have a responsibility to own that title - and wear it well.



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- If we are a "Cross-bearing people," then we have to first live the Cross everyday through our lives; then we must take the Cross of Christ into the world in which we live.
- If we are a "Cross-bearing people," then we must hold the Cross of Christ in our hands and go out into the world to continue the work of God:
  - to visit the lonely;
  - to befriend those who have no friends and care for the forgotten;
  - to love those who rather be negative and miserable and critical;
  - and to love those people who essentially don't know what love feels like.
- If we are "Cross-bearing people," then we need to shed the Light of God where darkness is only getting darker; we need to speak faith and hope into the hearts of those who only see doom; and we need to speak encouragement into the lives of those who despair - not once or twice - but make that a part of what we do in life - make it a part of who we are in life.
- If we are "Cross-bearing people," then we must own the title and we must live our lives with the realization that Jesus Christ laid His life down on a Cross for us and had the power to raise it up again, and He did that for each of us and promised to resurrect those who believe in His Name and who carry the Christian Cross into the world.

This is the meaning of today's Feast of the Apparition of the Holy Cross. So, let's take advantage of this Feast Day and ask ourselves:

- "How do I view the Christian Cross in my life?"
- "What does it mean to me?"
- "Where do I need the Cross to lead me today?"

We each had a cross placed on our foreheads when our parents and Godparents walked us into church for our baptisms. That cross was placed there never to be removed. It was placed there to guide our every step. May it guide each one of us as we take our place among the "Cross-bearing people" of the world.

"Where do I need the Cross of Christ to lead me today?" A question we should ask ourselves often.

*Fr. Vasken*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

You're seeing right!

Our Der Hayr turned **50** on April 7.

Happy Birthday, Der Vasken, from your entire Holy Trinity Church family.

We love you and wish you at least 50 more!!!



## 112<sup>TH</sup> DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The 112th Diocesan Assembly was hosted by the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) and held at the Diocesan complex in New York, from May 1 to May 3. Attending as delegates from Holy Trinity were Fr. Vasken Kouzouian, Aram Hintlian, James M. Kalustian, Gregory Krikorian, Bruce Newell, and Dean Soultanian. Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., attended as Parish Council Chairman. There were 157 delegates in attendance representing all of the parishes throughout the Diocese. Once again this year, the theme was Living the Gospel of Christ.

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 Sacred Music Council, the Women's Guild Central Council (WGCC), on Development, and the Legate's Committee. There were also Diocesan department reports from Armenian Studies, Christian Education, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Communications, Zohrab Information Center, and the Mission Parishes. Additional reports were heard from ACEF, FAR, the Ararat Center and St. Nersess Armenian Seminary. Also, elections were held for the assembly Tivan and for Primate, Auditing Committee, Proposals Committee, Nominating Committee, and Board of Trustees.

The third session on Friday morning began with worship. The Primate then addressed the Assembly and gave his annual "Primate's Message." In his address, the Primate announced that we would continue the theme of last year's Assembly, Living the Gospel of Christ. The goal of this theme is to help Armenians understand who Christ is through the traditions of the Armenian Church. The Primate stated: "Last year we explored Living the Gospel as individuals. Now, I would like us to look into this concept from the larger perspective of our parishes and our community as a whole." The Primate also used this opportunity

to give his thoughts on the future of our Diocese and the vision he has.

The Primate's message led into a presentation of the Diocesan Council and their Staff Strategic Plan for Living the Gospel of Christ, which was led by Jim Kalustian.

The balance of the morning session was spent in roundtable discussions on the Diocesan Strategic Plan and voting for the offices of Primate and Board of Trustees.

The result on the 5th ballot was that our Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, was elected for a 7th term.

In the fourth session on Friday afternoon, we spent the entire time voting for the office of Primate. There were 4 roll

call votes taken, in addition to the roll call vote taken during the morning session. The result on the 5th ballot was that our Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, was elected for a 7th term. It should be noted that due to the length of the voting, there were 4 Diocesan department group presentations that were cancelled.

The fifth session on Saturday morning began with worship. We heard a report from the Auditing Committee. Diocesan Council Treasurer, Howard Atesian, presented the 2013 financial report and made proposals for the 2014 and 2015 budgets. There was also a report from the Proposals Committee, a report from the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide Committee, announcement of the 113th Diocesan Assembly in Washington, D.C., and a report from the Courtesies Committee. There was also a discussion of new business.

As I have done each year, I would like to highlight the topics I feel are important. St. Nersess' new 5.5 acre property, located in Armonk, New York, is under construction and the Seminary will be moving in the upcoming months. St. Nersess is still working on selling the current location in New Rochelle. There are currently 9

seminarians and there are 3 new students expected next year.

For the fourth consecutive year, there were lengthy discussions at the Assembly concerning two proposed new bylaws for the Diocese. The first proposal has to do with Looma, a yearly donation that the Diocese makes to Etchmiadzin. The second has to do with the process for selecting our Diocesan Primate. The discussion was lengthy, with over 40 delegates expressing their views. Last year, a proposal passed to give 5% of Diocesan dues to Etchmiadzin. A second proposal to have candidates for Primate pre-approved by the Catholicos vs. in consultation with the Catholicos also passed. This year, both proposals were presented and needed to be passed at this year's Assembly to change the bylaws. The first proposal passed, and after confirmation by the Catholicos, will amend our bylaws. The second proposal failed to pass by a vote of 57 for and 93 against.

The Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF) has \$94,800,000.00 in assets, up from \$87,000,000 in 2012, with 1800 endowed funds. ACEF had a gain in 2013, of 10.4%. ACEF distributed 4.5% to beneficiaries in 2013.

The Ararat Center celebrated its 10th year anniversary in 2013. The Center hired Paul Ventura as the new executive chef and Client Relations Manager. Many facility improvements were made during 2013. Much of the work has been done by volunteers. The pool was refurbished in 2013, and is a great addition to the Center. The Center had a cruise in December to celebrate its 10th anniversary. Another cruise is planned for October 25, in Boston harbor. In 2013, the Center had a \$20,000 positive cash flow from operations.

The Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR) continues to be the major agency delivering aid to Armenia from the Diaspora. There were 2 new initiatives during 2013. In November, FAR launched AYO, a crowd funding platform aimed at raising funds for projects exclusively proposed by

Armenians for Armenians. In March, FAR launched a new program, Breaking the Cycle of Poverty: Developing Thriving Communities. FAR continues to focus on five areas. The first is economic activity and social development which includes the Gyumri Information Technology Center and the Toufayan Agribusiness Development Support Center. The second is Child Protection which includes the FAR Children's Center, the CASP program, and the Gavar Special School. The third is social services which includes soup kitchens and the Vanadzor Old Age Home. The fourth is education which includes the Octet Music School and the Armenian National Science and Education Fund. The fifth is healthcare programs which includes the Continuing Medical Education Program and the National Medical Library. In 2013, FAR raised \$8,878,644 in contributions for their programs and spent \$3,299,802 on programs. FAR has over \$15,000,000 in assets.

The Diocesan financial situation was stable in 2013. In 2013, the Diocese had a surplus of \$120,000 vs. a deficit of \$178,000 in 2012. These numbers are not comparable to prior years. A decision has been made to take the Cathedral operations out of the Diocesan budget. In 2013, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal received \$723,577, down from \$726,577 in 2012. The 2014 budget was revised downward to show a surplus of \$128,440. A budget of \$4,322,000, which includes a surplus of \$116,500, was approved for 2015. A concern is that the Diocese continues to be in debt, uses a line of credit with Citi Bank for \$1,000,000, and that we continue to borrow from restricted funds. The current debt level is \$1,452,349. A plan was presented by Paul Mardoian to eliminate the debt over a 4-5 year period. The plan will focus on 5 areas. They are the Cathedral deficits, increase parish assessments by increasing dues paying members, increase rental revenue at the Diocesan Hall, building ACEF assets, and increasing the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. There are plans for a major renovation of Kavookjian Auditorium to increase rental

income. There are also plans to close the bookstore and convert it to an online store. There will also be an emphasis to get St. Vartan Camp to operate at breakeven. It currently operates at a deficit. The Diocese has a new Director of Development, Lou Ann Matossian.

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. The major concern is the state of Christians in the Middle East, especially in Syria.

There was a lengthy presentation regarding the 2014 Diocesan Strategic Plan after which we had roundtable discussions to make comments on the plan. Based on the theme of Living the Gospel of Christ, the primary objective is to deepen the faith experience of the Armenian Church community. This will be accomplished in 6 areas which are as follows:

- Enhancing the worship experience in our churches
- Enhancing our clergy
- Providing effective youth and young adult ministries
- Promoting Christian and Armenian education for all ages
- Providing outreach to all Armenians and their families
- Promoting the biblical concept of stewardship among the parishes

There will be 2 areas of focus in 2014: enhancing the worship experience in our

parishes and promoting Christian and Armenian education programs.

A proposal to change the bylaws passed regarding the number of candidates a Nominating Committee needs to present for election on the parish level. Instead of a double slate, a slate of 50% more than need to be elected can be presented. It will need to pass again next year to change our bylaws. Under new business, it was agreed that each parish would allocate \$250.00 each year for the ACYOA Central Council.

The 100th Anniversary of the Genocide will be commemorated in Washington, D.C., on May 7 – May 10 next year. There are many events scheduled including a public rally on Capitol Hill, an ecumenical prayer service at the Washington National Cathedral, a memorial concert, and a dinner. Armenians from all over the country are expected to attend. This will be a weekend that you will want to attend.

At the Diocesan Assembly Banquet on Friday evening, Dr. Raffy Hovanessian was honored as the Armenian Church Member of the Year and Ian Gillan, former member of the band Deep Purple, was honored as Friend of the Armenians.

In conclusion, this year's Assembly was a successful one. This is the 23rd 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 you may contact me directly.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aram Hintlian, Diocesan Delegate

CONDOLENCES

Father Raphael Andonian, Pastor of the Holy Cross Armenian Catholic Church in Belmont, entered his eternal rest on April 6.

We express our deepest condolences to his family and to the parishioners of the Holy Cross Armenian Catholic Church on the loss of their beloved Pastor.

THE FOLLOWING IS A STORY THAT TRANSCENDS TIME AND TRANSCENDS GENERATIONS.

AS TOLD BY FR. VASKEN AT OUR ACYOA PALM SUNDAY BANQUET ON APRIL 13,  
IN ACKNOWLEDGING THE GENEROUS \$400,000.00 GIFT  
TO HOLY TRINITY CHURCH BY ZEVRT HOLLISIAN

One day, the church office received a phone call from our devoted and long-time parishioner, Zevart Hollisian, who wanted to come visit for just a few minutes. When she arrived, accompanied by her nephew, Ara Hollisian, Zevart had a smile on her face that revealed more than just "a happy person."

We sat down and, after a few moments, she slid an envelope across the table to me. Upon opening the envelope, I remember glancing at it, thanking her, and continuing our visit. And then, Ara said something that caught my attention. "Der Hayr," he said, "this is going to help a lot around here. It's going to change how we do things around here."

Now when he said that, I felt that I needed to look at the check one more time because the first time I looked at it, I saw the amount of \$400.00, and I thought to myself, "Wasn't that very nice that Zevart is donating \$400.00 to her church, but how will that change the way we do things around here?" At best, it will help, but with a complex this large, \$400.00 is \$400.00. So, I looked at the check one more time. This time more carefully. And, if I remember correctly, my jaw dropped. "Now that's the expression I was hoping for," said Zevart.

The gift she brought to the church office that day was not \$400.00, but \$400,000.00. And, as Ara said, "It has helped a lot around here."

"I came to fulfill a wish from my mother, Haiganoosh," said Zevart. Haiganoosh Hagopian Hollisian lived in Cambridge on Mass Avenue near MIT and the old NECCO Candy Factory. Before passing away, she sat her daughter, Zevart, down, articulated her wishes, and made her promise to fulfill them.

"I came to fulfill a wish from my mother, Haiganoosh," said Zevart.

True to so many of her generation, Haiganoosh came to America with very little. She arrived in the United States from the Village of Kutbeleh. She arrived very young and was single. She found work at a shoe factory in the Roxbury area, earning \$7 per week. Haiganoosh was introduced to a young man named Garabed Baghdasar Hollisian originally from Kharpert. They married and eventually bought a house together. They raised their family of four children in that home. The years passed and life went on.

Zevart is the last member of the family she was born into. When she came to deliver her check that day in the office, she was fulfilling her mother's wish. Haiganoosh's wish was to thank God and her church for helping her arrive to America, and establish a new beginning. She wanted to thank God for the success of her children; that they each had their own home and that each was better off than when she first arrived to America. Haiganoosh's way of expressing her gratitude was to donate the original house on Mass Avenue in Cambridge - the house that she and Garabed raised their children in - to her parish - to our parish.

It's a beautiful story that says so much. It's a witness to her faith. It's a witness to what those early immigrant Armenians went through to make it here in this new land, and it reminds us from where we all came. So from her eternal life, Haiganoosh is still connected to our parish. May she feel blessed today.

Thank you, Zevart, for fulfilling your mother's wishes. May she be at peace in her eternal rest.





Fr. Vasken announced that in gratitude to Zevart and her parents in a way that will never be forgotten and that will stand as a lasting testimony to their thoughtfulness, the front plaza of our church will be named the "Garabed Baghdasar and Haiganoosh Hagopian Hollisian Plaza," and will be formally dedicated in the fall of this year.

## A PLACE FAR AWAY

On Thursday, April 10, we were transported to "A Place Far Away," by its author, Vahan Zanoian, who shared his passionate story and concern over the tragic world of human trafficking. Parishioners and friends who gathered in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall were caught up in the journey that brought Zanoian to craft a powerful portrayal of the heartbreaking realities of human trafficking in Armenia. All proceeds from the sale of his book were donated to organizations devoted to protecting children and fighting human trafficking.

We are grateful to Barbara Tellalian for organizing Mr. Zanoian's visit. Our appreciation to Cheryl Panjian for undertaking and underwriting the beautiful reception following the lecture, and a "thank you" to her assistants, Nellie Bogosian and Audrey Tanashian.



## SYRIAN RELIEF

Special plate collections were held to assist the Armenian Christian families of Kessab, Syria, in the aftermath of an invasion by armed rebels affiliated with international terrorist organizations. In April, \$1,650.00 was sent to the Diocese for this relief effort.

## FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL



### HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATES FOUR ON APRIL 6

### NEWLY ESTABLISHED DIOCESAN GRACE EMILY TOROSIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL

### PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD PRESENTED TO TWO GRADUATES

"With this candle, we pass on to you . . . of our faith." Sunday, April 6, 2014, was a day of joyous celebration and tremendous pride in the life of our parish. On this day, four Grade 12 students, having 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), graduated from the Sunday School in an impressive ceremony in church at the conclusion

of the Divine Liturgy. This year's graduates were Gregory Dorian, son of David and Liza Dorian of Watertown; Alexander (ACE) Colvin Ensign, son of Mark and Jennifer Davagian Ensign of Sudbury; Ani Soultanian, daughter of Dean Soultanian and Arlene Kasarjian of Westwood; and Haig Zakary Torosian, son of Kaspar Torosian of Belmont and the late Grace Emily Torosian. Serving as ushers and participating in the Graduation Ceremony were Grade 11 students Andrew and Mark Gregory, Michelle Sahagian, Olivia Thayer and Emily Zeytoonjian.

The Graduation Ceremony, which was presided over by our pastor, 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 noted that our graduates have been an integral part of the fabric of Holy Trinity's parish life. All of them were ordained acolytes in April 2007 by His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church (Eastern), and three continue to serve on the Altar. They have assisted at Trinity Kids' Place, attended St. Vartan Camp, and are actively involved in the ACYOA Juniors where they have served in leadership positions. Seta also congratulated the graduates' parents and families thanking them for their commitment, encouragement and support throughout the years especially as they taught their children by example which is the best teacher of all.

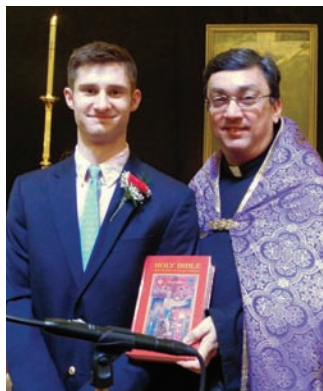
The "Bagdasar and Elmas Garabedian Award," which recognizes two graduating students of the Holy Trinity Sunday School who have maintained an exemplary record throughout their years as a student of the Sunday School, was awarded to Gregory Dorian and Haig Torosian.

The Order of Graduates was then presented to Der Vasken. Each graduate received his/her Sunday School diploma from Der Vasken and a gift of the book, "Armenia: A Journey through History," by Arra Avakian. Each graduate then shared with the congregation "What Sunday School and/or Church Means to Me." For Greg, "The Sunday School and ACYOA have done so much for me throughout the years and have brought me closer to my Christian faith." Church has taught ACE "a lot about not only life, but about who I am as a person and who I aspire to be. . . . I am hugely grateful for my church family . . . I feel that church has laid the cornerstone for my direction in life." For Ani, who served as a Kindergarten Assistant Teacher for her 12th grade service project this year, "it has been a truly rewarding experience." Haig felt that "if my parents never pushed me to keep coming to church at a young age, especially with my mother having been my Pre-School teacher, I can't know if I would be here today."

ACE then presented this year's class gift to Der Vasken which was 8 copies of the Holy Bible, Armenian Church edition, for the pews in the church sanctuary. Greg 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 Haig read the Gospel reading from John, chapter 20, verses 19-23.



Two very special attendance awards were then presented and those present bore witness to history being made within our Diocese. Der Vasken spoke about



Grace Emily Torosian who was an active member of the Holy Trinity Church and who passed away in August 2013, at the age of 50, after a lengthy illness. Grace was a woman of deep-abiding faith, hope and love and, along with her husband, Kaspar, raised their three sons - Gregory, Mark and Haig - in the faith they trusted in. They devoted themselves to their sons' Christian upbringing, instilling in them an understanding to "do the best you can, because your faith and love are the only things you take with you into heaven." When Haig started Sunday School at the age

of 3, Grace began assisting in the Pre-School class of the Sunday School and did so for many years until illness made it difficult for her to continue. Der Vasken then announced that the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) has established an Award in Grace's memory - the "Grace Emily Torosian Sunday School Perfect Attendance Award" - and presented the first Award to Grace's son, Haig, for graduating with fifteen years of consecutive perfect attendance. Haig follows his two older brothers who graduated with the same distinction, Gregory in May 2008, with twelve years of consecutive perfect attendance, and Mark, in May 2010, with fourteen years of consecutive perfect attendance. Haig is the fourth Sunday School student to achieve this distinction within the Holy Trinity parish and the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern); the first was Heather Surabian in May 2002 who graduated with twelve years of consecutive perfect attendance.

On this day, Gregory Dorian became the second recipient of the "Grace Emily Torosian Sunday School Perfect Attendance Award" having graduated with consecutive perfect attendance for the past ten years.





The Ceremony concluded with the Graduating Class, in a symbolic gesture, passing a lit candle to the students of Grade 11 with the words, “With this candle, the 2014 Sunday School Graduating Class of Holy Trinity Armenian Church, passes 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 Ani Soultanian to Olivia Thayer.

In offering the closing remarks, Der Vasken congratulated the graduates for their commitment to learning about their faith since they were young children. As Graduation was held on the last Sunday of Great Lent, called the Sunday of Advent, Der Vasken explained that “it’s a day that our Church Fathers have set aside for us to consider how prepared we feel – if Christ returned today. It’s a day to focus on our preparation.” Der Vasken drew an analogy to the Sunday School years as years of preparation. “They are years of building a foundation that can carry these four young people into the next phase of their lives where they will enter college, develop deeper friendships, meet people who believe in things very different than they do . . . ” Der Vasken concluded by thanking “our graduates’ parents and all the teachers who had a hand in helping these young adults reach this milestone in their lives.”



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

*Photo, Parish Council Chairman, Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., gifted the book, Heaven is Real, to the graduates.*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL DIOCESAN-WIDE LENTEN DRIVE

Our Sunday School contributed \$505 to this year’s Diocesan-wide Lenten Drive which benefitted the hungry – both in America, through “Feeding America,” and in Armenia, specifically the “Berd Soup Kitchen.” Thank you to our students, parishioners, and friends for their donations towards this worthy project. We are especially grateful to Dr. Mark and Maral Ayanian for their donation of \$100, and Vahan A. Mahdasian for his contribution of \$50.00.



## EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE AND BREAKFAST HELD SATURDAY, APRIL 19



A wonderful turnout of 110 Sunday School and Armenian School students, teachers and family members came together on Saturday morning, April 19, to celebrate Easter with a special Worship Service followed by a delicious breakfast including the traditional cracking of colored eggs. The students then participated in an "Easter Fair and Egg Hunt" where they decorated cupcakes, made "Bunny" bags and solved word puzzles. 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 celebration would be complete without the Easter Bunny who visited with the children, posed for photos and gave out chocolate candy. Sincerest thanks and appreciation are expressed to Barbara Surabian, Diane Keverian and Lisa Hovnanian for helping with the breakfast; Dave Dorian and Richard Sahagian for making the pancakes and sausages; the teachers for bringing the colored hard-boiled eggs; the mid and upper grade students for assisting with the various activities; Caroline Thayer for bringing the Easter Bunny; and all those whose help ensured the success of this annual activity in celebration of Easter. And a special thank you to the Women of Holy Trinity for continuing to sponsor this event. - Seta A. Buchter, Sunday School Superintendent

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE

**Jessica L. Nahigian**, daughter of Robert J. and Donna P. Nahigian of Weston, MA, graduated from Weston High School and will be attending Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, this fall. At Weston High School, she was on the field hockey and volley ball teams. For four years, she was also a member of the Weston Chorus that had the honor to sing the national anthem at both Fenway Park before a Red Sox game and at TD Garden before a Celtics game. They also were invited and sang at Trinity Church in New York City. Prior to high school, Jessica was on a competitive cheerleading team that won the national championship. She attended Holy Trinity Sunday School.



**The Pastor and Parish Council  
wish to congratulate all 2014 Graduates!!**

## ACYOA JUNIORS NEWS

### MARCH 14-16 - NEW ENGLAND RETREAT



Seven participants from the Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors took part in the annual ACYOA Juniors New England Regional Lenten Retreat from March 14-16 in Contoocook, NH. The retreat welcomed nearly 50 youth from eight different parishes, and focused on the theme #MadeInHisImage, that complimented the Diocesan theme, Living the Gospel of Christ. Both Fr. Vasken and Yn. Arpi Kouzouian led sessions during the retreat, Fr. Vasken leading the Bible Study centered on the Creation story, and Yn. Arpi leading a session

entitled, "A Walk Through the Pew Book," providing a detailed examination of the Divine Liturgy pew book. On March 30, Yn. Arpi offered this same program to the upper grades of our Sunday School during an assembly session.



### MARCH 29 - SKY ZONE OUTING

*50 members of the Holy Trinity and St. James ACYOA Junior chapters had a "hye flying" time at Sky Zone, an indoor trampoline park in Everett, MA*

## April 13 - ACYOA Palm Sunday Banquet

It took the collective efforts of over 50 people (26 ACYOA Juniors, 11 ACYOA Seniors and 14 ACYOA parents) to plan, prepare, set up, cook, serve, and run this year's annual ACYOA Palm Sunday Banquet held on April 13. ACYOA Juniors Co-Chairmen, Greg Dorian and Haig Torosian, served as Co-Masters of Ceremonies. ACYOA Seniors Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Danielle Malconian and Ronald Malconian, Jr., offered welcoming remarks as well as a toast.



ACYOA  
Co-Chairmen,  
Haig Torosian,  
left, and  
Gregory Dorian



After a year of hard work, the ACYOA Juniors and Seniors presented gifts to the parish totaling \$6,000. Ani Soutanian, ACYOA Juniors Treasurer, and Suzanne Ekchian, ACYOA Seniors Treasurer, each presented \$1,500 to the Trust Fund and \$1,500 to the Church's General Operating Fund.

This year's guest speaker, Dr. Anton C. Vrame, serves as Director of the Department of Religious Education of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Focused on the theme, "Staying Connected - Building Connections," Dr. Tony Vrame spoke very passionately about the importance of participating in our faith traditions, of physically being there so that we can learn the traditions, participate, understand our faith, and ultimately pass that faith on to future generations in order that the Church continues. His message about our need to stay connected and engaged in our faith, essentially creating



“fans of our faith,” resonated deeply within our Church’s youth ministry program, and we pray that his insight guides us all in our faith journeys. We are so grateful to Dr. Vrame for joining us and sharing his insightful and inspirational message.

Following Dr. Vrame’s address, Yn. Arpi Kouzouian spoke briefly about the “busyness” of our lives, and asked, “in all this busyness, are we actually doing enough?” We are certainly keeping ourselves busy, but are we keeping ourselves engaged in our faith. All of us, individually, as families, as children, youth, young adults, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, as members of God’s family . . . are we keeping ourselves engaged in our faith? Her message reiterated the points made earlier by Dr. Vrame, and concluded with a challenge to start being less busy, and start being more engaged.



Yn. Arpi then presented the annual Yn. Nuvart Kouzouian ACYOA Family of the Year award. This year’s Family of the Year has deep roots within the parish, the youngest being fourth generation Holy Trinity. Both husband and wife have been active members of our parish, counted on as regulars behind the grill or in the kitchen, helping out with Bazaars, Picnics, Sunday School, Bible Studies, and our many ACYOA events, always serving quietly and faithfully behind-the-scenes. This family prays together and worships together. The youngest member of this family has helped out in his own way over the years through assisting the Parish Council in their Sunday morning duties, serving at the Altar of our Church, being a veteran assistant of our Trinity Kids’ Place summer program, and most recently, graduating from our Sunday School. This year’s ACYOA Family of the Year award was presented to the Mark, Jennifer and Alexander Ensign Family.

The program concluded with closing remarks by our pastor, Fr. Vasken Kouzouian. The ACYOA extends their deepest gratitude to Fr. Vasken, unwavering spiritual leader, mentor



and friend to our ACYOA, as well as Cathy Minassian, Youth Advisor, for all she does to make our youth's experience so much more enjoyable and successful.

The entire ACYOA thanks all those who worked so hard to make our Annual ACYOA Day and Palm Sunday Celebration so memorable and successful, especially David Dorian who led the preparation of the delicious Banquet meal, and the many ACYOA parents who helped before, during and after the Banquet. Most especially, the ACYOA thanks all those who continue to support the ACYOA in all their endeavors.

## APRIL 20 - EASTER SUNDAY PLANT SALE



## MAY 23-26 - HYE M'RTSOOM SPORTS WEEKEND

We are so proud of our Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors who participated in this year's Hye M'rtsoom Sports Weekend, held May 23-26, at St. James Church in Watertown, MA. It was a great weekend - full of great sports competition, memorable dances, and exemplary Christian fellowship! The theme of the weekend was "Find Your Greatness," and many of the 248 Juniors who participated in the weekend did just that! Many thanks and congratulations to our 24 ACYOA Juniors who were part of the weekend and who made us all so proud of their accomplishments, both on and off the courts.

Congratulations to all our trophy winners: First Place Girls' Basketball; Second Place Co-Ed Volleyball: Team A; Greg Dorian: Second Place Advanced Tavloo and Second Place Advanced Chess (by the way, Greg played both of these finals simultaneously - talk about multi-tasking); Ani Maroyan: Second Place Girls' Ping Pong.

In addition to the St. James ACYOA Juniors who hosted the event, many thanks to all those who helped make the weekend such a success for our ACYOA Juniors:

- To our coaches for their guidance and perseverance: Vickie Alani, Arayik Maroyan and Dean Soultanian.
- To our Saturday night Meal Crew: Dave Dorian, Kaspar Torosian and Cathy Minassian, who prepared a delicious meal that fed nearly 60 people at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday night

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- To all the Holy Trinity families who opened up their homes to help host the nearly 250 youth who participated in the weekend.
- To our official weekend photographer: Armine Gyulumyan Manoukian
- To our Pastor, Fr. Vasken Kouzouian, who was with us throughout the weekend, worshipping, cheering, encouraging, consoling, mentoring, and sharing his endless love and support with all the youth of the Diocese.





## ACYOA SENIORS' NEWS

### MONTHLY TRIVIA NIGHTS

**Q:** Where can you go on the third Saturday of each month to challenge your mind, engage in cross-generational fellowship, enjoy great “pub-style” food, and have a chance to walk away with a prize?

**A:** It's Trivia Night!

The ACYOA Seniors host a monthly Trivia Night on the third Saturday of each month. Admission is \$10 if you RSVP before the day of the event, and \$12 at the door. College students with a valid student ID are always \$5. Admission includes delicious mezzé and a relaxing and entertaining evening with all generations of the community. Mark your calendars and plan on joining the Seniors every month. Doors open at 6:30 and the game runs from 7-9 p.m. Come with your six-person team or just show up and join others without a team. Prizes awarded to the winning team.

### APRIL 27 - CELTICS' GREAT JOJO WHITE AT HOLY TRINITY

*BOSTON CELTICS' LEGEND JOJO WHITE OFFERS INSPIRING CHRISTIAN WITNESS*

“Everything I am I got from God. Everything I know I learned from someone else. That’s why I pass it on. We all have to pass it on.”

On Sunday, April 27, through the sponsorship of the ACYOA Seniors and Parish Council of Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston, parishioners of all ages enjoyed an intimate luncheon with retired Boston Celtics’ two-time NBA champion, JoJo White. With his engaging, honest and gentle nature, White captured the hearts of those in attendance, sharing stories from his days as a professional ball player, chronicled in his biography, *Make It Count: The Life and Times of Basketball Great JoJo White*. Also in attendance was author of *Make It Count*, Mark C. Bodanza, who together with White, shared poignant, inspiring and captivating stories about White’s childhood, family life, and especially, his exciting NBA days during a time of great racial tension in America.



That afternoon, fans of all ages witnessed White’s steadfast Christian faith and marveled at his unwavering example of living out his faith in the secular world of professional sports.

White’s message was especially inspiring to the many youth and young adults in attendance,

reminding them that their greatness comes from God, that there is no “I” in TEAM, and that life is about “passing it on.” Whether you had watched White play at The Garden back in the 70s, or had just met him for the first time, all those present walked away as lifelong fans of JoJo White, a man of great Christian faith, whose impact will not soon be forgotten in the Holy Trinity community.

*JoJo White was an All-Star for seven straight years from 1971 through 1977, finishing in the top ten in the league in assists from 1973-77. In 1974 and 1976, White helped lead the Celtics to the NBA championship and was named the most valuable player of the 1976 NBA Finals. White continues to be involved in basketball and is currently the Boston Celtics Director of Special Projects and Community Relations.*



**“MAKE WAY FOR BOSTON!”  
HOLY TRINITY ACYOA SENIORS TO HOST  
2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AND SPORTS WEEKEND**

On May 14, ACYOA Seniors’ Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Danielle Malconian and Ronald Malconian, Jr., presented the Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors’ plans to put in a bid to host the 2016 ACYOA Seniors General Assembly and Sports Weekend. After nearly an hour-long presentation and discussion, the Parish Council enthusiastically and unanimously voted and gave their blessing to the ACYOA Seniors to present their bid at the 2014 ACYOA Seniors General Assembly.



Holy Trinity Delegation presents bid for 2016: Just two weeks later, the entire Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors delegation presented a bid to the nearly 60 delegates and clergy assembled at the Diocese for the annual General Assembly. The delegates unanimously voted to award the bid to the Holy Trinity chapter.





Representing the Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors chapter: Front row: Stephen Hollisian, Ronald Malconian, Jr., Christina Azarian, Danielle Malconian; Back row: Gregory Torosian (who served as Chairman of the General Assembly), Fr. Vasken Kouzouian, Yn. Arpi Kouzouian



Chapter A Award Winners - Congratulations to our Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors on being awarded this year's ACYOA Seniors' "Chapter A" Award, given to a chapter for "best fulfilling the requirements established by the ACYOA Central Council." We congratulate our Seniors on this proud achievement, and commend them for their hard work and commitment, and for providing engaging and varied programming for the entire community.

Nearly 60 clergy and delegates were in attendance at the 2014 General Assembly, hosted by the Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs of Bayside, NY, held at the Diocesan center on May 22 and 23. Immediately following the conclusion of the General Assembly, the Sports Weekend festivities began with over 500 young adults in attendance from across the Diocese, 20 of them representing our Holy Trinity chapter.



Greg Torosian - Congratulations to Holy Trinity ACYOA Senior Gregory Torosian, who received the Sam Nersesian award, given to an ACYOA Senior who displays Christian values of love, patience, humility, and understanding.

## WASHING OF THE FEET SERVICE, APRIL 17



Pictured with Fr. Vasken were (left to right) Albert Abkarian, Levon Tinkjian, Albert Kalustian, Peter Kaprielian, Vladimir Arustamyan, Stephen Alexander, William Martin, Leo Haroutunian, Kaspar Torosian, Kris Warn, Gregory Torosian, and Kevork Tinkjian.

<b>Trinity Kids' Place</b>	Session 1: August 11-15	9:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m
	Session 2: August 18-22	Extended Day until 3:00 p.m.
	For children ages 3 through 9 - Enrichment program for children ages 8 & 9	
	Cost: \$125 per child per week or \$225 per child for two-week session; extended day to 3:00 p.m., at \$10 per day	
Limited to 20 children. For further information, email Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, Youth Director, at youth@htaac.org.		

## THE WOMEN OF HOLY TRINITY

**O**n April 12, some of the women of Holy Trinity Church joined their fellow sisters from across the region to attend the annual Saintly Women's Day, hosted this year by St. James Armenian Church in Watertown, MA.



Parishioner Gail Talanian O'Reilly, Founder of Made in Armenia Direct, was the guest speaker of the day, sharing the inspirational story of how she saw a need, and armed with only her desire to help, found a way to bring the works of Armenian artisans to the rest of the world, enabling the creators of these distinctive art forms become self-sustaining, and ultimately, helping the Armenian art community survive and thrive. For more information, please visit <https://madeinarmeniadirect.com/>



### JUNE 4 - GATHERING OF WOMEN - COMING FULL CIRCLE

During the last gathering before breaking for summer, the Women of Holy Trinity "came full circle" since first meeting in September 2013, spending time in fellowship, reviewing the successes of the past year, and making plans for the year ahead. Following a brief ice breaker where women shared who their best friend was in childhood and why, the discussion opened up to see if anyone needed anything from the group. Needs varied from seeking moving materials, to advice on waxing for tweens, to looking for a legal intern, to the need for finding volunteers to visit with shut-ins.

After reviewing the events of the past year, the Committee talked about moving forward, and introduced the creation of eight sub-committees, which were based on the feedback received during the first gathering and throughout the year. These eight sub-committees include: Book Club, Education, Fundraising, Heritage, Hospitality, Mentoring, Outreach/Service, and Spirituality. All those in attendance were encouraged to sign up for a committee that "spoke to their passions." If anyone would like to join one of the Sub-Committees, please email [HTAACWomen@gmail.com](mailto:HTAACWomen@gmail.com).



Before heading into the sanctuary for the monthly reflection, Seta Buchter, acting Treasurer of the group, presented Der Vasken with a check for \$2,000, representing profits from the year's choreg baking and Parish Assembly lunch. The evening concluded with time together in prayer, and a reflection led by Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, entitled "80 Days of Summer." Yn. Arpi challenged us to imagine how our lives and relationships may change if we only have the next 80 days of summer to live, and to use the next 80 days of summer to reflect on the passage, "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10), and to seek quiet time to be still and listen to God.

Many thanks to the Core Committee who worked alongside Fr. Vasken for all their efforts this past year: Vickie Alani, Maral Ayanian, Ann Danielson, M.L. Hedison-Flynn, Becky Hintlian, Nancy Hintlian, and Yn. Arpi Kouzouian.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to parishioner and architect, Donald J. Tellalian, who was awarded the Joint House and Senate Resolution at the 99th Anniversary Commemoration of the Genocide, held at the State House on Friday, April 11, for his design of Armenian Heritage Park.



BIDDING A TEMPORARY FAREWELL



On June 1, our Holy Trinity Family honored Helen Krikorian at Fellowship Hour following church services. Helen who has served our church in almost every capacity from Parish Council to Choir to Women's Guild, etc., is moving to Virginia, but plans to return in two years. Fr. Vasken spoke of her devotion, love, and service to our church. Dn. Gregory Krikorian, on behalf of the Choir, presented a certificate to Helen from the Armenia Tree Project indicating that two trees will be planted in her honor.

Helen, we will miss you!!!



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With a letter dated March 28, 2014, Roseann Manoogian Attar, Treasurer of the Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF), enclosed a check for \$16,930.92, representing the 2013 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.

Kazor & Sophie Babaian Memorial Fund	\$1,336.23
Drs. John & Alice Bandeian Endowment Fund	372.28
Nerses & Mary Guleserian-Bergoudian Fund	246.06
Ardashes & Nouritza Der Ananian Memorial Endowment Fund	96.00
Simon & Satenig Ermonian Fund	6,855.16
John Gizirian Endowment Fund	1,329.57
Dr. Harry H. & Alice S. Guleserian Memorial Fund	171.02
Deran Hintlian Endowment Fund	1,316.17
Eliza Keverian Charitable Endowment Fund	26.59
Gregory & Rose Kolligian Endowment Fund	531.83
John W. Ohanasian Trust Endowment Fund	1,329.57
Nerses M. Ohanasian Endowment Fund	531.83
Michael & Ginny Ohanian Endowment Fund	265.91
Ervin & Anna P. Pietz Endowment Fund	319.10
Dickran & Peprone Piranian Memorial Fund	531.83
Aram & Beulah Sarkisian Endowment Fund	91.75
Shirley and Shirley Rita Tatarian Memorial Fund	26.59
Robert Zaven Zartarian & Rose M. Chacran Zartarian Endowment Fund	1,329.57

We also received \$223.86 from the Armenian Women's Education Society of Arlington Fund of the ACEF for the Armenian School.



## HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO ARMINE D. HAGOPIAN!

Our sincere best wishes to Armine who celebrated her 100th birthday on April 21.

She is a true steward of our church, giving of her time, talent and treasure over the years.

Armine, thank you for your love and devotion to Holy Trinity Armenian Church.

*Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Armine  
from your Holy Trinity Church Family!!*

***PLEASE REMEMBER  
HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH  
IN YOUR WILL.***

2014 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Our gratitude to the families who made these scholarships possible,  
and thank you to the members of our scholarship committees.

Congratulations and best wishes to the recipients.

- From the Hollisian Family Scholarship: Melissa Sahagian and Casey Tellen
- From the Gregory Archie and Rose Kolligian Scholarship: Alex Bacon, Michael Gallagher, Hayk Krikorian, Melissa Sahagian, Casey Tellen, and Rachel Zahigian
- From the Gertrude Nahigian Scholarship: Hayk Krikorian, Amanda Tabeeek, and Caleb Haydanek
- From the Alice Ohanasian Scholarship: Alex Bacon, Michael Gallagher, and Rachel Zahigian
- From the Major Robert Z. Zartarian Scholarship: Rachel Zahigian

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

1000 CLUB SAYS . . . Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes  
a wonderful stroke of luck.

1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR MARCH

\$1,000 - Michael G. Yapchaian; \$300 - Anthony & Mary Ann Passalacqua; \$200 - Sean Murray & Michael Samuelian; \$100 - Thomas & Thelma Shannon; \$50 Winners: Tana Onanian; Lucille Ajemian; Mary Minasian; Armen & Susan Skenderian; David Minassian; Alex Maranian; Armen & Susan Skenderian; Jeffrey Martin

1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR APRIL

\$1,000 - Mary Ann Passalacqua; \$300 - Grace Kaprelian; \$200 - Norma Daniels; \$100 - Robert Semonian; \$50 Winners: Gary Kaykazhoian; Ruth Boghosian; Joel Mazmanian; Sylvia Agabian; Howard & Betty Lou Fairweather; Todd Boghigian; Harry Lang; Robert Semonion

1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR MAY

\$1,000 - Jill, Ron, Thomas & Brendan Buck; \$300 - Vera A. Rivers; \$200 - Amanda Dorian Keller; \$100 - John Goshdigian; \$50 Winners: Mrs. Charles Talanian; Kenneth Hintlian; Mary Perch; Armen & Susan Skenderian; Zella Marootian; Scott Bennett; Barbara Margossian; Marilyn Papazian

PARISH NOTES

And Happy 90th Birthdays to Gerry Ajemian, Queenie Antonucci; Dorothy Hamparian, and Peter Talanian!!! Congratulations to: grandparents, Greg & Joanne Tashjian and Allan & Paula Bethune, and to parents, Michael & Joy (Tashjian) Bethune, on the birth of Morgan Emily Bethune on April 4; grandparents, Tom & Setta Stephanian and Charles & Patricia Fleming, and parents, Brent & Taylor (Stephanian) Fleming, on the birth of Brooklyn Charles Reid Fleming on June 5; and to grandparents, Albert & Linda Abkarian and Zadik & Alis Ozcan, and parents, Oliver & Laura (Abkarian) Ozcan, on the birth of Eric Kaspar Ozcan on June 20.

We express our condolences to Ron & Jill (Ohanian) Buck and Family on the death of his father, Ronald D. Buck, on March 20, and to Kim & Chris Tashjian and Family on the death of her grandfather, Azed Aslanian, on May 28, in FL.

## EASTER YOUGHAKIN OFFERING

\$300 - Anonymous; \$250 - Robert Avakian  
 \$200 - Michele Kolligian; Catherine Mosgofian; Anna Payelian Pietz, ME  
 \$150 - Scott Wallace & Roslyn Arpiarian  
 \$100 - Anna Demurjian in memory of Hovagim & Khanum Demurjian; Arleen Ashjian & Olivia Ashjian James; Mark & Maral Ayanian; Bertha Demirjian; Isabelle Der Garabedian & Family in memory of Richard Der Garabedian; Charles Gazarian; Rose Hamalian; Arpi Hovagimian; Jane Jamgotchian; Johnson Family; Albert & Anita Kalustian; James M. Kalustian; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian; Dr. Gregory Kechejian; Malcolm & Jean Keljikian; Joan E. Kolligian; Nancy Kolligian; Karen & William Martin; Lillian & Richard Najarian; Florence & John Pepi; Joanne A. Peterson in memory of Agavney & Parnag Peterson; Adrienne Tashjian; Natalie Bandeian Zoll & Ross Zoll, VA; Albert Zouranjian  
 \$75 - A. Bruce Jaranian  
 \$50 - Stephen & Jean Alexander; Rose Arpiarian; Arthur Avakian; Ed & Ann Danielson; Roxie M. Hedison; Zevart Hollisian; Martin & Mimi Kalustian; John & Ida Kolligian; MaryAnn & David LaCarubba; Albert & Anne Oskoian; Frances Panosian; From the Trust Fund established by Charles G. Sahagian in memory of Sarkis & Araxie Sahagian, Virginia Sahagian, and Sukeaus & John Sahagian; Edward & Lisa Sargavakian; Armen Skenderian; M. Barbara Stanton; Peter & Isabel Talanian; Berge Tatian; Mel & Arlene Terrasi; Rose & Nish Tikijian; Isabel Toomajian; Christina Walters; Kris & Lee Warn; Harry & Eleanor Yessaian; Dr. & Mrs. Hagop Youssoufian and Family; Rose Chacran Zartarian; two \$50 donors unknown  
 \$40 - Anonymous; David E. Aznavoorian; Bedigian Family; Mary Guleserian Bergoudian  
 \$30 - Ara Berj Marootian; Edward & Zella Marootian  
 \$25 - Aghdamlian Family; John & Karen Aharonian; Anne L. Aroyan; Seta A. Buchter and Dr. Christina G. Buchter; Sylvia L. Carter; Howard M. Critchett; Susan and Oscar III Derderian; Krikor Ermonian in memory of Simon & Satenig Ermonian; Alice Hachigian; Armine D. Hagopian; George D. Hagopian; Dorothy A. Hamparian; George W. Haroutunian; Aram & Becky Hintlian; Shenorig & Mary Ishkanian; Marian Koumjian; Fr. Vasken & Yn. Arpi Kouzouian; Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian; Lt. Col. & Mrs. Robert Lang; Samuel Malkasian; Lucy Mardirosian; M/M Michael Markarian; Diane Matevosian and Rose Tufankjian in memory of Zartar, Hovagim & Aznive Matevosian; Catherine Minassian; Florence K. Pashoian; Seferyan Family; Julia Stephanian; M/M G. Tavitian; Barbara & Don Tellalian; Sarkis & Emma Toomajian; Marion & Patricia Tutunjian; Diran & Zabelle Zahigian  
 \$20 - Anonymous; Kirk Aharonian; Elise Harrison; Elsie Jamgochian; Karl & Sossy Mahdasian; Brian Osganian; Marie Proodian; George Thomasian; \$15 - Gayle M. Yapchaian  
 \$10 - Anna Glover; John Goshdigian; Mark & Elaine Haroutunian; Diane Matevosian; Sally Watson; Michael G. Yapchaian; \$5 - Ashod D. Hagopian; Adrienne Hamparian



### WEDDINGS

**Gary Sarkissian** of Watertown, MA, and **Tatevik Keshishyan** of Watertown, MA, on May 17. Bestman Roupén Sarkissian



### BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS

**Nicholas Tigran Djanikian**, son of Argyoms Djanikian and Anahid Azbekyan of Cambridge, MA, on April 19. Godmother Irene Tananyan

## DONATIONS TO OUR TRUST FUND

- \$5,000 to be added to the Mrs. Deran S. Hintlian Trust Fund from Mrs. Michael Ohanian, M/M Bruce Ohanian and Family, and M/M Donn Heath and Family in memory of Ann Hintlian
- \$1,000 from Zevart M. Hollisian to be added to the Hollisian Family Scholarship Trust Fund
- \$250 from Roxie M. Hedison for a memorial plaque/kneeler in memory of Juna Hedison
- \$200 from Leo & Narine Haroutunian to be added to the Leo & Anne Haroutunian Trust Fund

## DONATIONS TO OUR CHURCH

- \$9,000 from the Trinity Men’s Union
- \$5,000 from Albert Zouranjian for the purchase of a new audio and screen system for use in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall
- \$2,000 from the Women of Holy Trinity
- \$1,000 from Valerie Kolligian Thayer and Michael Kolligian to the Choir in memory of parents, Dr. Michael & Joyce Kolligian
- In honor of Alexander Ensign’s graduation from Sunday School:
  - \$250 from Joyce & John Davagian
  - \$150 from Mark & Jennifer Davagian Ensign and Alexander Colvin Ensign
- \$200 from Tamara DerAnanian
- \$150 from Leslee Jones to the Sunday School in memory of Grace Torosian
- \$100 from Mary Baker
- \$100 from Peter & Chiharu Kaprielian on the occasion of Peter’s participation in the “Washing of the Feet Service” on April 17
- \$100 from Elizabeth Sargavakian on the occasion of the Peter Talanian’s 90th birthday
- \$100 from Kris & Lee Shenloogian Warn for their 10th anniversary marriage vow renewal
- \$100 from Glenn Shenloogian in honor of the marriage renewal vows for Kris & Lee Shenloogian Warn
- \$100 from Glenn Shenloogian to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund
- \$75 from Himayak and Lucy Torosian in honor of Haig Torosian’s graduation from Sunday School
- \$50 from Catherine Minassian to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund

## DAJAR DONATIONS

- \$250 - Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr.
- \$100 - Karine Bagdasarian; Malcolm & Jean Keljikian
- \$50 - Mary Baker; Grace Kaprelian
- \$25 - Naomi K. Kuzoian; Isabel Toomajian
- \$20 - Roxy Antriasian; Tana G. Onanian, NY; Dr. Hagop & Annie Youssoufian



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## 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 **VICTOR J. NAHIGIAN** for our church:

John Victor & Robin Nahigian and Family, friends and family, including friends from Weston High School - Class of 2007, students from Hartford University, and students from Roanoke College; Bill & Jill Leisman; Rose D. Barsamian; Gail Bayer & John McCarthy and Family; Carol Nahigian; Edward & Nancy Barsamian; Robert & Maryanne Borzakian; Myles & Christine Boulter; Jean & Dana Clark; Robert Duffy Family; Anonymous; O'Connell Family; Fred, Joanne, Kyle, Gabrielle & Bianca Ouellette; Eugene & Queenie Raphaelian; Zaven & Linda Giragosian; Jean Guerin; Araksie Tashjian; Peter & Nancy Witherell

Total: \$1,480.00



Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of **ANN HINTLIAN** for our church:

Kenneth Hintlian and Family and Lu Ann & Bruce Ohanian and Family; Charles G. Talanian Family Foundation: Nevart Talanian, Charles M. Talanian, Richard & Gail O'Reilly, and Christopher & Noel Tashjian; Edward & Nancy Eskandarian, FL; Carolyn G. Mugar; Joy Nazarian, IL; Kevork & Jacqueline Atinizian; Mary Guleserian Bergoudian and Susan & Dr. Kim Hazarvartian; John & Michele Simourian; Greg & Joanne Tashjian; Helene Dorian; Bruce & Carlene Newell; Adrienne Alexanian, NY; M/M Robert Atamian, FL; Lisa & Dan Dorian and Family; Leslie & Kevin McCafferty; Ed & Susan Atamian; Barbara Dorian; Janice Dorian; Raffi & Nina Festekjian; Nancy Guleserian and Family; Lora Khederian; Mrs. Edward Panjian; A. J. Tambone; Edwin & Hermine Adamian; Dr. & Mrs. Gregory H. Adamian; Armenian Women's Welfare Association; Sandra Astarjian; M/M Eli Atamian; Dr. & Mrs. Jirayr & Annie Balikian; Paul Bedrosian; Jack & Judy Bichajian; Martha Boudewyns, IL; Aram & Jasmine Chobanian; Peter & Susan Covo; Michael Daly, Mac Daly & Evelyn Mukjian Daly, CT; Ed & Ann Danielson; Joyce & John Davagian; Marian Felegian; Anne Foley; Cathy Gahan; Richard & Carolyn Haroutunian; Maureen & Bob Havern; Aram & Becky Hintlian; James & Patricia Hintlian; Nancy Hintlian, FL; George Jamgochian, FL; Robert Aram & Marianne Kaloosdian; James M. Kalustian; Louise H. Kazanjian; Richard & Cynthia Kazanjian; John, Elizabeth & Adrienne Kefeyan; Russ & Jill Khederian; Adrina & Robert Kletjian; Michele Kolligian; Nancy Kolligian; Larry & Mary Litwak; Lucille Manuelian; Edward, Beth & Alex Marootian, RI; William & Karen Martin; Katherine & Peter Martini; Mrs. Albert Talanian; Abraham & Audrey Tanashian; M/M Anthony Travia, Jr.; Albert & Barbara Zakarian, CT; George W. Haroutunian & K. Shirley Spencer; Stephen & Jean Alexander; Kay Arakelian; Armenian Women's Welfare Association; Leon & Marge Atamian; Michael & Ida Boodakian; John & Deborah Giragosian; Charles & Joyce Guleserian; Jeanne Jamgochian; Martin & Mimi Kalustian; Joan E. Kolligian; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian; Carol & Frank O'Grady;

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Albert & Anne Oskoian; Vartkis & Dorothy Parsikian, FL; Arnie & Olga Perez, FL; Eugene & Queenie Raphaelian; Armine Sarges; M/M Ralph Sillari; Peter & Isabel Talanian; Edward, Zella & Ara Marootian; Margaret Danielson; Marjorie DaSuta; George D. Hagopian; Ruth E. Hagopian; Elsie Jamgochian; Sarop & Veronica Kaprielian; Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian; Louise D. Missakian & Sandra L. Missakian; Women of Holy Trinity; Barbara Ryan

Total: \$18,650.00



Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of **ELIZABETH KEFEYAN** for our church:

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Total: \$7,170.00



Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of **FLORENCE CIRINO** for our church:

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Total: \$1,998.00



Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of **ALICE AROIAN ROAT** for our church:

Bruce W. Roat; Anna Payelian Pietz; Lucine, Christopher & Haydn Melton; Armine S. Roat; Ed & Ann Danielson; Edward & Frances Hagopian; Marion Kennedy; William & Dana Martins Hanify; Nora Topalian Soderquist; Dan Teager Family; Leon & Marge Atamian; George D. Hagopian; Phyllis Meserlian; Catherine Minassian; Women of Holy Trinity; Bertha Demirjian; Richard & Theresa Kazanjian

Total: \$1,065.00



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In lieu of flowers in memory of **DIANA GOSDANIAN**:  
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- **KATHERINE HAYTAYAN**: Albert & Anne Oskoian
- **JUNA HEDISON**: Anna Pietz; Elizabeth Kassabian & Family; Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr.; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian; Margaret Danielson; Adrienne Tashjian

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| - <b>HELEN DONABEDIAN</b> : Anna Payelian Pietz | \$100.00 |
| Anonymous                                       | 50.00    |
| - <b>ANNE HINTLIAN</b> : Nancy Hintlian, FL     | \$100.00 |



FUNERALS

- Victor John Nahigian** of Weston, MA, on March 28  
**Ann Hintlian** of Winchester, MA, on April 8  
**Elizabeth M. Kefeyan** of Belmont, MA, on April 30  
**Florence (Tashjian) Cirino** of Wakefield, MA, on May 2  
**Alice (Aroian) Roat** of Lincoln, MA, on May 7  
**Arthur Aram Maranian, Sr.**, of Belmont, MA, on May 28  
**Krikor Toomajian** of Zephyr Hills, FL, on June 7  
**Gregory Robert Takvorian** of West Peabody, MA, on June 9  
**Mary Rose (Roomian) Karchakian** of Peabody, MA, on June 13





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Calendar of Events

JULY

27 - Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

AUGUST

11-22 - Trinity Kids' Place

17 - Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God

SEPTEMBER

14 - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- Trinity Family Festival
- Sunday School & Armenian School Registration and 1st Day of Sunday School Classes



The Gregory Hintlian Memorial  
Golf Tournament - June 16

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