





with clergy from the Eastern and Western Dioceses and the Eastern and Western Prelacies at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., on Saturday, May 9, 2015, following a Pontifical Divine Liturgy. CATHOLICOS OF ALL ARMENIANS, AND HIS HOLINESS ARAM I, CATHOLICOS OF THE GREAT HOUSE OF CILICIA, HIS HOLINESS KAREKIN II, SUPREME PATRIARCH AND

#### FROM OUR PASTOR

Fr. Vasken would like to share remarks made by Yeretzgin Arpi, our Youth Director, at the Palm Sunday Banquet. Palm Sunday address, I have reflected upon the "busy-ness" of life, and whether we are making the most



of our time together as a Church family, always urging our youth and young adults to SLOW DOWN and make the most of these years, these years that will build the

foundation of your faith, and provide the experiences, memories, skills and friendships that you will take into adulthood. But this year, as we stand poised to commemorate the historic centennial anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, this busy-ness referred to in years past, again threatens to get in the way of meaningful engagement and experience.

Let's see a show of hands: How many of us are planning on taking the day off to attend Badarak here at Holy Trinity and then go to the State House on April 24? How many of us are planning on traveling to NYC on April 26? How many of us are planning to take part in the commemorations in Washington in May?

There are plays, exhibitions, movies, worship services, rallies, documentaries, essay contests, pilgrimages, even celebrity spokespeople – there is so much being planned to help commemorate this anniversary, but in this busy-ness, have we taken time to stop and really contemplate what this all means?

Well sometimes, when something is really important, we need to help our young people make the connections necessary to understand why an event is so significant – and THIS is one of those times. So I want to take just a few moments to explain why this anniversary and everything that is going to transpire is so significant.

Some of your friends may have family who were original settlers in this area, perhaps they can trace their families back to the Mayflower, or even trace their roots to royalty. Well, very soon, many of us in this room...dear ACYOA members, many of you will be able to TRACE YOUR ROOTS BACK TO

This is HUGE - this is unprecedented - this is historic . .

SAINTS. This is HUGE - this is unprecedented – this is historic – but beyond that – this is an undeniable and incredible honor. But with this incredible honor, also comes great responsibility.

Responsibility #1: we must know our family history. If we don't already know our family's story, we must learn it – we must understand it – we must remember it. We must share it, with our friends, with our classmates, with our teachers, with our neighbors...with the world!

The second great responsibility that comes with this honor is in HOW we live our lives. Think about this: The next time you post something on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or Snapchat...or perhaps decide to livestream something on Meerkat or Periscope...Before you hit that button that will send out that message or photo that will define you to the world, think to yourself...how do my words, images, or actions reflect my family tree? Do they reflect that I am the descendant of a saint? Do they reflect the heart and soul of someone whose ancestors were martyred for their faith? Am I a living legacy of my martyrs??

Our ancestors lived true to who we were as people – people of values, integrity, intellect, family, and above all, people of faith...people willing to DIE for their faith. Would you die for your faith? Or would you give UP your faith to spare your life? That's a fairly extreme circumstance, so let's take it back one step...Ask yourself this: Do my actions reflect that

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I am a person of faith? Do my posts, images or actions reflect that I am a person of faith, the descendent of someone who died for their faith?

And the third responsibility that comes from having saints in our family tree relates to our transition from victims to victors. On this 100th anniversary, after a century of being victims to not only the heinous and oppressive acts of the Ottoman empire, but also the continual oppression of a world that does not fully acknowledge the atrocities done to our people, we now emerge victorious! Our ancestors died for their faith...but now they will live on for eternity as saints.

In this past year, as we have been preparing for this 100th anniversary, often my thoughts have turned to what this means for us as a people who have been so identified by the world as victims. The Armenian Genocide has defined us as a nation, as a race, and especially as Christians for 100 years. But we are so much more than just victims of a Genocide.

We need to now redefine ourselves, not as victims, but as victors. We need to now redefine ourselves ... not as victims...but as victors.

- as victors over hatred.
- as victors over oppression,
- as victors who build up family, not tear it down
- as victors who know the value of raising children
- as victors who can worship freely, and pass on that faith to their children, and to their children's children

We must celebrate this victory over death...by living LIVES of meaning.

Every Sunday, when I enter our beautiful sanctuary, I am reminded that we are victorious. We shouldn't be here. If the Ottoman Turks had their way and had been successful, we wouldn't be. But every time we enter this Church, every time we make the sign of the cross and sing our ancient hymns, every time we speak the words of our people, and receive Holy Communion...every time we gather together as Armenian Christians...we are victorious!!

Our ancestors were killed because of their race, because of their intellect, because of their language, because of their land, because of their religion. I choose to believe that every time we worship freely as Armenian Christians, it is a reminder that they live on – and that we are victorious!!

If we remember nothing else today, please remember that EVERY day we have the opportunity to ensure that our martyrs did not die in vain. Every day we have the opportunity and responsibility to show our gratitude for their sacrifice by living freely, devoutly and proudly as honorable members of the race and faith for which they were killed. EVERY DAY, we have the opportunity to live lives of meaning. We cannot waste their sacrifice – we cannot let their sacrifice be in vain. When our Churches sit empty on Sunday morning – their sacrifice is wasted. When we know little about our culture, our history, or our language ...their sacrifice is wasted. When we forget our history – when we forget THEIR history...their sacrifice is wasted. When we forget that they sacrificed their lives FOR THEIR FAITH...their sacrifice is wasted. When we forget who we are and where we come from...their sacrifice is wasted.

So please...remember their sacrifice. Inscribe it on your heart, in your mind, and in your soul. I humbly pray that I will always remember and appreciate the sacrifice of our martyrs, and always strive to live a life that proves victorious over the evil that killed them...and I pray the same for each of you. We must never forget where we come from and that we are all now descendants of saints ... we must never forget the legacy of our martyrs.

Yeretzgin Arpi Kouzouian Youth Director

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#### HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH OFFERS A SPECIAL AND MOVING GENOCIDE CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE CONCERT



The third week of April 2015 saw a wave of commemorations for the centenary of the Armenian Genocide sweep the world. Most strikingly, on April 23, at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, the Armenian Apostolic Church canonized the 1.5 million Armenian victims as sainted martyrs. The Armenians of Greater Boston mounted their own commemorations in that solemn week, starting on Sunday, April 19, with the first spring concert of the Erevan Choral Society since the death of its inspirational founder, the Very Rev. Fr. Oshagan Minassian in 2008.

The Genocide Centennial Concert, titled "Lest We Forget," in an apt echo of Kipling's hymn "Recessional," was performed in our sanctuary to a capacity crowd. The extraordinary event combined a musical program of religious and secular songs, compiled and conducted by Composer Konstantin Petrossian, with moving Armenian poetry recitations spread throughout the concert by the students of the Holy Trinity Armenian School who flawlessly offered inspirational poems by such early 20th century poetic luminaries as Baruyr Sevak, Gevorg Emin, Kegham Sarian, and Yeghishe Charentz.



The concert opened with the American and Armenian national anthems and included Krikor Pidedjian's stirring "Der Zor" (setting words of Gevorg Emin), a world premiere of Levon Chaushyan's "Srbazan Hayastan," and a lyrical setting by Composer Petrossian of "Akh, Vaspourakan." Also premiered was a corrected version of Makar Ekmalian's immensely moving "Ov Hayotz Kajer." In addition, duduk soloist David Gevorkian offered a plangent rendering of the folk song "Dle Yaman." The multi-talented Nune Hakobyan provided organ accompaniment throughout the concert.

Following the musical portion of the program, a traditional Hokehankisd (Requiem) Service was collectively offered by the clergy present and presided over by a former pastor of Holy

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Trinity, His Eminence Archbishop Yeghishe Gizirian. The success of the Erevan Choral Society's performance testified to the talent, commitment, and devotion of singers, musicians, and readers, and the audience was enormously complementary.

As befitted the solemnity of the commemoration, the Mayor of the City of Cambridge, the Honorable David P. Maher, delivered an official proclamation reaffirming Cambridge's recognition of the Armenian Genocide, and the city's membership in a company that newly includes the Vatican, Germany, Austria, and 43 states in the United States. His Eminence Archbishop Yeghishe Gizirian delivered a stirring closing blessing, while our pastor, Fr. Vasken, delivered his traditional welcome and blessing with characteristic warmth, reminding the assembly that commemorations will continue for the rest of the year and beyond. Our martyrs will not be forgotten. "The ideals for which our ancestors died have not



perished" stated Fr. Vasken. "Our martyred relatives,"he continued, "died for their faith and for their national and cultural dignity. They died for a cause, and as long as the cause is alive and breathing, they live on . . . ."

- From article written by Robert Dulgarian

Following the concert, a reception was held in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall where artist Gourgen Manoukian displayed his paintings of traditional Armenian costumes from the many historic regions of Armenia.



#### **OUR SAINTED MARTYRS**

History was made at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin on April 23, 2015, as the martyrs of the Armenian Genocide were recognized as holy saints in a service led by His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, and His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia. At the conclusion of the ceremony that marked the first time in centuries that new saints have been canonized, bells rang not only in Holy Etchmiadzin, but world wide to mark this historic event.

FOR PHOTOS OF THE VARIOUS GENOCIDE CENTENNIAL EVENTS IN BOSTON, NEW YORK, AND WASHINGTON, GO TO PAGES 18-19.

#### ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

After being postponed due to a major snowstorm on February 8, our Annual Parish Assembly was held on Sunday, February 22, 2015, in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall following church services. Ann Danielson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate for the day's Tivan. Aram Hintlian and Catherine R. Minassian were elected Chairman and Secretary of the Day, respectively. Following the introduction of the nominees for Parish Council, Nominating Committee, and Auditing Committee, the Chairman called for a recess for the purpose of voting.

The 2014 Assembly Minutes, the Pastor's Report, and the Parish Council Report, as presented by Chairman Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., were accepted. Fr. Vasken, in his remarks, spoke of how truly humbled he was by the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of his ordination and thanked the parish and the committee. He also made special mention of the memorable parish pilgrimage to Jerusalem in January 2014, the dedication of the Garabed Baghdasar and Haiganoosh Hagopian Hollisian Plaza in November, and our December Erevan Choral Society Christmas Concert where we were honored to have in our midst His Beatitude Archbishop Nourhan Manougian, Patriarch of Jerusalem. The proposed 2015 budget of \$695,500 plus \$95,000 for major capital projects funding, as presented by Parish Council Treasurer Tom Stephanian, was approved. The Trust Fund report, as presented by Aram Hintlian, Treasurer, was also approved.

The following were elected to the Parish Council for a term of two years: Edmond J. Danielson\*, Daniel K. Dorian\*, Jack Ekchian\*, Ani Ross Grubb, Jeffrey Hintlian, and Paul Jamgotchian\*; Alternate, John Goshdigian. Elected to the Nominating Committee for a term of one year: Lisa Dorian, Becky Hintlian\*, Dn. Gregory Krikorian, Bruce Newell\*, and Dn. Armen Skenderian\*; Alternate, Lisa Hovnanian. Mark Haroutunian was elected to the Auditing Committee for a term of one year.

Fr. Vasken thanked the Nominating Committee and the Chairman and Secretary of the Assembly.



At their transitional meeting on April 15, the Parish Council elected their Executive Committee: Chairman, Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr.; Vice Chairman, Daniel K. Dorian; Treasurer, Edmond J. Danielson; Assistant Treasurer, Jeffrey Hintlian; Secretary, Catherine R. Minassian; and Assistant Secretary, Stephan Hovnanian. Advisors: Dr. Mark Ayanian, Susan K. Derderian, Jack Ekchian, Ani Ross Grubb, and Paul Jamgotchian. Fr. Vasken expressed his appreciation to out-going Parish Council members, Ara Hollisian and

Thomas Stephanian, for their six years each of dedicated service. He also welcomed Ani Ross Grubb and Jeffrey Hintlian as the newly-elected members. Let us keep the members of our Parish Council in our prayers, and ask God to grant them the wisdom to carry out the mission of our church.

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#### **DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY**



Pictured above at the Diocesan Assembly held in Washington, D.C., on May 7 and 8, with Fr. Vasken and our Parish Council Chairman Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., are our seven Diocesan Delegates, left to right: Aram Hintlian, Gregory Krikorian, Edmond J. Danielson, James M. Kalustian, Nancy D. Kasarjian, Bruce Newell, and Dean Soultanian.

Thank you to our two new Diocesan Delegates, Edmond J. Danielson and Nancy D. Kasarjian, who have stepped in for David Der Vartanian and Gerald Ajemian respectively. Our profound gratitude to Gerald Ajemian for his 23 years of dedicated service as a Diocesan Delegate, and to David Der Vartanian for his ten years of dedicated service.



#### 113TH DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The 113th Diocesan Assembly was hosted by St. Mary's Armenian Church and held in Washington, DC, on May 6-8. Attending as delegates from Holy Trinity were Fr. Vasken Kouzouian, Edmond J. Danielson, Aram Hintlian, James M. Kalustian, Nancy Kasarjian, Dn. Gregory Krikorian, Bruce Newell, and Dean Soultanian. Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., attended as Parish Council Chairman. There were 128 delegates in attendance representing all of the parishes throughout the Diocese. This year, the theme was Living the Gospel of Christ, the Legacy of our Martyrs.

During the 4 sessions on Thursday and Friday, we heard a message from His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians. There were also many other reports that will be highlighted in a more detailed report that will be available upon request and will also be printed in the 2015 Annual Report.

The Primate addressed the Assembly and gave his annual "Primate's Message" focusing on the Legacy of our Martyrs. He talked about how the commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Genocide is providing more publicity than ever and that we are all connected to the martyrs. His question to us was "what legacy are we going to leave behind?" We should all think about this question and consider how will Armenians 100 years from now look at us, This should inspire our activities going forward and strengthen our connection with God, each other, the Diaspora and Armenia, and our saints. By connecting with all these groups, we affirm the Legacy of our Martyrs.

The Primate's message led into a presentation of the Diocesan Council Strategic Plan, Living the Gospel of Christ, which was led by Jim Kalustian. The primary goal of the strategic plan is to deepen the faith experience of the Armenian Church community.

As I have done each year, I would like to highlight the topics I feel are important. Due to the many genocide commemoration activities over the weekend, the Assembly was shortened and there wasn't as much time given to reports as in prior years.

There were 4 major events for the 100th Anniversary Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. There was an Ecumenical Service at the National Cathedral on Thursday evening; a concert at the Music Center at Strathmore on Friday evening; a Pontifical Badarak at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday morning; and a banquet at the Marriott Marquis on Saturday evening. There was also a Mother's Day Prayer Service held on Sunday morning.

St. Nersess' new 5.5 acre property, located in Armonk, NY, is under construction and the Seminary will be moving August 1. St. Nersess is selling the current location in New Rochelle. There are 9 students and 3 are graduating this year.

The message of His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of all Armenians, focused on the implementation of the Ecclesiastical – Representative Assembly's established Diocesan bylaws guidelines. There were many comments and questions from the delegates regarding this issue. The Catholicos responded to the questions stating that we need to trust the Catholicos. His goal is for strong faith and a strong church. We need order in the church and as in a family, we must have trust in each other. He mentioned that any disagreements would be decided by the E.R.A. (Ecclesiastical Representative Assembly).

When the E.R.A. was established, one of its functions is to approve the Diocesan Global bylaws guidelines. In September 2014, there was a meeting of the E.R.A. in Holy Etchmiadzin. The E.R.A. is the representative body of all the Armenian Church Dioceses in the world. The E.R.A. bylaws were approved and will be in place once approved by the Catholicos. After the explanation, there was a heated discussion with many questions by delegates. Our Diocesan Assembly will make proposals for our delegates to take to the next meeting in 2016. We elected 4 delegates to represent our Diocese.

A proposal to amend the bylaws, reducing the slate needed for parish elections from 2 times the slate to 1.5 times, passed for the second straight year.

The Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF) has \$98,800,000 in assets, with 1800 endowed funds. ACEF had a gain in 2014 of 2.3%. ACEF distributed 4.5% to beneficiaries in 2014. The Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR) continues to be the major agency delivering aid to Armenia from the Diaspora. In 2014, FAR raised \$4,600,373 in contributions for their programs and spent \$3,488,000 on programs. FAR has over \$15,000,000 in assets. In 2014, the Diocese had a deficit of \$394,787, vs. a surplus of \$120,000 in 2013. In 2014, the Archbishop's Annual appeal received \$718,605.

In conclusion, this year's Assembly was less eventful than in prior years. This is the 24th year I have been a delegate, and once again, I thank you for allowing me to represent our parish. This is a condensed version of my report due to space constraints. If you would like the full report or would like any further details on any of the proceedings you may contact me directly.

Respectfully submitted, Aram Hintlian, Diocesan Delegate

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HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATES SIX ON MAY 31 "THEY TRIED TO BURY US. THEY DIDN'T KNOW WE WERE SEEDS."



In commemoration of the Centennial of the Armenian Genocide, the 2015 Sunday School Graduating Class dedicated their Graduation Ceremony on Sunday, May 31, in memory of the Martyrs and Saints of 1915. It was a day of joyous celebration and tremendous pride in the life of our parish as we witnessed six 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), graduate from the Sunday School in an impressive ceremony in church at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. This year's graduates were Andrew and Mark Gregory, sons of Dr. Michael and Karen Gregory of Brookline; Naneh Petrosyan, daughter of Mikhail Petrosyan and Naira Balagyozian of Watertown; Michelle Sahagian, daughter of Richard and Nancy Sahagian of Burlington; Olivia Thayer, daughter of Harvey and Valerie Kolligian Thayer of Concord; and Emily Zeytoonjian, daughter of Richard and Michelle Zeytoonjian of Wellesley. Also participating in the Graduation Ceremony were Grade 10/11 students Rachel Arnold, Lily Arslanian, Gregory Arustamyan, Nicole Azarian, Adelaida Balagyozyan, Carolyn Coste, Vahan Der-Kazaryan, Alex Der Vartanian, Alexandra Hintlian, Brian Jakob and Aram Soultanian.

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 spoke about the graduates' service year and their commitment and dedication to serving the church by assisting in the primary grade classrooms and singing in the Choir this past year. Seta congratulated the graduates as well as their 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 Olivia Thayer and Emily Zeytoonjian. The "Arsha Sarkisian Award," presented to the "Outstanding Student of the Year," was awarded to Andrew and Mark Gregory as both have been outstanding in their commitment during their service year showing responsibility, dependability and accountability.

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."

On behalf of the Graduating Class, Emily shared their Statement of Commitment: "We would like to take this opportunity to thank Der Hayr, Yn. Arpi, Seta, our Sunday School teachers, and the entire church community for your support and guidance throughout our Sunday School years. The church has been a home to us and we are now ready and prepared to carry on the legacy of those that have gone before us. We will take on various roles in the church and continue to live out the lessons we have learned. We will move from being students to teachers and we will take our leadership roles seriously. On the occasion of the Centennial of the Armenian Genocide, we dedicate our Graduation in memory of the Martyrs and Saints of 1915."

Olivia presented the class' gift to the church which was a beautiful rosewood plaque inscribed with the words "They tried to bury us. They didn't know we were seeds." Engraved was the Genocide Centennial logo, the dates 1915-2015, "Legacy of our Martyrs" and "In Memory of our Martyrs and Saints of 1915." The plaque will hang prominently in the Peter Adamian Hall. Michelle 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 Naneh



read the Gospel reading from John, chapter 20, verses 19-23.

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The Ceremony concluded with the Graduating Class, in a symbolic gesture, passing a lit candle to the students of Grade 10/11 with the words, "With this candle, the 2015 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 Andrew to Nicole Azarian. Mark then explained what this 'candle' meant to him and his classmates.

In offering the closing remarks, Der Vasken congratulated the graduates for their commitment to learning about their faith since they were young children. He told the graduates that "all of you are called to be Apostles for this day and age. Today, we send out into the world six new 'Apostles' for 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 Apostles of Christ, of the Armenian Church, of the Armenian People; you are Apostles of this Sunday School and ACYOA, and you are Apostles of Holy Trinity Armenian Church. By being a 'Modern-day Apostle,' you can now use your knowledge to begin changing the world by living the Legacy given to us by our Martyred Saints. You are a Modern-day Apostle who carry the blood of Martyrs and Saints. Live your everyday life with this in mind." 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. Sincerest thanks and appreciation are expressed to David Minassian, Vickie Alani and Susana Arustamyan for their help with the luncheon; and to Cathy Minassian for her assistance with the Graduation Ceremony.

Seta A. Buchter, Sunday School Superintendent

#### FROM OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE AND BREAKFAST HELD SATURDAY, APRIL 4



A wonderful turnout of over 90 Sunday School and Armenian School students, teachers and family members came together on Saturday morning, April 4, to celebrate Easter with Worship special Service followed by a delicious breakfast including the traditional cracking of colored eggs. The students then participated in an Easter

Fair and the highly anticipated Egg Hunt. 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 the teachers and teen students who came in on Friday to help set up; Barbara Surabian, Diane Keverian, Richard Sahagian and Leslee Jones for helping with the breakfast; the teachers for bringing the colored hard-boiled eggs; the parents, mid and upper-grade students for assisting with the Worship Service and various activities; Anna Margaryan and John Goshdigian for bringing the Easter Bunny; and all those whose help ensured the success of this annual activity in celebration of Easter.

#### VISIT TO ARMENIAN NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER, MAY 3

Our annual visit to the Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (ANRC) continues to be a wonderful community outreach service project that 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 3, 53 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 violin and cello, 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 under picture perfect weather. We are grateful to Will and Lisa Whittemore and Kelly Flammia for making the losh kebab patties at the ANRC on Saturday, Lisa and Eddie Yessaian for grilling 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. Special thanks and appreciation are extended to Yn. Arpi Kouzouian for supervising the day's outing in the absence of Seta Buchter; Lisa Whittemore for purchasing the food; Annie Youssoufian for overseeing the lunch; and Naira Balagyozian, Rose Aznavorian and Emily Zeytoonjian for the program.

#### GRADE 10/11 ENJOYS BRUNCH AT FIRE & ICE ON JUNE 7



Lisa Whittemore, our Grade 10/11 teacher, treated her students to brunch at Fire & Ice in Harvard Square on Sunday morning, June 7, as a "good job" gesture for all their hard work this past year in studying and passing the exam that is one requirement for Sunday School Graduation. Eight students, with Lisa and Sally DerVartanian, a parent and second chaperone, had a wonderful time celebrating the end of their Sunday

School year. Sincerest thanks and appreciation are expressed to Lisa for gifting the brunch to her students as a pre-Graduation gift.

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#### JOINT CLOSING DAY PROGRAM, SPECIAL AWARDS CEREMONY AND PICNIC



The 2014-2015 Sunday School year came to a successful conclusion on Sunday, June 14, with a Joint Closing Day Program with the Armenian School, a heart-warming Special Awards Ceremony in Church and our yearend "picnic" for students, families and parishioners. The morning began in the Peter Adamian Hall with the presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to all students in both Church Schools and recognition of our teachers and staff. Students and families then attended church services for the Special Awards Ceremony, held at the conclusion of the

Divine Liturgy, which was presided over by Fr. Vasken with the assistance of Seta A. Buchter, Sunday School Superintendent. In her remarks, Seta thanked the church community for its continuing support of our Sunday School ministry, the teachers and staff for their dedication and commitment to our children and youth, the parents for bringing their children to Sunday School and the students for making the Sunday School the special place that it is. Special Awards and a small gift were then presented as follows: One-Absence: Joseph Scaparrotta, Gr. 3, and Diana Margaryan, Teen Seminar Program. Perfect Attendance: Auriel Nalbandian, Gr. 3; Leila Belubekian and Gohar Kirakosyan, Gr. 4; Alina Kouzouian and Helen Margaryan, Gr. 6/7; and Anush Kirakosyan and Lori Dorian, Teen Seminar Program. The "Arsha Sarkisian Award," for "Outstanding Student of the Year," was presented on May 31 during the Sunday School Graduation Ceremony to Andrew and Mark Gregory, Grade 12 students. The "Florence Cirino Achievement Award," presented to a Grade 4 student, was given to Gohar Kirakoysan. The "Sarah Goolkasian Award," for "Outstanding Sunday School Teacher of the Year," was awarded to Peter Sahagian, an instructor in the Teen Seminar Program.

We were honored to have with us the Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian, former pastor of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church in White Plains, NY. Fr. Vasken and Fr. Karekin presented silver crosses to the members of Holy Trinity's Youth Choir who, under the direction of Dan Teager, sang in church during the earlier part of the Badarak. Receiving crosses were Leila Belubekian, Gohar Kirakosyan, Auriel Nalbandian, Alexis Rigolini, Katerina Ohanyan, and Lucine and Van Teager.





Der Vasken then announced that Seta Buchter, after 28 years at the helm of the Sunday School program, would be stepping down at the end of this current Sunday School year. In his remarks, Fr. Vasken said: "We wouldn't be the Sunday School we are today without the support we have to work with. Our teachers and assistants are remarkably dedicated people. But, our teachers would be the first ones to say that the most dedicated is our Superintendent Seta Buchter. Seta is a bit of a legend in the Religious Education realm of our Diocese. She has been serving Holy Trinity's Sunday School program for 28 years. Earlier this year, Seta announced to me that the time has

come for her to pass on the honor of serving as the Superintendent to someone else. For that we are saddened, but for her, we are very happy. Seta isn't leaving the parish, she still wears many hats around here, and will be working in the church office full time starting tomorrow morning." He concluded by announcing that on September 20, we will host a Special Reception of Gratitude for Seta and for all she has done over the last 28 years. Seta was showered with bouquets

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of flowers from the Sunday School and a beautiful gold cross from the parish in appreciation of her years of service to the Sunday School ministry program. Seta thanked the parish and said that the past 28 years was a journey she could never have envisioned and she has received far more than she has given. She looks forward to working in the church office and volunteering as a parishioner. Following church services, a "picnic" was held in the Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall. Sincerest appreciation and thanks are extended to the following: Annie Youssoufian for coordinating the kitchen; Susana Arustamyan, Sally DerVartanian, Becky Hintlian, Lisa Hovnanian, Barbara Jakob, and Anoush Youssoufian for setting-up and serving the food; chefs David Dorian, Jeff Martin and Scott Martin for cooking the delicious hamburgers and hot dogs; Sunday School parents for bringing salads and desserts and assisting throughout the morning; and the Trinity Men's Union for underwriting the picnic with its donation of \$298.00.

Seta A. Buchter, Sunday School Superintendent

#### AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM Fr. VASKEN . . .

WE ARE THRILLED TO WELCOME INTO THE POSITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, YN. ARPI KOUZOUIAN.

Yn. Arpi's training in Youth Ministry has proven very beneficial to the overall Youth & Young Adult programs here at Holy Trinity. With her at the helm of our Sunday School, working closely with the dedicated Staff of volunteers, I feel that the Sunday School program will receive the same quality of devotion and love as it has received over the past 28 years. I anticipate building on the successes of the past and building for the future.

We welcome Yn. Arpi to her new position, and ask God's blessings upon her as she devotes her energies in serving as Holy Trinity's Youth Director and Sunday School Superintendent. Let us stand with her and support her endeavors for the good of our children.

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#### FROM OUR ARMENIAN SCHOOL

Dear Holy Trinity families,

Encourage your children to learn their heritage and history. Holy Trinity Armenian School is the perfect place to accomplish this as we strive to instill a sense of pride in every student about their Armenian heritage and to keep their traditions alive.



Our Holy Trinity Armenian School plays an important role in our church keeping our language and culture alive by teaching students to read, write and sing in Armenian and by introducing them to our rich Armenian culture and history. Our school has a close relationship with

the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Diaspora, who provides our textbooks and educational materials from Armenia.

Throughout the school year, the students have given several performances. At our annual Christmas hantes and at the annual visit to the Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, the students performed Armenian poems and songs. And, on April 19, Amalia Petrosyan, Anna Margaryan, Adelaida Balagyozian, Anush Kirakosyan, Hrachya Tonyan, Erik Tonyan, and Leila Belubekyan amazed the audience attending Holy Trinity's Genocide Centennial Concert with their beautiful recitations and confidence. Many thanks to our great teacher, Adelaida Hoveyan, for preparing them for the excellent performance and, also, for her dedication and continued hard work teaching our language and culture to our students!



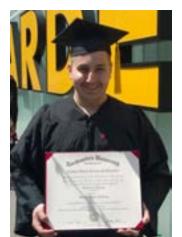
Our students are frequently invited by various organizations in the Boston Armenian community to recite Armenian poems at various literary events. The performances are greatly appreciated by the audience.

We congratulate Naneh Petrosyan and Anna Margaryan on their graduation from Armenian School this year. We hope to see them returning to assist the younger students to learn Armenian. At the Armenian School closing ceremony held on June 14, when Naneh and Anna received their Certificates of Graduation, awards were also presented to the following: for Community Service, Amalia Petrosyan, Anna Margaryan, Adelaida Balagyozian, and Anush Kirakosyan; for Extra Effort, Armen Tadevosyan; for Achievement, Vlada Sargysyan; and for Outstanding Student, Hrachya Tonyan and Erik Tonyan.

I would like to thank Der Vasken and the Parish Council for their continued support, encouragement and assistance.

Naira Balagyozian, Director

#### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

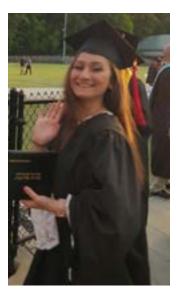


STEPHEN TOMAS HOLLISIAN - son of June and Ara Hollisian of South Weymouth, graduated from Northeastern University College of Social Sciences and Humanities with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. At NU, Stephen was a member of the Criminal Justice Student Advisory Council and the Armenian Students Association. He is a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) team member for Brookline, MA. Stephen plans to pursue a career in law enforcement and continues to serve his church. He was ordained to the subdiaconate in 2014, and is an active member of the ACYOA Seniors' Executive Board.

#### ANNA MARGARYAN -

daughter of Sona Manoukian and Mels Margaryan of Watertown, graduated from Watertown High School. She was actively involved in the junior varsity and varsity Basketball team holding various leadership positions all four years. Throughout high school, Anna was an Honor Roll student, Peer Advisor, Pride Leader and Student Ambassador. Anna is also an active member within the life of our parish, having just served as Chairman of the ACYOA Juniors, assistant teacher for both our Sunday and Armenian Schools, and an active choir singer. She will be attending Suffolk University in the fall, pursuing a major in Sociology with a concentration in Criminal Justice and minor in Business.





NANEH PETROSYAN - daughter of Mikhail Petrosyan and Naira Balagyozian of Watertown, and granddaughter of Adelaida Hoveyan, graduated from Watertown High School and plans to attend the University of Massachusetts, Boston, majoring in Nursing. While at Watertown High, Naneh was on the Honor and High Honor Roll. She was a member of the Armenian Club where she served as President this past year and raised over \$2,000 for a village in Armenia. She was also a part of the Robotics Club, Peer Leadership and the Science League. Naneh has done track and played lacrosse and volleyball. Outside of school, she graduated from the Abaka Dance School and is currently a member of the Sayat Nova Dance Company. She has been a student of Holy Trinity's Armenian School for 10 years and participates in various literary events reciting Armenian poems. She enjoys dancing, bike riding, traveling and photography. An active member of the Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors, Naneh served on the Executive Committee for 2 years as Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary. A recent graduate of our Sunday School, for her Grade 12 Sunday School service project, Naneh co-assisted in the Kindergarten class and sang with our Church Choir.

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#### GENOCIDE COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS







APRIL 24 JOINT DIVINE LITURGY BY ALL NEW ENGLAND ARMENIAN CHURCHES HELD AT OUR CHURCH WHERE REMAINS OF OUR MARTYRS, FOUND IN THE DER ZOR DESERT, WERE ON DISPLAY (LEFT) BELOW, MARCH FROM STATE HOUSE IN BOSTON TO ARMENIAN HERITAGE PARK WHERE JIM KALUSTIAN SERVED AS MC







Photos above and Times Square photos courtesy of Ruth Boghosian

Left, Vigil at Armenian Heritage Park Photo courtesy of Matt Conti





Times Square, April 26 100 Years - We Remember



Left, Ecumenical Service at the National Cathedral, Washington, DC, May 7

Below right - At the Pontifical Badarak at the beautiful Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - Fr. Vasken, one of 12 clergymen offering Holy Communion to the faithful., with Gregory and Mark Torosian.

Below left, our pastor with 4 of our deacons and two choir members





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#### **ACYOA SENIORS NEWS**

In preparation for the ACYOA Seniors General Assembly and Sports Weekend to take place over Memorial Day weekend next May, over the past few months, the ACYOA Seniors have focused their efforts on building up both their treasury, as well as their presence in the Holy Trinity Church community. Monthly Trivia Nights have provided a great opportunity to bring together all generations of the community, especially during the "Challenge of the Organizations"



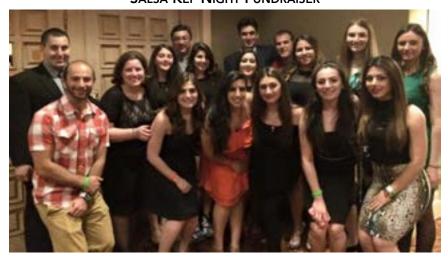
Trivia Night held on May 2, where despite the over 70 people and 6 organizations represented, the ACYOA Seniors proved victorious!

#### ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SPORTS WEEKEND - MAY 21-25, 2015



ACYOA Seniors Chairman, Danielle Malconian, receiving the Gregory Arpajian Leadership Award from the ACYOA Central Council, presented at the ACYOA Seniors General Assembly and Sports Weekend hosted by St. John Armenian Church in Detroit, MI over Memorial Day weekend, May 21-25. This award is given to an individual who displays leadership and service to the Armenian Church and the Armenian Community, and is named after Gregory Arpajian, a former ACYOA Central Council member who tragically succumbed to Leukemia at age 26. Congratulations Danielle – we are so proud of you!

SALSA KEF NIGHT FUNDRAISER





To kick off the 2016 Sports Weekend fundraising efforts, the ACYOA Seniors hosted Salsa Kef Night on May 16. The evening featured live music and entertainment for all ages, featuring two talented parishioners and their bands: Black Sea Salsa, led by trumpeter Dan Teager, an original mix of high-energy Latin Jazz and Blues, appealing to Salsa aficionados and amateurs alike; and Greg Krikorian and The All-stars, a collection of traditional Armenian instruments and sounds, led by Greg Krikorian on oud and vocals, and veteran musicians Leon Janikian, George Righellis, Bob Raphalian, Charles Dermenjian and Steve Surabian.

The evening began with a complimentary Salsa dance lesson provided by the professional dancers of Dance Caliente who got the crowd excited and ready for the night of dancing ahead. Over 150 spent the evening enjoying incredible music, food and fun. Congratulations and many thanks to the ACYOA Seniors Sports Weekend Committee for hosting the event.

The ACYOA Seniors are grateful to all those who attended the evening, as well as those who offered their generous financial support. In undertaking such a big event as the upcoming Sports Weekend, the parish's support is imperative to the ACYOA's success, and the support that was shown during this wonderful evening was much appreciated and hopefully will continue throughout the year leading up to the Weekend.

#### YOUNG ADULT MENTORING NETWORK LAUNCH EVENT

On June 7, the Seniors were excited to host the launch event for the Young Adult Mentoring Network (YAMN), a new venture that focuses on connecting high school students, college students and recent graduates with both young and experienced professionals in a broad range of fields. Our first event offered our 29 attendees the opportunity to participate in a Q&A panel discussion on selecting college majors, networking strategies, entrepreneurship, and many more topics. The Seniors would like to thank the event's panelists: Bobby Avakian, Caroline Ekchian, Ani Ross Grubb, Christine Hovsepian, and Ronald Malconian, Jr. YAMN looks forward to hosting future events that will include a speaker series, resume workshop and job search strategies, mock interviews, and networking events. Watch for details coming this Fall. To join the mailing list or to volunteer as a mentor, please email HTACmentoring@gmail.com.

#### **ELECTIONS**

We congratulate the newly elected 2015-2016 ACYOA Seniors Executive Committee, elected during the General Membership meeting on June 20, prior to monthly Trivia Night:

Ronnie Malconian, Chairman; Christine Hovsepian, Vice-Chairman; Ani Hollisian and Sandra Hovsepian, PR/Communications Coordinators; Cynthia Hovsepian, Recording Secretary; Caroline Ekchian, Treasurer; and Anna Margaryan, Sports Coordinator

Many thanks to outgoing Committee members, Lilit DerKevorkian, Suzanne Ekchian, Stephen Hollisian, and Danielle Malconian.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

August 15 - Trivia Night; September (TBD) - YAMN Event August 16 - Annual Asdvadzadzin Brunch

May 29, 2016 - ACYOA Seniors Alumni Night - SAVE THE DATE

The ACYOA Seniors are inviting all parishioners to join them during the final evening of the 2016 Sports Weekend at an Alumni Night, celebrating the 70th anniversary of the ACYOA, to be held at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel.

Please visit the Seniors on Facebook at Holy Trinity Cambridge ACYOA Seniors. If you know of anyone between the ages of 18-28 who lives in the area, or who has moved to the area for college or work, please send their contact information to the Youth Director, Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, at youth@htaac.org or email the ACYOA Seniors directly at holytrinityACYOAseniors@gmail.com.

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Photos from our 2nd Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, July 5 - 15, 2015

Top left: Our stopover in Paris; Susan Derderian touching the spot where Our Lord ascended into Heaven; Group Photo with His Beatitude, Archbishop Nourhan Manougian, Patriarch of Jerusalem; and kneeling at the manger in Bethlehem









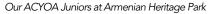
Top, Our couples who renewed their marriage vows at Cana of Galilee where Jesus performed the first miracle of changing water into wine at the wedding feast; Fr. Vasken preparing for the Blessing of the Water Service at the River Jordan where Jesus was baptized; Gary and Regina Kalajian with Shake Derderian on the boat ride on the Sea of Galilee; and our Jerusalem Haji count: 7 forearms, 3 fingers, and 1 ankle

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#### **ACYOA JUNIORS UPDATE**

After a treacherous winter, March and April were busy months for the Juniors, that included an outing to Launch Trampoline Park on March 7, hosting the Mid-Lenten Luncheon on March 8, guest hosting Trivia Night on March 21, the annual Plant Sale on Easter Sunday, and a Community Outreach Clean Up Project at Armenian Heritage Park on April 18, Global Youth Service Day.



#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

We congratulate our Juniors on the following achievements, awarded during the 40th Annual Hye M'rtsoom Sports Weekend:

- 1st Place Girls' Basketball Team A: Nicole Azarian, Adelaida Balagyozyan, Chloe DiPetrillo, Sophie DiPetrillo, Skylar Frankiewicz, Nicole Haroutunian, Anna Margaryan, Ani Maroyan, Naneh Petrosyan, Michelle Sahagian, and Emily Zeytoonjian
  - 1st Place Girls' Ping Pong Sophie DiPetrillo
  - 2nd Place Advanced Chess Kevork Atinizian
  - Female Sportsmanship Award Sophie DiPetrillo
  - Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan Leadership Award Anna Margaryan



This award is given to an ACYOA Junior who has taken on leadership roles within his/her ACYOA chapter and/or parish, and has approached those roles with Christian love, understanding, and patience. The winner is chosen by the ACYOA Central Council.

Photo left, Anna Margaryan with Award







GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM WITH TROPHY

#### **OUR ACYOA JUNIORS AND SENIORS ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY BANQUET**

Nearly 50 ACYOA Juniors and Seniors welcomed over 200 parishioners to the annual Palm Sunday Banquet and ACYOA Day on March 29. Dedicated to the 100th anniversary commemoration of the Genocide, the day's guest speakers offered inspirational and poignant addresses, focused on the theme, "Legacy of Our Martyrs: From Victims to Victors."

During the Banquet, the ACYOA Juniors and Seniors presented their annual gifts to the Church, with the Juniors donating \$1,000 respectively to the Church's General Operating Fund and to their existing Trust Fund, and the Seniors donating \$1,500 to the Church's General Operating Fund, and \$2,000 to their Trust Fund.

Many thanks to the day's guest speakers, Fr. Vasken Kouzouian, Rose Aznavorian, Kevork Atinizian and Greg Ekchian; to the day's Masters of Ceremonies, Danielle Malconian and Anna Margaryan; and to all the ACYOA parents who helped prepare the delicious meal, spearheaded by Dave Dorian.

Special thanks to the Junior Choir for sharing their voices, both during the day's Divine Liturgy and during the Banquet, and to the day's special guest, Fr. Dajad Davidian. The ACYOA also thanks Vickie Alani and Christina and Nicole Azarian who prepared and donated the day's dessert in beloved memory of David Azarian.

The day ended with the presentation of the Yeretzgin Nuvart Kouzouian Family of the Year Award, befittingly awarded to the family of Rose Mary Aznavorian, the daughter of our parish's last Genocide survivor, who humbly continues to value, honor and fulfill the legacy of our martyrs. (photo next page)

#### 2015-2016 ACYOA JUNIORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Co-Chairmen: Adelaida Balagyozyan and Alexandra Hintlian; Corresponding Secretary: Nicole Azarian; Recording Secretary: Lily Arslanian; Treasurer: Kevork Atinizian; and Events and Sports Coordinator: Diana Margaryan. We wish to thank our former Executive Committee for all their hard work, dedication and leadership this past year. Led by Anna Margaryan, Chairman; Alexandra Hintlian, Vice-Chairman; Adelaida Balagyozyan, Recording Secretary; Naneh Petrosyan, Corresponding Secretary; and Olivia Thayer, Treasurer.

The ACYOA Juniors is open to all youth ages 12 to 18. If you or someone you know is interested in or eligible to join the ACYOA Juniors, please contact the Youth Director, Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, at youth@htaac.org. All ACYOA Juniors are invited to join us on Facebook at Holy Trinity Cambridge ACYOA Juniors.

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Palm Sunday Banquet, March 29, 2015

Our ACYOA surrounding ACYOA "Family of the Year' recipient, the family of Rose Mary Aznavorian.

#### Women of Holy Trinity

Over the past few months, the Women of Holy Trinity have enjoyed many enriching social, educational, and service-oriented gatherings. In keeping with its mission, many of the gatherings concluded with time together in the sanctuary, providing an opportunity for our women to slow down, reflect and recharge before heading back to their busy lives.



In keeping with parish tradition, the Women of Holy Trinity hosted one of the weekly Lenten Dinners, followed by a traditional Evening Vigil.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH CLOTHING DRIVE APRIL 28

As part of its goal to reach out to the greater community, the Women of Holy Trinity welcomed Gail M. Sudore, CEO of Solutions at Work, to speak to the group about this small Cambridge-based organization whose mission it is to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness by helping transition homeless individuals to employment.

The impressive multi-faceted organization includes: a Children's Clothing Exchange; the Get Connected! Program, providing computers and printers to be used for resume writing and job searches; SolutionsWear, providing interview appropriate clothing; Moving Up, providing low-cost moving services; and the Speak Up! Program, raising awareness and dispelling myths about homelessness and poverty. For more information about this remarkable organization, please visit www. solutionsatwork.org. Solutions at Work was very grateful for the numerous bags and boxes of donations that were sorted and packed by the women in attendance that evening.

During the course of the evening, donations were also collected for the Nepali Women's Global Network, a local group of women offering aid in the wake of the earthquake that ravaged Nepal on April 25.



Many thanks to Maral Ayanian for organizing the Community Outreach event, and to all the women who donated and assisted that evening.

#### MAY 19: BOOK CLUB

In honor of the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, our May Book Club gathering centered on exploring the fascinating and unique life of Zabel Yessayan, author of The Gardens of Silihdar: A Memoir, the only woman on the list of Armenian intellectuals targeted for arrest and deportation by the Ottoman government on April 24, 1915.

We were so grateful that Co-Editors, Joy Renjilian-Burgy and Judith Saryan, as well as Barbara Meguerian and Danila Jebejian Terpanjian, were with us that evening to share Zabel's story of perseverance and inspiration, and provide a glimpse into Armenian life during that volatile, yet family-centered and formative time in our history.

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Many thanks to Cathy Minassian for organizing the evening, and to the many women of Holy Translators Church in Framingham who joined us.

#### JUNE 23: PAINT NIGHT

Many thanks to artist June Hollisian, who led our first (but definitely not last) Paint Night at Holy Trinity Church. It was a refreshing evening of great food and drinks, fellowship, and of course – creative artistic expression. Providing both an opportunity for fundraising and fun, the over 30 women in attendance (some of whom chose not to get their hands dirty) had a great time, and most went home with a lovely Armenian landscape that they will (hopefully) proudly hang in their homes.

Many thanks to the members of this year's Hospitality Committee who provided refreshments for each of these events, led by Linda Abkarian, Karen Martin, and Cathy Minassian, and special thanks to Core Committee member, Ann Danielson, for her leadership and commitment during the past year. The Women of Holy Trinity is seeking new members to serve on both the Core and Sub-Committees. If you would like to join us, please email the group at HTAACWomen@gmail.com.



The Women of Holy Trinity meets regularly, offering a variety of programming that appeals to all aspects of our lives as Armenian Christian women living in America, creating opportunities for all women of the Holy Trinity Church community to gather in worship, fellowship, education and service. The group consists of an overseeing core committee, but each Gathering is led by a Sub-Committee, based on eight Areas of Focus: Book Club; Education; Fundraising; Heritage; Hospitality; Mentoring/Networking; Outreach/Service; Spiritual.

#### WASHING OF THE FEET SERVICE, APRIL 2



Recognizing descendants of Genocide survivors, the following had the honor of having their feet washed on Holy Thursday, Pictured with Fr. Vasken are (left to right) John Hovsepian, Ronald Malconian, Jr., Diran S. Zahigian, Jr., George W. Haroutunian, Kevork Atinizian, Antranig Atinizian, Robert Takvorian, John Annaian, Gerald Boghosian, Robert Proodian, Dr. Pamag H. Kasarjian, and Walter Vartanian.

#### **EASTER YOUGHAKIN OFFERING**

\$400 - Anna P. Pietz, ME; \$300 - David & Linda Beaupré, VT, in memory of Isaac & Mary Karchakian, Alan Karchakian, Vartan & Merriam Keochakian, and Helen Roomian

\$200 - Michele Kolligian; Catherine Mosgofian; Richard & Lillian Najarian

\$100 - Marion Benson; Howard Critchett; Virginia DeFilippis; Isabelle Der Garabedian & Family in memory of Richard Der Garabedian; Lisa Kolligian & Dan Dorian; Charles Gazarian; Jeffrey Hintlian; Jane Jamgotchian; Johnson Family; Joyce Jones & John Messina; Albert & Anita Kalustian; James M. Kalustian; John Kefeyan & Adrienne Kefeyan; Malcolm & Jean Keljikian; William & Karen Martin and Family; Leon & Marion Semonian; Mrs. Charles Talanian; Jean (Juskalian) & Doug Toan, VA; Albert Zouranjian; \$75 - Victor & Robin Nahigian; Armine Sarges \$50 - Stephen & Jean Alexander; John & Rose Sirvart Annaian; Richard Annaian; Rose T. Arpiarian; Leon & Marge Atamian; George & Armine Bagdasarian; Grace A. Boyajian; Sylvia L. Carter; Mary M. Daniels; Ed & Ann Danielson; Bertha Demirjian; Helene Dorian & Family; Rose Hamalian; Roxie M. Hedison; A. Bruce Jaranian; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian; John & Ida Kolligian; Fr. Mampre Kouzouian & Family; Armen & Susan Skenderian; Albert Oskoian; From the Trust Fund established by Charles G. Sahagian in memory of parents, Sarkis & Araxie Sahagian, sister, Virginia Sahagian, and uncles Sukeaus & John Sahagian; Peter & Isabel Talanian; Rose & Nish Tikijian; M/M Roy F. Walters; Harry & Eleanor Yessaian; Rose Chacran Zartarian; Natalie Bandeian-Zoll & Ross Zoll, VA \$40 - Anonymous; Mary Guleserian Bergoudian; \$30 - Ara Berj Marootian; Edward & Zella Marootian \$25 - Antranik & Lucie Aghdamlian; Anne L. Aroyan; David E. Aznavoorian; Seta A. Buchter & Dr. Christina G. Buchter; Susan & Oscar III Derderian; Alice Hachigian; Armine D. Hagopian; George D. Hagopian; Dorothy & Joanne Hamparian; Jan Haroutunian in loving memory of husband, Harry Haroutunian, and mother, Evelyn Falwell; Aram & Becky Hintlian; Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian; Lt. Col. & Mrs. Robert Lang; Samuel Malkasian; Elaine & Michael Markarian; Diane Matevosian & Rose Tufankjian in memory of Zartar, Hovagim & Aznive Matevosian; Joan & Brian Osganian; Florence K. Pashoian; Marie Proodian; Alice Tavitian; Harry Yacubian; Youssoufian Family

\$20 - Azarian Family; Elise Harrison; K & S Mahdasian; Jack & Audrey Pilibosian

\$15 - Lutwig & Dorothy Stepanian; Gayle M. Yapchaian

\$10 - Anna Glover; Ashod D. Hagopian; Michael G. Yapchaian; \$5 - Agnes Jurigian Cassano

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#### BLESSING OF THE BABIES' SERVICE



Rescheduled from the February 15 snowstorm, our annual joyful "Blessing of the Babies" Service was held on May 17. Participating were Brooklyn Charles Reid Fleming, son of Brent & Taylor (Stephanian) Fleming; Nicholas Allan Gilman, son of Jeffrey & Christina (Markarian) Gilman; Catya Helen Krikorian, daughter of David Krikorian and Kristien Creamer; Eric Kaspar Ozcan, son of Oliver & Laura (Abkarian) Ozcan, and the Raffi Aroian family from Worcester, who were attending our church that day.

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

1000 CLUB SAYS . . .



"Lest We Forget" 1915-2015 The Armenian Genocide Centennial

#### 1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY

\$1,000 - Grace Kaprelian; \$300 - Diana Aykanian; \$200 - Robert Semonian; \$100 - Amanda Dorian; \$50 Winners: Bruce & Carlene Newell; Nashan J. Tikijian; Elizabeth Babaian; Haig Hedison; Dikran Arpiarian, GA; William & Karen Martin; Barbara J. Merguerian; Gerald Ajemian

#### 1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR MARCH

\$1,000 - Dr. A. Donald & Betty Shushan; \$300 - Jerry Odabashian; \$200 - Norma Daniels; \$100 - Michele Kolligian; \$50 Winners: Aram H. Hintlian; Gayle M. Yapchaian; George M. Jamgochian, FL; Robert Semonian; Barbara Khachadoorian; Masis Kevorkian, CA; Ara & June Hollisian; Anne Oskoian

#### **1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR APRIL**

\$1,000 - Phyllis Hovenanian; \$300 - Anna P. Pietz, ME; \$200 - Arthur Avakian; \$100 - Daniel Shadbegian; \$50 Winners: Shervanian Family; Cheryl Panjian; Michael G. Yapchaian; Dr. A. Donald & Betty Shushan; Charles Gazarian; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian; Jane A. Jamgotchian; Gail & Richard O'Reilly

#### **1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR MAY**

\$1,000 - Michael S. Yapchaian; \$300 - Nancy Young; \$200 - Gladys Medzorian; \$100 - Mary & Nishan Goudsouzian; \$50 Winners: Marge Atamian; Paul Jamgotchian; Stephan & Lisa Hovnanian; Ara & June Hollisian; Gail Krikorian; Donna Deranian; Pamela K. Duckworth; John Hovsepian

#### **1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR JUNE**

\$1000 - Helen Connors; \$300 - Stephan & Lisa Hovnanian; \$200 - Daniel Shadbegian; \$100 - Benjamin Louis Krikorian, VA; \$50 Winners: James M. Kalustian; Joseph M. Mardirosian; Michael G. Yapchaian; Kenneth Hintlian; Linda Beaupré, VT; Edward H. Sahagian; Thomas & Setta Stephanian; Elaine A. Markarian





With a letter, dated March 31, 2015, Roseann Manoogian Attar, Treasurer of the Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF), enclosed a check in the amount of \$17,468.82, that represented the 2014 year-end distribution of the endowed funds listed below that were invested by generous benefactors to benefit our church and to whom we express our gratitude:

Kazor & Sophie Babaian Memorial Fund Drs. John & Alice Bandeian Endowment Fund	\$1,378.48 384.05
Nerses & Mary Guleserian-Bergoudian Fund	253.86
Ardashes & Nouritza Der Ananian Memorial Endowment Fund	99.04
Simon & Satenig Ermonian Fund	7,074.44
John Gizirian Endowment Fund	1,371.61
Dr. Harry H. & Alice S. Gulesian Memorial Fund	176.43
Deran Hintlian Endowment Fund	1,357.78
Eliza Keverian Charitable Endowment Fund	27.43
Gregory & Rose Kolligian Endowment Fund	548.64
John W. Ohanasian Trust Endowment Fund	1,371.61
Nerses M. Ohanasian Endowment Fund	548.64
Michael & Ginny Ohanian Endowment Fund	274.32
Ervin & Anna P. Pietz Endowment Fund	329.19
Dickran & Peprone Piranian Memorial Fund	548.64
Aram & Buelah Sarkisian Endowment Fund	94.65
Shirley and Shirley Rita Tatarian Memorial Fund	27.43
Major Robert Zaven Zartarian & Rose M. Chacran Zartarian Endowment Fund	1,371.61
Armenian Women's Education Society of Arlington Fund (to benefit the Armenian School)	230.94

#### Parish Notes

Congratulations to Jim Kalustian who, at a recent meeting of the Diocesan Council, was re-elected to a two-year term as Chairman of the Diocesan Council and, also, to our pastor, Fr. Vasken, on his re-election to a four-year term on the Diocesan Council. Congratulations to Deacon Gregory Krikorian who has been named Co-Chairman with Fr. Gomidas Zohrabian of the Junior Choir Project for the Diocese by our Primate.

Congratulations to: Helene Dorian who celebrated her 90th birthday in February; Dr. Christina G. Buchter, daughter of Seta Assatourian Buchter of Winchester, MA, and the late Konrad Buchter, and Dan McNena, son of Tyrone & Joyce McNena of College Point, NY, who became engaged on April 2; Gerald Boghosian who celebrated his 90th birthday on May 2; and to great-grandmother, Sonia Zorian, grandmother, Janice Bacon, and parents, William & Danielle (Faro) Bacon on the birth of Karina Ani Bacon on May 15.

Congratulations to Dan Teager, our Youth Choir Director, who recently joined the faculty of Winchester Commmunity Music School. Dan is a professional trumpet player, directs Black Sea Salsa, and plays in the Twelfth Baptist Church brass choir. The historic Twelfth Baptist Church in Roxbury is where Martin Luther King preached while he was at Boston University School of Theology.

Congratulations to St. James' parishioner Michael Guleserian, General Manager, Sheraton Commander Hotel, who was named the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce "Business Person of the Year" for demonstrating professional excellence and outstanding leadership by supporting and motivating colleagues and employees with enthusiasm, vision and integrity. We also wish Michael continued good health.

Our condolences to: the family of Evelyn Diranian on her passing in February; Zaven and Linda Giragosian on the death of her brother, Thomas W. Kennedy of Hampton Fall, NH, on March 4, Elizabeth Sargavakian and Family on the passing of her sister, Mary Mardirosian, on March 15; and Mike Donabedian and family on the passing of his wife, Rosa, on April 1.

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#### DONATIONS TO OUR TRUST FUND

- \$2,000 from the Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors to their Trust Fund
- \$2,000 from Shenorig and Mary Ishkanian to the Hrant, Ardemis, & Sarkis Ishkanian Trust Fund
- \$1,000 from Zevart Hollisian to the Hollisian Family Scholarship Trust Fund
- \$1,000 from the Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors to their Trust Fund
- \$500 from Michael Kolligian, Harvey & Valerie Kolligian Thayer, and Caroline & Olivia Thayer to the Dr. Michael & Joyce Kolligian Trust Fund
- \$250 from Rose Aznavorian and Arthur Aznavorian to the Aznive & Avedis Aznavorian Trust Fund for a pew kneeler plaque in memory of their parents
- \$100 from Robert Nahabedian & Claudine Louis to the Charles & Alice Nahabedian Trust Fund

#### **DONATIONS TO OUR CHURCH**

- \$5,000 bequeathed to our church by Anne Oskoian
- \$4,000 anonymous donation to the Youth Center
- \$1,750 awarded to the Holy Trinity Sunday School from the Knights of Vartan Ararat Lodge
- \$1,500 from the Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors
- \$1,000 from the Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors
- \$350 to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund from Gayane Goltukhchyan and Karen Oganezov as a "thank you" to Ann Danielson
- \$300 from Wladimir Lahens
- \$299 from Gregory A. Kolligian to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- \$250 from John and Karen Hovsepian to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- \$200 from Victor Nahigian for Bibles to be placed in church pews
- \$100 from Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., and \$100 from Valerie Kolligian Thayer & Michael Kolligian for a photo memorial for Araxie Kolligian
- Donations to our 108 Campaign: \$108 from Jane Jamgotchian and \$108 from M/M Victor Nahigian
- \$50 from Anna Martin

#### **DAJAR DONATIONS**

\$30 - M. Louise Choulian; Naomi K. Kuzoian

#### THANK YOU TO ...

Robert Aroyan for his donation of crash bars installed on four exit doors on our church complex, valued at \$1,000. This now enables us to comply with the occupancy inspection conducted by the City of Cambridge.

#### THE ARMENIAN PATRIARCHATE

An acknowledgment letter was received earlier this year from His Beatitude Archbishop Nourhan Manougian, Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem, for our 2014 donation of \$2,731.63, for the preparation of clergy. Our 2015 donation of \$2,000 was given to the Patriarch by Fr. Vasken while on the July pilgrimage.

#### AID TO NEPAL

We received a letter of acknowledgment from our Primate for our donation of \$562.00 to aid those who are suffering following the earthquake in Nepal. All 100% of the proceeds collected will go to the relief efforts to be distributed through Church World Service.

PLEASE REMEMBER
HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.



#### 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 **ANNE OSKOIAN** for our church:

Albert Oskoian; Diran & Zabelle Zahigian; Roxie M. Hedison; Roseanne & Fred Kolack; Charles V. Zahigian & Family; Diran, Judith Smith, Rachel, Renée, & Robert Zahigian; M.L. Hedison-Flynn & Anthony Flynn; Armine Sarges; Armen & Susan Skenderian; John Kefeyan & Adrienne Kefeyan; Mary Mardoian, IL; William & Karen Martin; Catherine Mosgofian; Charles Nahabedian; Robert Nahabedian & Claudine Louis, VT; Christine, Nicholas & Alyssa Sahagian; Rose & Nish Tikijian; Robert & Nancy Young; Lisa Kolligian & Dan Dorian; Zaven & Linda Giragosian, NH; Leon & Marge Atamian; Arthur Avakian; George D. Hagopian; Dickran & Marilyn Haroian; M/M John D. Haroian; George W. Haroutunian & K. Shirley Spencer; James Kalustian; Martin & Mimi Kalustian; Helen Krikorian, VA; John & Teresa Marsoobian; Robert & Marilyn Takvorian; George Thomasian; Bob Goshqarian; M/M Gene Kaprielian; Himayak & Lucy Torosian

Total: \$4,025.00

500.

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

Robert & Grace Soultanian and Deirdre & Jamie Munro; Dean Soultanian, Arlene Kasarjian and Ani & Aram Soultanian; Matt, Tom and your family at TMC Environmental; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian; Bill & Susan Hadge, Joseph Foglio, Matthew Clark & Paula Mangini; Barbara Dorian; Helene Dorian; Lisa Kolligian & Dan Dorian and Family; Elaine D. Patapanian; Jack & Audrey Pilibosian; Karlo, Rose & Carnig Ashchian; Ed & Ann Danielson; Aram & Becky Hintlian; Albert & Anita Kalustian; James M. Kalustian; Rose Kasarjian & Family; M/M Richard Kazanjian; Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr.; Michele Kolligian; Nancy R. Kolligian; Catherine Mosgofian; George & Sylvia Mouradian; Carlene & Bruce Newell; John M. Sheehan; Albert Zouranjian; Joyce & John Davagian II; John & Rose (Sirvart) Annaian; Ruby Baboian; Seta A. Buchter and Dr. Christina G. Buchter; M/M Peter Danielson; Ara & Janet Dermovsesian; Sonia Garabedian; George D. Hagopian; George W. Haroutunian & K. Shirley Spencer; John and Adrienne Kefeyan; Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian; Helen Krikorian, VA; Charles J. Smerlas & Family; Barbara & Don Tellalian; Harvey & Valerie Thayer; Robert & Nancy Young

Total: \$4,230.00

75.

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

William & Dana Martins Hanify; Caracashian Family; Jeannette John; Roxie M. Hedison; John & Adrienne Kefeyan; Mariam Koumjian; William & Karen Martin; Stephen & Nannette



Tavekelian, VT; Helen Krikorian, VA; Zaven & Linda Giragosian; Arthur Avakian; Grace A. Boyajian; Seta A. Buchter & Dr. Christina G. Buchter; Ara & Janet Dermovsesian; Lisa Kolligian & Danny Dorian; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian; Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian; Catherine Minassian; Bill & Robin (Tavekelian) Post; Rose & Nish Tikijian; Women of Holy Trinity Church; Rose Aznavorian; Betha Demirjian

Total: \$1,930.00



#### **DONATIONS**

In lieu of flowers in memory of:

• THOMAS W. KENNEDY: Arthur Avakian

• JOSEPH KULPA, JR.: Lorraine Tashjian Vaccaro; Tewksbury Sons of Italy #2872

• ROSE ISGANDERIAN STEPHENSON: Arthur H. Stephenson III; the Bonefant Family Additional in lieu of flowers in memory of :

• MARGARET DANIELSON: Joy Nazarian, IL; Richard & Margaret Kratlian, FL

• RITA KECHEJIAN: Ruth & Tim Lenahan; Stephen & Maral Dulgarian

In memory of **SONIA KEUSSEY**: Dr. Ernest Barsamian

\$200.00

In loving memory of **ARTHUR A. MARANIAN, SR.**: Nadia Ann Karnik

\$500.00

In memory of MARDIROS ZARTARIAN, father of Gen. Sarkis M. Zartarian,

AND ALL THE OTHER VICTIMS OF THE GENOCIDE: The Zartarian Foundatian \$1,000.00

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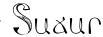
ON OCCASION, PARISHIONERS WHO ARE THINKING OF MAKING A GIFT TO THE CHURCH ASK IF THERE IS A SPECIAL ITEM THAT THE CHURCH MAY NEED.

ON OUR RECENT PILGRIMAGE TO JERUSALEM, FR. VASKEN RETURNED
WITH A BEAUTIFUL GOLD AND SILVER CHALICE
FROM THE ARMENIAN PATRIARCHATE
THAT WILL ADORN OUR ALTAR AND BE USED ON MOST SUNDAYS.



WITH THAT IN MIND,
ONE SILVER AND GOLD ORNATE CHALICE
AT \$3,000.00
IS AVAILABLE FOR DONATION.

IF ANYONE WISHES TO DONATE TOWARDS
THIS BEAUTIFUL CHALICE,
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.



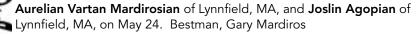
#### 2015 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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: Sandra Hovsepian
- From the Gregory Archie and Rose Kolligian Scholarship: Alexander Bacon, Michael Gallagher, and Hayk Krikorian
- From the Gertrude Nahiqian Scholarship: Alexander Bacon, Caleb Haydanek, and Hayk Krikorian
- From the Alice Ohanasian Scholarship: Alexander Bacon and Hayk Krikorian
- From the Major Robert Z. Zartarian Scholarship: Michael Gallagher, Melissa Sahagian, and Casey Tellen

#### **WEDDINGS**



**Edward Arakel Yessaian** of Tewksbury, MA, and **Kelly Lynn Flammia** of Tewksbury MA, on July 16. Bestman, Craig MacDonald

#### **BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS**



**Olivia Rose Charbatian**, daughter of Vigen and Tracy (Bridge) Charbatian of Brookfield, CT, on March 7. Godfather, Gevond Khlgatian, and Godmother, Gina Sallese

**Talon Davis Hamparian**, son of Neil and Elizabeth (Orosco) Hamparian of Merrimack, NH, on March 8. Godfather, Jay Essegian, and Godmother, Joanne Hamparian **Aiki Rose Mikaelian**, daughter of Garo Mikaelian and Ani Inguilizian of Winchester, MA, on April 4. Godfather, Araz Inguilizian, and Godmother, Ani Flynn

**Woodstock Nazarian Abrahamsen**, son of Timothy and Ingrid (Hersh) Abrahamsen of Waltham, MA, on April 4. Godfather, Rudolf Hersh, and Godmother, Heidi Abrahamsen **Celina Jane Talanian**, daughter of Charles Christopher and Noel (Tashjian) Talanian of

Boston, MA, on May 2. Godfather, Michael Bethune, and Godmother, Joy Bethune

Toylor Margaret Spall, daughter of larged and Amanda (Stayone) Spall of Weburn M.

**Taylor Margaret Snell,** daughter of Jarrod and Amanda (Stevens) Snell of Woburn, MA, on May 16. Godfather, Charles DeGulielmo, and Godmother, Daniella Massimilla

Narek Henry Corduff, son of Ean and Ruzanna (Poghosyan) Corduff of Watertown, MA, on May 23. Godfather, Kevork Atashian, and Godmother, Armine Atashian

#### **FUNERALS**

Elizabeth Soultanian of Watertown, MA, on April 10 Sonia G. Keusey of Bedford, MA, on April 11 Simeon Simon of Grove City, FL, on April 25 Helen Minasian of Brockton, MA, on April 29 Florence Shaghalian of Arlington, MA, on May 8

**Joseph Alexander Kulpa, Jr.**, of Everett, MA, on June 22 **Zabelle Zahigian** of Cambridge, MA, on July 3

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## Calendar of Events

## 10-21 - Trinity Kids' Place **AUGUST**

- Trivia Night
- Feast of the Assumption of the 2 16
- **Brunch hosted by ACYOA Seniors** Holy Mother-of-God
- Rescheduled Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament 3

# SEPTEMBER

- Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 13
  - Trinity Family Festival

## **SEPTEMBER Cont'd**

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- Sunday School & Armenian School Registration and 1st Day of Sunday School Classes
  - Appreciation Reception for

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- Annual Banquet Seta A. Buchter - Trivia Night OCTOBER
- Trinity Tailgate hosted by TMU
- Photo, Fr. Vasken celebrating the Divine Liturgy and Deacon Gregory Krikorian presenting the Chalice at the Tomb of Christ, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Jerusalem

