

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

Fr. Vasken A. Kouzouian, Pastor

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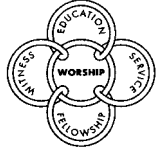
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It began as a dream . . . Holy Trinity Armenian Church celebrated 55 years in the City of Cambridge! This historic photo depicts the 12 living Parish Council Chairmen, past and present, who served our parish with dedication and commitment. How pleased we were that all 12 were able to be with us as we celebrated with our Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian on October 23.

FROM OUR PASTOR

The following remarks
offered by Fr. Vasken
at our 55th Anniversary
Banquet, October 23



Good afternoon everyone. Today is about fulfilling a dream and celebrating a milestone. So, let me begin with this quote from a man I have admired through books and stories much of my life, but who died when I was just two years old: *"All our dreams can come true - - if we have the courage to pursue them."* This was said by

Walter Elias Disney. Walt Disney said this as he generated interest in building his theme parks, and it's a great quote for us today as well as we mark our 55th year here in Cambridge.

Your Eminence, Surpazan Hayr, dear friends . . . In July of this year, a group from this parish traveled to Armenia. We had a wonderful time. We traveled to and around the city of Yerevan. We prayed in Holy Etchmiadzin and had a audience with His Holiness the Catholicos. We traveled to Armenia's southern region and entered the ancient monastery where the great Saint "Gregory of Datev" is buried. We drove to Lake Sevan and on to Dilijan, and climbed to the ancient capital of Erebouni. We prayed in the beautiful and historic Churches of Sahmosavank, Khor Virab, and Noravank. We served in a Soup Kitchen and prayed with the children in Yerevan's Cancer Clinic.

This 55th Anniversary began by going back to our homeland to these holy places where we remembered our fathers and mothers, our grandparents and our great-grandparents, and we thanked them for building this Church as we walked the lands of our heritage. We traveled into the villages and we touched our past and, as we prayed in the ancient Churches, we felt their spirit standing with us. And, above all, we thanked God that our grandparents made it to Boston, and began again. Holy Trinity Armenian Church is among the "gifts" their generation left behind. So, I want to briefly share with you the "story of their Gift" - the story of Holy Trinity.

It's the story about a group of Armenians who arrived to this new land with grateful hearts. Their story began well before Brattle Street. The first parishioners of Holy Trinity found themselves in a foreign land, and the only thing they had was each other. These first Armenian immigrants came together and hoped for a better future. Our parish was built on their hopes and dreams. Their dream was for their children. They came to the City of Boston seeking a fresh start. Beginning in 1880, they arrived from the regions surrounding Kharpert. They settled in Chelsea and Dorchester and South Boston; and large communities of Armenians grew in Everett, Lynn and Brockton, all active immigrant towns. By 1923, they purchased a Church in the South End. Together, they formed the first Parish Councils and Women's Auxiliaries. Together, they kept the best of their traditions alive for generations to come. And together they organized Sunday Schools and Armenian Schools in different neighborhoods around the city. And their "hopes" began to be realized.

But times changed and neighborhoods changed, and Greater Boston's first Armenian Church needed to relocate. And, so, the "dreams" began again. Together, Pastor and parishioner raised funds and raised awareness, and together they erected this House of Worship. And their "dream" started coming together. And today, on a street once home to Loyalists to the Crown of England, an immigrant "dream" stands proudly for all to see.

When I enter the Church early on Sunday mornings, I can't help but wonder: "How were they able to do all this? How did

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a group of ethnic Armenians end up building a Church here on a historic road built for the “bluest” of the “Blue-blooded colonists” called Brattle Street?” It doesn’t happen everyday, and it certainly didn’t happen easily in the early 1960s. And it didn’t just happen because a group of men were called to sit on a Building Committee to pull it all together.

So, how did it happen? It happened because the Building Committee surrounded themselves with a community of volunteers who went to sleep each night and woke up each morning with their dream in mind. That “community of volunteers” made all the difference. Their stories of community building and fund raising are of heroic levels. The development of this church complex began around the Parish Council table on Shawmut Avenue and, from there, it was spoken about in the backyards of Chelsea, and the living rooms of Dorchester, and the front porches of Peabody. It was built by working men and women who dug into what little savings they had, and they gave generously and willingly because this Church was their Church. They knocked on the doors of Armenian homes in every neighborhood from the North Shore to the South Shore and every town in between. And the entire community stood with them.

Their history is a big part of “our story.” And we have to take care of our history because it’s part of their legacy to us. Today, we celebrate this beautiful church complex but, in celebrating, we can’t forget that our celebration has to be about more than a beautiful marble altar or about 18 Sunday School classrooms. It has to be about more than an address on this famed street. It has to be about the story that reminds us that we are the temporary inheritors of the Holy Trinity parish.

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calling us to do no less
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In preparing for today, I was reminded of this one fact: To build this beautiful Church, with its chandeliers and stained glass windows, required great struggles and great sacrifice. But those who built it never lost hope of reaching “their dream.” Their hope and their stories are the inheritances we are to carry forward. Theirs are the voices calling us to do no less than they did so that new dreams and new hopes are realized. Those who built this Church have stories to be told. Their stories shaped our parish and their stories make us who we are.

Let me also add this - those early parishioners did more than leave us this magnificent complex. They left us an even greater gift. They left us each other. We are their greatest gift. We are their greatest legacy. You are their greatest legacy.

Today is also our Annual Stewardship Banquet. So let’s talk about the profound Stewardship that has taken place here since we gathered five years ago to celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

- Since that time, the children of those first parishioners donated a mother’s \$400,000 home to Holy Trinity in fulfillment of their mother’s vow to God during the genocide. Thank you Zevart Hollisian!
- Since our 50th Anniversary, two bubbly twin sisters, affectionately known by some as the “double mint Twins” - the Toomajian sisters left their Church more than half a million dollars in their will. Thank you Elizabeth and Isabel!
- Since our 50th Anniversary, our church kitchen, badly in need of improvements, was completely renovated by the generosity of Mrs. Ann Hintlian and her children, LuAnn and Kenny. Thank you to them!
- Since our 50th Anniversary, the family of our parish Godfather, Mr. Nishan Semonian, donated an additional \$150,000 to our parish, and three other families collectively matched their gift. Thank you Nevart, Gail, and Charles!

• This Church was built “for the children of our children,” and so to help meet the needs of tomorrow’s generations, we began working on the Martin and Mimi Kalustian Learning Lab to be located in our Peter Adamian Hall through a very generous \$75,000 donation. Thank you Jim Kalustian!

And it goes on. Just two years ago, so many of you gave so generously to the creation of a Youth Center to give the growing number of youth in this parish a space to call their own. Thank you to all of you! We surpassed our \$20,000 goal!

You - all of you and so many others who give back to this Church in other equally important and needed ways - You give your time to prepare our ethnic foods and financially support our picnics and bazaars. You teach in our Armenian and Sunday Schools, serve on the Parish Councils, sing in our choirs and serve on God’s Altar. You run our organizations, you fundraise, you bag the Mahs on Sunday mornings, you get elbow deep in flour to make the manti and bake the choreg. You make vats of pilaf and you stand outside in the cold December air to grill for our enjoyment. You’re today’s heroes of our Church. You are the living legacy of those who sat in these seats before you. And we are blessed because of you.

This Banquet is about the future; it’s about tomorrow because this Church was built for the future. Every dime collected to erect this magnificent Church was collected so that the “children of their children” and the “children of our children” could have a spiritual home of our own where faith, hope and love would speak to our hearts and to our lives.

May we always remember what was placed in our hands from the generations past and dream new dreams with an eye on our tomorrows. And may everyone who ever had a hand in building this Church be blessed today. “All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.”

Thank you.

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NEW MEMBER APPOINTED TO TRUST FUND BOARD

The Parish Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Valerie Kolligian Thayer to the Board of Trustees of the Holy Trinity Trust Fund for a term of five years.

Valerie’s father, the late Dr. Michael Kolligian, Jr., was a founder and past Chairman of the Trust Fund, and her mother, the late Joyce Juskalian Kolligian, was a past Board member. Currently on our Board: James M. Kalustian, Chairman; Aram Hintlian, Treasurer; trustees, Jay Hachigian, Bruce Newell and Valerie Kolligian Thayer, and from the Parish Council, Chairman Daniel K. Dorian, Jr., and Treasurer, Jeffrey Hintlian.



CELEBRATING 55 YEARS ON BRATTLE STREET



Sunday, October 23, marked the 55th Anniversary of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston. The commemoration began with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy by



His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, assisted at the altar by our pastor, Fr. Vasken Kouzouian, and nine deacons and altar servers. At the conclusion of church services, the Grade 3 students of our Sunday School were each gifted an age appropriate Bible from His Eminence. Receiving Bibles were Alexa Courey, Marina Gyulkhasyan, Harout Keledjian, Christian Maranian, Narineh Mardiros, Richard Martirosyan, Eric Ohanyan, Alin Petrosyan, and Sophia Tinkjian, and Grade 5 student Sebastian Krikorian.

A celebratory Banquet followed in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall with Aram Hintlian serving as Master of Ceremonies and Gail O'Reilly, granddaughter of Holy Trinity's Godfather, Nishan Semonian, giving the toast. Outgoing Parish

Council members, Dr. Mark Ayanian and Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., and outgoing Diocesan Delegates, Edmond J. Danielson, Bruce Newell and Dean Soultanian, were thanked for their years of devoted service to our church and the Diocese.



Parish Council Chairman, Daniel K. Dorian, Jr. expressed in his remarks his gratitude for the work of the Parish Council members and how important it is for the ongoing life of the parish that we each find the time to serve our church.

Following his remarks, on behalf of the parish's ACYOA Seniors, Ronald and Danielle Malconian, Co-Chairmen of the 2016 General Assembly and Sports Weekend Host Committee, presented the Primate and the Parish Council each with a \$10,000 gift, representing the profit from the highly successful weekend.

Fr. Vasken Kouzouian, pastor, offered a moving Tribute to the "Story That Is Our Parish," warmly telling of the struggles and heart of those first parishioners and challenged today's parishioners to be no less.

Following this tribute, Dan Dorian, on behalf of the parish, highlighted the efforts of Cathy Minassian, a Parish Council member

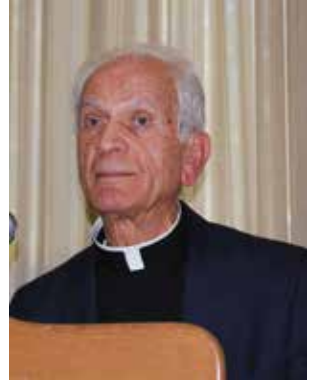


who has served her church for 24 years and served under 9 different chairmen.

Our former pastor, Fr. Mampre Kouzouian, then presented his emotional Tribute to "Those Who Served" by thanking the many Parish Council Chairmen, including the twelve living Chairmen, who served our parish since it was relocated to the City of Cambridge 55 years ago.

The celebration ended with the spirited words of our Primate who expressed his joy in being a part of this day, and offered his blessing upon those who call Holy Trinity their spiritual home.

Photos, Ruth E. Boghosian



THE LATE ELIZABETH AND ISABEL TOOMAJIAN BEQUEATH OVER ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLARS TO THE HOLY TRINITY TRUST FUND



The late Elizabeth and Isabel Toomajian, twin sisters and long-time residents of Arlington MA, were dedicated, devoted and faithful members of our Church for many decades. In their quiet, unassuming way, they were active participants in the life of the parish. Elizabeth taught in the Sunday School for many years and was loved by all her students. Both sisters volunteered in the Church Office with mailings and the Annual Report collation. They continually brought joy, laughter and smiles to everyone who knew them and with whom they worked. They were pious, generous, kind-hearted human beings who always showed good will toward people. Both sisters attended Church Services every Sunday, occupying the second pew in the Sanctuary and were often referred to as "the two angels of our Church." Isabel worked for a bank while Elizabeth taught Grade 4 in the Arlington public school system. Daughters of the late John and Aghavni (Muckjian) Toomajian, Elizabeth passed away in 2005 and Isabel in 2014. In their wills, both sisters generously remembered their Church with Elizabeth donating \$126,239 to the Holy Trinity Trust Fund while Isabel bequeathed \$405,316.

"Loveable, joyful, dedicated, generous. This is how I remember Elizabeth and Isabel," states Fr. Vasken A. Kouzouian, pastor. "These twin sisters were part of so many events and activities within the life of the Holy Trinity parish. Whether it was teaching in our Sunday School, working at our pastry booth at our annual bazaar, volunteering in the Church Office, or sitting in their regular family pew, these two sisters looked upon our parish as their second home. The purity of their heart belonged to another era. They were examples of what it means to be people of character and integrity. The monumental gift these two beautiful sisters bequeathed our Trust Fund will forever leave their footprint on our parish for future generations to appreciate. Elizabeth and Isabel were petite in stature, but they cast a large presence; their gift matches their heart."

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE MURATSAN CLINIC IN ARMENIA

During our parish pilgrimage to Armenia in July, the group visited the Muratsan Clinic of Chemotherapy at Yerevan University Hospital, a Pediatric Oncology Center that works with children and their families from all over Armenia. So moved by what they saw, the group wanted to help these children. In an effort to raise awareness and much-needed funds, Cynthia Kazanjian mobilized a team of 11 walkers to participate in the Dana-Farber/Jimmy Fund Walk on September 25, to benefit the Clinic that is affiliated with Dana-Farber/Children's Hospital Global Health Initiative.



Participating on the Holy Trinity Team were Janet Annaian, Kevork Atinikian, Susan Deranian, Cynthia Kazanjian, Alina Kouzouian, Armen and Hagop Youssoufian, Anush Kirakosian, Dick Kazanjian (Lead Car Driver), and Ruth Boghosian, (photographer), with Andrea, Neil, Cole and Vaughan Krikorian for the Sts. Vartanantz Walkers. Guest was Susan Derderian.

Our Women of Holy Trinity hosted a program on Tuesday, October 18, for the community to welcome medical team members from the Muratsan Clinic of Chemotherapy currently in Boston for training at Dana Farber. We learned about the hopes and dreams of this dedicated group of doctors and staff who bring comfort and treatment to the many children of Hayastan who suffer from the effects of cancer. It was a powerful program to build awareness and support. Also present were members of Dana-Farber speaking about the Global Health Initiative.



To date, \$18,955 has been raised for the Clinic. Great job Cynthia Kazanjian! To make a donation, please make your check payable to "Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk," memo - "City of Smile" and mail to P.O. Box 3595, Boston MA 02241-3595, or go online at www.jimmyfundwalk.org/2016/cityofsmile. All proceeds will benefit the clinic.

FROM BELMONT TO RIO - OLYMPIC GYMNAST HOURS GEBESHIAN



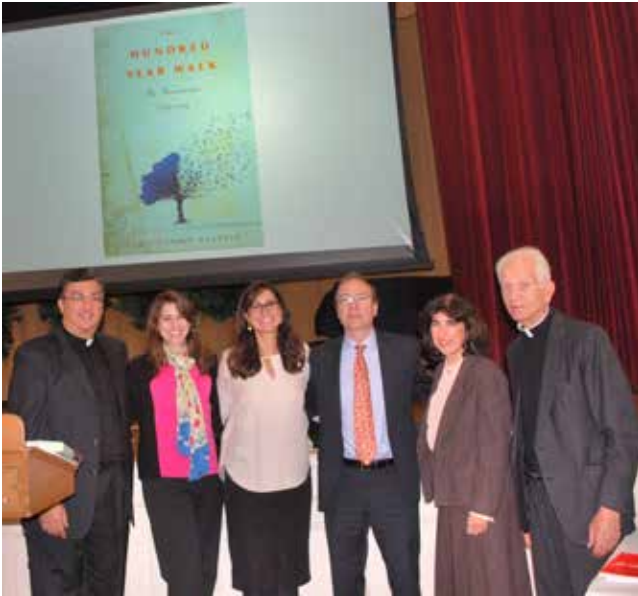
On Sunday, October 2, parishioners and friends gathered in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall to meet Armenia's first female gymnast, Olympian Houry Gebeshian, and enjoy a delicious family lunch. This event was co-sponsored by the Trinity Men's Union and the Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors.

The enthusiastic crowd listened intently as Houry shared her experiences growing up in Belmont and at the recent Rio Olympics representing Armenia. She truly made us all proud to be Armenian.

Thank you to all those who made the afternoon a success.

THE HUNDRED-YEAR WALK: AN ARMENIAN ODYSSEY BOOK TALK

A powerful and moving story of walking through the deserts of Der Zor



On Sunday, October 16, the Tekeyan Cultural Association, the Armenian Mirror Spectator and our church

presented *The Hundred-Year Walk: An Armenian Odyssey* book talk retracing the steps of a Genocide Survivor grandfather through Turkey and Syria, by author Dawn Anahid MacKeen. An award-winning journalist from southern California, Dawn was one of the last journalists to travel through Syria. "As she spoke about her grandfather and read from his journal, we sat riveted," Fr. Vasken remarked.

Co-sponsored by the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR), this event, held in our Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, also offered a Silent Auction to raise funds for Syrian Relief. A complimentary reception followed.

2016 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SPORTS WEEKEND

With a committee of over 20 dedicated members, our Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors hosted the 2016 ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend, held May 26-30, 2016, in Boston, MA. Working for almost two years preparing for this comprehensive gathering, our ACYOA Seniors organized a weekend that showcased both our Boston and Holy Trinity parish pride! With over 350 package plans sold, and nearly 500 guests at the Sunday night Alumni Gala Dance, the Weekend was a resounding social and financial success.

After all their hard work, on October 23, during the parish's 55th Anniversary Celebration Banquet, the Committee presented the proceeds from the Weekend, donating \$10,000 to our parish and \$10,000 to the ACYOA Central Council (see photo, page 7).



Prior to the weekend, members of the Committee organized an ACYOA Sports Weekend Service Project, with 25 ACYOA members from four area parishes gathering on April 16, known as Global Youth Service Day. They prepared hand-packed sack lunches that included a meal, first aid kit, Bible verse and note of encouragement, and distributed the care packages to the local homeless around the Boston area.

Following the brief General Assembly Thursday evening, all delegates, clergy and guests were transported to Armenian Heritage Park, highlighting both our Armenian faith, pride, and history, and the beauty and history of our beloved City of Boston. Following an Evening Prayer Service held at the Park, participants enjoyed a Delegates' Reception at The Bostonian Boston Millennium Hotel in the heart of Faneuil Hall. *Photo, right: Lilit DerKevorkian participating in Prayer Service.*

Participants stayed at the Westin Waterfront Hotel in downtown Boston. The hotel also served as the location of the General Assembly on Thursday evening and Friday. Over 80 delegates, clergy and observers participated in the General Assembly on Friday. During the Primate's Luncheon on Friday, hosted by His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Armenian Olympic Gymnast, Houry Gebeshian, addressed the delegates about the challenges she faced in preparation for the 2016 Rio Olympics. Also during the Luncheon, the Central Council presented Ronnie Malconian with the Gregory Aparjian Award, awarded to an individual who displays leadership and service to the Armenian Church and Armenian community.





Ronnie Malconian accepting the Gregory Aparjian Award

Sports Weekend kicked off with a welcome event at Laugh Boston, an event space off the lobby of the Westin Waterfront Hotel.

The state-of-the-art newly renovated Boston University Fitness and Recreation Center, located on Commonwealth Avenue in Boston, served as the venue for all sporting events. It was a full day of sports competition with 11 Men's basketball teams, 3 Women's basketball teams, and 10 Co-Ed volleyball teams. Saturday night's event was held at Space 57 in the Revere Hotel in Boston.



On Sunday, May 29, during Divine Liturgy at our church, weekend participants who attended services witnessed a visual reminder of the power of God (and light) when the power that had gone off at the beginning of Badarak was restored in the middle of Fr. Vasken's sermon, while he was preaching about "being the light of the world." At the conclusion of services, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate, conducted the installation of the new ACYOA Central Council.



On Sunday evening, over 100 alumni and weekend participants attended the elegant and elaborate Alumni Gala Cocktail Dinner Reception at the newly renovated landmark Boston Park Plaza Hotel.



Having never hosted a Sports Weekend, and it being nearly 60 years since Holy Trinity hosted a General Assembly back in 1957, the Holy Trinity ACYOA chapter was particularly honored to host the 2016 Weekend, especially as it marked the 70th anniversary of the ACYOA.





Holy Trinity Girls' Basketball Team Wins First Place Trophy

Nearly 500 guests enjoyed the contemporary live Armenian music of Kevork Artinian and Friends during the Alumni Gala Dance, with music and dancing continuing well into early morning.



The Committee is so grateful for the unconditional support and generosity of our entire parish. Our parish welcomed our Sports Weekend undertaking with open arms, holding us to the high expectations of the past, but ready to help wherever needed. The undertaking of such a tremendous weekend would not have been possible without our entire Holy Trinity Family.

Core Committee: Fr. Vasken Kouzouian, Pastor; Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, Youth Director; Danielle Malconian and Ronald Malconian, Jr., Co-Chairmen; Christine Hovsepian, Events and Public Relations; Sandra Hovsepian, Public Relations; Caroline Ekchian and Anna Margaryan, Registration; Suzanne Ekchian, Treasurer; Gregory Ekchian, Fundraising; Gregory Torosian, Transportation; Lilith DerKevorkian and Ani Hollisian, Service Project.

General Committee: Bobby Avakian, Christina Azarian, Oscar Derderian, III, Greg Dorian, Stephen Hollisian, Cynthia Hovsepian, Amalia Petrosyan, Naneh Petrosyan, Caroline Thayer, Haig Torosian, and Anoush Youssoufian.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A weekend of this magnitude would not be possible without the guidance, support and help of so many volunteers from the Holy Trinity Church family. The Sports Weekend Committee thanks them all for so generously donating their time, talent, and treasure to ensure the success of this Weekend. Many thanks to those who supported our fundraising efforts or donated in other ways to the Weekend:

- The Gregory Krikorian Ensemble, Dan Teager & Black Sea Salsa – Salsa Kef Night fundraiser
- Armen and Susan Skenderian – underwriting the Soorp Asdvadzadzin Brunch
- Dr. Gregory Kechejian – hosting the ACYOA Alumni Volleyball Tournament Luncheon
- Kevork Atinizian and the Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors – organizing the Celtics fundraiser
- Dave and Liza Dorian, John and Karen Hovsepien, Ron and Lois Malconian and the other ACYOA Seniors parents – sponsoring the “Shipping Up to Boston” Fundraising Luncheon
- Roset Atinizian and Karen Hovsepien – organizing the Manti-making fundraiser
- Lois Malconian – making and donating the chocolate chip cookies for the Welcome Bags
- Marilyn Takvorian and volunteers – preparing choreg for the Welcome Bags

Many thanks to our team of advisors:

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Our utmost gratitude and appreciation to: Our Pastor, Rev. Fr. Vasken Kouzouian; Youth Director, Yn. Arpi Kouzouian; past and present Parish Council Chairmen Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr. and Daniel K. Dorian, Jr., and the entire Parish Council for their endless support!

IN KIND DONATIONS

Signature Printing, Brian Maranian and Lisa Tillis – Commemorative Booklet

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If we have forgotten anyone, please forgive us and know that our oversight is merely that, and not a reflection of how much we appreciate your support.

The Committee expresses its heartfelt thanks to all those who volunteered over the course of this Weekend, and to the entire Holy Trinity Community for their continuous support throughout the year.



ACYOA SENIORS RECAP

2016 was a very busy year of planning for the ACYOA Seniors as they prepared for the 2016 ACYOA General Assembly & Sports Weekend in May. During the nearly two years of preparations, the ACYOA Seniors continued to organize and participate in a number of spiritual, social and service activities.

- *Lenten Discussion Series*

From February 11 to March 17, during each Thursday of the Lenten season, the ACYOA Seniors gathered to participate in a six-week long "Making Lent Meaningful: ACYOA Seniors Lenten Discussion Series." Alternating weekly between Holy Trinity and St. James Churches, young adults gathered for interactive Lenten reflections led by Youth Director Yn. Arpi Kouzouian and Maria Derderian, St. James Youth Minister.

- *ACYOA Seniors New England Regional Retreat* - On Saturday, March 5, over 20 young adults, clergy and youth workers gathered for the day-long ACYOA Seniors New England Regional Retreat, "Living the Legacy of Our Martyrs," held at St. James Armenian Church in Watertown, MA. ACYOA Seniors executive members Ronnie Malconian, Christine Hovsepian, Anna Margaryan and Danielle Malconian attended the retreat.

- *Asdvadzadzin Brunch* - On August 14, the ACYOA Seniors hosted the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God Soorp Asdvadzadzin Annual Basturma and Eggs Brunch.



- *Monthly Trivia Nights*

The ACYOA Seniors host a monthly Trivia Night, and this year welcomed players of all ages on January 30, February 27, June 18, August 20, September 17 and October 22. Mark your calendars and plan to join us the third Saturday of every month. Doors open at 6:30 and the game runs from 7 - 9 p.m.

- *From Belmont to Rio Lunch with Houry on October 2* - see article on page 10.

- *Congratulations to the 2016-2017 Executive Committee*, elected on September 18: Christine Hovsepian and Ronnie Malconian, Co-Chairmen; Caroline Ekchian, Treasurer; Sandra Hovsepian, Events Coordinator; Haig Haroutunian, Public Relations; and Stephen Hollisian, Recording Secretary

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 acyoaseniors@htaac.org.

TRINITY KIDS' PLACE 2016

Embarking on its second decade of service to our youngest faithful, Trinity Kids' Place welcomed over 20 children to take part in our parish's exciting summer ministry program. From August 8-12 and August 15-19, participants learned all about how to live our lives "Reflecting God's Light," by exploring each Fruit of the Spirit as outlined in Galatians 5:22-23: *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."*



Week 1
Trinity Kids



Week 2
Trinity Kids

Highlights of this year's program:

- Choreg-making with Cynthia Kazanjian, Vaughan Krikorian and Catherine Minassian, was one of our participants' (and parents') favorite activities, especially because each participant was able to take home their delicious hand-made treats.



- Linda Agazarian Bullock, an accomplished Music and Dance Instructor, and the Choir Director of Armenian Church of Our Saviour in Worcester, MA, taught the children dances and songs to help them express their faith.
- Our resident trumpeter, Dan Teager, shared his many talents and taught a song relating to the Fruit of the Spirit, as well as traditional favorites.
- Graduate Lillian Walsh, who has attended Trinity Kids' Place since 2011, received her graduation certificate.

In addition to all our visiting instructors, many thanks to the incredible staff that makes Trinity Kids' Place such a fun and memorable experience: Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, Director; Ann Danielson, Curriculum Advisor; Suzanne Ekchian and Anna



Margaryan, Staff; Junior Staff: Tori Hintlian, Alina Kouzouian, David Manoukian, Michael Manoukian, Diana Margaryan, Helen Margaryan, Isabella Maserejian, Katerina Ohanian, and Armen Youssoufian; and to our visiting helpers: Sandra Hovsepian and Armen Michaelian. Our genuine heartfelt thanks to Fr. Vasken for always witnessing and sharing his faith with the entire Trinity Kids' Place family.



Please mark your calendars for the 2017 season, August 7-11 and August 14-18. Trinity Kids' Place is open to children ages 3-9 (3 by January 1, 2017). Applications will be available by April 1. Please contact the director at youth@htaac.org with any questions.



*With His Holiness Karekin II
Catholicos of All Armenians*



*Photos from
our 4th Parish
Pilgrimage
to Armenia
July 3 - 15*

*Right
At the
Garni Temple*

*Left
At the
Cancer Clinic
in Yerevan*



*With the
Honorable
Mayor
of Yerevan*

*At the
Genocide
Memorial*



Left, at Noravank

*Below left,
Candle Lighting at
Holy Etchmidadzin*

*Below right,
At the
Mayr Hayastan statue*



PALM SUNDAY BANQUET



*Scenes from our Palm Sunday Banquet
Celebrating 70 Years of the ACYOA*

... with Ronald Malconian, Jr., ACYOA Seniors Chair as Master of Ceremonies; welcome by Adelaida Balagoyan and Alexandra Hintlian, ACYOA Juniors Co-Chairs; toast by Robert Proodian, former ACYOA Chair; presentation of gifts to the Church by Diana Margaryan, ACYOA Juniors Events & Sports Coordinator, and Caroline Ekchian, ACYOA Seniors Treasurer. Christine Hovsepien and Anna Margaryan, ACYOA Seniors Vice Chair and Sports Coordinator, offered reflections on the ACYOA. The Parish Council Chairman, Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., offered remarks and Fr. Vasken, in his address, paid tribute to His Eminence Archbishop Yeghishe Gizirian of blessed memory. A presentation of the then upcoming General Assembly & Sports Weekend was given by Danielle Malconian, the Committee Co-Chair. Yeretzgin Arpi Kouzouian, Youth Director, presented this year's Yeretzgin Nuvart Kouzouian "Family of the Year" Award to the John and Karen Hovsepien Family.



Photos
Ruth E. Boghosian

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION



With joy and pride, our parish witnessed the graduation of nine Grade 12 students who successfully completed the required course of Christian Education as set forth by the Department of Youth and Education at the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern), in a moving ceremony following the conclusion of church services on Sunday, May 1. The graduates were: Rachel Arnold, daughter of Robert Arnold and Serena Danielson of Bedford; Lily Arslanian, daughter of Dr. Armen and Araz Arslanian of Lexington; Nicole Azarian, daughter of Vickie Alani of Concord and the late David Azarian; Adelaida Balagyozyan, daughter of Armen Balagyozyan and Naira Arsenyan of Belmont; Alex DerVartanian, son of David and Sally DerVartanian of Melrose; Nicole Haroutunian, daughter of Mark and Elaine Haroutunian of Arlington; Alexandra (Ali) Hintlian, daughter of Aram and Becky Hintlian of Natick; Brian Jakob, son of Christopher and Barbara Jakob of Lexington; and Aram Soultanian, son of Dean Soultanian and Arlene Kasarjian of Westwood.



Presided over by Fr. Vasken and with remarks by Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, Sunday School Superintendent, the ceremony included the presentation of the Bagdasar and Elmas Garabedian Award to Alex DerVartanian and Nicole Haroutunian.

This award is given

to students who have maintained an exemplary record throughout their Sunday School years. The Arsha Sarkisian Award given to the "Outstanding Sunday School Student of the Year" was presented to Rachel Arnold.

Appreciation was expressed to Lisa Whittemore, Grade 9/10 Teacher, who prepared the students for graduation. Each of the graduates participated in various portions of the graduation, as did the following Grade 9/10 students: Lori Dorian, Tori Hintlian, Megan Jakob, Anush Kirakosyan, Michael Manoukian, Diana Margaryan, and Armen Youssoufian.

Following services in church, the graduates were honored at a luncheon in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall that was attended by their families and invited guests.

The lessons learned in the classes, assemblies, and in church have inspired me to always be the best person I can be, and live a Christian life that I can be proud of."

- Lily Arslanian

CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL OUR GRADUATES
AND THEIR FAMILIES!

"I will always remember to keep Sunday a holy day in my family.

. . . especially important because it seems to have been forgotten in our generation today."

- Alexandra Hintlian

Photos, Armine Manoukian

CHURCH SCHOOLS' CEREMONY AND TRINITY SUMMER KICKOFF

On June 12, our Sunday and Armenian Schools held their Special Awards Ceremony following church services. Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, Sunday School Superintendent, gave opening remarks and Fr. Vasken presented awards to the following: one-absence award to Rubina Atashian and Amelia Martin; perfect attendance to Eric Ohanyan, Leila Belubekian, Gohar Kirakosyan, Alina



Kouzouian, Anush Kirakosyan, and Lori Dorian. The Florence Cirino award to a Grade 4 student showing commitment, active participation, and exemplary attendance was given to Amelia Martin, and the Sarah Goolkasian award for "Outstanding Teacher of the Year" was presented to Margarit Gevorgyan.



*Margarit Gevorgyan
Sunday School Teacher of the Year*



For the Armenian School, Naira Balagyozyan and Fr. Vasken presented Achievement awards to Armen Youssoufian, Armen Tadevosyan, Gohar Kirakosyan, and Vlada Sargsyan; perfect attendance to Leila Belubekian and Mary Gyulumyan; and extra effort to Susanna Connolly.

TRINITY SUMMER KICKOFF !



The Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall was transformed into a festive atmosphere for an afternoon filled with food, fun, children's activities, and fellowship, to conclude an incredible Sunday School and Armenian School year! We are most grateful to Araksie Tashjian and Family who sponsored the event in memory of Aetna Tashjian. The tables were decorated with arrangements made by the Tashjian family. A complimentary traditional BBQ lunch was served. Engaging activities were available for children, as well as a decorative and delicious Candy Bar.

Right, the Tashjian Family with Fr. Vasken and Parish Council Chair, Daniel K. Dorian, Jr.



Photos, Ruth E. Boghosian

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECAP

Easter Worship Service, Breakfast, Activity Fair & Egg Hunt

Our Sunday School and Armenian School families gathered for the annual Easter Worship Service, Breakfast, Activity Fair & Egg Hunt on March 26. Following a children's sermon offered by Fr. Vasken, children participated in a brief worship service and received Holy Communion.



Families then enjoyed a delicious pancake breakfast, followed by Easter craft activities, Armenian dance instruction by Eddie Megerdichian, a festive Egg Hunt and finally, a visit with the Easter Bunny. Many thanks to the parent (and grandparent) volunteers who helped prepare and supervise the day's breakfast and activities.

Parents' Day Celebration
A Message from your Children
May 8, 2016

Our traditional Mother's Day Celebration was expanded this year to include fathers as well, during the first ever Sunday School Parents' Day Celebration on May 8. Students prepared a special assembly program, honoring both their mothers and fathers, offering recitations, hand-made cards, and

from the older students, a video presentation expressing their love and appreciation.

Families enjoyed a delicious continental breakfast during the program, and then attended a Family Worship Service during which Der Vasken offered a youth sermon. It was the first of what is sure to become an annual tradition.

Annual Visit to Armenian Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

Over 40 Sunday and Armenian School students and parents visited the Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on June 5. Students performed recitations and songs in both Armenian and English, under the direction of Armenian School Superintendent, Naira Balagyozyan, and Music Director, Dan Teager. In an effort to make this year's visit a little more interactive and meaningful, students and residents teamed up for a planting project. Students painted flower pots in Sunday School, and then at the Nursing Home, together with residents, planted seeds and left the pots for the residents to enjoy as a reminder of the visit.



Many thanks to Ann Danielson for coordinating this year's new outreach project, and to Lisa Whittemore and Eddie Yessaian for arriving early to prepare the delicious losh kebab lunch enjoyed by the residents and students. This annual visit is an integral part of our Sunday School curriculum, as it teaches our students the importance of community outreach and service as part of our Christian faith.

Opening of Church Schools - Registration Day, September 11



Students participated in icebreakers before attending church services (above left) and Trinity Kids' Place participants were invited to cut the basil they had planted in August to be used in the Blessing of Basil Service at the conclusion of church services (above right, Elise Tarpinian with Ann Danielson).

Open House, October 16



Parents were invited to the annual Sunday School Open House on October 16, for an opportunity to visit their children's classroom, experience a typical Sunday lesson, and discover first-hand what their children are learning in Sunday School. Parents and students then participated in Family Worship Sunday by attending Liturgy, receiving Holy Communion, and hearing a youth sermon offered by Der Vasken.

ACYOA JUNIORS RECAP

- Our active ACYOA Juniors hosted the annual Poon Paregentan Celebration - the Day of Good Living before the start of Great Lent - on February 7. This traditional potluck luncheon offered plenty of delicious food, Armenian music, and entertaining games and activities for the children.
- Our Juniors, together with the St. James ACYOA Juniors, enjoyed lunch at Fire + Ice and an afternoon strolling through Harvard Square on February 27.
- On March 6, they hosted the traditional Mid-Lenten Luncheon. Proceeds benefitted the Sunday School Lenten Drive and the purchase of new athletic uniforms.
- On March 11-13, seven of our ACYOA Juniors, together with Youth Director Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, and parent chaperone Armina Manoukian, attended the East Coast Regional Retreat held at Camp Washington in Lakeside, CT. Over 50 youth from 9 parishes explored the theme "Legacy of Our Martyrs: A Gift to Carry Forward."
- On March 27, the ACYOA Juniors held their annual Easter Plant Sale on the plaza after Easter Sunday Church services.
- Hye M'rtsoom Sports Weekend, May 27-30



While our ACYOA Seniors were busy hosting the 2016 ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend just a few miles away, 24 of our ACYOA Juniors were busy participating in the 41st Annual Hye M'rtsoom Sports Weekend hosted by St. James Armenian Church in Watertown. Many thanks to the chaperones and coaching staff for volunteering their time, especially in the absence of our Youth Director: Armina Manoukian, Head Chaperone; Arman Manoukian, Girls' and Boys' Basketball Coach; and Liana Zakaryan, Volleyball Coach. Many thanks to Dave Dorian and Cathy Minassian for again preparing and organizing our traditional Saturday night dinner for Holy Trinity ACYOA participants and their guests. Congratulations to our Girls' Basketball Team for coming in second place; Kevork Atinizian for placing second in Advanced Chess; and Armen Michaelian, Second Place Boys' Ping Pong.

- The annual joint Holy Trinity and St. James ACYOA Juniors trip to Canobie Lake Park was on August 24.

- On October 16, led by Anush Kirakosyan and Alina Kouzouian, our ACYOA Juniors hosted a Bake Sale, raising \$200 to donate to the City of Smile Foundation to benefit the Muratsan Chemotherapy Clinic at the Yerevan University Hospital.
- ACYOA Juniors Sports Weekend - October 7-10



Congratulations and many thanks to our 19 ACYOA Juniors who participated in the 2016 ACYOA Juniors Fall Sports Weekend, hosted by the St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church in Wynnewood, PA. With nearly 250 ACYOA Juniors in attendance, it was a very busy and exciting weekend.

Our teams competed in a number of sports, including our Co-Ed Futsal team that made it to the semifinals and the Boys' Basketball team that made it to the finals, coming in second on the scoreboard but first in sportsmanship!!

The ACYOA Juniors are so grateful to chaperone and Basketball, Volleyball and Futsal coach, Anna Margaryan, who worked hard all weekend coaching 5 teams! Special thanks to Steve Megrđichian, Providence Youth Director, who stepped in to coach our girls' basketball team while coach Anna was busy coaching the boys playing at the same time.

The ACYOA 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.



OUR TRINITY FAMILY FESTIVAL

David Dorian and Jack Ekchian, our Festival Co-Chairmen again this year, express their sincere appreciation to all the volunteers who worked prior to and during our Festival held on Sunday, September 11. Although the weather didn't fully cooperate, it was a great day for our church family and friends who enjoyed delicious Armenian food and nostalgic music by the Greg Krikorian Ensemble.

Thank you to all those who supported our raffle and congratulations to the winners: 1st Prize, \$1,000 - Catherine Mosgofian; 2nd Prize, \$300 - David Dorian; and 3rd Prize - \$200 - Barbara Johnson.



Celina Talanian and her mom, Noel, enjoying the Festival



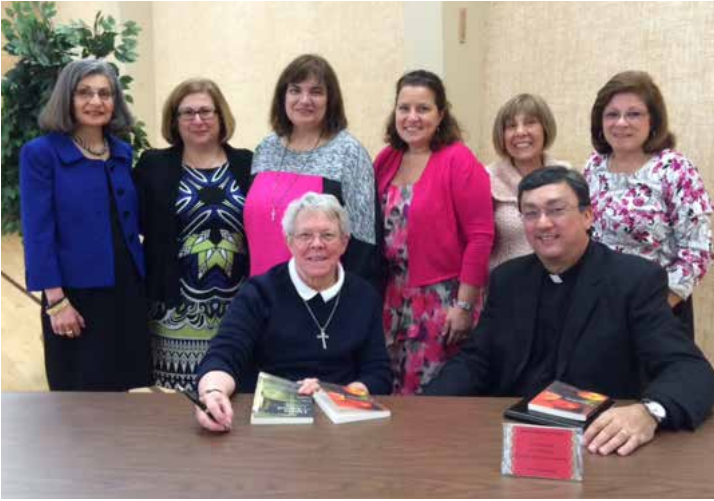
After serving at church services, Sub-deacons Stephen Hollisian, Oscar Derderian III, & Mark Torosian and Altar server Gregory Dorian were serving meals at our Festival along with other ACYOA Seniors and parishioners.



The Pastor & Parish Council extend their gratitude to Festival Co-Chairmen Jack Ekchian and David Dorian

Photos, Ruth E. Boghosian

SAINTLY WOMEN'S DAY



The Women of Holy Trinity were honored to host this year's Saintly Women's Day Celebration honoring Saint Mary, the Holy Mother-of-God, on Saturday, April 16, for the parishes of the New England Region.

There were 80 attendees from St. James Armenian Church, the Armenian Church at Hye Point, Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church and our parish who enjoyed fellowship and a spiritually reward-

ing day. Guest homilist was the Rev. Jeanne J. Pocius Dorismond, Director of Instrumental Change and Faith-Love-Service Ministries, and guest speaker, Sister Bridget Haase, Ursuline Order, educator, author, speaker and storyteller. Remarks were offered by Nancy Kassabian, the New England Region Liaison, for the Women's Guild Central Council. Chairperson for the event was Catherine Minassian.

TRINITY MEN'S UNION TAVLOO TOURNAMENT FINALS

Prior to the 3rd Annual Holy Trinity Tailgate on Sunday, October 30, Seta A. Buchter and Bruce Newell squared off for the finals of the Trinity Men's Union 7th Annual Tavloo Tournament.

Parishioners and friends then watched the New England Patriots vs Buffalo Bills game



on our 12-foot screen while enjoying hamburgers, sausages, hot dogs, wings, etc.

*Holy Trinity's 2016
Tavloo Champion
Bruce Newell
being congratulated by
Fr. Vasken and David Dorian,
Trinity Men's Union Chairman*

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

1000 CLUB SAYS . . .

"I've learned that when you harbor bitterness, happiness docks elsewhere."

Andy Rooney

1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR JULY

\$1,000 - Scott M. Martin; \$300 - Edward H. Sahagian; \$200 - Renee Zahigian; \$100 - William & Karen Martin; \$50 Winners: Noel M. Atamian; Charles Gazarian; Valerie Kolligian Thayer; Julie Ballentine, NH; Armen & Susan Skenderian; Stephen Tashjian; Stephanie Farrohi; Jill, Ron, Thomas & Brendan Buck

1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR AUGUST

\$1,000 - Martin & Suzanne Malkasian; \$300 - Elsie Minassian; \$200 - Anne Aroyan; \$100 - Edward & Janet Annaian; \$50 Winners: Arpi Hovagimian; Gail & Richard O'Reilly; Richard Berberian; Walter G. Vartanian; Ara Keyfer c/o Dikran Arpiarian; Rose & Kenneth Boghigian; Leon Semonian; Dr. Gregory Kechejian

1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER

\$1,000 - Diana Aykanian; \$300 - Joseph Mardirosian; \$200 - James M. Kalustian; \$100 - Ara & June Hollisian; \$50 Winners: Robert Semonian; David Dorian; Alex Mootafian; Vartkes Karaian; Armen & Susan Skenderian; Edward & Janet Annaian; Fr. Vasken & Yn. Arpi Kouzouian; Mary Perch

1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR OCTOBER

\$1,000 - Brent Fleming; \$300 - Rebecca S. Hintlian; \$200 - Hele ne Dorian; \$100 - Peter S. Talanian; \$50 Winners: James Tillis; Michael Guleserian; Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., Louise Arthur, Helen Connors, Sarop Kaprielian; Nancy Kolligian

PARISH NOTES

Congratulations to: grandparents, Albert & Linda Abkarian and Zadik & Alis Ozcan, and parents, Oliver & Laura (Abkarian) Ozcan, on the birth of Danielle Lisa Ozcan on July 29; grandmother, Helen Krikorian, and parents, David Krikorian and Kristien Creamer, on the birth of Ara Krikorian on July 29; and grandparents, Bob & Marilyn Takvorian, and parents, Steven & Melissa (Takvorian) Bene, on the birth of Evelyn Grace Bene on August 25. Happy Birthday to Roxie Hedison who turned 95 on August 29; Happy 90th birthdays to Albert Oskoian and George Thomasian; and Happy 100th Birthday to Nora Minasian; Nora is the mother of Mary Minasian, one of our church secretaries. Congratulations to Seta A. Buchter, whose daughter, Dr. Christina G. Buchter, married Dan McNena on October 2, at St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church in White Plains, NY. Our pastor officiated at the ceremony. Congratulations to Scott Martin, son of William and Karen Martin, and Ashley Dorian, daughter of Dan and Lisa (Kolligian) Dorian, who became engaged on October 25. And congratulations to former parishioners, Richard and Marge Kratlian of FL, whose daughter, Christina, became engaged to Dr. Andrew C. Martina.

Congratulations to Gregory Dorian and Samara Gallagher who were two of the recipients of the 2016-2017 academic year scholarships awarded by the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern).

Condolences to: Ron & Lois Malconian and Family on the death of his sister, Janice Kalashian of Longmeadow, on July 16; Rev. Jeanne Pocius Dorismond and Serge Dorismond on the death of her mother, Ethel Pocius of CT, on August 22; Armen & Susan Skenderian on the death of his mother, Regina (Melconian) Skenderian, in Baghdad, on August 28; and Andree (Bakarian) Pennachio and Renee Bakarian on the passing of their mother, Andree Bakarian on October 18.



Honoring Our Veterans

*Sunday,
November 13*

*With
His Excellency
Grigor
Hovhannissian,
Armenia's
Ambassador
to the US,
and our Pastor*

MADAGH DONATIONS FROM OUR TRINITY FAMILY FESTIVAL

| <u>Name</u> | <u>In Memoriam</u> |
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| Anna Payelian Pietz | Ervin Pietz, Satenig Payelian, and Mary & Walter Arakelian |
| Dr. Gregory Kechejian | Dr. Nishan, Rita, and Mark Kechejian |
| Lucille Ajemian | Gerald Ajemian and John Ajemian |
| Mrs. Charles Talanian | Charles Talanian, Jane Talanian, M/M Nishan Semonian, and M/M Leo Najarian |
| Alison Ekizian-Edwards | Arthur & Marilyn Ekizian |
| James M. Kalustian | Arakel Kalustian, Youghaper (Kalustian) Abrahamian, and Hagop & Garineh Toomajian |
| Joan E. Kolligian | Great-grandmother, Zadig Keljikian |
| Marian H. Koumjian | Parents, sister, brother and husband |
| Albert Oskoian | Hedison and Oskoian family members |
| Albert Zouranjian | Khoren & Houliane Zouranjian |
| Anna Glover | Hripsime Seferian |
| Bill & Karen Martin | Loved ones |
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| Cynthia Kazanjian | Aram & Anne Hintlian and Gregory Hintlian |
| Catherine Minassian | Alma, Mary, Samuel, Rose & Florence Minassian |
| Jeanne M. Nahabedian | Levon and Aznive Mooradian |
| Araksie K. Tashjian | Aetna M. Tashjian |
| George Thomasian | Parents, Nishan & Anna Thomasian; sister, Rebecca Sarkisian |
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| Diran Zahigian | Zahigian and Hedison Kertasdans |
| Charles & Joyce Dermenjian | Parents |
| Roxie M. Hedison | Ralph, Ara, Anita & Juna Hedison |
| Bruce & Carlene Newell | Carl & Mary Hintlian and Ken & Charlotte Newell |
| Walter and Robert Proodian | Parents, Walter V. & Nora Proodian |
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| Dan Donabedian | Parents |
| Adrienne Hamparian | Rose Sargavakian |
| Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian | Parents, Dn. Khugas & Siranoush Krikorian |
| George K. Tarvezian, Jr. | Armene & Veronica Tarvezian |

DONATIONS TO OUR TRUST FUND

- \$405,315.64 from the Isabel Toomajian Trust, as part of her estate, to be added to the John and Aghavni Toomajian and Elizabeth, Isabel, and Henry Toomajian Trust Fund
- \$2,000 from Gerard and Rosemarie Odabashian to be added to their Trust Fund
- \$1,000 from the Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors to be added to their Trust Fund
- \$1,000 from Mrs. Charles Talanian, M/M Richard O'Reilly, M/M Charles M. Talanian, and M/M Christopher Talanian and Celina to be added to the Charles & Nevart Talanian Trust Fund

DONATIONS TO OUR CHURCH

- \$10,000 from the family of Deran and Ann Hintlian
- \$7,500 from the Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors with \$6,400 going to the church and \$1,100 towards the repair of driveway railings by Shahe Hall, a "Wish List" item fulfilled. This is part of the \$10,000 gifted to the Church from proceeds of the ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend with the balance of \$2,500 to be given to their Trust Fund.
- \$1,500 from the Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors
- \$1,380 from Ed and Ann Danielson for purchase of 12 whiteboards for the Sunday School, a "Wish List" item fulfilled
- \$1,000 anonymous donation for reframing of a church painting for the Sanctuary, a "Wish List" item fulfilled
- \$500 from Bank of America Charitable Foundation as a matching gift from Chad Battaglia and Merrill Lynch to our 2015 Bazaar
- \$200 from Jeffrey and Adrienne Hintlian
- \$200 from Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian for a Photo Memorial in memory of his mother, Siranoush (Ohanian) Krikorian
- \$115 from Glenn Shenloogian to the Sunday School
- \$100 from Bertha Demirjian
- \$75 from Michael & Ani Grubb in honor of Ed & Ann Danielson
- \$50 from Fr. Mampre A. Kouzouian to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian
- \$50 from Donna Loutigian to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund

DAJAR DONATIONS

\$150 from Alma Cherian, CA

\$50 - M/M Michael Balian and Family; Berj & Annie Chekijian; Christina R. Walters; Gayle & Michael Yapchaian

\$25 - Helen Krikorian, VA; Mary T. McDaniel; Elizabeth Sargavakian

THANK YOU TO . . .

Alice Palanjian and Family for donating a framed khatchkar in memory of her brother, the Very Rev. Fr. Oshagan Minassian. We have placed it, appropriately, in the Choir Room.

***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 **ROXY ANTRIASIAN** for our church:

Bouvier, Beckwith & Lennox, Inc., CT; Ursula Arias, Chaind Garcia & Rudy Innocent, FL; Chris & Erin Klein; Jack & Eva Medzorian; Kris, Melissa, Liam & Gabe Natarajan, WA; Albert Oskoian; Grace Aznoian; Helen M. Krikorian, VA; Eugene & Queenie Raphaelian; Alice & Larry A. Pahigian; Rose & Nish Tikijian; Women of Holy Trinity; Mary Guleserian Bergoudian

Total: \$1,005.00



Donations in lieu of flowers in memory of **STEPHEN R. HAMPARIAN** for our church:

Dorothy and Joanne Hamparian; Mrs. Patrick Coyne, NY; Winifred Doherty & Family; M/M Francis Braudis; Rose & Nish Tikijian

Total: \$290.00



Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of **GERMAINE MESSETT** for our church:

Michelle, Richard, Zack & Emily Zeytoonjian; Lucille Ajemian; Gregory & Lisa Kasprzak, NH; Cynthia Apkarian, MI; Daniel & Lisa Kolligian Dorian; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian; Carol A. Zeytoonjian; Judy Aroyan; Janice Bacon; Seta A. Buchter & Dr. Christina G. Buchter; John & Ida Kolligian; Joseph & Lee Colbert; Robert Nahabedian and Claudine Louis, VT; Robert & Nancy Young; Sonia Zorian

Total: \$875.00



Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of **MARILYN MALKASIAN** for our church:

Judith Baker, NY; Paul Bedrosian; Joyce & John Davajian; Roger & Patricia Dilbarian; Emily DiMaggio, FL; Zaven & Linda Giragosian, NH; Dr. & Mrs. Constantine L. Hampers; Lilly Kachatrian, CA; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian; Beverly Kulik; Henry A. Malkasian, Jr.; Peter J. Miniati, CFP, Esq, RI; Leon & Marion Semonian; M/M Charles A. Shagoury; William J. Spelman, NY; David & Holly Staudinger, NY; Mrs. Charles Talanian



Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of **GLADYS BORZAKIAN** for our church:

Fred, Joanne (Borzakian), Kyle, Gabrielle & Bianca Ouellette; George Balekjian; The Dallas

Family; Koko & Larain Doursounian; Steven P. Gendron; Margaret Hazerjian and Michael; J. Victor & Robin Nahigian; Robert & Donna Nahigian and Family; Rosev Dairy Foods, Inc.; Joseph Rosselli; Abraham & Audrey Tanashian; Henry & Carol Zeytoonjian; Vivian Zeytoonjian; Doris Hazerjian & Stephen; Harry & Hilda Balekjian; Rose D. Barsamian; Kenneth & Karen Demerjian; Richard & Margie Markarian and Family; Pam & Milton Yanofsky; George G. Hazerjian; Lisa Kolligian & Dan Dorian; Zabelle Hajian Azablar; Marion & Merwyn Bear; M/M Ronald Demerjian; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian; Michael & Elaine Markarian; Women of Holy Trinity; Dorothy Piranian

Total: \$2,765.00



Donations in lieu of flowers in memory of **REGINA (MELCONIAN) SKENDERIAN** for our church:

Armen & Susan Skenderian; John & Rose Sirvart Annaian; Gerald Boghosian and Ruth Boghosian; Robert & Marilyn Takvorian; Mel & Arlene Terrasi; Edmond & Ann Danielson; Lisa Kolligian & Dan Dorian; Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian; William & Karen Martin; Lt. Col. & Mrs. Robert Lang & Harry; Torosian Family

Total: \$905.00



Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of **BERJ DONABEDIAN** for our church:

Bertha Demirjian and Family; Mary Javian and Family; Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian; Edward & Janet Annaian

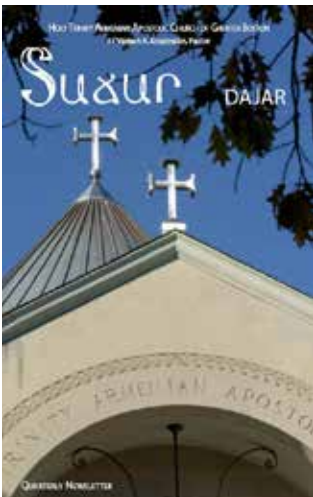
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In lieu of flowers in memory of **ALLISON ROSS**: Edmond & Ann Danielson

Additional in lieu of flowers in memory of:

- **ELSIE JAMGOCHIAN**: Paul Bedrosian



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WEDDINGS

Behzad Mortazavi of Mobile, AL, and **Pamela Young** of Mobile, AL, on August 20. Bestman Farzad Mortazavi

Jeffrey Hintlian of Waltham, MA, and **Adrienne Elacqua** of Natick, MA, on October 1. Bestman John Leffler

Nicholas Cullen Coletta of Canton, MA, and **Alison Lee Goshgarian** of Canton, MA, on October 8. Bestman Jon Bailen

Michael Armen Azarian of New York, NY, and **Alexandra Elyce Manoogian** of New York, NY, on November 12. Bestman Adam Azarian



BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS

Tamar Florence Inguilizian, daughter of Araz and Zaghig Kevorkian Inguilizian of Irvine, CA, on August 27. Godfather, Garo Mikaelian, and Godmother, Zovig Kevorkian

Arev Amelia Inguilizian, daughter of Araz and Zaghig Kevorkian Inguilizian of Irvine, CA, on August 27. Godfather, Haig Inguilizian, and Godmother, Hasmig Kevorkian

Ellie Cecile Tokatlyan, daughter of Stepan and Heather Johnson Tokatlyan of Waltham, MA, on September 18. Godfather, Erik Johnson, and Godmother, Danielle Dickinson

Olivia Grace McMahon, daughter of Casey and Wesleigh Langeland McMahon of Charlestown, MA, on September 18. Godfather, Andrew McMahon, and Godmother, Maija Scarpaci

Cameron Perry Bailey, **Ava Fidele Bailey**, and **Dakota Brooke Bailey**, children of James and Jessica (Cezre) Bailey of Dracut, MA, on October 9. Godfather, Deshawn Frederick, and Godmother, Maryanne Cosme, for Cameron Perry and Ava Fidele. Godfather, Logan Bailey, and Godmother, Cherie Meade, for Dakota Brooke

Danielle Lisa Ozcan, daughter of Oliver and Laura (Abkarian) Ozcan of Waltham, MA, on October 30. Godfather, Steven Kavak, and Godmother, Lisa Hovnanian



FUNERALS

Sheila DerMarderosian-Acuff of Mashpee, MA, on June 9

Germaine Messett of Wellesley, MA, on July 9

Marilyn W. Malkasian of Wellesley, MA, on July 12

Gladys Zeytoonjian Borzakian of Westwood, MA, on July 30

Berj Donabedian of Arlington, MA, on October 10

Leo Daniel "Dan" Topjian, Jr., of Westwood, MA, on October 31

BEGINNING MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017,
THE DOME REPAIR AND PAINTING OF OUR SANCTUARY WILL BEGIN.

DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE HELD
IN THE CHARLES AND NEVART TALANIAN CULTURAL HALL.
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Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

- 13 - Honoring Our Veterans
- 20 - ACYOA Thanksgiving Luncheon
and Live Service Auction

DECEMBER

- 2&3 - Trinity Christmas Bazaar
- 11 - Christmas Holiday Concert, Erevan
Choral Society; 7pm
- 18 - Christmas Family Service
- Sunday School Christmas Pageant
- Holy Trinity Christmas Tree Ceremony
- 24 - Christmas Eve Candelight Ceremony
(English); 5pm
- 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

JANUARY

- 1 - *HAPPY NEW YEAR!*
- 5 - Candlelight Badarak - Armenian
Christmas Eve
- 6 - Armenian Christmas Divine Liturgy
- 8 - Holy Nativity and Theophany;
Blessing of the Water

FEBRUARY

- 12 - Annual Parish Assembly
- 19 - Snowdate for Parish Assembly



*July Pilgrimage to Armenia - His Holiness
Catholikos Karekin II and Fr. Vasken*