QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston
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Father Vasken A. Kouzouian, Pastor
October/November/December 2012 Yearly Donation: $20
Feast Days

OCTOBER
6. - Seventy-two Holy Disciples of Christ
13. - Holy Translators Mesrob, Yeghishe, Moses the Poet, David the Philosopher, Gregory of Narek and Nersess the Graceful
28. - Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross

NOVEMBER
1. - St. John Chrysostom
3. - Feast of All Saints, Old and New, Known and Unknown
10. - Holy Archangels Gabriel and Michael
18. - Barekendan of the Fast of Advent
21. - Presentation of the Holy Mother-of-God to the Temple
25. - First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER
1. - Holy Apostles Thaddeus and Bartholomew, First Enlighteners of Armenia
8. - St. Nicholas the Wonderworker
9. - Feast of the Conception of the Holy Virgin Mary
 - Barekendan of the Fast of St. James
10. - St. Minas the Egyptian
15. - St. James, Bishop of Nisibis
22. - Holy Fathers Basil, Gregory of Nissa, Sylvester of Rome, and Ephrem the Syrian
24. - St. David the Prophet-King and the Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord
25. - St. Stephen the Protodeacon and First Martyr
27. - Holy Apostles Peter and Paul
29. - Holy Apostles James and John, “Sons of Thunder”
 - Barekendan of the Fast of Nativity

Please remember Holy Trinity Armenian Church in your Will.
In Memoriam

In blessed memory of
His Beatitude
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
(1919-2012),
the late 96th Patriarch
of Jerusalem,
and long-serving former Primate
of the Diocese of the Armenian Church
of America (Eastern), 1966 to 1990,
who entered his eternal rest
on October 12, 2012.

In blessed memory of
the Rev. Fr. Papken Maksoudian
(1909-2012),
who entered his eternal rest
on October 15, 2012.
He served as pastor of our church
from 1951 until his retirement in 1974,
when he became Pastor Emeritus.
Fr. Papken led the effort to build our church
here on Brattle Street.

May Almighty God
grant eternal rest, peace and light to their souls
and grant comfort to the Manoogian and Maksoudian families.
From Our Pastor

The following comments were offered by Fr. Vasken at the 50th Anniversary Grand Finale Banquet held on September 30

We began our 50th Anniversary celebrations with a parish pilgrimage to the lands of historical Armenia. Twenty-five of us traveled to Kharpert and Lake Van, and to the ancient capital city of Ani. We trekked into Mush and Bitlis, through Palu and Erzeroum. We prayed in the Cathedral of Ani and the Church of the Holy Cross on Aghtamar. Our 50th Anniversary celebration began by going back to where those Armenians who first settled in Boston came. We said “thank you” to our ancestors for building this church, and we did that by walking the villages from where they came. We travelled along their roads and we felt their presence. We walked into their fields and we touched our past. And we prayed in what remains of their churches and we felt their spirit standing with us. And, above all, we thanked God that at least some of them made it to Boston to start again.

So, I want to briefly share with you the “story” that is Holy Trinity. It’s the story about a group of Armenians who arrived to this new land, not out of choice, but because they had no choice. They found themselves in a foreign land, and the only thing they had was each other. These first Armenian immigrants came together; they planned; and they hoped; and they “dreamed a great dream.” The Holy Trinity 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 as early as the 1880’s, having arrived mostly from the region of Kharpert, Erzeroum, and Van. They settled in nearby Chelsea, Dorchester and South Boston. They settled in Everett and Lynn and Brockton, all vibrant immigrant towns surrounding this historic city. And they “dreamed their dream.”

By 1923, they purchased an Episcopal Church in the South End of Boston. Together, they kept the best of their traditions alive for the generations to come. And together they organized Sunday Schools and Armenian Schools in different neighborhoods around the city. And their “dream” flourished.

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 parishioners raised funds and raised awareness, and erected a House of Worship whose blueprint was true to Armenian Church tradition. And their “dream” started coming together.

Today, on a street once home to British elite and loyalists to the King of England, an immigrant dream stands proudly for all to see. Everyday, as I walk through our church complex, I wonder “How did they do it? How did a group of ethnic Armenians end up building a church here on Brattle Street?” It doesn’t happen every day. It certainly didn’t happen easily in 1961. And it didn’t just happen because a group of 27 men were called to sit on a Building Committee to pull it all together. So, how did it happen?
It happened because those 27 talented men surrounded themselves with a legion of volunteers who went to sleep each night and woke up each morning with their dream on their heart. Those legions of volunteers are the unspoken champions of our church. Their stories of community building and fund raising are of heroic levels. I remember hearing their accounts of knocking on the doors of Armenian homes in every town that an Armenian family lived, from the North Shore to the South Shore and everywhere in between.

I read of their stories in old Armenian newspapers - of how the entire community stood with them. I learned how members of the Senior Women’s Auxiliary raised $50,511.18 for the building of their church. And how the Young Women’s Auxiliary raised $45,600.00. I learned that the ACYOA members gathered in the parish house with their typewriters and sent out letters to the community so they could do their part in building their church by raising $7,767.30. And the Trinity Men’s Union did their part, raising $4,000.00. And so did many other groups and individuals within the parish do their part as well. They are the heroes of our church. Their history is a big part of “our story.” And we have to take care of our history because it’s their legacy to us. Their stories are our greatest inheritance.

For the past year, we have been celebrating this beautiful church complex. But, in celebrating, we can’t forget along the way that our celebration has to be about more than a marble altar, as beautiful as it is, or about 18 classrooms, something unimaginable to the Sunday School of Shawmut Avenue. It has to be about more than an address on Brattle Street. It has to be about the story that reminds us that we are the temporary inheritors of this great parish.

In preparing for this anniversary, I continually came to this one conclusion. 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. They never lost hope. Theirs are the stories that we carry into the future. Theirs are the voices that are calling us to do no less than they did so that new dreams and new hopes are realized. Those who built this church are the champions of our story. Theirs are the stories that shaped our parish and theirs are the stories that make us who we are.

I’ll end with this. This anniversary is not about, and has never been about, the past. Our focus has always been about the future 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, and hope, and love are freely offered and freely received.

Let us now begin dreaming new dreams; always hopeful, always grateful, and always with an eye on the future. And may everyone who ever had a hand in building this church feel blessed today.

Fr. Vasken
Parishioners of our church gathered on Sunday, September 30, to honor the church’s 50-year history on Brattle Street and pay tribute to the memory of the 27 exemplary members who made up its original building committee. His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern), celebrated the Divine Liturgy and presided over the banquet and program following services.

During the Divine Liturgy, Abp. Barsamian ordained Armen Skenderian to the diaconate. A native of Iraq, Armen has been serving as a sub-deacon at Holy Trinity Church for 10 years, following in the example of his late father who was a longtime deacon of the Armenian Church in Baghdad.

In his sermon, the Primate spoke about the important role of the laity in the Armenian Church, and noted that God calls each of us to serve the church in different ways.
Following services, parishioners gathered first in the Peter Adamian Hall for a wine and cheese reception, followed by a festive Grand Finale Banquet in the beautifully-adorned Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, where through a series of reflections offered by the descendants of the original building committee, homage was paid to the generation that laid the foundation for Holy Trinity Church on Brattle Street. Serving as Master of Ceremonies was Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., Vice-Chair of the Parish Council.

Charles Talanian began the program by toasting the parish’s five decades of achievement. Charles is the grandson of the late Nishan Semonian, the godfather of Holy Trinity Church, who gave a toast at the church’s consecration banquet in 1961.

Kyle Anderson remembered the contributions of his grandmother, Irene Kolligian, at whose suggestion the Armenian community purchased the property in Cambridge on which Holy Trinity Church was built. Judith Basmajian, the daughter of the late General Sarkis Zartarian, spoke about her father’s chairmanship of the building committee and expressed her gratitude to the generation of visionaries who helped to preserve the Armenian heritage in the Boston area. Nancy Kolligian spoke on behalf of the Kolligian family, many of whom were original building committee members and those who have been instrumental in the life of the parish for decades.

Guest speaker was the Rev. Laura Everett, the executive director of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, who congratulated the parish on this milestone. She reflected
on the way in which Christian churches complement each other as the body of Christ, stressing that each one has a special tradition of worship.

Fr. Vasken, our pastor, spoke about the parish’s trip to historic Armenia in 2010, that kicked off the 50th anniversary celebration. The journey included stops in Kharpert, Van, and Erzurum, the cities that the Holy Trinity Church founders once called home. “We prayed in what remains of their churches and we felt their spirit standing with us,” he said. “And above all, we thanked God that at least some of them made it to Boston to start again.” He added that the building committee was aided by “the unspoken champions of our church,” the many men and women who worked together to organize fundraisers, plan, and execute the project. “Their voices are calling us to do no less than they did, so that new dreams and new hopes are realized,” Fr. Vasken concluded.

James Kalustian, chair of the church’s trust fund, encouraged the community to support the church’s growth by contributing to its matching fund campaign. The Rev. Fr. Mampre Kouzouian, who served as the parish pastor from 1977 through 2001, shared his memories of parish life, and encouraged the young generation of parishioners to carry forward the legacy of the church’s founders.

During the banquet, Richard Sahagian, chairman of the Parish Council, recognized the outgoing parish council members: from 2011, Catherine Minassian and the late Vivian Mosgofian, and from 2012, Bruce Newell who served as Chairman for five of his six years, and Lois Malconian who served as Vice-Chair for three of her six years. Also recognized was George W. Haroutunian who served as a diocesan delegate for 32 years, from 1980 to 2012.
Archbishop Barsamian closed the program with a prayer. “This is a parish with a proud history behind it,” he said. “And more importantly,” he continued, “it is a place where several generations of our people have found strength and inspiration, in the warm embrace of a supportive community, and under the loving eyes of God.”

Holy Trinity Church began forming in the 1880s, and established its first house of worship in 1923, when Armenian immigrants to the Boston area purchased an Episcopalian Church on Shawmut Avenue in Boston. As the parish grew, and as parishioners began to move to the suburbs, the community decided to relocate the church. They purchased two acres of land on Brattle Street in nearby Cambridge in 1954. By 1960, the community had completed the church’s cultural center, and on September 17, 1961, the newly built Holy Trinity Church was consecrated.

“Everything about today was wonderful!” exclaimed Fr. Vasken, and for that, he thanked the Committee, Cheryl Panjian, Chair, Lu Ann Ohanian, Audrey Tanashian, Joanne Tashjian, and Nancy D. Kasarjian. Our gratitude is expressed to Nellie Bogosian for her artistic design and creativity of the unique centerpieces; Mrs. Deran Hintlian for décor; Edward and Cheryl Panjian and Abraham and Audrey Tanashian for flowers; and Kevork Atinizian Family for the wine.

Gratitude was expressed to Arthur and Karen Maranian, Brian Maranian, and Lisa Maranian Tillis of Signature Printing and Consulting for their services and generous donation of the commemorative 50th anniversary booklet, prepared by Carol Krikorian, that was at each place setting.

The commemorative booklet contained beautiful images of our church complex taken by the masterful eye of Armen James Ghugasian. Fr. Vasken thanked him for gifting his talents. One of his photographs was presented to the Primate.

With appreciation to Ruth E. Boghosian for photographing the day’s events.
Honoring Our Veterans

Fr. Vasken with some of our veterans who participated in various portions of church services on Sunday, November 11.

Participating in Harvard Square’s Oktoberbest

Middlesex County Sheriff Peter Koutoujian and some of his campaign workers stopped by the Holy Trinity food booth, manned by our own Parish Council, at Harvard Square’s Oktoberbest, held on Sunday, October 7.
Celebrating Two Milestone Events

“It was a day of reflection and joy as the Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston celebrated two milestone events on Sunday, November 4, 2012,” stated Fr. Vasken A. Kouzouian, our pastor. Current and former choir members and the entire parish celebrated the **100th anniversary of the church choir**, and also welcomed their former pastor, **His Eminence Archbishop Yeghishe Gizirian, on the 65th anniversary of his Ordination to the Holy Order of Priesthood**. Archbishop Gizirian, who served as pastor from 1974 to 1976, celebrated the Divine Liturgy where a Requiem Service was held for all deceased Holy Trinity choir members.

Following church services, His Eminence presided over a lavish complimentary Centennial Celebration Reception in the Charles and Nevart Talianian Cultural Hall where over 230 current and former choir members and parishioners and friends gathered to celebrate both the 100th Anniversary of the choir and Srpazan’s 65th anniversary. Noting that Archbishop Gizirian is a priest, Archbishop, and man who is loved by all, who has been the spiritual mentor for the clergy of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern), and who is one of the most decent human beings he has ever had the privilege of meeting, Fr. Vasken thanked him for being who he is, and that on his 65 years of service, may he receive back the same blessing he has offered.

The invocation was given by His Eminence, and serving as Master of Ceremonies was Deacon Gregory Krikorian, chairman of the 100th anniversary celebration, who
warmly welcomed those gathered and thanked all the benefactors and donors for their generous gifts that made the complimentary buffet celebration possible. George W. Haroutunian offered the celebratory toast honoring both His Eminence and the choir’s 100th anniversary. Warm reflections of the Holy Trinity Choir of Shawmut Avenue were given by Rose Aznavorian and George W. Haroutunian. A moving power point photograph collection of the choir, past and present, was shown.

While shared memories of past and present choir members prevailed, the celebration also included a look to the future with the Junior Choir, under the direction of Daniel Teager, delighting the attendees with the singing of America the Beautiful, Marmin
Deroonagan, and concluding the day’s program with the Hayr Mer with all past and present choir members joining them. In his remarks, Fr. Vasken directed his attention to the Junior Choir members, telling them: “Our celebration today would not be complete without your involvement. This great church was built for you; it’s yours to participate in; it’s yours to serve; and it’s yours to take an active role in.”

Fr. Vasken thanked Deacon Gregory Krikorian, choir chairman, for chairing the dual celebration and also his committee, choir members Rose Aznavorian, Grace Araxie Boyajian, Robert Dulgarian, George W. Haroutunian, Arpie Kouzouian, and Helen Krikorian.

A special thank you was extended to Ara Hollisian for his time and expertise in putting together a CD of photographs of the choir over the years.

And “to the ladies and gentlemen of our choir,” Fr. Vasken concluded, “you give of yourselves each and every week; you come prepared, you sing for the glory of God; and you do it with love. With our hearts full of appreciation, we say thank you!”
Our beautiful church sanctuary was again the setting for the Erevan Choral Society’s Christmas Holiday Concert on Sunday afternoon, December 9. A capacity crowd attended this yearly anticipated event that ushers in the holiday season.

As in most years, “Auld Lang Syne” numbered among the choral offerings at the Erevan Choral Society, but while the Scots-English phrase invokes a distinctly distant past, this year’s concert marked a number of more recent anniversaries, not least among them a dual 20th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Karabagh and the admission of the Republic of Armenia to the United Nations. In honor of the latter anniversary, special guest His Excellency Garen Nazarian, Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia to the United Nations, spoke movingly (in both Armenian and English) of the special role of culture in the history of the Armenian nation and people, and of Armenia’s distinguished place in the family of nations. Joining Ambassador Nazarian among the speakers was His Eminence Archbishop Yeghishe Gizirian, former Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of England and a former pastor of Holy Trinity, as well as Holy Trinity’s present pastor Fr. Vasken A. Kouzouian, who opened and closed the proceedings with his characteristic eloquence and warmth.

But concerts, of course, are about music; and this year’s concert offered an unusually ambitious and varied program. Armen Mandakounian’s choral piece “Karabagh” commemorated the eponymous country’s 20th anniversary, while a reprise of last year’s performance of Maestro Konstantin Petrossian’s “Hayastan” by world-renowned operatic tenor Yeghishe Manucharyan elicited thunderous applause from the audience. Manucharyan also offered a powerful and liquid rendition of César Franck’s “Panis Angelicus.” Maestro Petrossian, the current music director and conductor of the Erevan Choral Society, also offered the
audience the world premiere of his “Vocalise,” composed in honor of the memory of his beloved predecessor, the Very Rev. Fr. Oshagan Minassian and of Fr. Oshagan’s devoted mother, Diramayr Sirvart Minassian. Soloist in the “Vocalise” was the always compelling operatic mezzo-soprano Victoria Avetisyan who also reprised a setting of Giulio Caccini’s “Ave Maria” with lyricism and power. A third returning soloist, soprano Nune Karapetian, soared above the chorus and orchestra in the descant of the traditional carol, “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear,” as well as offering an assured and musical performance of the “Alleluia” from Mozart’s “Exultate, Jubilate.”

Yet the Armenian people also sustained losses in 2012, and it was surely a fitting choice to commemorate the passing of the recently deceased Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, in October of this year with a setting of the hymn “Kta Der” by the late Alexander Haroutounian who died in March. Abp. Gizirian’s powerful recitation of the traditional requiem prayer after the hymn introduced a note of solemnity that not only underpinned the sharagan settings and songs from the Armenian tradition that immediately followed, but also to an extent infused the traditional Western seasonal music that closed the program, reminding performers and audience alike of the ties of culture and spirituality that bind the Armenian community, past and present, together. The continued unflagging support of Fr. Vasken and the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church for the Erevan Choral Society and Orchestra represents a shining example of such a commitment; the dedication of the performers and organizers, another. But perhaps most importantly, it is surely the hope of everyone involved with Erevan Choral that, in line with the aspirations of Fr. Oshagan, such concerts, and such commitments, will encourage all of us in the renewal of our mutual cultural and spiritual ties, that they may never pass away into the domain of “Auld Lang Syne.”

Parish Notes

Congratulations to Rob Nahigian of Auburndale Realty Co., who was appointed to the MassDOT Real Estate Appraisal Review Board by Gov. Deval Patrick in September; special birthday wishes to George D. Hagopian; congratulations to Richard & Cynthia Kazanjian who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October, and to Gerald & Elizabeth Boghosian who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 30.

Congratulations to Amanda Kolligian Dorian, daughter of Lisa & Danny Dorian, who became engaged to Matthew Keller, son of Carol Frye and Donald Keller, and congratulations to Laura Abkarian, daughter of Albert & Linda Abkarian, who became engaged to Oliver Ozcan, son of Zadik & Alis Ozcan.

Our condolences to:  Isabel Toomajian on the death of her brother, Henry Toomajian, on November 11; Carolyn & Richard Haroutunian on the death of her mother, Sarah (Shahinian) Tahajian of RI, on November 14; and to Dorothy & Jack Keverian on the death of her sister, Marguerite Dinjian on November 20.
Diocesan Young Adult Pilgrimage to Jerusalem
Reflection and Thank You from Oscar Derderian III

Dear Fr. Vasken Kouzouian,

First and foremost, I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity, not only to make a pilgrimage to the holy city of Jerusalem, but also to thank you for giving me the opportunity to share in a pilgrimage with many other young Armenian adults from all over the country with whom I connected and bonded with over the 9-10 days we had together. Second, I would like to acknowledge the Diocese and thank the Primate and Fr. Mardiros for taking time out of their lives to assemble a group such as ours to go to the other side of the world to show us the origins of our faith, and to connect us with the Armenian youth community in Jerusalem. Finally, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Holy Trinity for producing funds which provided for my food and living expenses accrued in the Holy Land, as the trip might not have been possible for me without them.

At the beginning of the trip, I had absolutely no idea what I could expect to experience in the Holy Land. All I could think about was how exciting it would be to be in another country with its own culture and customs; it was my first time leaving North America.

Upon landing, we boarded a bus that would take us on a 45-minute nocturnal journey through dunes and mountains to a beautifully lit and lively Jerusalem. There, we arrived at our hotel which appeared more like a palace than a guesthouse, located in the Christian Quarter.

The following morning, we made our first trip to the Church of the Nativity, built over the ground where Jesus Christ was said to have entered the world and where I was honored to have been part of a Badarak service. There I witnessed the strength of our Christian faith and how seriously the local clergy take their obligation as wardens of the Armenian church. During the Badarak service, tourists and other pilgrims attempted to enter the sanctuary and take pictures of us, but the Deacons put their foot down and forced them out multiple times. Later, during a small Bible study, we learned that these clergymen have, at times, worshipped in the sanctuary even during violent and bloody fighting happening around them.
The days that followed took us on a journey all over the ancient holy land, from the River Jordan (the path the bus took us through was surrounded by a mine field), to Jericho and the Mount of Temptation (we got as far as the base of the mountain, the sheer size conveying to us just how impossible it would have been to have spent forty days alone on it), followed by Nazareth (where we saw St. Mary’s home which is now surrounded by a church), the Dead Sea, the Sea of Galilee (where we rode on a boat), and finally concluding the adventure back in beautiful Jerusalem, in the Armenian Quarter and the Sts. James monastery.

It was hard to say goodbye to everyone after all that we had experienced together in the cradle of our religion. Of all the people in the world, I am hardly the most expressive or emotional individual, but being torn from my newly-united family was very difficult. Those ten days felt like a lifetime of adventure; though details are fading, this pilgrimage will always be present in the back of my mind. Thank you for this opportunity; I cannot say it enough.

Gratefully yours,
Oscar Derderian III

A Wish List from the Parish Council

From time to time parishioners, who are thinking of making a gift to the church, ask if there is something special that the church needs. With that in mind, the Parish Council would like to list the following:

**A 2-door stainless steel True Commercial Refrigerator**

**at a cost of $3,169.00**

If you would like to donate or contribute towards the cost of the refrigerator, please call the church office, 617.354.0632.

Thank you.

From the 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, please send their contact information to the Youth Director, Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, at youth@htaac.org or email the ACYOA Seniors directly at HTacyoa@gmail.com.

A sincere THANK YOU to our Bazaar Co-Chairmen Ara Hollisian and Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., and ALL our hard-working volunteers.
Sunday, October 21, was a memorable morning as our Grade 3 students, and those who joined the Sunday School in Grades 4 and above, received their Bibles in church from Fr. Vasken with the assistance of their teacher, Alyssa Bozian. Receiving their Bibles were Elias Gojjam, Ariana Hovnanian, Siroun Johnson, Joseph MacDonald, Armen Manucharyan and Alexis Rigolini in Grade 3, Katerina Ohanyan in Grade 4, Stephanie Arustamyan and Armen Youssoufian in Grade 6/7, and Tamara Melkonyan in Grade 10. The Bibles gifted were the “Holy Bible – Contemporary English Version,” which is a beautifully illustrated Children’s Bible that our students will enjoy reading in the years ahead.

**From Our Sunday School**

**Grade 3 and Others Receive Bibles on Sunday, October 21, 2012**

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**Sunday School Holiday Food Drive Benefits Harvard Square Homeless Shelter**

In keeping with past tradition, to help alleviate the hunger facing increasing numbers of people today, and as a community service outreach project, the Sunday School sponsored a Holiday Food Drive that benefited the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter. We are grateful to our students, families and parishioners for their donations of non-perishable food items to benefit those less fortunate during the holiday season. It made a difference!

-Seta A. Buchter, Sunday School Superintendent

**Thank You to ALL** the teams who came and volunteered their time and effort to make mantı, sini kufta, choreg, apricot squares, paklava, bourma, khadayif, etc., for our Bazaar. A few are pictured here.
From Our ACYOA Juniors

It has been a busy Fall for the ACYOA Juniors. Following elections in September, the ACYOA Juniors organized and participated in a variety of local and diocesan events.

ACYOA Juniors Annual October Sports Weekend

From October 5-8, 15 Juniors traveled the short distance to Providence, RI, to participate in the annual October Sports Weekend, hosted this year by the ACYOA Juniors of Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church. All who attended had a memorable weekend, working together to bring home a treasury of trophies that included: First Place Girls’ Basketball; MVP and Second Place 3-Point Shoot Out to Ani Maroyan; First and Second Place Beginner’s Tavloo to Nayiri Ayanian and Haig Torosian respectively; First and Second Place Connect Four to Haig Torosian and Greg Dorian respectively; and Second Place Advanced Chess to Greg Arustmanyan. We congratulate all those who participated in the weekend.

Thanksgiving Luncheon and Live Service Auction

On November 20, nearly 300 parishioners gathered for the ACYOA Juniors Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon, and first-ever Live Service Auction. This year’s Luncheon was an incredible success, and we are so grateful and proud of our 32 ACYOA Juniors who helped serve during the Luncheon, feeding all guests in a record 20 minutes!
Following the meal, 23 ACYOA Juniors participated in the first-ever Live Service Auction, volunteering their time and service to help our community get their homes and families ready for the Christmas season. The 13 service pairs each volunteered four hours of their time, with services offered including babysitting, running errands, yard work, closet makeovers, and holiday baking. Our newly-discovered and very talented Auctioneer, Greg Ekchian, ACYOA Seniors Chairman, led the crowd in a lively and interactive Auction, raising over $1,100. On December 15, “Service Saturday,” many of the pairs headed to the homes of parishioners to volunteer their time and fulfill their service. We thank all those who participated in the Live Service Auction, especially the 23 ACYOA Juniors who volunteered their time, auctioneer Greg Ekchian, the ACYOA Seniors who helped run the event, Christina Azarian, Lilit DerKevorkian and Suzanne Ekchian, and all those who donated to the cause. We also thank our Executive Committee, led by Chairman Caroline Thayer, for coming up with such a creative, unique and mutually beneficial event. All proceeds from the Auction will be used to support the ACYOA Juniors ministry programs, such as Lock-Ins, retreats, and social outreach programs.

The ACYOA Juniors wish to thank all the parents who helped out in so many ways for the event, including: food preparation, plating, bringing out food, supervising and coordinating the Juniors, and helping with the Live Service Auction. Many thanks to David Minassian who worked for a full week to prepare such a delicious meal, and David Dorian who helped prepare the meal on the day of the event. We also thank Cathy Minassian for everything she does to make all ACYOA events such a success.

The ACYOA Juniors also launched their annual Community Outreach Holiday Blanket and Coat Drive, from November 18 through January 6, targeted for Cradles to Crayons, an organization that strives to provide children up to age 12 living in homeless and low-income situations with the essentials they need to feel safe, warm, ready to learn, and valued. For more information on how you can help Cradles to Crayons, please visit www.cradlestocrayons.org.

The ACYOA Juniors express their heartfelt thanks to Bruce and Lu Ann Ohanian who made a sizeable donation to the ACYOA Juniors.

**Annual Christmas Ball**

On December 8, 113 Juniors from 11 different parishes attended the third annual Christmas Ball hosted by our ACYOA Juniors. Led by Co-Chairmen Ani Soultanian and Haig Torosian, and ACYOA Juniors Chairman, Caroline Thayer, it was a memorable night, in part due to the wonderful music provided by DJ “Big Daddy Ray,” and the memories captured by J and B Photobooth.
Again this year, our Juniors were not only focused on fellowship, but also social outreach as 20% of all proceeds from the Ball were donated to the Fund for Armenian Relief Children’s Center in Yerevan, Armenia, totaling $350. In addition to their financial donations, all those who attended the dance were encouraged to write Christmas cards to the children of the Yerevan facility, and all the youth who attended signed an oversized Christmas card that will be distributed to the children during the Center’s Christmas party in January 2013. Attendees also signed a group card sending wishes of good health to Gabriel Aljalian, son of Fr. Arakel and Yn. Natasha Aljalian. Special thanks to June Hollisian who designed the beautifully-artistic cards.

Many thanks to our parish members who served as chaperones for the event: Susan Derderian, Greg Ekchian, Jack Ekchian, Suzanne Ekchian, Stephen Hollisian, Christine Hovsepian, Diane Keverian, Robert Lang, and Cathy Minassian.

Congratulations ACYOA Juniors on creating such an incredible memory for so many youth. Well done!

**Annual Christmas Party and Gift Exchange – December 16**

On Sunday, December 16, following the annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant, 20 ACYOA Juniors headed to Fire and Ice in Harvard Square for their annual Christmas Party and Gift Exchange.

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.
Stewardship 2013 – In Faith, Hope, and Love

Thank you to all the stewards/members listed below (as of December 17, 2012).

Through our Stewardship, we take responsibility in caring for our spiritual home. Stewardship enables us to worship; to raise our families in an Armenian Christian environment; to serve within and beyond our Armenian community; to provide Christian and Armenian education; to appreciate our extraordinary heritage through our cultural programs; and to share in fellowship with one another from Trinity Kids’ Place to Havakoom (for our senior members).

We sincerely appeal to those who are not currently part of the Stewardship Program to please add your pledge and affirmation to our God-given ministry.

Stewards are members who contribute to the church over and beyond the standard membership dues of $150. Members are those who pay the standard membership dues of $150. Both stewards and members are considered part of the Stewardship Program.

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Have You Made Your 2013 Stewardship Pledge?

Additions to Stewardship 2012
Thank you to stewards Nellie R. Bogosian and Raphael V. Vartanov, and member, David Minassian.

$1,000 CLUB SAYS . . .
A loving atmosphere in your home is the foundation for your life.

1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER
$1,000 - Arleen Ashjian, Newton Centre; $300 - Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., N. Reading; $200 - George Tarvezian, Belmont; $100 - Arthur Avakian, Cambridge; $50 Winners: Michele Kolligian, Winchester; Brett Boghigian, Bedford; Arlene Kasarjian, Westwood; David DerVartanian, Melrose; Steven Arakelian, Billerica; Jim Annis & Sandra Cullison, Cambridge; Diane Aroyan, Norwell; Gregory J. Kechejian, Milton

1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR OCTOBER
$1,000 - Nora Kalajian, Watertown; $300 - Michele Connors, Chestnut Hill; $200 - Michael Yapchaian, Watertown; $100 - Carly Herosian, Cambridge; $50 Winners: Shenorig Ishkanian, Lynn; Gayle Yapchaian, Watertown; Aurelian Mardiros, Lynnfield; Helene Dorian, Belmont; Barbara Johnson, Arlington; Holy Trinity Men’s Union, Cambridge; David Tahajian, Belmont; Thomas & Setta Stephanian, Belmont

1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER
$1,000 - Joseph M. Marderosian, Somerville; $300 - Aram Hintlian, Natick; $200 - Armen & Susan Skenderian, Danvers; $100 - Rita Kechejian, Brockton; $50 Winners: Zevart Hollisian, Watertown; Leon Semonian, Newton; Edward & Nancy Guleserian, Belmont; Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., N. Reading; Armen & Susan Skenderian, Danvers; Zevart Hollisian, Watertown; Alma Sahagian, Southborough; Joyce Kolligian, FL
Donations to Our Trust Fund

• $2,500 from Jill Colombosian and Jay Hachigian to be added to their Trust Fund

Donations to Our Church

• For the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund:
  - $2,500 from Albert Zouranjian
  - $100 from Arleen Ashjian and Olivia Ashjian James; Marian Koumjian

• In honor of Armen Skenderian’s ordination to the Diaconate:
  - $1,000 from Catherine Mosgofian
  - $500 from Susan Skenderian
  - $100 from Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian; William & Karen Martin
  - $50 from Lt. Col. Robert & Susan Lang; Catherine Minassian

• In honor of Nevart Talanian’s special birthday:
  - $200 from Helene Dorian; $100 from Barbara Dorian; Janice Dorian
  - $200 from Anna Pietz for Madagh in memory of husband, Ervin Pietz
  - $150 from Armen & Susan Skenderian to the Junior Choir Program
  - $100 from Ed & Ann Danielson to the Junior Choir Program
  - $100 from Glenn Shenloogian on the occasion of the baptism of Lila Elyse Warn
  - $70 from Jack & Susan Giragosian in honor of George Hagopian’s birthday
  - $50 from Arshag Gchijian
  - $10 from Sosi Altounian, CA; Anna Glover

Dajar Donations

$100 - Hermine Adamian
$50 - Linda C. K. Beaupre, VT; Virginia DeFilippis; Anna P. Pietz
$35 - George & Alice Hoogasian
$30 - Edward Korkoian, MI; Marlene Manoogian; Glen Shenloogian
$25 - Arleen Ashjian and Olivia Ashjian James; Annie Chekijian; gift subscription for Harriet Piranian by Dorothy Piranian
$20 - Anonymous; Charles Tashjian, Jr.; Krikor Vartanessian, NV

Our 115 Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this campaign. To date, we have raised $24,697.00 to help meet the financial burden of paying gas and electric utilities for our church complex. The following is an update of contributors to whom we are grateful:

William & Karen Martin
*Charles Nahabedian
*Charles Gazarian
Shakeh Benson
Alice Gelenian
Adrienne Hamparian
Aram Hintlian

Holy Trinity Men’s Union
*Joyce Jones and John Messina
Joyce A. Kouzouian
Richard & Marge Kratlian
Arthur & Karen Maranian
Arayik Maroyan

*Bruce Ohanian
Anna P. Pietz
*Shushan Teager
Brian & Renee Tellen
Dr. Hagop Youssoufian

*Additional donation
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 HARRY HAMPARIAN for our church:
Dorothy Hamparian, Stephen, Taylor & Cole Hamparian, Joanne Hamparian and Neil, Elizabeth, Luke, MacKenzie & Jake Hamparian; Kathy, Chris & Julie, Patrick & Joan, David & Judy Duffy; Harold & Shirley Essegian; Sally Essegian, Susan Anderson & Jay Essegian; George Hamparian; Anna Pietz; Mrs. Charles Talanian; Denise & Harry Boghigian and Karen & Bill Martin; M/M Edward D. Hagopian; Alice Martin; Kate & Frank Morris and Family, DE; Donnarose Russian; Donald & Janice Skenderian; June Tavian; Helen Krikorian; Thomas & Carole Cronin; Bernard & Carol Gardner; Mrs. Anthony Bogosian; M/M Francis Brandis; Winifred Doherty; Marilyn Dodd; George D. Hagopian; Lt. Col. & Mrs. Robert Lang; Louise & Arthur Panosian; Anna Rozzi; Rose & Nish Tikijian; Margaret Wiseman; John & Bertha Demirjian; Charles & Adrienne Hamparian; Maureen & Mark Hennessey; Carol & Bill Kearney
Total:  $2,365.00

Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of KOLYA DEMIRCHIAN for our church:
Gemma Demirchian and Garen Demirchian & Family; Garineh & John Goshdigian; Bill & Lisa Vanderweil; Anna Demurjian; Margaret Gragossian, NY; Elsie, Catherine & David Minassian; Maureen Hogan & Andy Riebs; Jim, Sandi & Justen Dube; M/M Babroudi; V. Azizian; Arax Badalian; Mihran & Natalie Chaprazian; Cathy Duddy
Total:  $1,680.00

Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of EDWARD VARTANESSIONIAN for our church:
Setrek & Ani Eskici; Cevahir Sirinoglu; M/M Nishan Zoboyan; Krikor Maserejian; Silva Sarkissian; Richard, Ann & Talene Tarvezian
Total:  $225.00
Donations in lieu of flowers in memory of THE REV. FR. PAPKEN MAKSOUDIAN for our church:
Jack & Linda Vartoogian and Michael & Roxann Vartoogian, NY; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian; Seta A. Buchter and Dr. Christina G. Buchter; Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian; John & Ida Kolligian; Lani Matthews; Catherine Minassian; Arthur Avakian
Total: $430.00

Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of ANNA KALOOSTIAN for our church:
Charles & Richard Gazarian; Miriam & David Butler and Family; Alan Jaranian; Mary Kupjian and Family; Angelo Marotta and Family; Armine Sarges; Rosemarie Bagdasarian; Alice J. Barry and Family; Francis & Susan DeAngelis; Leonard & Joanne Colasanti; Edmond & Ann Danielson; M/M Robert S. Riley; Irma Cacicio; Grace A. Boyajian; Cirigliano Plumbing & Heating; Elsie Jamgochian; Marian Barry-Ravagni
Total: $1,510.00

Donations
• In memory of ROSE ZAMAGNI AND LOUISE GOODSTADT: Andrea Schwinn $100.00
• Additional “In Lieu of flowers” in memory of:
  - ANNETTE GERAIGERY: Arlene Avakian, FL; Helene Dorian
  - LYDIA HOVAKIMIAN HODAKOWSKI: Nancy Kalajian

Weddings
- Steven John Sideris of Brookline, MA, and Michelle Jacqueline Donabed of Brookline, MA, on October 7. Bestman Evan Sideris
- John Richard O’Keefe of Rockland, MA, and Cara Lauren Matossian of Rockland, MA, on November 10. Bestman Jesse O’Keefe

Baptisms and Confirmations
- Vartan Haig Inguilizian, son of Haig and Raisa Gevorgyan Inguilizian of Waltham, MA, on October 14. Godfather, Araz Inguilizian, and Godmother, Zaghib Inguilizian
- Nareg Vartan Mardiros, son of Antranig and Christina Orchanian Mardiros of Lynnfield, MA, on November 17. Godfather, Vartan Mardirosian
- Mya Joanne Bethune, daughter of Michael and Joy (Tashjian) Bethune of Wakefield, MA, on November 25. Godfather, Christopher Tashjian, and Godmother, Kim Tashjian

Funerals
- Koyla Demirchian of Watertown, MA, on October 5
- Edward Vartanessian of Watertown, MA, on October 10
- Louise Z. Goodstadt of Boston, MA, on November 9
- Anna Kaloostian of Medford, MA, on November 17
Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER
4  - 100th Anniversary of Holy Trinity Choir
18 - ACYOA Thanksgiving Luncheon

TRINITY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
November 30 and December 1

DECEMBER
8  - ACYOA Juniors Christmas Ball
16 - Christmas Family Service
    - Sunday School Christmas Pageant
25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS

JANUARY
1  - Happy New Year
5  - Christmas Eve, Evening Service, 7pm; Divine Liturgy, 7:30pm
6  - Armenian Christmas Divine Liturgy; 10am
    - Christmas Reception

FEBRUARY
3  - Annual Parish Assembly
10 - Poon Paregentan

MARCH
24 - ACYOA Palm Sunday Banquet
31 - Easter

Wishing all our Dajar readers a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Please rush - dated material