From Our Pastor

Our 28 pilgrimage participants have been home now for about three days. As many of you know, we spent the better part of the last two weeks on a spiritual pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Bethlehem and the Holy Land. It was a fascinating and amazing ten-day experience and one that I hope our parish can experience together again someday.

On this pilgrimage we visited most every important site affiliated with the Gospels and the Life of Jesus Christ. We learned about and prayed in the tomb where His Resurrection took place. We knelt before the place of His crucifixion. We kissed the manger in Bethlehem and touched the spot of His Birth. We rode on the Sea of Galilee and read how He walked on water and calmed the stormy sea. We walked the pages of the Bible and we were all the better off with each step.

This was now the third time I've been to the Holy Land and each time I come away with having been “touched” by something new. This time I was touched by the quiet peace found on the site of the Sermon on the Mount. Reading aloud the words of Jesus' most famous sermon, I choked up. Where did that come from, I thought? I've read those famous words many times before; yet this time, it was different.

As I was reading these words, I thought about how often we hear of the Holy Land in unfavorable ways:

• power struggles between governments and religions;
• controversy over land ownership;
• or ancestral issues with neighboring countries.

But here we were on the peaceful mountainside overlooking the Sea of Galilee, and all we could feel was the peace and presence of Jesus Christ. These were the words that filled my throat with emotion: “And blessed are those who make peace, for they shall be called the children of God.”

With this quote, Jesus begins His famous sermon by describing the traits He seeks within His followers. He calls those people, who live out these traits, “blessed” because God has something special “in store” for them. And so He addressed an enormous crowd of followers on that particular day by saying: “…Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness; Blessed are the merciful; and Blessed are the pure in heart.”

On and on He describes different traits that should be found in the life of a Christian. And then He mentions a basic Christian trait. It's a simple trait - but an important one. He said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.” Peace and peacemakers and the “peaceful breath of fresh air in life” aren't always easy to find.

So how do we find that “peaceful breath of fresh air” in our lives when our lives are surrounded by things not so peaceful? Things like our illnesses, or our mortgages, or our schedules, or the daily news reports telling us how
bad our world is? In general, we are people who deal with too much stress. We become consumed in worries:

- “A loved one is having financial problems and I can’t do much to help;”
- “I have constant deadlines looming;”
- “Bills have to be paid;”
- “My flowers outside are wilting and I don’t have the time or energy to water them;”
- “The phone won’t stop ringing or doesn’t ring enough;”
- And “the mail is piling up.”

That is stress. We all have it and we all know the value of breathing in that “peaceful breath of fresh air.” Children of God know where to find that “peaceful breath of fresh air.” We find it in our faith and we find it through our faith. Children of God know how to breathe in the “peace of God” and breathe out the chaos; breathe in the “peace of God” and breathe out the stress; breathe in the “peace of God” and breathe out the noise of the world around us.

We are called as “children of God” to be makers of peace to focus more on God and less on the noise of the world around us, to spend more time on listening for the voice of God and less on listening to the chatter soaring around us.

Before we can become “peacemakers for others,” we must find a way to bring peace into our own lives every day and that begins with Christ. So on this winter Sunday, we owe it to ourselves to look at our lives and think about where we need more peace and are we living our lives as the “children of God” ought to?

The words spoken, in the Sermon on the Mount overlooking the beautiful Sea of Galilee, are meant to be a “blueprint” for us to follow. So let’s remember His timeless words: “Blessed are the peacemakers” because “they shall be called the children of God.” Think of yourself as a “child of God” and live your life close to His.

**Blessing of the Water**

In commemoration of Christ’s Baptism, the Blessing of the Water Service was held on Sunday, January 12, following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

Serving as Godfather of the Holy Cross was Armen Youssoufian, pictured here with Fr. Vasken, his parents, Dr. Hagop and Annie Youssoufian, and two sisters, Anoush and Deanna.
From top, Garden of Gethsemane; entrance to the Tomb of St. Mary; Blessing of Water at Jordan River; and Pilgrims wading in the Dead Sea.

From top left, Place where Jesus was born of Mary; in front of Church of the Nativity; Armenian Christmas Eve; journeying on the Sea of Galilee; and newly re-wed couples at Church in Cana with Fr. Mampre and Fr. Vasken.
The Annual Parish Assembly of our church was held on Sunday, February 9, 2014, with 86 dues-paying members present and our pastor, Fr. Vasken A. Kouzouian, presiding. Dr. Gregory Krikorian, Nominating Committee member, presented the slate for the day’s Tivan in the absence of Chairman Lois Malconian. Aram Hintlian and Catherine Minassian were elected Chairman and Secretary of the Day, respectively. Following the introduction of the nominees for Parish Council, Nominating Committee, and Auditing Committee, the Chairman called for a recess at 12:30 p.m., for the purpose of voting and lunch.

The 2013 Assembly Minutes, the Pastor’s Report, and the Parish Council Report as presented by Chairman Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., were accepted. In his remarks, Greg noted the major donation from parishioner Zevart Hollisian. Thanks to her donation, the parish will be able to pay off the loan from the Trust Fund as well as have a reserve on hand for capital projects in the coming year. The proposed 2014 budget of $652,800 plus $68,000 for major capital projects funding, as presented by Parish Council Treasurer Mark Haroutunian, was approved. The Trust Fund report, as given by Aram Hintlian, Treasurer, was also approved.

The following were elected to the Parish Council for a term of one year: Ann Danielson*, Becky Hintlian; Bruce Newell, Armen Skenderian; Dean Soutlianian*; and Alternate, David DerVartanian. Peter V. Kaprielian was elected to the Auditing Committee for a term of three years. Incumbent Fr. Vasken thanked the Nominating Committee for their work in providing such worthy candidates. He also expressed his appreciation to the Chairman and Secretary of the Assembly, the office staff for preparing the materials for the Parish Assembly, and the volunteers who helped collate the report.

At their transitional meeting on March 17, the Parish Council elected their Executive Committee: Chairman, Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr.; Vice Chairman, Ara Hollisian; Treasurer, Tom Stephanian; Assistant Treasurer, Dan Dorian; Secretary, Cathy Minassian; and Alternate Secretary, Stephan Hovnanian. Fr. Vasken expressed his appreciation to outgoing Parish Council member, Mark Haroutunian, for his six years of dedicated service. He also welcomed Stephan Hovnanian as the newly-elected member. Let us keep the members of our Parish Council in our prayers, and ask God to grant them the wisdom to carry out the mission of our church.

The ACYOA of Holy Trinity Armenian Church cordially invite you and your family to our annual

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April 13, 2014

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**Trinity Kids’ Place**

**New This Year: Program extended to two weeks. Participants have the option of attending either of the two weeks or for the full two-week session.**

Children must be 3 years old by January 1, 2014 (and toilet trained), and still 9 through August 11. Daily activities include story time, visit with Der Vasken, musical expression, recreation, and arts & crafts. Limited to 20 children. Registration deadline is July 15. For further information, contact the Holy Trinity Church office or email Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, Youth Director, at youth@htaac.org. Brochures will be available April 13.
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Books may be ordered online at www.createspace.com/4061270. Signed books will also be available for purchase that evening.

All proceeds from the sale of the book are donated to organizations devoted to protecting children and fighting human trafficking.

Fr. Vasken invites you to join us on Thursday, April 10, as author and global energy expert, Vahan Zanoyan, will talk about his book that deals with the horrific world of human trafficking. This is indeed a difficult topic, but we must all be made aware of the heartbreaking reality of human trafficking, not only in Armenia, but world-wide.

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Gathering of The Women of Holy Trinity

Following the success of the September and October gatherings, on November 19, the Women of Holy Trinity gathered for an evening of fellowship and an exploration of our Armenian cultural heritage. Those in attendance learned about some time-honored Armenian holiday traditions, especially those relating to the Advent season of Christmas, as well as the personal and unique traditions shared by some of those in attendance. We also had the opportunity to explore our artistic side by decorating ornaments donated by Gail O’Reilly and the artists of Made in Armenia Direct. Many thanks to Gail and the artists, as well as Ann Danielson who organized and provided all the art supplies, for creating such a relaxing and enjoyable activity.

To illustrate one of our Christmas traditions, Fr. Vasken Kouzouian offered a brief “Home Blessing” service, sending home with each of us a packet with blessed water, mahs and salt. The evening concluded with a Reflection in the sanctuary prepared and led by Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, entitled, “Christmas is Coming...Make Way for Christ.” Yn. Arpi reminded and encouraged us to slow down during the Christmas Advent season, and to take the time to prepare, anticipate and reflect on unwrapping the greatest gift of Christmas - the true purpose of Christmas - Our Lord Jesus Christ.

On January 6, the Women of Holy Trinity gathered for an Armenian Christmas Celebration, (rescheduled from December due to weather), and enjoyed engaging fellowship and delicious food catered by Seta’s Cafe in Belmont. It was a heartwarming and memorable evening.

Responding to the positive experience from the November Armenian Holiday traditions program, the Women of Holy Trinity gathered on March 4, to learn about existing Armenian Lenten traditions and explore practical ways to make this year’s Lenten season a memorable and meaningful experience. Those present received a useful resource published by the Department of Religious Education, Great Lent in the Armenian Church, with historical facts, scriptural references, prayer and fasting suggestions, as well as 40 daily practical ways to make the Lenten journey meaningful. Right, Vickie Alani sharing some Lenten traditions

Many thanks to Ann Danielson who again organized and provided all the supplies for our evening’s thoughtful craft, a Lenten bracelet, a visual reminder of our Lenten commitment, with one bead representing each Sunday of Lent, centered between a knot for each day of Lent.

Many thanks to ACYOA members Christina Azarian, Social Media Coordinator, who joined us to discuss the Church’s Facebook page and how to make it part of the Lenten experience, and Ani Maroyan and Danielle Malconian who read the evening’s Bible passage and reflection. Congratulations to door prize winner Seta Buchter, who took home Alice Antreassian’s The 40 Days of Lent Selected Armenian Recipes cookbook.

HAVE YOU NOTICED? For those paying attention, you may have noticed an onion hanging from the curtain rod in Johnson Hall. We have Shushan Teager to thank for this visual reminder of Lent, with each feather representing a Sunday of Lent. This colorful object is called an Akhlatiz, the traditional Armenian folk art symbol of Great Lent. In simpler times, it was an ingenuous way to keep track of the seven weeks between Poon Paregentan and Easter, when people observed a strict vegetarian diet (6 weeks of Lent plus Holy Week.) On the Monday after Poon Paregentan, the first day of Great Lent, an onion studded with seven feathers was hung from the ceiling. Each following Sunday, one feather was plucked out of the Akhlatiz and discarded. The remaining feathers indicated the number of weeks of fasting left until Easter Sunday, when meat and animal products could be consumed again.

The Women of Holy Trinity have been meeting monthly, providing a variety of spiritual, educational, inspirational and social opportunities for the women of our parish. Please email HTAACWomen@gmail.com with any questions.
The ACYOA Juniors and Seniors, together with the entire Holy Trinity community, welcomed His Beatitude Archbishop Nourhan Manougian, Patriarch of Jerusalem, at a special reception on Sunday, November 17, during which the children, youth and young adults of the parish received a blessing and the gift of a Jerusalem tile from the Patriarch.

Earlier in the month, on November 1, ACYOA Seniors Chairperson, Danielle Malconian, spoke at the Program following the Hrashapar Service of Welcome honoring the Patriarch’s visit to the Boston area, held at St. James Armenian Church in Watertown, MA. Danielle reflected on her experience in Jerusalem over the summer as a participant of the 2013 Primate’s Pilgrimage to Jerusalem. During the program, Danielle also presented the first of two $500 donation checks to Archbishop Nouhran Manougian, representing the money raised by the Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors for the Sts. Tarkmanchatz Armenian School of Jerusalem. The second $500 donation was sent with Fr. Vasken during the parish Pilgrimage to Jerusalem, for a total donation of $1,000.

On November 24, the ACYOA Juniors and Seniors hosted the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon and Live Service Auction, attended by nearly 300 parishioners, that included over 30 ACYOA Juniors and a dozen Seniors.

After a delicious meal (served in just under 20 minutes!), ACYOA Senior Caroline Thayer, serving as auctioneer, welcomed guests and opened up the Live Service Auction. Started in 2012, this event combines social outreach with fundraising. Working in pairs, ACYOA members auctioned off their services to the greater Holy Trinity Church community, volunteering four hours of their time to help our community get their homes and families ready for the Christmas season. This year’s services included babysitting, yard work, holiday baking, running errands and a basketball clinic, with most volunteers fulfilling their services on Service Saturday, December 14. Many thanks to the 26 ACYOA members who volunteered their time, as well as to the generous donors who raised $965, which will help support the ACYOA’s ministry programs.

The ACYOA 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...
ACYOA Seniors Participate in National Programs

Leadership Conference 2013 Participants

From November 8 to 10, 2013, Christine Hovsepian, Danielle Malconian, Ron Malconian, Jr., and Greg Torosian traveled to Stony Point, NY, to join young adults from 18 parishes across the Eastern Diocese for the annual ACYOA Leadership Conference weekend at the Don Bosco Retreat Center. Sponsored by the ACYOA Central Council, the conference examined effective styles of communication and let participants evaluate their abilities to communicate as leaders in their parishes. Conference sessions also taught the 41 participants how to effectively communicate the Gospel of Christ in their everyday lives.

Joining more than 30 other young adults representing 14 parishes across the Eastern Diocese, Christina Azarian, Lilit DerKevorkian, Vartan Mardiros and Greg Torosian traveled to St. Petersburg, FL, for the 2014 ACYOA Chapter Workshop from January 24 to 26. Participants discussed the accomplishments and setbacks faced by their local ACYOA chapters, shared advice, and brainstormed new programming possibilities.

ACYOA Juniors Update

The ACYOA Juniors wish to thank all those who donated to the annual Holiday Community Outreach Project, from November 18 through January 6, benefiting Cradles to Crayons. Cradles to Crayons provides children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with the essential items needed to thrive - at home, school and play. They accept a wide range of donations for children of all ages from newborn to age 12.

NOTE: Collecting for Cradles to Crayons is now a year-round outreach project. Parishioners are encouraged to donate throughout the year by placing donations in the purple bin located in the front foyer of the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall. For a detailed list of what can/cannot be donated, please visit: http://www.cradlestocrayons.org/boston/donate-goods-items-we-accept.

Our ACYOA Junior and Senior Volunteers

ACYOA Juniors enjoying dinner at Fire + Ice in Harvard Square

ACYOA Seniors Update

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Valentine’s Bake Sale held on February 9

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.
Monthy Trivia Nights

Q: What awesome event, held on the third Saturday of each month, is hosted by the Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors and attended by almost 40 people ranging in age from 8 to 88?
A: It’s Trivia Night!!

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

Note: Some dates subject to change based on the church calendar. Please check the weekly E-news for updates.

ACYOA Seniors host College Discussion and Dinner for ACYOA Juniors

On February 28, the ACYOA Seniors hosted a “Dinner and Discussion” with the ACYOA Juniors, that focused on demystifying the college experience. The evening began with dinner and each of the Seniors briefly sharing what surprised them the most about their respective college experiences. Juniors were encouraged to ask questions and share their greatest excitement and fear about their impending college experience. The evening included large and small group discussion covering a broad range of topics, including: how to choose the right college; large vs. small campuses; living on campus vs. commuting; financial aid; the importance of time management; staying true to their faith; studying abroad; choosing a major; athletics; what to expect about roommates, expenses and extra-curricular activities; and tips and tricks on how to survive, including joining clubs, using campus services, and managing social demands.

A main focus of the evening was also encouraging the Juniors to remain active in the Holy Trinity ACYOA while in college or learning how to connect with a local parish if their college experience takes them away from their home parish. Serving as mentors, the Seniors used the evening to ease the Juniors’ minds, as well as share those things they wish they had known before choosing and going to college, and ultimately, build a relationship and connection with each of the Juniors. It was a wonderful evening of enlightenment, education, mentoring, and fellowship. Many thanks to the ACYOA Seniors who shared their time and experiences: Lilit DerKevorkian, Caroline EKchian, Suzanne EKchian, Ani Hollisian, Stephen Hollisian, Christine Hovsepian, Danielle Malconian, and Ron Malconian, Jr.

ACYOA Hosts Annual Poon Paregentan Celebration

Nearly 200 parishioners joined the ACYOA Juniors during the annual Poon Paregentan (Day of Good Living) Celebration on March 2, 2014. Many thanks to all the parishioners who participated in the Pot Luck meal, as well as all those who were unable to bring food but donated financially. Our special thanks to the Gregory Krikorian Ensemble for adding to the festivities with their joyful Armenian music; Marilyn Takvorian for coordinating the kitchen; and to the over 30 ACYOA Juniors and parents who helped out throughout the event.

Nearly 30 younger guests enjoyed the many games and activities provided by the ACYOA Juniors – especially the piñata that ended the afternoon of celebration.

We were pleased to have Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, our Diocesan Legate, join in the celebration that day; the Archbishop had been Guest Celebrant at church services.
The Sunday School’s Christmas Pageant, “The Story of Christmas,” was presented on Sunday, December 22, in church at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy as part of the Church’s Christmas Family Service. This timeless story, reenacting the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, was told by five readers – Ani Maroyan, Tori Hintlian, Megan Jakob, Gregory Arustamyan and Brian Jakob - while students in the mid grades portrayed the story. Students in Grades 1 and 2 represented the animals in the manger, Grades 3 and 5, the angels, and Grades 4 and 6, the shepherds and shepherdesses. The entire parish joined in the singing of Christmas carols including “Silent Night” in both English and in Armenian.

Special thanks and appreciation are expressed to the following for their hard work in ensuring the success of the Pageant: Julia Sahagian, Mary; Armen Youssoufian, Joseph; Lori Dorian, Elizabeth; Camryn Urdi, Angel Gabriel; Stephanie Arustamyan, the Star; and Vahan Der-Kazaryan, Alex DerVartanian and Aram Soultanian, the three Kings. We are profoundly grateful to Susan Derderian for directing the Pageant; Adelaida Balagyozyan, Anna Margaryan, Amilia and Naneh Petrosyan, for leading “Silent Night” in Armenian; the teachers of Grades 1 through Grades 6, and Grade 9/10 for their help with rehearsals; and all our students for their involvement. As always, our students did a wonderful job of reminding us once again of the true meaning of Christmas.

The focus of this year’s Diocesan-wide Lenten Drive, which is a monetary collection, is “Feeding the hungry ... at home ... and in Armenia” and will benefit “Feeding America” and the “Berd Soup Kitchen” in Armenia. “Feeding America,” the leading domestic hunger-relief charity, distributes food to more than 37 million Americans each year – often...
In this season of Lent, please give generously.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TO GRADUATE FOUR ON APRIL 6**

We are proud to have four Grade 12 students, who have successfully completed the required course of religious education of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern), graduate from our Sunday School on Sunday, April 6, in a ceremony in church at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. This year’s graduates are Gregory Dorian, son of David and Liza Dorian of Watertown; Alexander Ensign, son of Mark and Jennifer Davagian Ensign of Sudbury; Ani Soultanian, daughter of Dean Soultanian and Arlene Kasarjian of Westwood; and Haig Torosian, son of Kaspar and the late Grace E. Torosian of Belmont. We invite the church community to join us to witness this special occasion.

--Seta A. Buchter, Sunday School Superintendent

**Celebrating Armenian Christmas**

On January 5, an Armenian Christmas Eve Candlelight Divine Liturgy was celebrated in our church, followed by a Christmas Eve Dinner. Thank you to David Dorian and Cathy Minassian for a delicious dinner, and a special thank you to Jacqueline Atinizian for providing the traditional Anoushabour for dessert. Our Armenian School students entertained us with a wonderful Hantes, under the direction of their teacher, Naira Balagyozyan.
To all our parishioners who devoted their time before and during our 2013 Trinity Christmas Bazaar, we wish to express our deepest gratitude, for without your time, effort, and heartfelt commitment, our Bazaar would not be possible.

We also wish to sincerely thank all our sponsors who were responsible for the financial success of this year’s Bazaar.

Thank you all for helping to continue this largest fundraiser and cherished Holy Trinity tradition.

Ara Hollisian and Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr.
Bazaar Co-Chairmen

Congratulations to: our Bazaar Super Raffle winners: 1st Prize, $2,500 - Charles Nahabedian; 2nd Prize, $1,000 - Jack Tretter; 3rd Prize, $500 - Diran A. Zahigian; 4th Prize, $500 - Elizabeth Babaian; the winners of our Trinity Christmas Bazaar Raffle: 1st Prize, 64GB iPad - Bruce Ohanian; 2nd Prize, 32GB iPad - Jean Martinian; 3rd Prize - 3’ x 5’ Bokhara Persian Oriental Rug donated by Robert Proodian, Proodian Oriental Rugs - Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr.; and the Sunday School Gift Basket Raffle Winners: ‘Tis the Season - Mary Minasian; and Spa Basket, Susan Demirjian.
Erevan Choral Society
Christmas Concert

Even snow and ice earlier in the day didn’t deter the attendance at the Erevan Choral Society Christmas Concert on Sunday evening, December 15. This year’s concert commemorated the 25th anniversary of the devastating 1988 earthquake in Armenia, with the world premiere of “Azk Haygazyan” (The Armenian Nation), by composer and current Music Director and Conductor of the Erevan Choral Society, Konstantin Petrossian. Enriching the program were soloists tenor Yeghishe Manucharyan and mezzo soprano Victoria Avetisyan. His Excellency Garen Nazarian, Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia to the United Nations, was in attendance and spoke movingly of Armenia’s endurance following the earthquake. Offering the final blessing was His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern).

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$1,000 - Charles M. Talianian; $300 - Audrey & Abraham Tanashian; $200 - Cheryl B. Pajian; $100 - Michael G. Yapaiaian; $50 Winners: Cynthia Kazanjian; Arthur Avakian, Barbara J. Merguerian; Diane Matevosian; David DiBenedetto; Arthur Avakian; Lucy Sahagian; Charles Deradourian

1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY
$1,000 - Michele Kolligian; $300 - Michael G. Yapaiaian; $200 - Ronald A. Zartarian; $100 - James Tills; $50 Winners: Eleanor Hughes; Arthur Der Boghosian; Lucille Ajemian; Adrienne V. Tashjian; Gayle M. Yapaiaian; Alan & Rita Kaprelian; Steve & Michelle Sidens; Bruce & Theresa Kaprelian

We wish the best to Richard and Marge Kratlian who have relocated to Venice, FL, and extend our deep appreciation to Richard who was instrumental in developing our first parish website in 1994, and who updated and maintained it until January of this year.

Congratulations to Mark & Sylvia Stuart (Garabedian) of Burbank, CA, on the birth of their daughter, Scarlett Nam Hong Stuart, born on November 25. Mark is the son of Nancy Garabedian of Pasadena, CA, and the late Charles B. Garabedian; congratulations to grandparents, George & Armine Bagdasarian, and parents, René R. Sevag & Ani (Bagdasarian) Packard of CA, on the birth of their son, Loris Tovmas Packard, on November 29; congratulations, also, to Alex & Carol (Vartanian) Khalarian on the birth of Natalie Elle Khalarian on January 27. Natalie is the granddaughter of Walter Vartanian and the late Anne Vartanian.

Our condolences to Ara & Janet Dermovesian and family on the death of her mother, Arshalous Ozuzun, on December 25.

We received three letters, dated January 17, 2014, from His Beatitude Archbishop Nourhan Manougian, Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem, acknowledging the following donations from our church that were presented by Fr. Vasken on our parish’s first pilgrimage to Jerusalem in January: $2,300 for clergy preparation and clergy training; $300 from the income of a Trust Fund established by Barbara Sahagian and from the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund, and $155 representing Christmas greeting donations by our parishioners to benefit the Church in Bethlehem.
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 Katherine Balian Haytayan for our church:

- Additional “In lieu of flowers” - In memory of:
  - LORI AYANIAN: Missak & Marisa Yazijian; Lucine & Wakim Parsheghian
  - HURACH BOGOSIAN: M/M Richard W. Bogosian, MD
  - HELEN DONABEDIAN: Rose & Nish Tikijian
  - ANN HINTLIAN: Joyce Janjigian
  - JOYCE KOLLIGIAN: Jane & Charles Johnson
  - MARLENA MANOOGIAN: Greta & Karen Manoogian; George Bakiyan; Derouhi Soukiasian
  - EDWARD PANJIAN: Joyce Janjigian
  - DIRAN STAMBOLIAN: Cheryl Panjian & Nellie Bogosian; Lee Shenloogian Warn
  - GRACE TOROSIAN: Maria & Kerope Arman; Betty Soutlian & Family

Total: $6,125.00

Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of Marion Juna Hedison for our church:

- Additional “In lieu of flowers” - In memory of:
  - NICHOLAS RYAN MUSTO: son of Ryan and Lauren (Nolan) Musto of Reading, MA, on February 8. Godfather, Adam Musto, and Godmother, Brooke Taylor
  - BURCU LUCINE YUCESOY: daughter of Ale Murat Yucesooy and Ayca Acemi, on March 1. Godfather, Ara Stepanyan

Total: $3,355.00

Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of Katherine J. (Balian) Haytayan of Nashua, NH, on December 4

Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of Marion (Juna) Hedison of Watertown, MA, on February 28.

WEDDINGS

William George Bacon of Peabody, MA, and Danielle Toni Faro of Wilmington, MA, on December 21. Bestman Alexander Bacon

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS

Nicholas Ryan Musto, son of Ryan and Lauren (Nolan) Musto of Reading, MA, on February 8. Godfather, Adam Musto, and Godmother, Brooke Taylor

Burcu Lucine Yucesoy of Brookline, MA, daughter of Ale Murat Yucesoy and Ayca Acemi, on March 1. Godfather, Ara Stepanyan


FUNERALS

Katherine J. (Balian) Haytayan of Nashua, NH, on December 4

Marion (Juna) Hedison of Watertown, MA, on February 28
Calendar of Events

APRIL

2   - Lenten Dinner and Vigil; 6:15pm
6   - Sunday School Graduation
10  - “A Place Far Away” - Book Talk with Vahan Zanoyan; 7:30pm
13  - ACYOA Palm Sunday Banquet

Holy Week Services

20  - EASTER
27  - Make It Count; Luncheon, Book Talk & Signing with Celtics’ Great JoJo White; 12 noon

MAY

12  - Tavloo Tournament at Trinity Men’s Union Dinner/Meeting
17  - Trivia Night; Johnson Hall; 7-9pm

JUNE

1   - Volunteers’ Appreciation Lunch
8   - Last Day of Sunday School and Armenian School
15  - Annual Requiem Service
16  - Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament, Marlborough CC

Inside the Tomb of Christ
where the Body of Christ was laid.
From our Parish Pilgrimage to Jerusalem