Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston
Fr. Vasken A. Kouzouian, Pastor

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From Our Pastor

Today has been a day of sharing. So, I want to ‘join in’ and share with you a little bit about my life. And I want to begin by ‘drawing a picture’ of what a typical Sunday morning looks like from where I have stood these last 20 years.

Badarak has begun, and one by one, little by little, people are entering the church. I look out from the altar and I see the people in the pews: the young couple seeking to become wed; the father who just lost his job; the newlyweds whose wedding I conducted just last month; the grandmother struggling with her aches and pains; the Sunday School student who experienced a rough week in his public school; the face of the parishioner whose funeral I conducted last year - I still see her sitting in her pew; and the college freshman who’s back home visiting, is looking around the church of her childhood as she sits in the pews where she grew up.

I’ve been privileged to know these stories, your stories, and so many more. As I turn to offer the Sunday sermon, I quietly ask God to please fill me with the words that need to be spoken here today; words that will comfort and challenge; words that will encourage and embrace; and words that will help people grow closer to their God, their faith, and the Armenian Church.

In preparing for today, I realized that I have never shared with you the story of my life these last 20 years as I’ve seen it. So, here it is. I share it with the hope that it brings us even closer.

A 20-year story is really no longer than a blink of an eye. The richest chapters of my story have been within these last 20 years. These chapters include the welcoming ways of the parishioners I served in my first parish in Springfield; 17 years of teaching and mentoring the youth and teens of St. Vartan Camp; 3 years of living out of a suitcase to serve the Youth of our Diocese full-time; they include returning to the parish that raised me, so I can give back what I received. My 20 years include offering what I can to our Diocesan Council; working with the greatest church staff imaginable; and watching in amazement as our youth and young adult programs thrive here in Cambridge; and my 20 years include the privilege of eulogizing your loved ones, marrying your children, and baptizing the next generation.

So, I blinked my eyes and 20 years passed, and I feel humbled, yet a bit wiser, and with more reason to believe than ever before.

I love who God has allowed me to be, and I love the people He has placed in my life along the way. I love serving God through the Armenian Church. I love the fact that He called me with all my flaws and my strengths to serve a Church that was here well before I was born, and will be here well after I’m gone. He must have known something I didn’t, and so, I will gratefully serve Him for as long as He enables me to do so.

I thank all the Committee members, and its Chairman, Lisa Stephanian Burton, for their great efforts in celebrating this milestone in my life and in the life of their pastor and friend. I am humbled. You have all been a blessing to my life.

Fr. Vasken

The following is taken from remarks offered by Fr. Vasken at his 20th Anniversary celebration.
Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Fr. Vasken’s Ordination and the Ordination of Five Sub-Deacons

Sunday, October 26, 2014 - a day filled with joy and celebration for our parish as the community celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the ordination of our pastor, Fr. Vasken Kouzouian, and the ordination of five sub-deacons of the parish.

October 26 was the Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross. Our Church Fathers had written beautiful hymns for this feast, and the six clergymen who were present at the morning service, beginning at 8:00 a.m., filled the sanctuary with the ancient hymns of our people praising our Lord Jesus Christ. The beautiful Sharagans were sung as the clergymen used to sing in the centuries old monasteries, lifting up their hearts and filling the church with the prayers of our Church Fathers.

The Divine Liturgy was celebrated by the pastor, surrounded by 13 deacons, sub-deacons, and acolytes of the church. The choir sang beautifully, augmented by members of the Junior Choir, former choir members, and many clergymen. The services were presided over by the Primate of the Eastern Diocese, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, and His Eminence Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, Diocesan Legate and Ecumenical Officer. The sermon of the day was offered by the Primate, who at the conclusion of his words, bestowed upon the pastor a floral pilon (Phelonion) in appreciation for Fr. Vasken’s devotion and leadership to the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America and the parishes and ministries where he has served. The floral pilon was underwritten by Fr. Vasken’s Ordination Godparents, Gerald and Elizabeth Boghosian.

The Ordination of Five Sub-Deacons

The Primate concluded the church services with the moving ordination of five sub-deacons: Oscar Derderian III, son of Oscar Derderian, Jr., and Susan K. Derderian; Stephen Hollisian, son of Ara and June Hollisian; Harry Lang, son of Lt. Col. Robert and Susan Lang; and Gregory and Mark Torosian, sons of Kaspar Torosian and the late Grace Torosian. The sub-deacons were all trained through the devoted services of Deacon Gregory Krikorian. The stoles/orarars given to the newly-ordained sub-deacons had been gifted by their parents. Family members, friends, parishioners, and the overwhelming youth of Holy Trinity’s ACYOA and Church Schools filled the large sanctuary which added to the overall love for the pastor and five young men ordained on that day.

The Celebration

With a capable Celebration Committee in place for several months, chaired by Lisa Stephanian Burton, they had worked tirelessly to ensure a fitting tribute and appropriate celebration to honor their beloved pastor. Working with Lisa on the Committee were Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., Parish Council Chairman, Janice Dorian, Lisa Kolligian Dorian, Nancy D. Kasarjian, Yeretzgin Arpi Kouzouian, Carol Krikorian, Deacon Gregory Krikorian, Danielle Malconian, Anna Margaryan, Barbara Surabian, Christopher Tashjian, and Cheryl Balian Scarparrotta, Biographer.

Weeks before the deadline, the Celebration was sold out with approximately 400 parishioners and friends from the greater Boston area, Canada, New York, Philadelphia, New Jersey, and California present to show their love and respect for Fr. Vasken, including sixteen clergymen from the Armenian Church; the President and Dean of the Episcopal Divinity School of Cambridge; The Very Rev. Katherine Hancock Ragsdale; the Rev. Laura Everett, Executive Director, Massachusetts Council of Churches; and Brian Corr, Executive Director, Cambridge Peace Commission. A beautiful and colorful commemorative booklet, prepared by the Committee and office staff, was placed at every table setting, as well as a commemorative ornament gifted by the family. The program began with the voices of Holy Trinity’s ACYOA Seniors and Juniors filling the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall with the National Anthems of the United States and the Republic of Armenia, accompanied on the piano by Nune Hakobyan and trumpet by Dan Teager.

Welcome remarks were offered by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr, who warmly expressed his joy of working with Fr. Vasken for the betterment of the parish. “On behalf of the entire Holy Trinity parish, I want to congratulate Der Vasken on the 20th Anniversary of his ordination. Today not only gives us the opportunity to celebrate this milestone, but it also affords us the occasion to celebrate all the wonderful ways Der Vasken has affected our lives and the lives of our families.” James M. Kalustian, Chairman of the Diocesan Council, member of the Supreme Spiritual Council, and deacon of Holy Trinity, served as Master of Ceremonies, interspersing warm personal vignettes and facts throughout the day.
A musical tribute was offered by Fr. Vasken’s sister, Joyce Arpie Kouzouian, accompanied at the piano by Nune Hakobyan. Loving remarks and celebratory Toast were made by Committee Chairman, Lisa Burton, who reflected on the accomplishments of her childhood friend and now pastor on his 20 years of service. The invocation was offered by His Eminence Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, past-president of the National Council of Churches of Christ, Member of the Governing Board of the World Council of Churches, and President of Christian Churches Together. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all.

Following the dinner, tribute remarks were offered by Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, who also added his pride in how Yn. Arpi Kouzouian serves on the Governing Board of the National Council of Churches of Christ, USA. This was followed by a tribute made by Antranig Garibian, Esq., long-time friend of Fr. Vasken’s and fellow member of the Diocesan Council, who had traveled with his family from Philadelphia to be present at this Celebration. Anna Garabedian, Chairman of the St. Mark Armenian Church of Springfield, MA, where Fr. Vasken first served as pastor, spoke warmly about their days together and the work that he offered in the parish.

Remarks were made by the former pastor of Holy Trinity Church and father of Fr. Vasken, Fr. Mampre Kouzouian, who presented his son with a silver hand-cross originally gifted to him by his own mother at his ordination, and other liturgical family heirlooms.

A special tribute letter from His Beatitude Archbishop Nourhan Manougian, Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem, was read by the Very Rev. Fr. Krikor Maksoudian, praising his efforts and expressing his congratulations to Fr. Vasken for his leadership and work in the Diocese of the Armenian Church, in Youth Ministry, and in parish life. At the conclusion of His Beatitude’s letter, a bejeweled Pectoral Cross, made in Jerusalem, was presented to Fr. Vasken with these words: “On this occasion, I send you a Pectoral Cross so that its yoke may bond you to the Patriarchate of the Armenian Church of Jerusalem, and that in a way you become her ‘Ambassador.’ May you be one of the chosen and remain faithful to Sts. James.” The Primate then made the presentation of the cross by placing it around Fr. Vasken’s neck.

A unique highlight of the day was the active presence of Holy Trinity’s ACYOA Juniors and Seniors. In a collective and moving presentation the young parishioners of Holy Trinity lined the stage, each holding a one word placard, expressing what Fr. Vasken means to them and to the parish.

The Primate, in his remarks, tied the feast day of the Holy Cross to the service Fr. Vasken and his family have offered the Armenian Church spanning generations stating, “the family into which Der Vasken was born has repeatedly taken up the Cross of Christ and carried it forward in life,” referring to the family’s oral history that Holy Trinity’s pastor is the 51st priest in their lineage to serve the Armenian Church.

A former classmate of Fr. V asken’s, the Rev. Fr. Sarkis Petoyan, traveled from Pasadena, California, to be present and speak about his classmate and dear friend on this day. “I feel doubly honored to speak today, inasmuch as I was a speaker at his ordination banquet in this very hall 20 years ago. Thank you Fr. Vasken, for you visit the sick and comfort those who mourn. You counsel the doubtful and give direction to those called to marriage. It’s not easy, but that’s what you do. You are a priest. You love God and people not because you are a priest. You are a priest because you first love God and people. Der Vasken, as the Holy Spirit directs you in the next 20 years of your ministry, rest assured: we stand with you side by side.”

A professional video about the life and ministry of Fr. Vasken was produced and presented by Ara Hollisian, Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council. The video, which was narrated by family members, office staff of Holy Trinity, and the Chairman of the Parish Council, showed photos and videos from Fr. Vasken’s childhood through the 20 years since his ordination. Similarly, excerpts and tributes from parishioners’ congratulatory letters were shown on the main screen throughout the day.

According to the wishes and deep gratitude of the Pastor, the over $20,000 in gifts made on the occasion of his 20th Anniversary have been designated by Fr. Vasken to establish a “Youth Center” within the Holy Trinity parish. Many of the expenses of the celebration were generously underwritten by members of the parish.

This exceptional Celebration honoring Fr. Vasken was very uplifting for the pastor and parish who attentively followed to the very end.

The Celebration concluded with a closing prayer by His Eminence Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, followed by warm and personal moments shared between pastor and parishioner as they came to offer their personal congratulations.

Ph oto s courtesy of Ruth E. Boghosian

Please see page 3 for comments made by Fr. Vasken on this special occasion.
Dedication of Holy Trinity Church’s
“Garabed Baghdasar and Haiganoosh Hagopian Hollisian Plaza”
on Sunday, November 23

“T"oday was the fulfillment of a beautiful story and an immigrant’s dream. It’s a witness to her faith. It’s a witness to what those early immigrant Armenians went through to make it here in this new land, and it reminds us from where we all came. So from her eternal life, Haiganoosh is still connected to our parish. May she feel blessed today,” stated Fr. Vasken A. Kouzouian, Pastor of Holy Trinity Armenian Church.

In a heart-warming dedication ceremony on Sunday, November 23, the parishioners of Holy Trinity Armenian Church turned out to honor one of their own – Zevart Hollisian – who, in fulfilling the wishes of her mother, Haiganoosh Hagopian Hollisian, donated $400,000.00 to Holy Trinity Church. In gratitude to Zevart and her parents, in a way that will stand as a lasting testimony to their thoughtfulness and generosity, the front plaza of Holy Trinity Church was dedicated and named the “Garabed Baghdasar and Haiganoosh Hagopian Hollisian Plaza.” Zevart cut the ceremonial ribbon surrounded by parishioners, family and friends, and the granite marker, inscribed with the name of the plaza, was unveiled.

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

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

The Holy Trinity Church parish is deeply grateful to Zevart and her late parents for this generous gift which has definitely made a difference in the life of Holy Trinity Armenian Church.

Holy Trinity Armenian Church
Our 2nd Parish Pilgrimage to Jerusalem
Led by Fr. Vasken A. Kouzouian, Pastor
July 5-15, 2015
Includes visits to:
Armenian Patriarchate/ St. James’ Monastery, Old City/ Tomb of Christ, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Jordan River, Dead Sea

Trip Includes:
Round-trip airfare from Boston; Full transportation and transfers in Israel as specified in itinerary; Breakfast and Dinner daily; Hotel accommodation (Double occupancy); Entrance fee to all sightseeing destinations; Tour Guide (English).

Cost per person (based on double occupancy): $2,950
Space is limited. A minimum of 20 participants is required.

For more information, contact:
office@htaac.org (617)354-0632

For those interested, Fr. Vasken will hold an informative meeting on Sunday, March 1, at 12:45 p.m., in Johnson Hall.
Our Erevan Choral Society Holiday Christmas Concert

The Christmas holidays have long been a time of faith and renewal, a celebration of the passing of the old year and the coming of the new, and a time to gather with family and friends. With composer and current Music Director and Conductor Konstantin Petrossian, the Erevan Choral Society and Orchestra’s Christmas Holiday Concert, held in our church sanctuary on December 14, enthusiastically embraced the tradition, commemorating familiar voices in part by bringing in new ones.

The concert celebrated a pair of historic anniversaries: the 145th anniversary of the birth of Gomidas (Komitas) Vartabed and the centenary of noted Armenian composer Aram Satunts. Priest, composer, founder of Armenian ethnomusicology, whose career was tragically shattered by the Armenian Genocide of 1915, Gomidas’ name is famous worldwide. Fittingly, for a musician who was both innovator and preserver of tradition, Gomidas was represented by two performers new to Erevan Choral. Accomplished recitalist soprano Kate Norigian, a former student of famed Italian soprano Renata Scotto, thrilled the audience with her stirring and lyrical renditions of two of Gomidas’s settings of Armenian folk melodies, “Dzidzernag” (“The Swallow”) and “Gakavig” (“The Partridge”). In addition, Norigian offered two more performances: Adolphe Adam’s “O Holy Night,” and a setting of “Aysor Don E Soorp Dznuntyan” (“Today is the Feast of the Nativity”) by Composer Petrossian. Following Norigian’s splendid performances, duduk player David Gevorkian entranced the audience with a rendition of Gomidas’ haunting melody “Chinar es.”

Less-known outside Armenian musical circles, Aram Satunts represented the generation that rebuilt Armenian music after the calamities of the early 20th century. A prolific composer of vocal and orchestral music, Satunts’ melody “Shnorhavor Nor Dari” (“Happy New Year”) was reprised by the chorus and orchestra. Also gracing the evening was Satunts’ son, noted contemporary composer Aram Satian, President since 2013 of the Armenian Union of Composers and a professor at the Komitas Conservatory in Yerevan. In addition to offering heartfelt remarks at the end of the evening, Satian was able to hear the US premiere performance of an aria, “Ave Maria,” from his popular opera Lilit, performed by the rising operatic soprano Narine Ojakhyan who first performed with Erevan Choral in 2013, in Cranston, Rhode Island. A graduate of the Komitas State Conservatory and the Royal Academy of Music in London, Ojakhyan also delighted the audience with the world premiere of Composer Petrossian’s “Irkayin meghedee” (“Nocturne”), dedicated to the memory of the Erevan Choral Society founder, the Very Rev. Fr. Oshagan Minassian and his mother, Diramayr Sirvart Minassian. Ojakhyan rounded out her performance with a crystalline and note-perfect rendition of the “Alleluia” from Mozart’s Exsultate, jubilate, receiving great appreciation from those in attendance.

The balance of the concert featured a mix of familiar and newer repertoire from Christmas standards and settings of Armenian hymns. As is traditional, the musical program concluded with the “Hallelujah” Chorus from Handel’s Messiah. In keeping with the evening’s theme of continuity and renewal, Fr. Vasken delivered the opening welcome, while the final benediction was delivered by His Beatitude Archbishop Nourhan Manougian, Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem. In his remarks, His Beatitude offered Christmas blessings from Bethlehem and the Holy Land, encouraging those assembled to visit and touch the holy places where Our Lord was born and rose from the Tomb.

The evening represented the best aspects of the season and its reminders of fellowship and good cheer: the generosity of parishioners, clergy and supporters, the talents and best efforts of the musicians, the inspiration and dedication of the composers, soloists, and director, and the promise of hope and renewal that make Christmas such an enduring and beloved time of the year.

- From article written by Robert Dulgarian

Blessing of the Water

In commemoration of Christ’s Baptism, the Blessing of the Water Service was held on Sunday, January 11.

Serving as Godfather of the Holy Cross was Levon Haroutunian, son of Leo and Nare Haroutunian.

Armenian School

To celebrate the New Year and Armenian Christmas, our Armenian School students, under the direction of teacher, Naira Balagyozian, presented a delightful program, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 11.

January 11 photos courtesy of Armina Manoukian
From the Sunday School

The months since September 2014 have been a busy time for the Sunday School with a number of activities and programs.

Sunday School classes began on September 14, the day of our Trinity Family Festival. We currently have 95 students registered in Grades Pre-School through 12, with a teaching and support staff of 40 including 6 Sunday School Grade 12 students who are assisting in the primary grades for their service year project. New students (and returning students) are always welcome to register at any time throughout the year. For further information about the Sunday School program, please contact Seta Buchter, Sunday School Superintendent, at seta@htaac.org, or call the church office, 617.354.0632.

Grade 3 Students and Others Received Bibles on Sunday, November 23

November 23 was a memorable morning as we held our Thanksgiving Open House where parents had an opportunity to visit their child(ren)’s classroom to observe classes, attend church services as families for Thanksgiving Family Service, receive Holy Communion, and hear a Youth Sermon offered by Der Vasken. On this morning, we also gifted Bibles to our Grade 3 students and others who joined in Grade 4 and above. Receiving Bibles from Der Vasken, with the assistance of Seta Buchter, Sunday School Superintendent, and Jeff Courey, Grade 3 Substitute, were Susanna Connolly, Andrew Courey, Tripp Hollister, Michael Hughes, Jack Kolligian, Amelia Martin, Auriel Nalbandian, Aara Parseghian, Jackie and Joseph Scaparrotta in Grade 3; David Manoukian and Helen Margaryan in Grade 6/7; and Michael Manoukian and Diana Margaryan in the Teen Seminar Program.

Santa’s Playland and Booth at the Trinity Christmas Bazaar

Sponsored by the Sunday School, “Santa’s Playland” held on Saturday morning, December 6, offered children, ages 4-12, an array of fun-filled activities and carnival games. The highlight of the morning was the live, interactive, educational animal program – “Curious Creatures” – featuring a variety of exotic and unusual animals along with many fascinating, fun facts.

At the Sunday School’s booth, the popular “Tis the Season” gift basket raffle was won by George Haroutunian.

Holiday Food Drive

Once again this year, the Sunday School’s Holiday Food Drive benefitted the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter. Thank you to all those who donated non-perishable food items to make the holiday season brighter for those less fortunate.

Christmas Pageant Presented on Sunday, December 21

The Sunday School’s Christmas Pageant, “The Story of Christmas,” was presented on Sunday, December 21, 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 – Gregory Arustamyan, Siroun Johnson, Terra Johnson, Isabella Maserejian and Emily Zeytoonjian - while students in the mid grades portrayed the story. Students in Kindergarten, and Grades 1 and 2 represented the animals in the manger; Grade 3, the angels; and Grades 4 and 5, 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: Katerina Ohanyan, Mary; Armen Manucharyan, Joseph; Helen Margaryan, Elizabeth; Alina Kouzouian, Angel Gabriel; Ani Johnson, the Star; and Gregory A. Kolligian III, Levon Haroutunian and Michael Haroutunian, the three Kings. We are profoundly grateful to Susan Derderian for directing the Pageant; Adelaida Balagyozyan, Anna Margaryan, and Amalia and Naneh Petrosyan, for leading “Silent Night” in Armenian; the teachers of Kindergarten, and Grades 1 and 2 represented the animals in Grades 6/7 for their help with rehearsals; and all our students for their involvement. As always, our students did a wonderful job reminding us once again of the true meaning of Christmas.

Sunday School Armenian Christmas Family Worship, Communion and Breakfast Held on January 4

Following a short period of classes, families were invited to join their children for Family Worship, to receive Holy Communion, and to hear a Youth Sermon offered by Der Vasken. The students in our Teen Seminar class, who have just completed a course on the “Divine
ACYOA Juniors News

ARMENIAN HERITAGE PARK VOLUNTEER PROJECT

On Saturday, September 27, 15 ACYOA Juniors, along with a handful of ACYOA Seniors and parents, gathered at Armenian Heritage Park to volunteer and take part in National Public Lands Day. The team spent 4 hours cleaning up the Park as part of their service back to the community. Clean up included cleaning out overgrowth in sections of the labyrinth, and putting in grout to seal and protect the labyrinth from future unwanted growth. Many thanks to Armenian Heritage Foundation President, James Kalustian, for coordinating the event with the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy.

ACYOA Juniors Annual October Sports Weekend, October 10-13, 2014

On October 10, 22 Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors joined their friends from the St. James ACYOA to travel by bus to St. Leon Armenian Church in Fair Lawn, NJ, host of this year’s October Sports Weekend. Throughout the weekend Juniors participated in sports, worship, dances and fellowship. Congratulations to Second Place Girls’ Ping Pong champion Ani.

In celebration of Armenian Christmas and following the Blessing of the Water Service, the Sunday School sponsored a very successful Luncheon for the parish with 155 people in attendance. The delicious lunch was a throwback to the ‘old days’ of mezze, chicken, pilaf and fassoulia, and ended with California paklava for dessert. We were pleased to have the Zangakner Performing Arts Ensemble, under the direction of Hasmik Konjoyan, present an outstanding 30-minute choral program. The Ensemble, which consists of 35 children, ages 5-12, was established with the mission of bringing the world of music to Armenian children from various schools throughout the Greater Boston area. Four of our Sunday School students are members of this Ensemble.

We are deeply indebted to David Dorian for organizing and preparing the lunch with the help of Bob Lang; to the Sunday School parents, teachers and upper-grade students who helped in the kitchen, served and cleaned up; and especially to all those who came and supported the afternoon’s program. Proceeds from the lunch benefited the Sunday School ministry program.

With chicken and pilaf left-over, and at the suggestion of one of our young adults, we took 15 take-out containers of chicken, pilaf and rolls to Harvard Square to distribute to the homeless on the streets. A small act of unexpected kindness meant a great deal to those shivering in the cold and was a fitting tribute to the end of a special day.

-Seta A. Buchter, Sunday School Superintendent

100 Years of Remembrance

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR GENOCIDE CENTENNIAL CONCERT: “LEST WE FORGET”
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015, 2:30 P.M.
EREVAN CHORAL SOCIETY
CHURCH SANCTUARY

For a complete listing of all events, please visit www.htaac.org and check our weekly ENews.
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Maroyan, and to all the Juniors who participated in all sporting events. Many thanks to Danielle Malconian and Ron Malconian, Jr. who coached and chaperoned the Weekend.

DER VASKEN’S CELEBRATION – OCTOBER 26, 2014

Over 50 ACYOA Juniors and Seniors participated in Der Vasken’s 20th Ordination Anniversary Celebration, leading the singing of the American and Armenian National Anthems and offering a special reflective presentation. [See photo on page 2.]

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON AND LIVE SERVICE AUCTION - NOVEMBER 23, 2014

This year’s Thanksgiving Luncheon and Live Service Auction was truly a team effort. From the 14 Juniors who helped set up on Friday night, the 30 Juniors and 12 Seniors who were there to help serve on Sunday, the 23 Juniors and 7 Seniors who volunteered to participate in the Live Service Auction, and the countless dedicated and supportive parents who helped put it all together – it was truly a collaborative event. Many thanks to all who participated, including the over 280 parishioners who attended and supported the event.

After the delicious meal, auctioneers Ani Hollisian and Ron Malconian, Jr., ran the Live Service Auction. Started in 2012, this event combines social outreach with fundraising. Working in pairs, ACYOA members auction off their services to the greater Holy Trinity Church community, volunteering four hours of their time on Service Saturday, December 13. Services offered ranged from babysitting, to yard work, to tutoring, and even teaching the Lord’s Prayer in Armenian. Many thanks to all the ACYOA members who participated, and the VERY generous donors who helped raise over $1,900, all of which will support the ACYOA’s ministry programs. A very special shout out to Kevork Atinizian and Michael Manoukian who on the spot agreed to double their service hours to bring in two $300 donations for a total of $600.

Many thanks to David Minassian who worked for a full week to prepare such a delicious meal, and David Dorian and all the parents who helped on the day of the event. We also thank Youth Advisor Cathy Minassian for her leadership and support in all the endeavors of the ACYOA.

FIRST ANNUAL GIRLS’ NIGHT IN

On November 28, nearly a dozen ACYOA Junior girls gathered with Youth Director Yn. Arpi Kouzouian for the first annual Girls’ Night In – an evening of dinner, discussions, fellowship and plenty of “girls only” bonding. Candid Conversations centered on self-image, friendships and common female struggles.

Engaging in a team building activity

ACYOA JUNIORS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BALL

On December 13, our Juniors welcomed over 90 youth from 5 diocesan parishes for a night of dancing and holiday fun, including a visit from Santa Claus. As is tradition, 20% of the proceeds from ticket sales were donated to a worthy cause. This year’s recipient was the Sts. Tarkmanchatz Armenian School of Jerusalem. Many thanks to the Parish Council members and ACYOA Seniors who served as chaperones for the evening: Mark Ayanian, Jack Ekchian, Ara Hollisian, Christine Hovsepian, Danielle Malconian, Ron Malconian, Jr., and Cathy Minassian. We also thank ACYOA parent Armina Manoukian who captured the memories by photographing the evening.

AcYOa Juniors Chairman
Anna Margaryan personally presents $300 donation to the Patriarch of Jerusalem for the Sts. Tarkmanchatz School

At the Social Outreach Table where dance attendees wrote Christmas cards to students of the Sts. Tarkmanchatz School
The ACYOA Juniors enjoyed their annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 21. Following a delicious Tasty Burger lunch, members participated in a gift exchange.

**ONGOING COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT**

The ACYOA Juniors have an ongoing collection drive 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. Parishioners are encouraged to bring donations to Church and place them in the purple bin located in the vestibule off of Sparks Street. For more information and a list of donation guidelines, please visit www.cradlestocrayons.org.

The ACYOA Juniors is open to all youth ages 12 to 18. If you or someone you know is interested in or eligible to join the ACYOA Juniors, please contact the Youth Director, Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, at youth@htaac.org.

All ACYOA Juniors are invited to join us on Facebook at Holy Trinity Cambridge ACYOA Juniors.

**ACYOA SENIORS UPDATE**

After an active summer, many ACYOA members returned to college in the Fall, but the ACYOA Seniors are busier than ever taking part in all aspects of Church life. Members regularly serve on the Altar, sing in the choir, teach Sunday School, and also volunteer in many Church-wide events, including the Trinity Festival and Trinity Christmas Bazaar, even introducing a new booth this year, selling gently-used Christmas ornaments and children’s books.

Together with the ACYOA Juniors, the Seniors participated in the Armenian Heritage Park volunteer project, Der Vasken’s 20th Anniversary Celebration, and hosted the Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon and Live Service Auction. But it doesn’t stop there – read on to witness how hard the ACYOA Seniors work…and play!

**2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY & SPORTS WEEKEND UPDATE**

It’s official – the contract has been signed. The Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel will be home to the over 300 young adults from across the Diocese who will take part in the 2016 General Assembly & Sports Weekend being hosted by our own Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors.

Weekend Co-Chairmen, Danielle Malconian and Ron Malconian, Jr., along with Fr. Vasken and Yn. Arpi, at the signing of the contract

The Committee has already spent months preparing for the Weekend, negotiating the hotel contract, setting up administrative tools and researching venues. With just under a year-and-a-half to go, the Seniors will be looking to the entire Church community to take part in this awesome undertaking.

The entire Greater Boston community is invited to be part of the ACYOA’s predominant fundraising effort to take place on May 16, 2015 – a Salsa KEF Night featuring two live bands. Dan Teager’s Black Sea Salsa will feature live Salsa music, along with a complimentary dance demonstration and lesson, and Greg Krikorian and The All-Stars will feature live Armenian music appealing to both classic and contemporary tastes. We look forward to all generations joining us for this evening of musical and dancing excellence as we raise funds for the Weekend, all while dancing the night away. See flyer for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE: MAY 16, 2015 – SALSA KEF NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

**MONTHLY TRIVIA NIGHTS**

The ACYOA Seniors hosted monthly Trivia Nights in September, October, November, and January. A true collaborative event, each month a different pair of Seniors creates the questions and runs the event. To share the fun with the entire parish, the Seniors ran trivia games at the Annual Sunday School Family Reunion Luncheon on September 28, and on January 12, at the Trinity Mens’ Union meeting.
Mark your calendars and plan to join us the third Saturday of every month. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the game runs from 7 - 9 p.m. $10 in advance/$12 at the door includes mezzé. Cash bar available. Open to all ages.

Scheduled Trivia Nights: March 21 ~ April 18 ~ June 20

Gregory Dorian, Christine Hovsepian, Danielle Malconian, and Ronald Malconian attended the National Leadership Conference November 14-16, at the Don Bosco Retreat Center, Stoney Point, NY.

Bowling Night with St. James ACYOA November 26

Social Outreach
As part of their Community Social Outreach efforts, on December 14, some members of the ACYOA Seniors, above, donated and distributed Dunkin Donut gift cards to the countless homeless citizens who call the streets of Harvard Square home.

Annual Winter Ball
On January 10, the ACYOA Seniors welcomed a record 200+ guests to the annual Winter Ball. Many thanks to DJ Ace, Zachary Haydanek, who had guests dancing ALL NIGHT LONG!! Congratulations to the entire ACYOA Seniors, and especially Event Chairman, Christine Hovsepian, on such a spectacular evening.

The ACYOA Seniors thank all those who attended as well as those who showed their support by donating to the event: Ed and Ann Danielson, Helene Dorian, Donn and Veronica Heath, James Kalustian, and John Kefeyan.

Please visit the Seniors on Facebook at Holy Trinity Cambridge ACYOA Seniors.

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

Upcoming Events
Please mark your calendars for these upcoming ACYOA Events:

- March 21 Trivia Night
- March 29 Palm Sunday Banquet
- April 5 Easter Plant Sale
- April 18 Trivia Night
- May 16 Salsa Kef Night Sports Weekend fundraiser
- June 20 Trivia Night
The Women of Holy Trinity

On November 13, over 30 Women of Holy Trinity (along with a few men) gathered for the annual Marathon Bazaar Baking Night. Together we prepared 37 trays of pastries for the Trinity Christmas Bazaar and nearly 900 puff pastry boregs! What a team!! Many thanks to all the women who came together for an enjoyable and productive evening of fellowship and service. Also many thanks to all those who volunteered and ran the Pastry Booth at the Bazaar on December 5-6. It was a record-breaking year for pastry sales – we couldn’t have done it without all of you!!

On November 18, the Women of Holy Trinity gathered to explore “Armenian Mythology,” Organized by the Group’s Heritage Committee, attendees learned about Armenian pre-Christian beliefs that reflected the ambition, wisdom and goodness of our people, followed by a reflection held in the Sanctuary by Ann Danielson, based on the book, I Imagine, by Rachel Rivett, in honor of the reverence our ancestors had for the natural world.

On January 6, the Women of Holy Trinity gathered for the second annual Armenian Christmas Party. It was a fun evening of delicious holiday cocktails, mezze and dessert, and an enthusiastic and entertaining Christmas gift exchange.

The Women of Holy Trinity is a group that creates opportunities for all women of the Holy Trinity Church community to gather in worship, fellowship, education and service. The group consists of an overseeing core committee; however, each Gathering is led by a separate Sub-Committee, based on the following eight areas of focus: Book Club; Education; Fundraising; Heritage; Hospitality; Mentoring/Networking; Outreach/Service; Spiritual. If you would like to join one of these Sub-Committees, please email the group at HTAACWomen@gmail.com. Check the Church’s weekly Enews and website at www.htaac.org for upcoming events.

Save the Date

The Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament
SPONSORED BY
HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH

Monday, June 15, 2015
Marlborough Country Club
Marlborough MA
Trinity Christmas Bazaar

We Couldn’t Have Done It Without YOU!!!

It is truly only with the time, effort, love, and commitment of our parishioners that our Trinity Christmas Bazaar, held on December 5 and 6, continues to be the largest fundraiser and cherished tradition of our church. Thank You!!

And to ensure the Bazaar’s financial success, we also wish to sincerely thank all our sponsors.

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

Congratulations to:

Our Bazaar Super Raffle winners:
1st Prize, $2,500 - Barbara Dorian;
2nd Prize, $1,000 - Margaret Danielson;
3rd Prize, $500 - Shirley Spencer, and
4th Prize, $500 - Suzanne Ekchian;

Winners of our Trinity Christmas Raffle:
1st Prize, 42” TV - Jean Toan;
2nd Prize, Xbox-1 - Bruce Jaranian;
3rd Prize, 3’ x 5’ Bokhara oriental rug donated by Robert Proodian - Joan Tashjian; and

Our Sunday School’s ‘Tis the Season’ basket raffle was won by George W. Haroutunian.

Thank you to all who supported our raffles and ALL the teams who came and volunteered their time and effort to make manti, sini kufta, tourshi, choreg, apricot squares, paklava, bourma, khadayif, etc.
The 108 Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting this campaign as we try to control and minimize increases in future energy costs as well as become a better steward of our environment.

As of February 9, we have raised $11,369 to help cover the cost of implementing NSTAR’s audit recommendations. Please note that there was no charge for the audit.

The Pastor and the Parish Council.

Thank you to the following additional contributors:

Charles Gazarian*
Robert Bennett & Lynette Aznavorian
Grace A. Boyajian
Amanda Dorian Keller and Matt Keller
Robert and Kim Chebator
Alice Gelenian
John and Garineh Goshdигian
Ara and June Hollissian

David and Mary Ann LaCarubba
Bruce and Carlene Newell
Richard and Nancy Sahagian
Thomas and Setta Stephanian
Shushan Teager in memory of Margaret Danielson
Shushan Teager in memory of Rita Kechejian
Albert Zouranjian

* also gave previously

$1,000 CLUB WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER

$1000 - Varna Terlemezian; $300 - Michele Kolligian
$200 - Lisa Kolligian & Dan Dorian; Catherine Mosgofian; Richard & Lillian Najarian
$100 - Edward & Janet Annaian; Marion Benson; Isabelle Der Garabedian and Family in memory of Richard Der Garabedian; Charles Gazarian; Jane Jamgotchian; Johnson Family; Albert & Anita Kalustian; James M. Kalustian; John Kefeyan & Adrienne Kefeyan; Mal & Jean Keljikian; Joan E. Kolligian; Nancy Kolligian; Marion Kounjian; William & Karen Martin; Marion & Patricia Tutunjian; M/M Roy F. Walters; Albert Zouranjian

$75 - Berge Tatan
$50 - Jean & Stephen Alexander; Anne L. Aroyan; Rose T. Arpianian; Marge Atamian; Mary M. Daniels in memory of Arsen S. Daniels; Ed & Ann Danielson; Rose Hamalian; A. Bruce Jaranian; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarian; Ira & Ann Kshaghian; Joyce Jones & John Messina; Paul & Leslee Jones; Michael & Elaine Markarian; Gladys & Anna Medzorian; From the Trust Fund established by Charles G. Sahagian in memory of Sarks & Araxie Sahagian; Virginia Sahagian, and Sukeaus & John Sahagian; Armen & Susan Skenderian; Peter, Isabel & Joyce Talanian; Rose & Nish Tikijian; Rose Chacran Zartarian
$40 - Mary Guleserian Bergoudian; Alice Hachigian; $30 - Edward & Zella Marootian
$25 - John & Karen Aharonian; Seta A. Buchter & Dr. Christina G. Buchter; Sylvia L. Carter; Armine D. Hagopian; George D. Hagopian; Dorothy Hamparian; Aram & Becky Hintlian; Elsie Jamgochian; Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian; Helen Krikorian; Lt. Col. & Mrs. Robert Lang; Samuel Malkasian; Lucy Mardrosian; Diane Matevosian & Rose Tutufkian in memory of Zartar, Hovagim, & Aznive Matevosian; Lena Nargozian; Florence K. Pashoian; Linda Sarkisian; Julia Stephanian; M/M L. J. Stepanian; Alice & Gary Tavitian; George Thomasian; Diran & Zabelle Zahigian
$20 - Elise Harrison; Paul Jamgotchian; Kaloust & Sossy Madhasian; Marie Proodian; Anita Shishmanian
$15 - Gayle M. Yapchaian
$10 - Margaret Mootafian in memory of Greg Takvorian; Michael G. Yapchaian; Ashod D. Hagopian

Parish Notes

Our condolences to: Gerald & Lucille Ajemian and family on the death of her mother, Helen Paloian of Illinois, on October 24; Albert & Linda Abkarian and family on the death of his brother, Avedis Abkarian of NV, on November 11; and Nancy & Richard Sahagian and Family on the death of her mother, Suzanne Bedrosian, of Sutton, MA, on January 22.

Congratulations to parents, Christopher and Noel (Tashjian) Talanian, on the birth of Celina Jane Talanian on January 17. Celina is the granddaughter of Gregory & Joanne Tashjian and Charles Talanian and the late Jane Talanian, and the great-granddaughter of Nevart Talanian.
**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 **ABRAHAM BOZIAN** for our church:
- Dr. Harout & Shake Mekhjian, NJ; George W. Haroutunian & K. Shirley Spencer; M/M Koko Doursounian; Araksie K. Tashjian & Family; Arthur & Susan Aznavorian; Rose Mary Aznavorian; Anne Dorian; David & Liza Dorian; James M. Kalustian; Queenie & Eugene Raphaelian; Linda & Zaven Giragosian; Ronald Haroutunian; John & Lucy Balian; Charles & Joyce Derenjian; Leo & Narine Haroutunian; Albert & Anita Kalustian; Martin & Mimi Kalustian; Samuel Kaprelian, FL; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian

Total: $1,385.00

Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of **RITA KECHEJIAN** for our church:
- John Kachagian; Office of Dr. & Mrs. Timothy Groth & Staff, NY; Sandra Shahinian Leidnor, NJ; Judith Basmajian; Dr. & Mrs. Stephen S. Boyajian, NJ; Edward & Nancy Eskandarian, FL; BID - Milton Medical Staff; Mariam & Oscar Konlian, NY; Arthur P. Alexander; Dr. & Mrs. Steven Carr; Aram Chobanian, MD; Dr. & Mrs. Manfred Ernesti; Gracie Golonka, CO; Ira & Ann Kashgagian; Donna Konlian, NJ; Paul & Anoush Korian; Lisa Leoce, Leoce Family, NY; Mario Marsano; Dick & Sally McBride, FL; Dr. & Mrs. A. Ghosh Roy; Mrs. Charles Talanian; Johanna & Hachik Chilingirian; Niccoli Bros. Oil., Inc; Hagop & Claudia Antranigian & Sons; Florence & Michael Bahtiarian; John A. Basmajian; Armen & Esther Chakmakian; Carole Esserian; Hemphill Family, PA; Aram & Becky Hintlian; Holy Trinity Church Choir; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian; Diane & George Keveryan; Carole Kourkounian; M/M Othman Kourkounian; Kyvelos Family; George & Joan Maver; Stephen & Susie Megerdichian; Richard & Gail O'Reilly; Albert & Anne Oskoian; Pamela Rhodes, NC; Carol Ann Yacubian; George W. Haroutunian; Jean Martinian; Charles Gulesarian; M/M David Hamparian; June Tavian & Michael Tavian; John & Karen Aharonian; Robert & Carine Avakian; Michael & Susan Guzelian; George D. Hagopian; M/M Antranig Hamparian; M/M George Kaderian; Dr. Gregory & Carol Krikorian; Lt. Col. & Mrs. Robert Lang; Rose & Marcia Manoogian; Madelene & Robert Mardriotios; Dr. & Mrs. Robert Misiewicz; June Palma & Family; Judy & Chuck Shagoury; Donald & Barbara Tellalian; Rose & Nish Tzikjian; Victor & Nancy Ganjian; Lori Krikorian; Carl & Valerie Nasasian; Marjorie Terzian

Total: $6,215.00

Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of **MARTHA BOGHOSIAN** for our church:
- Charles & Andrea Garabedian and Family; Karen Anderson; George & Lucille Demirjian, FL; Barbara Dorian; Helene Dorian; Janice Dorian; Lisa & Danny Dorian; Roxie M. Hedison;
Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of MARGARET DANIELSON for our church:
Ed & Ann Danielson; Walter & June Hatfield; Jamgochian Family, George, Jeannie, George & John, FL; Mrs. Michael Ohanian, Ohanian & Heath Families; Mrs. Charles Talanian, Gail & Richard O’Reilly, and Charles & Ann Talanian; M/M Robert Atamian, FL; Jack & Shaghig Palanjian; Kenneth Hintlian; Lu Ann & Bruce Ohanian; Dr. & Mrs. Gregory H. Adamian; Mary Atamian; Paul Bedrosian; Michael & Ida Boodakian; Barbara Dorian; Helene A. Dorian; Janice Dorian; Lisa Kolligian & Daniel Dorian; George & Dorothy Elanian; Elsie Jamgochian; A. Bruce Jaranian; John Kefeyan & Adrienne Kefeyan; Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr.; Bruce & Carlene Newell; Cheryl Panjian; Armine Sargsen; Armen & Susan Skenderian; Joan & Thomas Smith; Barbara & Don Tellalian; M/M Gary Townsend & Family; Daniel & Janice Whitney, FL; M/M Harutiu Manalian; Peter, Isabel & Joyce Talanian; Torosian Family; Diana Adamian and Denise & Jeremy Oldham; Gerald & Lucille Ajemian; Geri Lyn Ajemian; Marianne Ajemian; Rose Arpiarian; Leon & Marge Atamian; Mark & Maral Ayanian; Arthur & Susan Aznavorian; Rose Mary Aznavorian; Grace Araxi Boyajian; Seta A. Buchter & Dr. Christina G. Buchter; Karen & John Byrne, NH; George & Lucille Demirjian, FL; M/M Michael DiScipio & Family; Carolyn & Richard Fleiss; Charles & Andrea Garabedian; Paul Gilbert & Patricia Romeo-Gilbert; Nancy & Leo Ginn; William & Dana Martins Hanify; Roxie M. Hedison; M.L. Hedison Flynn; Aram & Becky Hintlian; Nancy Hintlian, FL; Gary & Regina Kalajian; Albert & Anita Kalustian; James M. Kalustian; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian; John Kassabian; Michele Kolligian; Nancy R. Kolligian; Marian Koumjian; David & MaryAnn LaCarubba; Ron & Lois Malconian; Bill & Karen Martin; Catherine Mosgofian; Richard & Lilian Najarian; Albert & Anne Oskanian; Harold, Gladys & Mark Partamian; M/M Jacob Pilibosian; Glenn Shenloogian; John & Barbara Solakian; Mrs. Albert Talanian; Abrahm & Audrey Tanashian; Merrill Furbush & Judy Erickson; Miriam Ivok Horten & David C. Horton; Pauline Agazarian; Stephen & Jean Alexander; M/M Ben Bullock; George W. Haroutunian & K. Shirley Spencer; Zaven & Linda Giragosian; Albert & Linda Abkarian; Edward & Jessica Agazarian; Edward & Janet Annanian; Arto’s Service Station; Victoria Basmajian; M/M Peter Danielson; Isabelle Der Garabedian; Marion Der Vartanian, RI; Richard & Karen Diranian; Edward & Irene Erasopian, RI; Marian Felegian; George D. Hagopian; Ara & June Hollissian; Paul Jamgochian; John & Ida Kolligian; Dr. Gregory & Carol Krikorian; Helen Krikorian, VA; Lt. Col. & Mrs. Robert Lang; Lucille Manuellian; Catherine Minassian; Nancy Mosofian; Barbara Soghigian; Richard & Barbara Sarabian; Robert & Marilyn Takvorian; George K. Tarvezian II; Rose & Nish Tikijian; Women of Holy Trinity; Diran & Zabelle Zahigian; Charles Jamgochian; Kenneth Z. Surabian
Total: $10,390.00

Donations
In lieu of flowers at the funeral of:
- AVEDIS ABKARIAN: William & Karen Martin; Edward & MaryAnn Kazanjian
- ISABEL TOOMAJIAN: Grace Kaprelian; Helen Krikorian; Valerie & Harvey Thayer

Donations in lieu of flowers in memory of:
- AGNES AZNAVORIAN: Drs. Paul & Joyce Barsam; Leon & Marge Atamian; Edna Hovagimian
- ELIZABETH KEFEYAN: Dr. Jack & Dorothy Keveryan
- ARTHUR A. MARANIAN, SR.: Leon & Marge Atamian
- GREGORY TAKVORIAN: Timothy & Virginia Quinn

In memory of:
- DR. NISHAN AND RITA KECHJEIAN: Barbara Soghigian $50.00
- GRACE TOROSIAN: Himayak & Lucy Torosian $100.00

FUNERALS
John L. Kayajanian of West Roxbury, MA, on September 29
Abraham Bozian of Arlington, MA, on October 7
Isabel Toomajian of Woburn, MA, on November 5
Rita Kechejian of Brockton, MA, on November 10
Martha K. Boghosian of Tewksbury, MA, on December 8
Margaret Danielson of Lexington, MA, on December 22
Jacob Hagop Zakarian of Gloucester, MA, on January 16
Anne Hedison Oskanian of Arlington, MA, on January 23
Rose Stephenson of Woburn, MA, on January 26

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS
Eric Kaspar Ozcan, son of Oliver and Laura (Abkarian) Ozcan of Waltham, MA, on September 27. Godfather, Vahram Dolukhanyan, and Godmother, Lisa Hovakimian
Morgan Emily Bethune, daughter of Michael and Joy (Tashjian) Bethune of Wakefield, MA, on September 27. Godfather, Andrew Light, and Godmother, Christine Light
Loris Tovmas Packard, son of Rene R. Sevag and Ani (Bagdasarian) Packard of Los Angeles, CA, on October 5. Godfather, Aram Gozubuyukian, and Godmother, Lusnar Gozubuyukian
Sarkis Jacob Grigorjan, son of Hakop J. Grigorjan and Sandra E. Castro of Chelsea, MA, on October 11. Godfather, Paul Justiniano, and Godmother, Ginna M. Ospina
Catyana Helen Krikorian, daughter of David Krikorian and Kristien Creame of Arlington, MA, on December 7. Godfather, David Arnett, and Godmother, Jennifer Creame
Mariam Michelle Hachikian, daughter of Varoujan and Lilit (Meyroyan) Hachikian of Belmont, MA, on January 4. Godfather, Gurgo Hachikian, and Godmother, Ruzanna Hachikian
Dylan John Osganian, son of Brian Osganian and Cheryl Viveiros of Norwood, MA, on January 17. Godfather, Jason Viveiros, and Godmother, Kristyn Osganian
Calendar of Events

MARCH
4, 11,18 - Lenten Supper, 6:15pm
   Lenten Vigil, 7-7:30pm
8   - Mid-Lenten Luncheon
21  - Trivia Night
29  - ACYOA Palm Sunday Banquet

Holy Week Services

APRIL
5   - EASTER
19  - Genocide Centennial Concert, “Lest We Forget;“ Erevan Choral Society; 2:30pm
APRIL Cont’d
26  - 100 Years We Remember - Armenian Genocide; Times Square, New York City
MAY
7-9  - National Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide Centennial, Washington, D.C.
16  - Salsa Kef Night
31  - Sunday School Graduation
JUNE
14  - Last Day of Sunday School
15  - Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament, Marlborough CC

The Forget-Me-Not Flower - Official Emblem of the 100th Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide

The forget-me-not flower expresses the theme of eternal remembrance and is also meant to symbolically evoke the past, present, and future experiences of the Armenian people.

The Past: The black center represents the sufferings of 1915, and the dark aftermath of the Armenian Genocide.

The Present: The light purple petals represent the unity of Armenian communities across the world - all of whom stand together in this 100th year of remembrance.

The Future: The five petals represent the five continents where survivors of the Genocide found a new home. The dark purple color is meant to recall the priestly vestments of the Armenian Church - which has been, is, and will remain at the heart of the Armenian Christian identity.

Eternity: The twelve trapezoids represent the twelve pillars of the Dzidzernagapert Armenian Genocide memorial in Yerevan, Armenia. The yellow color represents light, creativity, and hope.