The 116th Diocesan Assembly elected the Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan as the new Diocesan Primate on May 4, 2018, thus entering a new era of leadership. Following his election, Fr. Findikyan told the delegates he was “enormously humbled and honored that you have chosen me to be your next Primate.” He succeeds Archbishop Khajag Barsamian who, at 28 years, has become the longest serving Diocesan Primate.

On May 8, His Holiness Karekin II, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, confirmed Fr. Findikyan’s election in a letter of blessing. A short enthronement service, on the occasion of the confirmation, was held in New York’s St. Vartan Cathedral, whereby Archbishop Khajag Barsamian ceremonially passed his staff of office to the new Primate.

Fr. Findikyan is the 12th Primate of the Diocese and the first in its 120-year history born in the United States. Ordained as a celibate priest in 1997, and a noted international scholar of liturgics, Fr. Findikyan has served the Church as dean of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary and as director of the Krikor and Clara Zohrab Information Center, the Eastern Diocese’s research and scholarship facility.

A native of Fort Worth, TX, Fr. Daniel is a graduate of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary. While studying at the Seminary, he earned a master’s degree in musicology at City University of New York. After a year sojourn in Armenia, he studied in Italy for five years and, in 1997, received a doctorate degree in liturgy from the renowned Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome. He has published numerous articles in scholarly journals and served as the general editor for the Divine Liturgy pew book published in 1999, which is used throughout the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America. He was also a visiting professor of liturgy at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN, and at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome. Fr. Daniel is a member of several scholarly and ecumenical associations.
From Our Pastor

The following is taken from remarks offered by Fr. Vasken

“Faith is taking the first step even when we don’t see the whole staircase.” [MLK, Jr.]

These are interesting words—thought-provoking words. These are the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. and I thought they would be very appropriate to share on the week we commemorated his life. They are appropriate because they are timeless words and because at the end of this week, the Armenian Church will celebrate a feast of a man who lived on faith.

Saturday is the Feast of St. Sarkis the Warrior. St. Sarkis lived in the 4th Century and during his time in this world, he made the world he lived in take notice of what it means to be devoted to Jesus Christ. The Feast of St. Sarkis the Warrior is based on the life of a man of very deep faith. Here is a little background. St. Sarkis came from Asia Minor just outside of historic Western Armenia. He rose through the military ranks and became a trustworthy general to Emperor Constantine the Great—the first Christian Roman Emperor. When Constantine died, a non-Christian emperor named Julian rose to power. And so Sarkis, and his son Mardiros, took up refuge in nearby Armenia. It wasn’t long before Emperor Julian started a war against the Persians. Sarkis and his son traveled to Persia to join the army of the Persian King Shapur II. Sarkis, along with Mardiros, fought with great bravery against Julian’s army and King Shapur noticed. But the King eventually discovered that Sarkis was a Christian and asked him to abandon his faith and embrace the Persian faith instead. The King didn’t want to lose his fearless top general so he gave Sarkis this option. But both Sarkis and his son simply refused to give up their faith in Jesus Christ. The King offered great wealth and promises of even higher positions but nothing shook Sarkis or his son. They would rather die than deny Christ. Finally, the King had both father and son executed for their Christian beliefs.

Sarkis was a powerful Christian example. The late Emperor Constantine taught Sarkis to live his life around faith, hope and love and around forgiveness and around experiencing the presence of God like he never had before. Because of Emperor Constantine, Sarkis’ faith in God grew stronger every day. He chose to blend his life with his faith to the point where he only understood life through his Christian faith. For him, faith wasn’t only about the words we say or the thoughts we think, but it was about a way of life.

The message of St. Sarkis’ life and death is that we can truly honor Jesus Christ insofar as we try to live as He lived and to prioritize our lives to what He values. And we can only do that by living and breathing and practicing our Christian faith every day. And by realizing we try to live as He lived and to prioritize our lives to what He values. And we can only do that by living and breathing and practicing our Christian faith every day. And by realizing this world has to offer.

For him, faith wasn’t only about the words we say or the thoughts we think, but it was about a way of life.

He is telling us that, at the end of our lives, the only thing we have is our faith, our hope and our love in the One Who promises us eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. Everything else will pass away, but the promise of God will live forever.

Trials and difficulties, like St. Sarkis faced, come in different forms for everybody. And they will be difficult for everybody but they will be impossible to face if we face them without our faith. So by looking at the life of St. Sarkis the Warrior, ask yourself:

• What question do I keep grappling with in my life that never seems to get resolved or answered?
• And while I’m grappling with it, do I look at it through the lens of my Christian faith and ask God to show me a better way?
• What difficulty, tribulation or question is my spouse or parent or child or sibling or friend struggling with at this point in his or her life?
• And have I turned to my faith to help me find the words to help them?

Something for all of us to think about.

Fr. Vasken

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Our Annual Parish Assembly was held on Sunday, February 18, in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall following Church Services. There were 71 dues-paying members present, thus constituting a quorum. Ann Danielson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate for the day’s Tivan. Aram Hintlian and Catherine R. Minassian were elected Chairman and Secretary of the Day, respectively. Following the introduction of the nominees for Parish Council, Nominating Committee, and Auditing Committee, the Chairman called for a recess for the purpose of voting.

The 2017 Assembly Minutes, the Pastor’s Report, and the Parish Council Report, as presented by Chairman Daniel K. Dorian, Jr., were accepted. A motion was passed to accept the 2017 Financial Report and the 2018 proposed operating budget of $695,900, as presented by Treasurer, Jeffrey Hintlian. The Trust Fund Report, as presented by Aram Hintlian, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Trust Fund, was also approved.

The following were elected to the Parish Council for a term of two years: Jennifer Davagian, Richard Diranian, John Goshdigian*, Becky Hintlian, and Dr. Haig Inguiilian; Alternate, Alexandra Tashjian*. Elected to the Nominating Committee for a term of one year: Ruth E. Boghosian*, Susan Derderian, Liza Haroutunian Dorian, Catherine R. Minassian, and Bruce Newell*; Alternate, Stephan Hovnanian. Mark Haroutunian was elected to the Auditing Committee for a term of three years.

Incumbent

Fr. Vasken expressed the parish’s gratitude to the Nominating Committee and the Chairman and Secretary of the Assembly.

At the transitional Parish Council meeting held on April 11, the following Tivan was elected:

Chairman, Daniel K. Dorian, Jr. Vice Chairman, Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr.
Treasurer, Jeffrey Hintlian Assistant Treasurer, John Goshdigian
Secretary, Jennifer Davagian Assistant Secretary, Richard Diranian
Advisors: Edmond J. Danielson, Ani Ross Grubb, Becky Hintlian, Dr. Haig Inguiilian, and Paul Jamgotchian

Appreciation and gratitude were expressed to outgoing Parish Council members, Susan K. Derderian, Catherine R. Minassian, Stephan Hovnanian, and Alexandra Tashjian.
Over $221,000 Gifted for Rev. Fr. Mampre A. Kouzouian’s 60th Anniversary to Benefit the Homeless in Armenia and the Muratsan Chemotherapy Clinic of Yerevan

On Friday, May 11, 2018, under the auspices of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern), clergy, family, guests, parishioners and friends came together to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Rev. Fr. Mampre A. Kouzouian’s Ordination to the Priesthood in our beautifully decorated Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall. Among the 260 guests were four Archbishops: His Eminence Archbishop Nathan Hovhannesian, representing His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians; His Eminence Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian, former Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Western), who was Fr. Mampre’s presenter at his Ordination to the Priesthood and best man at his wedding; His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, former Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern); and His Eminence Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, Diocesan Legate and Ecumenical Director; as well as clergy from the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) and the Greater Boston area.

At Fr. Mampre’s request, funds raised from gifts on this occasion were earmarked to support two causes, “close to my heart”: the children at the Muratsan Chemotherapy Clinic of Yerevan State Medical University, a pediatric oncology clinic that treats children from all over Armenia, as well as homeless individuals and families in the Vagharshapat region surrounding Holy Etchmiadzin. Of the $221,000 gifted, $25,000 was designated to underwrite most of the banquet costs. Two checks totalling $185,139.82 have been sent to the Diocese for forwarding to His Holiness, Karekin II, for distribution for the intended purposes. As additional gifts are received, they will be forwarded to the Diocese for Holy Etchmiadzin.

James M. Kalustian served as Master of Ceremonies during the Banquet and, with humor and anecdotes, introduced a Program that celebrated Fr. Mampre’s dedicated years of service and commitment to the Armenian Church and her people. Daniel K. Dorian, Jr., Parish Council Chair, in his Celebratory Toast, spoke of his own family’s (the Dorian) long association with Fr. Mampre from St. Mary’s Armenian Church in Irvington NJ, which was Fr. Mampre’s first pastoral assignment, to Holy Trinity Armenian Church which was his last. On behalf of the Holy Trinity Parish, Dan, along with Parish Council Vice Chair, Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., presented Fr. Mampre with a beautifully framed picture of Holy Trinity’s Sanctuary dome. All present raised their glasses to toast Fr. Mampre – “the epitome of a true clergyman, a priest who loves his Church and her people with his whole being; a true servant of the Lord; and a friend to all.” The Invocation was offered by His Eminence Archbishop Nathan Hovhannesian. The Program consisted of musical selections by Sammy Andonian, cellist; Joyce Arpie Kouzouian; and Yeghishe Manucharyan and Victoria Avetisyan; and a Poem, “Armenia,” by Baruyr Sevak, recited by Adelaida Balagyozian, Anna Margaryan and Amalia Petrosyan.

Nubar Kupelian, a classmate of Father Mampre’s at the Seminary of Antelias, offered the first Tribute of the evening, followed by remarks by our pastor, Rev. Fr. Vasken A. Kouzouian, son of Fr. Mampre. In his remarks, Fr. Vasken stated that “this evening, we honor our longest serving pastor here at Holy Trinity, and a priest who gave his life, in every way imaginable, for the good of the people placed in his care and for the glory of God. Over the years of his service to the Armenian Church and people, he has been ‘a Rock of Faith,’ a steady presence and a constant shoulder for many of our lives.” Fr. Vasken spoke of the many accomplishments of Fr. Mampre’s sixty years of devoted service, while being “the rock” of his greatest ministry, raising a family, along with his late wife, Yn. Nuvart Kouzouian who journeyed every step of the way with Fr. Mampre.

Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian spoke of Fr. Mampre’s dedication to his parishioners, the Diocese and the entire Armenian Church stressing his deep involvement in the Ecumenical movement.

Fr. Mampre, in his remarks, thanked His Holiness, Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, who planned to personally attend the Celebration but found it necessary to remain in Armenia, for the love and blessings he sent. Fr. Mampre also thanked all those present, including the Archbishops, clergy, family, guests and friends for attending and the Celebration Committee for all their hard work. He was grateful for the extreme generosity of friends, parishioners and former parishioners for their donations to help the homeless in Armenia and the Muratsan Chemotherapy Clinic of Yerevan.

Former Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, spoke affectionately about Fr. Mampre’s service, wisdom, dedication and leadership to the Diocese and the worldwide Armenian Church.

His Eminence Archbishop Nathan Hovhannesian read a message from His Holiness Karekin II and placed around Fr. Mampre’s neck the Vartabedagan Khatch/cross that His Holiness had sent from Holy Etchmiadzin in appreciation of Fr. Mampre’s 60 years of unselfish and devoted service to Our Lord and our people.

The Very Rev. Simeon Odabashian, Diocesan Vicar, read the letter from the Primate, the Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, who stated that “Der Mampre Kouzouian is one of our visible examples of those foundational values and virtues, upon which the coming generation can build with confidence and conviction, for the advancement of our people, and for the glory of God.” The Very Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan, Diocesan Director of Ministries, read the letter of Berj Setrakian, President of the AGBU. The enjoyable and memorable evening came to a close with the Benediction offered by His Eminence Archbishop Vicken Aykazian.
Donations are still being accepted for the homeless and the cancer-stricken children at the Muratsan Chemotherapy Clinic and may be made by contacting the Holy Trinity Church Office, 617.354.0632, or office@htaac.org.

Photos Courtesy of Ruth E. Boghosian

**116th Diocesan Assembly**

The 116th Diocesan Assembly was hosted by the St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church of White Plains, NY, and held at the Renaissance Hotel in West Harrison, NY, from May 3 to May 5. Attending as Holy Trinity delegates were Der Vasken Kouzouian, Aram Hintlian, James M. Kalustian, Nancy Kasarjian, Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., and Gregory Krikorian. Daniel K. Dorian, Jr., attended as Parish Council Chairman. There were 164 delegates in attendance representing all of the parishes throughout the Diocese. A new theme, “Under One Roof,” was introduced.

At the first and second sessions on Thursday, we heard a message from His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians. There were reports on the Clergy Conference, the Parish Council Chairs’ meeting, the National Ecclesiastical Assembly (NEA), Ecclesiastical Representative Assembly (ERA) By-laws, and Church Governance Committee, the delegates to the 2017 ERA Assembly in Holy Etchmiadzin, and the Diocesan Council. Also, elections were held for the Assembly Tivan, Auditing Committee, Proposals Committee, Nominating Committee, and Board of Trustees.

The third session on Friday morning began with worship followed by voting for the office of Primate. His Eminence, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate, gave his annual “Primate’s Message,” focusing on the theme of the Assembly, “Under One Roof.” He mentioned that it is the 50th Anniversary of St. Vartan Cathedral, stating that the Cathedral is a sign of unity in the Diocese, uniting all parishes and parishioners under its dome and the main goal is for us all to be united under one roof. He remarked, “Under one roof, our foundation is strong under the leadership of Jesus Christ. Under one roof, we deepen the connection and cooperation between the Diocese and the local parishes. Under one roof, all parishes are working together. Under one roof, all clergy and parishioners are working together. Under one roof, all Diocesan departments are working together.” He stated that we should appreciate what has happened in the Diocese over the past 50 years and all the successes the Diocese has enjoyed during that time. God gives us many opportunities under one roof of the Armenian Church of America. We have a great opportunity to meditate about this and act. He asked us to leave the Assembly with the spirit of “Under One Roof.”

He stated that “it has been a privilege to serve the Diocese for 28 years, visit your parishes to celebrate badarak, ordain new clergy, perform sacraments, and consecrate churches. I want you to know that it has been the greatest blessing of my life to be among you, under one roof of the Armenian Church of America.” The Primate concluded his remarks with a prayer.

The Primate’s message led into a presentation from the Director of Diocesan Ministries, Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan, and presentations from the directors of all the departments, highlighting the ministries and programs they are working on.

In the fourth session on Friday afternoon, there was a panel of different Diocesan organizations and auxiliaries. The organization heads of the Diocesan Legate and Ecumenical Director’s Office, Ararat Youth & Conference Center, ACYOA, Annual Appeal, Sacred Music Council, St. Nersess Seminary, Women’s Guild Central Council, Armenian Church Endowment Fund, and Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR) gave brief presentations and answered questions from delegates. There was also a report from the Auditing Committee, the Diocesan financial report, the Endowment Campaign Steering Committee, and a welcome from the 116th Assembly host committee from White Plains, NY.

At the Friday night Banquet, the Diocese honored Toros Mangassarian as Armenian Church member of the Year. There was also an award for “Friend of the Armenians” presented to Stephen D. Smith.
The fifth session on Saturday morning began with worship. The Diocesan Council report continued; there was a report from the Proposals Committee; announcement of the 117th Diocesan Assembly in Watertown, MA; an update from Houston parishioner David Onanian on the aftermath of the Armenian hurricane victims in Houston who were affected by Hurricane Irma; and a report from the Courtesies Committee. There was also a discussion of New Business.

As I have done each year, I would like to highlight the topics I feel are important. This year’s Assembly was a historic one. The opportunity arose to elect a new Primate after Archbishop Khajag Barsamian withdrew his name from consideration as a candidate for another term. The Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan was elected as our new Primate on the second ballot. The other two candidates were Archbishop Vicken Aykazian and the Very Rev. Fr. Oshagan Gulgalian. Each candidate offered their remarks before the balloting. The Very Rev. Fr. Daniel was most recently the Director of the Nersess Seminary. Fr. Daniel was born in the United States. After his election, our new Primate was led into the Assembly chamber by a procession of all the clergy singing. It was a very moving ceremony. Our new Primate addressed the Assembly and stated that he was humbled and honored to be elected as the new Primate. He spoke of his excitement for the opportunity to lead our Diocese and is humbled by the opportunity to follow the great past Primates of our Diocese. There were also many people who expressed their thanks to our outgoing Primate for his 28 years of service to the Diocese.

The Department of Creative Ministries continues to be the major initiative at the Diocese. Following the theme of the Assembly, “Under One Roof,” the goal of the Creative Ministries Department is to bring all departments, parishes, and people in the Diocese under one roof. The staff members of the Diocese described their efforts in the programs they are working on to reach out to parishioners in the Diocese. These include a new website, Vemkar.us, which brings the church to you, and their weekly email, “Get Ready for Sunday.” There is also a Vemkar ap you can download. The staff of the Creative Ministries Department detailed the work they are doing to produce online videos including the Bread & Salt Series and Choices, the video series featuring Fr. Tatoes Abdalian. We viewed a video called “Facing the Storm,” in which an Armenian young woman faced the battle of dealing with an opioid addiction. The Department is also consulting to the Holy See and Western Diocese to help them with their Creative Ministries. They are also working on digitizing the Sunday School curriculum, “We Believe.” Finally, the Creative Ministries Department is working on a smart board initiative to enhance classroom education in the local parishes.

There were two main issues discussed at the Assembly. The first was the issue of selling the air rights at the Diocese complex in New York. Jim Kalustian, Diocesan Council Chairman, gave an update on a plan the Diocesan Council is working on to sell the air rights at the Diocese property in New York. Jim, Ara Hovnanian who has been consulting with the Diocesan Council, and the developer the Diocesan Council is working with, laid out in detail the plans to tear down the existing office building and build a new high rise apartment complex in its place. The Diocesan Council’s goal is to preserve the Cathedral and plaza and not to be blocked by the new high rise apartment complex. The Diocese is working on plans to relocate the offices currently in the building that will no longer be available. The Diocese will be paid $58,201,825 for the air rights and will have an opportunity to get more money if rentals exceed a certain level and a further opportunity to receive more money if the building is sold in the future. The money received from the project will be put into the Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF), and distributions each year will help fund the programs of the Diocese as well as a major renovation of the Diocesan complex. Following the presentation, there was a long discussion and many questions from delegates who voiced their concerns. There was majority support for the plan from the delegates who gave a vote of confidence to the Diocesan Council to proceed with the plan.

The second issue was in regard to the report from the NEA ERA Bylaws and Church Governance Committee. For the 7th consecutive year, the topic of proposed new Diocesan bylaws was a major topic of discussion. The Committee presented a legal opinion it procured regarding the ability of another body to change the bylaws of our Diocese. There was a long discussion that followed. This issue will continue for the foreseeable future.

The Diocesan financial situation continued to improve in 2017. The Diocesan Council Treasurer, Roseann Attar, continues updating all procedures and controls at the Diocese and progress is being made. The Diocese showed an operating profit in 2017 of $430,283. The 2017 budget was revised to $4,653,488 and a budget of $4,618,988 was approved for 2019.

There are a few highlights from the panel discussions from organizations heads that I would like to mention. St. Nersess has 7 students and will be graduating 2 students in June. The Women’s Guild Central Council’s CASP program is in its 38th year and is sponsoring 800 children in Armenia. ACEF now has over $107,000,000 under management and had a return of 15% in 2017. The Diocese annual appeal raised $978,000 in 2017. FAR had revenue of $9,548,591, and spent $3,910,973 on program services in 2017.

Other areas highlighted in the Diocesan Council report were that the Hye Pointe parish will begin construction of its new sanctuary in June. An update on the “Our Church, Our Legacy” capital campaign was given by the co-chairs, Melanie Dadourian and Oscar Tatosian. Their goal is to raise $15,000,000, which will yield $675,000 per year for Diocesan and parish programs. As of now, they have raised $8,500,000 and have additional pledges of $250,000 from 49 families.

The Diocesan Legate, Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, gave an update on the situation in the Middle East. The situation continues to get worse. Archbishop Vicken projects that in 25 years there will be no Christians left in the Middle East. A proposal was approved to advance the expansion of the role of women in active participation of the Divine Liturgy and ordination of women to the Diaconate.

In conclusion, this year’s Assembly was a historic one with the election of the first American born Primate. This is the 26th year I have been a delegate, and once again, I thank you for allowing me to represent our parish. If you would like any further details on any of the proceedings you may contact me directly.

Respectfully submitted,
Aram Hintlian, Diocesan Delegate

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Our delegates with Fr. Vasken and Parish Council Chairman, Daniel K. Dorian, Jr., at the Assembly Banquet
Book Presentation by Adrienne G. Alexanian, Editor of "Forced into Genocide: Memoirs of an Armenian Soldier in the Ottoman Turkish Army"

From time to time, we all come across stories that stay with us because they touch us in unexpected ways. On Sunday, March 18, the riveting memoir of Yervant Edward Alexanian, an eye-witness to the massacre and dislocation of his family and countrymen in Ottoman Turkey during World War I, is one of those stories that was shared by his daughter, Adrienne G. Alexanian, who edited her father’s memoir. Incredibly, Mr. Alexanian experienced the Armenian Genocide as a conscript in the Turkish Army. No comparable account exists in the literature of the Armenian Genocide. Thank you to Adrienne, herself a 2010 Ellis Island Medal recipient and educator, for presenting her father’s triumphant story of survival. A book signing and reception followed.

Blessing of the Babies Service

Always a joyous occasion, the annual “Blessing of the Babies” Service took place on Sunday, April 8.

Sunday School Update

Thanksgiving Worship - On November 17, our Sunday School families gathered for Thanksgiving Family Worship Sunday, attending Church Services together, receiving Holy Communion and hearing a Youth Sermon offered by Der Vasken.

Christmas Workshop - On December 3, the Sunday School held its annual Christmas Workshop, a fun morning of “organized chaos” as our students made ornaments for our Sunday School Christmas tree, followed by a delicious continental breakfast. Many thanks to our teachers for organizing the crafts and to our Sunday school parents for supplying and preparing the breakfast.

Christmas Outreach Initiative, “The Giving Tree” - Our Sunday School participated in a Giving Tree, partnering with Solutions at Work, a Cambridge-based charity. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our Sunday School families, the gift requests of over 40 children and teens were fulfilled, helping to make a difference in the lives of our Cambridge neighbors during this season of giving. (Please visit www.solutionsatwork.org to discover the incredible ways in which this small organization makes a big difference.)

Annual Christmas Pageant Presentation - On December 17, weeks of hard work by both our students and staff culminated in the Sunday School’s presentation of “The Story of Christmas” annual Christmas Pageant. A sincere and heartfelt thank you to all of our staff for helping to make the Pageant a beautiful and memorable gift to our Church community. Special thanks to Pageant Director, Susan Derderian, for her leadership and service.

Lenten Drive - As part of its Lenten journey, our Sunday School took part in the Diocesan-wide Lenten Drive, this year focused on helping Feeding America, the nation’s leading domestic hunger-relief charity; and in Armenia, helping 350 families of children with special needs in the region of Lori. In order to reinforce the Lenten principle of fasting, the Sunday School refrained from offering snacks to our students in Pre-School through Grade 2, opting instead to gather students together for weekly Lenten Story Time, donating the funds that would have been used for snacks to the Lenten Drive. This year’s donation to the Lenten Drive totaled $396.55. (This total includes money received from student donations; 50% of the ACYOA Mid-Lenten Luncheon proceeds; donations from Wednesday evening Lenten Dinners; and a donation representing the funds that would have been used for snacks during Lent.)
ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS FAMILY CELEBRATION LUNCHEON - On January 7, following the Blessing of Water Service in Church, our Sunday School hosted the annual Armenian Christmas Family Celebration Luncheon. Many thanks to Dave Dorian for preparing the delicious traditional chicken and pilaf meal, and to all the Sunday School parents who helped.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL - On Palm Sunday, March 25, the Sunday School students led the Church Processional, symbolic of Jesus’ Triumphant Entry into the City of Jerusalem.

ANNUAL EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE, BREAKFAST, ACTIVITY FAIR & EGG HUNT - On March 31, our Armenian and Sunday School families gathered for this annual event. Following a children’s sermon offered by Der Vasken, families participated in a brief worship service and received Holy Communion. Nearly 100 children and parents then enjoyed a delicious pancake breakfast, Easter craft activities, and a festive Egg Hunt and visit with the Easter Bunny. Many thanks to Rose Aznavorian, Diane Keverian, Barbara Surabian, Bob and Marilyn Takvorian, and the many other parent volunteers who helped prepare and supervise the day's breakfast and activities.

ANNUAL VISIT TO ARMENIAN NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER - On May 6, over 50 Sunday and Armenian School students and parents visited the Armenian Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Students performed recitations and songs in both Armenian and English, under the direction of Armenian School Director, Naira Balagyoziyan, assisted by Tamar Minassian Melkonian, and the Youth Choir assistant director, Lucinee Teager. Students then planted seeds in the decorated flower pots they brought with them and gifted them to the residents. Many thanks to Barbara and Chris Jakob and Eddie Yessaian for arriving early to prepare and grill the delicious lish kebab, and to all the parents and teachers who helped throughout the morning.

3RD ANNUAL PARENTS’ DAY CELEBRATION - On May 13, our Sunday School families gathered as our students honored both their mothers and fathers. Families enjoyed continental breakfast, followed by a video presentation of students from each grade expressing their love and appreciation to their parents. Many thanks to Alina Kouzouian for preparing the video presentation. Following the presentation, students and parents attended a Family Worship Service during which they received a special message from Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian and a children’s sermon offered by Der Vasken.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION - On May 20, our parish witnessed the graduation of seven students who successfully completed the required course of Christian Education as set forth by the Department of Youth and Education at the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern), in a moving ceremony following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The graduates were: Lori Dorian, daughter of Dave and Liza Dorian of Watertown; Victoria (Tori) Hintlian, daughter of Aram and Becky Hintlian of Natick; Megan Jakob, daughter of Christopher and Barbara Jakob of Lexington; Anush Kirakosyan, daughter of Vardan Kirakosyan and Hasmik Abrahhamyan of Belmont; Michael Manoukian, son of Arman and Armina Manoukian of Watertown; Diana Margaryan, daughter of Mels Margaryan and Sona Manoukian of Watertown; and Armen Youssoufian, son of Hagop and Annie Youssoufian of Boston. Presided over by Fr. Vasken and with remarks by Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, Sunday School Superintendent, the ceremony included the presentation of the Bagdasar and Elmas Garabedian Award to Michael Manoukian and Armen Youssoufian, given to two graduating students who have maintained an exemplary record throughout their Sunday School years. The Arsha Sarkisian Award, given to the “Outstanding Sunday School Student of the Year,” was presented to Megan Jakob. The Superintendent’s Special Recognition Award was presented to Diana Margaryan who served as Office Assistant during her service year.
Appreciation was expressed to Co-Teachers Susan Derderian, Arlene Kasarjian, and Catherine Minassian, who prepared the students for graduation. Each of the graduates participated in various portions of the graduation, as did the following Grade 9/10 students: Levon Haroutunian, Michael Haroutunian, Penelope Hollister, Gregory Kolligian, III, Alina Kouzouian, David Manoukian, Helen Margaryan, Isabella Maserejian and Katerina Ohanyan. The graduates were honored at a luncheon in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall that was attended by their families and invited guests.

**LAST DAY OF CLASSES AND CLOSING PROGRAM**

On June 10, after a memorable and fruitful year, our Sunday School held its last day of classes and closing program. The morning began with the presentation of Certificates of Achievement to all students during a special closing program in Peter Adamian Hall. The entire Sunday School then attended Church Services, at the conclusion of which a Special Awards Ceremony took place. Two Absences, One Absence and Perfect Attendance awards were presented to ten students, as well as a Special Recognition Attendance Award to Lori Dorian for achieving 14 years of perfect attendance. Additional awards presented included: Music Appreciation Award: Joseph Scaparrotta, Grade 5; Florence Cirino Achievement Award: Alexa Courey, Grade 4; and Sarah Goolkasian “Outstanding Teacher of the Year” Award: Alla Belubekian, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher.

Following Church Services, the entire congregation was invited to take part in the “Gregory Archie and Rose Kolligian Sunday School/Armenian School Year-End Cookout.” Many thanks to Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., for sponsoring the cookout in memory of his parents, as well as to Ani Ross Grub for coordinating the event.

**CELEBRATING DER MAMPRE’S 60TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY** - To help celebrate and express their gratitude to Der Mampre on his special anniversary, on behalf of all the children of our Sunday School, past, present and future, the entire Sunday School created a special “heart of hands” to represent the “hand” Der Mampre has had in raising generations of young faithful. Each student traced their hand, and joined them together in love, representing the love shown to them by Der Mampre.

**FIRST SUNDAYS SPECIAL ASSEMBLY PROGRAM** - Our First Sundays Special Assemblies program was expanded this year to include Pre-School to Grade 2 students. Held the first Sunday of the month, these special gatherings, developed and led by Ann Danielson, are designed to further enrich the lives of our youngest students with targeted lessons and activities that delve a little deeper into the Christian values and teachings we aspire to impart in Sunday School.

**MUSIC APPRECIATION AND YOUTH CHOIR** - A vital part of our Sunday School curriculum is Music Appreciation, teaching our children not only the music and lyrics, but also the purpose and relevance of our sacred hymns. Led by Daniel Teager, classes are conducted on average twice monthly from 11:30-noon, for students in Grades 3-6. A natural extension of the Music Appreciation program is our Holy Trinity Youth Choir. Students in Grades 3 and above are encouraged to take part to learn the Divine Liturgy and sing in Church. Practices are held on average twice monthly after Church Services. During this past year, the Holy Trinity Youth Choir has grown and blossomed by leaps and bounds, growing in numbers and also increasing their presence in the worshipping life of the Church. The Youth Choir sang during the Divine Liturgy on a number of occasions this year, including: November 19 – Thanksgiving Family Worship Sunday; February 11 – Poon Paregentan; March 11 – Mid-Lent; March 25 – Palm Sunday; and June 10 – Church Schools Closing Day; and also offered a special program on May 6 during the annual visit to the Armenian Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

We look forward to witnessing the continued growth of the Youth Choir this coming year and are so grateful to Daniel Teager for leading this effort to help preserve the beautiful legacy of our sacred music.

**ABOUT OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL** - The Holy Trinity Sunday School meets weekly from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Peter Adamian Hall and follows the Diocesan Department of Christian Education’s curriculum. All children aged 3-17 are welcome (must be 3 by September 1 of the current academic year) Please watch for announcements about registration and opening day for the 2018-2019 year in early September.
ACYOA Seniors Update

Leadership Conference – November 2017
The annual ACYOA Seniors Leadership Conference, held at St. Iakavos Retreat Center in Kansassville, WI, drew 43 young adults from 20 parishes across the Eastern Diocese. Almost half of the participants were first-time attendees of the annual conference sponsored by the ACYOA Central Council. The theme of this year's conference was “Communicating the Cross.” Participants explored the different ways they communicate leadership, in person and online.

Holy Trinity Co-Chair Anna Margaryan and PR Coordinator Naneh Petrosyan attended the Conference with Holy Trinity Central Council member, Ronald Malconian, Jr.

ACYOA Seniors Homecoming Sunday – November 26
Over Thanksgiving weekend, college students were welcomed home at the first ever “Homecoming Sunday.” At the conclusion of Church Services, all college students were invited up to receive a special blessing, along with a care package prepared by the ACYOA Juniors during their November Lock-In.

ACYOA Seniors 2nd Annual Volleyball Tournament
On November 26, over 80 players from Holy Trinity and the neighboring Armenian community participated in the 2nd Annual ACYOA Seniors Volleyball Tournament. It was a lively afternoon filled with fellowship, sportsmanship and lots of volleyball! Teams included ACYOA Juniors, Seniors, ACYOA parents, Sunday School, Parish Council, as well as various local organizations and members. All proceeds from the event benefitted the ACYOA Seniors ministry programs.

ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS, January 6
To celebrate Armenian Christmas, members gathered for a general membership meeting followed by a Yankee Gift Swap and Brunch at IHOP in Brighton.

ACYOA Seniors Chapter Workshop – January 19-21
Gathering at St. David Church in Boca Raton, FL, for the annual ACYOA Seniors Chapter Workshop were 47 young adults from 18 parishes. Organized by the ACYOA Central Council, the weekend’s theme was Stewardship: Time, Talent and Treasure. Participants shared their ACYOA experiences and brainstormed how they can utilize their time, talents and treasures to strengthen their local chapters. Attending the Workshop representing the Holy Trinity ACYOA were Gregory Dorian and Naneh Petrosyan. Also in attendance were Holy Trinity ACYOA Central Council members Danielle Malconian and Ronnie Malconian.

Trinity Men’s Union
Congratulations Walter Vartanian!!
The Final Round of the TMU’s 9th Annual Tavloo Tournament between Arman Manoukian and Walter Vartanian was held on Monday, June 11, during the TMU’s Monthly Dinner/Meeting.
In what was one of the closest matches the TMU ever had, with most games coming down to one roll of the dice, Walter Vartanian was crowned the 2018 Tavloo Champion of Holy Trinity Church.

Armenian School Year-End Ceremony
In a ceremony at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 10, the Armenian School and Sunday School (see page 16) held their Special Awards Ceremony, presided over by Fr. Mampre A. Kouzouian as Fr. Vasken was heading the Diocesan Young Adult Pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

Naira Balagoyzian, Armenian School Director, announced the graduation of Rosie Anush Kirakosyan, daughter of Vardan Kirakosyan and Hasmik Abrahamyan of Belmont, and Armen Youssoufian, son of Hagop and Annie Youssoufian of Boston.
The following Armenian School Awards were presented: Extra Effort, Raffi Tonyan; Good Attendance, Harry Goshdigian, Gohar Kirakosyan, Andranik Sargsyan, and Vlada Sargsyan; Certificate of Appreciation, Meri Gyulumyan, student, and Armine Atashian, parent; and the Adelaida Hoveyan Special Award went to Rosie Anush Kirakosyan.
**Lenten Discussion Series**
For four weeks during the Lenten season, on March 1, 8, 15 and 22, the ACYOA Seniors gathered to participate in a Lenten discussion series, entitled “Show Me the Way I Should Walk”. Alternating weekly between Holy Trinity and St. James Churches, young adults gathered for interactive Lenten reflections, activities and discussions led by Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, Holy Trinity Youth Director, and Maria Derderian, St. James Youth Minister.

**ACYOA Seniors General Assembly and Sports Weekend – May 25-28**
Hundreds of young adults gathered in New York City for the annual ACYOA Seniors General Assembly and Sports Weekend, hosted by the New York City Regional Committee.

**Monthly Trivia Nights**
The ACYOA Seniors hosted a monthly Trivia Night on November 18, February 25, and a special Divisional Playoffs Tailgate Style on Sunday, January 14. The ACYOA Seniors plan to resume monthly Trivia Nights beginning in September. Mark your calendars and plan to join us the third Saturday of every month. Doors open at 6:30 and the game runs from 7 - 9 p.m.

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 acyoseniors@htaac.org. The ACYOA Seniors are on Facebook: Holy Trinity Cambridge ACYOA Seniors.

**Congratulations Graduates!!!**
**ALEX ABRAHAMYAN**, son of Garen Abrahamyan and Liana Zakaryan, graduated from Watertown High School. Throughout high school, Alex excelled both in academics and athletics. His achievements included Middlesex League MVP for soccer, North Champions for soccer, State Champions for basketball, National Honors Society, and Cum Laude Society. He will be attending UMASS Amherst majoring in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

**TALIA KAPLANIAN**, daughter of Harry and Aline Kaplanian, will be attending Boston College after graduating a year early from Ipswich High School. During high school, she played two varsity sports and sang for five choirs while being a member of seven clubs, including her own Humans of IHS. Talia graduated with the Yale Book Award, high honors, and a number of awards praising her achievements in Spanish, mathematics, choir, community service, and citizenship. At Boston College, she will be studying computer science with a concentration in bioinformatics and hopes to minor in either environmental or film studies.

**JESSICA L. NAHIGIAN**, daughter of Robert and Donna Nahigian of Weston, MA, graduated from Miami University in Oxford, OH. Her major was Communications and Business Management. Jessica studied abroad in Barcelona for the fall semester of her junior year and traveled throughout Europe. While at Miami, she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She is working for a logistics and supply chain company, TransportationOne, in Chicago.

The Pastor and Parish Council congratulate all graduates of the Class of 2018.
ACYOA JUNIORS UPDATE

ANNUAL ACYOA THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON AND LIVE SERVICE AUCTION

On November 19, over 260 parishioners gathered for the annual ACYOA Thanksgiving Luncheon and Live Service Auction, including 31 ACYOA Juniors and a dozen ACYOA Seniors. The afternoon included a delicious Thanksgiving meal, prepared by David Minassian and David Dorian, along with the help of many ACYOA parents and ACYOA Seniors.

Hosting its 6th annual Live Service Auction, 23 ACYOA Juniors paired up to volunteer their services to the greater Holy Trinity Church community, auctioning off four hours of their time to help parishioners get their homes and families ready for the Christmas season. Services ranged from babysitting to tutoring to dog walking.

Many thanks to the day’s auctioneer, Ronnie Malconian, who helped this year’s auction raise $890, 10% of which was donated to The Greater Boston Food Bank that provided 267 nutritious meals to our Boston neighbors in need.

FALL LOCK-IN, NOVEMBER 24-25

- Led by Der Vasken and Yn. Arpi, 16 ACYOA Juniors gathered for the annual Fall Lock-In.

With the onslaught of pressure from television, social media and peer influence, our children are daily bombarded with messages that they are not enough. One of the goals for the Lock-In was for participants to come away with a positive view of themselves, recognizing their individual self-worth and understanding that each of them is worthy in the eyes of God.

Centered on the theme “I Am Worthy!,” participants spent the overnight event discussing self-worth and the Biblical concept of how God created each of us in His image, along with an opportunity to ask Der Vasken anything on their minds during the traditional and much-anticipated “Open Mic” session.

During the Lock-In, Juniors prepared care packages that were distributed to college students during the Homecoming Sunday held on November 26.

One of the Lock-In highlights was during evening meditation when each participant received a letter of love and affirmation written by his or her parent, sharing both why and how each is special, and how as a parent, they see their child as God sees them, as a reflection of His image. It was a powerful experience for all who participated.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BALL, DECEMBER 9 - Nearly 50 youth from 3 area parishes gathered for the Eighth Annual Holy Trinity Christmas Ball that is open to all Diocesan youth and has become an annual holiday tradition, providing one more opportunity for our youth to gather in fellowship. Annually, 25% of ticket sales from the Ball are donated to a charity. This year’s donation was sent to the St. Kevor Armenian Church in Houston, TX to provide hurricane relief to the parishioners affected by the hurricanes. Many thanks to the Leadership Team who organized the event – Alina Kouzouian, Diana Margaryan, Helen Margaryan and Michael Manoukian.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING NATIONAL FUNDRAISER, FEBRUARY 4 - This was our chapter’s 18th year of participation in this national fundraising effort that takes place every Super Bowl Sunday. Since 2001, the ACYOA has raised and donated nearly $6,000 to Rosie’s Place, a local shelter for women. Many thanks to all those who took part and raised $420 during this year’s collection.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 17 - The ACYOA Juniors gathered for their annual Christmas Party that included lunch, cookie decorating and a gift exchange.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE, CAMBRIDGE CITY HALL

On Monday, January 15, a dozen ACYOA Juniors and youth, along with chaperones Lynne Rigolini, Anna Margaryan, Der Vasken and Yn. Arpi, headed to Cambridge City Hall to take part in Many Helping Hands MLK Day of Service. Over 5,000 volunteers gathered to make care packages and decorate Valentines for local Cambridge residents in need.

HARVARD SQUARE OUTING, JANUARY 27 - Members of the Holy Trinity and St. James ACYOA Junior chapters enjoyed an afternoon in Harvard Square.

POON PAREGENTAN CELEBRATION, FEBRUARY 11 - The ACYOA Juniors hosted a Poon Paregentan Celebration for the entire community. This “Day of Good Living” featured a delicious potluck lunch, music by the Gregory Krikorian Ensemble, and lots of activities for the children, including the greatly anticipated piñata!

EAST COAST LENTEN RETREAT, FEBRUARY 23-25 – Five Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors joined over 40 other teens, chaperones and clergy to take part in the annual East Coast
Lenten Retreat held at Camp Washington in Lakeside, CT. The weekend provided many opportunities for prayer, discussion and fellowship. Many thanks to Anna Margaryan for chaperoning our ACYOA Juniors.

**Mid-Lenten Luncheon, March 11** - The ACYOA Juniors hosted the traditional Mid-Lenten Luncheon and were pleased to welcome the 2018 Tavitian Scholars from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts, who shared with those gathered their professional and community work in Armenia, and how the Tavitian Scholar Program impacts and influences that work. The nearly $300 in proceeds raised from the Luncheon equally benefited the Sunday School Lenten Drive and the ACYOA Juniors ministry programs. Many thanks to Dave and Liza Dorian for donating both the supplies and preparing the Luncheon in memory of Makruhi Haroutunian.

**Palm Sunday – March 25**

On March 25, 35 ACYOA Junior and Seniors welcomed 200 parishioners to the annual ACYOA Day Palm Sunday Banquet. The Masters of Ceremonies for the day were Sandra Hovsepian and Anna Margaryan, ACYOA Seniors Co-Chairs. The afternoon began with a performance by the Youth Choir, under the direction of Dan Teager.

Following a delicious meal prepared by Dave Dorian and ACYOA parent volunteers, ACYOA Juniors Alex Abrahamyan and Michael Manoukian offered welcoming remarks, followed by Parish Council Chairman Daniel K. Dorian, Jr. On behalf of the ACYOA Juniors, Diana Margaryan presented a gift of $3,000 to the Church, split evenly between the Trust Fund and Operating Fund, bringing the ACYOA Juniors Trust Fund total to over $33,000. ACYOA Seniors Treasurer Stephen Hollisian then presented the ACYOA Seniors gift to the Church of $5,000, $2,000 to the Operating Fund and $3,000 to the Trust Fund, bringing their Trust Fund total to over $12,000.

ACYOA Junior and High School Senior Lori Dorian offered remarks, reflecting on how the ACYOA has impacted her faith and her life.

The day’s guest speaker, Arpi Nakashian of the Diocesan Department of Creative Ministries, spoke on the theme “It’s OK to be Broken, Finding Wholeness in God,” remarking on how love and specifically God’s love is the key to everything and sharing how Christ, through His love for us and His life, showed us how to be there for one another.
EASTER PLANT SALE, APRIL 1 - The ACYOA Juniors held their annual Plant Sale on the plaza following Easter Church Services.

SCAVENGER HUNT, APRIL 8 - Thirty teens from the Holy Trinity and St. James ACYOA Juniors and 8 chaperones walked from Holy Trinity Church to Harvard Square, and took the “T” into downtown Boston to take part in a Joint Scavenger Hunt. Divided into four teams, the groups had 3 hours to explore the City, collecting “Hunt” items along the way, ranging in difficulty from the simple team selfie on the “T” to the more challenging picture of a random act of kindness. Teams also earned bonus points by picking up their mystery gift at Armenian Heritage Park. Many thanks to our friends at St. James ACYOA for a fun afternoon, and especially to Holy Trinity chaperones: Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, Liana Zakaryan, Armina Manoukian and Anna Margaryan.

SPRING LOCK-IN, APRIL 15-16 - For 19 hours, over Patriots’ Day weekend, 17 Juniors gathered for the annual Spring Lock-In, centered on the theme “Clothed in Kindness” as found in Colossians 3:12. Participants enjoyed time together in fellowship, discussing, worshipping and sharing with one another, reflecting on our responsibility as Christians to always show kindness to others. Many thanks to Cathy Minassian and Anna Margaryan for joining Der Vasken and Yn. Arpi to chaperone the Lock-In. And a sincere thank you to Stephen Hollisian who offered a class in self-defense. Participants listened attentively while our parishioner Joanne Borzakian Ouellette shared her fascinating and inspirational story of growing up as a bullied, “different-looking” teen who embraced her “Armenian-ness” and her desire to share her kindness with others, and never took “no” for answer! Joanne grew up to live out her dream job, working in sports marketing with Reebok, becoming family with the beloved Celtics she grew up watching, and starting her own sports and entertainment marketing company. Joanne used her own life story to highlight the importance of “Keeping True to Who You Are.” Besides sharing her story, Joanne shared a lot of sports memorabilia, including a peek at Shaquille O’Neal’s size 22 basketball shoe and 5 XL jersey.

AHP CLEAN UP, APRIL 20 – Many thanks to the 24 ACYOA members and parents who gathered for the annual Earth Day Clean Up at The Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway. The early start time and cold weather did not deter our dedicated and hard-working volunteers who spent three hours cleaning up Armenian Heritage Park and neighboring parcels on The Greenway, followed by a leisurely lunch in Faneuil Hall. Many thanks to The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy team for leading our group.

TRINITY TALENT SHOWCASE – APRIL 28 After months of preparations, including a panel of professional judges and three audition dates, on April 28, over 175 guests gathered to enjoy the first-ever Trinity Talent Showcase! The evening of entertainment featuring the talents of over 30 members of the Holy Trinity community, with 16 acts ranging from traditional pianists and singers to the ACYOA Armenian dance ensemble and the hilarious and memorable “Macho Manti Men” performance!

In addition to the entertainment, guests dined on delicious treats provided and prepared by the ACYOA parents, while enjoying cabaret-style seating with table service provided by the ACYOA.

Special thanks to:
• The evening’s house band, Black Sea Combo, part of the 15-piece World-Music group, Black Sea Salsa, led by trumpeter Dan Teager, who provided the music for the evening, including live accompaniment for our singers, and background music for our headliner, Boston Magician and Juggler Robert Clarke, who warmed up the crowd and then entertained and mesmerized the audience with his magic and juggling.
• All those involved in the audition process, including Dan Teager, Lance Martin, Ron Murphy and Sylvie Zakarian.
• Our ACYOA parent volunteers who were part of the planning, decorating, set up, baking, and execution of the entire event, and the ACYOA Junior and Senior members who planned, set up, served, and ran the backstage and behind-the-scenes crews.

Hye M’rtsoom Sports Weekend, May 25-28

Twenty-two Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors participated in the 43rd Annual Hye M’rtsoom Sports Weekend hosted by St. James Armenian Church in Watertown, MA. Over 250 participants from 17 parishes enjoyed the weekend, centered on the theme: “Be the Hye Light!” - You are the Light of the World (Matthew 5:14).

Many thanks to the chaperones and coaching staff for volunteering their time: Armina Manoukian, Chaperone, Arman Manoukian, Girls’ and Boys’ Basketball Coach, Cathy Minassian, Chaperone, and Liana Zakaryan, Volleyball Coach. Special thanks also to the nine Holy Trinity host families that opened up their homes during the weekend. Many thanks to Dave Dorian and Cathy Minassian for again preparing and organizing our traditional Saturday night dinner for Holy Trinity ACYOA participants and their guests, and to Arman and Armina Manoukian for hosting this year’s dinner at their home.

Congratulations to First Place Beginner’s Tavloo Champion David Manoukian.

Congratulations to Diana Margaryan, who was awarded the Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan Vision Award, presented by the ACYOA Central Council to an ACYOA Junior who has established programs that incorporate one or
more of the five circles of the cross (education, worship, service, witness and fellowship), and who has made a lasting impression on his or her ACYOA chapter and/or parish.

Parish Notes

Congratulations to Kevork Atinizian who received the Knights of Saints James Medal, a newly-created award of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem, in recognition of his philanthropic services to the Patriarchate. The award was presented to Kevork by the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Archbishop Nourhan Manougian, on December 29, at our Church.

Congratulations to Andrew Courey, son of Jeffrey Courey and Alicia Talanian of Wellesley Hills, and Grade 6 Sunday School student, on the publication of his first book, “Early Bird Gets the Bitcoin,” a primer on the cryptocurrency known as bitcoin. Available on Amazon as a Kindle book and paperback, it is the ultimate guide to everything about this highly advanced digital currency.

Condolences to Aline and Harry Kaplanian of Ipswich, MA, on the death of her brother, Michael Boyajian of FL, on June 25.

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.

The Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament, June 18

A day of record heat and humidity didn’t dampen the spirits for a great day of golfing that culminated in an enjoyable social evening and dinner.

We thank Aram Hintlian and Jeff Hintlian for continuing to co-chair the Tournament and extend our gratitude to the Golf Committee, tournament sponsors, tee sponsors, golfers, silent auction and raffle donors, and those who came just for dinner, making this year’s Tournament another successful event remembering Greg.

It was a wonderful day for all ages!!!

Photos
Ruth E. Boghosian
Trinity Christmas Bazaar

Last year’s Bazaar, held December 1 and 2, was one of the most successful we’ve had, so even though preparations for this year’s Bazaar aren’t too far away, we would be remiss if we did not thank Karen Hovsepian and Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., Bazaar Co-Chairs, for their magnanimous effort, their leadership, fresh ideas and hard work. And the Co-Chairs are deeply indebted to all the sponsors for their financial support and to all parishioners who devoted their time, effort, and heartfelt commitment before and during the Bazaar.

We were honored to have with us His Beatitude Abp. Nourhan Manougian, Patriarch of Jerusalem, join us for lunch.

Blessing of the Water Service, January 7

In commemoration of Christ’s Baptism, the Blessing of the Water Service was held on Sunday, January 7. Serving as Godfather of the Holy Cross was Deacon Gregory Krikorian. Following Church Services, an Armenian Christmas Family Luncheon, sponsored by our Sunday School, was held in the Charles and Nevart Talian Cultural Hall. A delightful short program was presented by the students of the Armenian School under the direction of principal, Naira Balagyozian.

Erevan Choral Society Christmas Concert

What better way to usher in the Christmas season than with our traditional Christmas Concert. The Erevan Choral Society and Orchestra, under the direction of Composer Konstantin Petrossian, beautifully performed many of the favorite Christmas Carols and hymns to the enjoyment of the capacity crowd. This year, we welcomed the sounds of The Bostonian Quartet and the youthful energy of The Arlington High School Madrigal Singers who performed far beyond anyone’s expectations. Sprinkled throughout the Concert were moving poems recited by the students and staff of the Holy Trinity Armenian School. It was a meaningful, energetic, and fantastic evening!

Washing of the Feet Service, March 29
From the Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF)

With a letter, dated March 29, 2018, Michael Dukmejian, Treasurer of the Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF), enclosed a check in the amount of $18,248.92, representing the 2017 year-end distribution for endowed funds listed below that have been invested in the ACEF by generous benefactors to benefit our Church and to whom we express our gratitude.

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Clergy Preparation

In December, a check for $1,800 was issued for the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem, representing the balance of the 2017 Trust Fund allocation for clergy preparation. In March, $600 was sent to the Gevorgyan Seminary as a portion of the 2018 Trust Fund allocation.
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- $5,000 from Rose Chacian Zartarian to the Major Robert Z. Zartarian Scholarship Fund
- $3,000 from James M. Kalustian, distributed as follows:
  - $2,000 to the Martin & Mimi Kalustian Trust Fund
  - $500 to the Fr. Papken & Yn. Asadouhie Maksoudian Trust Fund, and
  - $500 to the Very Rev. Fr. Oshagan and Diramayr Sirvart Minassian Trust Fund
- $2,000 from Jay Hachigian & Jill Colombosian to be added to their Trust Fund
- $2,000 from the Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors to be added to their Trust Fund
- $2,000 from Gerard & Rosemarie Odabashian to be added to their Trust Fund
- $2,000 from Queenie Raphaelian and Family establishing the Eugene & Queenie Raphaelian Trust Fund
  - $1,500 from the Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors to be added to their Trust Fund
  - $1,000 from the family of Barbara Sahagian to be added to the Sahag B. & Zarouhi S. Sahagian Trust Fund
  - $250 from Araksie K. Tashjian to be added to the Araksie & Aeta Tashjian Trust Fund
  - $200 from Richard & Cynthia Kazanian to the Aram & Becky Hintlian Trust Fund
  - $100 from Gary, Joyce, John & Michael Townsend and $50 from Michael, Janis & Andrea Diciopio to the John & Elsie Jamgochian Trust Fund
  - $100 from Nancy E. Hintlian to be added to the Martin & Mimi Kalustian Trust Fund
  - $50 from Robert Nahabedian & Claudine Louis to the Albert & Anne Oskoian Trust Fund

Donations to Our Church
- $70,974.37 from Charles Gazarian
- $10,000 from the Friends of Holy Trinity 1000 Club
- $9,500 from the Trinity Men’s Union
- $3,750 from Noubar & Anna Afeyan to our Junior Youth Choir Program
- $3,809 from Dan & Lisa Dorian ($1,904.50) and Bill & Karen Martin ($1,904.50) for a new awning for the outdoor gas grill, given in honor of their children’s (Ashley & Scott), marriage
- $3,000 from the Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors
- $2,000 from James M. Kalustian for bishop’s vestments, a “Wish List” item
- $1,500 from the Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors
- $1,500 from Albert Oskoian the help cover 2018 expenses for our Junior Youth Choir
- $1,000 from the Zartarian Foundation
- $500 from Joyce & Said Signor
- $500 from Dr. Hapog & Annie Youssoufian to the Armenian School
- $500 from Dr. Hapog & Annie Youssoufian to the Sunday School
- $200 from Shakeh Benson for the Choir
- $200 from Paul & Leslee Jones, with $100 for the Choir and $100 to the Church
- $200 from Christina R. Walters
- $100 from Maro and Sona Dalley
- $100 from Ira & Ann Kashgagian
- $100 from Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian in honor of Dn. Gregory serving as Godfather of the Holy Cross at the Blessing of the Water Service, January 7
- $100 from Harry & Eleanor Mezer in honor of Alex & Danielle Bennett and Leah & J.B. Terzian

To the Pastor's Discretionary Fund:
- $500 from Queenie Raphaelian and Family
- $250 - Lucille Ajemian; Richard & Karen Diranian in honor of Fr. Mampre A. Kouzouian
- $100 - Arleen Ashjian & Olivia Ashjian James; Mark & Maral Ayanian; Glenn Shenloogian

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 DIIRAN A. ZAHIGIAN for our Church:
Diran, Judith Smith, Rachel, Renee & Robert Zahigian; Albert Oskoian; Oscar Asadoorian; Roxie M. Hedison; Rob Nahabedian, Claudine Louis & Family; Christine, Nicholas & Alyssa Sahagian; Harry Hedison; Shakeh Benson; Charles Gazarian; Ann Hedison, Maureen Romanik & William Loone; Armen Knaian & Anahid Krikorian; Armine Sargis; M.L. Hedison-Flynn; Leon & Marge Atamian; Razmik & Maral Banosian; Seta A. Buchtcher & Dr. Christina G. Buchtcher; Edmond & Ann Danielson; Lisa Kolligian & Dan Dorian; Zaven & Linda Giragosian; Dickran & Marilyn Harioian; Aram & Becky Hintlian; Albert & Anita Kalustian; James M. Kalustian; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian; Fred & Roseanne Kolack; Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr.; Michele M. Kolligian; Nancy R. Kolligian; Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian; Bill & Karen Martin; Catherine Mosgofian; Carlene & Bruce Newell; Harutjun & Alice Palandjian; Edward & Kathryn Siranosian; Sarkis Soukiasian; Mel & Arlene Terrasi; Rose & Nish Tikijian; Robert & Nancy Young; Albert Zouranjian; Robert Proodian; Judy Aroyan; Arthur Avakian; Grace Boyajian; John & Debbie Haroian; Martin & Mimi Kalustian; John & Ida Kolligian; Helen Krikorian, VA; Lt. Col. Robert & Susan Lang; Walter & Deanne Nahabedian; Jack & Audrey Pilbosian; Julia Stephanian; Robert & Marilyn Takvorian; Barbara & Donald Tellalian; Gary & Joyce Townsend; Rose Mary Aznavorian; Mary Der Boghosian & Family

Total: $6,695.00

Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of EMMA TOOMAJIAN for our Church:
Leon & Marge Atamian; Tom & Dora Verne Garabedian; Mary Bagdijian; Bob & Andrea Karanian and Family; Deborah Ashjian; Alice Derderian; Alice K. Mellian; Eleanor Arakelian

Total: $645.00

Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of EUGENE RAPHAELIAN for our Church:
Paul & Brenda Raphaelian, MI; Anna Demurjian, Gerard & Diane Legere, and John & Laura Burns; Zaven & Linda Giragosian; Melanie Hagoopian & Family; Ruth Hagoopian; Gregory Gundjian & Seta Nersessian; Jean E. Martinian; George W. Haroutunian & K. Shirley Spencer; Mary Evos; Rose Mary Aznavorian; Great Island Sunshine Fund; Levon Merjianian & Elena; Gloria Otsis, FL; Ruth & Arthur Penn, FL; Carol & Mickey Rabinovitz, FL; Jayne Snarsky; Julia Stephanian; Betty & Lee Bystock; Jane S. Ferriss; Ken & Carolyn Goldner

Total: $1,465.00
Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of VICTORIA BASMAJIAN for our Church:
John Thomas Daly, Jr., of Plymouth, MA, and Dora Lee Manghis of Yarmouth, MA, on December 30. Bestman Michael Daly
Timothy Connolly Deschenes of Rumney, NH, and Allison Gayle Shenloogian of Rumney, NH, on June 24. Bestman Collin Conner
Nicole Marie Illia, daughter of John Colin Illia and Sarah Ann Markarian of Corte Madera, CA, on April 15. Godfather, Jeffrey Gilman, and Godmother, Christina Markarian Gilman
Harry Joseph Forte, son of Jason & Maura Boghosian Forte of Hartford, CT, on April 22. Godfather, Robert Forte, and Godmother, Monique Forte
Sona Water Lily Nektar Levin, daughter of S. Marc Levin and Nane Khachatryan of Quincy, MA, on May 19. Godfather, Hayk Khachikyan, and Godmother, Kendra Eiben
Joseph Balian, son of Nicholai and Nina Balian of Waltham, MA, on May 19. Godfather, Michael Papazian, and Godmother, Flora Papazian

Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of TANA ONANIAN for our Church:
Edward & John Annaian; Gerald Boghosian & Ruth Boghosian; Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian; Albert Oskoian; Beth & David Paoni, PA; Maria Annaian; Diana Aykanian; Edmond & Ann Danielson; James M. Kalustian; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian; Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr.; Bill & Karen Martin; Armen & Susan Skenderian; Mary, Kathy & Bedros Kuzenian; Lt. Col. Robert & Susan Lang; Albert & Linda Abkarian; Queena Boyajian; Seta A. Buchter; Martin & Mimi Kalustian; Elizabeth Sargavakian; Kaspar Torosian & Family; Hermine Sislian; Melkon & Arpi Yessallian; Bertha Demirjian
Total: $1,195.00

Donations in lieu of flowers in memory of JOHN ANNAIAN for our Church:
Edward & John Annaian; Gerald Boghosian & Ruth Boghosian; Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian; Albert Oskoian; Beth & David Paoni, PA; Maria Annaian; Diana Aykanian; Edmond & Ann Danielson; James M. Kalustian; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian; Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr.; Bill & Karen Martin; Armen & Susan Skenderian; Mary, Kathy & Bedros Kuzenian; Lt. Col. Robert & Susan Lang; Albert & Linda Abkarian; Queena Boyajian; Seta A. Buchter; Martin & Mimi Kalustian; Elizabeth Sargavakian; Kaspar Torosian & Family; Hermine Sislian; Melkon & Arpi Yessallian; Bertha Demirjian
Total: $1,195.00

Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of HAIG HEDISON for our Church:
Frederick J. & Karen Hedison Hopwood, NH; Roxie Hedison; M.L.Hedison-Flynn & Tony Flynn; Iris & Ted Barten; John & Adrienne Kefeyan; Roseanne & Fred Kolack; Ellis Lesser, NY; Albert Oskoian; Armine Sarges; Regina Watt; Steven & Nancy Wilco; Lisa Kolligian & Dan Dorian; Charles & Andrea Garabedian; James M. Kalustian; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian; Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr.; Jack & Mary Mardoian, IL; Arthur & Louise Panosian; Arline L. Simpson, DE; Rose & Nish Tikijian; Leona & Robert Cowan, GA; John & Debra Haraian; Kenneth Hedison, RI; Martin & Mimi Kalustian; Christine Sahagian & Family; Marianne Shay; Robert & Marilyn Takvorian; Brian & Mayre Brennan-Norris
Total: $3,110.00

Additional in lieu of flowers in memory of:
• JOHN ARSENUALT: Anita Arsenault; Zaven & Linda Giragosian
• KARLO ASCHIAN: Alice & David Martin
• CHARLES NAHABEDIAN: Marjorie Bogosian, PA
• HARRIET PIRANIAN: Mrs. Albert Talanian
In lieu of flowers in memory of:
• SALVATORE CANNISTRARO: George W. Haroutunian & K. Shirley Spencer
• SEROP KAPRIELIAN: Charles Derenjian
• GEORGE OMARTIAN: Nancy Mooradian; Vic, Victor & Vanita Nicholls, England

Please remember Holy Trinity Armenian Church in your Will.
Calendar of Events

**JULY**
8  - Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

**AUGUST**
6-10  - Trinity Kids’ Place
12  - Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God/Blessing of Grapes
13-17  - Trinity Kids’ Place

**SEPTEMBER**
9  - Trinity Family Festival
   - Reopening of Sunday & Armenian Schools

*HAPPY SUMMER!!!*