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Letter from the Editor

Sireli Paregamner,

As I reflect on 2014, I am happy to see how our community has flourished. More innovative events have popped up across our church calendar and our church organizations experienced a surge in membership. From Youth Club mixers to Mens' Club World Cup screenings, Ladies Guild high tea to Senior Citizens manti-making, serious guest lectures to the Podcast rollout, 2014 has been a whirl of activity for all ages and interests. The Saint Sarkis Church community was also fortunate to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Ordination of the Father of our church, our beloved Pastor, Father Nareg Terterian – a talented, educated, tireless leader of our community whom we are lucky to have.

In 2015, Armenians around the globe will commemorate the tragic events of our past with the 100th Anniversary of the 1915 Armenian Genocide. A world of unfathomable loss, pain, darkness, and injustice. A world sadly familiar to our Armenian bretheren in Syria today. How fortunate we all are to have recreated our homeland in communities around the world and especially here in Douglaston, New York. Saint Sarkis and the Armenian Church have been like beacons during a terrible storm; providing hope and guidance to us in an unsure, and at times, violent world.

May we all feel joy, nostalgia, and especially, gratitude seeing familiar faces and places in this issue of *Shoghagat*, a vibrant capsule of our wonderful Saint Sarkis Church. Enjoy re-living highlights of the year 2014 in this issue of *Shoghagat*.

Victoria Mesropian Yekhpairian, Editor



Front Cover:

His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian and Father Nareg Terterian celebrated the Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday followed by a Palm Sunday procession led by the children of the St. Sarkis Church, April 2014.

Back Cover:

A year full of wonderful sacraments: celebrating the beautiful baptisms, weddings, and 40th-day celebrations that took place at our Saint Sarkis Church in 2014. *Enjoy.*



A Message from our Pastor, Der Nareg Terterian

Keeping Our Church Relevant

Der Nareg's Presentation to the National Representative Assembly, May 2014.

I feel privileged to share my thoughts with the distinct members of this assembly. His Holiness Aram I declared 2014 as “*The Year of Seniors*” and, while this declaration may have different meanings in different settings, we as participants to the National Representative’s Assembly salute the members of our senior generation who took the initiative of starting the Armenian Prelacy with a clear mission: “*keeping and transmitting our faith, safeguarding our traditions, keeping the youth attached to the Church, and keeping our community strong and active*”. A generation who immigrated to this country, escaping from the Genocide, to start a new life with less than perfect conditions began, through their Faith, hard work and dedication, to establish Armenian communities and churches. Immigrants with little more than they came to this country with, invested both their time and money in the Prelacy because they believed that maintaining that which we fought for and sought after: our identity and heritage, could be preserved only through the Armenian Church.

The founders of the sacred missions that established Armenian Churches and communities throughout the country are the Seniors of our communities today. We have much to learn from them and are grateful that they succeeded us. Over the past fifty years, The Armenian Prelacy and its parishes have worked hard to organize communities, build churches and strengthen our Armenian-Christian identity but new challenges and opportunities emerge almost everyday and our responsibility is to face those challenges and make the best of those opportunities.

As a Church, we are not immune to the challenges that other churches face around the world. Contemplating on the identity and relevance of faith, Jurgen Moltman, a brilliant reformed theologian, once wrote: “*The Christian life of theologians, churches and human beings is faced more than ever today with a double crisis: the crisis of relevance and the crisis of*

identity...the more theology and the church attempt to become relevant...the more deeply they are drawn into the crisis of their own Christian identity. The more they attempt to assert their identity in traditional dogmas, rights and moral notions, the more irrelevant and unbelievable they become” A problem facing the modern Armenian Church. I do not promise a treatment plan for this problem but the NRA must focus on several issues of identity and relevance.

Community of the Baptized

The Church is a community of the baptized and every member of that community is responsible for maintaining the

“A group of people were traveling in a boat. One of them took a drill and began to drill a hole beneath himself. His companions said to him: ‘Why are you doing this?’ Replied the man: ‘What concern is it of yours? Am I not drilling under my own place?’ Said they to him: ‘But you will flood the boat for us all!’”

integrity of that community. We are in this together. A quote from a religious book touches on this idea: “*A group of people were traveling in a boat. One of them took a drill and began to drill a hole beneath himself. His companions said to him: ‘Why are you doing this?’ Replied the man: ‘What concern is it of yours? Am I not drilling under my own place?’ Said they to him: ‘But you will flood the boat for us all!’”* (Quoted in Midrash Rabbah, Vayikra 4:6).

Sunday Worship

The majority of our parishes spend a great deal of time and energy planning and organizing major events such as dinner dances, picnics, golf outings, lobster dinners and cigar nights. The events help support the operations of a successful church but there must be another meth-

od for measuring success and failure.

Let us take a look at the Divine Liturgy; the central act of worship for the Armenian Church. Without Sunday worship there would be no community, yet we seem to spend all of our energy on social events leaving Sunday Worship on auto-pilot.

No matter which Armenian Church you attend on any particular Sunday in any part of the world, you will hear the same prayers in the same language and the same biblical message proclaimed in all Armenian churches. It is not only a unifying factor for Armenian Christians but the Divine Liturgy is part of our identity. Maybe it is time for us to focus a little on enhancing the Sunday Worship experience to make our identity relevant to our parishioners.

The Divine Liturgy in the Armenian Church is inspiring and the Sunday homily should complement that experience. Often parishioners find themselves in the pews trying to understand what Der Hayr is talking about. If the focus and the function of the homily are not clear in the mind of the preacher than how do we expect a congregation to derive its meaning? And yet, Sunday Worship is not all about the clergy and altar servers. Board of Trustees (BOT) members and ushers have a great responsibility during Sunday services yet sometimes they are part of the problem. Ushers and BOT members must make sure the spiritual atmosphere of the Church is intact. They must welcome and assist parishioners. Their role is integral in helping create a cohesive spiritual experience for the congregation.

Acculturation

Acculturation is the process where members of one cultural group adopt beliefs and behaviors of another. I recently read about the experience of a pastor who moved to NY from the Midwest. He wrote “*to provide an effective pastoral ministry in NY I had to first learn what was like to be a New Yorker and then become a pastor for New Yorkers*”. I agree. Most of our Armenian clergy were born and raised overseas and are privileged to serve the Armenian

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communities in the United States. Theological training alone is not sufficient for effective ministry. Mentors from the Prelacy help but acculturation is an ongoing process for us in this multi-cultural world. We cannot align ourselves with only one group at the expense of alienating others. Church organizations must be part of the ongoing process of acculturation – learning to work with various groups to make sure the Church is for Baby Boomers, Generation X's, Millennials and Generation Z's for Ameriga-Hyes, Barsga-Hyes, Yekibda-Hyes and all Hyes, no matter where they are from -- ensuring they are an integral part of the parish.

Continuing Education

Our Prelate initiated the invaluable task of selecting candidates to priesthood and encouraging them to pursue higher education to prepare them to serve the needs of our communities. Yet theology, like all other realms of study, is an evolving realm. Certain teachings could become outdated and obsolete if they are not reviewed under the light of new church experiences. In an ever evolving and changing world, continuing education must be a priority for our clergy to stay relevant as continuing education is a requirement for other professionals. The religious council must design coursework or identify and locate seminars and retreats so clergy have the means of engaging with youth and young professionals without being intimidated by their perceptions and terminology.

In the same way BOT members, NRA delegates and other leaders in the parish must attend seminars to learn about our church and find new ways of serving the church community effectively. Just like theology, church leadership methods also evolve and change. We cannot expect to continue working with methods that were implemented in the 1960's, nearly a century ago, or with methods that used to work in our countries of origin. As stated in the BOT guidelines, our Church leaders *"should be familiar with the Holy Bible, especially the New Testament... should attend bible*

study class, and attend lecture series...". Continuing education for BOT members should serve as a means of nurturing the Armenian-Christian identity among leaders and making their professional skills relevant in the life of the church.

Evaluation

The evaluation system in most parishes is based on traditional reviews. Usually pastors and BOTs present their year-end reviews to the members. The

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problem with our reports is that they do not follow any standards and they are not based on any rubric. Maybe it is time for our churches to adopt a form of objective assessment to measure success and identify areas for improvement. Maybe it is time for us to implement a customized version of employee self-review forms

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where pastors submit their reviews to the Prelate and the Religious council and the BOT submit forms to the Prelate and Executive council. An article published in the *New York Times*, describes benefits of employee self reviews as follows: *"Unlike traditional employee evaluations, a self-review can be easier when it comes*

to describing negative experiences. That is, an employee can soften the language some and be less incriminating than an unhappy supervisor, whose language might be more critical...Self-reviews give people the opportunity to show their employers that they take their jobs and their careers seriously. Sometimes, facing your own demons, what you could have done differently - while uncomfortable...is more palatable than relying solely on your supervisor's estimation". Accountability is a core biblical value and it must be implemented to enhance the planning of the future of the Church.

Conclusion

To recap, I would like to quote a controversial observation made by orthodox theologian Alexander Schmemmann who wrote in his book *For The Life of the World*: *"Our Secular world 'respects' clergy as it 'respects' cemeteries: both are needed, both are sacred, both are out of life"*. This is a grim prophetic statement that we all need to hear. This is not a warning to clergy alone but to everyone involved in the life of the Church because if we do not work on creating a vibrant parish then we might find ourselves working in a lifeless place.

Therefore, Church leaders should make a conscious commitment to make our rich Armenian-Christian identity relevant in the lives of 21st century American-Armenians by being competent leaders willing to learn, accept our faults and not be afraid to apologize if things go wrong. Being able to forgive and let go, putting aside all dual agendas and focusing on rebuilding the Church with a spirit of professionalism and humbleness will help the Church succeed. We will lay the foundation for a vibrant parish where parishioners not only feel proud, but also actively get involved to encounter God and become, as St. Peter says, *"like living stones, being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ"* (1 Peter 2.5). Let us work together for the glory of God and for the bright future of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

St. Sarkis Board of Trustees - A Letter from Dr. Aram Cazazian, Chairman

As the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide approaches we Armenians remember those tragic times, but are proud and grateful that we, as a people have endured and prospered around the world. We give thanks to God that He gave us our beloved Saint Sarkis Church so we could recreate our homeland here with our church family.



We Armenians should consider ourselves survivors: physically, culturally and spiritually. As a people, we have endured wars and survived genocide but instead of being destroyed we emerged even stronger. We survived because of our deep and embedded faith in God and our Church.

Saint Sarkis Church is more vibrant than ever. How rewarding and fulfilling to be able to share the same ideals, beliefs, language and culture with the brothers and sisters in our community. Our church activities -- be they religious, educational or social -- help bond us as a church and family and I commend you for participating.

In 2015, the new Saint Sarkis Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of its consecration in Douglaston, New York. A fire destroyed our original sanctuary in Bayside, New York in 1985 burning the building to the ground and forcing the community to rebuild. Although 25 years is not a long time from an historical perspective, for many of us at St. Sarkis, the way back has been a long and challenging road from fire to rebuilding, consecration to mortgage burning. And what a wonderful journey it has been!

The Board of Trustees of St. Sarkis Church and I would like to thank all of you for being humble participants in this historic and fantastic journey. Thank you to each auxiliary body, the members and non-members across our Prelacy and beyond who responded to our fund raising appeals to rebuild. And our profound thanks to Rev. Asoghik Kelegian, Srpazan Anoushavan Tanielian and, more recently, Der Nareg Terterian for their heroic efforts in holding the parish together. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to Oshagan Srpazan and the Executive Council for their invaluable guidance and support. It was and is a great pleasure to work with you for the past many years.

Success is not a destination but a journey and our journey continues. We have a very exciting place to go in our journey and that journey is our Mission. Our mission "to protect the irreplaceable." What is the irreplaceable? It is our religion, our heritage, our language, our culture, our country, our people – that is our mission. And that is what our Armenian churches do every day.

Thank you,

Dr. Aram Cazazian
Chairman, Saint Sarkis Church Board of Trustee

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT SAINT SARKIS

On January 5th, 2014, St. Sarkis Church Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School students, parents, and parishioners gathered in the sanctuary for a special Christmas Eve Family Worship Service. For the first time, His Eminence, Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate, presided over the Family Worship service and there was not a seat to be had in the pews. Der Nareg gave the sermon and spoke to the children about the true meaning of Christmas.

Following Family Worship, our Saturday School, invited the entire parish to a festive Christmas Hantes and luncheon. This sold-out event began with opening remarks from Mrs. Nairy Zohrabian, Principal of the Saturday School. Post-graduate students began the afternoon with readings about the true message of the Christmas season. The program continued as the entire school performed a beautiful theatrical piece about the birth of Jesus. Students recited poetry and sang traditional Armenian Christmas carols to help welcome our special guest, Gaghan Baba. The singing continued as Gaghan Baba danced and entertained the thrilled youngsters.

His Eminence, Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate, concluded the merry event with closing remarks and thanked the Parent Teacher

Association of the Saturday School for a marvelous job planning the well organized and highly enjoyable luncheon.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Christmas Eve mass followed the hantes that Sunday afternoon with Vesper Services in

CHRISTMAS BADARAK

On January 6th, His Grace, Bishop Anoushavan, Vicar General celebrated Christmas Day Badarak at St. Sarkis Church. His sermon reflected on the message of *"The Love of God"*. During the sermon His Grace said *"Jesus, the Divine love, humbled yourself with love and you were incarnated for our salva-*



the late afternoon, Christmas Eve Scripture Readings and the Divine Liturgy and badarak celebrated by Father Nareg Terterian.

tion." The Blessing of Water service followed immediately after badarak, symbolizing the baptism of Christ in the river Jordan. The Godfather of the Cross was Hovnan Oranjian,

a Saturday School graduate, altar server and Youth Club member of St. Sarkis Church. At the conclusion of the service, parishioners received blessed water and members

of the Ladies Guild graciously greeted parishioners during the fellowship hour.



YOUTH CLUB - YOUTH CLUB - YOUTH CLUB - YOUTH CLUB - YOUTH CLUB

In 2014, St. Sarkis announced a new addition to the weekly e-Bulletin publication – a spotlight on the St. Sarkis Youth Club. Each week, the bulletin provided a brief biography of a Youth Club member. By the end of the year, the group covered almost every member. Looking through Youth Club Spotlights, leaves the reader proud of the many accomplishments of our Church's youth. Hats off to Der Nareg Terterian and Mrs. Seta Megherian, Youth Club Director, for overseeing the establishment of this new club.

WINTER GATHERING

On the evening of January 10th, music and chatter filled the halls of the Church as the St. Sarkis Youth Club held their first Winter Social Gathering. Nearly 30 members gathered in Pagoumian Hall, eager to see their old friends and make new ones. The group enjoyed a lovely dinner hosted by Mrs. Seta Megherian then reminisced about old times at the church while looking through pictures from St. Sarkis Summer Camps, Saturday School and other events. Members of the Board of the St. Sarkis Youth Club organized fun games and activities that everyone seemed to enjoy.

BASKETBALL NIGHT

On Friday, March 14th, the Youth Club en-



joyed an evening of basketball. After a long, snowy winter, the kids enjoyed meeting up in the gymnasium at P.S. 203 in Oakland Gardens to play a friendly game of basketball.

SOCIALS

On Friday, May 9th, 2014, the St. Sarkis Youth Club gathered together in Pagoumian Hall with over 30 members present. The group spent time socializing, and making new friends. After dinner, Der Nareg opened a brief discussion about the history and plight of Armenians during the Genocide and concluded with his own personal and touching stories of Kessab, Syria today. Our youth were touched and felt the importance of knowing their history.

MORE TO COME...

On September 19th, Youth Club held a meeting to plan upcoming socials, fundraisers, and trips including a trip to see the Radio City Christmas Spectacular, Paintball, Basketball a Food Drive, and Poinsettia Sale.

The St. Sarkis Youth Club welcomes young adults ages 12-18, please contact the church office at 718-224-2275 or email stsarkisyouthclub@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the group. We look forward to a fantastic time building friendships and having fun.

2014 ST. SARKIS CHURCH CALENDAR FEATURING THE WORKS OF ARSHILE GORKY

St. Sarkis Church commemorated the 110th Anniversary of Arshile Gorky's birth by dedicating the 2014 Church Calendar to the Armenian-born American artist.

Gorky, born in Van in 1904, greatly influenced the abstract expressionism movement. Each month of the calendar showcased a Gorky masterpiece with much of the art influenced by the suffering he experienced during the Armenian Genocide.

Thank you to the calendar team, led by Der Nareg Terterian, for preparing this jewel for all of us to enjoy and our gratitude to the calendar sponsors for their support year after year. Feedback from our parishioners and the com-

munity has been wonderful. Holy Martyrs Armenian Day School in Bayside, New York, even requested additional copies of the calendar for their 6th Grade class project on Gorky. Afterward, Principal Zarmine Boghosian forwarded a heartfelt note of appreciation.



Dear Father Nareg Terterian,

Thank you very much for the calendars! That was very generous of you. The paintings and article of Arshile Gorky were very interesting. We are very happy to learn about him. Thank you again for your nice gesture.

The HMADS Class of 2014

Ladies Night Out

On the evening of Friday, January 24th, a group of nearly 35 women gathered in Pagoumian Hall to enjoy a Wine & Cheese Social. A lovely array of cheeses and various appetizers were set up in the beautifully decorated hall. The ladies sampled a wide selection of wines in a relaxing atmosphere. Conversations flowed as easily as the wine as new friendships formed and old friends reacquainted. A special thank you to those who took part in making this novel event a success.



VALENTINE'S DANCE

On the evening of February 1, 2014, the Young Adults of St. Sarkis hosted the 6th Annual Valentine's Dinner Dance. Another sold-out event, with over 215 guests filling the main hall of our church. Elie Berberian and his band once again made their way down from Montreal to get the crowd moving and once they were up the crowd stayed dancing until the wee hours of the morning. The Hall, decorated in shades of pink and red, made for a festive backdrop as revelers enjoyed a night of dinner, dancing, and raffles. Our guests, dressed in the spirit of the evening, merited a red-dress photo with Der Nareg.

Thank you to the generous donors for providing an amazing assortment of great raffle items and thank you to the organizing committee for bringing another fabulous V-Day dance to the church.





A Sermon on French Fries, Salt & Ketchup

photography courtesy of Michael Gostanian

Family Worship Hour is back...Imagine sitting through a church service from beginning to end without your child fidgeting. Imagine having your child sing along to the hymns. Imagine...

Usually held on the first Sunday of the month, families gather for services at 9:00 AM for prayers in English, a Gospel reading and short homily before everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. On Sunday, February 9, 2014, young children and their parents gathered at St. Sarkis Church and heard how a story about french fries, salt and ketchup can help a family worship together. Look for the next Worship Hour in upcoming church bulletins.



On March 23, 2014, the members of St. Sarkis Church gathered for the annual General Membership meeting. Der Nareg Terterian provided an overview of key events at the church over the past year. Activities within the auxilliary groups serving the community were also presented. During this meeting, the members cast their votes for the 2014 Board of Trustees (BOT) of St. Sarkis Church and for the delegates to the National Representative Assembly (NRA). The 2014 BOT, as elected

General Membership & Elections

by the Saint Sarkis community include: Edward Barsamian, Aram Cazazian, Ruben Daglyan, Hagop Gorgissian, Gourgen Grigorian, Alina Kochoumian, Louiza Kubikian, Krikor Nercessian, Sarkis Nercessian, Harry Seoylemzian, and Nayda Voskerijian. The NRA Delgates include: Antranik Boudakian, Aram Cazazian, Arthur Hairabedian and Nayda Voskerijian.

Frozen Movie Night in the Church Hall!

The PTA of Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School, hosted another Movie Night on Sunday evening, February 16th. Children arrived with their sleeping bags and enjoyed snacks while watching

Frozen. The lower hall was filled with happy and excited children who enjoyed watching and singing along to this popular movie in between bites of fresh popcorn.



150 FATHERS OF HOLY COUNCIL OF CONSTANTINOPLE

On March 1st, we celebrated the Feast of the 150 Fathers of the Council of Constantinople, the second ecumenical council convened by Emperor Theodosius in 381. This council confirmed the work of the first council at Nicaea, and added five articles to the Nicene Creed regarding the Holy Spirit, the Church, Baptism, and Resurrection. The Council of Constantinople is one of the three ecumenical councils recognized by the Armenian Church.

On February 16th, all parishioners were invited to celebrate the Name Day of our beloved St. Sarkis Church. Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate celebrated Badarak giving a moving sermon about the Gospel of the Day, the Bread of Life and the life of St. Sarkis.

exceptional St. Sarkis year-end video prepared by Father Nareg. The video highlighted memorable moments throughout the year. Following the video, Dr. Hagop Gorgissian read poems by Bariur Sevag. Then the Huser musical ensemble from St. Illuminator's Church

Name Day at St. Sarkis Church

Following badarak, parishioners were welcomed to the Main Hall, where a beautiful banquet and enjoyable program awaited them. Guests were treated to an

performed and entertained our guests. We thank our hard working, dedicated committee for organizing such a joyous event for our church.



On Saturday evening, March 1st, 2014, the Ladies Guild of St. Sarkis Church hosted Poon Paregentan – a celebration leading us into Lent. Traditional Armenian costumes, hand-made tapestries and intricate Armenian crocheted artwork decorated the room. Guests felt immersed in a lavish party of Armenian cuisine and continental music. Children enjoyed time with their friends while a magician amused them.

Poon Paregentan falls on the eve of Great Lent (*Medz Babk*), “Poon” means real or genuine and distinguishes this paregentan from other fasts in the liturgical calendar. Paregentan literally means “good living.” Poon Paregentan ushers the faithful into the Lenten period of fasting, penance and reconciliation. During Lent, the Church takes on a solemn appearance with altar curtain closed from the evening of Poon Paregentan. The closing of the curtain symbolizes the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden. The Church does not offer Holy Communion during Lent. The faithful use this period leading up to Easter as a time of prayer and meditation to strengthen their faith.



Poon Paregentan

The last day before the start of Lent, Paregentan Sunday celebrations include an abundance of good food, merriment, entertainment and festivities forbidden during Lent. During Lent, all animal products, including dairy and eggs, are forbidden. The earliest Armenian traditions were even stricter and referred to as *agh-ou-hatz* (salt and bread) because of its stringent restrictions.

GREAT LENT

Great Lent began Monday, March 3rd. Great Lent is the longest of the fasts in the liturgical calendar. It begins on the Monday immediately following Poon Paregentan, and continues for 40 days until the Friday before the commemoration of the raising of Lazarus: the Saturday before Palm Sunday. A new period of fasting begins during Holy Week. Great Lent, a time of penance, abstinence, and devotion, is a very personal spiritual journey that is based on the 40 days Christ spent in the wilderness following his baptism. “*Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished.*” (Matthew 3:1-2)

Open Forum for American-Armenian College & University Students

St. Sarkis Church hosted an Open Forum for American-Armenian College and University Students of New York on Saturday, March 15, 2014. The afternoon started with opening remarks by Mr. Shont Voskerijian. Guest speakers: Mr. Aram Babikian, a financial analyst and Mr. John D. Megerian, Esquire, spoke on their respective areas of expertise.



They discussed their work along with practical ideas for successful networking. A group discussion followed the presentations with participants introducing themselves and sharing their future plans, strengths and challenges. Before concluding the session, attendees provided feedback to the organizers on the format and content of the forum for upcoming events at St. Sarkis Church. Der Nareg Terterian, Pastor, closed out the day with his inspiring remarks.

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EVERY FRIDAY EVENING DURING LENT, PRAYING THE GREAT
VESPERS OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH, LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE
TENETS OF OUR FAITH AND SAVORING TRADITIONAL LENTEN
HOMEMADE FOODS IN FELLOWSHIP

WHAT IS LENT?

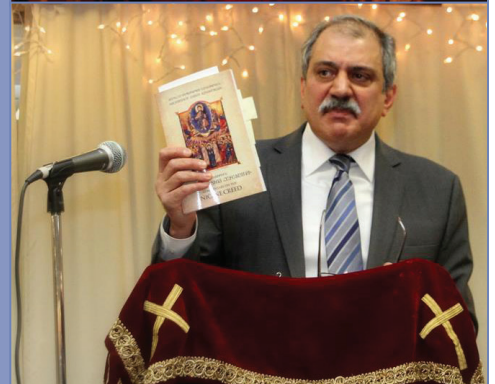
A PRESENTATION BY THE ST. SARKIS CHURCH YOUTH CLUB

The first Lenten vesper service began with His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar General presiding over services on March 7, 2014. At the end of the service, members of the St. Sarkis Church Youth Club made a presentation entitled “*What is Lent*” focusing on the Lenten traditions of the Armenian Apostolic Church. The fellowship hour that evening was hosted by the parents of the St. Sarkis Youth Club members with baby sitting for young children.

COMMENTARY ON THE NICENE CREED?

WITH DEACON SHANT KAZANJIAN OF THE ARMENIAN PRELACY

On Friday, March 14, 2014, the community of St. Sarkis Church observed the second Lenten Vesper Service of the season presided over by His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate. Following church services, a book presentation “*Commentary on the Nicene Creed*”, written by Archbishop Zareh Aznavorian, of blessed memory, was translated by Deacon Shant Kazanjian, Executive Director of the Armenian Religious Education Council (AREC). Dn. Shant spoke briefly about the origin and the function of creeds in general and the Nicene Creed in particular. He then presented the book, its structure and content, highlighting various elements and some unique aspects of the Armenian version of the Creed. The organizing committee of the Senior Citizen’s Club prepared a lovely spread of Lenten foods during the fellowship hour following the book presentation.



REFLECTION ON THE COMMENTARY OF BADARK OF HOVHENES ARJISHETSI BY HIS GRACE ANOUSHAVAN TANELIAN, PH.D. VICAR GENERAL

On Friday evening March 21, 2014, the community of St. Sarkis Church observed the third Lenten Vesper Service of the season. The third Lenten vesper service was offered at 6:30 PM that night at the church. Services were followed by “*A Reflection on the Commentary of Badark of Hovhenes Arjishetsi*” by His Grace Anoushavan Tanelian, Ph.D. Vicar General with fellowship hour by the Ladies Guild.

IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE A MEDITATION BY FR. NAREG TERTERIAN, PASTOR OF ST. SARKIS CHURCH

The fourth Lenten vesper service was offered at 6:30 PM at St. Sarkis Church on Friday, March 28th. Following church services, Fr. Nareg Terterian provided a meditation discussing “*In the Garden of Gethsemane*”. The Saturday School Parent Teacher Association of St. Sarkis Armenian School hosted the fellowship hour following Der Nareg’s talk.

SAINTS & SAINTHOOD WITH FR. MESROB LAKISSIAN, PASTOR OF ST. ILLUMINATOR’S CATHEDRAL

On Friday evening April 4, 2014, the community of St. Sarkis Church observed the fifth Lenten Vesper Service of the season. Following church services Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, Pastor of St. Illuminator Cathedral spoke about “*Saints & Sainthood*” with a fellowship hour hosted by the St. Sarkis Choir.

THE PASSION OF CHRIST BY DR. GREGORY KAZANJIAN, DDS

The sixth and final Lenten vesper service took place on April 11, 2014. Following church services, Dr. Gregory Kazanjian gave a presentation on “*The Passion of the Christ*”. His talk went into the excruciating details behind the medical, emotional and the psychological aspects of the Passion of Christ. The Ladies Guild hosted the fellowship hour following Dr. Kazanjian’s lecture with a wide selection of Lenten favorites.



Holy Week 2014

Palm Sunday, April 13

Morning Services 10:00 AM
 Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM
 Trunpatzek-Opening of the Portal 12:45 PM
 Procession 1:00 PM

Holy Tuesday, April 15

Vesper Services 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday, April 17

Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
 Washing of the Feet 6:00 PM
 Tenebrae-Passion of the Christ 8:00 PM

Good Friday, April 18

Service of the Entombment 8:00PM

Holy Saturday, April 19

Holy Communion for Students 10:00 AM
 Jrakalooztz-Easter Eve Vespers 5:30 PM
 Reading of Scriptures 6:00 PM
 Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
 Easter Eve Dinner 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday, April 20

Morning Services 10:00AM
 Divine Liturgy 10:30AM

Celebrant:

Reverend Father Nareg Terterian, Pastor

Deacons:

Carlo Bayrakdarian,
 Michael Gostanian, Bedros Kalajian,
 Zaven Katzakhian, Bedros Sarkissian,
 Thomas Thomasian, Zaven Varjabedian

Subdeacons:

Berj Agopian,
 Christapor Megherian, Daniel Megerian,
 John Megherian, Mark Megerian,
 Paul Megherian, James Mengouchian

Acolytes:

Peter Agopian,
 Haig Baghdasarian, Peter Boyadjian,
 Shant Megherian, Shont Voskerijian

Choir Master:

Organists:

Gail D'Onofrio,
 Haikouhi Megerian, Juliette Milian



Easter - Sołuwgnjg (adapted from the Prelacy CrossRoads eNewsletter)

From the earliest days of our Church, determining the date of Easter has been a matter of dispute. Christians determine Easter as the Sunday immediately following the full moon after the Equinox according to canon established by the Council of Nicea in 325 AD. Most of Christendon, including the Armenian Church (except in Jerusalem), follows the Gregorian calendar. Eastern Orthodox Churches still use the Julian calendar in calculating the date. The dates for Easter rarely coincide but in 2014 those dates fell on the same day.

Holy Week at Saint Sarkis Church

Palm Sunday and Trunpatzek

For Palm Sunday celebrations at St. Sarkis Church this year, His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian celebrated the Divine Liturgy and delivered the sermon. The service of *Trunpatzek* or Opening of the Portal ceremony followed along with a Palm Sunday procession led by the children of the St. Sarkis Church. Children held handcrafted candles

told by Jesus in Matthew 25:14-30. Students from St. Sarkis Saturday School participated in the services and Fr. Nareg delivered a short homily.

Washing of the Feet and Tenebrae

On Thursday Evening, the Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist was followed by the service of Washing of the Feet – a direct observance

chanting a series of readings, psalms and hymns. Fr. Nareg delivered a sermon concentrating on John 13:34-35: *“A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

Great Saturday & Easter Sunday

After the celebration of Eas-



graciously donated by Mr. & Mrs. Raffi & Jeanette Nenejian and their children Aram, Levon and Paul in memory of their beloved father and grandfather Mr. Boghos Nenejian.

Ten Bridesmaids

Church services for Holy Week started on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 with the Traditional Evening Service of the Ten Bridesmaids, a reenactment of the parable

of the Lord's command (John 13:1-17) and a sign of humbleness. Fr. Nareg washed the feet of the church servers and the youngest members of our Church anointing them with oil.

The Washing of the Feet service was followed by Tenebrae, a distinctive ceremony where the altar servers gradually extinguish candles representing the apostles while

ter Eve Mass, congregants enjoyed the annual Easter Eve Dinner donated and prepared each year by Mr. Ara Artinian, Mr. & Mrs. Alain and Mayda Artinian and Mr. & Mrs. Vahan & Christine Bedrossian in the memory of their beloved wife and mother Arpine Artinian.

On Easter Sunday, parishioners attended the Divine Liturgy, presided over by Fr. Nareg Terterian.

Holy Week at Saint Sarkis Church 2014





Ladies Guild Tea Party

by Jeanette Nenejian

On May 10, 2014, the St. Sarkis Ladies Guild hosted a very lavish and elegant tea party. The ladies who attended enjoyed delicious, sweet and savory dishes – perfect for high tea. We were gracefully entertained by the one and only Dottie Bengoian -- her motto is “*Hamov Hodov Khentank*” and that we surely did. Thank you Chairperson, Yn. Annie Terterian, for putting together this fine group of ladies and making this event a huge success.



Trials of Young Turks in Turkey 1919-1921

a lecture by Ara Caprielian, Ph.D.

by Edward Barsamian

On Sunday, April 6, 2014, the Saint Sarkis Cultural Committee sponsored a lecture on the book “*Trials of Young Turks in Turkey 1919-1921*” with featured lecturer Dr. Ara Caprielian, Ph.D. Dr. Caprielian presented historical facts from this new book authored by Meline Anoumian. The book focuses on the subject of the Armenian Genocide of 1915. Dr. Caprielian raised the presentation to a higher level by addressing those in attendance in flawless Armenian.

Ms. Anoumian, a scholar specializing in Turkish studies, read trial documents written in Arabic as part of her research. The book reveals that more than 800 members of the Young Turks who initiated and executed the Armenian Genocide, were tried and convicted – not for the crime of genocide, but for alleged war crimes. The charge of genocide was often low on the list of charges presented. The few death sentences issued were “in absentia” against Ittihad party



leaders who had already fled the country and thus were never carried out. Most of the other sentences were very light or not served. Many of the convicted went on to serve in Mustafa Kemal’s government.

The trials of the Young Turks turned out to be a show to appease the victorious European powers. In 1919, the Tashnag party initiated operation *NEMESIS* with the objective of bringing justice to the perpetrators of the Armenian genocide.

The St. Sarkis Cultural Committee presents lectures and events on various subjects of interest, including Armenian art, music, elder law, history and other subjects of interest our community. Share your comments by contacting the church office at 718-224-2275.

The Walk to Honor our Martyrs

On the 99th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, Armenians in the New York metro area commemorated our martyrs with a solemn celebration of the Divine Liturgy at St. Illuminator's Cathedral in Manhattan on April 24, 2014. Following church services, participants marched to Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza near the United Nations in midtown to honor the memory of our martyrs. Members of the St. Sarkis Youth Club created banners to carry during the march organized by the ARF and ANC of New York.



Blessing of the Flag with Hayr Zareh

Very Rev. Fr. Zareh Sarkissian, a member of the brotherhood of the Armenian Catholicosate of Cilicia celebrated the Divine Liturgy at St. Sarkis Church on May 25, 2014 delivering the homily and presiding over the service of the blessing of flags. This occasion marked the 96th anniversary of the first Armenian Republic and the 23rd anniversary of the current Republic of Armenia. Hayr Sourp also offered a requiem service for the souls of the fallen heroes of Sardarabad, Bashabaran, Gharakilise, and the new martyrs of the struggle for Arstakh.

Hayr Sourp Zareh, born in Beirut, graduated from the Theological Seminary of the Catholicosate of Cilicia and was ordained as a celibate priest in 2012. He continued his theological studies in Geneva, Switzerland and came to New York in early May 2014 to pursue graduate studies. During

his stay in the United States, Hayr Zareh served the Eastern Prelacy as a visiting clergyman to various parishes.



On Sunday, May 18th, 2014, the Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School hosted their year-end hantes at St. Sarkis Church.

The program included drama, music, dancing, and recitals by the School's students. Anais Bardizbanian, Alexander Demirdjian,

Ethan Feinstein, Vahan Gostanian, Yeraz Melconian, Katherine Purdy, Hovsep Terterian, Talin Vartanian and Rita Wanissian graduated Kindergarten and Edmond Kasparian, Salpy Ketchelian, Tonya Orangian, Gregory Seoylemezian and Christopher Tembekjian graduated 6th grade.

Fr. Nareg Terterian, Pastor and Mrs. Nairy Zohrabian, Principal of the School presented the students with graduation diplomas and wished them success in future endeavors. During the ceremony, the Parent Teacher Association also recognized the teachers of the school and thanked them with flowers.

St. Sarkis Church Saturday School Year End Hantes





In May 2014, delegates of St. Sarkis Church: Mr. Antranik Boudakian, Mr. Arthur Hairabedian and Ms. Nayda Voskerijian attended the National Representative Assembly (NRA) of the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America hosted by St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church in Dearborn, Michigan. During the NRA, Fr. Nareg Terterian made a presentation to the Assembly entitled “*The Vibrant Parish*”.

NRA Delegates



In May 2014, the Senior Citizens Group of St. Sarkis Church along with their organizing committee rolled up their sleeves and got to work making manti. You can imagine the heavenly scent of manti filling the church hall that day.

SENIORS MAKE MANTI

Everyone left with a smile.

Zumba!

A wonderful group of women woke up nice and early on June 14th to attend the first ever Zumba exercise class at St. Sarkis Church. A certified instructor led the class of 21 through a full hour of dance and exercise fun. It was apparent that everyone was motivated and enjoyed themselves be-

cause they asked when the next class would be held. Afterward, the women socialized and enjoyed fresh green juices and fruit smoothies then went on their way knowing they started the day off a little bit healthier.



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May 11, 2014, the fourth Sunday of Eastertide, is also known as Red Sunday (*Garmir Giragi*). The name does not have an ecclesiastical origin. Red is the color of blood and this may be an appropriate time to honor the memory of the early Christian martyrs. The name Red Sunday is also believed to refer to the burst of color that comes forth from the land after a barren winter. Similar to Green Sunday, it is a celebration of nature and life, symbolizing rebirth after the Resurrection of our Lord.

RED SUNDAY

Varoujan Vosgian Former Romanian Minister of Economy Speaks at St. Sarkis Church

by Edward Barsamian

On Wednesday evening, May 28, 2014, members of the Armenian-Romanian community in New York had the pleasure to host a meeting with Mr. Varoujan Vosgian at Saint Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church in Douglaston, New York. Mr. Vosgian served as Minister of Economy and other high positions in the Romanian Parliament and is also an author and prominent member of the Armenian community in Romania.

Members of our church organized a graceful reception for Mr. Vosgian, who was in New York to present his latest book - *Book of Whispers* - to the American Book Expo taking place at The Javits Center, as the book was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in Literature.

This book covers, among other things, the history of the 1915 genocide against the Armenians, the history of the interminable convoys of those banished into the Circles of Death, into the Deir ez Zor Desert, the secret history of Armenian freemasonry in Romania, of General Dro's army, the history of the Armenians who followed the path of exile in the Stalinist period - all these and many other biographically filtered histories fill the illustrated pages of this unsettling book.



While in New York, Mr. Vosgian expressed his desire to meet with the members of the Armenian-Romanian community, and the Prelate, Archbishop Choloyan, Prelacy Vicar General Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian and our pastor Der Nareg joined Dr. Ioana Gabriela Costache, Consul General of Romania in New York and a crowd of more than 60 people to hear Mr. Vosgian talk about the Armenian community in Romania and share his views on present challenges to Armenians throughout the world.



A question and answer period followed and the evening ended on a cordial note with Mr. Vosgian autographing several of his books. The committee organizing this event expressed special thanks to Adrine Necessian, Alina Kochoumian, Amy Gostanian, Louiza Kubikian and Sossy Kazanjian for creating a wonderful assortment of refreshments for the guests.

Armenia's Breaking Backbone What They Don't Show on TV

A screening of a documentary presenting the environmental problems facing Armenia aired at the church on Sunday, June 29, 2014. If you missed this eye opening film, you may watch the movie online at YouTube under "*Armenia's Breaking Backbone - What They Don't Show on TV*".



CELEBRATING THE GRADUATES OF 2014

On Sunday, June 8th, 2014 St. Sarkis Church proudly honored graduates of the Armenian community in a special church service and luncheon. College graduates: Hagop Nercessian and Leon Zohrabian. High School graduates: Armen Bijimian, Christapor Megherian and Arthur Mouradian. Eighth Grade graduates: Shushan Aghavian, Mimi Bijimian, Arev Ebrimian, Isabel Hagobian, Raffi Hagobian, Nicole Mark Cassandra Trivino. Sixth Grade graduates: Peter Agopian and Alicia Mordjikian and Fifth Grade graduate Michael Trivino.

16 graduates and their families attended badarak. Srpazan Anoushavan and Father Nareg



invited the graduates to the front altar where Srpazan prayed for each student and presented them with a satin sash representing St. Sarkis church. The sashes were hand crafted by Mrs. Jeanette Nenejian.

Following church services, graduates and their families sat down for a special luncheon. All graduates walked in procession to the hall led in anthems by soloist, Deborah Agopian.

Graduates and guests were treated to a very special video presentation created by Father Nareg that

included pictures of all of our graduates. A lovely cake cutting ceremony concluded the luncheon with graduates proudly standing around their beautiful cake.

Graduation Sunday was a beautiful representation of our blossoming community. We are proud of our graduates and wish them continued success in their future endeavors.





SENIOR CITIZENS VISIT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND

On Tuesday, June 17, 2014, the St. Sarkis Church Senior Citizens Organizing Committee planned a day-trip to the Shrine of the Lady of the Island in Manorville, New York. 32 participants traveled by

private chartered bus to the shrine. A short church service took place then participants explored the site and said silent prayers. Following the visit, participants enjoyed lunch at a local restaurant.

Congratulations to the hard working Senior Citizens' Club Organizing Committee members: Mrs. Tacouhi Orangian, Mrs. Natalie Hamamgian, Mrs. Sitta Oranjian and Mrs. Zepiur Ardzivian for making this event possible and for keeping our Seniors an engaged and energized part of our community.



Ladies Night Out with the Saturday School Moms

In June 2014, the Parent Teacher Association of St. Sarkis Church Saturday School organized a Ladies Night at Ocean Restaurant in Bayville, New York. The participants all enjoyed a wonderful evening.

On Saturday June 14, 2014, the Saint Sarkis Men's Club held its first event as a newly formed auxiliary of the Church. The event was a celebration of Father's Day and it drew more than 85 parishioners and friends. Attendees enjoyed a live showing of the FIFA 2014 World Cup game between Italy and England that ended with a 2-1 win for Italy. Fathers celebrated with DJ music, food and dessert.

The Men's Club, along with Der Nareg and Dr. Cazazian, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of St. Sarkis Church, presented the Man-of-the-Year award to Mr. Karnig Nercessian for his dedication and service to the Church and the Yeraz Dance Ensemble. The award ceremony was followed by a surprise performance by the Yeraz Dance Ensemble.



FATHER'S DAY ST. SARKIS

by Patrick Yaghdjian

On Father's Day we saluted all the fathers in our community. We also saluted our spiritual father and prayed for the blessing of our Heavenly Father through the words of the Holy Mass:

“True God and Merciful Father, we thank you, for you have honored us more than the blessed patriarchs, in spite of our sinful nature; for while you allowed them to call you their God, you were, in your compassion for us, pleased to be called Father by us. O Lord we pray you, make the grace of this new relationship with us to shine forth and to flourish in your Holy Church” Amen.



SUMMER CAMP 2014

*Reflections on Summer Camp – Year 9
by Seta Megherian and
Jeanette Nenejian*

It seems like yesterday that the laughter and excitement of our children filled the halls of the church dur-

With the support of our devoted benefactors Antranig and Marion Boudakian, the first summer camp session came to be with 25 campers. Today, our camp hosts nearly 80 campers with a staff of over 20. Campers who started our program in our first

new activities such as the Fun Bus for our younger groups. Campers aged three to six enjoyed their time tumbling, climbing, jumping and swinging in a fitness program run by two professional teachers. We also had a professional Tae Kwon Do teacher, Master



ing the 9th Annual St. Sarkis Summer Camp. Campers created memories that, we hope, will last a lifetime.

Nine years ago, the idea of bringing the children of our community together sprouted from a brilliant idea from our wonderful Der Nareg,

years are now in our oldest groups and have fond memories of their summers spent at camp.

At St. Sarkis Summer Camp, campers are divided into age appropriate groups and take part in fun and enriching activities. This year, we added

Joe, of New York Black Belt Center in Bayside, who provided campers with a wonderful learning experience and a great deal of fun. Master Joe's program taught respect and self-defense in a fun and age appropriate manner giving campers a chance to practice their martial arts moves.

This year, brothers Raffi and Razmig Nenejian provided soccer lessons to campers. Campers enjoyed action-packed soccer classes learning great techniques and having fun. We were also excited to welcome back the professional, 3-time Emmy Award winning Louie Zakarian and his Special Effects makeup team. Mr. Zakarian and his team shared

In the second week of Summer Camp, we changed it up a bit and took a bus trip to the Atlantis Aquarium in Riverhead, Long Island. Although the morning was grey and rainy we were lucky when the rain cleared up for our excited campers. At the aquarium, campers saw a funny seal show and enjoyed watching tropical fish swim along with sharks.

tained all with songs they had learned during Summer Camp.

Our wonderful and professional staff and amazing counselors-in-training (CITs) worked hard to ensure a fun and enriching camp experience for all campers. We sincerely thank our staff members: Julietta Ananian, Tatev Ananian, Zepiur Ardzivian,



makeup tricks with the campers and provided some scary special effects make-overs. Mrs. Janet Tutuyan, a healthcare professional, provided campers with wonderful science experiments and thought provoking projects that the campers all loved.

His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate and His Grace Bishop Anoushavan, Vicar General also visited the camp during Week 2. They encouraged us to keep this wonderful camp going strong as they shared a meal with campers and answered all sorts of questions. Campers enter-

Talin Baghdassarian, Yvette Fiesel, Seta Megherian, Jeanette Nenejian, Corina Popescu, Nayda Voskerijian, Levon Zohrabian, and a special thank you to our CIT's for their hard work: Deborah Agopian, Sevag Ebrimian, Sevag Hagobian, Ariana Kazanjian, and Christapor Megherian. We also



thank Der Nareg for his worship services, enlightening sermons, and bible teachings throughout the two weeks.

Thank you to our generous sponsors and donors for their ongoing support and dedication in making our camp a success. We thank Antranig and Marion Boudakian for

sponsoring lunch for the full two weeks, Harout and Naiyri Khatchadourian for donating the beautiful camp T-shirts, Dr. Aram and Rima Cazazian for sponsoring our karate program, Arthur and Annette Givelekian and Berge and Denise Panosyan for sponsoring pizza lunches, Louie and Adriana Zakarian for sponsoring a special-effects

makeup demonstration and Levon and Sandy Shamlian for their donation.

A fantastic time was had by the campers who attended this year's Saint Sarkis Summer Camp! Please stay tuned for our 10th Anniversary Camp session planned for July 6-24, 2015 (three weeks!).



Sunflowers

by Fr. Nareg Terterian

“Who likes Sunflowers? Everybody loves Sunflowers...Do you know how Sunflowers Grow? You have to plant them”, says Der Nareg during a special church service with the children of the 2014 summer camp session. “You have to water them and wait until the sunflower grows...What if I tried to plant a sunflower on a rock?...The seed doesn’t grow because you cannot plant a seed



in the rock. You need to plant the seed in soil. According to the Gospel of Matthew, the love of Jesus is like planting a seed. Your heart must be open to receive the Word of God. If your heart is impenetrable like the rock, it will not accept the seeds of God’s love. If your heart is like the fertile soil, then the Word of God and the Love of God will grow. You will become a person who will go and spread the love of God everywhere. Today we heard the Word of God and I want to make sure all of us make our hearts the perfect place for the love of God to grow.”

Pontifical Blessings for Catholicos Aram

His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate, visited St. Sarkis Church on Sunday, June 29, 2014 to preside over Pontifical prayers and blessings on the occasion of the 19th anniversary of the election and consecration of His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Holy See of Cilicia.



The arabic letter “N”, is being painted on homes in Iraq. The letter stands for the title Nazarene and identifies them as Christians. They are given the ultimatum to leave, pay a heavy tax, convert, or die by the sword.



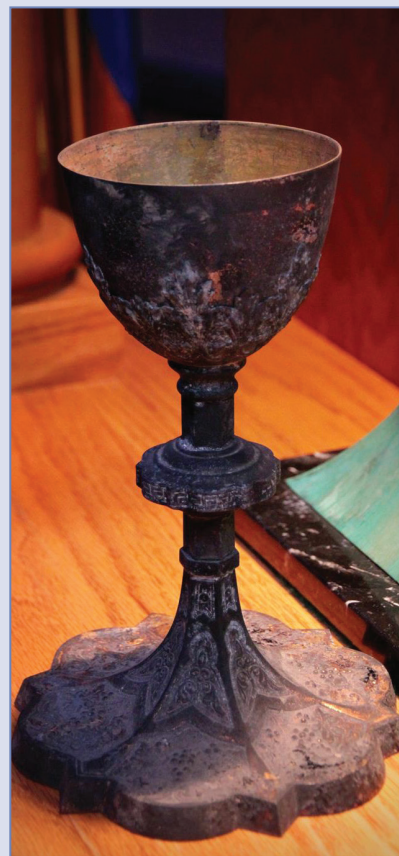
All were welcomed as the Armenian community stood united in a peaceful rally to raise awareness and seek protection and safe haven for all persecuted Christians in the Middle East. The group looked to prevent another genocide and stop ethnic cleansing of indigenous Christian populations. The rally took place on Saturday, August 2, 2014 outside of the United Nations in New York City.

Demand For Action Worldwide Protest

9/11 Memorial Service

On Sunday, September 7, 2014, the community of St. Sarkis Church offered special prayers and a requiem service for the souls of the victims of the

terrorist attacks of 9/11/2001. The community made special prayers for the soul of Garo Voskerijian, a victim of 9/11, for the comfort of his wife, children and family members.



Blackened Chalice

by Der Nareg Terterian

Did you ever lose something that you wish someone would return to you? The Bible is full of stories of lost & found including *the Parable of the Lost Sheep*, *the Parable of the Lost Coin* and *the Parable of the Prodigal Son*. Lost and found is a theme that we can all relate to.

This year, the community of Saint Sarkis found something that was long gone...or so we thought. On the night of May 21, 1985, lightning struck the bell tower of St. Sarkis Church and the resulting fire burned the church to the ground. The only item that survived was a perfectly preserved small picture of Jesus that we use during Good Friday services to this day.

This summer, we were presented with a shopping bag that contained a blackened chalice. Yes, we found the original chalice of the old St. Sarkis Church. Yekhpair Levon Shamlian, a long standing parishioner of our church returned this treasured artifact that he found on the day following devastating fire in the ashes of the old church. Yekhpair Levon did such a good job hiding the relic that he could not find it again until recently, when he promptly returned it to the church where it belongs.

When I look at this chalice, I imagine our first pastor, Der Asoghik, celebrating Mass. I imagine our former prelates: Hrant Srpazan, Karekin Srpazan and Mesrob Srpazan presiding over religious celebrations. I imagine the community of St. Sarkis partaking in the life-giving body and blood of our lord Jesus Christ. That is our history and we are the continuation of that story today. The blackened chalice is a reminder that St. Sarkis Church has risen from the ashes!

The podcast

With Fr. Nareg Terterian

St. Sarkis launched *THE PODCAST* with Fr. Nareg Terterian, on Thursday, September 4, 2014. The Podcast features discussions, interviews, bible reflections, and hymns. The inaugural podcast featured an interview with His Eminence, Archbishop Oshagan Cholyan, Prelate.

Podcast - Episode 1: Inaugural airing of the Podcast featuring an interview with Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate, where the Prelate revealed his experiences in authoring Armenian History Books still used today

Podcast - Episode 2: Interviews with St. Sarkis Armenian School Principal Mrs. Nairy Zohrabian and administrators Mrs. Natalie Sarafian-Meneshian and Mr. Harry Seoylemezian

Podcast - Episode 3: Why we Partake in the Holy Communion?

Podcast - Episode 4: Interview with Mrs. Seta Megherian, Youth Club Director

Podcast - Episode 5: Interviews with Candidates of the Priesthood

Podcast - Episode 6: A Tribute to the Holy Translators

Podcast - Episode 7: Remote from Elverson, Pennsylvania, Interviews with Fr. Antranig and Fr. Aram

Podcast - Episode 8: Interview with His Eminence, Archbishop Shahan Sarkissian, Prelate of Aleppo

Podcast - Episode 9: Interview with Arthur Hairabedian, First Chairman of St. Sarkis Church

Podcast - Episode 10: Interview with Der Nareg Terterian on the 10th Anniversary of his Ordination

Podcast - Episode 11: Interview with His Grace Bishop Anoushavan, Vicar General

Podcast - Episode 12: Interview with Photographer Hrair Hawk Khatcherian

Podcast - Episode 13: Thanksgiving Special & Interview with Mrs. Amy Gostanian

Podcast - Episode 14: Advent Special

Podcast - Episode 15: An Interview with Hooshere

Podcast - Episode 16: An Interview with Dr. Carlo Bayrakdarian

Take a few moments to listen to this innovative new offering from our very talented Pastor, Fr. Nareg Terterian at nterterian.podbean.com



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



On Sunday, August 17, 2014, the community of St. Sarkis Church observed the Feast of the Assumption (*Verapokoum*) of the Holy Virgin Mary. Fr. Nareg Terterian celebrated the Divine Liturgy and delivered the sermon. Following the Divine Liturgy, the ceremony of blessing of the grapes and Harissa took place. During the luncheon Fr. Nareg addressed the congregation and thanked Yerezkin Annie and her mother, Chake Kilaghbian, for preparing the 9th annual traditional Harissa. Mr. & Mrs. Edward and Coharig Barsamian graciously donated this year's grapes along with Mrs. Naomi Megerian. Mr. & Mrs. Edward and Alina Kochoumian and family donated the altar flowers for the Feast.

The Blessing of the Grapes is based on the Biblical teaching "*So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me... You*

shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God." (Deuteronomy 26:10). In the Armenian Church, the offering of first fruit takes the form of a thanksgiving and blessing, then the faithful consume the fruit. Harissa, the traditional Armenian recipe dating back to St. Gregory the Illuminator, began at St. Sarkis Church eight years ago and became a popular fellowship for parishioners.

The Feast of the Assumption (Verapokoum) of the Holy Virgin Mary

Verapokoum in classical Armenian means "transport up." According to tradition, the apostles buried the Holy Mother after she died. Bartholomew, not present at her funeral, wanted to visit her grave. After lifting her gravestone, they were sur-

prised to find that her body had disappeared. It was believed that Christ had come and taken his mother to the Heavenly Kingdom. Based on this event, the Church Fathers established the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, one of the five tabernacle feast days in the Armenian Church's liturgical calendar. The feast is preceded by a week of fasting and followed by a memorial day.

Because Bartholomew was very fond of the Holy Mother, the apostle John gave Bartholomew an image of her which Mary had given to John. Bartholomew took this image with him to Armenia to Darbnots Kar in the province of Antsev, Vaspourakan (Western Armenia) where a convent for nuns, Hogyats Vank (Monastery of the Spirits), was built and where the icon was kept. Most depictions of Bartholomew show him holding this icon.

The concept of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary is old as evidenced in sacred prose and poetry dedicated to the Holy Mother. However, it did not become a basic doctrine of the Church until the ninth century and it was not until the twelfth century that the feast was called “*The Assumption.*”

The Blessing of the Grapes

The Blessing of the Grapes takes place on the Feast of the Assumption, although there is no connection between the two. Similar to other holidays, the Blessing of the Grapes coincides with a pre-Christian era festival that the Church Fathers incorporated into the liturgical calendar. The choir sings the hymn *Park Sourb Khatchesi (Glory to Your Sacred Cross)*; clergy recite biblical passages then a prayer composed by Catholicos Nerses Shnorhali specifically for the occasion. After the prayer, the clergy bless the grapes three times with the words *Orhmetsee Bahbanestsee* and then the blessed grapes are distributed to the faithful, many of whom have refrained from eating grapes until after this blessing.

The Blessing of the Grapes is a celebration of the fruitfulness of the earth. Grapes are one of the oldest cultivated plants in the world. Noah planted a vineyard immediately after disembarking from the Ark (Genesis, Chapter 9) in Nakhichevan, Armenia. And, the wine of the Divine Liturgy comes from grapes.

“Bless, O Lord, the grape plants and vineyards from which these grapes are taken and presented to the Holy Church, and make them bountiful and fruitful; let them be like good and fertile land, protect the vineyard from all kinds of misfortune and destruction which come from above because of our sins, from hail, from cold, from hot winds, and from destructive insects, so that we may enjoy that which You have created in this world for our enjoyment and for Your glory, and grant that we may be worthy to eat and drink with You from the bounty of Your most fruitful vine at the table of Your Father’s Kingdom, according to the just promise which You made, to the honor and glory of Your coexisting Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the most Holy Spirit to whom is due glory, power, and honor, now and forever. Amen.” – from the prayer written by Catholicos Nerses Shnorhali for the Blessing of the Grapes.

Iron Chef vs. Pre K!

On Saturday, September 20, 2014, the next generation of great pastry chefs (also known as the dear pre-kindergarten students of St. Sarkis Armenian School) rolled up their sleeves and challenged their teachers to a bake-off!



Saint Sarkis 2014 Picnic

The 2014 Church Picnic in Douglaston, New York

by Seta Megherian

photography courtesy of Razmig Nenejian

The much anticipated St. Sarkis picnic took place Sunday, the 14th of September. A beautiful, sunny and cool day provided the perfect setting for our St. Sarkis fam-

ily to join together, eat a wonderful meal on our large lawn, enjoy traditional Armenian music, and dance. Many new and exciting changes and additions were made to the picnic this year. For the first time, the delicious array of traditional Armenian foods, including shish kebab, luleh kebab, chicken kebab, pilaf, and roasted vegetables were sold on the side of the church, under large tents. The food was prepared by Mr. Rouben Daglyan, Mr. & Mrs. Karnig and Ani Nercessian and a crew of volunteers. A beautiful cafe was set up in Pagoumian Hall, where specialty coffees, including espresso and cappuccino were sold alongside some fantastic desserts.

Parishioners enjoyed traditional Armenian music as Mr. Michael Gostanian, Hooshere and their band sang -- providing hours of musical enjoyment for the picnic attendees.

Even the kids had a great time! For the first time, the picnic featured kid-meals in unique child friendly boxes



and dedication to the success of our picnic. The St. Sarkis picnic was a huge success. Thank you to all who joined and supported us!





Saturday School Gala

Friday, October 3, 2014, the St. Sarkis Church Saturday School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) hosted a gala dinner dance at the Crescent Beach Club in Bayville, New York. Through the very generous donations of many supporters, the PTA was able to prepare many different raffle items. It was a wonderful evening for all and the music was great. The PTA of the Saturday School thanks everyone that attended, contributed raffle items and supported the event.



Benefactors Remembrance & Auxiliary Appreciation Sunday

Every year, Hovsep and Suzanne Hagopian Saturday School of St. Sarkis Church and the community at large observe a memorial service known as Benefactors' Day. The Day honors the legacy of all of the benefactors of our church, especially Mr. Hovsep and Mrs. Suzanne Hagopian. The Hagopians were gracious benefactors to St. Sarkis Church and their donation helped establish the Saturday Armenian School at the church.



The Benefactors' Day celebrations this year were held Sunday, October 19, 2014. A Special requiem service was followed by a memorial luncheon (*hokejash*). This year, St. Sarkis combined Benefactors' Day with Auxiliary Appreciation Day giving St. Sarkis Church an opportunity to express our gratitude to auxiliary members who contributed in various capacities throughout the year in support of the church's programs and activities.

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Men's Club Cigar Night

On October 10, 2014 the St. Sarkis Church Men's Club hosted a Cigar Night on the grounds of the church. The weather was perfect for an outdoor evening. A total of 45 attendees gathered around tables and the firepit to socialize, smoke, drink and eat. The highlight of the evening was the introduction of the Men's Club own *soujouk-sandwich* prepared panini style and served hot by members of the Men's Club.



Saturday School Fall Festival

St. Sarkis Church, Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian
Saturday School PTA held its annual Fall Festival Celebra-

tion on Saturday, October 25, 2014. Chadrijian Hall was beautifully decorated and filled with nearly 120 excited and happy revelers. Children came dressed in costume and participated in fun activities. They enjoyed painting pumpkins, decorating cupcakes, building Lego pumpkins, face painting and other arts-and-crafts. DJ Armen entertained guests with wonderful music and the children danced the afternoon away. We look forward to many more happy and fun occasions at St. Sarkis!



Clergy Retreat and Reflection in Elverson



The clergy of the Eastern Prelacy gathered at St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson, Pennsylvania, for a three day retreat from October 13 to 15, 2014 under the Presidency of the Prelate, His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan.

The members of the clergy present took the opportunity to give themselves over more fully to prayer and reflection in order to return to their parishes rejuvenated, refreshed and renewed. This was the main goal for the gathering.

The agenda for the three day conference included: final review and suggestions for Holy Week services with its new English translation, resolutions of the 2014 National Representative Assembly, 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide preparations, Bishops Conclave in Etchmiadzin in November 2015, the Pontifical visit of His Holiness Catholicos Aram I in May 2015, a review of the "In Defense of Christians" summit held in Washington, D.C., and a workshop on "Pastoral Skills" led by Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian, Pastor of St. Sarkis Armenian Church in Douglaston, New York. The clergy also took the time to celebrate the seven daily services of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

Dn. Shant Kazanjian, Director of the Prelacy's Armenian Religious Education Council (AREC), was in-

vited to participate in the session to discuss the NRA resolution and help clergy review the Prelacy's Christian education programs. Dn. Shant presented a brief outline of the Christian Faith after which clergy reviewed the outline and made revisions. They discussed ways to strengthen the Christian educational programs within our parishes; exploring ways to integrate technology into the ministry at all levels. It was reaffirmed that every parish should form and implement a Christian Education Committee, if not already in place. It was also recommended that AREC evaluate the St. Gregory of Datev Institute Summer Program. As expected, one of the perennial issues in such gatherings was the Soorp badarak; helping our people to better understand and participate in the central worship service of the Armenian Church.

Finally, on the occasion of the Pontifical visit, the Prelacy parishes were asked to focus on the general theme of "Faithfulness to our Armenian Christian Heritage." Dn. Shant was asked to present a few topics under this overall theme. Faithfulness to our Armenian Christian heritage, he highlighted, entails being faithful to the Bible, our baptismal calling, our faith expressed in the Creeds, in prayer, in coming together on Sundays to celebrate the Soorp badarak and in participating in the mission of the Church. His plan was endorsed by the clergy.

Church Celebrates the Tenth Anniversary of Der Nareg's Ordination

by Seta Megherian

photography courtesy of Raffi Nenejian

The St. Sarkis Church Board of Trustees along with its auxiliary bodies held a special surprise banquet to honor Fr. Nareg Terterian on the 10th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Friday evening, October 17, 2014. A surprised Der Nareg was gracefully greeted by His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate of the Eastern United States, His Grace Bishop Anoushavan, Vicar General and Rev. Fr. Abraham Malkhasyan, Pastor of Holy Martyrs Armenian Church of Bay-side. Celebrating alongside their son were

Der Nareg's parents Mr. and Mrs. Jirair and Arpi Terterian of Syria. Nearly 300 parishioners filled the main hall of the church with love and gratitude for Der Nareg on this special day both honoring him and remembering the fruits of his dedication to St. Sarkis Church.

A beautifully decorated hall set a lovely atmosphere for all. As guests finished their dinner, Board of Trustees Chairman, Dr. Cazazian

greeted guests and introduced a well orchestrated and meaningful cultural presentation. Gregory Andreopolous, member of St. Sarkis Youth Club and St. Sarkis camper, spoke eloquently of Der Nareg's dedication to his Church and the positive impact he has had on our youth including various programs implemented by Der Nareg such as: St. Sarkis Summer Camp and the St. Sarkis Youth Club. Christapor Megherian, Suzanne and

pletion of the cultural program, Dr. Cazazian invited Der Malkhasyan of Holy Martyrs Armenian Church to offer his congratulatory remarks. He spoke of their friendship and strong bond. His Grace, Bishop Tanielian, complimented Der Nareg on his dedication to his community and church. His Eminence, Archbishop Choloyan, spoke of Der Nareg's humble qualities and desire to learn to better himself and his church.



A video presentation prepared by Harry Seoylemezian and Raffi Nenejian set to lovely church music allowed guests to see the photographs of Der Nareg's ordination ten years ago. It was a touching tribute to both Der Nareg and his family.

Der Nareg humbly thanked his guests and all that were part of this special event. He expressed his

gratitude to everyone who organized and attended the event. He thanked His Eminence for believing in him and helping him on this journey and he thanked His Grace for his continued support. In his closing remarks, Der Nareg thanked Yeretzkian Annie and his loving parents who were able to take part in this celebration.

Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School graduate, performed two Armenian classical pieces on the piano including *Hayots Mardigner*. Members of the St. Sarkis Church Choir performed traditional Armenian pieces, *Giligia*, *Ov Medzaskanich*, and *Yeghetesin Hayagan*, under the direction of Maestro Armen Ardzivian. Soloist Deborah Agopian, member of the St. Sarkis Youth Club and St. Sarkis Church Choir, performed the church melody *Nor Dzagbig*. Upon com-

gratitude to everyone who organized and attended the event. He thanked His Eminence for believing in him and helping him on this journey and he thanked His Grace for his continued support. In his closing remarks, Der Nareg thanked Yeretzkian Annie and his loving parents who were able to take part in this celebration.

Thank you to the committee and Board of Trustees for hosting such a lovely evening.



Saint Sarkis 2014 Girls Basketball

After a hiatus of several years, Saint Sarkis Church fielded a Girls Basketball Team in the Armenian Churches Sports Association league

Nine young women joined the team and we look forward to more joining in 2015. With each game, the team improved their playing skills and gained experience. Mr. Vartan Ovanesian, a coach of several successful St. Sarkis Boys teams, brought his coaching expertise to the Girls team. He is very pleased with the enthusiasm and progress of the team. The girls became better, stronger and more savvy with every game. The high cohesion of the 2014 team is due to the support of their parents and the fact that most members knew each other as members of the Saint Sarkis Youth Club under Mrs. Seta Megherian's directorship.

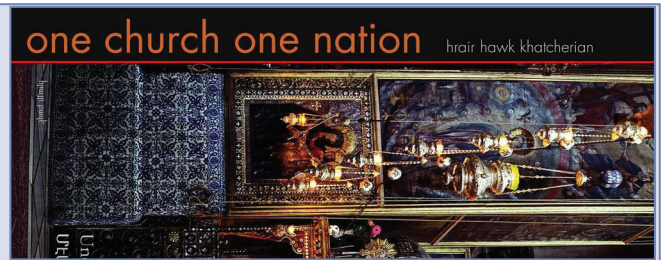


After the season ends in March 2015, the coaching staff and parents look to continue practices into the summer. We also look forward to a barbeque this summer sponsored by the Saint Sarkis Mens' Club with proceeds to benefit the team. Girls between the ages of 11 and 18 are welcome to join the team...or at least come and practice with us. If interested, kindly call the church office at 718-224-2275.

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A Hrair Hawk Book Presentation

On Sunday, November 23, 2014, St. Sarkis Church hosted a book presentation on a new publication from photographer Hrair Hawk Khatcherian.



Under the auspices of his Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate, His Eminence, Archbishop Shahan Sarkissian, Prelate of Aleppo visited St. Sarkis Church on Friday, October 24, 2014 as part of his visit to communities within the Eastern Prelacy of the United States. He conducted a public briefing on the continuing crisis facing the Armenian community in Syria. 86 parishioners attended the event and listened to the detailed and impressive presentation that Shahan Srpazan provided. Our parishioners raised substantial funds in support of the Armenian Schools in Syria. Your continued generosity and solidarity is appreciated.

Prelate of Syria Visits St. Sarkis Church

Food and Winter Coat Drive

In November 2014, St. Sarkis Church collected, boxed and canned foods to distribute to families in need during the Christmas season. The drive also collected coats of all sizes in to help those less fortunate who could greatly use some help over the winter. Thank you for your support and donations.



Simply Christmas 2014

On Sunday, December 14, 2014, the sounds of Christmas echoed through the sanctuary of St. Sarkis Church when the lovely Hooshere performed her magic, singing Christmas carols and favorites during a free concert at the church.

Simply Christmas 2014, the 6th in a series of Christmas concerts at the church, welcomed parishioners following badarak, to a beautifully orchestrated concert, featuring the voice of Hooshere, with Elizabeth Kalfayan on cello and Peter Douskalis on acoustic guitar. Traditional Christmas Carols were presented with an Armenian twist. Songs such as “O Come

All Ye Faithful”, “*Ave Maria*”, and “*O Holy Night*”, were featured by our very talented musicians during the program. Following the concert, a reception was held in the Main Hall of the church where nearly 100 attended. The Ladies Guild of St. Sarkis Church hosted an afternoon of fellowship.

Thank you to the generous donors who made this event possible and thank you to the Ladies Guild of St. Sarkis Church for their dedication in making this afternoon such a success.



Requiem Service

Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian

A solemn requiem service in remembrance of Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian, Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy of the United States and Canada from 1978 to 1998 was offered on Sunday December 7, 2014

at St. Sarkis Church. Archbishop Mesrob passed away eleven years ago, on December 2, 2003, during a visit to the United States.

“Our generation has been chosen to be part of one of the most difficult, but also most exciting, eras in Armenian history. More than ever we need the vision to recognize and

act on the responsibilities that have been placed on our shoulders. If we recognize and act on our responsibilities, if we live our faith, then I believe that the future of the Armenian nation is bright”. -- an excerpt from Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian’s “A Message for the New Year” given in 1996. *From the Prelacy’s CrossRoads eNewsletter.*

Luncheon Honoring Local Police Officers and Fire Fighters

For two decades St. Sarkis Church in Douglaston, NY played host to the men and women of the 111th New York City Police Precinct and local Fire Department of New York during a luncheon under the auspices of Archbishop Oshagan and Bishop Anoushavan. The 20th anniversary of this special event fell on December 10, 2014 with the Honorable Melinda Katz, Queens Borough President, in attendance.



Christmas Cookie Decorating at the Church

On December 7, 2014, the Ladies Guild of St. Sarkis hosted a delightful “Holiday Party” for the children in our community. One of Santa’s Elves came directly from the North Pole to entertain the children with face painting, balloon art, yummy cotton candy and keepsake photographs. The event featured cookie decorating for the children followed by a wonderful lunch and hot cocoa.

The Ladies Guild ensured every detail was perfect for our young cookie decorators. Children wrote letters to Santa and took whimsical holiday pictures at the Photo Booth. It was a great

afternoon and we thank the Ladies Guild for organizing this unique, wonderful event. And we thank the parents who took the time to join us and make the party memorable.

Saturday School December Hantes

On Sunday, December 21, 2014 following badarak, the main hall of our church set the stage for the annual Christmas Hantes presented by the Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School students. The children performed grade-by-grade, starting with the Pre-K students through the 6th Grade. Each group performed lovely poems or beautiful songs representing the birth of Jesus. After the program, “Gaghant Baba” surprised the students with a visit all the way from the North Pole. He danced and sang with the children and handed out gifts to all! Following the lovely program, the PTA organized a luncheon in a beautifully decorated hall.



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

ARTHUR BALAGEZYAN son of SARIBEK BALAGEZYAN and VARTEEK MARTIROSYAN BALAGEZYAN was baptized on January 11, 2014. Godparents: RUBEN LUSINYANTS and ARMIN LUSINYANTS.

ANASTASIYA ROMASHCHENKO daughter of MIKHAIL ROMASHCHENKO and OLGA ALYAKINA ROMASHCHENKO was baptized on January 25, 2014. Godfather: SAMVEL VORMNADIRYAN.

MARA SIMONE AVEDIAN daughter of VAZRIK AVEDIAN and MICHELLE KAROLY AVEDIAN was baptized on March 15, 2014. Godparents: FELIX MEDINA and CHRISTINE KAROLY.

NUNE GENJOYAN daughter of RAZMIK GENJOYAN and LAURA AVETISYAN GENJOYAN was baptized on March 16, 2014. Godparents: ROMANOS HARUTUNYAN and GAYANE DOLUNTS.

GAVIN ARSHAK BOYAJIAN son of VAHE BOYAJIAN and MARIA RIANNA BOYAJIAN was baptized on March 22, 2014. Godparents: SALVATORE RIANNA and LUSINE SEFERIAN.

DAKOTA ROSE BEKIAN daughter of ADAM BEKIAN and JESSICA PAPA BEKIAN was baptized on May 4, 2014. Godparents: VAHRAM SHISHMANIAN and OLIVIA SOLTAN.

ARIANNA KANDATYAN daughter of ARAM KANDATYAN and VICTORIA KANDATYAN was baptized on May 4, 2014. Godparents: ANDRANIK DERMENGIAN and LUCINE DERMENGIAN.

MARINA LYNN PAPA ZIAN daughter of GREGOR PAPA ZIAN and MEGHAN COUGHLIN PAPA ZIAN was baptized on May 25, 2014. Godparents: MIKE SMITH and MICHELE DILORENZO.

NARINEH ALICE NENEJIAN daughter of RAZMIK NENEJIAN and SONYA SIMONIAN NENEJIAN was baptized on May 31, 2014. Godparents: BAGHDASAR BAGHIAN and PERUZ BAGHIAN.

ARMEN GEVORKYAN son of MICHAEL GEVORKYAN and SARA SHIMUNOVA GEVORKYAN was baptized on June 1, 2014. Godfather: ZAVEN VARJABEDIAN.

MICHAEL TRYCH son of VITALI TRYCH and STELLA BAKANYAN TRYCH was baptized on June 12, 2014. Godparents: ARAM KANDATYAN and VICTORIA KANDATYAN.

LONDYN JOEL MINASSIAN daughter of KEVIN MINASSIAN and JESSICA SARDONE MINASSIAN was baptized on June 15, 2014. Godparents: ARY KHATCHIKIAN and DIANA KHATCHIKIAN.

ARMEN GEVORGYAN son of ARTHUR GEVORGYAN and ARMINE IGITYAN GEVORGYAN was baptized on June 21, 2014. Godparents: GEGHAM MKRTCHYAN and AMALIA SHAHBAZYAN.

ANNA GEVORGYAN daughter of ARTHUR GEVORGYAN and ARMINE IGITYAN GEVORGYAN was baptized on June 21, 2014. Godparents: GEGHAM MKRTCHYAN and AMALIA SHAHBAZYAN.

VICTORIA ELLA PENA daughter of STEVE BOGHOSSIAN and NATALIE PENA was baptized on July 18, 2014. Godparents: ERIC ISKANDARIAN and DONNA PILIKYAN.

NATALIA LUCINE KESHISHIAN daughter of VICKEN KESHISHIAN and PAMELA CORREA KESHISHIAN was baptized on July 20, 2014. Godparents: HAROUT GEBIAN and SUSAN KECHICHIAN.

MELANIE SARA GEVORKYAN daughter of ARMEN GEVORKYAN and ANZHELIKA SHCHERBININA GEVORKYAN was baptized on July 27, 2014. Godfather: ZAVEN VARJABEDIAN.

NICOLE SIRAN HAGOBIAN daughter of SHANT HAGOBIAN and OLGA SIROSHTAN was baptized on August 31, 2014. Godparents: SEVAG HAGOBIAN and ISABEL HAGOBIAN.

MICHELLE GYULBUDAGYAN daughter of ARMAN GYULBUDAGYAN and LILIT SAHAKYAN GYULBUDAGYAN was baptized on October 4, 2014. Godparents: HOVHANNES MALATCHANYAN and SUSANNA SHUSHANYAN.

NIKOLAOS GOR SAROYAN son of VARTGES SAROYAN and ANTONIA ALOFRIS SAROYAN was baptized on October 4, 2014. Godparents: ANDREI VRABIE and VALERY CHU.

SACRAMENTS

JULIANNA LUCY ROUBIAN daughter of HENRY ROUBIAN and ELIZABETH ANASA ROUBIAN was baptized on October 11, 2014. Godparents: ANTRANIG ANASA and JENNIFER ROUBIAN.

CHLOE NICOLE CAVA daughter of ALFONSO CAVA and DIANA DEMIRDJAN CAVA was baptized on October 18, 2014. Godparents: CHRISTOPHER DEAN and NYEREE DEMIRDJAN.

ALEXANDER SAFARIAN son of EDWIN SAFARIAN and LILYA RATEVOSSIAN SAFARIAN was baptized on October 18, 2014. Godparents: ROMIK SAFARIAN and MICHELLE SAFARIAN.

MICHAEL SAFARIAN son of EDWIN SAFARIAN and LILYA RATEVOSSIAN SAFARIAN was baptized on October 18, 2014. Godparents: VADIM TOURIN and EMMA TOURIN.

ARMEN MANASSERIAN son of TATOOL MANASSERIAN and NUNE SIMONIAN MANASSERIAN was baptized on November 2, 2014. Godparents: OHANNES NERCESSIAN and HASMIK SARKISSIAN.

HARRISON KRISTIAN ADJEMOV son of KRISTIAN ADJEMOV and VALERIE FREIBERG ADJEMOV was baptized on December 13, 2014. Godparents: MANOUG SHISHMANIAN and DIROUHI SHISHMANIAN.

VALERIE FREIBERG ADJEMOV daughter of KENNETH FREIBERG and JUDITH RAY was baptized on December 13, 2014. Godparents: MANOUG SHISHMANIAN and DIROUHI SHISHMANIAN.

ANNA MARIE MEGERIAN daughter of JOHN MEGERIAN and SALPI KELAGHBIAN MEGERIAN was baptized on November 30, 2014. Godparents: PAUL MEGERIAN and CHRISTINA MEGERIAN.

RAPHAEL PIERRE MEGERIAN son of PAUL MEGERIAN and CHRISTINA NASRI MEGERIAN was baptized on November 30, 2014. Godparents: JOHN MEGERIAN and SALPI MEGERIAN.

*We congratulate the newly baptized and their parents.
May the Grace of the Holy Spirit be always with them.*

WEDDINGS

ANDREW ROSENFELD and NADINE BEDROSIAN were married on May 24, 2014. Best man and maid of honor: GREG ROSENFELD and ALINE BEDROSIAN.

CHAHE AGOP NERCESSIAN and TEODORA SHAMOON were married on June 22, 2014. Best man and maid of honor: KARNIK NERCESSIAN and KATHERINE DAGHER.

HENRIK DUMANIAN and DIANA EDZHURYAN were married on June 28, 2014. Best man and maid of honor: AGHASI DUMANYAN and ANNA EDZHURYAN.

LEO FERNANDEZ LARGHI and ANI ARDZIVIAN were married on August 30, 2014. Best man and maid of honor: JUAN FERNANDEZ LARGHI and TALAR ARDZIVIAN.

EDGAR VORMNADIRYAN and ANASTASIYA ROMASHCHENKO were married on September 26, 2014. Best man and maid of honor: VLADIMIR ABRAHAMYAN and ALIONA ROMASHCHENKO.

*We congratulate the newly married couples
& wish them a happy life together.*

Requiem for Diramayr Marie Choloyan

With great sorrow, the community of St. Sarkis Church learned of the passing of Diramayr Marie Choloyan, beloved mother of our Prelate, Archbishop Oshagan. Diramayr Marie passed away on May 7, 2014 in Beirut, Lebanon at 94 years of age. She is survived by her three sons: Archbishop Oshagan, Vartan, and Armen, as well as her daughter,

Ani. Her husband, Antranig, and two sons, Sarkis and Simon, predeceased her. Funeral services took place May 10th at the Cathedral of St. Gregory the Illuminator in Antelias, Lebanon with interment at the Armenian National Cemetery in Bourdj Hammoud, Lebanon.

In lieu-of-flower donations in her memory may be made to the Eastern Prelacy with checks payable

to the Armenian Apostolic Church of America and sent to the Armenian Prelacy at: 138 East 39th Street, New York, NY 10016.

The St. Sarkis community offers sincerest condolences to Archbishop Choloyan and the Choloyan family. We pray that the All Merciful God will receive her soul in eternal peace and bliss. May her memory shine forth always.

SACRAMENTS

FUNERALS

HOVANES MEGERIAN
(January 1, 1921 – January 16, 2014)

JESSICA REISOGLU
(June 7, 1987 – January 2014)

ZHANNA ALEXANDROVNA ULUBABOVA
(July 23, 1927 – February 8, 2014)

EVIANNA SHOUSHAN MARKARIAN
(August 29, 2013 – February 17, 2014)

GARBIS KERIMIAN
(May 5, 1923 – February 21, 2014)

EGSABET LENA BABAIAN
(August 10, 1919 – March 25, 2014)

ROMAN PAPOUYAN
(August 5, 1963 – March 25, 2014)

GASPAR STEPANIAN
(March 29, 2014)

KARABID ISRAELIAN
(December 22, 1928 – April 17, 2014)

SELMA BODOURIAN
(April 18, 1929 – December 1, 2014)

MALVINA KUBIKIAN
(November 9, 1919 – June 17, 2014)

ADRINE BAYLER
(August 14, 1927 – June 23, 2014)

GALOUST GALO
(September 1, 1920 – June 22, 2014)

TZVETANKA SETA SETIAN
(December 24, 1919 – July 13, 2014)

ANASTASIA BOUDAKIAN
(January 10, 1942 – July 21, 2014)

YURIY TAIROV
(November 17, 1943 – August 11, 2014)

TELEMAK KOSTANYAN
(August 15, 2014)

VICTORIYA ZEYNALYAN
(May 3, 1945 – August 29, 2014)

TAMARA MELKOMIANS
(March 19, 1925 – September 7, 2014)

MANUG KRICORIAN
(June 3, 1927 – September 8, 2014)

GARABED BARIKIAN
(February 10, 1940 – September 14, 2014)

SAMVEL NERSISYAN
(August 25, 1961 – October 2, 2014)

TONY GEVORKIAN
(September 18, 1974 – October 10, 2014)

HOVNAN GIVELEGHIAN
(May 30, 1935 – October 18, 2014)

BENITA MARKARIAN
(January 28, 1930 – December 21, 2014)

HAIG KOURDIAN
(September 18, 1930 – December 26, 2014)

ISKUI DUVANDZHIAN
(June 15, 1930 – December 28, 2014)

HAMPIK HAMBARTZOUM AZARIAN
(December 29, 2014)

We extend our condolences to the families & pray that the Almighty Lord bestows repose upon the souls of the deceased.

DONATIONS

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS 2014

Nercessian, Krikor & Elizabeth	\$750.00
Baghdassarian, Bagdig & Ani	\$500.00
Costello, Timothy & Arda	\$500.00
Giragosian, Haig & Laura	\$500.00
Ohanessian, Sarkis & Mary	\$500.00
Hairabedian, Arthur & Lillian	\$300.00
Markarian, Anahid	\$200.00
Orangian, Haroutoun & Lena	\$200.00
Arakelyan, Lusin	\$150.00
Arslanian, Edward & Mary	\$150.00
Bezdikian, Ohannes & Sonia	\$150.00
Kasparian, Kevork & Narsis	\$150.00
Karibian, Leon	\$150.00
Oranjian, Zaven & Sitta	\$150.00
Demirdjan, Zaven & Elvira	\$125.00
Agopian, Berdj & Hilda	\$100.00
Asarian, Sarkis & Nazeli	\$100.00
Ayvazian, Garabed & Mannik	\$100.00
Baklajian, Haig & Emma	\$100.00
Baron, Alex & Jacqueline	\$100.00
Barsamian, Edward & Coharig	\$100.00
Garabedian, Hagop & Angela	\$100.00
Holmquist, Isabella	\$100.00
Jamie, Edward & Lynn	\$100.00
Kallem, Gary & Victoria	\$100.00
Katrandjian, George & Angele	\$100.00
Kazandjian, Gregory & Madeleine	\$100.00
Kerstedjian, Alice	\$100.00
Krikorian, Melkon & Sirvard	\$100.00
Mangikian, Berge & Edda	\$100.00
Masoian, Anita	\$100.00
Mengouchian, Jirair & Nora	\$100.00
Ohanessian, Edward & Elizabeth	\$100.00
Orangian, Takouhi	\$100.00
Papazian, Mary & Dorothy	\$100.00
Seoylemezian, Garabed & Sofi	\$100.00
Sheshedian, Mary	\$100.00
Tahan, Arshalus	\$100.00
Voskerijian, Nayda	\$100.00
De Blasio, Nazeli	\$75.00
Yekhpairian, Sevan & Victoria	\$75.00
Baklajian, Victoria	\$60.00
Minassian, Vahram	\$60.00
Anonymous	\$50.00
Arkun, Anahit	\$50.00
Babaiian, Vahik	\$50.00
Boudakian, Gregory	\$50.00
Chorbajian, Levon	\$50.00
Gulbenkian, Edward & Silvia	\$50.00
Hamamdjian, Marie	\$50.00
Kabarajian, Frank & Ayda	\$50.00
Mahtesyan, Volodya & Dirouhi	\$50.00
Minassian, Antranig & Valentine	\$50.00
Parseghian, Vartuhi	\$50.00
Sagiroglu, Hera	\$50.00
Simonian, Hagop & Soci	\$50.00
Sarkissian, Azad & Nairy	\$50.00
Azarian, Susan	\$45.00
Yacobian, Antranig & Marie	\$40.00
Shamljian, Leon & Sandra	\$32.00
Gregorian, Edmund & Tamara	\$30.00
Vardanian, Hrach	\$30.00
Bakalian, Araxie	\$25.00
Dersarkissian, Jirair	\$25.00
D'Onofrio, Gail	\$25.00
Ipekgian, Siragan & Arthur	\$25.00
Margosian, Arsho	\$25.00
Minassian, Dikran & Nelly	\$25.00
Moschovitis, Peter & Carol	\$25.00
Sookikian, Araxie	\$25.00

Tutelian, Lillian	\$25.00
Dolmaian, Cricor	\$20.00
Rybak, Edward & Rose	\$20.00
Sarafian, Zaven & Varsenik	\$20.00
Saroukhanian, Kayzer & Arpine	\$20.00
Shekookian, Mary	\$20.00
Vartanyan, Ann	\$20.00
Ahdjian, Mari	\$10.00
Nishanian, A.	\$10.00

ST. SARKIS NAME DAY DONATIONS

Zohrabian, Raffi & Nairy	\$500.00
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EASTER DONATIONS 2014

Asadourian, Armand & Laura	\$1,100.00
Baghdassarian, Bagdig & Ani	\$520.95
Boyadjian, Kevork & Diane	\$500.00
Bezdikian, Veh & Arpine	\$300.00
Costello, Timothy & Arda	\$250.00
Giragosian, Haig & Laura	\$250.00
Hairabedian, Arthur & Lillian	\$200.00
Nercessian, Sarkis & Adrine	\$200.00
Seoylemezian, Garo	\$200.00
Papazian, Mary & Dorothy	\$200.00
Arakelyan, Lusin	\$150.00
Dortch, Leonard & Valentina	\$150.00
Holmquist, Isabella	\$150.00
Megerian, Naomi	\$150.00
Paravazian, Diane	\$150.00



Voskinarian, Mourad & Virginia	\$150.00
Demirdjan, Zaven & Elvira	\$125.00
Agopian, Berdj & Hilda	\$100.00
Asarian, Armand	\$100.00
Asarian, Sarkis & Nazeli	\$100.00
Arslanian, Edward & Mary	\$100.00
Baghdassarian, Ghazar & Anny	\$100.00
Baklajian, Haig & Emma	\$100.00
Barsamian, Edward & Coharig	\$100.00
Bekian, Edward & Arpi	\$100.00
Bezdikian, Ohannes & Sonia	\$100.00
Cava, Alfonso & Diana	\$100.00
Chorbajian, Edward	\$100.00
Garabedian, Hagop & Angela	\$100.00
Givelekian, Arthur & Annette	\$100.00
Gulbenkian, Edward & Silva	\$100.00
Kalajian, Zohrab & Seta	\$100.00
Kallem, Gary & Victoria	\$100.00
Kazandjian, Gregory & Madeleine	\$100.00
Kharaboyan, Vartkes	\$100.00
Krikorian, Melkon & Sirvard	\$100.00
Mangikian, Berge & Edda	\$100.00
Manookian, Anna	\$100.00
Masoian, Anita	\$100.00
Ohanessian, Edward & Elizabeth	\$100.00
Petrossian, George	\$100.00
Savadjian, Vartkes & Alice	\$100.00
Seoylemezian, Harry & Alice	\$100.00
Sheshedian, Mary	\$100.00
Stepanian, Melik	\$100.00
Tahan, Arshalus	\$100.00

Tirakian, Sylvia & Family	\$100.00
Tonino, Richard & Deanna	\$100.00
Voskerijian, Nayda	\$100.00
Zobian, Aram & Ardemis	\$100.00
Arukian, Hratch & Negdar	\$75.00
Kalayjian, Makrouhi	\$55.00
Arkun, Anahit	\$50.00
Babaiian, Vahik	\$50.00
Balian, Raffi & Gassia	\$50.00
Baron, Alex & Jacqueline	\$50.00
Bodriguan, Agavni	\$50.00
Cakiryian, Hovagim	\$50.00
D'Onofrio, Gail	\$50.00
Garabedian, Edouard & Lusin	\$50.00
Garabedian, Karine	\$50.00
Gilanshah, Roshy	\$50.00
Gregorian, Vartan	\$50.00
Hamamdjian, Marie	\$50.00
Hazarian, Nadia	\$50.00
Kabarajian, Frank & Ayda	\$50.00
Kalaptchian, Arshaluis	\$50.00
Kerstedjian, Alice	\$50.00
Mahtesyan, Volodya & Dirouhi	\$50.00
Manoukian, Arsen & Alice	\$50.00
Markarian, Hrachik & Benita	\$50.00
Massarian, Diran & Satenig	\$50.00
Megerdichian, Rosette	\$50.00
Mengouchian, Jirair & Nora	\$50.00
Minassian, Antranig & Valentine	\$50.00
Minassian, Ari & Monica	\$50.00
Minassian, Karnik & Marian	\$50.00
Minassian, Vahram	\$50.00
Mordjikian, Hari & Arlene	\$50.00
Mossessian, Agop & Rubina	\$50.00
Orangian, Hovnan & Tonya	\$50.00
Sagiroglu, Hera	\$50.00
Sarkissian, Azad & Nairy	\$50.00
Sarkissian, Varsenne	\$50.00
Turbendian, Giragos & Sossie	\$50.00
Yekhpairian, Sevan & Victoria	\$50.00
Azarian, Susan	\$40.00
Baklajian, Victoria	\$40.00
Moschovitis, Peter & Carol	\$40.00
Shamljian, Leon & Sandra	\$36.00
Candan, Arpi	\$35.00
Gregorian, Edmund & Tamara	\$30.00
Kasparian, Krikor & Hripsi	\$30.00
Agasian, Garbis & Aneta	\$25.00
Ipekgian, Siragan & Arthur	\$25.00
Manookian, Arman	\$25.00
Minassian, Dikran & Nelly	\$25.00
Sookikian, Araxe	\$25.00
Tutelian, Lillian	\$25.00
Vosganian, Sam & Joan	\$25.00
Wassef, Asghik	\$25.00
Garabedian, Rosa	\$20.00
Hatem, Zabel	\$20.00
Manuelian, Noubar	\$20.00
Orangian, Takouhi	\$20.00
Papazian, Maria	\$20.00
Saroukhanian, Kayzer & Arpine	\$20.00
Vartanyan, Ann	\$20.00
Sarafian, Varsenik	\$15.00

EASTER LILY DONATIONS

Gulbenkian, Daniel

EASTER TAG DONATIONS

Baghdassarian, Ghevont & Lydia

PALM SUNDAY CANDLES DONATIONS

Nenejian, Raffi & Jeanette



BABY 40TH DAY BLESSING DONATIONS

Megerian, John & Salpi \$200.00
 Hagopian, Shant & Olga \$150.00
 Saroyan, Gevond & Gohar \$150.00
 Megerian, Paul & Christina \$100.00

SYRIAN (KESSAB)

ARMENIAN RELIEF FUND DONATIONS

Kalustian, Varujan & Luiza \$1,000.00
 St. Sarkis Church, Ladies Guild \$1,000.00
 St. Sarkis Church, Yeraz Dance Group \$1,000.00
 Apelian, Robert & Juliette \$700.00
 Callian, Zaghigh \$500.00
 Megerdichian, Zaven \$300.00
 Markarian, Garen & Anita \$250.00
 Apelian, Minas & Jill \$200.00
 Picone, Dominic \$200.00
 Apelian/Herubin, Raffi & Laura \$100.00
 Bezdikian, Veh & Arpine \$100.00
 Givlekian, Sonia \$100.00
 Harutyunyan, Artyom & Gohar \$100.00
 Margossian, Arshalouis \$100.00
 Turbendian, Dro & Maral \$100.00
 Kochoumian, Eduard & Alina \$50.00
 Turbendian, Nigol & Talin \$50.00
 Kabarajian, Frank & Ayda \$25.00
 Milian, Harry & Juliette \$25.00
 Sokasian, Martin & Rima \$20.00

SUMMER CAMP DONATIONS

NARINEH NENEJIAN'S 1st BIRTHDAY DONATIONS TO SUMMER CAMP

Ardzivian, Armen & Zepiur \$100.00
 Bezdikian, Veh & Arpine \$100.00
 Meneshian, Alex & Natalie \$100.00
 Nenejian, Evlin \$100.00
 Terterian, Der Nareg & Yn. Annie \$100.00
 Kaligian, Garin & Hooshere \$75.00
 Kahvejian, Harout & Arpi \$50.00

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS TO SATURDAY SCHOOL FOR THE LATE HOVANES MEGERIAN

Nalbandian, Mary \$300.00

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS TO SATURDAY SCHOOL FOR THE LATE ANASTASIA BOUDAKIAN

Krikorian, Aram \$200.00
 Bandazian, Walter & Marian \$100.00
 Bezdikian, Ohannes & Sonia \$100.00
 Caprielian, Ara & Arevig \$100.00
 Gabrielian, Marita \$100.00
 Markarian, Anahid \$100.00
 Meneshian, Alex & Natalie \$100.00
 Sarkissian, Aram & Natalie \$100.00
 Zakarian, Zomorod \$100.00
 Baghdassarian, Ghevont & Lydia \$50.00
 Kerestedjian, Alice \$50.00
 Minassian, Armine \$50.00

Sarkissian, Azad & Nairy \$50.00
 Serroen, Thomas & Roubina \$50.00
 Simitian, Carl & Evette \$50.00
 Azarian, Susan \$40.00
 Ghazarian, Hrair & Margaret \$40.00
 Babakhanian, Janik \$25.00

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS TO SATURDAY SCHOOL FOR THE LATE TONY GEVORKIAN

Payman \$500.00
 Valian, Marieta \$150.00
 Babaian, Michael & Loraine \$100.00
 Gevorgian, Edward & Marina \$100.00
 Gorgissian, Hagop & Hilda \$100.00
 Hajjar, Mounir & Edlin \$100.00
 Kasparian, Harry & Mary \$100.00
 Kerestedjian, Alice \$100.00
 Martorisan, Nela \$100.00
 Meneshian, Alex & Natalie \$100.00
 Minasian, Arax \$100.00
 Saladin, Berjouhi \$100.00
 Anonymous \$50.00
 Kazanjian, Moses & Clara \$50.00
 Koob, Walter \$50.00
 Shamlan, Leon & Sandy \$50.00
 Seoylemezian, Harry & Alice \$50.00
 Greenberg, Wayne & Yonit \$25.00

SHOGHAGAT DONATIONS 2014

Anonymous \$100.00
 Garabedian, Karine \$75.00
 Arakelyan, Lusin \$50.00
 Arukian, Hratch & Negdar \$50.00
 Baron, Alex & Jacqueline \$50.00
 Giragosian, Rose \$50.00
 Holmquist, Isabella \$50.00
 Kalayjian, Makrouhi \$50.00
 Kalfayan, Sonya \$50.00
 Kazandjian, Gregory & Madeleine \$50.00
 Mardirissian, Vartkes \$50.00
 Markarian, Anahid \$50.00
 Nigohossian, Levon \$50.00
 Shamlan, Leon & Sandra \$36.00
 Baklajian, Victoria \$30.00
 Dench, Dominik \$25.00
 Kabarajian, Frank & Ayda \$25.00
 Masoian, Anita \$25.00
 Sarkissian, Azad & Nairy \$25.00
 Mahtesyan, Volodya & Dirouhie \$20.00



SENIOR CITIZENS DONATIONS 2014

Hairabedian, Arthur & Lilian \$100.00
 Vartanian, Joseph & Azadouhi \$30.00
 Mengouchian, Vartkes \$25.00

ST. SARKIS YOUTH CLUB DONATIONS

Bijimianian, Vahe & Setta \$200.00
 Givlekian, Sonia \$30.00

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS TO YOUTH CLUB

FOR THE LATE GARABED BARIKIAN

Sarkissian, Haig \$250.00
 Nenejian, Evlin \$100.00
 Nenejian, Razmik & Sonya \$100.00
 Voskerijian, Nayda \$100.00
 Ardzivian, Armen & Zepiur \$50.00
 Babikian, Lolita \$30.00
 Tavitian, Stepan & Shami \$25.00
 Artun, Emma \$20.00

BLESSING OF THE GRAPES DONATIONS 2014

Costello, Timothy & Arda \$250.00
 Arslanian, Edward & Mary \$100.00
 Mangikian, Berge & Edda \$100.00
 Manookian, Anna \$100.00
 Megerian, Haigouhi \$100.00
 Megerian, Naomi \$100.00
 Ohannessian, Edward & Elizabeth \$100.00
 Givlekian, Sonia \$75.00
 Asarian, Sarkis & Nazeli \$50.00
 Hachikian, Surpuhi \$50.00
 Harutunian, John & Mary \$50.00
 Hazarian, Nadia \$50.00
 Kazandjian, Gregory & Madeleine \$50.00
 Mahtesyan, Volodya & Dirouhie \$50.00
 Shamlan, Leon & Sandy \$36.00
 Sheshedian, Mary \$30.00
 Arakelyan, Lusin \$25.00
 Sarkissian, Azad & Nairy \$25.00
 Anonymous \$20.00
 Baklajian, Victoria \$20.00
 Orangan, Takouhi \$20.00

PICNIC DONATIONS 2014

SPONSORS

Nercessian, Sarkis & Adriana \$400.00
 Gorgissian, Hagop & Hilda \$200.00
 Dortch, Leonard & Valentina \$120.00
 Boyadjian, George & Diane \$100.00
 Djamdjian, Haroutune \$100.00
 Giragosian, Haig \$100.00
 Kubikian, Arthur & Louiza \$100.00
 Megerian, Naomi \$100.00
 Nercessian, Krikor & Elizabeth \$100.00
 Ohannessian, Edward & Elizabeth \$100.00
 Papazian, Mary & Dorothy \$100.00
 Seoylemezian, Harry & Alice \$100.00
 Sevan Restaurant \$100.00

SUPPORTERS

Arslanian, Edward & Mary \$50.00
 Garabedian, Karine \$50.00
 Turbendian, Dro & Maral \$40.00
 Shamlan, Leon & Sandy \$36.00
 Sheshedian, Mary \$30.00
 Kalayjian, Makrouhi \$25.00

DONATIONS IN HONOR OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF DER NAREG'S ORDINATION

Homenetmen of New York \$500.00
 Savadjian, Vartkes & Alice \$200.00
 Papazian, Iris \$200.00
 Hagobian, Frej & Ani \$100.00
 Hagobian, Garbis & Vicky \$100.00
 Hovsepien, Mina \$100.00
 Saroyan, Siran \$100.00
 Zobian, Aram & Ardemis \$100.00
 Baklajian, Victoria \$50.00
 Baron, Alex & Jacqueline \$50.00

2015 CALENDAR PAGE SPONSORS

BENEFACTOR

Baghdassarian, Ghazar & Anny	\$1,500.00
Jamie, Leon	\$1,500.00
St. Sarkis Church, Ladies Guild	\$1,500.00

PILLAR

Oghali, Varouj	\$600.00
Baklajian, Haig & Emma	\$500.00
Bobelian, Leon & Tonsa A.	\$500.00
Cazazian, Aram & Rima	\$500.00
Djamdjian, Haroutune	\$500.00
Dooly Sys, Avedik George Grigorian	\$500.00
Dortch, Jack & Valentina	\$500.00
Dumanian, Steve / Carmel	\$500.00
Kalayjian, Makrouhi	\$500.00
Kasparian, Harry & Mary	\$500.00
Kubikian, Arthur & Louiza	\$500.00
Nercessian, Sarkis & Adriana	\$500.00
Nercessian, Krikor & Lisa	\$500.00
Papazian / Dean, Mary & Dorothy	\$500.00
Ugurlayan, Anahid	\$500.00
St. Sarkis Church, Saturday School	\$500.00
St. Sarkis Church, Young Adults	\$500.00

PATRON

St. Sarkis Yeraz Dance Ensemble	\$300.00
Arslanian, Edward & Mary	\$250.00
Barsamian, Edward & Coharig	\$250.00
Bekian, Edward & Arpi	\$250.00
Daglyan, Ruben & Hasmig	\$250.00
Giragosian, Haig & Laura	\$250.00
Gorgissian, Hagop & Hilda	\$250.00
Gostanian, Manoug & Amy	\$250.00
Gregorian, Vartan & Nunne	\$250.00
Grigorian, Gourgen & Sonik	\$250.00
Kalustian, Varujan & Luiza	\$250.00
Kochoumian, Eduard & Alina	\$250.00
Melconian, Asbed & Sona	\$250.00
Nazarian, Yeprem & Madeleine	\$250.00
Ohannessian, Edward & Elizabeth	\$250.00
Seoylemezian, Harry & Alice	\$250.00
Seoylemezian, Garabed & Sofi	\$250.00
Voskerijian, Nayda	\$250.00
St. Sarkis Church, Senior Citizens	\$250.00

SUPPORTER

D'Onofrio, Gail	\$150.00
Kassabian, Levon & Aline	\$150.00
Kerestedjian, Alice	\$150.00
Masoian, Anita	\$150.00
Meneshian, Alex & Natalie	\$150.00
Barsamian, Ara & Helene	\$100.00
Boladian, Edward	\$100.00
Saroyan, Siran	\$100.00

BUSINESS CARDS

Karl Alajajian, AAR Financing Ctr	\$150.00
Armand Asadourian, MD	\$150.00
Simon Bardizbanian, Esq.	\$150.00
Vahe Bijimian, Sam Realty Grp	\$150.00
Edward Candan, Network Assoc.	\$150.00
Arpi Candan, Laffey Fine Homes	\$150.00
Berg Gokberg, Crown Findings Co.	\$150.00
Glascott Funeral Home	\$150.00
Jamie Edward, Funeral Home	\$150.00
Sabina Levarda, HSBC	\$150.00
Lynch Funeral Home	\$150.00

2015 CALENDAR DONATIONS

Dalian, Harry & Janet	\$250.00
Dumanian, Vardan, Terese & Gevork	\$200.00

Kalajian, Zohrab & Seta	\$200.00
Zohrabian, Raffi & Nairy	\$150.00
Jamgotchian, Yervant & Mary	\$100.00
Milian, Harry & Juliette	\$100.00
Yaghdjian, Patrick & Simona	\$100.00
Tcholakian, Kegham	\$75.00
Andreopoulos, Stephen & Liza	\$50.00
Arkun, Anahid	\$50.00
Boyadjian, Gaidzag & Seta	\$50.00
Crown Findings Co., Gokberg Berc	\$50.00
Dermksian, George & Tamara	\$50.00
Dirielyan, Kegam & Anus	\$50.00
Galo, Adelina	\$50.00
Garabedian, Arsen & Karine	\$50.00
Kasparian, Kevork & Narsis	\$50.00
Kazandjian, Gregory & Madeleine	\$50.00
Khatchadourian, Aram & Lorraine	\$50.00
Mardirosian, Zabel	\$50.00
Markarian, Hrachik	\$50.00
Megerdichian, Rosette	\$50.00



Nenejian, Evlin	\$50.00
Nigohossian, Levon	\$50.00
Ohanian, Ohan & Rita	\$50.00
Postian, George & Beatrice	\$50.00
Sarkissian, Varsenne	\$50.00
V&A Watch Sales & Repairs	\$50.00
Hakoupian, Vartan & Arax	\$40.00
Mouradian, Luiza	\$40.00
Minassian, Karnik & Marian	\$30.00
Shamlian, Leon & Sandy	\$30.00
Turbendian, Astghig & Marie	\$30.00
Yavarian, Varouzhan & Lilly	\$30.00
Aharonian, Hratch & Aida	\$25.00
Arakelyan, Lusin	\$25.00
Asarian, Sarkis & Nazeli	\$25.00
Basmadjian, Noubar	\$25.00
Berberian, Leon & Valentine	\$25.00
Garabedian, Edward & Lucy	\$25.00
Giragosian, Haig & Laura	\$25.00
Harutunian, John & Mary	\$25.00
Hatchigian, Haig & Hripsime	\$25.00
Hatem/Boudakian, Jack & Zabel	\$25.00
Hogan, Shaun & Christine	\$25.00
Hovhannessian, Yeprouhi	\$25.00
Kazandjian, Setrak & Annie	\$25.00
Kludjian, Sona	\$25.00
Masoian, Anita	\$25.00
Papazian, Garo & Aida	\$25.00
Sarafian, Zaven & Varsenik	\$25.00
Sarkissian, Azadouhi, Nairy & Margarit	\$25.00
Tchorbajian, Nichan & Christine	\$25.00
Turbendian, Giragos & Sossi	\$25.00
Vosganian, Sam & Joan	\$25.00
Voskinarian, Mourad & Virginia	\$25.00
Wassef/Movsessian, Asghik	\$25.00
D'Onofrio, Gail	\$20.00
Gulbenkian, Edward & Sylvia	\$20.00
Hachikian, Sabina	\$20.00
Holmquist, Isabella	\$20.00
Israeli, Armenoohe	\$20.00

Kalaptchian, Arshaluis	\$20.00
Mahtesyan/Kasparian, Volodya & Dirouhie	\$20.00
Markarian, Rosa	\$20.00
Turbendian, Tro & Maral	\$20.00
Yacobian, Antranig & Marie	\$20.00
Zadoian, Mesrob & Leslie	\$20.00
Azarian, Susan	\$15.00
Dench, Dominik	\$15.00
Kozanlian, Madelina	\$15.00
Nishanian, Alex & Shake	\$15.00
Vartanian, Joseph & Azadouhi	\$15.00
Bakalian, Araxie	\$10.00
Garabedian, Ardash & Yester	\$10.00
Hartunian, Shakey	\$10.00
Kasparian, Krikor & Hripsi	\$10.00
Minassian, Antranig & Valentine	\$10.00
Rybak Kacherian, Edward & Rose	\$10.00
Vartabedian, Rose	\$10.00

GENERAL DONATIONS 2014

Arukian, Hratch & Negdar (50 Shares of Oracle Co. Stock)	2,300.00
Kazangian, Albert	\$700.00
Holmquist, Isabella	\$300.00
Dalian, Harry & Janet	\$250.00
Hagopian, Shant	\$250.00
Avakian, David	\$200.00
Harutunian, Vartan & Marina	\$200.00
Garabedian, Karine	\$175.00
Shishmanian, Manoug & Dirouhi	\$150.00
Agopian, Berdj & Hilda	\$100.00
Cazazian, Rima	\$100.00
Dortch, Stephen & Ashley	\$100.00
Grigorian, Grigor & Ripsik	\$100.00
Harutunian, John & Mary	\$100.00
Meneshian, Mihran	\$100.00
Ozutucuyan, Kinar	\$100.00
Tervizian, Toros & Manoush	\$100.00
Sheshedian, Mary	\$90.00
Bayside Day Care	\$50.00
Bodriguian, Agavni	\$50.00
Jamgocian, Magardici & Aida	\$50.00
Jayawant, Flora	\$50.00
Jingirian, Hovig & Sossie	\$50.00
Krikorian, Aram	\$50.00
Krikorian, Krikor & Florina	\$50.00
Megerian, Naomi	\$50.00
Tervizian, Armenouhi	\$50.00
Kalayjian, Makrouhi	\$30.00
Anonymous	\$40.00
Alahverdian, Krikor & Margaret	\$25.00
Bebirian/Ghaly, Mimi	\$25.00
Azarian, Edward	\$20.00
Kabarajian, Dikran & Liza	\$20.00
Sarkissian, Yervant	\$20.00
Vartanian, Joseph & Azadouhi	\$20.00
Yacobian, Antranig & Marie	\$20.00
Altounian, Sosi	\$10.00

IN MEMORY DONATIONS 2014

Givelegian, Anahid	\$1,000.00
Kevorkian, Edward	\$600.00
Kalajian, Zohrab & Seta	\$300.00
Kalustian, Varujan & Luiza	\$300.00
Tokatlian, Nelly	\$300.00
Atakhanian, Valot & Yeran	\$250.00
Givelekian, Arthur & Annette	\$250.00
Kadehjian, Kevork & Nora	\$250.00
Kazangian, Lana	\$250.00
Megerian, Naomi	\$250.00
Artinian, Ara	\$200.00
Avedissian, Haroutiun	\$200.00
Baghdadlian, Hagop & Silva	\$200.00

Torosian, Robert & Tanya	\$100.00	Kadian, Jack & Seta	\$40.00	Kazanjian, Berj & Lucy	\$50.00
Agasyan, Arto & Shake	\$50.00	Manoukian, Oncho	\$20.00	Kazarosian, Vagram & Margarit	\$50.00
Anasa, Arthur & Alice	\$50.00			Magardician, Karnig	\$50.00
Arzuman, Yasar & Beatrice	\$50.00	IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS FOR THE LATE ANASTASIA BOUDAKIAN			
Baron, Alex & Jacqueline	\$50.00	Ebrimian, Mardiros & Maria	\$25.00	Mandrin, Eugen & Sona	\$50.00
Bodriguan, Agavni	\$50.00			Manjikian, Garo, Sevan & Anjel	\$50.00
Buyuksakayan, Ara & Lena	\$50.00	IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS FOR THE LATE MANUG KRICORIAN			
Donikyan, Rita	\$50.00	Andonian, Vartan & Araxi	\$50.00	Megerian, Naomi	\$50.00
Keisoglu, Artin	\$50.00	Ipekigian, Siragan & Arthur	\$30.00	Nazarbechian, Tomas	\$50.00
Keisoglu, Benyamin	\$50.00			Sarkissian, Bedros & Arev	\$50.00
Mezaduryan, Richard & Tanya	\$50.00	IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS FOR THE LATE GARABED BARIKIAN			
Steffens, Danny & Deanna	\$50.00	Bezdikian, Veh & Arpine	\$250.00	Sarkissian, Azad & Nairy	\$50.00
Baklajian, Victoria	\$30.00	Bastajian, Sylvie	\$100.00	Setrakian, Zarmair & Sonia	\$50.00
Garabedian, Sona	\$30.00	Odaimi, Marcel & Maguy	\$100.00	Thomasian, Thomas & Magi	\$50.00
Vann, Richard & Araxi	\$30.00	Peters, Larry	\$100.00	Asarian, Sarkis & Nazeli	\$30.00
Tuballes, Joe	\$20.00	Nakashian, Joseph & Angela	\$100.00	Habibian, Sarkis & Family	\$30.00
IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS FOR THE LATE MALVINA KUBIKIAN					
Kubikian, Daniel & Stacey	\$200.00	Nakashian, Thomas	\$100.00	Krikorian, Krikor & Florina	\$30.00
Bekian, Edward & Arpi	\$150.00	Yekhpairian, Sevan & Victoria	\$100.00	D'Onofrio, Gail	\$25.00
Arukian, Hratch & Negdar	\$100.00	Zohrabian, Raffi & Nairy	\$100.00	Hazarian, Nadia	\$25.00
Kubikian, Arthur & Louiza	\$100.00	Aharonian, Hratch & Aida	\$50.00	Shamlian, Leon & Sandy	\$25.00
Marcarian, Mihai & Beatrice	\$100.00	Cankar, Arpi	\$50.00	Yacoubian, Antranik & Marie	\$25.00
Sharoyan, Edward & Evi	\$100.00	Hagobian, Khajadour & Shant	\$50.00	IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS FOR THE LATE ARMAND ARSENIAN	
Dakessian, Theresa	\$50.00	Halajian, Vahe & Elsie	\$50.00	Bobelian, Michael	\$150.00
Dortch, Leonard & Valentina	\$50.00	Jamgotchian, Yervant & Mary	\$50.00	Keyishian, Amy & Jill	\$150.00
Hugasian, Elizabeth	\$50.00	Krikorian, Misak & Lucy	\$50.00	Bobelian, Leon & Shenya	\$100.00
Koparanian, Karekin & Hilda	\$50.00	Mesropian, Satig & Marisa	\$50.00	Chorbajian, Levon	\$100.00
Massarlian, Ardemis	\$50.00	Mouradian, Arsen & Arev	\$50.00	Mouradian, Santos & Seta	\$100.00
Massarlian, Diran & Satenig	\$50.00	Zohrabian, Michael & Silva	\$50.00	Muhma/Ovanessian, Don & Taki	\$100.00
Massarlian, Madlen	\$50.00	Tutuyan, Armen & Janet	\$40.00	Yaghdjian, Patrick & Simona	\$100.00
Saroyan, Siran	\$50.00	Yekhpairian, Lorig	\$40.00	Ghemigian, Katy	\$30.00
Tavitian, Parseh & Janet	\$50.00	Boudakian, Ara	\$30.00	Keyishian, Elizabeth	\$25.00
Zakarian, Garo & Vartouhi	\$50.00	Ebrimian, Mardiros & Maria	\$25.00	IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS FOR THE LATE BENITA MARKARIAN	
Kruse, Helen	\$20.00	Sarkissian, Marie	\$20.00	Markarian, Hrachik	\$500.00
Misakian, Rose	\$20.00	IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS FOR THE LATE HOVNAN GIVELEGHIAN			
IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATION FOR THE LATE GALOUST GALO					
Galo, Adelina	\$650.00	Bristol East Company	\$500.00	St. Sarkis Church, Choir	\$300.00
Arzoomanian, Karekin	\$250.00	Caprice Associates	\$500.00	Manhasset Public Schools	\$200.00
Bohchalian, Ara	\$200.00	Caprice Management Corp.	\$500.00	Jarjokian, Family	\$50.00
Kozlakowski, Tamara	\$120.00	Habibian, Raffi & Mari Noel	\$500.00	Aghazadian, Adele	\$100.00
Capen, Lynn	\$100.00	Imperial Fire Protection	\$500.00	Bezdikian, Ohannes & Sonia	\$100.00
Deporis, Stella	\$100.00	Gabrelian, Henry & Marita	\$200.00	Boudakian, Antranik & Marion	\$100.00
Doscas, Effie	\$100.00	Aghazadian, Adele	\$100.00	Galo, Adelina	\$100.00
Grigorian, George & Peggy	\$100.00	Alajajian, Karl & Alice	\$100.00	Jourbadjian, Khoren	\$100.00
Montana, Florence	\$100.00	Baklajian, Haig & Emma	\$100.00	Sahakian, Robert & Ida	\$100.00
Zahregian, Gohar & Patricia	\$100.00	Bakmazian, Garo & Azadouhi	\$100.00	Semerciyan, Saro & Lucie	\$100.00
Fishman, Marc & Linda	\$50.00	Bibian, Shant & Anny	\$100.00	Stepanian, Alex & Nanette	\$100.00
Gabrelian, Marita	\$50.00	Boyajian, Family	\$100.00	Toghlian, Tony & Rosette, and Jakohie Toghlian	\$100.00
Garabedian, Gregory & Aka Lori	\$50.00	De Caprio, Lorraine	\$100.00	Vartanian, Gemma	\$100.00
Markarian, Hrachik & Benita	\$50.00	Demirjian, Nerses & Sirvart	\$100.00	Vartanian, Vartkes & Chake	\$100.00
Mossessian, Agop & Rubina	\$50.00	Galstian, Artavazd & Nina	\$100.00	Yedigarian, Rouben & Helen	\$100.00
Saladin, Berjouhi	\$50.00	Givelekian, Arthur & Annette	\$100.00	Azarian, Suzan	\$50.00
Vander Meer, Dennis & Laura	\$50.00	Habibian, George & Armik	\$100.00	Boyadjian, George & Diane	\$50.00
Yagoubian, Christine	\$50.00	Kalustian, Varujan & Luiza	\$100.00	Esenyan, Vartan & Nadya	\$50.00
Grigorian, Hagop	\$25.00	Kervandjian, Hrach & Adele	\$100.00	Kalayjian, Makrouhi	\$50.00
Maris, Peter & Lilly	\$25.00	Kochoumian, Eduard & Alina	\$100.00	Markarian, Hrand & Janet	\$50.00
Marshal, Ron	\$20.00	Kubikian, Arthur & Louiza	\$100.00	Ugurlyan, Anahid	\$50.00
Grigorian, Fred & Diana	\$10.00	Ohannessian, Edward & Elizabeth	\$100.00	Durink, Mary	\$25.00
IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS FOR THE LATE T'ZVETANKA SETA SETIAN					
Kiremidjian, Anne	\$500.00	Rogu, Demetrios & Maria	\$100.00	Graf, Margaret	\$25.00
Kadian Dadov, Elizabeth	\$250.00	Sayadian, Nicola	\$100.00	Shamlian, Leon & Sandy	\$20.00
Mardirossian, H. & Amy	\$100.00	Shishmanian, Manoug & Dirouhi	\$100.00	IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS FOR LATE HAIG KOURDIAN	
Nakashian, Joseph & Angela	\$100.00	Voskerjian, Nayda	\$100.00	Avedissian, Haroutian	\$100.00
Pantikian, Edward	\$100.00	Givelekian, Sonia	\$75.00	Fourgatian, Parantzem	\$100.00
Michaelian, Herant & Anahid	\$75.00	Arslanian, Edward & Mary	\$50.00	Tateosian, Onik & Alice	\$100.00
Atamian, Garo & Anoush	\$50.00	Barsamian, Edward & Coharig	\$50.00	Voskinarian, Mourad & Virginia	\$100.00
		Boyadjian, George & Diane	\$50.00	Manoukian, Arsen & Alice	\$50.00
		Demirdjan, Zaven & Elvira	\$50.00	Massarlian, Ardemis	\$50.00
		Gostanian, Manoug & Amy	\$50.00	Massarlian, Diran & Satenig	\$50.00
		Habibian, Lucy	\$50.00	Savayan, Zarouhi	\$50.00
				Schoenfeld, Howard	\$50.00

Pilibossian, Torkom & Alice	\$50.00
Hairabedian, Hayko Elvira	\$30.00
Sarafian, Zaven & Varsenik	\$30.00
Tavitian, Parseh & Janet	\$30.00
Deukmedjian, Krikor & Haigouhi	\$25.00
Misakian, Gary & Rose	\$20.00

SIMPLY CHRISTMAS CONCERT DONATIONS 2014

BENEFACTOR

Hairabedian, Arthur & Lilian	\$500.00
Voskerijian, Nayda	\$500.00

PILLAR

Asadourian, Armand & Laura	\$300.00
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PATRON

Anonymous	\$250.00
Bezdkian, Veh & Arpine	\$250.00
Kalajian, Zohrab & Seta	\$200.00

SPONSOR

Knadjian, Raffi & Silva	\$150.00
Barsamian, Ara & Helen	\$100.00
Barsamian, Edward & Coharig	\$100.00
Bekian, Edward & Arpi	\$100.00
Farsakian, Suren & Sandy	\$100.00
Givelekian, Sonia	\$100.00
Kasparian, Kevork & Narsis	\$100.00
Krikorian, Krikor & Florina	\$100.00
Mengouchian, Jirair & Nora	\$100.00
Tutuyan, Armen & Janet	\$100.00
Saroyan, Siranoush	\$75.00
Chorbajian, Levon	\$25.00

POINSETTIAS DONATIONS

Berj & Lucy Kazanjian and Family in memory of their father Bedros Givelekian.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 15, 2015 General Membership Meeting
- March 29, 2015 Palm Sunday
- April 5, 2015 Easter
- April 26, 2015 Centennial Commemoration of the Genocide in NYC presided over by Archbishop Khajag Barsamian and Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan with Times Square gathering "100 Years to Remember"
- May 7-9, 2015 National Armenian Genocide Centennial Commemoration in Washington, D.C.
- May 19, 2015 His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Holy See of the Great House of Cilicia visits Saint Sarkis
- July 6-24, 2015 Saint Sarkis Summer Camp - 10th Year!
- July 15, 2015 Blessing of the Holy Muron in Antelias

Contact the church at 718.224-2275 for more information on these events, church organizations or other inquiries.



BLESSING OF THE HOLY MURON IN 2015

The blessing of the Holy Muron (Oil) will take place on Saturday, July 18, 2015, at the Catholicosate in Antelias, Lebanon with His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Holy See of the Great House of Cilicia presiding over the ceremony.



100th ANNIVERSARY of the ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

The National Armenian Genocide Centennial Commemoration in Washington, D.C. organized by the Diocese and Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church from May 7-9, 2015.

ST. SARKIS SUMMER CAMP 2015

The 10th Anniversary Session of Saint Sarkis Summer Camp comes to the church this July 6 to 24th, 2015. Three weeks of summer fun, friends, and sunshine. Reserve a spot for summer camp by contacting the church office at 718-224-2275.

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