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Letter from the Editor

Sireli Paregamner,

Christianity teaches us that life consists of light and darkness, happiness and sorrow. Thankfully our faith helps us through the low points and makes us humble and grateful for our successes. The St. Sarkis community experienced its own emotional highs and lows over the past few months. The anticipation of our beloved Vehapar's visit in October followed by our disappointment when his visit was postponed due to the escalating conflict in Syria that affects so many of our Armenian brothers and sisters. The excitement of St. Sarkis Church's 50th Jubilee Anniversary celebration in November followed by the devastation wrought by Hurricane Sandy and the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in nearby Connecticut. Those who seek healing and renewal can always find it within the church and we did so in the New Year with joyous Christmas and festive Valentine's celebrations.

Shoghagat captures the events of our community as a time capsule collects artifacts of our time – exalting in the proud moments and solemnly recognizing those moments of sorrow. I am happy we left off on a high note in this issue. As you flip through this issue of the Shoghagat, I hope you enjoy reliving these moments much as I did. May we all keep the message of renewal in our hearts all year long.

Victoria Mesropian Yekhpairian, Editor



Front Cover:

November 2012. His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate of the Eastern United States blessing the new Bronze Doors of St. Sarkis Church so generously donated to the church by an Anonymous Donor.

Back Cover:

February 2012. William Saroyan's quote beautifully carved into silver and mounted on stone by jeweler and artist Mr. Kevork Ohanessian. John Ohanessian and Diane Paravazian donated their father's last work of art to St. Sarkis Armenian School after his passing.

Der Nareg's Easter Sermon

Քրիստոս Յարեալ Ի Մեռելոց

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Այսպէս բացագանչեցին Քրիստոսի հետերորդները շուրջ երկու հազար տարիներ առաջ եւ այսպէս այսօր մենք կը բացագանչենք, որովհետեւ այս պարզ խօսքերուն մէջ մենք կը տեսնենք յաղթանակը լոյսին խաւարին վրայ, յաղթանակը կեանքին մահուան վրայ, յաղթանակը արդարութեան ամէն տեսակի անարդարութիւններուն վրայ:

Իր երկրաւոր կեանքին մէջ, Քրիստոս քարոզեց եւ վկայ եղաւ ճշմարիտ լոյսին մասին: Այդ օրուան ղեկավարները, չհանդուրժելով իր առաքելութիւնը փորձեցին այդ լոյսը մթացնել: Փորձեցին ճշմարտութեան ձայնը լռեցնել, սակայն Խաչեալ Քրիստոսը երրորդ օրը յարութիւն առաւ եւ իր յարութեամբ մեզի կեանքի յոյսը տուաւ:

Սիրելի հաւատացեալներ, եթէ արագ ձեռով անգամ մը նայինք մեր Տիրոջ եւ Փրկչին Յիսուս Քրիստոսի երկրաւոր կեանքին պիտի տեսնենք թէ Քրիստոս ապրեցաւ իր քարոզած պատգամները: Ան խօսեցաւ խոնարհութեան մասին եւ Իր կեանքը եղաւ խոնարհութեան մարմնացումը: Ան քարոզեց սիրոյ մասին եւ կեանքին ամենէն դաժան պահուն ան չատեց զինք հալածողները: Ան խօսեցաւ խաչին մասին ըսելով «Եթէ մէկը ուզէ ինձի հետեւիլ թող ուրանայ իր անձը, ամէն օր իր խաչը առնէ եւ ետեւէս գայ» եւ ինք, իր կարգին ամենէն անարգ մահը յանձն առաւ: Ի վերջոյ, Քրիստոս խօսեցաւ կեանքին մասին ըսելով «ես եմ կեանքը եւ կեանք պարգեւողը» եւ խաչելութենէն ետք երրորդ օրը Քրիստոս յարութիւն առաւ փաստելու համար թէ իր ամէն մէկ խօսքը ճշմարիտ է:

Յարութենէն ետք հանդիպում մը տեղի ունեցաւ Յիսուսի եւ իր աշակերտներուն միջեւ: Տարբեր բնոյթ ունեցող հանդիպում մըն էր ասիկա որովհետեւ աշակերտները հաւաքուած ուրախութեամբ կը տեսնէին իրենց յարուցեալ Տէրը, կ'ուզէին Իր ամէն մէկ խօսքը լսել եւ անոնցմէ պատգամ առնել իրենց կեանքին համար: Յիսուս իր վերջին խօսքերը ուղղեց իր աշակերտներուն եւ ըսաւ. «գացէք եւ բոլոր ժողովուրդները ինձի աշակերտ դարձուցէք»: Յիսուս այս խօսքերով Իր աշակերտներուն տուաւ այն մեծ պարտականութիւնը աշխարհի բոլոր ժողովուրդները Քրիստոսի աշակերտ դարձնելու: Սիրելի հաւատացեալներ, մենք ալ կոչուած ենք աշակերտելու եւ հետեւելու Քրիստոսի:

Այսօր, ի՛նչ ուրախ եմ տեսնելու ձեզ բոլորդ որ եկած էք աղօթելու յարուցեալ Քրիստոսին: Սուրբ Չատկուան տօնը ամենէն լաւ ժամանակն է որ մենք մեզի հարց տանք թէ ի՛նչ տեսակի աշակերտներ ենք: Որչափ գիտենք Յիսուսին եւ Իր խօսքերուն մասին: Աշակերտ ըլլալը կեանքին լաւագոյն բարիքներէն մէկն է որովհետեւ երբ կընդունինք թէ աշակերտ ենք կը նշանակէ թէ սորվելիք ունինք: Որպէս Յիսուսի աշակերտներ մենք կոչուած ենք սորվելու մեր Տիրոջ Յիսուս Քրիստոսի մասին եւ ապա հետեւելով Յիսուսի աշակերտներուն օրինակին մենք ալ կանչուած ենք մեր շուրջինները Յիսուսի աշակերտ դարձնելու: Մեծ պարտականութիւն է ասիկա տրուած մեզմէ իւրաքանչիւրին: Այսօր առիթն է որ գիտակցութեամբ նայինք մեր կոչումին Քրիստոսի աշակերտութեան: Ճանչնանք մեր Եկեղեցին եւ մեր հաւատքը եւ մեր կեանքով ապրինք այդ հաւատքը, որպէսզի Քրիստոսի խօսքերը մեր կեանքին մէջ իրականան. ապրինք խոնարհութեան կեանք: ապրինք սիրոյ կեանք, մեր խաչը մեր ուսին առած ըսելով այդ Տէր Դուս ես կեանքը եւ մենք քեզի կը հետեւինք:

We read the Resurrection narrative from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark on Easter morning. In that narrative three women: Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, purchased spices and went to the tomb of Jesus to anoint him. These women, who had witnessed the crucifixion and the burial of Jesus, had asked one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”

As they arrived at the tomb they saw that the stone had been rolled away. They saw the Angel of God dressed in a white robe. The angel told them: “you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.” The Angel of God gave the women this good news -- the best news that they could ever hear.

This is the narrative of the Resurrection that we read every Easter Sunday. Most of us usually concentrate on the message of Resurrection. On Easter, I invite you to pay attention to the three women and their concern about the gate-stone. It was a major concern for them that morning. They knew they needed someone's help to gain entry into the tomb yet this concern did not stop them. When they arrived at the tomb, they discovered that God had taken care of the stone and they were able to witness the risen Lord.

We as believers are invited to have that same encounter with the risen Lord. I am positive that here, even in this congregation, there are people who have experienced that encounter with the risen Lord in their spiritual lives and the depths of their hearts. There are also other people who have not fully experienced the presence of the Lord in their lives because there are “stones” blocking them from that experience. I am not trying to trivialize anyone's problems here, I am aware of the struggles that we face in life. Yet sometimes those struggles make us think that the hurdles between us and the Lord are too big. The Gospel lesson from the three women on Easter morning teaches us that having concerns in our lives is okay yet we need to present our problems to the Lord and ask the Lord to take care of them.

The women went to anoint a dead body but they witnessed the resurrection of the Lord. Likewise we might have certain expectations of life but when we give it all to the Lord, when we trust all our joys and troubles to the Lord, the Lord will give us the unexpected and our lives will be transformed.

Today, it gives me a great pleasure to see faces that I have not seen in almost a year. Welcome home. I pray for you, that through this sacrament and through the Word of God, you might experience a change in your hearts that will draw you closer to God.

May the Risen Lord bless you now and forever Amen.

Welcome home. I pray that you might experience a change in your hearts that will draw you closer to God.



Միրելի հոգեւոր հայրեր եւ եղբայրներ,
Պօղոս Առաքեալի Հռոմի քրիստոնեաներուն գրուած նամակը կը նկատուի իր Աստուածաբանական կարեւորագոյն գործը, որովհետեւ այնտեղ Առաքեալը կը բացատրէ Աստուածային փրկագործական ծրագիրը: Նամակին նպատակը նախապատրաստել է այնտեղի քրիստոնեաները իր ծրագրած Հռոմի ճամբորդութեան:

Բոլորիս ծանօթ է նամակին բովանդակութիւնը.- Առաքեալը ողջոյնի խօսքէն ետք կը բացատրէ Աստուծոյ նպատակը մարդկութեան համար, թէ ամբողջ մարդկութիւնը պէտք է «Աստուծոյ աչքին արդարանայ» (1.17): Առաքեալը ապա կը բացատրէ թէ Գրիստոսի Աւետարանը ընդունողները պէտք է ապրին իրենց կեանքը հիմնուած սիրոյ սկզբունքներուն վրայ:

12-րդ գլուխով, Առաքեալը իր նամակը կարդացողներուն կը հրաւիրէ ապրիլ կեանք մը Աստուծոյ ծառայութեան մէջ մեկնելով այս սկզբունքէն թէ՛ «Բանի Աստուած ողորմած եղաւ մեզի հանդէպ, կ'աղաչենք որ դուք ձեզ Աստուծոյ ընծայէք որպէս կենդանի գոհ մը՝ իրեն վերապահուած, որովհետեւ ատիկա է Աստուծոյ ուզած հոգեւոր պաշտամունքը» (12.1):

Պօղոս Առաքեալ զանազան թելադրանքներ կ'ընէ թէ ինչպէս պէտք է ապրինք «Աստուծոյ ընծայած» մեր կեանքը: Հետաքրքրական է որ Առաքեալը «Եռանդագին Աշխատանքի» մասին 3 անգամ կ'անդրադառնայ այս բաժնին մէջ (12. 8-11):

Մեր խորհրդածութիւնը այս առաւօտ պիտի ըլլայ աշխատելու, եւ եռանդագին աշխատելու մասին:

Աշխատանք, գործ, արհեստ, պաշտօն, ասպարէզ-մարդկային կեանքին կարեւորագոյն երեսներէն մէկն է: Մեր գործը անմիջական կերպով կ'ապուած է մեր ինքնութեան հետ: Երբ նոր անհատի մը հանդիպինք, յաճախ մեր երրորդ հարցումը կ'ըլլայ «Ի՞նչ գործ կ'ընէք». Իրենց տուած պատասխանին համաձայն, այսինքն իրենց արհեստին կամ մասնագիտութեան համաձայն մեր մէջ որոշ նախատրամադրուածութիւն մը կրնայ ստեղծուիլ անոնց նկատմամբ: Հոգեբանութեան նախահօր՝ Freud-ին համաձայն, «աշխատանքը անհատին կապն է իրականութեան հետ» “Work is the link to reality”. Freud-էն շատ առաջ սակայն առաջին դարերուն Գրիստոնեաներուն համար անհատի մը գործը իր հաւատքը ապրելու լաւագոյն միջոցն էր: Մեր եկեղեցւոյ աղօթքը այդ մասին յստակ կ'ակնարկէ.- «Համարեա զաշխատութիւնս մեր ի գործ արդարութեան եւ ի պտուղ Աստուածապաշտութեան» (Ժամագիրք):

Պօղոս Առաքեալն ալ կ'ուզէ որ Հռոմէական կայսրութեան հպատակ հաւատացեալները օրինակելի

քաղաքացիներ ըլլային իրենց հաւատքի կենցաղով եւ գործի բարոյագիտութեամբ՝ Work Ethics.

Հետեւեալը երբ Առաքեալը «եռանդագին աշխատելու» մասին կը խօսի անիկա կ'ակնարկէ այն վերաբերմունքին, դիրքին՝ Attitude-ին մասին որ քրիստոնեաները պէտք է ունենան:

Եռանդագին աշխատանքը պէտք է չփոթել մղումներով տարուած արարքներուն հետ, այլ անիկա ծրագրուած աշխատանքն է որ մանաւանդ մեզի եկեղեցականներու համար խարսխուած պէտք է ըլլայ Աստուածային ճշմարտութիւններուն վրայ:

«Ջերմեռանդ աշխատանք»՝ այսինքն գործել արտայայտելու համարմեր հաւատքը եւ համոզումները. Ժողովուրդին մէջ չնախաձեռնած՝ պէտք է գործենք մեր տուններուն եւ անմիջական շրջանակներուն մէջ: Ի՞նչպէս կրնանք սիրոյ մասին խօսիլ երբ դժուարութիւն ունինք մեր ընտանիքի անդամներուն հետ: Ի՞նչպէս կրնանք ներելու մասին խօսիլ երբ կը մերժենք ներել մեզի ցաւցնողներուն: Մեր ներքին խաղաղութիւնը չգտած չենք կրնար խաղաղեցնել մեր խնամքին յանձնուած խռով սրտերը:

Եռանդագին աշխատանքը կ'ենթադրէ ներհայեցողական կեանք մը ինքնասրբագրութեան եւ ինքնամշակումի, որմէ ետք, ինչպէս ոեւէ ասպարէզի մէջ եկեղեցականներս պէտք է մշտապէս զարգացնենք մեր հմտութիւնները (learn new skills), քայլ պահենք այս յարափոփոխ աշխարհին հետ, ստեղծելով նոր միջոցներ հաղորդակցելու մեր ժողովուրդի զաւակներուն հետ: Գործադրել նոր ծրագիրներ եկեղեցւոյ շուրջ համախմբուած պահելու համար մեր հաւատացեալները: Վերջապէս ծառայութեան մեր մարզին մէջ պէտք է ըլլանք արհեստավարժ (professional): Մեր ժողովուրդի զաւակները իրենց հետ ուտող, խմող, գուարճացող բարեկամներ չա տ ունին, սակայն հոգեւոր հովիւի տագնապ կայ իրենց կեանքին մէջ:

Ըլլանք մեր կոչումին տէր հոգեւոր հովիւներ, միշտ պահելով մեր կարեկցութեան զգացումը եւ մեր հաւատքին դերը:

Կը մտախնայ որ Ղեւոնդեանց այս համագումարը եւ նմանօրինակ հաւաքներ մեր մէջ թարմ պահեն «ջերմեռանդ ոգիով» Աստուծոյ ծառայելու հրամայականը:

Թող Աստուած օրհնէ Հայց. եկեղեցւոյ բոլոր մշակները. Ամէն:

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Խօսուած Ս. Ղեւոնդեանց Բահանայից Համագումարին, 29 Յունուար 2013-ին Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչ եկեղեցի, Սան Ֆրանսիսքօ

Board of Trustees - A Letter from Edward Barsamian, Chairman

Shoghagat – A Window into the World of Saint Sarkis Church

Almost 50 years ago, Der Asoghik Kelegian published the first, typewritten issue of the Shoghagat and for 50 years and 3 pastors, the publication has been a chronicle of life at Saint Sarkis Church. And as good wine, it has gotten better and better, good writing, great pictures, and best of all, it is all about us, members and friends of Saint Sarkis Church. Not a window into the future but a window into the events that chronicle the life of our church, the Shoghagat helps us relive the good memories we make as part of our parish activities.

This anniversary issue is very good indeed, so look, read, see yourself or your family or friends in this 50th Anniversary issue of Shoghagat, and be inspired to make your own good memories at Saint Sarkis. Join an auxiliary, whether the Ladies Guild, Choir, Saturday Language School, Senior Citizens or Young Adults (or even the Basketball program) and be part of the Saint Sarkis Family. You will feel and be better for it.

Edward Barsamian, Chairman of St. Sarkis Church Board of Trustees



The Saint Sarkis Church 2012-2013 Board of Trustees at the 50th Anniversary Banquet
Mr. Harry Seoylemezian, Mr. Gourgen Grigorian, Mrs. Alina Kochoumian, Mr. Edward Barsamian, Chairman BOT, Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian, Pastor St. Sarkis Church, Mrs. Amy Gostanian, Mr. Sarkis Nercessian, Dr. Hagop Gorgissian. (missing from picture: Mrs. Dory Shishmanian and Mr. Daniel Gulbenkian).

Saint Sarkis Church Celebrates its Golden Jubilee

The Saint Sarkis community celebrated its long anticipated 50th Anniversary on November 18, 2012 at Leonard's of Great Neck. What a great accomplishment for this small parish that survived tumultuous events of the past to reach its golden jubilee. On Sunday morning, November 18th, His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate of the Eastern United States, celebrated the Divine Liturgy and delivered his message to the many parishioners who attended church on this important milestone, exhorting them to continue the marvelous job of building and sustaining their house of worship.

Following the Divine Liturgy, His Eminence consecrated the newly installed bronze doors, a gift from a very generous anonymous donor. After church services, a gala banquet was held at Leonard's in the afternoon.

Several collages of photos capturing church history greeted guests as they assembled into the cocktail area. Saturday School children displayed artwork for guests beautifully transforming the room. Pastors from our sister churches, city officials, dignitaries, individuals who served the church in various capacities since the sixties, parishioners and friends of Saint Sarkis Church filled the banquet. We were also lucky to have a few parishioners in attendance who had witnessed, firsthand, the birth of Saint Sarkis Church. Among them, Archpriest Moushegh Der Kalustian, who served on the altar at the consecration of the church in 1962; Mr. Michael Haratunian, Chairman of the Building Committee for both the old church in 1962 and the new church in 1986; Mr. Arthur Hairabedian, Chairman of the Consecration Committee in 1962 and the second Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Mrs. Arpi Bekian, daughter of the late Archpriest Asoghik Kelejian, first Pastor of Saint Sarkis; and Mrs. Gail D'Onofrio, the first organist of the church, still playing the organ for our church services after 50 years.

Dr. Arthur Kubikian, Master of Ceremonies, began the program by inviting His Eminence, Oshagan Choloyan to provide the Invocation. Then Ms. Anoush Barclay sang the American and Armenian National Anthems followed by a reading of a Proclamation from the City of New York to the church. Dr. Kubikian then introduced speakers who played major roles in the history of the church: Mr. Arthur Hairabedian, whose humorous recollections drew smiles

from the audience; Mr. Bedros Givlekian, Honorary Chairman of St. Sarkis Church, who served as Chairman of the BOT for 20 years, his emotional recollections of the difficulties he encountered during those years brought tears to his eyes; Mr. Michael Haratunian, who remembered, with fondness, his years of service to St. Sarkis Church; Dr. Aram Cazazian, past BOT Chairman, remembered Mrs. Suzanne Hagopian, whose generosity secured the financial footing of our church and Mr. Edward Barsamian, Chairman of the BOT, who gave a glimpse of things to come.



Fr. Nareg Terterian, Pastor of St. Sarkis Church expressed his thanks and appreciation for the community's hard work in sustaining and growing the church. His Grace, Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian spoke about the history of the church, the role that the church played in the life of the community and the vision for the future of the church. The last speaker of the evening, His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, honored two well deserving parishioners for their dedicated service to Saint Sarkis Church: awarding the "Eagle of the Prelacy" to Dr. Carlo Bayrakdarian and "Queen Zabel" medal to Dr. Louiza Kubikian. In his speech, His Eminence said: "May God Bless all who worked for this church in the past and continue to work today. May God Bless the souls of all the deceased servants of this church."

The anniversary preparations included a 200 page book recapping 50 years of history prepared by Dr. Louiza Kubikian, a major fundraiser for the church. Under the co-chairmanship of Mr. Edward Barsamian and Dr. Aram Cazazian, current and past BOT Chairmen, the Organizing Committee tended to every detail of the event. The Gala Banquet Committee: Mrs. Zepiur Ardzivian, Mrs. Amy Gostanian, Mrs. Alina Kochoumian, Dr. Louiza Kubikian, Mrs. Sitta Oranjian and Mrs. Nayda Voskerijian worked diligently on detail of the banquet including beautiful gift bags for guests containing the anniversary booklet and an engraved clock.

50th Jubilee Banquet

by Fr. Nareg Terterian

Your Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate of the Eastern United States, Your Grace, Reverend Fathers, Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Sarkis Church.

First, I would like to congratulate you all on this great day as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary– the Golden Jubilee of St. Sarkis Church. My involvement with St. Sarkis Church started in 2002 as a deacon serving the Holy Table. I never knew that three years later I would become the pastor of this great Church.

Looking back over the past decade, I can confidently say that I feel privileged and honored to serve you as pastor. I have been given the full support of the parishioners, the members of the Board of Trustees, and the community at large. You supported me first in continuing all of the wonderful programs implemented by your former pastors: Der Asoghik and Hayr Anoushavan and continued to support me as we launched new programs that fit the needs of our times. I am truly grateful to you.

One of our strengths as a parish is that no matter how diverse we are when it comes to our church, we know how to work together to take care of this institution. We love the Armenian Church and St. Sarkis Church.

I recall that as a seminarian I was working on a research project in the library skimming through a book when a bookmark fell out from between the pages. The bookmark was old and the colors faded yet there were words printed on the bookmark that are still etched in my mind today: *“Yesterday is a dream, tomorrow but a vision. But today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore to this day.”* As I read the words again and again I realized that I learned more from this quote than from the entire book. What a warm surprise when I opened the title page of the book to find that it once belonged to Karekin Vehapar of blessed memory.

When I came to St. Sarkis church I discovered that this quote was relevant in the life of the church. When you live each day well and make good decisions each day, you can celebrate the history of yesterday with happiness and have excitement and optimism for the future of tomorrow, a future where St. Sarkis Church is home to our children and they embrace the future with Hope.

May God Bless You All,

Հնորիաւոր ըլլայ մեր եկեղեցւոյ յիսնամեակը:







St. Sarkis Celebrates its 50th Jubilee at Leonard's



New Doors for Our Church

The Pastor and members of the Board of Trustees visited the workshop of Mr. Setrak Agonian in Woodside last October 2012 and were given an update by Mr. Agonian and his crew about the status of the Doors. Mr. Agonian and his crew manufactured the doors so generously funded by an Anonymous donor. The Church proudly installed the new bronze doors in time for the Church's 50th Anniversary Celebration in November.

Anonymous Donation of New Church Doors

by Fr. Nareg Terterian

One of the great stories I learned as a seminarian was the story of the construction of the great Cathedral of St. Gregory the Illuminator in Antelias, Lebanon. The generous donations of an anonymous donor helped construct the Cathedral. The Church consecrated the Cathedral on March 10, 1940. In April 1943, the identity of the benefactor, Mr. Sarkis Knajian, was finally revealed shortly after his death in March of that year.



This story always fascinated me. I never thought I would experience a similar story but in 2012 a mysterious person began to contact me periodically on my cell phone. First, the caller asked me to provide an estimate for the repair of the existing Church doors, then the caller asked for an estimate to construct new doors, then the caller informed me that a down payment was in the mail and asked that we start the project of constructing new doors, then the caller informed me that the church was about to receive the entire pledged donation. Finally the caller asked when the project was estimated to complete.

The caller repeated the same phrase throughout all of the phone calls: "Yes em" (this is me) and "bedk che kidnak ov em yes" (you don't need to know who I am).

We named this mysterious voice "Our Anonymous Donor" but that title seemed too simplistic given the caller's unique and generous actions. The donor chose to give in order to see the church beautified. In a time when most of us are concerned with how we are perceived by others, our Anonymous Donor chose to give in a manner that is in sync with the teachings of the good Lord: "*But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing*" (Matthew 6:3).



There are no proper means to fully express our gratitude for the generosity of our Anonymous Donor. We thank our donor wholeheartedly. You have set a great example for so many others through your actions. I hope in time, we have the opportunity to thank you personally. Yet even if you choose not to reveal yourself, we will always pray that "*your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you*" (Matthew 6:4). May that reward be abundant and everlasting in your life.

May God Bless You

Pontifical Visit of His Holiness Aram Postponed...

On Sunday, August 26, 2012, the Crossroads e-Newsletter announced the postponement of the pontifical visit of His Holiness Aram I due to escalations of the war in Syria.

In a letter addressed to His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, His Holiness wrote: *“Currently the Armenian areas of Aleppo, Kessab, Damascus, and Kamishli, are in a state of siege by both state and opposing forces, and our people are facing serious safety and economic hardships. The degenerative situation in Syria is beginning to also cause serious concerns in Lebanon. The general indications point to a possible further degeneration of the overall situation.”*

Thousands of Armenians are living in terrible conditions without water, electricity, or any form of communication with the outside world. Our prayers continue to go out to the suffering communities in Syria who live in constant fear of the unknown.

The Scripture readings for that Sunday continue to provide a source of comfort for those who are suffering in Middle East and everywhere: *“For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.”*



Basketball Update

The Basketball program continues with our Senior Boys team ending their season with an 8-2 record and going into the playoffs. A special thank you to the Vahram Shishmanian for coaching the team, Edward Barsamian for coordinating the Basketball Program and the players and parents for their efforts and continued support.

Parishes Continue Plate Offering

In accordance with a directive issued by the Prelate, the parishes of the Eastern Prelacy instituted a second plate offering for Syrian Armenian relief on each of the five Sundays of September 2012. The special plate offering was one of several fund raising initiatives sponsored by the joint committee on the Fund for Syrian Armenian Relief (*Adapted from the Prelacy's Crossroads e-Newsletter*). Since the Prelate's message, the Parish of St. Sarkis Church raised over \$7,000 for the Fund for Syrian Armenian Relief, a joint effort of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America (Eastern Prelacy); the Armenian Catholic Eparchy; the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America; the Armenian Relief Society (Eastern USA, Inc.); and the Armenian Revolutionary Federation. Thank you all for your generosity.



09/11 Remembered

In September, the congregation of St. Sarkis Church offered special prayers for the souls of the victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001. In his homily, Fr. Nareg spoke about spiritual wellness. He said: *“Experiencing the Love of God in our hearts is the foundation of spiritual wellness... had the terrorist attackers experienced the love of God they would have known that killing innocent civilians is not the answer to any problem...”* The pastor also asked the congregation to offer prayers specifically for the soul of Garo Voskerijian, a victim of 9/11 and for the comfort of his family members.

ST. SARKIS CHURCH 7TH ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP

The 7th Annual Summer Camp of Saint Sarkis Church started on Monday, July 9th, 2012 and concluded on Friday, July 20th with 54 campers and Counselors-in-Training (CITs). Aside from their regular daily activities of music, art, dance and sports, campers enjoyed trips to the Cradle-of-Aviation Museum in Garden City, New York, the Alley Pond Environmental Center in Douglaston, and bowling at Sheredin Lanes. Campers also participated in the camp's first Olympic competition.

Summer Camp Olympics

On the fifth day of St. Sarkis summer camp, enthusiastic campers entered the camp wearing red and blue shirts representing their teams for the First Annual St. Sarkis Summer Camp Olympics. The teachers and staff distinguished themselves by wearing the color orange. Combined, the campers, CITs and



teachers formed the Armenian flag. Soon after, the competitions began.

First course of action: groups A and B from the blue and red team competed against each other in Steal-the-Bacon and Relays. Groups C and D worked separately, creating banners to represent their teams. Some of the campers from both teams rehearsed their dance routines, that they later performed for judges at the closing ceremonies.

Teams also competed in a Trivia Challenge testing their general knowledge of Armenian history and religion. The campers' knowledge exceeded the expectations of the teachers and staff as they answered difficult questions with ease. Both teams scored exceptionally high at the end of the competition. The teams recessed in great anticipation of their pizza lunch.

The second half of the competition began with Armenian musical chairs for groups A and B, while groups C and D went outside on the courts to compete in a friendly game of knockout.



Successful Year at St. Sarkis Church Summer Camp

The second week of Summer Camp was as exciting as the opening session. Campers rehearsed their poems, songs and dances for the annual last-day-of-camp hantes which was performed in front of the campers' family and friends. There was also a surprise visit from His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian as he mingled with campers and staff.





St. Sarkis Church Summer Camp Staff Luncheon

Just a week following the conclusion of Summer Camp, the staff met for a luncheon. Along with enjoying a great lunch, the staff discussed the successes of the summer camp session and plans and hopes for next year.

Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God

On Sunday, August 12, 2012, the community of St. Sarkis Church observed the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Virgin Mary and blessing of the grapes. His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar General, celebrated the Divine Liturgy. In His sermon the Bishop said that “the Holy Virgin’s life became an acceptable sacrament in the sight of God”.

His Grace invited the congregation to reflect on the example of the Holy Virgin and to “benefit from the spiritual presence of all the saints in our life”. Following the Divine Liturgy, the ceremony of the Blessing of the Grapes and *Harisa* took place by the Khatchkar (stone cross) outside St. Sarkis Church.



Choir and Deacons' Annual Picnic

Maestro Armen and Mrs. Zepiur Ardzivian hosted a special picnic on Sunday, August 5, 2012, to honor the services of deacons, choir members and altar servers of St. Sarkis Church and the services of our organists who take turns accompanying the choir: Gail D’Onofrio, Haigouhi Megeirian, and Juliette Milian. Great Armenian food, conversations, fun, laughter, dancing, games and surprises highlighted the afternoon. We thank our choir master and his family for hosting the third annual picnic -- another great affair. Their initiative is truly appreciated.



Saturday School Opens

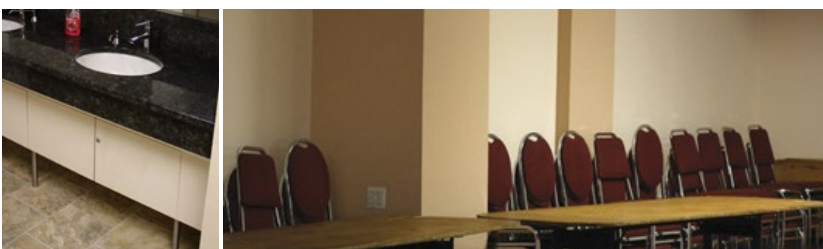
St. Sarkis Saturday School opened on September 15th. Saturday School offers classes in Western and Eastern Armenian Dialects, Armenian history, culture, music and religion for elementary grade children. The school also offers a special program for kindergarten and pre-K students and a Mommy-and-Me Program. Saturday School operates under the expe-

rienced guidance of Mrs. Nairy Zohrabian, Principal, with the support of a staff of 11 teachers and assistant teachers and 14 Parent-Teacher-Association (PTA) members with Mrs. Garine Mayo and Madlen Hazarian acting as co-chairman. The children don't only learn about their heritage but form long lasting friendships with fellow Armenians.



Armenians Gather in New York to Protest

The Pastor of St. Sarkis Church joined Armenian Americans gathered at the Hungarian Consulate in Manhattan on Monday evening, September 17th. The group protested Hungary's extradition and Azerbaijan's subsequent pardon of murderer Ramil Safarov, who brutally murdered Lieutenant G. Margarian in Hungary, and was serving a life sentence in Hungary. Hungary extradited Safarov to Azerbaijan where he was promptly pardoned and welcomed as a hero (*Adapted from the Prelacy's Crossroads e-Newsletter*).



Ongoing Renovations

We are happy to report that over August and September 2012, the Church renovated the restrooms of the building and painted the halls and offices.

The St. Sarkis Church Annual Picnic

by Edward Barsamian

A Sunny and Perfect Day

All the unsettled weather from the previous week gave way to sun and clear skies on Sunday, September 16th, 2012 -- a perfect day for the Saint Sarkis Annual Picnic. A joyous crowd enjoyed mouth-watering kebabs of lamb, luleh and chicken, corn-on-the-cob, beureg, tahn and home-made dessert delicacies.

The music of DJ Erik Iskenderian kept the crowd energized and upbeat. The younger crowd kept busy and happy in the Kid-Zone, with games and races, Sand Art, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Cupcake Decorating, Fruit Loop Necklaces, Popcorn, Cotton Candy, Foam Crafts and Tattoos organized and supervised by the PTA of Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School.

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful, relaxing and memorable picnic.







The St. Sarkis Church Annual Picnic
Douglaston, New York, September 2012

Exaltation of the Holy Cross



On Sunday, September 16, 2012, St. Sarkis Church celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian,

Vicar General of the Armenian Prelacy presided over services, delivering the sermon and performing the traditional Blessing of the Basil service.

Luncheon for Armenians in Syria

Following church services on Sunday, September 23, 2012, the ARS Erebouni chapter organized a luncheon to benefit The Syrian Armenian Relief Fund. Luscious homemade foods and desserts prepared by the members of the ARS Erebouni chapter with the Ladies Guild filled the tables. In spite of the short notice in organizing this event, 71 good hearted and generous guests

attended contributing \$3,500 toward the Fund.

Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian explained the situation of the Armenian communities in Syria and the deadly conditions they continue to face as a result of the Syrian crisis. On behalf of the ARS Erebouni chapter, Mrs. Nairy Zohrabian thanked all the attendees and generous donors, and church for supporting the event and thanked the dedicated members of the ARS chapter for making the event such a success.



Cigar Night

St. Sarkis Saturday School sponsored Cigar Night under the stars with cigars, drinks, mezze, sweets, coffee, tavloo, music and friends. September 21st, 2012.

A Visit to the Armenian Home

On Saturday, November 17, 2012 the Students of St. Sarkis Church Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Armenian School visited the Armenian Home of Flushing to spend some time with the elderly members of our community. The students performed various Armenian songs and poetry for the elderly.



Art Exhibition by Edward Barsamian

More than 200 art enthusiasts, parishioners and friends enjoyed paintings exhibited by artist Elizabeth Hugasian in celebration of the Church's 50th Anniversary. The Art Exhibition, featuring 29 original paintings, took place in Chadrijian Hall of the Church, on Sunday, October 21, 2012.

More than half of the exhibited pieces were sold. Mrs. Hugasian was quite pleased with the positive comments on her paintings, the setup of the exhibition area and the assistance she received from Mrs. Dory Shishmanian and her family in helping with the event.

The Saint Sarkis Board of Trustees expressed its appreciation to Mrs. Hugasian for the opportunity to present a day of culture and beauty as part of the Church's 50th Anniversary celebrations.



The PTA of St. Sarkis Church Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Saturday school organized a fall festival on Saturday, October 27, 2012. More than 45 children in attendance dressed up in their favorite costumes – from princesses and super heroes to fairies and Transformers. The church hall was abuzz.

The PTA prepared several activity tables to entertain everyone with pumpkin painting, cupcake decorating, Lego block building and foam sticker sticking. Guests went

from table to table participating in each activity. For lunch, the PTA served pizza and drinks with cookies for dessert.

A Pumpkin Piñata at the end of the day was a special surprise for the costumed guests.

This event allowed children of all ages to enjoy an

afternoon together with friends and family.



Saturday School Fall Festival



On Sunday, October 28, 2012 the parish of St. Sarkis Church commemorated Benefactors Day by offering prayers for the souls of all those who helped build this spiritual house -- a beacon of light for the community. The community especially remembered Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian whose donations through the years showed their deep commitment to the welfare and financial survival of St. Sarkis Church. Following church services all auxiliary mem-

Benefactors' Day

bers of the church were honored with a fellowship luncheon hosted by the Board of Trustees. The pastor spoke about the contributions that each auxiliary group made toward the welfare of the church and thanked everyone for their continuous support and dedication.



Suzanne & Hovsep Hagopian

Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian were a unique couple of exceptional character and vision. Devoted church supporters, their generosity touched many lives and organizations as dedicated servants of the Great House of Cilicia and its Seminary, the Prelacy and the Saint Sarkis Church and School. Hovsep and Suzanne had no children of their own, but they enjoyed the company of young people and made special efforts to encourage young Armenian-Americans in their educational goals.

Mrs. Hagopian was a National Benefactor. Many Armenian Institutions benefited from her generous heart, yet the center of her motherly love was Saint Sarkis Church. Present at its inception, Mrs. Hagopian carefully helped nurture its growth and development through the years and at the time of greatest crisis of maturity of our Church, she challenged us not to dwell on past difficulties but rather to think positively about the future. She generously contributed toward the construction of the "Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian" Saturday Language School at the newly consecrated St. Sarkis Church and there was never an opportunity that she overlooked to volunteer her time, counsel and financial support in our various Church activities.

In recognition of her outstanding service to the Armenian Church, Mrs. Hagopian was made a Princess of Cilicia by His Holiness Karekin II in 1987. The Prelacy honored her as Woman of the Year in 1985, and the Hamazkain Armenian Educational and Cultural Association honored her in 1991.

Mrs. Suzanne Hagopian's deep commitment to the welfare and financial survival of St. Sarkis Church was expressed through many generous donations. However, none was more symbolic of her motherly love for St. Sarkis Church, as was her final and eternal gift. Upon her death, she bequeathed part of her estate to the Church and School thus securing its perpetual spiritual and financial welfare. Her loving memory has left an imprint in our hearts.

Biography provided by Dr. Louiza Kubikian

HURRICANE SANDY HITS

by Der Nareg Terterian

The effects of Hurricane Sandy hit New York City on October 29, 2012. The area suffered devastating damage from this super storm. Most of us were left without electricity, heat, internet or telecommunications and had to deal with a lack of gasoline or long lines to fill up our automobiles...but it could have been worse.

My neighbor's relative temporarily moved to town because their house in New York's Rockaways, was destroyed by flood waters. She chokingly said: "it's bad...everything we had is gone but thank God that my family and my children are safe".

It was amazing to see this person thanking God for the most important things. We also learned about a mother from Staten Island whose children were snatched from her by rushing waters. Her two year old and four year old boys were taken as they tried to escape the rising tide. Three days later, emergency search teams found the bodies of the two little boys.

I don't think that it could have been any worse for that mother.

On November 1st, 2012, as the Armenian Church commemorated the feast of St. John Chrysostom (Յովհաննէս Ոսկեբերան), I contemplated on the life and legacy

morals and fearless criticism of people in power at the time. John was exiled to Armenia and he died during the journey. His last words are said to have been: "Glory be to God for all things" «Փառք քեզ Աստուած, փառք քեզ, յաղագս ամենայնի Տէր փառք քեզ».



photo from the Wall Street Journal

Saints are great examples for us to build our character and improve our spirituality. Sainthood is not always achieved in deserts, monasteries, or in seclusion but can be achieved in ordinary life with the little things that we do everyday. Let us say: "Glory be to God for all things" in these difficult times.

Let us remember the words of St. Paul "Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5: 19-20).

May God continue to be with all who suffered through the storm.

The Aftermath

St. Sarkis Church was fortunate to have incurred only minimal damage and inconvenience as a result of the storm. It took a week to restore full electrical power, telephone service, internet, and heat. We were lucky that the Church structure remained sound and unaffected. All major events were canceled for the weekend following the storm including Yeraz Dance group rehearsals, Cigar Night, Saturday School and a Memorial luncheon for the souls of deceased members of the Senior Citizen's Group. Church services the following Sunday were held during regular hours. Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate, advised all Prelacy parishes to make a special plate collection on Sunday, November 11th, to contribute to the relief efforts for the victims of Super Storm Sandy to be distributed by the American Red Cross.

Simply Christmas 2012 A Musical Performance

On Sunday, December 9th, 2012 following Church Services under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, St. Sarkis Church hosted the Fourth Annual "Simply Christmas" concert. Simply Christmas is one of the most cherished programs of St. Sarkis Church. A quartet of talented musicians including Hasmik Mekhanejian, Mezzo-Soprano; Solange Merdin-

ian, Mezzo-Soprano; Sami Merdinian, Violin; and Sofya Melikian, Piano transported the listeners into the spirit of the Christmas season. Parishioners and friends of St. Sarkis Church experienced the joy of Christmas with a rich selection of Christmas carols and classical pieces delivered in the beautiful sanctuary of our church.

The program included selections of international and Armenian Christmas classics. Following the concert, the Ladies Guild of St. Sarkis Church hosted a luncheon for all in attendance.

Individuals from our community made this event possible through their generous donations.



Luncheon Honoring Local NYPD Officers and FDNY Firefighters

On December 12, 2012, His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan presided over the Annual Thanksgiving and Christmas Luncheon at St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston, New York, in honor of our local New York City fire department and police department (111th Precinct).

The day began with a worship service led by the Prelate, Vicar, and Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian, pastor of St. Sarkis. A message was given by His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar General.

A luncheon followed the service with the participation of the seniors of St. Sarkis as well as other parishioners. The Pastor greeted all present and thanked,

on behalf of the community, the policemen and firefighters for their efforts in keeping our families, friends and loved ones safe. The luncheon meal was graciously donated this year again by Mrs. Mary Arslanian in memory of her parents.



Bible Study Winter Break

Bible Study Group concluded their year on December 18, 2012. The group members presented a Kindle Fire as a Christmas gift to the pastor. The group began again on Tuesday January 8, 2013 studying The Gospel of St. Luke. Sitta Oranjian coordinates the program, Natalie Hamamgian is the treasurer and Mrs. Tacouhi Oranjian prepares meals for our Seniors with her helpers. Some of our Seniors are bused from various areas by our capable Mr. Zaven Varjabedian.



Yeraz Dance Ensemble Meeting

On November 30, 2012, senior members of the Yeraz Dance Ensemble held a meeting to discuss their upcoming projects. Karnig Nercessian choreographs the group and the talented Lena Oranjian coaches the troupe.

A Moment of Silence for the Lives Lost at Sandy Hook Elementary School

On December 21st, 2012, Saint Sarkis Church joined churches and houses of worship across the world in remembering the victims of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School a week earlier. At 9:30 A.M., the bells of St. Sarkis tolled twenty six times -- a simple, somber remembrance to honor the lives of each of the innocent victims, then a moment of silence to mark the week following the horror at that school in nearby Newtown, Connecticut. We continue to pray for the souls of the victims and for the comfort of their family members and loved ones.



Remembering the 1988 Earthquake in Armenia

Friday, December 7, 2012. The world woke up to the disturbing news that a powerful earthquake struck off the northeast coast of Japan, rattling buildings in Tokyo and setting off a small tsunami. Ironically on that same day 22 years before, we awoke to similar news of the devastating earthquake that had struck in the northern region of Armenia. On December 7, 1988 at 11:41 local time the Armenian towns of Gyumri, Spitak, Stepavan, and Kirovakan were completely devastated.

45,000 lives were lost, 15,000 were injured and 517,000 people became homeless.

On the 22nd anniversary of the Armenia earthquake we prayed for the souls of the victims. May God keep us all away from both natural and man-made disasters.



Deacons' Day

The Feast of St. Stephen, the first deacon and proto-martyr was celebrated on December 23rd, 2012. The deacons serving the altar wore crowns in honor of this special day and offered incense to the holy altar and received the blessings of His Grace Bishop Anoushavan, Vicar General of the Armenian Prelacy.



WELCOMING 2013
THE ST. SARKIS
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY



A great New Year's Eve party organized by the Yeraz Dance Ensemble of St. Sarkis Church took place in the main hall of the church on December 31, 2012. A large crowd of all ages attended the event to welcome in the new year. At midnight, Bishop Anoushavan offered a prayer in the sanctuary for all attendees.



Christmas and Epiphany 2013

The first clear reference to Christians celebrating the Epiphany on January 6th can be found in the writings of Clement of Alexandria (c. 150-216) who refers to Christians celebrating both the Birth of Christ and His Baptism on January 6. The Armenian Church, following earliest Christian traditions, celebrates Christmas on January 6th.

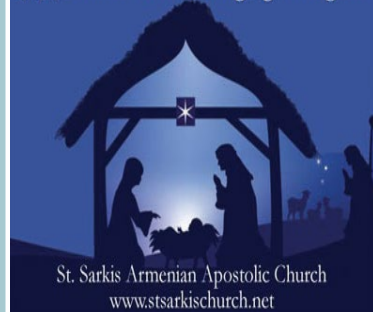
Celebrating Christmas we experience “the Godhead here on earth, and man in heaven”. Because “He Who is above, now for our redemption dwells here below, and he that was lowly is by divine mercy raised” explains St. John Chrysostom in his Nativity Sermon.

St. Sarkis Church held Jrakalooytz services on Saturday, January 5, followed by Vesper Services, Christmas Eve Scripture Readings, and the Divine Liturgy that evening. His Grace Bishop Anoushavan, Vicar General presided over Christmas Eve services. Saturday School students read Scripture passages as part of the service.

On Sunday, January 6th, the Church celebrated Christmas with Morning Services and the Divine Liturgy followed by the Blessing of the Water in the afternoon. Following Church services, St. Sarkis Suzanne & Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School presented a celebratory Christmas Program and hosted a Christmas luncheon for the congregation.

Experience the Love of God in your heart. Nurture your soul with Divine nourishment everyday.

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Ոչ մեկնելով ի Հօրէ
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Քրիստոս ծնաւ եւ յայտնեցաւ



*A wonderful and great mystery
Is revealed on this day;
The shepherds sing with the angels
Who announce the good news
to the world.
A new King is born in
the city of Bethlehem;
O You people, bless him,
For he became flesh for our sake.
He whom heaven and
earth cannot contain
Is wrapped in swaddling clothes;
Without being separated
from the Father,
He rested in the holy manger.
Christ is born and revealed.*

Saturday



Watch YouTube video excerpts of the Scripture Readings, Christmas Sermon, Blessing of Water service and Saturday School program on the St. Sarkis website: www.stsarkischurch.net Enjoy.

School 2013 Christmas Hantes







Valentine's Dinner Dance

They say a picture is worth a thousand words... here are a few more from the fifth annual St. Sarkis Valentine's Party held at the church on February 2, 2013. A success in one word or one thousand. The Elie Berberian Band from Canada captivated the crowd along with DJ Shant. Guest enjoyed dinner, dancing, a fabulous chinese auction featuring oriental carpets, jewelry, spa treatments, wine, spirits, and so many other treats. The band had everyone dancing way past midnight. A great time with family and friends.

Movie Night

The PTA of Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School organized a Family Movie Night on Sunday, January 20, 2013. The kids who attended had much fun, thanks to the many volunteers who helped set up, clean up and bring refreshments.



SAINT SARKIS NAME DAY

Sunday, January 27, 2013, the parish of St. Sarkis

Church celebrated the feast of its patron saint – St. Sarkis. Archbishop Oshagan, the Prelate, celebrated the Divine Liturgy during which he ordained Berdj Agopian, Peter Agopian, Shant Megherian, and Haig Baghdasarian as acolytes. He also ordained Berdj Agopian, Daniel Megerian, Mark Mege- rian, Christapor Megherian



and James Mengouchian as sub-deacons. Serpazan delivered the sermon congratulating the newly ordained and exhorting them to carry on their responsibilities faithfully.

Following church services a banquet was held at the main hall of the church with an eloquent artistic program executed by Mrs. Sirvart Krikorian, Anna Aidinian and Rita Aidinian. The newly ordained sub-deacons addressed the community through

short speeches and thanked Serpazan for ordaining them. The event was concluded with the message and blessings of Archbishop Oshagan.

Thank you to Dr. and Mrs. Raffi & Nairy Zohrabian for sponsoring the banquet, Mr. and Mrs. Ardash and Yester Garabedian for making and donating

the traditional St. Sarkis Halva dessert, Mrs. Sirvart Krikorian, Mrs. Anna Aidinian and Mrs. Rita Aidinian for their talents and Mr. Edward Barsamian for MC-ing the event.

Pastor Attended Annual Ghevontiantz Clergy Gathering

Fr. Nareg Terterian joined the clergy of the three North American Prelacies at St. Gregory Church in San Francisco for the annual clergy gathering and conference on the occasion of the Feast of St. Ghevont. The Priests convened under the presidency of the three prelates, Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian (Western), Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan (Eastern), and Archbishop Khajag Hagopian (Canada).

The theme of the conference was “Loyalty & Service” which was carried out through various lectures, meditations and discussions. Morning and evening church services were observed and a special Mass was celebrated by Fr. Meghrig Parikian, pastor of St. Mary’s Armenian Church in Toronto, and the sermon was delivered by Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian with clergy serving on the altar. Fr. Nareg led a meditation during the morning service that Tuesday.



The Feast Of Sts. Vartanank

Fr. Nareg Terterian participated in the observance of the feast of Sts. Vartanank at Sts. Vartanantz Church in New Jersey. His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan celebrated the Divine Liturgy and gave a message addressed especially to the students of Hovnanian School who attended the church services and performed during the banquet.



Requiems for Catholicos Zareh and Khoren

On February 17, 2013, the church offered a solemn Requiem Service in remembrance of His Holiness Zareh I on the 50th anniversary of his passing, and also for His Holiness Khoren I on the 30th anniversary of his passing. His Grace Bishop Anoushavan presided over church services and presented a video depicting the last days and the extreme unction of the late Catholicos Zareh I.

Armenian-Bulgarian Children’s Concert

The Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School hosted a concert in Memory of Kevork Ohanessian on March 2nd, 2013. The Bulgarian Children’s Chorus and our Saturday School students put on moving performances. Afterwards, John Ohanessian and Diane Paravazian, children of the late Kevork Ohanessian, donated their father’s last piece of artwork. Mr. Ohanessian agreed to donate this masterpiece to the Saturday Armenian School shortly before his passing in December 2012.



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12, 2013 - Mother's Day Luncheon

St. Sarkis Senior Citizen's Committee invites you to the Third Annual Mother's Day Lunch. Treat the Mothers in your life to an afternoon of entertainment, refreshments and delicious food. Contact Sitta at 516.587.0727 or the church office 718.224-2275 for more information.

May 19, 2013 - Saturday School Hantes

Join the Saturday School for their year-end ceremony and hantes at the church.

June 9, 2013 - Aram Khachaturian Concert

A Concert dedicated to 100th Anniversary of Aram Khachaturian Watch for more details in the church e-bulletin.

July 8 to July 19, 2013 - St. Sarkis Summer Camp

St. Sarkis Church Summer Camp returns again this year. Days filled with activities, day trips, sports, dance, fun and friends. Contact the church office 718.224-2275 for more information.

ST SARKIS SATURDAY SCHOOL

GALA DINNER & DANCE
FRIDAY
 FEATURING GARO GOMIDAS & JAQ HAGOPIAN
NON-STOP DANCING
MAY 3 2013
 8:30 COCKTAILS 9:30 DINNER

St. Sarkis Senior Citizen's Committee Group

Invite you to the

Third Annual

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Sunday, May 12 at 2pm

St. Sarkis Church Chadrjian Hall

ENTERTAINMENT
BY

JAQ HAGOPIAN

AND VIKEN MAKOUSHIAN

RSVP BY MAY 7TH

\$50 with RSVP/ \$60 at Door
CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$ 20

CHILDREN UNDER 5 FREE

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

ALINE BARDIZBANIAN daughter of SIMON BARDIZBANIAN and LARA MILIAN BARDIZBANIAN was baptized on July 28, 2012. Godparents: KOKO PALANDJIAN and JANETTE MILIAN.

CHARLES GAREN TUMINELLI son of FRANK TUMINELLI and ELPHIDA AYVAZIAN TUMINELLI was baptized on August 11, 2012. Godparents: KRISTIAN ADJEMOV and AMANDA TUMINELLI.

ASHLEY DORTCH daughter of LEONARD DORTCH and VALENTINA FARADJIAN was baptized on September 1, 2012. Godparents: GARY FARADJIAN and LUCY HICKS.

LIAM ERIC DODD son of ERIC DONALD DODD and IDA SIMONIAN DODD was baptized on September 8, 2012. Godparents: RANDY DODD and NADINE SIMONIAN.

EDVART MOURADIAN son of ARSEN MOURADIAN and AREV VARJABEDIAN MOURADIAN was baptized on September 9, 2012. Godparents: SARO VARJABEDIAN and ANGELA MOURADIAN.

EVA AREV BEZDIKIAN daughter of VEH BEZDIKIAN and ARPINE AROYAN BEZDIKIAN was baptized on September 15, 2012. Godparents: RAZMIK and SONYA NENEJIAN.

ANI GHADIMIAN daughter of KHIKAR GHADIMIAN and BETTY ALAJADJIAN GHADIMIAN was baptized on September 16, 2012. Godparents: GEVIK ATAKHANIAN and TENIA ATAKHANIAN.

LILI MANTASMEV daughter of IOSEB MANTASMEV and NINA ARUTUNOVA MANTASMEV was baptized on September 23, 2012. Godparents: LEO VARTAVON and KARINA GEVORKIAN.

ARI MEGHERIAN son of Mr. VARTAN MEGHERIAN and Mrs. SETA TAVITIAN MEGHERIAN was baptized on October 14, 2012. Godparents: KHATCHIG MEGHERIAN and LOUCINE MEGHERIAN.

ANITA NENEJIAN daughter of Mr. RAZMIK NENEJIAN and Mrs. SONYA SIMINIAN NENEJIAN was baptized on December 8, 2012. Godparents: BAGDASAR BAGHIAN and PERUZ BAGHIAN.

ALINA SARAH NAZARIAN daughter of GARO NAZARIAN and RUBINA VARTANIAN NAZARIAN was baptized on December 22, 2012. Godparents: STEVE VOSBIKIAN and NYIERI VOSBIKIAN.

DANIEL PRINCIAN son of RAFFI PRINCIAN and MANIA KOUYOUMDJIAN PRINCIAN was baptized on January 12, 2013. Godparents: ARY KHATCHIKIAN and DIANA KHATCHIKIAN.

WILLIAMLOUIE ZAKARIAN son of LOUIE ZAKARIAN and ADRIANA PANTEA ZAKARIAN was baptized on February 3, 2013. Godparents: GABE ZAKARIAN and KARIN ZAKARIAN.

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

WEDDINGS

KAREN HOVHANNISYAN and INNA KARAGEZYAN were married on August 4, 2012.

HAROUTUN MIKAELIAN and SONA KARAPETYAN were married on August 18, 2012. Best man and maid of honor: VAGHAN MIKAELIAN and KARMEN AGHAJAMIAN.

VAHE BOYAJIAN and MARIA GIUSEPPA RIANNA were married on August 19, 2012. Best man and maid of honor: OVANES OVANESSIAN and MARIE PATEVNOSTN.

HAROUT KHATCHADOURIAN and NAYRI NENEJIAN were married on August 26, 2012. Best man and maid of honor: RAZMIK NENEJIAN and SONYA NENEJIAN.

ARAM SEFERIAN and RISA SCOTTO were married on August 28, 2012. Best man and maid of honor: NORAIR SEFERIAN and JESSICA SCOTTO.

ARTYOM SADYHYAN and ELENA NALBANDYAN were married on August 29, 2012. Best man and maid of honor: KULIEV DNITRII and YULIYA SADYHYAN.

STEPHEN BARNARD and ASHLEY DORCH were married on September 22, 2012. Best man and maid of honor: CHARLES PRINCE and ALINE BEDROSIAN.

HAROUT NALBANDIAN and SATIK SARGSYAN were married on October 13, 2012. Best man and maid of honor: HAROUTUN MIKAELIAN and SONA MIKAELIAN.

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

FUNERALS

KRIKOR KASPARIAN
(April 28, 1940 – August 2, 2012)

THOMAS NAKASHIAN
(April 26, 1926 – August 2, 2012)

MANUEL YE'EMIAN
(March 23, 1963 – September 3, 2012)

SUZANE ABDALIAN
(December 25, 1918 – September 2, 2012)

AGOP MISAKIAN
(February 10, 1937 – September 26, 2012)

MANYA MELKUMOVA
(October 11, 1923 – October 29, 2012)

OHANES WANESIAN
(April 16, 1937 – October 30, 2012)

ANIA GROSS
(January 31, 1927 – November 10, 2012)

HRANT MERDINIAN
(June 6, 1925 – November 27, 2012)

NEVART OHANESSIAN
(April 21, 1918 – November 7, 2012)

KEVORK OHANESSIAN
(October 1, 1915 – December 2, 2012)

KASBAR ISKENDERIAN
(December 23, 1939 – December 5, 2012)

GRACE KRIKORIAN
(February 19, 1924 – December 14, 2012)

ONIK OHANESSIAN
(May 12, 1915 – December 23, 2012)

PHILIP GROVES
(October 3, 1953 – January 12, 2013)

MANNIG KASPARIAN
(September 29, 1910 – January 28, 2013)

ARAXI KARNIKIAN
(August 24, 1930 – January 30, 2013)

ROBERT BAGDASAROV
(April 24, 1937 – February 1, 2013)

SHAHNAR DORAMAJIAN
(November 14, 1926 – February 10, 2013)

VASKEN KADEHJIAN
(February 1, 1924 – February 19, 2013)

PYOTR KEVORKOV
(February 18, 1940 – February 22, 2013)

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



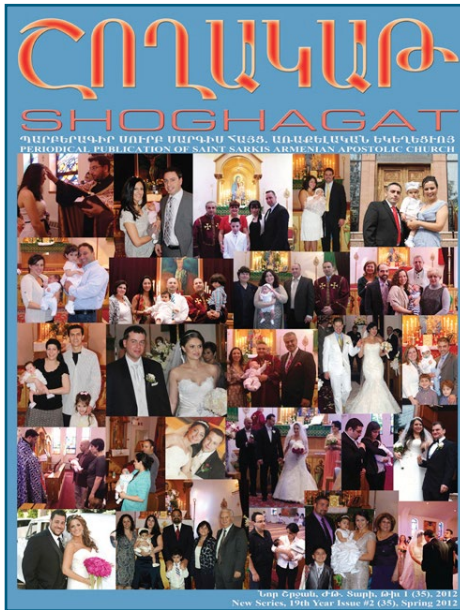
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SENIOR CITIZENS DONATIONS 2012

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Tateosian, Alice	\$100.00

SHOGHAGAT DONATIONS 2012

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Kabarajian, Frank & Ayda	\$50.00
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Vartanian, Joseph & Azadouhi	\$10.00



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Shamlan, Leon & Sandy	\$25.00
Yacoubian, Antranig & Marie	\$20.00

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Baron, Alex & Jacqueline	\$100.00

BABY'S 40th DAY DEDICATION 2012

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Garabedian, Edward & Lucin	\$100.00
Krikorian, Zevart	\$100.00
Balian, Raffi & Gasia	\$50.00
Harutunian, Varujan & Mary	\$50.00

SUZANNE & HOVSEP HAGOPIAN SATURDAY SCHOOL GENERAL DONATIONS 2012

Kabarajian, Dickran & Liza	\$100.00
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SATURDAY SCHOOL 2012 IN LIEU OF FLOWERS FOR THE LATE SUZANE ABDALIAN

Ghadimian Hermine, Khigar & Betty	\$250.00
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SATURDAY SCHOOL 2012 IN LIEU OF FLOWERS FOR THE LATE NEVART OHANESSIAN

Chan, Constance	\$200.00
Wanger, Nevert	\$200.00
Arzoumanian, Beatrice	\$100.00
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Minasian, Marie	\$100.00
Papazian, Madlene	\$100.00
Varjabedian, Alice	\$100.00
Zadourian, Silva	\$100.00
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Keosayian, Gerald & Paula	\$25.00
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SATURDAY SCHOOL 2012 IN LIEU OF FLOWERS FOR THE LATE KEVORK OHANESSIAN

Chan, Constance	\$200.00
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Momjian, Seza	\$50.00
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Zadourian, Silva	\$50.00
Ghazarian, Hrair & Margret	\$25.00
Keosayian, Gerald & Paula	\$25.00
Meconi, Arthur & Mary	\$25.00

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Kazangian, Albert	\$200.00
Agopian, Berdj & Hilda	\$180.00
Mayfair Wine Liquor	\$60.00
Vartanian, Raffi & Monique	\$60.00
Hamamdjian, Mary	\$50.00

Nercessian, Krikor & Elizabeth	\$50.00
Pogosyan, Areg	\$50.00
Turbendian, Dro & Maral	\$50.00
Garabedian, Karine	\$45.00
Gregorian, Edmund	\$20.00
Shahinian, Siroon	\$15.00

ST. SARKIS NAME DAY DONATIONS 2013

Voskerijian, Nayda	\$100.00
Orangian, Takouhi	\$20.00

CALENDAR SPONSORS 2013

Djamdjan Haroutune	\$750.00
Arslanian Edward & Mary	\$250.00
Baklajian Haig & Emma	\$250.00
Barsamian Edward & Coharig	\$250.00
Cazazian Aram & Rima	\$250.00
Daglyan Ruben & Hasmig	\$250.00
Kalustian Varujan & Luiza	\$250.00
Kubikian Arthur & Louiza	\$250.00
Nercessian Sarkis & Adrine	\$250.00
Ohannessian Edward & Elizabeth	\$250.00
Shismanian Manoug & Dory	\$250.00
Voskerijian Nayda	\$250.00

CALENDAR DONATIONS 2013

Yaghdjian, Patrick & Simona	\$250.00
Dalian, Harry & Janet	\$200.00
Pampanini, Sandrik Annie	\$150.00
Babaian, Vahik	\$100.00
Baghdassarian, Ghevont & Lydia	\$100.00
Djamdjan, Haroutune	\$100.00
Gokberg, Berc	\$100.00
Kalajian, Zohrab & Seta	\$100.00
Kharaboyan, Vartkess	\$100.00
Amirian, Neiri	\$50.00
Asarian, Sarkis & Nazeli	\$50.00
Bekian, Edward & Arpi	\$50.00
Bezdikian, Ohannes & Sonia	\$50.00
Bijimenian, Vahe & Setta	\$50.00
Boudakian, Henrik & Anastasia	\$50.00
Demirdjian, Zaven & Elvira	\$50.00
Dermksian, George & Tamara	\$50.00
Galo, Galoust & Adelina	\$50.00
Giragossian, Haig & Laura	\$50.00
Kazanjian, Berj & Lucy	\$50.00
Kazanjian, Asdghig	\$50.00
Kozanlian, Madelina	\$50.00
Mardirossian, Zabel	\$50.00
Markarian, Hrachik & Benita	\$50.00
Meneshian, Alex & Natalie	\$50.00
Nenejian, Evlin	\$50.00
Nercessian, Krikor & Elizabeth	\$50.00
Nigohossian, Levon	\$50.00
Papaioannou, Dimosthenis & Ani	\$50.00
Tahan, Arshalus	\$50.00
Tchorbajian, Nichan & Christine	\$50.00
Voskerijian, Zabel	\$50.00
Voskinarian, Mourad & Virginia	\$50.00
Dirielyan, Kegam & Anush	\$40.00
Shamlan, Leon & Sandy	\$40.00
Mouradian, Arsen & Arev	\$35.00
Papazian, Gegam & Maria	\$35.00
Turbendian, Vahan	\$35.00
Ghadimian, Armenouhi	\$30.00
Hakoupian, Vartan & Arax	\$30.00
Hamamgian, Natalia	\$30.00
Kasparian, Kevork & Narsis	\$30.00
Manoukian, Arsen & Alice	\$30.00
Sheshedian, Mary	\$30.00
Agasian, Garbis & Aneta	\$25.00
Agopian, Berdj & Hilda	\$25.00

Andreopoulos, Stephen & Liza	\$25.00
Arakelyan, Lusin	\$25.00
Arukian, Hratch & Necdar	\$25.00
Baghdassarian, Ghazar & Anny	\$25.00
Basmadjian, Noubar & Sevan	\$25.00
Berberian, Leon & Valentine	\$25.00
Bouldoukian, Alice	\$25.00
Gulbenkian, Edward & Silvia	\$25.00
Hatem, Zabel	\$25.00
Hogan, Shaun & Christine	\$25.00
Holmquist, Isabella	\$25.00
Kabarajian, Frank & Ayda	\$25.00
Kasagyan, Zaven & Alice	\$25.00
Kazandjian, Setrag & Annie	\$25.00
Manuelian, Noubar	\$25.00
Mardirossian, Vartkes	\$25.00
Masoian, Anita	\$25.00
Massarlian, Diran & Satenig	\$25.00
Minassian, Karnik & Marian	\$25.00
Postian, George & Beatrice	\$25.00
Rybak, Rose	\$25.00
Turbendian, Giragos & Sossie	\$25.00
Turbendian, Nigol & Talin	\$25.00
Vartanian, Anto & Nanor	\$25.00
Zobian, Vartouhi & Alice	\$25.00



Anonymous	\$20.00
Bardizbanian, Loucine	\$20.00
Demirdjian, Hampartsum	\$20.00
Gabrelian, Marita	\$20.00
Harutiunian, Vahe	\$20.00
Hatchikian, Haig & Hripsime	\$20.00
Mahtesyan, Volodya & Dirouhie	\$20.00
Ohanian, Anjel	\$20.00
Sagatelian, Anna	\$20.00
Sarkissian, Azad & Nairy	\$20.00
Saroukhanian, Kayzer & Arpine	\$20.00
Topalian, Lilit	\$20.00
Turbendian, Dro & Maral	\$20.00
Vartanian, Antranig & Azadouhi	\$20.00
Dominik, Dench	\$15.00
Sookikian, Araxe	\$15.00
Bakalian, Araxie	\$10.00
D'Onofrio, Gail	\$10.00
Kasparian, Krikor & Hripsi	\$10.00
Kayayan, Oganis	\$10.00
Minassian, Antranig & Valentine	\$10.00

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS 2013

Baghdassarian, Bagdig & Ani	\$600.00
Costello, Timothy & Arda	\$500.00
Dorch, Leonard & Valentina	\$250.00
Giragosian, Haig	\$250.00
Krikorian, Aram & Michelle	\$250.00
Mossessian, Agop & Rubina	\$250.00
Givelekian, Bedros & Sonia	\$200.00
Markarian, Anahid	\$200.00
Sarkissian, Varsenne	\$200.00
Seoylemezian, Garo	\$200.00
Arakelyan, Lusin	\$150.00

Arslanian, Edward & Mary	\$150.00
Bezdikian, Ohannes & Sonia	\$150.00
Karibian, Leon	\$150.00
Demirdjian, Zaven & Elvira	\$125.00
Agopian, Berdj & Hilda	\$100.00
Arukian, Hratch & Negdar	\$100.00
Asarian, Armand & Alma	\$100.00
Ayvazian, Garabed & Mannik	\$100.00
Baklajian, Haig & Emma	\$100.00
Baron, Alex & Jacqueline	\$100.00
Barsamian, Edward & Coharig	\$100.00
Boyadjian, George & Diane	\$100.00
Garabedian, Hagop & Angela	\$100.00
Grigorian, Nazely	\$100.00
Hairabedian, Arthur & Lilian	\$100.00
Holmquist, Isabella	\$100.00
Jamie, Edward & Lynn	\$100.00
Julfaian, Vartan	\$100.00
Kaligian, Garin & Hooshere	\$100.00
Kallem, Gary & Victoria	\$100.00
Kalustian, Varujan & Luiza	\$100.00
Kasparian, Kevork & Narsis	\$100.00
Katrandjian, George & Angele	\$100.00
Kazanjian, Berj & Lucy	\$100.00
Kazarian, Lynn	\$100.00
Kharaboyan, Vartkess	\$100.00
Kochoumian, Eduard & Alina	\$100.00
Krikorian, Melkon & Sirvard	\$100.00
Kubikian, Arthur & Louiza	\$100.00
Lynch, Edward & Maureen	\$100.00
Mangikian, Berge & Edda	\$100.00
Masoian, Anita	\$100.00
Megerian, John & Noemi	\$100.00
Ohannessian, Edward & Elizabeth	\$100.00
Papazian, Mary & Dorothy	\$100.00
Tahan, Arshalus	\$100.00
Arkun, Anahid	\$50.00
Babaian, Vahik	\$50.00
Baghdassarian, Ghevont & Lydia	\$50.00
Bekian, Edward & Arpi	\$50.00
Bodriguian, Agavni	\$50.00
Boudakian, Gregory	\$50.00
Chorbajian, Levon	\$50.00
Dirielyan, Kegam & Anush	\$50.00
Garabedian, Edouard & Lusin	\$50.00
Garabedian, Arsen & Karine	\$50.00
Gokberg, Berc	\$50.00
Gulbenkian, Edward & Sylvia	\$50.00
Hazarian, Nadia	\$50.00
Kalajian, Zohrab & Seta	\$50.00
Kalfayan, Sonia	\$50.00
Kassabian, Vasken & Anahid	\$50.00
Mahtesyan, Volodya & Dirouhie	\$50.00
Minassian, Antranig & Valentine	\$50.00
Minassian, Vahram	\$50.00
Moschovitis, Peter & Carol	\$50.00
Nercessian, Krikor & Elizabeth	\$50.00
Sagiroglu, Hera	\$50.00
Sarkissian, Azad & Nairy	\$50.00
Sheshedian, Mary	\$50.00
Simonian, Hagop & Soci	\$50.00
Turbendian, Giragos & Sossie	\$50.00
Zobian, Vartouhi & Alice	\$50.00
Parseghian, Vartuhi	\$45.00
Azarian, Susan	\$40.00
Ipekgian, Arthur & Siragan	\$35.00
Baklajian, Victoria	\$30.00
Manoukian, Arsen & Alice	\$30.00
Shamlian, Levon & Sandra	\$30.00
Turbendian, Vahan	\$30.00
Asarian, Sarkis & Nazeli	\$25.00
Bakalian, Araxie	\$25.00
D'Onofrio, Gail	\$25.00
Kabarajian, Frank & Ayda	\$25.00

Kazandjian, Setrag & Annie	\$25.00
Mengouchian, Takouhi	\$25.00
Minassian, Dikran & Nelly	\$25.00
Rybak, Rose	\$25.00
Sookikian, Araxe	\$25.00
Tutelian, Lillian	\$25.00
Vartabedian, Wayne & Rose	\$25.00
Vartanyan, Ann	\$25.00
Yacoubian, Antranik & Marie	\$25.00
Gregorian, Edmund & Tamara	\$20.00
Kadian, Jack	\$20.00
Markarian, Hrachik & Benita	\$20.00
Orangian, Takouhi	\$20.00
Saroukhanian, Kayzer & Arpine	\$20.00
Vartanian, Vartkes & Chake	\$20.00
Agasian, Garbis & Aneta	\$15.00
Hartunian, Shakay	\$15.00
Kasparian, Krikor & Hripsi	\$15.00
Dominik, Dench	\$10.00
Nishanian, Alex	\$10.00
Serabian, Gregory	\$10.00

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FOR THE SYRIAN RELIEF FUND**

Hairabedian, Arthur & Lilian	\$200.00
Kalustian, Varujan & Luiza	\$200.00
Mossessian, Agop & Rubina	\$200.00
Bezdikian, Ohannes & Sonia	\$150.00
Agopian, Berdj & Hilda	\$100.00
Arakelyan, Lusin	\$100.00
Grigorian, Nazely	\$100.00
Kazanjian, Berj & Lucy	\$100.00
Kharaboyan, Vartkess	\$100.00
Kochoumian, Eduard & Alina	\$100.00
Kubikian, Arthur & Louiza	\$100.00
Markarian, Anahid	\$100.00
Arslanian, Edward & Mary	\$50.00
Babaian, Vahik	\$50.00
Dominik, Dench	\$50.00
Garabedian, Edouard & Lusin	\$50.00
Giragosian, Haig	\$50.00
Gorgissian, Hagop & Hilda	\$50.00
Gulbenkian, Edward & Sylvia	\$50.00
Jamie, Edward & Lynn	\$50.00
Masoian, Anita	\$50.00
Nercessian, Krikor & Elizabeth	\$50.00
Ohannessian, Edward & Elizabeth	\$50.00
Pogosyan Family	\$50.00
Vartanian, Vartkes & Chake	\$40.00
Baklajian, Victoria	\$30.00
Asarian, Sarkis & Nazeli	\$25.00
D'Onofrio, Gail	\$25.00
Kabarajian, Frank & Ayda	\$25.00
Kallem, Gary & Victoria	\$25.00
Mahtesyan, Volodya & Dirouhie	\$25.00
Yacoubian, Antranik & Marie	\$25.00
Barsamian, Edward & Coharig	\$20.00
Dirielyan, Kegam & Anush	\$20.00
Gregorian, Edmund & Tamara	\$20.00
Serabian, Gregory	\$10.00

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St. Sarkis Senior Citizens Group	\$300.00
Voskerijian, Nayda	\$300.00
Bezdikian, Veh & Arpine	\$250.00
Alajajian, Karl & Alice	\$200.00
Sarkissian, Edmond & Andrea	\$200.00
Anonymous	\$100.00
Barsamian, Ara & Helen	\$100.00
Barsamian, Edward & Coharig	\$100.00
Farsakian, Suren & Sandy	\$100.00
Kevorkian, Noubar & Sarin	\$100.00
Megerian, John & Salpi	\$100.00
Tutuyan, Armen & Janet	\$100.00

Varjabedian, Lori	\$100.00
Cava, Alfonso & Diana	\$50.00
Shishmanian Manoug & Dory	<i>Christmas Flowers</i>

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Baghdassarian, Ghevont & Lydia	\$300.00
Nenejian Family	\$300.00
Paravazian, Diane	\$300.00
Kalajian, Zohrab & Seta	\$250.00
Abkarian, Solanj	\$200.00
D'Onofrio, Gail	\$200.00
Homenetmen, Scouts Troop 1918	\$200.00
Kircik, Leon	\$200.00
Mangikian, Berge & Edda	\$200.00
Maslakian, Ramela	\$200.00
Minassian, Noel	\$200.00
Mouradian, Veronika	\$200.00
Shamlan, Levon & Sandra	\$175.00
Gorgissian, Hagop & Hilda	\$170.00
Hasimian, Elizabeth	\$150.00
Hovsepian, Zvart	\$150.00
Abdalian, Arline	\$100.00
Arzivian, Armen & Zepiur	\$100.00
Arslanian, Edward & Mary	\$100.00
Bedikian, Arman & Astrig	\$100.00
Bijimian, Vahe & Setta	\$100.00
Boyadjian, Guy & Livia	\$100.00
Chadrjian, Mihran	\$100.00
Devita, Joseph & Adrine	\$100.00
Kalustian, Varujan & Elizabeth	\$100.00
Kazangian, Albert	\$100.00
Kochoumian, Eduard & Alina	\$100.00
Kostanian, Hrachya	\$100.00
Krikorian, Zevart	\$100.00
Kubikian, Arthur & Louiza	\$100.00
Melkumov, karina	\$100.00
Milian, Harry & Juliette	\$100.00
Misakian, Rose	\$100.00
Moschovitis, Peter & Carol	\$100.00
Nenejian, Family	\$100.00
Ohanessian, Sarkis & Mary	\$100.00
Petrossian, George	\$100.00
Pogosyan, Family	\$100.00
Sarkissian, Azad & Nairy	\$100.00
Sarkissian, Bedros	\$100.00
Telfeian, Arlin	\$100.00
Ulubabova, Tatyana	\$100.00
Voskerijian, Nayda	\$100.00
Zobian, Aram & Ardemis	\$100.00
Harutunian, Tamar	\$90.00
Barsamian, Ara	\$75.00
Markarian, Lily	\$60.00
Agopian, Berdj & Hilda	\$50.00
Baboomian, Sylvia	\$50.00
Bodyikoglu, Victoria	\$50.00
Demirdjian, Maro	\$50.00
Gostanian, Manoug & Amy	\$50.00
Gostanian, Michael & Nounch	\$50.00
Gulbenkian, Edward & Sylvia	\$50.00
Hagobian, Khajadour & Shant	\$50.00
Hamamjian, Panos & Sonia	\$50.00
Handjian, Magdalena	\$50.00
Hazarian, Nadia	\$50.00
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Kadehjian, Alice	\$50.00
Kahvejian, Harout & Arpi	\$50.00
Kelaghbian, Shake	\$50.00
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Kevorkian, Sarkis & Lorig	\$50.00
Khatchadourian, Hagop & Anahid	\$50.00
Kricorian, Ana & Simona	\$50.00
Krikorian, Krikor & Florina	\$50.00
Manoukian, Arsen & Alice	\$50.00
Megherian, Khatchig & Loucine	\$50.00

Nardone, Arpi	\$50.00
Nercessian, Krikor & Elizabeth	\$50.00
Papazian, Haroutune & Vartoui	\$50.00
Sarkissian, Hasmig	\$50.00
Setrakian, Zarmair & Sonia	\$50.00
Sheshedian, Mary	\$50.00
Tavitian, Stepan & Shami	\$50.00
Tervizian, Toros & Hermine	\$50.00
Voskerijian, Nayda	\$50.00
Yepremian, Pierre & Haigouhi	\$50.00
Megherian, Khatchig & Loucine	\$40.00
Yacoubian, Antranik & Marie	\$40.00
Parsehian, Mihran	\$30.00
Thomasian, Thomas & Magi	\$30.00
Andreasian, Zareh	\$25.00
Demirjian, Hampartsoum	\$25.00
Kadehjian, Papken & Shakeh	\$25.00
Thomasian, Hovig	\$25.00
Zohrabian, Raffi & Nairy	\$25.00
Janesian, Harriet	\$20.00
Maradian, Seta	\$20.00
Nalchaian, Family	\$20.00
Yepremian, Mardiros & Maria	\$20.00

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS FOR THE LATE KRIKOR KASPARIAN

Hatchikian, Haig & Hripsime	\$40.00
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IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS FOR THE LATE THOMAS NAKASHIAN

Terezian, Mark	\$250.00
G & M Auto Group	\$150.00
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Abi Zeid, George & Rita	\$100.00
Akel, Naomi	\$100.00
Araian, Nigogos	\$100.00
Armenian Relief Society, Agnoui Chapter NJ	\$100.00
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Mekjian, Aram & Nora	\$100.00
Michaelian, Herant & Anahid	\$100.00
Neidecker, Richard & Donna	\$100.00
Nenejian, Family	\$100.00
Ohanessian, Sarkis & Mary	\$100.00
Setian, Aram & Madlen	\$100.00
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Alashaian, Avedis & Rosemary	\$50.00
Alashaian, Richard & Vana	\$50.00
Boudakian, Antranig & Marion	\$50.00
Boudakian, Gregory	\$50.00
Jamie, Edward & Lynn	\$50.00
Loussarian, Jack & Arshalouys	\$50.00
Mardirossian, Vartkes	\$50.00
Massoyan, Berdj & Varsenne	\$50.00
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Nisanyan, Arek & Hilda	\$50.00
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Tabibian, Garo	\$50.00
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Hagopian, Dikran & Arpine	\$25.00

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Bourghol, Paul & Diana	\$100.00
Markarian, Andre & Kristen	\$100.00
Cankar, Arpi	\$50.00

Keshishian, Ardo & Linda	\$50.00
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Ayvazyan, Albert	\$200.00
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Kalaydjian, Alice	\$100.00
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Shishmanian, Manoug & Dory	\$150.00
Bohossian, Barouyr	\$100.00
Avakian, Manuel	\$50.00
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Kaloustian, Agop	\$25.00
Arabadjian, Eddie & Boudinka	\$20.00
Arabadjian, Ervantouhi	\$20.00

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Voskinarian, Mourad & Virginia	\$100.00
Kurkciyan, Armant & Sirvart	\$50.00
Mahtesyan, Volodya & Dirouhie	\$50.00
Takoushian, Henry & Mary	\$50.00
Savayan, Harry & Zarouhi	\$25.00

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Abajian, Garo & Seta	\$100.00
Ohanyan, Jozef & Madlen	\$100.00
Atikyan, Agobik & Seta	\$50.00
Eretzian, Annie & Julia	\$50.00
Karamikian, Hagop & Stella	\$50.00
Minassian, Karnik & Marian	\$50.00
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Dalian, Harry & Janet	\$50.00
Paravazian/Massarlian, Zaven & Ardemis	\$50.00
Hovsepian, Zarouhi	\$40.00
Koumjian, Garo & Ann	\$20.00

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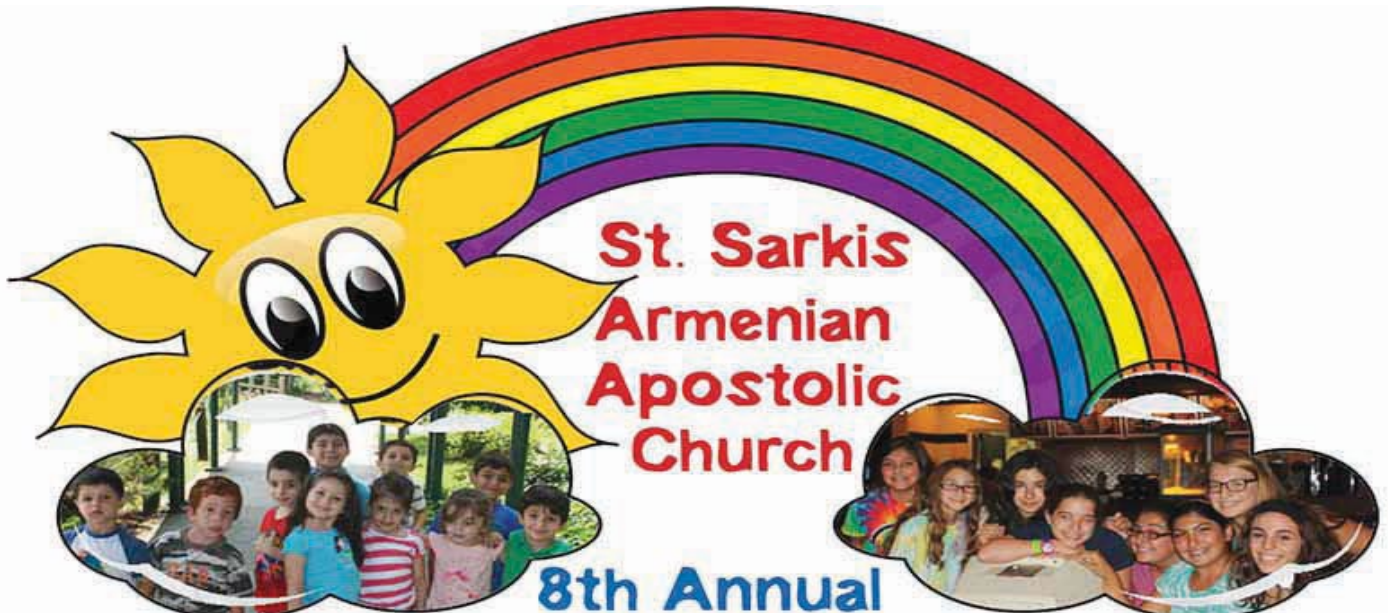
Djirdjirian, Garo & Lucyn	\$250.00
Gokberg, Berc & Narcisse	\$150.00
Kabarajian, Frank & Ayda	\$100.00
Krikorian, Misak & Lucy	\$100.00
Zakarian, Garo & Vartouhi	\$100.00
Bagrevandian, Vardkes	\$50.00
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 Ozsarfati, Avram & Vivan \$50.00
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I SHOULD LIKE TO SEE ANY POWER OF THE WORLD DESTROY THIS RACE, THIS SMALL TRIBE OF UNIMPORTANT PEOPLE WHOSE WARS HAVE ALL BEEN FOUGHT AND LOST, WHOSE STRUCTURES HAVE CRUMBLED, LITERATURE IS UNREAD, MUSIC IS UNHEARD, AND PRAYERS ARE NO MORE ANSWERED. GO AHEAD DESTROY ARMENIA. SEE IF YOU CAN DO IT. SEND THEM INTO THE DESERT WITHOUT BREAD OR WATER. BURN THEIR HOMES AND CHURCHES. THEN SEE IF THEY WILL NOT LAUGH, SING, AND PRAY AGAIN. FOR WHEN TWO OF THEM MEET ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, SEE IF THEY WILL NOT CREATE A NEW ARMENIA.

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