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Letter from the Editor

Sireli Paregamner,

In September 2008, I had the unique opportunity to visit Lebanon with my husband Sevan and members of our Saint Sarkis Young Adults Bible Study group. We represented Saint Sarkis at the first annual International Armenian Youth Christian Conference hosted by the Catholicosate of Cilicia in Antelias, Lebanon. The conference took place in Bikfaya, the seat of the Catholicosate in the brutally hot Lebanese summer.

Beirut had always loomed large in my mind as a dangerous place of war and violence but also intrigued me with its rich history and its reputation as the Paris-of-the-Middle-East. Staying in the mountains of Lebanon in the small town of Bikfaya, being immersed in the church, hearing the seminarians' beautiful voices sing Hayr Mer in the carved chapel every morning transported my soul to a deeper understanding and appreciation of our church. I can still smell the sweet bouquets of fresh fruit arranged each day during lunch. I didn't know tomatoes could grow so large and so sweet until our trip to Lebanon! We tried everything from rose-flavored ice cream and kunifeh to grilled cheese served in the wee hours of the night. We spoke with the seminarians, visited the orphanage, toured the ruins of Baalbeck and Byblos, and made a stop in the Armenian city of Bourj-Hamood. Lebanon was a trip for the senses and Bikfaya was a trip for the spirit.



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Front cover:

Looking back at the beautiful Baptisms, Weddings, and 40th Day Baby Blessings at Saint Sarkis Church from January to June of 2012

Back cover:

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian's ordination on the new steps outside Saint Sarkis Church following badarak

A letter from our Pastor

Thoughts on Orthodoxy and Renewal



This year the community of St. Sarkis Church marks two auspicious events in a unique and memorable manner: the upcoming pontifical visit of His Holiness Aram I in October and the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of St. Sarkis Church in November. St. Sarkis hosts a Young Adults Seminar with the theme “Orthodoxy and Renewal” on Saturday October 6, 2012 as part of the pontifical visit. We encourage young adults of the parishes of the Eastern Prelacy to attend the seminar and meet with His Holiness Aram I.

The Theme of Orthodoxy and Renewal

I would like to share with our readers some ideas about the theme of the seminar, Orthodoxy and Renewal. The word orthodox is from Greek *orthos* (“right”, “true”, or “straight”) and *doxa* (“opinion” or “belief”). However, the word *doxa* gains new meaning from the Septuagint (LXX) – a Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures in which scholars rendered the Hebrew word for “glory” as *doxa*. The New Testament and Orthodox Churches use this new meaning of *doxa* as “glory” in their church practice.

Orthodoxy therefore, is the way that we perceive the various elements of our faith and the manner through which we express them, not only in worship, but in life in general. In other words, orthodoxy is our identity – the one that those of the Armenian Orthodox faith strived to forge, maintain and enrich throughout the centuries. Yet the core issue here is how much of our Orthodox identity is relevant in the world in which we live?

The Double Crisis of Identity and Relevance

Identity and relevance - a double crisis, as described by a German theologian: “...these two crises are complementary. The more theology and the church attempt to become relevant to the problems of the present day, the more deeply they are drawn into the crisis of their identity in traditional dogmas, rights and moral notions, the

more irrelevant and unbelievable they become” (Moltmann, Jürgen. *The Crucified God: the Cross of Christ as the Foundation and Criticism of Christian Theology*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1993. Print. p7). The Armenian Church, like all other churches, faces this dilemma. Some members of the church want “modernization” of the Armenian Church: shorter Sunday services spoken in modern Armenian or English instead of classical Armenian. But this form of modernization will not make the church more relevant because it is not *renewal*.

A Holistic Approach to Renewal

Renewal of the Armenian Church is an introspective process. It starts when we fully embrace our Armenian Orthodox identity and find out who we really are. Active participation is the pre-requisite for that process. Renewal of the Armenian Church requires “a holistic and integrated approach” as suggests His Holiness Aram I in his “Towards a Renewed Armenian Church” article. In his article, His Holiness provides a sound framework for reforming the Armenian Church (Aram, I. *The Armenian Church Beyond The 1700th Anniversary*. Antelias: the Armenian Catholicosate of Cilicia, 2002. Print. p22). His Holiness considers integration of modern Armenian and English or French into certain parts of church services, revising the liturgy and encouraging the participation of lay people, strengthening our parishes by creating youth ministries and providing social service.

It is never too late to learn about our identity and make the journey back home to our Holy Mother Church. I take this opportunity to invite our readers to make a conscious decision to rediscover their Armenian Orthodox Identity. The Seminar in October could be the first expression of your decision to explore the riches of your identity.

Fr. Nareg Terterian

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Սարգիս Հայց. Առաքելական եկեղեցին կը պատրաստուի մեծ շուքով տօնախմբելու երկու կարեւոր առիթներ, յառաջիկայ ամիսներու ընթացքին.- Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ Արամ Ա. Վեհափառ Հայրապետի Հովուապետական այցելութիւնը Հոկտեմբերին եւ Ս. Սարգիս եկեղեցւոյ յիսնամեակի տօնակատարութիւնները Նոյեմբերին: Հովուապետական այցելութեան առթիւ, Հոկտեմբեր 6, 2012-ին, կազմակերպուած է երիտասարդական համագումար մը «Ուղղափառութիւն եւ Վերանորոգութիւն» վերնագրով, Ս. Սարգիս եկեղեցւոյ մէջ, ուր հրաւիրուած են Արեւելեան թեմի եկեղեցիներու երիտասարդ անդամները, հանդիպելու Վեհափառ Հայրապետին հետ:

աւանդութիւններէն»: Հայց. եկեղեցին ալ նոյն տազնապը կը դիմագրաւէ: Մեր եկեղեցւոյ զաւակներէն շատեր կ'ուզեն «արդիականացնել» Հայց. եկեղեցին կրճատելով եւ թարգմանելով մեր ծիսական արարողութիւնները: Այս տեսակի «արդիականացում» մը մեր եկեղեցին այժմէական չի դարձներ, որովհետեւ ծէսը կրճատելով եւ թարգմանելով, եկեղեցին չի վերանորոգուիր:

Վերանորոգումը ներհայեցողական ընթացք մըն է, որ կը սկսի երբ մեր եկեղեցւոյ զաւակները յանձն կ'առնեն գործնական մասնակցութեամբ սորվիլ իրենց ինքնութեան մասին: Հայց. եկեղեցւոյ վերանորոգումը պէտք է «ամբողջական եւ ծրագրուած մօտեցում»ով իրականանայ, կը թելադրէ Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ Արամ Ա. Հայրապետը իր The Armenian Church Beyond The 1700th Anniversary գիրքին մէջ: Վեհափառը նկատի կ'առնէ աշխարհաբարի եւ օտար լեզուներու գործածութիւնը մեր ծէսի որոշ բաժիններուն մէջ, արարողութիւններու վերատեսուութիւն, եւ աշխարհականներու մասնակցութիւնը մեր եկեղեցւոյ կեանքին մէջ, զանազան ծրագիրներու ընդմէջէն:

«Ուղղափառութիւն եւ Վերանորոգութիւն»

Այստեղ կ'ուզեմ կարգ մը մըր-տածումներ բաժնեկցիլ մեր ընթերցողներուն հետ, համագումարի «Ուղղափառութիւն եւ Վերանորոգութիւն» վերնագրի մասին. Ուղղափառ բառը թէեւ իր պարզ առումով կը նշանակէ «Ուղիղ դաւանանք ունեցող», սակայն եկեղեցական գործածութեան մէջ ուղղափառութիւնը մեր եկեղեցւոյ հաւատքը ըմբռնելու եւ զայն ապրելու եւ արտայայտելու եղանակն է: Այլ խօսքով ուղղափառութիւնը մեր ինքնութիւնն է դարբնուած եւ ծաղկած մեր հայրերու շունչով, հաւատքով եւ արիւնով:

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ինքնութիւնը եւ
վերադառնանք
դէպի մեր
հարազատ տունը՝
մեր մայր եկեղեցին**

Ճանչնանք մեր ինքնութիւնը եւ վերադառնանք դէպի մեր հարազատ տունը մեր մայր եկեղեցին: Այս տողերուն ընդմէջէն կը հրաւիրեմ մեր ընթերցողները կայացնելու գիտակից որոշում մը՝ վերակենդանացնելու մեր Հայ Ուղղափառ ինքնութիւնը: Թող յառաջիկայ Հոկտեմբերի համագումարը առաջին արտայայտութիւնը դառնայ ձեր որոշումին՝ ճանչնալու մեր ինքնութեան հարստութիւնը:

Տ. Նարեկ Քհնյ. Թրթռեան

Այսօր, մենք մեզի հարց պէտք է տանք, թէ այդ ինքնութիւնը որքանով ներկայ է մեր ժողովուրդի զաւակներուն կեանքին մէջ: Տազնապ մըն է ասիկա, որուն մասին Գերմանացի Աստուածաբան մը հետեւեալը կը գրէ.- «Որքան որ եկեղեցին կը փորձէ պատշաճ ըլլալ յարաբերաբար մեր այսօրուան հարցերուն, այնքան կը հեռանայ իր ինքնութենէն եւ

Board of Trustees - Letter from Edward Barsamian, Chairman

50 YEARS and GOING STRONG



Saint Sarkis Church in Bayside, New York

In the 50 year history of Saint Sarkis, it seems that every year had one or more notable events that made it memorable. And this year is no exception. Saint Sarkis will mark the year with a Pontifical Visit in October, 50th Anniversary celebration in November, new bronze entrance doors, new facilities in the Pagoumian hall, and building renovation and beautification projects. Memorable? Yes, indeed.

Like most 50 year old institutions, and in preparation of these major events, our church is in need of renovations and improvements. One of these projects was made possible by an anonymous donation for the new bronze entrance doors being built. Other major projects, although planned, will proceed as funds become available.

Through all these years, our parish has been our strength, small, but extremely dedicated and loyal. We once again appeal to all of you to be active participants in all activities of our 50 year celebration.

The Board of Trustees thanks each and every one of you for the support and dedication. With your support, Saint Sarkis will be here to provide Faith and Hope to all in need for many years to come.

Edward Barsamian, Chairman
Saint Sarkis Board of Trustees



Saint Sarkis Church in Douglaston, New York



The Saint Sarkis Church Board of Trustees.

top row from left: Harry Seoylemezian, Dr. Hagop Gorgissian, Daniel Gulbenkian, Sarkis Necessian,
bottom row from left: Alina Kochoumian, Edward Barsamian, Der Nareg Terterian,
Amy Gostanian, Dori Shishmanian (Gourgen Grigorian not present)

Christmas Hantes

On Sunday, December 18th, St. Sarkis Church's Suzanne and Hovsep Hago-pian Saturday School held their annual Christmas Hantes. Teachers and students worked very hard to organize the Christmas program. The children did a wonderful job singing, dancing and reciting their poems. There was also a special visit from Santa Claus who stopped by to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas. The parents were able to sit back and enjoy the show and a delicious meal prepared by the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). *Shnorhavor nor daree yev Soorp Dznoont.*



Senior Citizens Christmas Party

On December 21, 2011, The Senior Citizens Organizing Committee of St. Sarkis Church offered a Christmas party for the Seniors at Giardino Restaurant in Douglaston, New York. The afternoon was filled with singing, poetry, laughter and good times. We thank the organizing committee and especially Mrs. Sitta Oranjian for organizing the event, Mr. Ruben Daglyan and Mrs. Mariane Minassian for partially sponsoring the lunch, and Mr. Hovsep Minassian for arranging the transportation for the day.

Deacon's Day at St. Sarkis Church

St. Sarkis Church celebrated the Feast of St. Stephen, the first deacon and proto-martyr, on December 25, 2011. The deacons serving the altar wore crowns in honor of this special day, offered incense to the holy altar, and received the blessings of His Grace Bishop Anoushavan, Vicar General of the Armenian Prelacy.





New Year's Eve Party

On December 31, 2011, St. Sarkis closed out the year with a bang. 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. People of all ages attended the event and welcomed in the New Year. At midnight, Bishop Anoushavan and Fr. Nareg offered a midnight prayer in the sanctuary.



Feast of the Nativity

The congregation of St. Sarkis Church celebrated the Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ on January 6th. His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate presided over *Jrakalootz* Christmas Eve services, Saturday School students read Scripture passages and our own Fr. Nareg Terterian celebrated the Divine Liturgy. On Christmas Day His Grace Bishop Anoushavan, Vicar General, celebrated the Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Water, delivered the sermon, and officiated over the Blessing of Water service.



37TH ANNUAL PRELACY GATHERING OF CLERGY

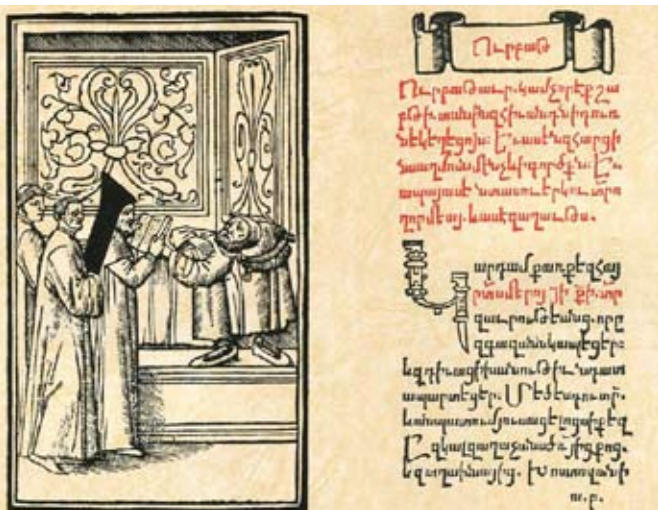
The pastor attended the 37th annual clergy gathering on the occasion of the Feast of St. Ghevont (Leontius) and the Priests, on Monday, February 13th. The event concluded on February 16th. Archbishop Oshagan Cholyan and Archbishop Khajag Hagopian presided over the gathering of clergy from the Eastern and Canadian Prelacies at Sts. Vartanantz Church in Ridgefield, New Jersey. In accordance with the Armenian Apostolic Church calendar, a service took place on the eve of Dyarnuntaratch, with a traditional bonfire ceremony following the service. The Archbishops led the bonfire ceremony

with participation from the local HMEM Scouts and the Hamazkayin Nayiri Dance Group. On Tuesday evening the Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak) was celebrated on the occasion of Dyarnuntaratch, which commemorates the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple, forty days after Christmas. The conference concluded with the singing of Ashagerdk Krisdosi (Disciples of Christ). Later that afternoon clergy had the opportunity to visit the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island that served as the first stop in the United States for immigrants, including many Armenians fleeing the Armenian Genocide.



2012 - Year of the Armenian Book

On Sunday, January 29, all of the Eastern Prelacy parishes read portions of the pontifical message of His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, declaring the year 2012 as the “Year of the Armenian Book.” This designation coincides with two events: the 500th anniversary of the printing of the first book in Armenian utilizing newly-developed technology and the recent selection of Yerevan by UNESCO as the “Book Capital of 2012”. The image to the right shows the first printed Armenian Book, *Ourpatakirk* (Book of Prayers) published in Venice, Italy.

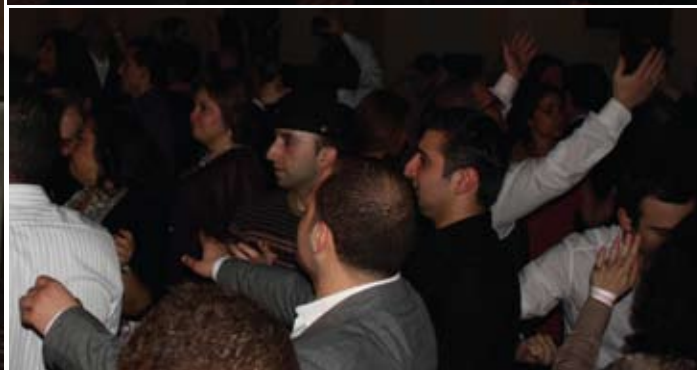


Cleaning of the Sanctuary

A deep cleaning of the Sanctuary of St. Sarkis Church took place on Saturday, January 14, 2012. A group of volunteers worked all day and did a tremendous job.

Valentine's Party

The 4th annual St. Sarkis Church Valentine's Party, organized by the young adults of the Church was a great party. An energetic crowd, comprised of all ages, enjoyed an evening of dancing and socializing. From the Chinese Auction to elegant centerpieces and full dinner, attendees reveled in the decorative Valentine's themed hall. Partiers enjoyed live entertainment, delicious food, refreshing drinks, reuniting with old acquaintances, meeting new people and some were even lucky enough to go home with a prize. The committee happily reported another sold out event!



Saint Sarkis Name Day at the Church

On Sunday February 5, 2012, the parish of St. Sarkis Church celebrated the feast of the patron saint day. Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate of the Eastern United States celebrated the Divine Liturgy and gave a homily from the book of Haggai (1:3-5), emphasizing that without the house of God there can be no future for a community of faith. Following the church service, a celebratory banquet was held at the main hall of the church, with gourmet foods, an eloquent artistic program of music, singing, dancing and anecdotes.



A Visit to the Armenian Home

On Saturday February 11, 2012 the Students of St. Sarkis Church Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Armenian School visited the Armenian Home of Flushing to spend time with the elderly members of our community. The students performed various Armenian songs, recited poetry, and presented handmade cards to the Seniors as tokens of their respect to the elderly.

Այցելութիւն «Հայ Տուն»

Տակըսթի Ս. Սարգիս եկեղեցւոյ, Սիւզան եւ Յովսէփ Յակոբեան շաբաթօրեայ վարժարանի ծնողաց յանձնախումբի եւ ուսուցչաց կազմի անդամները այս տարի եւս կազմակերպեցին այցելութիւն մը դէպի Ֆլաշինկի «Հայ Տուն»-ը՝ ուր կը բնակին շրջանիս յառաջացած տարիքի անհատներ, փետրուար 11, 2012-ին :

Աշակերտները առաւօտուն իրենց սովորական ժամուն հաւաքուած էին դպրոցի սրահին մէջ: Հագուած էին դպրոցական պաշտօնական զգեստներ «ձերմակ եւ սեւ», պատրաստած էին Սիրոյ Օրը խորհրդանշող բացիկներ, զարդարուած աշակերտներու գեղեցիկ, պարզ ու անմեղ գծագրութիւններով եւ ձեռնային աշխատանքներով:

Ժամը 11:00-ին վարժարանիս առաջին դասարանէն մինչեւ վեցերորդ դասարանի աշակերտները, իրենց ուսուցչուհիներով ուղղուեցան դէպի «Հայ Տուն». ուր պատասխանատուները ջերմօրէն դիմաւորեցին բոլոր կազմը, առաջնորդելով մեզ հիւրասենեակ ուր «Հայ Տուն»ի երէց բնակիչները անհամբեր կը սպասէին աշակերտներուն:



Գեղարուեստական յայտագիրը սկսաւ վարժարանիս տնօրէնուհիին Տիկ. Նայիրի Զոհրապեանի բացման խօսքով փոխանցեց իր սրտի ջերմ բարեմաղթութիւնները «Հայ Տուն» ի բնակիչներուն:

Ապա վարժարանիս աշակերտներէն կազմուած երգչախումբը՝ ղեկավարութեամբ երգի ուսուցչուհի Տիկ. Զեփիւռ Արծիւեանի եւ դաշնամուրի ընկերակցութեամբ Տիկ. Հայկուհի Մկրեանի հրամցուցին հետեւեալ հայկական երգերը. «Մեր Հայրենիք», «Դպրոցական Քայլերդ», «Կիլիկիա», «Ի գէն հայեր», «Արիւնոտ դրօշ», որմէ ետք է. եւ Զ. կարգերու աշակերտները ասմունքեցին Պարոյր Սեւակի՝ «Մօր Զեռքերը» եւ Սիլվա Կապուտիկեանի՝

«Խօսք իմ Որդուն» արտասանութիւնները:

Յայտագրի աւարտին երգեցին հետեւեալ խանդավառ երգերը՝ «Ապարան», «Ճօճան», եւ «Հոյ իմ Նազանի եարը» :

Բոլոր ներկաները, մամիկներն ու պապիկները խանդավառ ծափողջոյններով քաջալերեցին ու շնորհակալութիւն յայտնեցին աշակերտներուն: Ապա ամէն մէկ աշակերտ մօտեցաւ մեծ մայրիկի մը կամ մեծ հայրիկի մը եւ նուիրեց իր պատրաստած բացիկը՝ ցուցաբերելու իր սէրն ու յարգանքը «Հայ Տուն»ի բնակիչներուն: Վարժարանիս հոգաբարձութեան կողմէ հրամցուեցաւ քաղցրեղէն «Հայ Տուն»ի բնակիչներուն:

Վարժարանիս տնօրէնուհին Տիկ. Զոհրապեան շնորհակալութիւն յայտնեց «Հայ Տուն»ի բնակիչներուն, տնօրէնութեան եւ խնամակալ մարմնին իրենց ջերմ ընդունելութեան համար: Նոյնպէս շնորհակալութիւն յայտնեց վարժարանիս աշակերտներուն, ուսուցչուհիներուն, եւ ծնողներուն իրենց համագործակցութեան համար :

Աւարտին տեղի ունեցաւ հիւրասիրութիւն «Հայ Տուն»ի մեծ ընտանիքին կողմէ:

Սիրոյ տօնին առիթով գեղեցիկ նուէր մըն էր աշակերտներուն այցելութիւնը «Հայ Տուն» ուր տարեցները վայելեցին հակիրճ ու հաճելի եւ զուարթ յայտագիր մը: Աշակերտները վերադարձան դպրոց սրտի գոհունակութեամբ յուսալով որ յաջորդ տարի դարձեալ գեղեցիկ յայտագրով մը կ'ուրախացնեն «Հայ Տուն»ի բնակիչները:

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MOVIE NIGHT

On Monday, February 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. the Saturday School PTA hosted a Movie Night at St. Sarkis Church featuring “Dolphin Tale”. Twenty children attended the movie from two year olds through 12 year olds -- moms and dads also watched the movie. The movie goers enjoyed popcorn and bottled water (with coffee for the parents). Another Movie Night is coming this summer or fall. Look out for the next Movie Night in the St. Sarkis Weekly Bulletin.

Yeraz Dance Group Dazzles in Port Washington, New York

by Mrs. Nayda Voskerijian

On Sunday March 18th, Yeraz Dance Ensemble of St. Sarkis Church performed to a nearly sold out audience in Port Washington, New York to benefit the Armenian Relief Society’s Erebouni Chapter.

Yeraz graced the stage with more than 70 dancers. The young adult dancers electrified the attendees with their magnificent steps and graceful arm movements while the young dancers amused the audience with their cheerful smiles and adorable dance numbers.

At the conclusion of the performance, the Ensemble invited His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian to the stage. His Grace conveyed his heartfelt thoughts on the afternoon. He shared with the crowd that as a nation we continue to thrive and preserve our culture in the diaspora even though the Turkish Government tried to annihilate the Armenian people some 97 years ago.



Sonia Givlekian, Daughter of the Year

On Sunday March 4, Ani Otyag of the Knights of Vartan honored Sonia Givlekian as the Daughter of the Year for her meritorious service to the Armenian Church and Community.

His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Reverend Father Nareg Terterian, and Dr. Dennis Papazian – Grand Commander of the Knights of Vartan attended the Gala along with state and local politicians, family members, and friends.

40th Anniversary of the Ordination of Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian

Hundreds celebrated the 40th anniversary of the ordination of Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar General of the Eastern Prelacy on Sunday, March 25, 2012. Reservations for the banquet Sunday afternoon quickly sold out, an early sign of the outpouring of appreciation Bishop Anoushavan would receive at the event for his years of service to the faithful of the Eastern Prelacy. The Bishop served the church since 1984 when he came to the United States to study at Princeton Theological Seminary.

The day began with a memorable and captivating service at St. Sarkis Church in Douglaston, New York, where Bishop Anoushavan served as pastor for 14 years from 1991 to 2005. With Archbishop Oshagan presiding, the Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Bishop Anoushavan.

In the middle of the service, a special Pontifical Message from His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, was carried in a procession by Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian, pastor of St. Sarkis Church, as the choir sang Ourakh

Ler (Rejoice, O Holy Church), and taken to the altar where the message was read by the Prelate.



A banquet followed in the jam-packed rooftop penthouse of the Terrace on the Park in Flushing Meadows, New York. Guests came

from as far as France to join in the celebration that included clergy and parishioners from the New York-New Jersey metro area, Philadelphia, Washington, DC, and from communities throughout New England.

Messages of appreciation were given by three young parishioners on behalf of the Datev Institute (Zarig Baghdadian), LinkedIn (Nevair Oranjian), and the Yeraz Dance Group (Shant Simonian). Main speakers included Bishop Anoushavan's classmate, Archpriest Fr. Nerses Manoogian, pastor of St. Gregory Church, Philadelphia, and Archbishop Oshagan, who praised the noble and distinguished service given by Bishop Anoushavan to the Armenian Church and especially this community. Ambassador Garen Nazarian, Armenia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, expressed congratulations and thanks for Bishop Anoushavan's devoted service.

A video of the Vicar's life and service brought to a close the poignant and worthy tribute to a beloved clergyman.







40th Anniversary Banquet for Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian

Liturgy, Education and Tradition: the Lenten Lectures of 2012

Every Friday during lent, Saint Sarkis Church hosted the Liturgy, Education and Tradition Lecture series, a new tradition at the Church. His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate presided over the first Lenten Vesper service (Peace and Compline – *Խաղաղական և Հանգստեան ժամերգութիւններ*) at St. Sarkis Church on February 24, 2012. At the end of the Service, His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar General presented the history of the Armenian Catholicosate of Cilicia. His Grace also gave a presentation about Antelias, the headquarters of the Holy See of Cilicia, placing special focus on church relics rescued from the Massacres and brought to Antelais. Serpazan's lecture provided a great backdrop for the upcoming visit to our



parish by His Holiness Aram I this October as part of the Pontifical Visit to the Eastern Prelacy. The lecture was followed by a fellowship hour hosted by the Ladies Guild. Later, His Eminence offered a blessing for the newly constructed kitchen adjacent to Pagoumian Hall.

On Friday, March 2, 2012, Fr. Nareg Terterian led the second Lenten Vesper Service and gave a short lecture on Jesus Christ: The Bread of Life; a meditation on the Holy Eucharist. The Yeraz Dance Ensemble of St.



Sarkis Church hosted the fellowship hour following Der Nareg's lecture.

The third Lenten Vesper Service of the season was conducted on Friday, March 9, 2012. Deacon Shant Kazanjian, Director of the Armenian Religious Edu-

cation Council of the Armenian Prelacy delivered the third Lenten lecture on The Drama of the Bible. The organizing committee of the Senior Citizens Group of St. Sarkis Church hosted the fellowship hour following the service.



On Friday, March 16, 2012, following the fourth Lenten Vesper Service of the season, V. Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, Ph.D., Dean and Professor of Armenian Studies, St. Nersess Armenian Seminary conducted a discussion on "The Closed Curtain and Other Distinctive Lenten Traditions of the Armenian Church". At the conclusion of the program, the PTA of St. Sarkis Church's Saturday School hosted the fellowship hour.



The fifth Lenten Vesper Service of the season was conducted on Friday, March 23 at St. Sarkis Church. JoAnn Heaney-Hunter, Ph.D., Associate Professor from St. John's University presented the topic of "Inviting Our Families into the Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection". The Young Adults Group of St. Sarkis

Church prepared the Lenten supper that evening.

The last Lenten Vesper Service of the season was conducted on Friday, March 30 at St. Sarkis Church with a lecture on the "500th Anniversary of Armenian Printing" given by Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, Pastor of St. Illuminator's Armenian Cathedral in New York. The Choir of St. Sarkis Church hosted the fellowship hour following the discussion.



Thoughts on the Lecture by Dr. JoAnn Heaney-Hunter

by Harry Milian

Our St. Sarkis Friday night Lenten lecture on March 23rd truly took us to a higher level with lecturer Professor JoAnn Heaney-Hunter, Ph.D. and LMHC from St. John's University. She spoke on the topic of "Dying to self and rising in Christ through forgiveness in our daily life." From the Gospel of St. John we are informed that if we forgive the sin, we are in turn forgiven. We each do have those powers. Through God's Grace, we are forgiven unconditionally; of course this is not a wild carte-blanche without repercussions or consequences as there is, at the end of the road, Justice. Without a relationship with Christ, we certainly feel that we are separated from him and we do not have the capacity to quite make the mark ("Great Sinner that I am").

We have all experienced anger with someone or some painful event. It is very difficult to let go of the pain and resentment even when we are right. How do we move beyond? In boxing or wrestling, opponents bad-mouth each other, a bit for advertising, but also to get the opponent so mad that he will not think clearly and make mistakes. When we are full of anger and hate, we victims become captives of the enemy simply because we are at less than 100% effectiveness. Just like during Lent, we empty ourselves of certain foods, this together with prayer becomes an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to strengthen us.



The wisdom of the Bible gives us Forgiveness. All Armenians Apostolics and other Christians are familiar with the prayer line "and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us." Forgiveness is what we get through Grace and God expects us in turn to reciprocate by looking beyond with Reconciliation. Consequently, like the cross, this process takes on a holy-vertical as well as human-horizontal dimension to make our human interpersonal relationships right again. Let go of anger, forgive, make right, and encourage each other. Don't stay wise in your own eyes.

It is extremely difficult to die to our self-centeredness, our pride, our ego, and celebrate a new life. Our entire life is full of annoyances, troubles, and barriers. We can choose to fight these battles and sacrifice the quality of our lives and our relationship with God or we can choose to fight the truly righteous ones as Christ did

with a holy alliance and learn how to move forward as a victor. Don't be a doormat; stand up to evil but live by a clear standard of morality.

Besides love, family life for couples requires awareness, work, caring, forgiveness and reconciliation for no one is perfect and we need to realize that we are all works-in-progress. Sometimes our bodies will betray us. Sometimes we can let go of the pain but the reconciliation is unrealizable. Remember, we can only change ourselves. The unreconciled person should be left to God and his justice will be unavoidable. Christians are to follow the steps of Jesus Christ and God will raise us to a new life!

The Lenten Lecture Series

Friday February 24, 2012

The Armenian Catholicosate of Cilicia
a lecture by His Grace Anoushavan Tanielian, Ph.D.

Vicar General

Fellowship hour by the Ladies Guild



Friday March 2, 2012

Jesus Christ: The Bread of Life

a meditation by Fr. Nareg Terterian, Pastor

Fellowship hour by the Yeraz Dance Ensemble



Friday March 9, 2012

The Drama of the Bible

a lecture by Deacon Shant Kazanjian,

Director of the Armenian Religious Education Council
of the Armenian Prelacy

Fellowship hour by the Senior Citizens Group



Friday March 16, 2012

The Closed Curtain & Other Distinctive Lenten

Traditions of the Armenian Church

a lecture by V. Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, Ph.D.

Dean and Professor of Armenian Studies,

Saint Nersess Armenian Seminary

Fellowship hour by the Saturday School PTA



Friday March 23, 2012

Inviting Our Families into the Mystery

of Christ's Death and Resurrection

a lecture by JoAnn Heaney-Hunter, Ph.D.,

Associate Professor from St. John's University

Fellowship hour by the Young Adults Group



Friday March 30, 2012

500th Anniversary of Armenian Printing

a lecture by Fr. Mesrob Lakissian,

Pastor of St. Illuminator's Armenian Church

Fellowship hour by the Church Choir



Holy Week at St. Sarkis Church

Fr. Nareg Terterian celebrated the Divine Liturgy and delivered a sermon on the events of Palm Sunday from the Gospel passage of the day (Matthew 20.29-21.17). He said: "For us to fully understand the mystery of our faith, we need the healing touch of Christ. Just like the two blind beggars needed restoration of their sight, we also need restoration of our spiritual sight to better perceive the presence of God in our life. And as Jesus drove merchants and money exchangers out of the Temple of Jerusalem, let us also ask him to cleanse our souls. The house of God is a house of prayer and our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit".

The Mass was followed by the service of "Trunpatzek" (opening of the portal ceremony) marking the end of 40 days of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week with the Palm Sunday procession.

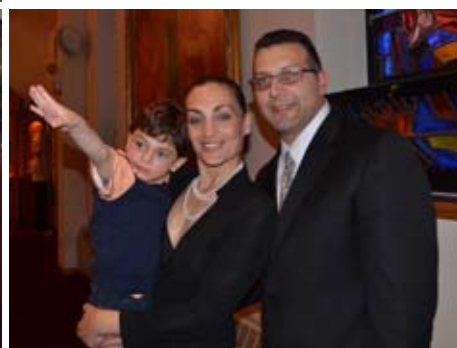
Church services for the Holy Week continued on Tuesday April 3rd, 2012 with the Traditional Evening Service of the Ten Bridesmaids, a reenactment of the parable told by Jesus in Mathew 25:14-30 instilling the need for worshipers to be prepared. Students from St. Sarkis Church Saturday School participated in the service.



On Thursday evening, the Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist (commemorating the Last Supper of the Lord Jesus Christ) was followed by the "Washing of the Feet" service, a direct observance of the Lord's command (John 13: 1-17) and a sign of humility. Fr. Nareg washed the feet of the church servers and anointed them with oil.

The Tenebrae service followed the Washing of the Feet presided by His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, the Prelate of the Eastern United States. During the Tenebrae service, each candle and light in the Church are gradually extinguished while psalms are read and hymns are chanted until the parishioners and clergy are in total darkness commemorating the betrayal by Judas, Jesus' arrest and judgment. The services on Thursday stretch late into the night marking the vigil from Maundy Thursday to Good Friday when Jesus Christ did not sleep. If you have never experienced the Tenebrae, you are missing a powerful part of Holy Week.

On Good Friday, Der Nareg led the service of the Burial in front of the symbolic tomb of Jesus decorated by flowers brought by our parishioners. On Holy Saturday morning, the





students of Hovsep and Suzanne Hagopian Saturday School received the Holy Communion. Following the service, the Parent Teacher Association of the Saturday School hosted their Annual Easter Communion Breakfast. Students enjoyed entertainment provided by the National Circus Project.

Following the celebration of Easter Eve Mass this year, many congregants joined the Artinian family for their annual Easter Eve Dinner. A St. Sarkis tradition, Ara Artinian and his family prepared the meal for the church. Mr. and Mrs. Alain and Mayda Artinian donated the expense of dinner in memory of their beloved mother Arpine Artinian.

On Easter Sunday, a large number of parishioners attended the Divine Liturgy celebrated by Fr. Nareg Terterian. In his sermon Fr. Terterian spoke about the women who went to the tomb to anoint the body

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of Jesus and the angels who asked them “Why do you look for the living among the dead?”(Luke 24.5). The women were trying to make sense of the last events of the life of Jesus but they realized that they

were not in the right place. They could not seek the living God in a tomb. Der Nareg explained that we often struggle to make sense of the events of our lives to find the purpose of our existence. We do that soul-searching in the context of our family life, our work environment, and the interpersonal relationships that we develop. But unless we find the meaning of our life as a result of God’s love, we too might end up in the wrong place just like the women of Easter Sunday morning. Making time for Church and for the Gospel are testimony that your relationship with God is important to you and that your soul yearns for the love of God. Nurture that relationship. The Church



is here to help you find your way back to God. The Church is not a once-a-year event. Good things happen at Church every Sunday.

“Draw near to the Lord and take the light. Alleluia! Taste and see that the Lord is good. Alleluia!”



Sunday Brunch Hosted by the Ladies Guild

On Sunday, April 29th, the Ladies Guild of St. Sarkis Church introduced Sunday Brunch. The Ladies Guild served both American and Armenian dishes to over 100 parishioners who attended the kick-off brunch. We congratulate the Ladies Guild for this initiative and their efforts in creating enriching programs to bring our community closer together.



Saturday School Year End Hantes

On May 6, 2012, the Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School hosted a Year End Hantes at St. Sarkis Church. Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian started the event with an opening prayer then congratulated the students and teachers of the school for their continued support of the Armenian language and community. The school's parents and teachers decorated Chadirjian Hall with balloons and posters and prepared a buffet lunch for guests to enjoy while watching a slide show recapping the year's events. The school students then entertained the crowd with musical performances, dancing, reading, and singing.

This year, the school graduated four kindergarten and four 6th grade students. Fr. Nareg Terterian, Pastor, Mrs. Nairy Zohrabian, Principal of the School, Mrs. Mary Arslanian and Dr. Aram Cazazian presented the students with their diplomas, and wished the graduates success with all future endeavors. The event ended with the teachers each receiving a bouquet of flowers.



2012 NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY CONVENES

On May 10th thru 12th, 2012, the Pastor and delegates from St. Sarkis Church attended the National Representative Assembly (NRA) of the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America, hosted by Sts. Vartanantz Church of Providence, Rhode Island. The clergy conference convened on Wednesday, one day earlier than the full assembly.

Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America, delivered the keynote address to the Assembly. The Prelate first expressed his thanks to the “Supreme Lord, who with all mercy kept us as the cultivators of His will”; to His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Holy See of Cilicia, for his “fatherly care and instruction”; to the Prelates of the Western and Canadian Prelacies, Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian and Archbishop Khajag Hagopian, respectively; to Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese; and to the pastor, Archpriest Fr. Gomidas Baghsarian, the board of trustees, and affiliate bodies of the host parish, Sts. Vartanantz Church, Providence.

Building on the presentation given earlier in the day to the delegates by the co-chairs of the Pontifical

Visit Steering Committee earlier, Archbishop Oshagan’s message described the upcoming visit of His Holiness Aram I, noting that “His Holiness will visit all of our communities, will encourage, advise and instruct us so that we can make our ecclesiastical-national life more productive and organize ourselves to face all of the challenges directed at

the Armenian Church which are concerns of our people, both the senior and young generations.”

The major portion of the Prelate’s message was devoted to the theme of the Pontifical Visit, “Witness and Renewal: Taking the Church to the People.” Acknowledging that the Armenian Church and people are late to reform, he also cautioned that renewal is a “heavy responsibility” and “change should not

The Prelate concluded, “It is a dedicated and sacred duty to be a witness for Christ and our Church, and to undertake this task of renewal, which if we accomplish willingly and with love, we will become witnesses to renewal. The deep wisdom of our adopted theme, “Witness and Renewal,” will make us worthy of the gratitude and appreciation of all generations. Therefore, let us move forward and work with this faith and commitment.”



Delegates attended the traditional banquet of the National Representative Assembly that took place on Friday evening at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, Rhode Island.



During the program, Archbishop Oshagan presented a number of awards. The “Spirit of Armenia” award was presented this year to the Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse, U.S. Senator of Rhode Island in appreciation of his support of the Armenian American Community. The Prelacy’s highest award, the “Eagle of the Prelacy,” was awarded to Ramon Zorabedian and posthumously to Ralph Rafaelian. A special presentation of a decorative silver incense burner was presented to Hagop Khatchadourian in appreciation of his years of service on local and national level.

take place for the sake of change, but rather it must be undertaken for the sake of the spiritual nourishment of the faithful, for the growth of faith, with the participation of the faithful, and for the sake of a permanent relationship with the mystical Body of Christ—that is to say, the Church.”

Archbishop Oshagan expressed thanks to the host parish, Sts. Vartanantz Church of Providence, its pastor Archpriest Fr. Gomidas Baghsarian, the Board of Trustees, Committee Members, and all affiliate bodies for their generous hospitality during the National Representative Assembly.

Senior Citizens Update

by Sitta Oranjian

The Senior Citizens' gathering started with a blessing by celebrating "Soorp Sarkis Dzom". I'm sure many of you are familiar with Soorp Sarkis Zoravar. I felt his strength was among us and I knew he was there to guide us through our mission to fill our seniors' hearts, lift their morale, and leave them in high spirits. How incredible it was to gather in the St. Sarkis Church hall and experience Soorp Sarkis's *Zoroofyoon*.

Mother's Day Dance

A Mother's Day Poem by Anonymous

*"Another Mother's Day is here,
bringing joy and pleasures new,
on this special day, Mother dear,*

*I want to remember you.
I cannot give you costly gifts,
and I've told you this before,
no matter what I give to you,
you give back much, much more.*

*I'm giving you a pure, sweet rose,
gathered in the early morn,
this rose you planted in my heart,
the day that I was born.*

*In kindly, loving thoughts of you,
and with the faith you still impart,
the rose I give to you today,
is the love that's in my heart."*

On May 12th, the Senior Citizens celebrated their second annual Mother's Day Dinner Dance. The committee magnificently draped the Church Hall with silver and purple gossamer. An eight foot purple arch and two decorated columns caught the guests' attention while they entered the Hall. The tables, dressed in silver and topped with china, held "La Cage Noir" candleholder-centerpieces surrounded by delicious homemade appetizers. Exquisite chandeliers hung from the ceiling and balloons covered the dance floor.

Guests enjoyed their appetizers while the Artsakh Band performed. Fr. Nareg Terterian started the program with welcoming remarks to the guests, including His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan and His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, the Vicar General of the Eastern Prelacy. After His Eminence blessed the table, guests enjoyed their meals, and then headed to the dance floor for a night of dancing. Halfway through the night, Der Nareg invited the original staff members, Digin Takouhi Oranjian, Digin Natalie Hamamgian, Digin Mary Arslanian, and current Senior Citizens' Group members in attendance including Mrs. Azadouhi Sarkissian, Mrs. Maggie Thomassian, and Mrs. Rosa Varjabedian to the stage to receive Swarovski crystal pins as a token of appreciation. This year, for the first time ever, one lucky attendee whose name was drawn from ticket stubs, Mrs. Maral Doghramadjian, won a "Hayr Mer" tserakordz.

The event committee members: Chairperson Mrs. Sitta Oranjian, Mrs. Takouhi Oranjian, Mrs. Natalie Hamamgian, Yn. Annie Terterian, Mrs. Zepiur Ardzivian, Mrs. Adrine Nercessian, Mrs. Eliza Ohanesian, Mrs. Nayda Voskerijian, Mrs. Victoria Hagopian, Ms. Talar Ardzivian, and Ms. Lori Varjabedian, gathered to cut the cake. I would like to thank Der Nareg for his support, the Board, and all those who donated, for making this event possible. *Vartskerneet gadar.*

"Silence in a Circular Rainbow," a play by Herand Markarian

Playwright Herand Markarian's latest creation, "Silence in a Circular Rainbow," gave 16 performances in May 2012 at the Shell Theater in the Times Square Arts Building. The New York State Theater Institute commissioned the play with Tony nominee Lorraine Serabian starring. A group of St. Sarkis Church parishoners attended the performance on May 17th.







At the same time, the rest of the staff busied themselves making lunch for the seniors: juicy burgers, onion rings, coleslaw, and potato salad. The seniors then received a surprise appreciation gift of matching hats and bags. They cut a celebratory Father's Day cake and all the fathers in attendance received a gift as well. The seniors ended the day with a prayer led by Der Nareg. After singing "Giligia" they said their final goodbyes and headed home until they meet again in September.

The Seniors Picnic

On June 20, 2012, the church yard adorned with garmeer, gabooyd, and narenchakooy streamers welcomed the mayrigns and hayrigns for the final time before summer break. The staff entertained the seniors with Armenian music and munched on chips, salsa, maneish and coffee. The seniors indulged their love of Bingo with a game run by Mrs. Haigouhi Yepremian.



St. Sarkis Church from the Beginning...a Conversation with Arpi Bekian

On a sunny day in June, I spent a lovely afternoon sipping tea and reminiscing about the origins of Saint Sarkis Church with Mrs. Arpi Bekian – a true daughter of the Church. For those of you who do not know her, Arpi's father Der Asoghik Kelejian served as St. Sarkis' first Der Hayr, making Arpi and her family an integral part of the church from the very beginning. Arpi, just back from a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, was in the midst of preparing for the upcoming wedding of her youngest son Adam. She has the glow of someone comfortable in her life and in her faith. I asked her to share some of her thoughts on Saint Sarkis Church from the beginning.

The Early Years

Fifty years ago, a small group of American Armenians founded Saint Sarkis Church in Bayside, New York and named Arpi's father, Der Asoghik Kelejian, its first pastor. Der Asoghik embraced his role as father of St. Sarkis for the next 39 years with pride, humanity, and love. Through weekly Sunday services, happy weddings and



christenings, and sad memorials and hospital visits, Arpi admired

her dad's spirituality, his kindness, and his refusal to accept that someone could do evil. He loved everyone. Truly a turn-the-other-cheek type of



man. Of course, being the family of a Der Hayr means the whole family serves the church. As Yerezkin, her mother Anjel was also devoted to the church and its members. She remembers her mother losing sleep praying for a parishioner who had taken ill until the woman returned home from the hospital. She asked her mother if she knew the woman well and her mother replied "no" but that she was "one of our own". Arpi and her sister Ani were also involved in the church. Her father would recruit the girls to help out in reading the scriptures during the High Holy Days - when a more traditional male volunteer wasn't available. As a child she often wondered why she had to share her father and mother with "all these people during Christmases, Easters, and Thanksgivings" but years later realized that

the church is not just a building but a community and that her father and mother worked tirelessly to take care of all in the congregation.

As a child of the church, Arpi remembers the ebb and flow of the church week - Saturdays at Saturday School, Sundays at Sunday School and Badarak and exploring the old church between services. The church was more familiar to Arpi than her own home and the congregation, a second family. She remembers a favorite hiding place behind the performance stage where she could escape and explore. Those were beautiful times for her with so many memories, so many characters. She remembered all of the people who came to the church and her home - like the Three Sisters who had survived the German concentration camps, the Golden Girls who made mass for the church, the Ladies Guild who prepared meals for the congregation. She remembered her great anticipation of the fall festivals and

Bazaars at the church where people would dress up and buy silver and gold and buy raffle tickets hoping to win a trip to Paris or room-sized carpet donated to the church. She remembered the first version of this very newsletter, *The Shoghagat* as a labor of love for Der Asoghik -- a monthly newsletter he printed by hand to keep the community up to date on the news of the church. She also shared a story of seeing the play "The 70 Year Old Bridegroom" at the old church and the reception following the performance where she met all of the Romanian-Armenian performers including a handsome man named Edward, who would become her husband.

Tragedy Strikes

There were sad memories as well. Arpi recalls returning from a weekend away with her husband, turning on the television and seeing

the horrific images of the fire on the evening news. She called her parents immediately to let her father know but her mother told her that he was already at the church offering whatever help he could. Those were difficult years for the church.

Survival, Rebirth & Renewal

Arpi says St. Sarkis Church was like a "Phoenix rising from the ashes to spread its wings once again", finding the strength and resources to rebuild the sanctuary and scattered congregation. That St. Sarkis survives and thrives in its new home in Douglaston, New York would be a great joy to her father Arpi said. She thinks her

father would be proud of the growing community of St. Sarkis today, 50 years after that first Badarak in 1962. He would be happy that



the fire did not kill the spirit of the church. He would be proud of the resiliency of the church and the community. As a recent member of the St. Sarkis family I was happy to hear the beginnings of

this vibrant parish and am so grateful that Arpi opened her heart and shared her memories of St. Sarkis through the years for us all to enjoy.

-- Victoria Mesropian Yekhpairian



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2, 2012 - Trip to Atlantic City

Ladies Guild trip to AC -- for details contact Luiza 718-793-1963 or Eliza 718-762-4374

August 12, 2012 - Blessing of Grapes

Asdvadzadzin, Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Virgin. Services presided over by His Grace Anoushavan Tanielian

September 16, 2012 - Our Annual Picnic

On the grounds of St. Sarkis Church

October 4 - 31, 2012 - Pontifical Visit

His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia visits St. Sarkis on October 6th.

October 21, 2012 - Art Exhibition

A special exhibition of original paintings by artist Elizabeth Hugasian in celebration of the Church's 50th Anniversary

November 18, 2012 - St. Sarkis 50th Anniversary

Golden Jubilee Celebration Banquet!

St. Sarkis CHURCH PICNIC

September 16, 2012

1:00 PM

on the grounds of the Church
music, kebab, desserts, fun!



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

PAUL RAFFI NENEJIAN son of RAFFI NENEJIAN and JEANETTE BALIAN NENEJIAN was baptized on January 15, 2012. Godparents: RAFFI BALIAN and GASSIA BALIAN.

GARY ANTHONY ERAMIAN son of GARABED ERAMIAN and CHAGANE DOGRAMADJIAN ERAMIAN was baptized on March 4, 2012. Godfather: EDMON DOGRAMADJIAN.

CHRISTIAN JOSEPH TAVITIAN son of GEORGE TAVITIAN and KATIA EL HOURANY TAVITIAN was baptized on March 18, 2012. Godparents: VARTAN MEGHERIAN and PATRICIA LYONS.

LENA ROSE GOSTANIAN daughter of MICHAEL GOSTANIAN and NOUNEH MANSOURIAN GOSTANIAN was baptized on April 14, 2012. Godparents: SHANT TASHJIAN and SHAKEH TASHJIAN.

KRISTIAN HATCHO ADJEMOV son of HATCHO MANASE ADJEMOV and ANNIE GARABEDIAN ADJEMOV was baptized on April 15, 2012. Godparents: MANOUG SHISHMANIAN and DORI SHISHMANIAN.

NICHOLAS PETER LASZLO son of PETER LASZLO and ROSINE ALIANAKIAN LASZLO was baptized on April 21, 2012. Godparents: PETER SARAFIAN and MARY SARAFIAN.

JAMES LEONARDO OBEN son of KOREL OBEN and SYLVIE KEVORKIAN OBEN was baptized on April 21, 2012. Godparents: STEPHEN TANAL and LARA TANAL.

ANTHONY WILLIAM MARINO son of WILLIAM MARINO and NAZIK TOKHUNTS MARINO was baptized on April 28, 2012. Godparents: ARTHUR KAZARIAN and GAIANE KAZARIAN.

SOPHIE MENZILDJIAN daughter of ALEX MENZILDJIAN and LILIT ALABERKIAN MENZILDJIAN was baptized on May 6, 2012. Godparents: DANIEL SIMIAN and ASHKEN SIMIAN.

AREG ASEYAN son of VAHAGN ASEYAN and SHOGHIK GHARIBYAN ASEYAN was baptized on May 27, 2012. Godparents: ARTUR MATEVOSYAN and ANNA NAZARIAN.

ANI HOVSEPYAN daughter of GRIGOR HOVSEPYAN and KARINE NERSESYAN HOVSEPYAN was baptized on June 3, 2012. Godparents: DEKRAN ARAKELIAN and SCARLET ARAKELIAN.

JOHN MARCO SARKISSIAN son of ANDRE SARKISSIAN and DAWN CARBONE SARKISSIAN was baptized on June 10, 2012. Godparents: JOSEPH CARBONE and JESSICA CARBONE.

VICTORIA SIRAN CAVA daughter of ALFONSO CAVA and DIANA DEMIRDJAN CAVA was baptized on June 16, 2012. Godparents: EDMOND DEMIRDJAN and ROSEMARIE CAVA.

GHEVOND NIKOLAOS SAROYAN son of VARTGES SAROYAN and ANTONIA ALFARIS SAROYAN was baptized on June 16, 2012. Godparents: ANDREI VRAHIE and VALERY CHU.

GAYANE GURSHUMOVA daughter of ALEN GURSHUMOVA and SABINA AUSHALUMOVA GURSHUMOVA was baptized on July 1, 2012. Godparents: GARRI AUSHALUMOO and SAIDA AUSHALUMOVA.

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

WEDDINGS

ARI DIRIELYAN and REGINA LEANNE HAWKINS were married on February 18, 2012. Best man and maid of honor were ANDREW ROVFAR and GINA ESPOSITO.

MICHAEL EDWARD MALEK and KRISTINE KOPARANIAN were married on April 28, 2012. Best man and maid of honor were EDWARD KOPARANIAN and SANDRA WEBER.

REILLY OWENS and VERZHINE DAGLYAN were married on May 4, 2012. Best man and maid of honor were THOMAS OWENS and ANAHID DAGLYAN.

HAROUT LATIROFIAN and LISA KAZAROSIAN were married on May 20, 2012. Best man and maid of honor were HAGOP LATIROFIAN and ARTEMIS LATIROFIAN.

ANTHONY J CAUSI and ROMINA ARAXI SEFERIAN were married on June 15, 2012. Best man and maid of honor were JOHN CAUSI and CAROLINE LILLA.

DONIK SARKIS ARABIAN and GRACE A CHOLAKIAN were married on June 24, 2012. Best man and maid of honor were KAPRIEL CHOLAKIAN and LORI MANUKIAN.

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

FUNERALS

SARKIS SIMONIAN
(October 20, 1932 – January 14, 2012)

SIMON SIMONIAN
(December 6, 1930 – January 29, 2012)

ZAVEN HOVHANESSIAN
(August 1, 1922 – February 6, 2012)

ARDAVAZT ANDONIAN
(July 18, 1957 – February 10, 2012)

VIRGINIA HINTLIAN
(August 21, 1921 – March 11, 2012)

VARTUHI SUREN
(March 6, 1923 – March 15, 2012)

MICHAEL MASOIAN
(January 11, 1937 – March 21, 2012)

SEDA KERESTEDJIAN
(June 30, 1918 – March 24, 2012)

ZAVEN MILIAN
(November 11, 1920 - April 3, 2012)

ARIS SEVAG
(June 6, 1946 - April 28, 2012)

ALICE TANIELIAN
(September 12, 1931 – May 30, 2012)

ARAKSI KALENDERIAN
(June 15, 1915 – June 7, 2012)

AZNIF DOSTTUR
(January 1, 1923 – June 26, 2012)

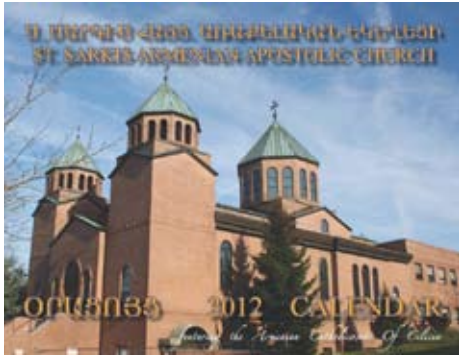
*We extend our condolences to the families & pray that the
Almighty Lord bestows repose upon the souls of the deceased.*



DONATIONS

CALENDAR DONATIONS 2012

Agajian, Jerry Mr	\$1,000.00
Baklajian, Haig & Emma M/M	\$750.00
Bayrakdarian, Carlo & Aurora Drs	\$750.00
Kubikian, Arthur & Louiza Drs	\$750.00
Dumanian, Steve & Sorina M/M	\$500.00
Kalustian, Varujan & Luiza M/M	\$375.00
Kochoumian, Edward & Alina M/M	\$375.00
Shishmanian, Family	\$375.00
Arslanian, Edward & Mary M/M	\$250.00
Asadourian, Armand & Laura Dr/Mrs	\$250.00
Barsamian, Edward & Coharig M/M	\$250.00
Cazazian, Aram & Rima Dr/Mrs	\$250.00
Daglyan, Ruben & Hasmig M/M	\$250.00
Givelekian, Bedros & Sonia M/M	\$250.00
Gostanian, Manoug & Amy M/M	\$250.00
Gregorian, Vartan & Nunne M/M	\$250.00
Grigorian, Gourgen & Sonik M/M	\$250.00
Krikorian, Aram & Michelle Drs	\$250.00
Lynch, Funeral Home, Edward Mr	\$250.00
Melkonian, Asbed & Sona M/M	\$250.00



Nercessian, Sarkis & Adrine M/M	\$250.00
Ohannessian, Edward & Eliza M/M	\$250.00
Yavarian, Varoujen & Lilly M/M	\$250.00
Oghali, Varouj Mr	\$200.00
Pogosyan, Silvia Ms	\$200.00
Baghdassarian, Baghdig & Ani Drs	\$150.00
Baron, Alex & Jackie M/M	\$150.00
Bekian, Edward & Arpi M/M	\$150.00
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Glascott Funeral Home	\$150.00
Givelekian, Arthur & Annette	\$150.00
Gostanian, Michael & Nouneh Mr/Dr	\$150.00
Jamie, Edward & Lynn M/M	\$150.00
Long Is Oral & Maxillofacial, Surgery PC	\$150.00
Meneshian, Alex & Natalie Dr/Mrs	\$150.00
St. Sarkis Church Senior Citizens Group	\$150.00
Voskerijian, Nayda Mrs	\$150.00
Babaian, Vahik & Eva M/M	\$100.00
Baghdassarian, Ghevont & Lydia M/M	\$100.00
Dalian, Harry & Janet M/M	\$100.00
Djandjian, Haroutune Mr	\$100.00
Kalajian, Zohrab & Seta M/M	\$100.00
Tokatlian, Onnik & Nelly M/M	\$100.00
Vartabedian, Pierre Mr	\$100.00
Bouldoukian, Alice Mrs	\$50.00
Checkmeyan, Raffi & Addie M/M	\$50.00
Dermksian, George & Tammy Dr/Mrs	\$50.00
Garabedian, Hagop & Angela M/M	\$50.00
Hamamdjian, Sonia Mrs	\$50.00
Jamgotchian, Varoujan & Siran M/M	\$50.00
Kazanjan, Berj & Lucy M/M	\$50.00
Kazanjan, Asdghig Mrs	\$50.00
Manookian, Anna Ms	\$50.00
Manoukian, Arsen & Alice M/M	\$50.00
Manuelian, Nubar M/M	\$50.00

Markarian, Hrachik & Benita M/M	\$50.00	Kasparian, Krikor & Hripsi M/M	\$10.00
Megerian, John & Naomi M/M	\$50.00	Krikorian, Edward & Elvira M/M	\$10.00
Nenejian, Evlyn Mrs	\$50.00	Minassian, Antranik & Valentine M/M	\$10.00
Pogosyan, Areg Mr	\$50.00	Nishanian, Alex & Shake M/M	\$10.00
Saroyan, Siranoush Mrs	\$50.00	Rybak Kacherian, Rose Mrs	\$10.00
Solakyan, Ashken Mrs	\$50.00	Sookikian, Araxe Ms	\$10.00
Tahan, Arshalus Ms	\$50.00	Surenian, Vartuhi Ms	\$10.00
Tchorbajian, Nichan & Christine M/M	\$50.00	Terzian, Marten M/M	\$10.00
Turbendian, Guiragos & Sossi M/M	\$50.00	Vartanian, Joseph & Azadouhi M/M	\$10.00
Vanessian, Garo & Peggy M/M	\$50.00		
Asarian, Sarkis & Nazeli M/M	\$40.00		
Garabedian, Arsen & Karine M/M	\$40.00		
Muradian, Luiza Mrs	\$40.00		
D'Onofrio, Gail Mrs	\$35.00		
Galstian, Arto & Nina M/M	\$35.00		
Galo, Galoust & Adelina M/M	\$30.00		
Mosvhoovitis, Peter & Carol M/M	\$30.00		
Postian, George & Beatrice M/M	\$30.00		
Arakelyan, Lusin Mrs	\$25.00		
Arkun, Anahid Mrs	\$25.00		
Agasian, Garbis & Anneta M/M	\$25.00		
Baboomian, Hratch M/M	\$25.00		
Basmadjian, Noubar M/M	\$25.00		
Berberian, Levon & Valentine M/M	\$25.00		
Boudakian, Henrik & Anastasia M/M	\$25.00		
Boudakian, Gregory Mr	\$25.00		
Giragosian, Haig & Laura M/M	\$25.00		
Gulbenkian, Edward & Sylvia M/M	\$25.00		
Hatchigian, Haig & Hripsime M/M	\$25.00		
Hakoupian, Vartan 7 Arax M/M	\$25.00		
Hamamgian, Natalie Mrs	\$25.00		
Hogan, Shaun & Christine M/M	\$25.00		
Hugassian, Sarkis & Elizabeth M/M	\$25.00		
Ipekgian, Siragan & Arthur	\$25.00		
Kabarajian, Frank & Aida M/M	\$25.00		
Kahveciyan, Alis Mrs	\$25.00		
Kasagyan, Zaven & Alice M/M	\$25.00		
Masoian, Michael & Anita M/M	\$25.00		
Minassian, Karnik & Marian M/M	\$25.00		
Ohanian, Angel Mrs	\$25.00		
Ohanian, Ohan & Rita M/M	\$25.00		
Sarkisian, Azadouhi, Nairy & Margo	\$25.00		
Shamlian, Levon & Sandy M/M	\$25.00		
Topalian & Heller, Lilit & Marie	\$25.00		
Turbendian, Vahan & Asdghig	\$25.00		
Vartabedian, Rose Mrs	\$25.00		
Vartanian, Anto & Nanor M/M	\$25.00		
Zobian, Vicky Mrs	\$25.00		
Abajian, Silvia Mrs	\$20.00		
Agopian, Berdj & Hilda M/M	\$20.00		
Alahverdian, Hatchik & Verzhin M/M	\$20.00		
Andreopoulos, Stephen & Liza M/M	\$20.00		
Ebrimian, Mardiros & Maria M/M	\$20.00		
Harutunian, Vache Mr	\$20.00		
Hatem, Jack & Zabel M/M	\$20.00		
Holmquist, Isabella Mrs	\$20.00		
Hovsepian, Garo & Mina M/M	\$20.00		
Israelian, Karapet & Armenoohe M/M	\$20.00		
Kadian, Jack & Seta M/M	\$20.00		
Mangikian, Berge & Edda M/M	\$20.00		
Mardirosian, Zabell Ms	\$20.00		
Sagatelian, Anahid Mrs	\$20.00		
Saroukhanian, Kayzer & Arpine M/M	\$20.00		
Zadoian, Hratch & Leslie Dr/Mrs	\$20.00		
Gregorian, Edmund & Tamara M/M	\$15.00		
Harutunian, Shakey Mrs	\$15.00		
Terzian, Marten M/M	\$15.00		
Bakalian, Araxie Ms	\$10.00		
Bogosyan, Nadia Mrs	\$10.00		
Demirjian, Hamparsoum Mr	\$10.00		
Garabedian, Ardash & Yester M/M	\$10.00		
Jamgochian, Krikor & Makrine M/M	\$10.00		
Costello, Timothy & Arda M/M	\$500.00		
Baghdassarian, Baghdig & Ani Drs	\$300.00		
Alajajian, Karl & Alice M/M	\$250.00		
Voskinarian, Mourad & Virginia M/M	\$250.00		
Abdalian, Suzane Mrs	\$200.00		
Kazangian, Albert Mr	\$200.00		
Knadjan, Raffi M/M	\$200.00		
Markarian, Anahid Mrs	\$200.00		
Mossessian, Agop & Rubina M/M	\$200.00		
Seoylemezian, Garo M/M	\$200.00		
Arakelian, Lusin Mrs	\$150.00		
Karibian, Leon Mr	\$150.00		
Kerestedjian, Seda & Alice Mrs/Ms	\$150.00		
Milian, Harry & Juliette M/M	\$150.00		
Agopian, Berdj & Hilda M/M	\$100.00		
Arslanian, Edward & Mary M/M	\$100.00		
Baklajian, Haig & Emma M/M	\$100.00		
Baron, Alex & Jacqueline M/M	\$100.00		
Barsamian, Edward & Coharig M/M	\$100.00		
Bezdikian, Ohannes & Sonia M/M	\$100.00		
Diktas, Garbis M/M	\$100.00		
Dirielyan, Kegam & Anush M/M	\$100.00		
Djandjian, Haroutune Mr	\$100.00		
Garabedian, Hagop & Angela M/M	\$100.00		
Hairabedian, Arthur & Lilian M/M	\$100.00		
Holmquist, Isabella Mrs	\$100.00		
Julfaian, Vartan Mr	\$100.00		
Kasparian, Kevork & Narsis M/M	\$100.00		
Katrandjian, George & Angele	\$100.00		
Krikorian, Melkon & Sirvard M/M	\$100.00		
Kubikian, Malvina Mrs	\$100.00		
Mangikian, Berge & Edda M/M	\$100.00		
Manookian, Anna Mrs	\$100.00		
Masoian, Michael & Anita M/M	\$100.00		
Mengouchian, Jirair & Nora M/M	\$100.00		
Ohannessian, Elizabeth Mrs	\$100.00		
Petrossian, George Mr	\$100.00		
Tahan, Arshalus Mrs	\$100.00		
Yekhpairian, Sevan & Victoria M/M	\$100.00		
Asarian, Sarkis & Nazeli M/M	\$50.00		
Avancena, Margarita Mrs	\$50.00		
Azarian, Susan Mrs	\$50.00		
Babaian, Vahik Mr	\$50.00		
Baghdassarian, Ghevont & Lydia M/M	\$50.00		
Bodriguian, Agavni Mrs	\$50.00		
Bodykoglou, Victoria Mrs	\$50.00		
Chorbajian, Levon Mr	\$50.00		
Dirielyan, Ari Mr	\$50.00		
Garabedian, Edouard & Lusin M/M	\$50.00		
Gulbenkian, Edward & Sylvia M/M	\$50.00		
Hamamgian, Natalia Mrs	\$50.00		
Hazarian, Nadia Mrs	\$50.00		
Kalfayan, Sonia Mrs	\$50.00		
Kharaboyan, Vartkess Mr	\$50.00		
Mahtesyan, Volodya & Dirouhie M/M	\$50.00		
Minassian, Antranig & Valentine M/M	\$50.00		
Moschovitis, Peter & Carol M/M	\$50.00		
Orangian, Zaven & Sitta M/M	\$50.00		
Sarkissian, Azad & Nairy	\$50.00		
Saroyan, Siranoush Mrs	\$50.00		

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS 2012

Saroyan, Vartges & Antonia M/M	\$50.00
Shamlian, Leon & Sandy M/M	\$50.00
Sheshedian, Mary Mrs	\$50.00
Turbendian, Giragos & Sossie M/M	\$50.00
Parseghian, Vartuhi Mrs	\$40.00
Baklajian, Victoria Mrs	\$30.00
Gregorian, Edmund & Tamara M/M	\$30.00
Margosian, Arshalous Mrs	\$30.00
Bakalian, Araxie Mrs	\$25.00
Boudakian, Gregory Mr	\$25.00
Kasparian, Krikor & Hripsi M/M	\$25.00
Kazandjian, Setrag & Annie M/M	\$25.00
Mengouchian, Takouhi Mrs	\$25.00
Minassian, Dikran & Nelly M/M	\$25.00
Sookikian, Araxe Mrs	\$25.00
Turbendian, Vahan Mr	\$25.00
Tutelian, Lillian Mrs	\$25.00
Vartanyan, Ann Mrs	\$25.00
Zobian, Vartouhi Mrs	\$25.00
Julfaian, Garabed & Mari M/M	\$20.00
Nishanian, Alex & Shake M/M	\$10.00

ST SARKIS NAME DAY DONATIONS 2012

Zohrabian, Raffi & Nairy Dr/Mrs	\$1,000.00
Baghdassarian, Ghevont & Lydia M/M	\$250.00
Yavarian, Varoujan M/M	\$200.00
Kochoumian, Eduard & Alina M/M	\$100.00
Saroyan, Siran Mrs	\$100.00
Asarian, Sarkis & Nazeli M/M	\$40.00

EASTER DONATIONS 2012

Asadourian, Armand & Laura Dr/Mrs	\$1,100.00
Bezdikian, Veh & Arpine M/M	\$300.00
Giragosian, Haig Mr	\$250.00
Abkarian, Solanj Mrs	\$200.00
Givelekian, Bedros & Sonia M/M	\$200.00
Jamie, Edward Funeral Chapel	\$200.00



Kubikian, Arthur & Louiza Drs	\$200.00
Mark, Sirpuhi Mrs	\$200.00
Nercessian, Sarkis & Adriana M/M	\$200.00
Arakelyan, Lusin Mrs	\$150.00
Shishmanian, Manoug & Dirouhi M/M	\$150.00
Milian, Harry & Juliette M/M	\$125.00
Abdalian, Suzane Mrs	\$100.00
Agopian, Berdj & Hilda M/M	\$100.00
Baghdassarian, Ghevont & Lydia M/M	\$100.00
Baklajian, Haig & Emma M/M	\$100.00
Barsamian, Edward & Koharig M/M	\$100.00
Bezdikian, Ohannes & Sonia M/M	\$100.00
Boyardjian, George & Diane Dr/Mrs	\$100.00
Buzantian, Arshag M/M	\$100.00
Holmquist, Isabella Mrs	\$100.00
Kallem, Gary & Victoria M/M	\$100.00
Karibian, Leon Mr	\$100.00
Kasparian, Kevork & Narsis M/M	\$100.00
Kazangian, Albert Mr	\$100.00
Krikorian, Melkon & Sirvard M/M	\$100.00
Mangikian, Berge & Edda M/M	\$100.00

Manookian, Anna Mrs	\$100.00
Masoian, Anita Mrs	\$100.00
Megerian, John & Naomi M/M	\$100.00
Minassian, Karnik & Mariam M/M	\$100.00
Ohannessian, Edward & Elizabeth M/M	\$100.00
Pantikian, Edward & Serpuhi M/M	\$100.00
Shamlian, Levon & Sandy M/M	\$100.00
Tahan, Arshalus Mrs	\$100.00
Tirakian, Sylvia Mrs	\$100.00
Voskinarian, Mourad & Virginia M/M	\$100.00
Kabarajian, Frank & Ayda M/M	\$60.00
Bekian, Edward & Api M/M	\$75.00
Arkun, Anahit Mrs	\$50.00
Asarian, Sarkis & Nazeli M/M	\$50.00
Babaian, Vahik Mr	\$50.00
Baron, Alex & Jacqueline M/M	\$50.00
Bodoutchian, Garo & Nora M/M	\$50.00
Gregorian, Edmund & Tamara M/M	\$50.00
Grigorian, Gourgen & Ripsik M/M	\$50.00
Gulbenkian, Edward & Sylvia M/M	\$50.00
Harutunian, John & Mary M/M	\$50.00
Harutunian, Vartan & Marina M/M	\$50.00
Julfaian, Vartan Mr	\$50.00
Kaludzhyan, Margaret & Vardanyan, Aris	\$50.00
Kevorkian, Noubar & Sarin M/M	\$50.00
Kharaboyan, Vartkess Mr	\$50.00
Knadjian, Raffi M/M	\$50.00
Mahtesyan, Volodya & Dirouhie M/M	\$50.00
Minassian, Vahram & Esperanz M/M	\$50.00
Minassian, Antranig & Valentine M/M	\$50.00
Moschovitis, Peter & Carol M/M	\$50.00
Nercessian, Kricor & Elizabeth M/M	\$50.00
Ohanian, Ohan & Rita M/M	\$50.00
Orangian, Tacouhi Mrs	\$50.00
Sagiroglu, Hera Mrs	\$50.00
Sarkissian, Azad & Nairy Mrs/Ms	\$50.00
Sheshedian, Mary Mrs	\$50.00
Simonian, Hagop & Soci M/M	\$50.00
Turbendian, Giragos & Sossie M/M	\$50.00
Yekhpairian, Sevan & Victoria M/M	\$50.00
Baklajian, Victoria Mrs	\$40.00
Garabedian, Arsen & Karine M/M	\$40.00
Parseghian, Vartuhi Mrs	\$40.00
Azarian, Susan Mrs	\$35.00
Agasian, Garbis & Aneta M/M	\$25.00
Bodriguian, Agavni Mrs	\$25.00
Bogosyan, Nadia Mrs	\$25.00
D'Onofrio, Gail Mrs	\$25.00
Manookian, Arman Mr	\$25.00
Megerian, John & Naomi M/M	\$25.00
Mengouchian, Jirair & Nora M/M	\$25.00
Mengouchian, Takouhi Mrs	\$25.00
Minassian, Dikran & Nelly M/M	\$25.00
Saroyan, Siranoush Mrs	\$25.00
Sookikian, Araxe Mrs	\$25.00
Turbendian, Vahan Mr	\$25.00
Tutelian, Lillian Mrs	\$25.00
Hatem, Zabel Mrs	\$20.00
Kazandjian, Sylva Mrs	\$20.00
Margosian, Arshalous Mrs	\$20.00
Sagatelian, Anna Mrs	\$20.00
Saroukhanian, Kayzer & Arpine M/M	\$20.00
Serabian, Gregory Mr	\$20.00
Turbendian, Tro & Maral M/M	\$20.00
Kasparian, Krikor & Hripsi M/M	\$15.00

GENERAL DONATIONS 2012

Tonsa Automotive	\$500.00
Dalian, Harry & Janet M/M	\$250.00
Cholakian, Garo & Siranoush Drs	\$200.00
Kazangian, Albert Mr	\$300.00
Garabedian, Arsen & Karine M/M	\$150.00
Atamian, Raya Mrs	\$50.00
Dench, Dominik Mrs	\$50.00

Holmquist, Isabella Mrs	\$50.00
Mordjikian, Hari & Arlene M/M	\$50.00
Nercessian, Kricor & Elizabeth M/M	\$50.00
Orangian, Takouhi Mrs	\$50.00
Yessaian, Hovhannes & Berjouhi M/M	\$50.00
Callian, Zaghig Mrs	\$25.00
Morgan, Stanley Mr	\$20.00
Rolex Corporation	Wall Clock

SENIOR CITIZENS DONATIONS 2012

Carmel Middle Eastern & Euro Grocery	\$300.00
Dikarlo, Ankine & Ani Mrs/Mrs	\$250.00
Harutunian, Mary Mrs	\$150.00
Daglyan, Ruben & Hasmig M/M	\$100.00
Harutunian, Maral Mrs	\$100.00
Kubikian, Arthur & Louiza Drs	\$100.00
Cazazian, Aram & Rima Dr & Mrs	\$50.00
Minassian, Vahram & Esperanz M/M	\$50.00
Vartanian, Azadouhi Mrs	\$10.00

SHOGHAGAT DONATIONS 2012

Gulbenkian, Edward & Sylvia M/M	\$20.00
Vartanian, Joseph & Azadouhi M/M	\$20.00



IN MEMORY DONATIONS 2012

Hermiston, Arcinee Mrs	\$550.00
Kerestedjian, Alice Mrs	\$300.00
Dikarlo, Ankine & Ani Mrs/Mrs	\$250.00
Zobian, Aram & Ardemis M/M	\$250.00
Balian, Onnig Mr	\$200.00
Indzhigulyan, Samuel & Lilit M/M	\$200.00
Kubikian, Arthur & Louiza Drs	\$200.00
Maslakian, Ramela Mrs	\$200.00
Minassian, Vahram & Esperanz M/M	\$200.00
Nakashian, Thomas Mr	\$200.00
Ovanessian, Gabriel & Evangeline M/M	\$200.00
Samsonian, Jack & Seta M/M	\$200.00
Mirzayans, George Mr	\$175.00
Holmquist, Isabella Mrs	\$150.00
Mardirossian, Zabel Mrs	\$150.00
Panoyan, Hagop Mr	\$150.00
Telfeian, Arlin Dr	\$150.00
Aksherian, Flora Mrs	\$100.00
Baklajian, Haig & Emma M/M	\$100.00
Bardizbanian, Loucine Mrs	\$100.00
Bekian, Edward & Arpi M/M	\$100.00
Demirdjan, Zaven & Elvira M/M	\$100.00
Elmokian, Edmond & Ashhen M/M	\$100.00
Homenetmen, Of New York	\$100.00

Kabarajian, Frank & Ayda M/M	\$100.00
Kalajian, Zohrab & Seta M/M	\$100.00
Kalustian, Varujan & Elizabeth M/M	\$100.00
Kochoumian, Edward & Alina M/M	\$100.00
Mangikian, Berge & Edda M/M	\$100.00
Marcarian, Mihai & Beatrice M/M	\$100.00
Masoian, Anita Mrs	\$100.00
Nenejian , Evelyn Mrs	\$100.00
Ohannessian, Edward & Elizabeth M/M	\$100.00
Pilibossian, Torkom & Alice M/M	\$100.00
Simonian, Hagop & Soci M/M	\$100.00
Zakarian, Nuni Mrs	\$100.00
Tervizian, Toros Mr	\$100.00
Azarian, Susan Mrs	\$75.00
Bekian, John Mr	\$60.00
Arzivian, Armen & Zepiur M/M	\$50.00
Atakhanian, Valot & Yeran M/M	\$50.00
Connell, Jerry & Sonia M/M	\$50.00
Ebrimian, Mardiros & Maria M/M	\$50.00
Hagobian, Khajadour & Shant	\$50.00
Harutunian, Anthony & Maral M/M	\$50.00
Iskandarian, Egishe Mr	\$50.00
Kasparian, Kevoork & Narsis M/M	\$50.00
Kevoorkian, Noubar & Sarin Dr & Mrs	\$50.00
Levarda, Dan & Sabina M/M	\$50.00
Markarian, Harout & Taria M/M	\$50.00
Megherian, Khatchig & Loucine M/M	\$50.00
Nahas, Pierre & Haigouhi M/M	\$50.00
Nakashyan, Karapet & Anna M/M	\$50.00
Nazarian, Janet Mrs	\$50.00
Nishanian, Ervant & Zabel M/M	\$50.00
Ohanian, Anjel Mrs	\$50.00
Sarkissian, Hasmig Mrs	\$50.00
Simonian, Alex & Rehan M/M	\$50.00
Simonian, Arakel & Ani M/M	\$50.00
St. Sarkis Church, Senior Citizens Group	\$50.00
Vartanian, Anto & Nanor M/M	\$50.00
Yavarian, Varoujen & Lilly M/M	\$50.00
Arkun, Anahit	\$40.00
Demirdjian, Hampartsoum Mr	\$40.00
Markaryan, Lily Ms	\$40.00
Saroyan, Siranoush Mrs	\$35.00
Markaryan, Roza Ms	\$30.00
Nakashyan, Pogos & Mariam M/M	\$30.00
Thomasian, Thomas	\$30.00
Shamlian, Karekin & Sevana M/M	\$25.00
Mouradian, Seda Mrs	\$20.00
Orangian, Takouhi Mrs	\$20.00
Thomasian, Thomas & Magi M/M	\$20.00
Torossian, Mary Mrs	\$20.00
Yepremian, Pierre & Haigouhi M/M	\$20.00

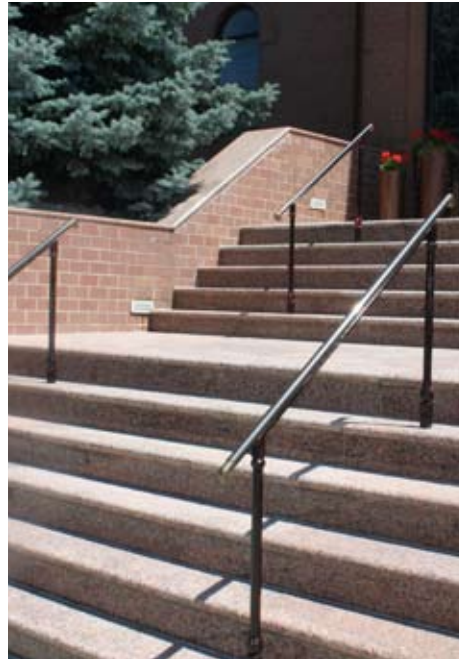
CHURCH RUG DONATION

Hovsepien, Vahram Mr



CHURCH FRONT STEPS DONATIONS

Voskerijian, Nayda Mrs	\$5,000.00
Markarian, Hrachik & Benita M/M	\$1,000.00



**DONATION OF CLERGY VESTMENTS
IN MEMORY OF HIS MOTHER
VARTUHI KALAJIAN**

Kalajian, Bedros Deacon

BABY GRAND PIANO DONATION

Bayrakdarian, Carlo & Aurora Drs

**IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS
FOR THE LATE VARTOUHI SUREN**

Armen, Garo & Valerie M/M	\$1,000.00
Keotahian, Avak Mr	\$250.00
Avedisian, Berge Mr	\$200.00
Garabedian, Edouard & Lusin M/M	\$100.00
Hidir, Ara & Hermine M/M	\$100.00
Keskinian, Rita Mrs	\$100.00
Missirlian, Donald Dr	\$100.00
Tateosian, Alice Mrs	\$100.00
Asadourian, Armand & Laura Dr/Mrs	\$75.00
Nisanyan, Arek & Hilda M/M	\$75.00
Bardizbanian, Loucine Mrs	\$50.00
Celiksu, Sona Mrs	\$50.00
Kelekian, Hirant & Diana M/M	\$50.00
Kurkciyan, Armand & Sirvart M/M	\$50.00
Sarmisaklioglu, Alis Mrs	\$50.00
Bakla, Ohan Mr	\$35.00
Wartanian, Nerces & Nelly M/M	\$30.00
Ferman, Silva Mrs	\$25.00
Sheshedian, Mary Mrs	\$25.00
Acemoglu, Artin M/M	\$20.00
Yacoubian, Antranig & Mari M/M	\$20.00

**IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS
FOR THE LATE MICHAEL MASOIAN**

Masoian, Anita Mrs	\$500.00
Odian , George Mr	\$200.00
Kazarian, Lynn Mrs	\$100.00

Misirlakis, Hariklia Ms	\$100.00
Pidedjan, Krikor & Beatrice M/M	\$100.00
Romano, Lauren Mrs	\$100.00
Auriemmo, Jane Ms	\$50.00
Shelengian, Martin & Rose M/M	\$50.00
Perethian&Olson,Angel Mrs&Cheryl Ms	\$40.00
Lainis & Kaouris, Paul & Christina M/M	\$25.00
Lauro, Joe Mr	\$25.00
Kaouris, Zoe Ms	\$25.00

**IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS
FOR THE LATE SEDA KERESTEDJIAN**

Kerestedjian, Alice Ms	\$250.00
Kerestedjian, Vahe Mr	\$250.00
Babaian, Vahik Mr	\$200.00
Badalians, Mary Mrs	\$200.00
Aghazadian, Adele Mrs	\$100.00
Asadourian, Armand & Laura Dr & Mrs	\$100.00
Boyadjian, George & Diane Dr & Mrs	\$100.00
Daglyan, Ruben & Hasmik M/M	\$100.00
Israelian, Family	\$100.00
Minassian, Heros & Arax M/M	\$100.00
Pahlavan, K. Mr	\$100.00
St. Sarkis Church Senior Citizens Group	\$100.00
Tate Ossian, Nordic & Rita M/M	\$100.00
Grogorian, Gourgen & Ripsik M/M	\$75.00
Abkarian, Vahe & Medik M/M	\$50.00
Azarian, Susan Mrs	\$50.00
Gostanian, Manoug & Amy M/M	\$50.00
Markarian, Anahid Mrs	\$50.00
Nercessian, Karnig & Ani M/M	\$50.00



Platyan, Jaklin Mrs	\$50.00
Sahakian, David & Annette M/M	\$50.00
Sokasian, Martin & Rima M/M	\$50.00
Melkonian, Sam Mr	\$25.00
Homenetmen of NY, Scouts Troop 1918	\$20.00
Yepremian, Perre & Haigouhi M/M	\$20.00

**IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS
FOR THE LATE ZAVEN MILIAN**

Marcarian, Krikor Mr	\$100.00
Anastasian, Mardiros & Carol M/M	\$50.00
Markarian, Anahid Mrs	\$50.00
D'Onofrio, Gail Mrs	\$25.00

**IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS
FOR THE LATE ARIS SEVAG**

Keshgegian, Albert & Patrice \$50.00
Babikian, Lolita Mrs \$25.00

**IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATION
FOR LATE ALICE TANIELIAN**

Kalustian, Varujan & Elizabeth M/M \$100.00
Baklajian, Haig & Emma M/M \$60.00
Bodriguian, Agavni Mrs. \$50.00
Nisanian, Anahid Mrs. \$40.00
Asarian, Sarkis & Nazeli M/M \$30.00
Krikorian, Krikor & Florina M/M \$30.00
Matosian, Sarkis Mr. \$30.00
Asadourian, Norair & Alice M/M \$25.00
Barsamian, Edward & Koharig M/M \$25.00
Shamlian, Levon & Sandy M/M \$25.00

Andonian, Hagop Mr. \$20.00
Apelian, Vahe & Garbis Mr. /Mr. \$20.00
Asarian, Satenic Mrs. \$20.00
Stenculescu, Alice Mrs. \$20.00

**IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATION
FOR LATE AZNIF DOSTTUR**

Karakaya, Artin & Family \$400.00
Berber, Ara & Agel M/M \$200.00
Ardzivian, Armen & Zepiur M/M \$100.00
Kalaycioglu, Ahsapet Mrs. \$100.00
Kayserian, Norayr & Sona M/M \$100.00
Nazar, Shahan & Elizabeth M/M \$100.00
Nercessian, Sarkis & Adrianna M/M \$100.00
Niksarli, Vahe & Nayda M/M \$100.00
Berber, Ari & Maria M/M \$50.00
Candan, Arpi Mrs. \$50.00
Candan, Edward & Karen M/M \$50.00
Gazal, Mihran & Ayda M/M \$50.00

Kalaycioglu, Yervant & Nayda M/M \$50.00
Nalbandyan, Tiran & Emma M/M \$50.00
Sacan, Nadia Mrs. \$50.00
Saglamer, Nazar & Jilda M/M \$50.00
Sheshedian, Mark & Hilda M/M \$50.00
Simonian, Arakel & Anni M/M \$50.00
Varolian, Murat & Manusak M/M \$50.00
Cizmecioglu, Sevan & Karin M/M \$40.00
Zaven & Rose Varjabedian M/M \$25.00



**St. Sarkis 50th Anniversary
Golden Jubilee Celebration Banquet
November 18, 2012**



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