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Letter from the Editor

Sireli Paregamner,

We are already well into 2014 yet in this issue of *Shoghagat* we look back fondly on 2013, a year of Mothers, Music...and Basketball. Our Catholicos, His Holiness Aram I of the Great House of Cilicia declared 2013 "The Year of the Mother". We at St. Sarkis celebrated mothers... and fathers, children and friends with music.

In March 2013, the Bulgarian-Armenian Children's Concert celebrated the life and music of the late Kevork Ohanessian. Kevork bequeathed his last masterpiece to the St. Sarkis Armenian School. In April 2013, Tenor Kevork Hadjian filled our sanctuary with his melodic voice helping raise funds for our brothers and sisters in Syria. In June, students from the local Douglaston School of Music & Arts commemorated the 110th birthday of renowned Armenian composer Aram Khachaturian with a performance in the main hall of the Church. We rounded out the year with a breathtaking performance by Elie Berberian accompanied by pianist Anna Aidinian for the annual Simply Christmas Concert. And in other stunning performances, our Senior Boys Basketball Team brought home the championship trophy to St. Sarkis in 2013. Congratulations.



Please enjoy this issue of *Shoghagat* and relive a wonderful year in the life of our vibrant St. Sarkis Church.

Victoria Mesropian Yekhpairian, Editor

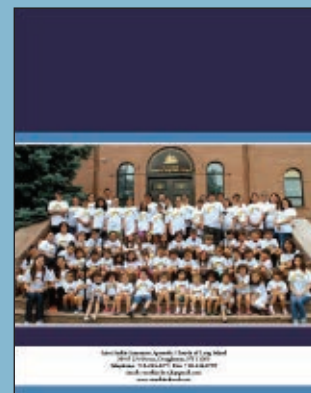


Front Cover:

St. Sarkis Church echoed with music this year. Our cover captures a few of those wonderful performances including the Saturday School Hantes, the Bulgarian-Armenian Children's Concert, tenor Kevork Hadjian, The Douglaston School of Music & Arts, The Way We Were Ensemble, Simply Christmas with Anna Aidinian and Elie Berberian and the St. Sarkis Church Choir.

Back Cover:

The children and counselors of the 2013 St. Sarkis Summer Camp assembled on the front steps of the church. This year's campers enjoyed visits from Santa, Emmy Winning artists, the FDNY and other trips and surprises.



A Message from our Pastor, Der Nareg Terterian



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty (John 6.35).

These are the words that our Lord Jesus said right after feeding five thousand people with five barley loaves. The Jews who heard the words of Jesus did not under-

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stand the meaning of those words. Why would Jesus say “*I am the bread of life*”?

Bread is one of the oldest and most essential types of foods. Bread may be served in different forms at any meal during the day and is even used as an ingredient in other recipes. In the Armenian liturgy of the “*blessing of the house*”, it is through the blessing of the bread that all food in the household is blessed.

Yet bread has significance beyond mere physical sustenance. It is an element that bonds people. Breaking bread or sharing a meal with someone can create a friendship and strengthen a relationship.

The Armenian word for friend, *unger*, derives from *unt* (with) and *ger* (eat) meaning the one with whom you share a meal. The English word *com-*

panion derives from the Latin *com* (together) and *panis* (bread) meaning the one who breaks bread with another. Using bread as an analogy, Jesus creates a relationship between God and man. When saying “*I am the bread of life*”, Jesus implies that He is the bond between God and man.

“*O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you*” (Psalm 63.1). This is a poetic expression from the book of Psalms with a message that our spiritual life yearns for the presence of God just like the human body yearns for food.

Our church practice of breaking the bread anchors every Sunday Mass. We refer to this mystery as Communion because it is the way that we communicate with God. In the 6th chapter of the Gospel of John, Jesus speaks about Holy Communion. Read the Gospel to better understand our Communion with God.

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Let us feed our souls with the bread of life. May our souls never be hungry.

Let us feed our souls with the bread of life. May our souls never be hungry. *Amen.*

Հովիւին Պատգամը

«Ես եմ կեանքի հացը: Ան որ ինծի կու գայ՝ բնաւ պիտի չանօթենայ եւ ան որ ինծի կը հաւատայ՝ երբեք պիտի չծարաւնայ»:

Այսպէս կը յայտարարէ մեր Տէրը Յիսուս Քրիստոս գարիի հինգ հացերը բազմացնելէ եւ հինգ հազարը կերակրելէ ետք: Լսողներէն շատեր չեն կրնար հասկնալ Յիսուսին խօսքերուն նշանակութիւնը: Ինչո՞ւ Քրիստոս ինքն իր մասին խօսելով կ'ըսէ «Ես եմ կեանքի հացը»:

Հացը ամէն ժամանակներու ընթացքին մարդուն ամենէն կարեւոր կենսանիւթը եղած է: Հայերս այս մասին լաւ գիտենք որ եթէ տան մը մէջ հաց չ'ըլլայ կարծէք կը նշանակէ թէ այդ տան մէջ կերակուր չկայ: Տնօրհնէքի ժամանակ հացը օրհնելով այդ տան բոլոր տեսակի ուտելիքները օրհնած կ'ըլլանք:

Հացը սակայն սսնդանիւթ ըլլալէ անկախ ուրիշ կարեւոր պաշտօնն ալ ունի: Հացը կապ մըն է որ մարդիկը իրար կը միացնէ: Անոնք որոնք իրար հետ հաց կը կիսեն տարբեր տեսակի հարաբերութիւն մը կը ստեղծեն: Երբ մէկու մը հետ բարեկամութիւն ունիս եւ այդ բարեկամութիւնը յաջորդ մակարդակին կ'ուզես բարձրացնել բարեկամներդ տանդ մէջ հրաւիրելով անոնց հետ հաց կը կիսես: Հայերէն մեր լեզուին մէջ ընկեր բառը եկած է «ընդ» եւ «կեր» բառերէն եւ կը նշանակէ մէկը որուն հետ դուն հաց կերած ես: Անգլերէնին մէջն ալ ճիշդ նոյն պատկերը կը տեսնենք companion բառին մէջ որ կազմուած է Լատիներէն com (միասին) եւ panis (հաց) բառերէն:

Հացին պատկերով Յիսուս կու գայ մեզի հետ այդ մտերիմ հարաբերութիւնը ստեղծելու Աստուծոյ եւ մեր միջեւ: «Ես եմ կեանքի հացը» ըսելով ցոյց կու տայ թէ ինքն է կապը որ մեզի դէպի Աստուած կ'առաջնորդէ եւ մեզի Աստուծոյ հետ կը մտերմացնէ:

Սաղմոսներուն մէջ կը կարդանք «Ո՛վ Աստուած, իմ Աստուածս, քեզ կը փնտռեմ անձկագին, հոգիս ծարաւ է քեզ, մարմինս քեզի կը փափաքի» (Սղ 63): Ինչպէս մեր մարմինները սննունդի պէտք ունին՝ մեր հոգեւոր կեանքն ալ Աստուծոյ ներկայութեան պէտք ունի: Տեսէք թէ ինչպէս մեր եկեղեցական կեանքը խարսխուած է այն պարզ իրողութեան վրայ երբ ամէն Կիրակի Հացը կը բեկանենք եւ հաւատացեալներուն կը բաժնենք: Այս սուրբ խորհուրդը Հաղորդութիւն կը կոչենք որովհետեւ անով մենք հաղորդակցութեան մէջ կը մտնենք Աստուծոյ հետ: Կարդացէք Յովհաննէս Աւետարանիչին 6-րդ գլուխը եւ տեսէք թէ ինչ կարեւորութեամբ Քրիստոս կը խօսի Հաղորդութեան մասին:

Մեր հոգիները չգրկենք երկինէն իջած հացէն: մեր հոգիներ անօթի չպահենք:

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

As I reflect upon the last few months of our parish life, I see we have done so much in which to be thankful and proud. The Board of Trustees, together with our committed and enthusiastic Pastor, Der Nareg Terterian, and all of the Church's auxiliary bodies, worked hard to bring positive changes and improvements to the Church. I characterize this period as a time of progressive growth – a period of transformation for nearly every aspect of parish life. Whether it be the spiritual education of our congregants, the cultural enrichment of our communities, the structural repairs to our sanctuary, or the expansion of family-oriented activities for our children, it is evident that more and more of our next generation is participating in Church life and making this parish their own.

Our parish life has been very dynamic and full of activities; some happy and some sad but that is the way of life! We thank God for all of the good things that we enjoy, for the happiness of the moments when we are enjoying our successes and in the sad and uncomfortable moments when we find the opportunity to learn and grow. St. Sarkis pays homage to all of our members who passed away this year including our beloved Yeretzkin, Anjel Kelejian and Bedros Givelekian, former Chairman of the St. Sarkis Board of Trustees.

Thank you to all who contributed: morally, spiritually, physically or financially to the activities of 2013 making it one of our most successful to date. This edition of *Shoghagat* covers many of the activities of 2013, including:

- The Lenten Lecture Series
- Bulgarian-Armenian Children's Concert
- Performance by Tenor Kevork Hadjian
- Fundraisers for Syrian Relief
- Family Prayer Hour
- 110th Anniversary of Khachaturian's birth
- 8th Annual Summer Camp
- Establishment of the Youth Club of St. Sarkis Church
- Simply Christmas Concert with Elie Berberian and pianist Anna Aidinian.

The contribution of each and every one of you makes a difference in sustaining our parish as a spiritual, educational and cultural center of the local Armenian community. Thank you to Der Nareg Terterian and Mrs. Victoria Mesropian Yekhpairian for collecting our memories and successes and creating this important publication to keep our parishioners up to date with church activities. Thank you to all of the organizers and participants in the activities listed in this issue of *Shoghagat*. I look forward to the next edition of *Shoghagat* to celebrate our ability to work together as a family in continuing our progressive growth for the benefit of our entire parish and fellow Armenians.

Dr. Aram Cazazian
Chairman, Board of Trustees

The 2013 Board of Trustees of St. Sarkis Church held its first meeting on April 18, 2013 at Pagoumian Hall. The Board elected Dr. Aram Cazazian as Chairman, Mr. Edward Barsamian and Mr. Gourgen Grigorian as Vice Chairmen, Mrs. Alina Kochoumian as Secretary and Mr. Sarkis Nercessian as Treasurer. The Board reactivated existing committees, including the: Cultural Committee, Publications Committee, Maintenance Committee and Facilities Management Committee. The Board also assigned a Welcoming Committee, Sanctuary Committee and Technology Committee to better serve the needs of St. Sarkis Church.

The Liturgy, Education & Tradition Series

Every Friday Evening during Lent

Historical Atlas of Armenia

His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate presided over the first Lenten Vespers Service of the season (Peace and Compline – Խաղաղական եւ Հանգստեան Ժամերգութիւններ) observed on Friday, February 15, 2013 at St. Sarkis Church. Following services, Dr. Vartan Matiossian, Ph.D. and Executive Director of the Armenian National Education Committee (ANEC) of the Armenian Prelacy presented the first of the Lenten Lecture series. After an introduction by Father Nareg Terterian, Pastor of St. Sarkis Church, Dr. Matiossian introduced the “Historical Atlas of Armenia”, the bilingual Armenian-English publication recently released by the ANEC under his editorship. In his presentation, Dr. Matiossian emphasized the need for “a new atlas for a new generation,” because the first publication of the Atlas was more than twenty-five years ago, in 1987, and historical events have since thoroughly remapped the Armenian world. He described key features of the new publication, including the text, maps, photographs, accompanying CD, and its usefulness as an Armenian history textbook for daily, Saturday, and Sunday Schools.

A fellowship hour organized by the Saturday School Parent Teacher Association followed the question and answer session and attendees were able to purchase copies of the atlas.

Last Words of Jesus Christ from the Cross

His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate presided over the second Lenten Vesper Service of the season (Peace and Compline – Խաղաղական եւ Հանգստեան Ժամերգութիւններ) observed on February 22, 2013 at St. Sarkis Church. After the Husgoom services, Deacon Shant Kazanjian, Director of the Armenian Religious Education Council (AREC) of the Eastern Prelacy, presented “A Meditation on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross”.

In Western churches congregants find the reflection on the last words of Jesus from the cross a popular study during Lenten and Holy Week devotion. Although not as prevalent, the Armenian Church also reflects on the last sayings of Christ. Pastors in the Armenian Church read the last words, part of the four gospels, during the service of the Crucifixion on Great (Holy) Friday. None of the four gospels include all seven words spoken by Christ from the Cross. The books of Matthew and Mark both contain only one word each and the gospels of Luke and John



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contain three words each. Before reflecting on the last words, Deacon Shant briefly highlighted the distinctive elements of each of the gospel Passion narratives. To understand the seven sayings properly, he said, they should be heard in the larger context of their respective gospels, as each gospel conveys its own distinctive understanding of the crucified Christ. A lively discussion ensued after the presentation followed by a fellowship hour hosted by the Ladies Guild of the St. Sarkis Church.

Mary Mother of God in the Armenian Church

On the evening of Friday, March 1, 2013 following Vespers, His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Ph.D. presented a lecture on “Mary, Mother-of-God, in the Armenian Church”. The Senior Citizens Group hosted a fellowship hour following the discussion.

The Year of the Armenian Mother

His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate presided over the fourth Lenten Vespers Service of the season (Peace and Compline – Խաղաղական եւ Հանգստեան Ժամերգութիւններ) observed on March 8, 2013 at St. Sarkis Church. After the Husgoom service, Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, Pastor of St. Illuminator’s Armenian Cathedral in New York gave a lecture on “The Year of the Mother” as declared by His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia. Fr. Mesrob told us that honoring mothers means honoring the fifth commandment. He spoke about the Blessed Virgin Holy Mary as the exemplary Mother of us all. Then he highlighted examples of great mothers instrumental in bringing positive change, not only in the lives of their families, but also across society. A fellowship hour organized and hosted by members of the choir of St. Sarkis Church followed Fr. Mesrob’s presentation.

The Disciples of Jesus: Judas, Peter & John

On the evening of March 15, 2013, following Vesper Services, Fr. Nareg Terterian led a meditation on the Disciples of Jesus: Judas, Peter and John. The St. Sarkis Church Yeraz Dance Ensemble hosted a fellowship hour following the discussion.

Being a Good Samaritan in the 21st Century

The community of St. Sarkis Church observed the sixth and final Lenten Vesper Service of the season on March 22, 2013. After the Husgoom, Professor Marilyn Marton, Ph.D. of St. John’s University lectured on “What it Means to be a Good Samaritan in the 21st Century”. Following the lecture, the Young Adults Group of St. Sarkis Church hosted a fellowship hour.



Following Palm Sunday, our church enters into the most solemn period for Christians -- Holy Week. Holy Week leads us to our most sacred holiday, Easter and the Resurrection. The week before Easter marks a series of events in the life of Jesus ordained or prophesied. These events include the raising of Lazarus and the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem where a large assembly of people carrying olive and palm branches greets him.

On Palm Sunday (*Tsaghkazard*), the altar curtain, closed at the beginning of Lent, opens. The Church blesses and distributes palms to the faithful. Children, dressed in their best clothes and carrying beautifully decorated candles, parade around the church in a procession.

On the evening of Palm Sunday, or as currently done, immediately following the Divine Liturgy, the faithful gather at the

door of the church or at the closed altar for the Opening of the Doors (*Trnpatsek*) ceremony. This solemn penitential service symbolizes the opening of the gates to the Kingdom of God and is unique to the Armenian Church.

Holy Week

Each day of Holy Week (also called Great Week, *Avak Shabat*) is a holy day. Monday commemorates the barren fig tree (Matthew 21:18-20), Tuesday commemorates the Ten Virgins (Matthew 25:13) and Wednesday commemorates the Anointment and Betrayal of Christ (Matthew 26). Maundy Thursday originates from Christ's command that His disciples love one another (John 13:34).

Early Thursday evening, the Washing of the Feet (*Vodtunlva*) takes place in remembrance of the events of the Last Supper. Thursday evening, the Church commemorates the betrayal and torment of Christ, with the Tenebrae service (Latin for darkness; in Armenian *Khavaroum*).

Tenebrae represents one of the most dramatic ceremonies in the Armenian Church. The pastor and altar servers read Gospels describing Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, the betrayal by Judas, and denial by Peter, interspersed with the singing of hymns composed by Nerses Shnorhali. The music sung during this service include some of the most beautiful hymns in the Armenian Church.

Holy Friday (*Avak Ourpat*), the most solemn day in the Christian calendar, commemorates the crucifixion, death and burial of our Lord.



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week. The Church, joyful after forty days of repentance, celebrates Christ coming into Jerusalem. "He comes in the name of the Lord in fulfillment of the prophecy" (Zechariah 9:9-16). From the Introit of Palm Sunday: "Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and adorn your bridal chamber, O Zion, for behold your King Christ, seated on the new colt, shows meekness and comes to enter into your chamber. ... Cry aloud, Hosanna, blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord, who has great mercy." The Church collected an offering for the Nor Giligia Project in Artsakh during Palm Sunday services. A large number of parishioners attended Palm Sunday celebrations at St. Sarkis Church. His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian celebrated the Divine Liturgy and gave a sermon followed by the service of Trunpatzek (opening of the portal ceremony) and Palm Sunday procession.

The Ten Bridesmaids

Church services for the Holy Week continued on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 with the Traditional Evening Service of the Ten Bridesmaids, a reenactment of the parable told by Jesus in Mathew 25:14-30. Stu-

dents from St. Sarkis Church Saturday School participated in the service, then Fr. Nareg gave a short homily to the parishioners.

Washing of the Feet

On Thursday Evening, the service of "Washing of the Feet", a direct observance of the Lord's command (John 13: 1-17) and a sign of humbleness, followed the Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist. His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate washed the feet of the church servers and anointed them with oil.

The Tenebrae Service

Following the Washing of the Feet service, His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, the Prelate of the Eastern United States presided over Tenebrae service. During the distinctive Tenebrae ceremony, the Church gradually extinguishes candles while chanting a series of readings, psalms and hymns.

Service of the Entombment

The Church marked Good Friday with services conducted in front of a symbolic tomb of Jesus deco-



Easter Eve

His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate presided over services on Saturday evening. Students and teachers of St. Sarkis Church's Hovsep and Suzanne Hagopian Saturday School read Easter Vigil Scriptures. The annual Easter Eve Dinner is a Saint Sarkis tradition. Mr. Ara Artinian and Mr. & Mrs. Alain and Mayda Artinian prepare the meal in memory of their beloved wife and mother Arpine Artinian.

Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday a large number of parishioners attended the Divine Liturgy, celebrated by Fr. Nareg Terterian.



rated with flowers donated by our parishioners. The service concluded with a homily by Fr. Nareg Terterian who spoke about the sufferings of the Lord and the power of Divine, redemptive love.

Holy Saturday

On Holy Saturday morning, the students of St. Sarkis Church Hovsep and Suzanne Hagopian Saturday School received Holy Communion. Following the service, the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) hosted the Annual Easter Communion Breakfast. Students especially enjoyed entertainment provided by the National Circus Project.





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 presented 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.



Dear Kevork,

We remember you and miss you as a role model and man of action. Friends, we leave all we have and take only what we are. Kevork Ohanessian never forgot where he came from and, most importantly, he never forgot who he was. After the Armenian Genocide, many of our families, found refuge in Bulgaria and we are grateful. Like the Ohanessian family, my family left Bulgaria and went to France for a while before coming to America.

I first recall meeting Kevork in 1970. Rock-n-roll and ethnicity were in and the door to emigration from Bulgaria had opened. As a recent Pace College graduate, I saw an advertisement about a new Arax center opening up in Woodside, Queens. At the Arax center we spoke Armenian with a little Bulgarian flavor. At "Martenzita" time, we invited the Bulgarian community to the center as well. The initiators or visionaries behind these gatherings included Kevork Ohanessian, Hirayr Ohanessian and Melik Bedikian. I remember being impressed that these three men did not just see people but saw their needs for identity. There was no exclusivity, they encouraged everyone to come.

As young people coming from Bulgaria, we were devoid of faith, culture and identity as we drifted into the American melting pot. Without a center, like the one in Woodside, many of us would have been swallowed up into that big American melting pot. The center became a hub for new friendships and fun. At the center our

capable band was headed by this young guitarist/singer named John Ohanessian. The center hosted our dances, ping pong tournaments, and a successful soccer club. I remember Dory Shishmanian running and cheering at soccer games where we met with other churches and youth groups. This exposure to our cultural identity helped define us as unique and special human beings and helped us fulfill our need to belong.

Role models like Kevork planted the seed for self-esteem. He did so with respect, humility, kindness, with motivation and inspiration called servant leadership. Kevork Ohanessian was a visionary with foresight. The actions he took helped us rethink and celebrate our cultures inclusively as we are doing today.

I am very pleased to welcome our Bulgarian friends today. And, more importantly, for the opportunity to have children from different ethnicities meeting and sharing the discovery of new cultures and friendships.

To the younger generation, I share with you three components to life success: Truth, Encouragement, and Correct Strategy. Learn the Truth. Find trustworthy mentors and teachers to encourage you. Build your life with goals and vision.

*God bless Kevork Ohanessian.
God bless you all for participating in this most uplifting event.
Blagoudaria, Shenorhagalem, Thank you,
Harry Milian*



His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Diane Paravazian, Harry Milian, John Ohanessian, and Fr. Nareg Terterian hold the last masterpiece of Kevork Ohanessian.

The Gamavor Story

Presented by The Way We Were Ensemble

On Sunday, March 10, 2013, the Ladies Guild of St. Sarkis Church hosted their traditional Lenten meal on the occasion of the median day of Lent, Meechink (Միջինք) with an untraditional twist. The Way We Were Ensemble presented their new musical drama “The Hye Legion, the Gamavor Story” by Hourig Papazian-Sahagian.

The ensemble includes three generations of performers and brings historic themes of Armenian life to today’s stage using theatrical music and song.

In the “Hye Legion” play, the actors depict Gamavor men and their daring and selfless true-life adventures.

The Gamavor men, genocide survivors, left the safety of their homes

in the United States and returned to historic Armenia to perform search-and-rescue for survivors and orphans. They risked certain death by entering the Turkish killing fields.

Though set in the 1920’s, the play’s final scene ends on a hopeful note, pointing to a future of freedom and independence for Armenia.

The play, filled with intrigue, adventure and romance, features a dozen well-known Armenian songs including “Harach Nahadag” composed by Maestro Parsegh Ganachian for the Gamavor Movement.

Another fine performance by The Way We Were Ensemble at St. Sarkis Church.



The Youth Connect Program at NYU

This year’s Armenian Relief Society Youth Connect Program (YCP) offered an information and training seminar geared toward social media and how it can be used to further community life and activism. Students aged 18 to 25 attended the event on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at New York University’s Kimmel

Center. Lectures featured internet business expert and blogger Haig Kayserian as the keynote speaker. Haig is based in Australia and New York. YCP Director, Professor Asbed Kotchikian of Bentley University, led an interactive educational seminar. The 2013 event ended with an Opportunity Fair for all attendees.

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

The Saint Sarkis Senior Boys basketball team won the Armenian Churches Sports Association Championship on Sunday, March 17, 2013 in an exciting game against a spirited St. Thomas team. With Vah-

ram Shishmanian returning to coach after a one year absence, the team bounced back to form after winning the Junior Boys Championship three years ago. Justin Avakyan, the tournament's Most Valuable Player, and Vahe Athakanian, led a talented team, with Armand Avetissian, Shant Panoyan, Eric Iskendarian (All Tournament Team member) Aren Kabaranian (All Tournament Team member), Christopher Avakyan and Avik Shamamian completing the roster. Mr. Albert Avetissian served as assistant coach.



proposed that the team come in for prayers before the start of the next season and at the conclusion of the basketball season. He also pledged to attend at least two games in the upcoming season and urged the players and coaches to bring home another trophy to Saint Sarkis next year.

We look forward to enhancing the Basketball program at Saint Sarkis with Junior Boys and Girls teams next season helping our youth make friends and mature in a healthy environment.

by Edward Barsamian

of Vahram Shishmanian, produced a balanced, and effective basketball team. Mrs. Dory Shishmanian, unofficial Godmother of the team, lovingly prepared a delicious roast beef meal with all the trimmings followed by a delicious celebratory cake decorated with basketball motifs.

Mr. Edward Barsamian, the coordinator of the St. Sarkis Basketball program, acted as Master of Ceremonies for the event, congratulating the team, thanking the parents and Saint Sarkis Church for their support. A few comments and light "roasting" of the players provided entertainment for all present. Mr. Vartan Ovanessian, former coach and Commissioner of the Armenian Churches Sports Association, added his words of congratulations and encouragement to the team.

Der Nareg, an avid supporter of the team, joined the players, families and friends at the luncheon and

After the Senior Boys basketball team brought the Championship trophy to Saint Sarkis, the church treated them to a celebratory luncheon on April 14th following

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Basketball Senior Boys *November Update*

Sporting a winning record of 3-0, the team shows maturity and harmony in their play. Vahe Athakanian acted as the playmaker and field general, Erik Iskendarian plays defensive star at center, Armand Avedissian awed with a sharpshooter's skill and huge vertical jump, Aren Kabaranian controlled the paint, Haig Minassian rejoined the team after a two year absence and played a very effective power forward, Shant Panoyan and Chris Avakyan, were our sparkplugs coming off the bench to lift the team. The whole team worked together like a well oiled machine under the guidance and encouragement of Coach Vahram Shishmanian, assisted by Albert Avedissian.

Congratulations to Coach Vahram on a great season on and off the court...a happy, healthy, and joyful life on your wedding to bride Nathaly.



KEVORK HADJIAN, TENOR

Classical Armenian Songs & Gomidas Compositions

Renowned singer Kevork Hadjian, in town from Armenia by the invitation of the Pastor and the Board of Trustees of St. Illuminators Cathedral in New York City, presented an evening of song at St. Sarkis Church. On the evening of Monday, April 1, 2013. His musical selections of Hymns, Armenian classical songs and compositions by Gomidas filled the sanctuary with moving music. The talented Mrs. Anna Aidinian provided piano accompaniment for the evening.

Syrian-Armenian Benefit Concert

On Saturday, April 6, 2013, hundreds filled the concert hall at Felician College in Lodi, New Jersey to raise funds for Syrian-Armenians. The benefit concert, sponsored by a number of Armenian organizations and organized under the auspices of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America and Diocese of the Armenian Church, raised funds to support Syrian-Armenians affected by the ongoing strife in Syria.



Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference

(from the CrossRoads e-Newsletter)

The St. Sarkis Church parish hosted the Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference for the pastors, members of the Boards of Trustees, and delegates to the National Representative Assembly on Saturday, April 13, 2013.



Representatives from parishes in Manhattan, Queens, New Jersey, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC attended. Stephen Hagopian, Chairman of the Executive Council, opened the conference with an overview describing the content and objectives of the presentations.

The Family that Prays Together Stays Together

St. Sarkis Church launched a Family Worship Service for families and children on Sunday, April 7, 2013. Participants sang “Aravod Louso”, “Sourp Asdvadz”, and other hymns. Families also read prayers from the Divine Liturgy of the Armenian Church. Mr. Harry Seoylemezian read the Biblical text of the day followed by a homily by Fr. Nareg Terterian. Deacon Michael Gostanian led the reading of confession

and participants received the Holy Communion after singing “Der Voghormia”. The service concluded with the “Hayr Mer”.

Family Worship Services take place on the first Sunday of the month from 9:00-9:45AM. Join us in sharing our faith with the youngest of our parishioners.



Family Worship Fun Facts...

- We say all the prayers in *English*
- *We* sing the hymns because there is no choir to sing for us
- The priest gives a *short* homily
- Someone from the congregation reads the Gospel of the day
- We read confession and take *communion*
- We feel part of a *family of faith*

98th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide

Times Square Commemoration

Armenians honored the 98th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide in New York's Times Square on Sunday, April 21st, 2013. Free bus transportation took participants to and from St. Sarkis Church and the demonstration at Times Square.



Memorial Services at St. Illuminator's and St. Sarkis

Armenians in the New York Metropolitan area commemorated the 98th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide on Wednesday, April 24th, 2013 through a solemn celebration of the Divine Liturgy at St. Illuminator's Cathedral in New York followed by the Divine Liturgy and Requiem Service. Following church celebrations, a large group of participants walked to the United Nations building in a "Walk to Honor our Martyrs" organized by the Armenian National Committee.

St. Sarkis Church held a special Requiem Service on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 to pay respects to the martyrs of the genocide 98 years ago. Following the Service, the Church presented a video and held a discussion on the impact of the Genocide on Armenians today.



Truth & Genocide: Why Lying Makes Things Worse

Dr. Siobhan Nash-Marshall, Professor of Philosophy at Manhattanville College presented a lecture on the Armenian Genocide on the weekend of April 6, 2013 at St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston, New York. Dr. Nash-Marshall spoke about "Truth and Genocide: Why Lying Makes Things Worse." Utilizing her training in Philosophy and Metaphysics, she showed how Genocide negationism, or historical revisionism, psychologically repeats the effects of Genocide on current generations and survivors.



Boston Bombing and Texas Explosion

Our thoughts and prayers went out to all those who lost loved ones and suffered due to the horrific events of Boston Marathon bombing on Monday, April 15th, 2013 and the Texas fertilizer plant explosion on April 17th. We prayed with the words of the Holy Mass: *“with your peace, O Christ our Savior, which is beyond all understanding and speech, strengthen us and keep us fearless of all evil”*. Amen
(photo from The Guardian)



In Memoriam - Bedros Givelekian



The Parish of St. Sarkis Church paid last respects to the life of Bedros Givelekian, Honorary Chairman of the Board of Trustees of St. Sarkis Church, a former Executive Council Member of the Armenian Prelacy, a Cilician Knight and a recipient of the Eagle of the Prelacy Award. Mr. Givelekian passed away on May 13, 2013. Wake and funeral services took place on May 14 and May 15, 2013 at St. Sarkis Church officiated by Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar General with the participation of Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian, Pastor; Archpriest Rev. Fr. Moushegh Der Kaloustian; Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, Pastor of St. Illuminator’s Cathedral; Deacons and Choir members of St. Sarkis Church. Following the internment service, the Board of Trustees hosted a memorial luncheon. Bedros Givelekian is survived by his wife Sonia, his children Mr. & Mrs. Arthur and Annette Givelekian and Mr. & Mrs. Berdj and Lucy Kazanjian and his grandchildren Ariana, Thomas, Aris and Lara. *May his memory be blessed forever.*

Rolling Up their Sleeves to Build Housing in Armenia...

Leo and Sona Manuelian gave a presentation following church services on Sunday, May 5, 2013 about groups of volunteers from the United States and elsewhere who help build housing for qualified families in Armenia. Mr. and Mrs. Manuelian participated in a program sponsored by the Fuller Center for Housing -- Armenia Global Builders Teams for the last few years spending about two weeks each year in Armenia helping build homes for low to middle income Armenian families.

The well-spoken Mr. Manuelian with his descriptive presentation of the home-building process brought his efforts to light in an informative and inspiring manner. Following the presentation, attendees participated in a question and answer session. Several in the audience of more than 30 attendees, expressed their appreciation

by making cash donations to the Fuller Program. This presentation represents one in a series of lectures planned to enrich the cultural and personal lives of our parishioners.

Read our e-Bulletin for other upcoming cultural events.



HAMBARDZOOM

The Feast of the Ascension

St. Sarkis Church celebrated the Feast of the Ascension (*Hambardzoum*) of our Lord Jesus Christ, which comes forty days after the Resurrection on Thursday, May 9, 2013 through a Vesper Service followed by the traditional *Vijakakhakh* (casting of lots). The Ladies Guild of St. Sarkis Church provided refreshments following the service.





Mother's Day

We pray that God would touch you
 And fill your life afresh
 With His grace and mercy
 So you will know that you are blessed
 For you deserve some time out
 To relax in God's love
 And reflect on Him with thankfulness
 For His blessings from above
by M.S. Lowndes



On May 12, 2013, the annual Senior Citizens Mother's Day Luncheon took place. As with previous events over the years, a large crowd attended and everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

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National Representative Assembly

The National Representative Assembly (NRA) delegates of St. Sarkis Church attended the NRA of the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America in May 2013. Soorp Khatch Armenian Apostolic Church in Bethesda, Maryland hosted the conference this year.

Հանրապետական Մաղթանք Blessing of the Flag

By order of His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, Prelacy churches offered prayers and blessed the Armenian tricolor flag on the occasion of the 95th anniversary of the first Armenian Republic and the 22nd anniversary of the current Republic of Armenia on Sunday, May 26, 2013. St. Sarkis offered requiem services for the souls of the fallen heroes of Sardarabad, Bashabaran, Gharakilise, and the new martyrs of the struggle for Arstakh.



Prayers and Aid for Tornado Victims

(from CrossRoads eNewsletter)

Archbishop Oshagan instructed parishes of the Eastern Prelacy to offer prayers for the victims and survivors of the tornado that flattened a twenty-mile area in Oklahoma. The massive storm destroyed homes, businesses, and schools on Monday, May 20, 2013. Aside from the tragic loss of life, including many children at their school in the direct path of the storm, many families lost homes, cars, and all of their worldly possessions.

During the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 26, 2013, His Eminence asked our parishes to offer special prayers for those who died and those who survived the storms. The Church also passed a special offering plate for donations to help the survivors. The American Red Cross received our donations on behalf of the parishes of the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Church. (photo by Tom Pennington/Getty Images)

GALA DINNER & DANCE



On May 3, 2013, the St. Sarkis Church Suzanne & Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) hosted a GALA Dinner Dance at Westbury Manor. Garo Gomidas and the JAQ Hagopian Band provided entertainment for the event. Through the very generous donations of many supporters, the PTA prepared nearly 40 different raffle items. Attendees enjoyed a wonderful evening of dining and dancing and appreciated the efforts and donations of all involved.



SATURDAY SCHOOL GALA DINNER DANCE MAY 3, 2013

St. Sarkis Church Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School, Mommy & Me Program

Year End Hantes

On May 19, 2013, the Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School hosted a Year End Hantes at St. Sarkis Church. The program included musical performances, dancing, reading and singing by the students. Ani Fiesel, Annmarie Hazarian, James Kasparian, Sebuh Ketchelian, Lucas Lerian, Andrew Meneshian, and Taleen Nenejian graduated Kindergarten and Juliet Hagobian, Christina Kerestedjian, William Mouradian, Hovnan Orangian, Nicole Yaghdjian, and Cedric Yepremian graduated the 6th grade. Fr. Nareg Terterian, Pas-

tor; Mrs. Nairy Zohrabian, Principal of the school; Mrs. Mary Arslanian and Dr. Aram Cazazian, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented the graduates with diplomas and wished them success with all future endeavors. The school also recognized the teachers and presented them with bouquets of flowers.

2013-2014 School Year Begins

Participants of St. Sarkis Saturday School's Mommy and Me Program this year enjoyed the leadership and enthusiasm of Mrs. Jeannette Nenejian, who led this year's class of toddlers.





STRAWBERRY Festival & SUNDAY BRUNCH

On June 2, 2013, the Ladies Guild of St. Sarkis Church celebrated the 2nd Annual Sunday Brunch and Strawberry Festival. The Ladies Guild served a wide variety of American and Armenian dishes to a large number of parishioners in attendance. We congratulate the Ladies Guild and express our heartfelt gratitude for their efforts in creating programs that bring our community closer together.



KHACHATURIAN

A Musical Tribute to Aram Khachaturian

The directors of the Douglaston School of Music & Arts, Anna Aidinian and Rita Aidinian, along with faculty members and students of the school presented a musical tribute to Aram Khachaturian in the Main Hall of St. Sarkis Church. St. Sarkis and the Douglaston School organized this tribute to celebrate the composer's 110th birthday anniversary on June 6th (1903), 2013.

Faculty members and students of the Douglaston School of Music & Arts performed classical selections of Khachaturian's works on piano, flute, violin, electric guitar and saxophone in the Main Hall of St. Sarkis Church. The performance also included selections from Khachaturian's Masquerade and Gayane masterpieces.



Happy Father's Day

"Der Nareg, we received a beautiful card, stamped with my daughter's footprints, from her Father's Day project at ABC Early Learning Center. We thought you would enjoy seeing it too." - Mayda and Alain Artinian, members of St. Sarkis Church.

On Father's Day we celebrate fatherhood with gifts and social gatherings but the words from the poem, *Footprints*, on my Father's Day card, suggest that we should remind ourselves about the importance of the role of fathers in the psycho-social development of children. Recent research studies

Footprints

"Walk a little slower daddy,"
said a child so small.

"I'm following in your footsteps
and I don't want to fall.

Sometimes your steps are very fast,
Sometimes they're hard to see;
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
For you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up,
You're what I want to be;
Then I will have a little child
Who'll want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right,
And know that I was true;
So, walk a little slower, Daddy,
For I must follow you."

Author unknown



suggest that "Even from birth, children who have an involved father are more likely to be emotionally secure, be confident to explore their surroundings and, as they grow older, have better social connections."

It is amazing that while psychologists started to study the impact of fathers on their children only four decades ago, the Bible characterized the importance of the paternal role centuries ago stating: "the fathers have eaten sourgrapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge" (Ezekiel 18:2). According to this biblical proverb, when parents and especially fathers make bad choices, children often suffer irreversible consequences. An award winning documentary entitled "Absent" by Justin Hunt shows the impact of fathers on children and society by revealing the psychological wounds of men and women left by absent fathers in their lives.

On Father's Day, let us examine our parenting methods and styles and let us try to learn new skills for the wellness of our children. I salute all Fathers in our

community. I also salute our spiritual fathers. And last but not least, I pray for the blessing of our Heavenly Father through the words of the Holy Mass:

"True God and Merciful Father, we thank you, for you have honored us more than the blessed patriarchs, in spite of our sinful nature; for while you allowed them to call you their God, you were, in your compassion for us, pleased to be called Father by us.

O Lord, we pray you, make the grace of this new relationship with us to shine forth and to flourish in your Holy Church". Amen.

Happy Father's Day, Fr. Nareg Terterian



Dear Friends,

I have been spending this week in Elverson, Pennsylvania leading the annual Armenian Christian studies summer program of the Datev Institute. I am with 68 youth participants (16 of whom are from our St. Sarkis Church parish) and 20 clergy and lay instructors and supervisors.

In 2011, Archbishop Oshagan, the Prelate of the Eastern United States of America gave me the honor and the privilege to become the new director of the Datev Institute. Datev Institute was established in 1987 by Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian of blessed memory and directed for 25 five years by Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian. Deacon Shant Kazanjian, director of the Armenian Religious Educational Program (AREC) of the Armenian Prelacy has been instrumental in planning and implementing the program throughout the years. Datev Institute has always had a dedicated team of resident instructors and staff members including parish priests, deacons, directors and teachers of Sunday Schools from several Prelacy Churches. Visiting professors from well-known universities and colleges have made the program an enriching experience for the participants.

Education, worship and fellowship are the objectives of the program which are implemented through classroom lectures, church

ST. GREGORY of DATEV INSTITUTE

27th SUMMER PROGRAM

services and recreational activities. Datev Institute has been effective in creating a positive change in the life of participants and drawing them closer to the Armenian Church and God.

It has been a fulfilling experience for me to engage and interact with our youth by listening to them, praying with them, and even playing soccer and volleyball with them. May God keep us away from all harms and evil and enlighten our hearts and minds to always be "children of the light".

*Amen,
Fr. Nareg Terterian*



The St. Gregory of Datev Institute of the Armenian Prelacy held its 27th Summer Program at St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson, Pennsylvania from June 30 to July 7, 2013. The week-long program of fellowship, Christian instruction and formation included 68 participants aged 13-18 years old and 20 clergymen and lay leaders. Sponsored by the Armenian Religious Education Council (AREC) of the Prelacy, the Program offered a unique opportunity for our teenagers to learn the basic elements of the Christian faith and the manner in which the Armenian Apostolic Church expresses its faith. 16 students from the parish of St. Sarkis Church participated in the 2013 program.



St. Sarkis Church 8th Annual Summer Camp

by Mrs. Seta Megherian

This summer marked the 8th annual summer camp session at St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church. Bright and early on a sunny, hot July 8th morning, 15 wonderful counselors and staff members greeted nearly 70 excited campers. Organizers divided campers into five groups of varying ages. This year, for the first time, a new group of 3 and 4 year olds joined the camp in an effort to support our beautiful, growing community.

Dance, Song, Hole-in-Ones

A vast and entertaining curriculum, vigorously planned specifically for each group, challenged even our youngest campers to dance, sing Armenian songs, create beautiful crafts, and much, much more. The older groups learned popular American dances, religious Armenian songs and participated in enrichment activities. Campers enjoyed well planned day trips with miniature golf for the older groups and nature walks and animal demonstrations at Alley Pond Environmental Center for the younger groups.

Christmas in July

There were a number of special events this summer at camp. A very special visit from “Gagant

Camp also focused on “the Gift of Giving”. While we here in America are so very fortunate to have our families, homes and so much more, we learned that many children in Armenia and abroad are not as for-



Baba,” surprised everyone! Campers celebrated Christmas in July and they danced and sang with Santa too.

fortunate. Campers set up a fundraising event and raised enough money to sponsor an orphan in Armenia and help the ongoing relief efforts for the Armenian community in Syria. During the last week of camp, campers very proudly presented Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate and His Grace Bishop Anoushavan, Vicar General the money they had raised to sponsor an orphan in Armenia through the Prelacy’s Orphan Sponsorship Program (\$225), and additional funds (\$442) for the Fund for Syrian Armenian Relief.

FDNY at Camp

Members of Engine 313 of the Fire Department of New York (FDNY) also paid us a special visit! Campers learned about fire safety and prevention from real life FDNY firemen. Campers boarded a fire truck for an up close and personal look at what a fire truck really looks like!



Emmy Time

Louie Zakarian, a longtime member of our St. Sarkis family and two-time Emmy Award winning special effects makeup artist joined camp to give our campers a little taste of the artistic world. Bringing various masks from shows like “Spider-Man”, Zakarian awed campers and let them try on masks and wigs he designed for famous actors and actresses. He also brought one of his Emmys. The kids learned that all dreams are possible through hard work and determination. We are so proud to have Louie Zakarian as part of our community. Louie, thank you for your time and continued success in your future endeavors!

His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate and Bishop Anoushavan, Vicar General visited the camp and interacted with campers during their visit. It is hard to believe that, only eight years ago, the St. Sarkis Church Summer Camp was just an idea. That dream for a camp to cater to the children of our community has come to fruition and continues to strengthen.

Thank you to all of our sponsors and a very special thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Antranig and Marion Boudakian who believed in us and helped make each summer session successful. 2014 marks the ninth year of St. Sarkis Summer camp – *stay tuned for more information and registration details.*





LISBON FIVE

On Sunday, July 28, 2013, the Community of St. Sarkis Church commemorated the 30th An-

niversary of the Lisbon Five. The church held a requiem service for the souls of Sarkis Abrahamian, Setrak Ajemian, Vatche Daghljan, Ara Kuhrjulian, and Simon Yahniyan.

On July 27, 1983, five brave Armenians, known as the Lisbon Five, stormed the Turkish Embassy in Lisbon demanding Turkey acknowledge its 1915 genocide of Armenians. They seized the Turkish Ambassador's residence and set off explosives that destroyed the building and killed themselves. They carried out the attack



because "Turkey and its allies refused to acknowledge the genocide of Armenians". In a note delivered to the news media during the takeover, the Five said: "We have decided to blow up this building and remain under the collapse. This is not suicide nor an expression of insanity, but rather our sacrifice to the altar of freedom." The note also said that they resorted to an armed struggle because "peaceful means for the 'pursuit of our just cause' had failed".

A short program, organized by Armen Garo Gomideh, followed church services with opening remarks by Mr. Mher Janian, musical interludes by Mr. Christapor Megherian and key note speech by Mr. Nazareth Markirian, Esq. Fr. Nareg Terterian closed the program with a video presentation.

Choir and Deacons' Annual Picnic

On Sunday, July 28, 2013, our choir master and his wife, Mr. & Mrs. Armen and Zepiur Ardzivian and family, hosted the 4th Annual Choir and Deacons picnic. The St. Sarkis Church deacons, choir members and their families enjoyed a variety of food, great conversations, laughter, dancing and great tunes. We thank our choir master and his family for hosting another fabulous picnic.



SUZANNE and HOVSEP HAGOPIAN SATURDAY SCHOOL

Fifty students registered for the 2013-2014 school year for the Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School looking forward to a great learning experience. The Saturday School opened on September 14, 2013 and the Mommy-and-Me Program for toddlers started on Saturday, September 28, 2013. The school provides a wonderful opportunity for our chil-

dren to learn our rich Armenian language and history. The school encourages students to sing together and work together creating lifelong friendships. Classes offer instruction in both Eastern and Western Armenian dialects, Christian education, Armenian history and Music. Classes from Pre-Kindergarten through Elementary are held on Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. For more information about the school contact the Church office at 718-224-2275 or Mrs. Yvette Fiesel at 516-454-4947.



COMMUNITY BIDS FAREWELL to MR. HAMPARTSUM DEMIRDJIAN

*“O Lord, direct our course
into the path of peace.
O Lord, direct and lead our souls,
and the souls of all the faithful,
to proceed into the path of righteousness
and into eternal life”. Amen*

Before Mr. Hampartsoum Demirdjian, a devoted parishioner of St. Sarkis, moved to California, Fr. Nareg Terterian wished him all the best. Der Nareg, on behalf of our community, presented a symbolic gift to Mr. Demirdjian at the end of church services on August 25, 2013.



Ordination of acolytes and sub-deacons during the celebration of our patron saint, Saint Sarkis, January 2013.

DEACON and SUB-DEACON TRAINING Season 2

Following last year's success, the second season of the Deacon and Sub-Deacon training program started at St. Sarkis Church for 10 weeks (from September 23 through November 25, 2013). Fr. Nareg Terterian conducted the training sessions in the sanctuary of the church every Sunday from 9:15-10:00 AM. The Church encouraged current and prospective Altar servers to attend. *For more information regarding future programs, please contact the Church office at 718-224-2275.*



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF SAINT MARY HOLY MOTHER OF GOD BLESSING OF THE GRAPES AND MADAGH (HARRISSA)



On Sunday, August 18, 2013, the community of St. Sarkis Church celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God and the Blessing of the Grapes. Fr. Nareg Terterian celebrated the Divine Liturgy and delivered the sermon. Following the Divine Liturgy, the blessing of the Grapes and traditional Harrisa services took place near the Khatchkar located outside St. Sarkis Church.



THE BLESSING OF THE GRAPES AND HARISSA

Biblical teachings provide the basis for the Blessing of the Grapes: *“So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me. You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God.”* (Deuteronomy 26:10).

In the Armenian Church, the offering of first fruit takes the form of a thanksgiving and blessing. The faithful then consume the blessed grapes. During the Blessing of the Grapes, the faithful offer back to God a token of that which God, in his loving kindness, provided.

The traditional Armenian recipe of Harissa dates back to St. Gregory the Illuminator. The tradition of Harissa at St. Sarkis Church began eight years ago and quickly became one of the most popular fellowship hours at St. Sarkis Church.

Drs. Arthur and Louiza Kubikian donated the grapes for this year’s Blessing in memory of their beloved parents. Mr. and Mrs. Boghos and Shake Orangian and daughter Nataleen also donated grapes for the Blessing. Family members of the late Mariam Garjarian donated flowers for the service. Mr. and Mrs. Manoug and Dory Shishmanian and family donated altar flowers for the service.

After the Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of the Grapes and Harissa ceremonies, Fr. Nareg addressed the congregation at a luncheon in the church hall to thank all of those who prepared the 8th annual traditional Harissa. Over 150 people attended this wonderful event.

HAYR SAHAG CELEBRATES THE DIVINE LITURGY AT ST. SARKIS CHURCH

Very Reverend Father Sahag Yemishyan celebrated the Holy Mass and delivered a sermon on Sunday, September 1, 2013, at St. Sarkis Church. Following church services, the congregation welcomed Hayr Sahag at the fellowship hour and wished him success in his new assignment serving the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Church. As reported in the CrossRoads eBulletin, Fr. Sahag arrived in New York on August 5th to begin his service to the Eastern Prelacy. Hayr Sourp was born in Yerevan, Armenia, in 1983. He studied at the Armenian Theological Seminary in Antelias, Lebanon, for nine years and was ordained a celibate priest in 2006. He served the Catholicosate of the Holy See of Cilicia for four years as director of the Archives and lecturer at the Seminary.

For the past three years, Hayr Sahag served as pastor to the Armenian community of Salonica, Greece. Very Rev. Fr. Sahag currently serves the Prelacy as an outreach priest and expects to be assigned as pastor of a parish within the coming months.



318 FATHERS OF THE HOLY COUNCIL OF NICAEA

On Saturday, September 7, the Armenian Church commemorated the First Ecumenical Council held in Nicaea in Asia Minor in the year 325. Emperor Constantine convened The Council attended by 318 Church Fathers.



The Armenian Church participated in this Council and contributed toward the victory of orthodoxy. Aristakes, son of Gregory the Illuminator, represented the Arme-

nian Church. Moses of Khoren and Agathangelos mention The Council in their writings. In later centuries and in all their doctrinal writings, the Fathers of the Armenian Church referred to the Council of Nicaea with veneration and then incorporated the Nicene Creed (Havatamk) into the Armenian Liturgy. The Council condemned Arianism which denied the full divinity of Christ and proclaimed the orthodox belief in... *“One Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten of God and Father, Only Begotten, of the substance of the Father. God from God, light from light, true God, begotten and not made”* (from the Nicene Creed recited during the Armenian Divine Liturgy).

Labor Day

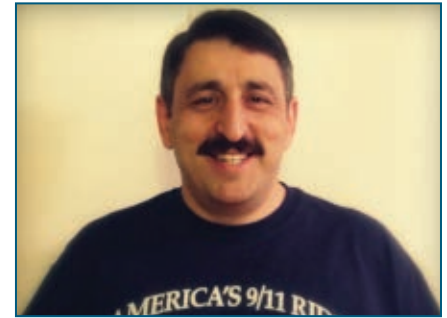
Americans celebrate Labor Day as the symbolic end of the summer. However, Labor Day recognizes the significance of work in creating a productive and healthy society. For Christians, our work best manifests our faith. God, in the accounts of creation, shows the first example of work in the Bible: *“God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.”* (Genesis 1.31). Therefore, God calls upon us to follow the biblical example of creativity and excellence in work.

On Labor Day, Der Nareg prayed for the success of all of our endeavors, especially for those who have lost their jobs and continue to try to get back into the workplace. He led us in prayer with the words of the Armenian prayer: *“Hear us oh God our Savior, incline your ears to our supplications so that the labors of your servants may not be in vain. Rather, count our works as deeds of righteousness and fruit of piety”*. Amen.



America's 9/11 Ride - A Ride of Remembrance Congratulations to Sub-Deacon Berdj

Berdj Agopian, along with more than 500 motorcycle riders, participated in the 13th America's 9/11 Ride, a Memorial Ride held every year in remembrance of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. From August 15th to 18th, 2013, volunteers



visited all of the 9/11 sites to pay respects to the fallen heroes and those who lost their lives on that horrible day. *Congratulations Berdj.*

9/11 Memorial Service

On Sunday, September 8, 2013, the community of St. Sarkis Church offered special prayers and a requiem service for the souls of the victims of the terrorist attacks of 9/11/2001. The community also made special prayers for the soul of Garo Voskerijian and for the comfort of his family members. Garo was a victim of 9/11 and one of our own parishioners. He is in our hearts forever.



Winter Clothing Drive for Gavar, Armenia

by Krikor Krikorian

The Gavar Special School Number 1 in Armenia sent an appeal to Saint Sarkis Church for the collection of winter clothing for their children. As in the past, the parishioners, Der Hayr, the Board of Trustees and the Ladies Guild responded immediately. Their efforts yielded the collection of more than 400 pounds of winter clothing sent to the school via UPS on September 3, 2013. In December, the Auxiliary Committee of Gavar Special School sent a letter to St. Sarkis Church thanking the church for helping the children enjoy the warm clothing that arrived ahead of the anticipated heavy winter and snow. They also wished us all a healthy New Year and Merry Christmas. This action, along with many others implemented by Saint Sarkis Church, brings joy and improves the lives of the children of Armenia. *Thank you to all who contributed.*

Happy 80th Luiza!

Family members and close friends celebrated the 80th Birthday of Mrs. Luiza Kalustian on September 22, 2013 at Vivaldi Ristorante & Ballroom in Bayside. Luiza's husband Varujan Kalustian and her children Mrs. Alina Kochoumian and Dr. Michael Kalustian and families organized the fete. The plan, carried out perfectly, was to surprise her and to show her how much she is loved and respected. Turning 80 is a sig-



nificant milestone and, from all accounts, she seemed very happy and a bit overwhelmed by the number of people who came to honor her on her special day.

Mrs. Luiza, a member of St. Sarkis Church Ladies Guild and Bible Study Group donated all of the gifts she received on her birthday to her beloved church, St. Sarkis, as a sign of her gratitude.

Thank you for your generosity Luiza!

MEKHITAR HERATSI

MASTER ARMENIAN PHYSICIAN FROM CILICIA

A LECTURE BY DR. GREGORY KAZANDJIAN

SPONSORED BY THE CULTURAL COMMITTEE OF ST. SARKIS CHURCH



On Sunday, September 29th, 2013 following Church Services, Dr. Gregory Kazandjian presented a lecture on Mekhitar Heratsi: the Master Physician of the Cilician Armenia.

Mekhitar Pejeshkaped, as he was usually called, was the first notable Armenian physician of the Middle Ages. Often compared to Hippocrates of Greece, Galen of Romans or Ibn Sina (Avicenna) of the Arabs, Mekhitar knew many languages well such as Greek, Persian, Arabic, and Armenian. He founded the Cilician Medical School, taking medicine from humoral (fluid) based medicine to modern medical science, based on experimentation.

He pioneered medical specialties and wrote numerous medical texts. He stressed the importance of knowledge of the anatomy on the success of treatment. As a lexicologist, he developed a lexicon for the anatomy of the eye. As a pharmacist, he developed medications from plants of the Cilician area. As a psychologist, he used music to induce behavioral changes in disease treatment. He was a humanist, teacher and activist, but above all, he was the first in medicine to describe the cause of inflammatory disease as “microbial” penetration in the blood or other body fluids, ushering in the concept of contagion 800 years ago. This

concept was not brought to the forefront of European medicine for another 400 years. The Cultural Committee of St. Sarkis Church sponsored the lecture on Mekhitar Pejeshkaped to help parishioners better know the Armenian physician whose thoughts and words were clearly ahead of his time; to introduce those to a man whom Middle-Eastern or Western medical history books either barely mention or do not mention at all.

Dr. Gregory Kazandjian, MS, DDS is a Periodontist (Gum and Implant Surgeon). He is the Director of the Periodontal Residency Hospital Program - VA Medical Center, in New York City and an Associate Professor of Periodontics and Surgical Sciences for New York University, in New York. He also authored the first book on gum disease and its treatment in full Armenian, *PERIODONTICS*.

Thank you Dr. Kazandjian for enlightening us on this great man.



On Sunday, September 15, 2013. St. Sarkis Church commemorated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Khachverats) through a solemn Divine Liturgy and the traditional blessing of the basil service. This Feast represents the last of the five Tabernacle Feasts observed by the Armenian Church during the liturgical year and the oldest of feasts devoted to the Cross.

The cross, once a means of death for criminals, gradually became the dominant symbol of the Christian world; an object of reverence and worship, and symbol of triumph over death. The Armenian Church observes four feasts devoted to the Cross in the liturgical calendar, with Exaltation being the most important. The other three include: Apparition of the Holy Cross; Holy Cross of Varak; and Discovery of the Cross. Each

of these four holidays commemorates the life and salvific work of our Lord. The ceremony for the Exaltation begins with the decoration of the Cross with sweet basil (rehan), a sign of royalty, and also as a symbol of the living cross. After the Bible readings, the officiating priest lifts the Cross, makes the sign of the Cross, and blesses the four corners of the world (Andastan service), then asks the Almighty to grant peace and prosperity to the people of the world. Catholicos Sahag Dzoraporetsi (677-703), prepared the Khachveratz ceremony and composed the hymn sung on this occasion.

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

As with other Tabernacle Feasts, a period of fasting (Monday to Friday) precedes the Exaltation and a memorial day follows the Feast (Merelotz).



ST. SARKIS CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC

Sunday, September 15, 2013, granted perfect weather for the Saint Sarkis Church Annual Picnic. A joyous crowd enjoyed a delicious variety of homemade foods and desserts while DJ Eric kept the crowd energized. The Kid-Zone entertained the younger crowd with games, sand-art, balloon-animals, and other fun activities organized and supervised by the PTA of Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School. *Thanks to all who attended and made the picnic a wonderful event.*





COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARIES OF CATHOLICOI ZAREH I AND KHOREN I

by Zaghig Calian

On Sunday, October 13, 2013, under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate, His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar General of The Armenian Prelacy celebrated the Divine Liturgy and delivered a sermon interpreting the Feast of the Holy Translators observed by the Armenian Church on Saturday, October 12.

His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate of the Eastern Armenian Prelacy presided over a solemn requiem service offered in memory of Catholicoi Zareh I and Khoren I of blessed memory.

Following Church services Father Nareg Terterian, Pastor of St. Sarkis Church delivered opening remarks and introduced the program of the day. Mrs. Karine Kocharian, Director of The Voice of Armenians TV network recited the poem, “Khachuh” by Archbishop Yeghishe Tourian. The Saint Sarkis Church Choir, directed by Mr. Armen Ardzivian and accom-



panied by Mrs. Haigouhi Megerian, performed the song “Yedeves Yegour” and the hymn “Der Getsoh Tou Uzhays”.

The keynote speaker, Anoushavan Srpazan presented the lives and legacies of the late Catholicoi Zareh I and Khoren I of blessed memory. He highlighted their critical efforts to preserve the role of the Armenian Catholicosate of Cilicia in the Armenian Diaspora for the benefit of the Armenian Church at large.

A video presentation followed the lecture. The video featured excerpts of the sermon delivered by Catholicos Zareh I on the first anniversary of his enthronement. His Eminence, Archbishop Oshagan, delivered the closing remarks and prayer of benediction. At the program’s conclusion, the congregation chanted a moving rendition of “Giligia”.



NEW YOUTH CLUB AT ST. SARKIS CHURCH

On Saturday October 19th, 2013, St. Sarkis Church invited youth ages 12-18 to join in the inaugural Youth Club meeting. Nearly 20 eager and excited members attended and engaged in conversation and activities with old friends while making new friends. A brief meeting engaged the youth in an exciting discussion of future events and wonderful ideas for fundraising. Der Nareg took the group bowling on their first outing on Saturday, October 26th.



Please help this group grow in number by encouraging all youth 12-18 years of age to join us. We

The youth of St. Sarkis Church are eager to embark on new projects and look for your ongoing support.

are so proud of our youth and know this group will be a growing success!



SENIOR CITIZENS

of Saint Sarkis Church 2013

The Senior Citizens Group of Saint Sarkis Church continued their activities this year with arts and crafts, birthday parties and a special visit from Fr. Sahag Yemishian of the Prelacy.



APPRECIATION DAY FOR ST. SARKIS BENEFACTORS AND AUXILIARY BODIES

by Zagbig Callian

On Sunday, October 20, 2013 a requiem service was offered in memory of Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian and all benefactors of our Saint Sarkis Church. Our Saturday School students participated in the ceremony carrying white carnations to honor the memory of our benefactors.

Immediately after the badarak, the students presented a short program including recitations of Armenian poetry. The Board of Trustees then hosted a luncheon to honor all Auxiliary members. Dr. Aram Cazazian addressed the gathering followed by Mrs. Mary Arslanian who spoke on behalf of the Saint Sarkis Saturday School. She lauded the dedication of Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian, without whom Saint Sarkis would not exist today.

Der Nareg closed the program with a prayer and blessed the members of our various auxiliary bodies.



ART EXPO AT ST. SARKIS CHURCH

by Edward Barsamian

An Art Exhibition took place at Chadrijian Hall of St. Sarkis Church on Sunday, October 27th following church services. The exhibition provided not only art for the eyes but art for the soul. Six artists, members of our community, showcased their works, paintings and selected sculptures in a wide variety of mediums and styles: impressionism, nature, seascapes, modernism and classical. Although there were refreshments including wine and cheese, the true pleasure was in the admiration of the works presented and the satisfaction of being able to own works that appeal to a person's own aesthetic.



About Our Artists

by Zaghig Callian

On a Sunday afternoon in October after Badarak, a pop-up art gallery transformed Chadrijian Hall showcasing the work of six talented artists from our community.

The artists included Elizabeth Hugasian, born in Bulgaria, who previously worked in textiles as a designer. Ms. Hugasian displayed original paintings of lovely florals using oil, acrylic, and watercolor.

Asbed Melkonian, born in Aleppo, works with acrylic on canvas. One of his works on display was *Unity in Strength* concerning the division of our torn Church. Another work entitled *Turkish Denial*, related to the Armenian Genocide.

Eliz Alahverdian, born in the United States and a first generation Armenian, curates the art collection for her alma mater, Adelphi University. Her art is quite innovative. She uses "green", chemical-free, materials to create her abstract and avant garde pieces.

The versatile artist, Serge Alahverdian, works with acrylics ablaze with color. His watercolors are tranquil and soft, while his pastels have an intense beauty. He currently is a floral designer for Garden World.

Karnig Alajajian, born in Alexandria, Egypt, finally pursued his childhood desire to paint. He uses Acrylic as the medium of choice for all of his work.

He chose to exhibit several Aivazovsky reproductions for the exhibition. Karnig is a member of the Art Guild of Port Washington.







The Saturday School PTA held its annual Fall Festival Celebration on October 26th, 2013. The PTA decorated Chadrijian Hall and nearly 150 excited and happy children came in costume and danced the afternoon away. DJ Armen entertained guests with music in Armenian and English. Games, costume contests and a special Yeraz dance performance entertained everyone.



On the evening of Sunday, November 10th, the main hall of the Church filled with laughter and excitement as our Saturday School family hosted a viewing of the movie "The Croods". Children came with their sleeping bags and delighted in seeing their friends. They enjoyed yummy treats, fresh popcorn and watched this family friendly movie about a prehistoric family that discovers an incredible new world filled with fantastic creatures. After the movie, everyone pitched in to cleanup the hall

THE CROODS



(no small effort given all that popcorn). Thank you to our Saturday School par-

ents for hosting this special event, a new St. Sarkis tradition. We look forward to filling our halls with the laughter and excitement of our beloved children again very soon.





Ladies Guild Food Festival

The Ladies Guild of St. Sarkis Church worked very hard in preparing a wonderful spread of delicious, sumptuous Armenian delicacies sold in the main hall of the church. Sales began on Saturday, November 23, 2013, at noon in the lobby of Chadrijian Hall and continued with a lunch on Sunday after church.

Tables held traditional homemade Armenian delicacies such as Yalanchi, Dolma, Manti, Kofte, Lahmajun, Buereg, Khataif and more. The Ladies Guild offered hot foods on Sunday ready to eat in the hall or to take home and enjoy. What a great way to start our holiday season! Thank you to our Ladies Guild for preparing this food with love.



Soft-Launch of our New Website!

On September 2013, St. Sarkis Church proudly announced the soft-launch of its redesigned website with just a few minor adjustments and additions to come. Please take a moment to visit the new website and email us with your comments and suggestions.

Advent & Reflections on Syria

by Fr. Nareg Terterian

On Sunday, November 17, 2013, the Eve (Parentan) of the Fast of Advent (Hisnag), the beginning of a joyous journey began leading us into the embrace of the incarnated Lord on Christmas. Many American families make plans on where to celebrate Christmas and what gifts to get to one another but that is not where my thoughts were this year, my thoughts went to Syria.

Two years have past since we first heard of the devastating war in Syria. Compared to the true devastation taking place, we heard and read little in the media. For some, Syria represents just another remote war in a remote country, but for me, this is very personal.

This is about the Armenian communities in which I grew up. This is about the people who influenced me and helped me become the person I am today. This is about the families that are in desperate need of food and medication, who are living under falling bombs every day, praying for survival.

This is about Hovhaness Atokanian, the 6 year old innocent Armenian boy who was killed in a rocket attack and hundreds like him who have lost their lives due to horrible attacks which are unimaginable to many of us living in America.



My wish for this Christmas is Peace on Earth. Peace, especially to those who are suffering in Syria. In preparation for this season, please keep in mind our many brothers and sisters deprived of their happiness and their rights to live peacefully. Your generous donations and especially your prayers may ease the pain and help heal suffering of so many.



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Appeal for Prayers and Aid for Victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines

(from CrossRoads eNewsletter)

The powerful typhoon that killed thousands of people and effectively obliterated the once thriving city of Tacloban and many coastal towns of the Philippine Islands, left an estimated eleven million people in need of immediate help. The typhoon cut off many communities in the archipelago of more than 7,000 islands from outside communication.

Archbishop Oshagan instructed all parishes within the Eastern Prelacy to offer prayers for the souls of the victims and the safety of survivors during the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 17. Donations toward relief efforts were remitted to the Prelacy and contributed to AmeriCares on behalf of the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America for immediate lifesaving aid to survivors of Typhoon Haiyan.

Beautification of the Sanctuary

Planning for 2014, the Board of Trustees continued their efforts to renovate and enhance the beauty of the Church. The Board focused on the flooring in the back hallway of Chadrijian Hall and the kitchen area as the next projects.

Mr. & Mrs. Varujan and Luiza Kalustian, long time members of St. Sarkis Church, generously donated \$5,000 to cover the cost of the projects. Thank you again to Mr. & Mrs. Kalustian for their kindness and generosity.

ARS Dinner Dance

On December 7, 2013 the Armenian Relief Society Erebouni chapter hosted a dinner dance at St. Sarkis Church to celebrate the “Year of the Mother of the Armenian Family”, as proclaimed by His Holiness Aram I Catholicos of the Holy See of Cilicia. To mark the occasion, the chapter honored 10 members of our community, who tirelessly dedicated their time and talents to various aspects of the Armenian



community. Nairy Zohrabian, chapter chairperson, acknowledged each honoree with a brief biography and Bishop Anoushavan, Vicar General presented certificates of merit to honorees including: Mary Arslanian, Susan Azarian, Valentine Berberian, Sonia Bezdikian, Luiza Kalustian, Arshalouys Margossian, Noemi Megerian, Takouhi Orangian, Azadouhi Sarkissian, and Gemma Melik Vartanian. Steve

Karageozian and his band provided entertainment for the evening.

A Visit to Armenian Home

On Saturday, December 7, 2013 the students of St. Sarkis Church Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Armenian School visited the Armenian Seniors Home of Flushing to spend time with valued members of our community. The students performed Armenian songs, recited poetry, and presented handmade Christmas ornaments and cards to the Home members as a token of their respect.



Honoring Local NYPD and FDNY Officers and Firefighters

On December 18, 2013, His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate presided over the annual Thanksgiving and Christmas luncheon at St. Sarkis Church in honor of police officers from the local 111 Precinct of the New York Police Department (NYPD) and members of the local Engine 313 of the Fire Department of New York (FDNY). His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielain, Vicar General, Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian, Pastor, and members of St. Sarkis Church Senior Citizens Group also attended the event to honor our finest and bravest.

The day began with a worship service and homily led by the Prelate followed by a lovely luncheon prepared by the Organizing Committee of the St. Sarkis Church Seniors Citizens Group. Der Nareg thanked the NYPD and FDNY for their efforts in keeping our families, friends and loved ones safe. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Officer Gary Poggiali to acknowledge his dedicated service of 10 years to the community of St. Sarkis Church. The luncheon meal was generously donated by Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Mary Arslanian and greatly enjoyed by all those present. On behalf of the organizing committee, Mrs. Sitta Oranjian presented the seniors with gifts.



Simply Christmas 2013

by Seta Megherian

St. Sarkis Church proudly welcomed Elie Berberian accompanied by Anna Aidinian who performed for our parishioners on December 15th, 2013 in the church sanctuary for the 5th Annual Simply Christmas Concert. Simply Christmas is a way St. Sarkis thanks parishioners for their support throughout the year. Simply Christmas celebrates the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. We read in the Nativity narratives about Emanuel: *“God is with us. We want God to be with us and we are here today to say, Come to us, Oh Divine Child, come to a world full of sufferings, because only You can understand”*. Fr. Nareg greeted the audience with these words and introduced the classically trained, award winning and incredibly talented artists, Elie Berberian and Anna Aidinian.

As proclaimed by His Holiness, Aram I, 2014 is the year of The Mother. In keeping with His Holiness’ theme, the first three pieces of the program: *“Ave Maria”*, *“Im Mayrig”*, and *“Mama”* honored the mothers in our lives. The program continued with familiar Armenian folk songs. While singing the beautiful *“Yerevan Ereboundi”*, the audience, moved by the music, began singing along. Elie and Anna performed one exceptional piece followed by another and received abundant applause from their admiring audience on the exceptionally magical program. During a brief intermission, our beloved Saturday School students and postgraduate students performed various poems and readings reflecting on the Christmas Spirit. They performed beautifully and we thank their devoted teachers and parents in helping them learn and perform their recitations.

An eager audience welcomed Elie and Anna as they continued their program. In the second half, Elie and Anna performed pieces dedicated to the Christmas

season singing in Latin, Armenian, English, Italian, German and Spanish but regardless of the language of the piece their message was the same: *“The love of God manifested through the birth of His only Son”*. Each song built on the next filling the Sanctuary with emotion and helping usher in the spirit of Christmas. Simply Christmas 2013 was Simply Wonderful.

About the Performers

Elie Berberian, born and raised in Beirut, Lebanon, cultivated his remarkable voice and musical talents from a young age. He graduated from Levon and Sophia Hagopian College and The Lebanese National Higher Conservatory. In 2004, Elie Berberian won “Best Discovered Talent” in a Lebanese competition organized by “Vanatsayn”, the Armenian radio broadcasting station in Lebanon. By then, he had already performed in Syria, the United Arab Emirates, and Kuwait. In 2006, after performing in Montreal, Canada, Elie decided to stay and continue his musical education as a tenor at McGill University studying under Maestro Stefano Algieri. Elie quickly won the hearts of Armenian audiences in Montreal.

Ms. Anna Aidinian, born into a family of musicians and accepted into the Tchaikovsky School for Gifted Children at the age of five, also found her God given talents early in life. After graduating at 17, Anna continued her musical education at Armenia and Moscow State Conservatories where she obtained her Graduate and Post-Graduate Degrees. Yuri Airapetian, Samuel Alumian and Boris Schatzkes, all pupils of the legendary pianist Jacob Flier, taught Ms. Aidinian while in Moscow. Ms. Aidinian participated in Master classes with the esteemed Vera Gornostayeva and Dmitri Bashkirov. Her performances generated great interest with critics lauding her unique blend of virtuosity, expressiveness and intellectual sophistication. Her teaching and performing career continued after immigrating to the United States.

Elie and Anna, thank you for sharing your God given talents with us.





A Call for Prayer...

On Saturday afternoon, December 28th, 2013, St. Sarkis Church took the initiative and devoted the final Saturday of the year to pray against the violence that the world witnessed in 2013 and to pray for the devastation endured by our Armenian communities in Syria.

Under the Auspices of His Eminence, Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate and His Grace, Bishop Anoushavan, Vicar General, Father Nareg Terterian, Pastor of St. Sarkis Church, conducted a beautiful prayer service. Nearly 75 parishioners gathered in our Sanctuary and prayed together for peace and against violence. Der Nareg Terterian welcomed parishioners thanking those in attendance for devoting their Saturday to pray together for our brothers and sisters suffering in Syria. The community then prayed the vesper service of the Armenian Church.

His Eminence, Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate, also gave a message to our parishioners. He spoke from his heart about the ongoing suffering and devastation our brothers and sisters are facing in Syria on a daily basis. He brought to light the horrific


situation that many of us living in America cannot even begin to imagine. He spoke of peace in our American lives in contrast to those in Syria, saying "We take peace for granted in the United States, where in Syria, it is a matter [of] life and death...while it may seem easier to donate our money to relief funds, he said, our people in Syria need our Hope and Prayers". His Eminence, invited all to join together in singing "Der Voghormya" before concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

Following the beautiful service, parishioners gathered in a Fellowship Hour. Thank you to Mrs. Sitta Oranjian for donating the table of cookies, cakes and lovingly prepared desserts.

"For the peace of the whole world and for the stability of the holy church, let us beseech the Lord. And for those who are delivered into the hands of the lawless for the sake of Christ, let us beseech the Lord".

Under the Auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate
St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church
Invites You to
An Evening of
prayer
Against violence and for
Peace in Syria

Saturday, December 28, 2013
4:00 PM
St. Sarkis Church 38-65 234th St. Douglaston, NY 11363
*"Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.
In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me" (Psalm 86: 6-7)*



In Memory of My Grandpa Zaven

*A eulogy for Mr. Zaven Paravazian
(May 6, 1944 – October 5, 2013)
by his granddaughter Jennifer Juarez*

A few words for the person who filled a very special place in my heart...Zaven Paravazian lived a very amazing life, especially in his last days. He was my role model, my inspiration, my teacher. A very caring person and patient and generous too.

He was a man with three simple rules: eat because you never know what tomorrow will bring; sleep because it is enjoyable to rest; and use the bathroom. Although he was old, he acted like a teenager, and had so much life in him to the end. He listened when I was in a dilemma and gave me advice, when needed. He was my best friend.

The way he approached his life was erudite, and philosophical. What he said was usually right, nothing more nothing less. I admired him in that sense. He never gave up until proven wrong and if he was wrong, he did not care.

**Grandpa, I love you
to the moon
and back!**

I want to be just like him when I am older. I want to do what would have made him proud. Although he was not my biological grandfather, I wish he was. No other person will fill that place in my heart like he did.

I am going to miss our long car rides to who-knew-where. I am going to miss our stops along the way at new restaurants. I am going to miss our political arguments. I am going to miss the comments he made while listening to the radio on our morning car rides to school – even his complaints about my moodiness. I am going to miss the surprising scope of knowledge he shared with me during our rides. But most of all I am going to miss his roar of laughter when I made a joke or said something silly. Grandpa, I love you to the moon and back!

Thank you for giving me the strength to continue to make you proud. I promise not to let you down. Thank you God for letting me be a part of his life. I am going to miss grandfather immensely but will treasure his memory forever.

I love you, Jennifer

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

NATALYA MKRYAN daughter of GEVORG MKRYAN and NORA TADEVOSYAN MKRYAN was baptized on April 6, 2013. Godparents: MARLEN MANUKYAN and IRENA VERESCHAGINA.

MICHAEL ARAM AZERI son of BAYCAN AZERI and CHRISTINE GARABEDIAN AZERI was baptized on April 27, 2013. Godparents: ROBERT MALEZEWSKI and KATIE MALEZEWSKI.

MARIANNA HARUTUNIAN daughter of VARTAN HARUTUNIAN and MARINA KRIKORIAN HARUTUNIAN was baptized on May 11, 2013. Godparents: JOSEPH BIVONA and NINA KRIKORIAN EZIK.

MARCUS EDWARD MALEK son of MICHAEL MALEK and KRISTINE KOPARANIAN MALEK was baptized on June 23, 2013. Godparents: EDWARD KOPARANIAN and SANDRA WEBER.

RAFFI VAHAN BEDROSSIAN son of VAHAN BEDROSSIAN and CHRISTINE ARTINIAN BEDROSSIAN was baptized on June 23, 2013. Godparents: ARTIN ARHANIAN and MARKARIT BEDROSSIAN.

CESAR CHRISTIAN GUEVARA son of CESAR GUEVARA and MARY TATEOSIAN GUEVARA was baptized on June 23, 2013. Godfather: DANIEL TATEOSIAN.

SOFIA KHURMATYAN daughter of HAYRAPET KHURMATYAN and SUZANNA MKRTCHYAN KHURMATYAN was baptized on August 4, 2013. Godfather: ARTYOM MELIK HOVSEPYAN.

AIDEN PETROSIANTS son of ARSEN PETROSIANTS and LYUDMILA LEVY PETROSIANTS was baptized on August 11, 2013. Godparents: SUREN PETROSIANTS and NINA PASHENKO.

ALINA MARY MADDOX daughter of KEVIN MADDOX and HENNY CHOUBARALIAN MADDOX was baptized on August 17, 2013. Godparents: BRIAN MADDOX and MEGAN MADDOX.

MARGARITA AVAKYAN daughter of VITALY AVAKYAN and MILANA AVAKYAN was baptized on August 24, 2013. Godfather: VAZKEN MANUKYAN.

MIKAYLA ROSE PACKY daughter of JOHN PACKY and SHARISSE BABAKHANIAN PACKY was baptized on September 1, 2013. Godparents: ARTHUR GIVELEKIAN and EREBUNI BABAKHANIAN.

SHANT BALIAN son of RAFFI BALIAN and GASSIA MASSRIAN BALIAN was baptized on September 22, 2013. Godparents: RAFFI NENEJIAN and JEANETTE NENEJIAN.

STEPAN SHTEPENKO son of VALERIY SHTEPENKO and EMMA SHTEPENKO was baptized on October 16, 2013. Godfather: GEVORG SARGSYAN.

MATTHEW GARO CALLIGARIS son of MICHAEL CALLIGARIS and TALIN GARABEDIAN CALLIGARIS was baptized on October 26, 2013. Godparents: RONALD CALLIGARIS and ROSEMARY CALLIGARIS.

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

WEDDINGS

PAUL MEGERIAN and CHRISTINA NASRI were married on June 28, 2013. Best man and maid of honor: JOHN MEGERIAN and CLARA NASRI.

PASCAL PIZZIRUSSO and CORINA POPESCU were married on August 24, 2013. Best man and maid of honor: MICHAEL VUOTTO and SABRINA BOGOSIAN.

WILLIAM DAVIS and ARINEH NAZARIAN were married on September 20, 2013. Best man and maid of honor: MICHAEL STAMM and ARPI GETTINGS.

ADAM CHARLES and LILLIA HAKOUPIAN were married on September 28, 2013. Best man and maid of honor: KYLE SCHIRMER and MELISSA CARRANZA.

RICHARD TONINO and DEANNA GOSTANIAN were married on October 27, 2013. Best man and maid of honor: VICTOR TONINO and DIANA CAVA.

VAHRAM SHISHMANIAN and NATHALY BROUKIAN were married on November 9, 2013. Best man and maid of honor: MICHAEL MARCARIAN and BETTY BROUKIAN.

ERICK ALAHVERDIAN and TALIN BAGHDASSARIAN were married on December 6, 2013. Best man and maid of honor: EDWARD ALAHVERDIAN and LARA KNADJIAN.

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

YERETZKIN ANJEL KELEJIAN

*EULOGY for Yeretzkian Anjel Kelejian
by Arpi Bekian*

Anjel Shnorik Emirhanyan was the youngest child of Avedis and Marina Emirhanyan. Her parents and older siblings catered to her every whim and spoiled her terribly. Her father's first question upon returning from work would always be if that day's menu was to her liking or if her preference was for something else.

She was raised in an idyllic setting in an area of Istanbul called Uskudar. At the time Uskudar was the center of Armenian culture and many of the famous writers and poets took up residence there. There were several Armenian churches and schools. All the Emirhanyan children received the best education money could buy – first at private Armenian schools, and later for their higher education, to French Schools. My mother excelled in her studies and was always the teacher's pet.

The Emirhanyans entertained lavishly, and the long dining room table was always full of guests who came for dinner, but sometimes remained for weeks. My grandmother was well known for her gourmet cooking, and courses would flow, one after another, until platters filled every available space on the huge table. Meals lasted for hours at which time conversation touched on all subjects. After a meal, everyone would retire to the salon where they would be entertained by my mother playing the violin and her sister Arshaloos playing the piano. They received their musical instruction by an Italian teacher whose name I can't recall but who was apparently quite well known and much in demand.

The evening would continue with performances in full costume of scenes from Shakespearean as well as famous Armenian plays. My Uncle Khosroff did eventually become an actor and traveled extensively with theatrical companies. It comes as no surprise that once

guests entered this delightful and loving home, no one wanted to leave.

My mother was also renowned for her great beauty and many men requested her hand in marriage. She met my father through her brothers who brought him home on leave from the army. He immediately fell in love with her, as well as the entire family. The feeling was mutual. The whole family loved my dad as well. They married soon after and had my sister and me, and the rest as they say is history.



My father was determined not to remain in a country that was still abusing its ethnic minorities, especially Armenians, and after checking out locations in Italy and France, he eventually resettled in New York City. He became the parish priest of St. Illuminators Cathedral and later at the newly opened St. Sarkis Church in Bayside, New York where he stayed for nearly 30 years.

Our lives centered around church activities. I went to Saturday Armenian school and Sunday school for religious instruction. My sister and mother sang in the choir, and when the church was between choir masters, she took over those duties as well. She had a beautiful soprano voice and sang many of the solos. My sister and I both got married at Soorp Sarkis – she to Kevork

Esayan and I to Edward Diarbekirian. My parents loved their sons-in-law, and the four grandchildren the unions produced. They relished in the children's company, but no one could hold a candle to their first born grandchild, Ari, whom they practically raised. They took him everywhere with them. Adam, Varand, and our only girl, Nairi followed some years later and they loved them equally, but Ari always held a very special place in their heart. He was very affectionately referred to as Prince Charming.

My mother's recent stroke and decline in health was devastating for all of us. We were so accustomed to turning to her for information we had forgotten and always getting the right answers. We depended on her for so many things. Even after her stroke, while at N.Y.U. Medical Center she took it upon herself to talk to the doctors' and nurses in French. When we asked why, she retorted "maybe I'll get better treatment"!

She was a mother and motherly until the end. She couldn't remember most things anymore and at times didn't make much sense but she still worried about us. Did I wear my hat and scarf? Was Ani working too hard? Were the children being fed properly?

Her illness left her paralyzed on the left side of her body so she was mainly bedridden. She was cared for by my brother-in-law Kevork and sister Ani in their home, very lovingly and with great dignity and respect. Certainly no institution could have come close!

Towards the end, sometimes she ignored everyone else no matter what we did or said but for some reason and to our frustration she continued long conversations with her only granddaughter Nairi.

She will be sorely missed by all of us but I know she has made my father very happy by finally joining him. He has been waiting a long time. May they both rest in peace.

SACRAMENTS

FUNERALS

MADLEN HAJINIAN
(July 23, 1922 – March 26, 2013)

HARRY SAVAYAN
(April 29, 1935 – April 18, 2013)

TAKOUHI MENGOUCHIAN
(December 25, 1925 – April 24, 2013)

GEORGE SALADIN
(October 24, 1940 – April 27, 2013)

ANJEL KILICCIYAN
(February 8, 1916 – May 2, 2013)

HARRY DORAMAJIAN
(February 22, 1917 – May 6, 2013)

BEDROS GIVELEKIAN
(September 23, 1933 – May 13, 2013)

AYDA DINKCI
(February 28, 1927 – May 14, 2013)

MARIAM GARJARIAN
(August 12, 1922 – May 18, 2013)

ANNI ELMOKIAN
(January 24, 1940 – May 23, 2013)

VARTOUHI ZOBIAN
(May 7, 1931 – July 9, 2013)

JOSEFINA ISKANDARIAN
(April 3, 1936 – July 9, 2013)

LEVON DJANECE
(April 14, 1930 – August 9, 2013)

ALIS SADANIAN TZ
(September 24, 1926 – August 10, 2013)

ALICE DERARTINIAN
(October 14, 1939 – August 11, 2013)

ARTUN GIVELECHIAN
(September 15, 1921 – August 29, 2013)

HYRAPET GRIGORIAN
(July 18, 1929 – September 3, 2013)

ARDEM KERTOYAN
(February 27, 1916 – September 14, 2013)

MARY KRIKORIAN
(August 28, 1925 – September 18, 2013)

ANAHID ARDZIVIAN
(May 5, 1919 – October 1, 2013)

ZAVEN PARAVAZIAN
(May 6, 1944 – October 5, 2013)

IDA DERKEVORKIAN
(April 28, 1928 – October 10, 2013)

ELMAS KESISYAN
(July 25, 1922 – October 15, 2013)

LIDA AFTANDILIAN
(May 6, 1926 – October 16, 2013)

ROUPEN BARSOUMIAN
(May 4, 1937 – November 7, 2013)

ELEANOR NAKISHIAN
(July 7, 1917 – November 11, 2013)

DIKRANOUHI PAPA ZIAN
(September 8, 1929 – November 19, 2013)

ALEXANDRA MEGERDICHIAN
(October 23, 1923 – November 24, 2013)

CHAKE TOKATLIAN
(April 12, 1923 – December 5, 2013)

SOPHIE KEVORKIAN
(November 20, 1914 – December 5, 2013)

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



DONATIONS

SENIOR CITIZENS DONATIONS 2013

Arslanian, Edward & Mary	\$300.00
Kalustian, Varujan & Luiza	\$100.00
Mengouchian, Vartkes	\$100.00
Ohannessian, Edward & Eliza	\$100.00
Tateosian, Alice	\$100.00
Megerian, John & Noemi	\$50.00
Hatem, Zabel	\$50.00

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS TO SENIOR CITIZENS FOR THE LATE MARY KRIKORIAN

Guevara, Cesar & Mary	\$150.00
Avakian, Manuel	\$100.00
Hamamgian, Haig & Susan	\$100.00
Tsiopstias, Dean & Isabella	\$100.00
Hamamgian, Charlette	\$50.00
Hamamgian, Natalia	\$50.00
Sheshedian, Mary	\$50.00
Zeronian, Zeron & Ossie	\$50.00
Orangian, Takouhi	\$20.00

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS TO SENIOR CITIZENS FOR THE LATE ANAHID ARDZIVIAN

Kahvejian, Harout & Arpi	\$200.00
Ardzivian, Rosa	\$100.00
Balian, Vako	\$100.00
Kahvejian, Armen & Maria	\$100.00
Kahvejian, Souren	\$100.00
Kahvejian, Souren & Gretel	\$100.00
Selezniov, Alex	\$100.00
Yuskevich, Peter & Katherine	\$100.00
Bagian, Baghdasar & Peruz	\$60.00
Orangian, Takouhi	\$50.00
Thomasian, Thomas & Magi	\$50.00

SATURDAY SCHOOL DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF KHACHIG KHACHADOURIAN

Hovagimian, Dikran	\$50.00
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EASTER DONATIONS 2013

Asadourian, Armand & Laura	\$1,000.00
Hairabedian, Arthur & Lilian	\$300.00
Giragosian, Haig	\$250.00
Givelekian, Bedros & Sonia	\$250.00
Kazandjian, Gregory & Madeleine	\$200.00
Nercessian, Sarkis & Adrine	\$200.00
Tatevossian, Norik & Rita	\$200.00
Arakelyan, Lusin	\$150.00
Megerian, John & Naomi	\$125.00
Abkarian, Solanj	\$100.00
Agopian, Berdj & Hilda	\$100.00
Alajajian, Karl & Alice	\$100.00
Arslanian, Edward & Mary	\$100.00
Asarian, Armand	\$100.00
Baghdassarian, Ghazar & Anny	\$100.00
Baklajian, Haig & Emma	\$100.00
Barsamian, Edward & Koharig	\$100.00
Boudakian, Antranig & Marion	\$100.00
Boyadjian, Kevork & Diane	\$100.00
Callian, Zaghi	\$100.00
Costello, Timothy & Arda	\$100.00
Djamdjian, Haroutune	\$100.00
Dortch, Leonard & Valentina	\$100.00
Elmokian, Edmond & Ashhen	\$100.00
Garabedian, Hagop & Angela	\$100.00
Gostanian, Manoug & Amy	\$100.00
Hazarian, Nadia	\$100.00
Holmquist, Isabella	\$100.00

Jamie, Edward & Lynn	\$100.00
Kallem, Gary & Victoria	\$100.00
Mangikian, Berge & Edda	\$100.00
Manookian, Anna	\$100.00
Masoian, Anita	\$100.00
Minassian, Hovsep & Marisel	\$100.00



Nercessian, Krikor & Elizabeth	\$100.00
Ohannessian, Edward & Elizabeth	\$100.00
Paravazian, Diane	\$100.00
Petrossian, George	\$100.00
Sheshedian, Mary	\$100.00
Voskinarian, Mourad & Virginia	\$100.00
Bekian, Edward & Arpi	\$75.00
Kabarajian, Frank & Ayda	\$75.00
Asarian, Sarkis & Nazeli	\$50.00
Avanessians, Svetlana	\$50.00
Babaian, Vahik	\$50.00
Baron, Alex & Jacqueline	\$50.00
Bodoutchian, Garo & Nora	\$50.00
Bodriguiian, Agavni	\$50.00
Candan, Arpi	\$50.00
Gulbenkian, Edward & Sylvia	\$50.00
Harutunian, Anthony & Maral	\$50.00
Harutunian, Tamar	\$50.00
Kharaboyan, Vartkess	\$50.00
Mahtesyan/Kasparian, Volodya & Dirouhie	\$50.00
Manoukian, Arsen & Alice	\$50.00
Minassian, Antranig & Valentine	\$50.00
Minassian, Karnik & Marian	\$50.00
Minassian, Vahram	\$50.00
Moschovitis, Peter & Carol	\$50.00
Nigohossian, Levon	\$50.00
Orangian, Takouhi	\$50.00
Sagiroglu, Hera	\$50.00
Sarkissian, Azad & Nairy	\$50.00
Simonian, Hagop & Soci	\$50.00
Turbendian, Giragos & Sossie	\$50.00
Ugurlayan, Anahid	\$50.00
Voskerijian, Nayda	\$50.00
Parseghian, Vartuhi	\$45.00
Azarian, Susan	\$40.00
Ipekgian, Siragan & Arthur	\$40.00
Shamlian, Levon & Sandra	\$40.00
Baklajian, Victoria	\$30.00
Gregorian, Edmund & Tamara	\$30.00
Saroukhanian, Kayzer & Arpine	\$30.00
Turbendian, Marie & Astghig	\$30.00
Bakalian, Araxie	\$25.00
D'Onofrio, Gail	\$25.00
Dersarkissian, Jirair	\$25.00
Kalayjian, Makrouhi	\$25.00
Manookian, Arman	\$25.00
Mengouchian, Takouhi	\$25.00
Minassian, Dikran & Nelly	\$25.00
Papazian, Gegam & Maria	\$25.00
Saroyan, Siran	\$25.00
Sookikian, Araxe	\$25.00
Tutelian, Lillian	\$25.00
Vartanian, Ann	\$25.00

Vosganian, Sam & Joan	\$25.00
Kazandjian, Setrag & Annie	\$20.00
Turbendian, Dro & Maral	\$20.00
Yacoubian, Antranig & Mary	\$20.00
Kasparian, Krikor & Hripsi	\$15.00
Nishanian, Alex & Shake	\$10.00

EASTER LILY DONATIONS

Gulbenkian, Daniel	
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SHOGHAGAT 2013 DONATIONS

Kazandjian, Mae	\$100.00
Nenejian Family	\$100.00
Voskerijian, Nayda	\$100.00
Arakelyan, Lusin	\$50.00
Dominik, Dench	\$50.00
Kabarajian, Frank & Ayda	\$50.00
Markarian, Anahid	\$50.00
Asarian, Sarkis & Nazeli	\$30.00
Gulbenkian, Edward & Sylvia	\$25.00
Kalayjian, Makrouhi	\$25.00
Mardirossian, Vartkes	\$25.00
Terzian, Marten	\$20.00
Vartanian, Joseph & Azadouhi	\$10.00

SUMMER CAMP 2013 DONATIONS

Boudakian, Antranig & Marion	\$2,000.00
Khatchadourian, Harout & Nayri	\$500.00
Givelekian, Arthur & Annette	\$200.00
Andreopoulos, Stephen & Liza	\$175.00

BABY 40TH DAY BLESSING DONATIONS

Garabedian, Edouard & Lusin	\$100.00
Bekian, Edward & Arpi	\$100.00
Zenreich, Harvey & M.	\$100.00
Dirielyan, Kegam & Anush	\$50.00

BLESSING OF GRAPES 2013

Costello, Timothy & Arda	\$200.00
Dumanian, Vardan & Burastan	\$200.00
Megerian, John & Noemi	\$250.00
Agopian, Mari	\$100.00
Arslanian, Edward & Mary	\$100.00
Dortch, Leonard & Valentina	\$100.00
Giragosian, Haig & Laura	\$100.00
Ohannessian, Edward & Elizabeth	\$100.00
Mangikian, Berge & Edda	\$100.00
Voskinarian, Mourad & Virginia	\$100.00
Shamlian, Levon & Sandra	\$76.00
Bodoutchian, Garo & Nora	\$50.00
Givelekian, Sonia	\$50.00
Krikorian, Melkon & Sirvard	\$50.00
Mahtesyan, Volodya & Dirouhie	\$50.00
Nenejian, Evlyn	\$50.00
Sarkissian, Azad & Nairy	\$50.00
Tokatian, Nelly	\$50.00
Zohrabian, Raffi & Nairy	\$50.00
Massarlian, Diran & Satenig	\$30.00
Demirjian, Hampartsoum	\$30.00
Arakelyan, Lusin	\$25.00
Bodriguiian, Agavni	\$25.00
Hachikian, Surpuhi	\$25.00
Kalayjian, Makrouhi	\$25.00
Kharaboyan, Vartkess	\$25.00
Masoian, Anita	\$25.00
Parseghian, Vartuhi	\$25.00
Saroyan, Siran	\$25.00
Janesian, Harriet	\$20.00
Kabarajian, Frank & Ayda	\$20.00
Manuelian, Noubar	\$20.00

Mengouchian, Vartkess	\$20.00
Yacoubian, Antranig & Marie	\$20.00

PICNIC DONATIONS 2013

Leon Jamie National Memorial Chapel	\$1,000.00
Bekian, Edward & Arpi	\$400.00
Cazazian, Aram & Rima	\$360.00
Jamie, Edward & Lynn	\$250.00
Sevan Bakery	\$250.00
Nercessian, Krikor & Elizabeth	\$200.00
Seoylemezian, Harry & Alice	\$200.00
Kalajian, Zohrab & Seta	\$100.00
Papazian, Mary & Dorothy	\$100.00
Savadjian, Vartkes & Alice	\$100.00
Shahinian, John & Lara	\$100.00
Voskerijian, Nayda	\$100.00
Ohannessian, Eliza	\$70.00
Anonymous	\$50.00
Arslanian, Edward & Mary	\$50.00
Barsamian, Edward & Coharig	\$50.00
Kallem, Gary & Victoria	\$50.00
Manoukian, Arsen & Alice	\$50.00
Megerian, John & Noemi	\$50.00
Zohrabian, Raffi & Nairy	\$50.00
Arkun, Anahit	\$30.00
Gregorian, Edmund & Tamara	\$25.00
Masoian, Anita	\$25.00

LUIZA KALUSTIAN'S BIRTHDAY DONATIONS TO ST. SARKIS CHURCH

Dolmaian, Cricor & Natalie	\$200.00
Ghadimian, Khikar & Betty	\$200.00
Stanciu, Alina	\$200.00
Voskerijian, Nayda	\$200.00
Gulbenkian, Edward & Sylvia	\$150.00
Voskerijian, Ani	\$100.00

SYRIAN ARMENIAN RELIEF FUND DONATIONS

Goldverg / Tananyan, Michael & Irene	\$500.00
Shamlian, Levon & Sandy	\$100.00

2014 CALENDAR SPONSORS

BENEFACTOR

Baklajian, Haig & Emma	\$750.00
Jamie, Leon	\$750.00

PILLAR

Grigorian, Gourgen & Sonik	\$400.00
Gregorian, Vartan & Nunne	\$350.00

PATRON

Alajajian, Karl & Alice	\$250.00
Anonymous	\$250.00
Arslanian, Edward & Mary	\$250.00
Asadourian, Armand & Laura	\$250.00
Babaian, Vahik & Eva	\$250.00
Barsamian, Edward & Coharig	\$250.00
Bekian, Edward & Arpi	\$250.00
Cazazian, Aram & Rima	\$250.00
Cholakian, Garo	\$250.00
Daglyan, Ruben & Hasmig	\$250.00
Dumanian, Steve & Sorina	\$250.00
Giragosian, Haig & Laura	\$250.00
Gorgissian, Hagop & Hilda	\$250.00
Gostanian, Manoug & Amy	\$250.00
Kalustian, Varujan & Luiza	\$250.00
Kasparian, Harry & Mary	\$250.00
Kochoumian, Eduard & Alina	\$250.00
Kubikian, Arthur & Louiza	\$250.00
Melkonian, Asbed & Sona	\$250.00

Meneshian, Alex & Natalie	\$250.00
Nazarian, Yeprem & Madeleine	\$250.00
Nercessian, Krikor & Elizabeth	\$250.00
Nercessian, Sarkis & Adrine	\$250.00
Oghali, Varouj	\$250.00
Ohannessian, Edward & Eliza	\$250.00
Seoylemezian, Harry & Alice	\$250.00
Shishmanian, Manoug & Dory	\$250.00
Shishmanian, Vahram & Nathaly	\$250.00
Voskerijian, Nayda	\$250.00

BUSINESS CARDS

Armand Asadourian, MD	\$150.00
Arpi Candan, Laffey Fine Homes Realty	\$150.00
Edward Candan, Net. Assoc. of America, Inc.	\$150.00
Aram Cazazian, DDS, PC	\$150.00
Berc Gokberk, Crown Findings	\$150.00
Edmond Demirdjan, DDS	\$150.00
Simon Dolmaian, Amazon Pharmacy	\$150.00
Steve Dumanian, Carmel Grocery	\$150.00
Arthur Givelekian, CPA	\$150.00
James Puccio, Glascott Funeral Home	\$150.00
Daniel Gulbenkian, CPA PC	\$150.00
Leon Jamie, Edward A. Jamie Funeral Chapel	\$150.00
Edward D. Lynch Funeral Home	\$150.00
Arek Nisanyan, ARK GEM Inc.	\$150.00
Alina Kochoumian Stanciu, MD	\$150.00

2014 CALENDAR DONATIONS

Krikorian, Aram	\$250.00
Dortch, Leonard & Valentina	\$150.00



Baghdadlian, Hagop & Silva	\$100.00
Baghdassarian, Mark & Mary	\$100.00
Dalian, Harry & Janet	\$100.00
Hazarian, Nadia	\$100.00
Kalajian, Zohrab & Seta	\$100.00
Kazandjian, Gregory & Madeleine	\$100.00
Megerdichian, Rossette	\$100.00
Papazian, Mary & Dorothy	\$100.00
Arukian, Hratch & Negdar	\$50.00
Dermksian, George & Tamara	\$50.00
Galo, Galoust & Adelina	\$50.00
Garabedian, Angela	\$50.00
Garabedian, Edouard & Lusin	\$50.00
Gokberg, Berc	\$50.00
Kalayjian, Makrouhi	\$50.00
Kazanjian, Asdghig	\$50.00
Kludjian, Sona	\$50.00
Levarda, Dan & Sabina	\$50.00
Markarian, Hrachik & Benita	\$50.00
Mesropian, George & Nevert	\$50.00
Muradian, Luiza	\$50.00
Nenejian, Evlyn	\$50.00
Nigohossian, Levon	\$50.00
Ohanian, Ohan & Rita	\$50.00
Saroyan, Siran	\$50.00
Turbendian, Giragos & Sossie	\$50.00
Ugurlayan, Anahid	\$50.00
Voskerijian, Zabel	\$50.00
Hakoupian, Vartan & Arax	\$40.00

Postian, George & Beatrice	\$35.00
Ghadimian, Armenouhi	\$30.00
Aghazadian, Adele	\$25.00
Alahverdian, Harchik & Verzhin	\$25.00
Arakelyan, Lusin	\$25.00
Avancena, Margarita	\$25.00
Basmadjian, Noubar & Sevan	\$25.00
Berberian, Leon & Valentine	\$25.00
Bezdikian, Ohannes & Sonia	\$25.00
Boudakian, Gregory	\$25.00
Dench, Dominik	\$25.00
Derian, Michael & Isabel	\$25.00
Doghramadjian, Ohannes & Maral	\$25.00
Gulbenkian, Edward & Sylvia	\$25.00
Hamamgian, Natalia	\$25.00
Hatchikian, Hripsime	\$25.00
Holmquist, Isabella	\$25.00
Hogan, Shaun & Christine	\$25.00
Jingirian, Hovig & Sossie	\$25.00
Kabarajian, Frank & Ayda	\$25.00
Kazandjian, Setrag & Annie	\$25.00
Masoian, Anita	\$25.00
Mavelian, Hanazant	\$25.00
Movsesian, Alice	\$25.00
Sarkissian, Azad & Nairy	\$25.00
Seoylemezian, Garabed & Sofi	\$25.00
Tchorbajian, Nichan & Christine	\$25.00
Turbendian, Dro & Maral	\$25.00
Agopian, Berdj & Hilda	\$20.00
Ebrimian, Mardiros & Maria	\$20.00
Gevorkian, Agavni	\$20.00
Israeli, Karabid & Armenoohé	\$20.00
Khachatourians, Mania	\$20.00
Mangikian, Berge & Edda	\$20.00
Manoukian, Arsen & Alice	\$20.00
Manuelian, Noubar	\$20.00
Simonian, Anooosh	\$20.00
Vartanian, Vartkes & Chake	\$20.00
Wassef, Asghik	\$20.00
Zadoian, Mesrob & Leslie	\$20.00
Sarafian, Zaven & Varsenik	\$15.00
D'Onofrio, Gail	\$10.00
Garabedian, Ardash & Yester	\$10.00
Kasparian, Krikor & Hripsi	\$10.00
Kayayan, Oganés	\$10.00
Minassian, Antranig & Valentine	\$10.00
Tutelian, Lillian	\$10.00

GENERAL DONATIONS 2013

Kalustian, Varujan & Luiza	\$5,000.00
Kazangian, Albert	\$700.00
Mossessian, Agop & Rubina	\$600.00
Arukian, Hratch & Negdar	\$500.00
Krikorian, George	\$500.00
Muradian, Santo & Seta	\$300.00
Oghali, Varouj	\$250.00
Shishmanian, Manoug & Dory	\$240.00
Anonymous	\$200.00
Garabedian, Edouard & Lusin	\$200.00
Holmquist, Isabella	\$200.00
Ananyan Family	\$150.00
Hamamgian, Mary	\$100.00
Garabedian, Karine	\$75.00
Hatem, Ara	\$75.00
Crilley Family	\$65.00
Hambarsoomian, Arsen	\$60.00
Bayside Day Care, Maria	\$50.00
Megerian, John & Noemi	\$50.00
Mengouchian, Jirair & Nora	\$50.00
Minassian, Antranig & Valentine	\$50.00
Tavitian, Yeghsa	\$50.00
Areg	\$50.00

Boghosian, Missak & Zarmine	\$40.00	Kahvejian, Harout & Arpi	\$100.00	Simonian, Arakel & Anni	\$50.00
Golnazarian, Anahid	\$30.00	Kalayjian, Makrouhi	\$100.00	Simos, Gaida	\$50.00
Oltajuh, Alexsan & Selma	\$30.00	Kasparian, Krikor & Shoghig	\$100.00	Tavitian, Stepan & Shami	\$50.00
Alahverdian, Krikor & Margaret	\$25.00	Kazandjian, Sarkis & Alice	\$100.00	Tumaian, Antranig	\$50.00
Asquith, James & Lori	\$25.00	Kerbekian, Sophie	\$100.00	Tutuyan, Armen & Janet	\$50.00
Garabedian, Paris & Sonia	\$25.00	Kircik, Leo	\$100.00	Ugurlayan, Anahid	\$50.00
Hachikian, Surpuhi	\$25.00	Kricorian, Ana	\$100.00	Vanessian, Garo & Peggy	\$50.00
Sarkissian, Andre & Dawn	\$25.00	Kubikian, Arthur & Louiza	\$100.00	Varjabedian, Zaven & Rose	\$50.00
Telfeyan, Roland & Mary	\$25.00	Markarian, Hrachik & Benita	\$100.00	Vartanian, Antranig & Nanor	\$50.00
Zadoian, Mesrob & Leslie	\$25.00	Mashavejian, Maritza	\$100.00	Yacoubian, Antranig & Marie	\$50.00
Caloustian, Araxi	\$20.00	Maslakian, Ramela	\$100.00	Margossian, Arsho	\$30.00
Magikian, Berge & Edda	\$10.00	Masoian, Anita	\$100.00	Tumaian, Antranig	\$30.00

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Kochoumian, Edward & Alina	\$300.00	Sadaniantz, Ara & Betty	\$100.00
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Wassef, Elza	\$300.00	Sheshedian, Mary	\$100.00
Kazandjian, Setrag & Annie	\$250.00	Tervizian, Toros & Manoush	\$100.00
Kazangian, Lana	\$250.00	Tumaian, Berge & Any	\$100.00
Savadjian, Vartkes & Alice	\$250.00	Vanessian, Garo & Peggy	\$100.00
Baghdassarian, Ghevont & Lydia	\$240.00	Voskerijian, Nayda	\$100.00
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Kadehjian, Kevork & Nora	\$200.00	Zohrabian, Raffi & Nairy	\$100.00
Kelaghbian, Varujan	\$200.00	Yacoubian, Antranig & Marie	\$90.00
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Thomasian, Thomas & Magi	\$160.00	Sarkisian, Alex	\$70.00
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Chookasezian, John & Barbara	\$150.00	Vartanian, Vahram & Hratch	\$60.00
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Fenarjian, Sarkis & Gladys	\$125.00	Barikian, Garo & Nora	\$50.00
Garabedian, Arsen & Karine	\$125.00	Bauta Avakian, Nouchik	\$50.00
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Arzivian, Ohanes & Manoush	\$100.00	Elmokian, Edmond & Ashhen	\$50.00
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Barsamian, Edward & Coharig	\$100.00	Hovhannessian, Yeprouhi	\$50.00
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Boyadjian, Guy & Livia	\$100.00	Kevorkian, Sarkis & Lorig	\$50.00
Daglyan, Ruben & Hasmik	\$100.00	Khatchadourian, Hagop & Anahid	\$50.00
Gaico, Dan & Liana	\$100.00	Krikorian, Krikor & Florina	\$50.00
Ghaly, Mimi	\$100.00	Kuroghlian, Gerald & Ellen	\$50.00
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Tumaian, Antranig	\$50.00
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Vanessian, Garo & Peggy	\$50.00
Varjabedian, Zaven & Rose	\$50.00
Vartanian, Antranig & Nanor	\$50.00
Yacoubian, Antranig & Marie	\$50.00
Margossian, Arsho	\$30.00
Tumaian, Antranig	\$30.00
Basmadjian, Noubar & Sevan	\$25.00
Demirjian, Hampartsoum	\$25.00
Ferencz, Maxine	\$25.00
Hekimian, Richard & Olga	\$25.00
Kiledjian, Yervant & Knarik	\$25.00
Nakuzian, Madlen	\$25.00
Ohanian, Anjel	\$25.00
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Garabedian, Ardash & Yester	\$20.00
Nahas, Pierre	\$20.00
Pirenian / Malkhasian, Zabel & Alice	\$20.00

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Sarmisaklioglu, Alis	\$50.00
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Oranjian, Zaven & Sitta	\$50.00
Sarkissian, Azad & Nairy	\$50.00
Sheshedian, Mary	\$50.00

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Tokatian, Aram & Lisa	\$50.00
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Voskerjian, Kathleen	\$50.00
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Kubikian, Arthur & Louiza	\$150.00
Shishmanian, Manoug & Dory	\$150.00
Agopian, Berdj & Hilda	\$100.00
Arukian, Hratch & Negdar	\$100.00
Barsamian, Edward & Coharig	\$100.00
Cazazian, Aram & Rima	\$100.00
D'Onofrio, Gail	\$100.00
Daglyan, Ruben & Hasmik	\$100.00
Garabedian, Edouard & Lusin	\$100.00
Givelekian, Bedros & Sonia	\$100.00
Kalustian, Varujan & Luiza	\$100.00
Muradian, Luiza	\$100.00
Nercessian, Sarkis & Adrine	\$100.00
Sarkissian, Yervant & Arev	\$100.00
Saroyan, Siran	\$100.00
Zobian, Vartouhi & Alice	\$100.00
Malikian, Hovannes & Elza	\$75.00
Arkun, Anahit	\$50.00
Babikian, Lolita	\$50.00
Gostanian, Manoug & Amy	\$50.00
Gostanian, Michael & Nounch	\$50.00
Mengouchian, Vartkes	\$50.00
Minassian, Vahram	\$50.00
Sarkissian, Azad & Nairy	\$50.00
Tanal, V. & Lisa	\$50.00
Thomasian, Thomas & Magi	\$50.00
Parseghian, Vartuhi	\$30.00
Tcholakian, Kegham & Ashkhen	\$30.00
Boghosian, Missak & Zarmine	\$25.00
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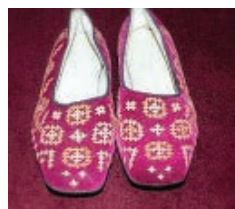
Gokberg, Berc & Narcisse	\$150.00
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Krikorian, Lucy & Misak	\$100.00
Zakarian, Garo & Vartouhi	\$100.00
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Zeronian, Zeron & Ossie	\$50.00
Djizmedjian, Levon	\$40.00
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Jamgotchian, Varoujan	\$30.00
Oltaci, Hayk	\$30.00
Ozyan, Arman & Araksi	\$30.00
Babikian, Lolita	\$25.00
Calikyan, Arman & Lucy	\$25.00
Hekimian, Richard & Olga	\$25.00
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Shamlian, Levon & Sandra	\$20.00

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Garipian, Karnik & Haci	\$400.00
Rogu, George & Delia	\$400.00
Baghdadlian, Hagop & Silva	\$300.00
Boladian, Edward & Mirella	\$300.00
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Tavitian, Nercess & Anayis	\$300.00
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Kouyoumdjian, Hagop & Eranica	\$250.00
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Baklajian, Haig & Emma	\$200.00
Balmanoukian, Setrak & Seta	\$200.00
Boyajian/Chorluyan, Lorig & Ara	\$200.00
Cazazian, Aram & Rima	\$200.00
Chekmayan, Ara	\$200.00
Garabedian, Hagop & Angela	\$200.00
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Hairabedian, Arthur & Lilian	\$200.00
Kalustian, Varujan & Luiza	\$200.00
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Hortanian, Yervan & Linda	\$150.00
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Agopian, Berdj & Hilda	\$100.00
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Atakhanian, Yourik & Paula	\$100.00
Babakhanian, Janik	\$100.00
Barsamian, Edward & Coharig	\$100.00
Bekian, Edward & Arpi	\$100.00
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Gostanian, Manoug & Amy	\$50.00
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Hazarian, Edouard & Madlen	\$50.00
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Kaloustian, Aram & Margaret	\$50.00

Kasarjian, Mark	\$50.00
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Kavafian, Arman & Silva	\$50.00
Kazanjian, Garabed & Arpine	\$50.00
Kocharyan, Karine & Gaik	\$50.00
Manuelian, Gregory	\$50.00
Manuelian, Vartkes	\$50.00
Markarian, Anahid	\$50.00
Markarian, Herand & Janet	\$50.00
Markarian, Hrachik & Benita	\$50.00
Mengouchian, Vartkes	\$50.00
Minassian, Karnik & Marian	\$50.00
Minassian, Vahram	\$50.00
Morgikian, Mihail & Nancy	\$50.00
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Orangian, Takouhi & Sitta	\$50.00
Ozbirman, Kirkor & Hermine	\$50.00
Sarkissian, Azad & Nairy	\$50.00
Saroyan, Siranoush	\$50.00
Sekdorian, Gary & Bertha	\$50.00
Shamlian, Karekin & Sevana	\$50.00
Sheshedian, Mary	\$50.00
Stamati, Paul	\$50.00
Tavitian, Stepan & Sami	\$50.00
Tervizian, Toros	\$50.00
Thomasian, Thomas & Magi	\$50.00
Wisniewski, Michael & Elizabeth	\$50.00
Zobian, Vartouhi	\$50.00
Melkonian, Sam	\$40.00
Yaghdjian, Patrick & Simona	\$35.00
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Asarian, Sarkis & Nazeli	\$30.00
Nazar, Marie	\$30.00
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