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EDITOR'S LETTER

In today's modern world of technology we tend to forget the importance of remembering our past. Most of us have hightech phones that capture high quality photos, however we no longer have boxes of photos and albums to pass down to our children and grandchildren.

The Shoghaghat is similar to an old family album that makes us feel nostalgic as we turn the pages and remember highlights from past years. As we reminisce and view these photos, we also remember the great efforts and sacrifices undertaken by the Saint Sarkis Church team in enhancing the lives of all St. Sarkis members and their children.

2018 brought our church many significant advances, including the initiation of new programs and the enhancement of existing initiatives and events.

We are lucky to have such energetic groups including the Ladies Guild, Board of Trustees, Salt & Light, Datevig Children's Choir, Sunday and Saturday schools and our volunteers, who come together and work diligently to bring new ideas, events and experiences for members of all ages.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to our volunteers, board members, clergy, choir members, deacons, acolytes and community members who endlessly devote their time and efforts to enhancing St. Sarkis Church. Their hard work and dedication continue to sculpt our church into a unique place where we can feel at home.

I pray that our community continues to grow stronger and further allow us to raise our children and grandchildren as proud Armenians and Christians. Here's to creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Salpie Megerian, Editor

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

2018 was yet another great year in the life of St. Sarkis Church. This issue of Shoghagat is a great testimony of all the achievements we had in our parish.

As you skim through the pages of this issue of Shoghagat, you will see that we observed all religious holidays festively, we created events and programs to deepen our faith in God and our sense of identity as Armenians living in America, our integrity as families and our wellbeing as individuals.

The bright pictures in the following pages will tell you about Christmas and Easter and other festive holidays, about our children attending Saturday and Sunday Schools and Summer Camp, about our youth pioneering the newly formed Salt & Light Youth Groups of the Armenian Prelacy, about our community continuing to pursue justice for the victims of the Armenian Genocide, about our young families participating in a marriage enrichment program.

You will see the PTA of our school marking big success in their efforts to support the Saturday School and the picnic committee bringing the annual picnic to a whole new level.

You will also witness a new sense of collaboration between the auxiliary bodies of our church and our sister organizations such as the Armenian Relief Society, Armenian Youth Federation, and Homenetmen. Finally, you will also revisit the election of our Prelate, His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan Tanielian.

I can attest with certainty that 2018 was a pretty, pretty pretty good year and I am grateful to you my dear friends and parishioners for your participation and I thank God for all the good gifts bestowed upon us.

*I hope you enjoy reading Shoghagat 2018!
Prayerfully yours,*

*Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian,
Pastor, St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church*

Dominical Feast of the Nativity & the Epiphany



On Saturday, January 6, 2018, despite the bitter cold weather, parishioners gathered at St. Sarkis Church to celebrate the Dominical Feast of the Nativity & Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ. His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar General celebrated the Divine Liturgy and delivered a sermon.

The Blessing of Water Service followed Badarak. This service symbolizes the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan. Hovsep Terterian, Fr. Nareg & Yn. Annie's oldest son, was the Godfather of the Cross. Hovsep attends St. Sarkis Saturday School, Sunday School and serves on the altar. He made many of us very proud!

As the service concluded, parishioners received their blessed water, then proceeded downstairs to the main hall for a Saturday School Christmas Hantes.

Saturday School Christmas Hantes

In 2018, St. Sarkis Saturday School presented their Christmas Hantes on Saturday, January 6th. The community enjoyed an afternoon of meaningful performances by Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School students.

The program began with the angelic voices of the children singing the Lord's Prayer, "Hayr Mer" and the Armenian National Anthem, "Mer Hayrenik".

Mrs. Nairy Zohrabian, principal of the school, welcomed His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar General of the Eastern Prelacy, Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian and guests.

The program started with Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten students. Their nativity costumes mesmerized the audience along with special Christmas performances and carols. Students in grades 1

through 7 and post graduates recited verses from the Holy Bible about the promised Messiah. They described the nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ and sang Armenian Christmas carols. Suddenly, just after the children and crowd started singing, *Gaghant Baba* (Santa Claus) appeared. He brought gifts for all of the students.

Thank you to the Saturday School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for their help and dedication in organizing the hantes and donating delicious desserts. Thank you Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian, Principal Nairy Zohrabian and the St. Sarkis Church office staff for helping put together this performance.

Despite the bitter cold, a packed house attended and warmed the Main Hall with enough love to melt the ice and snow outside.



Saint Sarkis Name Day Celebration



Sunday, February 4, 2018, St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church celebrated its Name Day. The morning began with Badarak officiated by His Eminence Archbishop Choloyan, Prelate. His Grace Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar General also attended.

After church services, the parishioners gathered in the Main Hall where the Ladies Guild prepared a lovely luncheon. Mr. Veh Bezdikian was Master of Ceremonies for the day's program.

Our very own Ms. Debbie Agopian led the artistic program. After Ms. Agopian sang two beautiful arias, the crowd demanded an encore. Ever the professional, Debbie returned to sing a final song, an

Armenian sharagan, to the delight of all assembled. On this special occasion, Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian, honored several members of our Church community in recognition of their hard work and commitment to the growth and prosperity of St. Sarkis Church.

The honorees included: Mr. Armen Ardzivian, Mr. Ara Artinian, Mr. Edward Barsamian, Mrs. Ossana Ferejian, Mrs. Hermine Ghadimian, Dr. Hagop Gorgissian, Mr. Manoug Gostanian and Mr. Gourgen Grigorian.

His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan presented each honoree with a Certificate of Merit.

Comedy Night



On Saturday, January 27, 2018, the PTA of St. Sarkis Church Saturday School held a Comedy Night fundraiser. The event combined a night of comedy and jazz.

Bouquets of fresh cut tulips and roses decorated tables and trays of finger foods and sweets tempted everyone throughout the night.

Three funny comedians kept the crowd laughing for over an hour. Then, following the comedy, our very own Veh Bezdikian treated the crowd to singing some Frank Sinatra songs.

Faith, Family and Fun

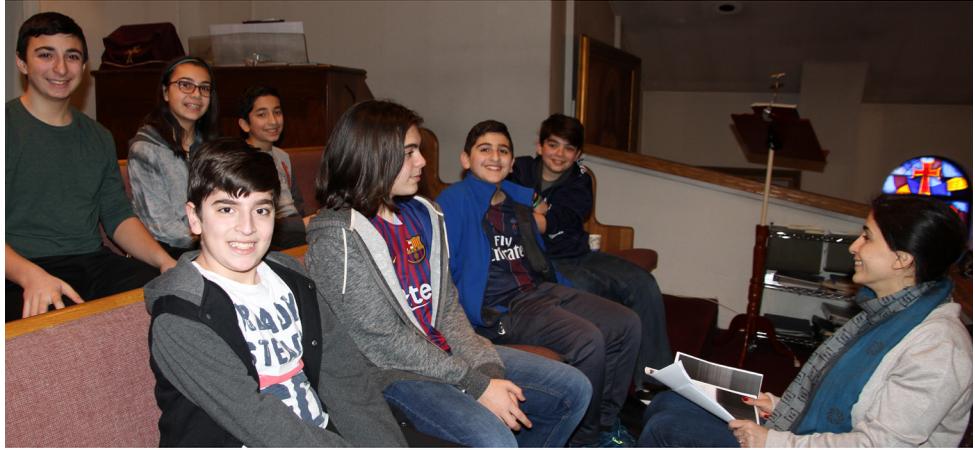
Fifteen families participated in the Faith, Family & Fun event at St. Sarkis Church on Saturday, February 10, 2018. Guests split into separate Parent, Teenager and Children sessions. Mrs. Sonya Nenejian taught the Children session. 35 children, aged 5 to 10, learned about the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Following an arts and crafts project, Ms. Nenejian encouraged participants to remember and act upon these nine attributes on a daily basis.

Yn. Annie Terterian led the Teenager session. Eight participants, aged 11 to 14, worked on focusing their relationship with God exploring their relationships with their earthly parents and drawing parallels to their relationship with the Heavenly Father. Topics in the Teenager discussion included the importance of prayer and living a God centered life while embracing virtue and humility.

The Parent session took place in Pagoumian Hall. Der Nareg led an insightful presentation and discussion about marriage, enmeshment, individual identity and boundaries for personal happiness. Parents explored setting emotional boundaries to strengthen their relationships with themselves and within their marriages.

At the end of their sessions, participants dined together on pizza and homemade foods, then went to church to pray. Leaders of the sessions reminded attendees what happens during Lent and to think about what they would give up as part of their lenten journey. They asked guests to pray and do good deeds daily.

The event concluded with altar servers, Hovsep Terterian and Vahan Gostanian, closing the curtain marking the beginning of Lent.



Many attendees felt that this was a great way to connect spiritually, with themselves and with each other. The Faith, Family & Fun event began the first of five marriage enrichment programs

offered by St. Sarkis addressing topics such as: Marriage as a Process, Intimacy, Compatibility, Communication and Commitment.

Ghevontiantz Clergy Gathering

Clergy serving the Eastern Prelacy attended the annual Ghevontiantz clergy gathering hosted by Holy Trinity Church in Worcester, Massachusetts.



The main topic of the gathering focused on the encyclical issued by His Holiness Aram I on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Independent Armenian Republic of 1918. Fr. Nareg Terterian lectured on "From the War Within to Independence", a biblical and psychological reflection on St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, chapter 7.

ARS Erebouni Chapter Remembrance Day



On Sunday, February 25, 2018 the Armenian Prelacy offered a requiem service for the deceased benefactors and members of the Armenian Relief Society (ARS), at St. Sarkis Church.

Der Nareg Terterian celebrated the Divine Liturgy and the requiem service was presided over by Serpazan Anoushavan Tanielian.

The Erebouni Chapter of the ARS, joined by ungerouhies of the Mayr Chapter, held candles during the Hokehankist in remembrance of their past ungers and ungerouhies.

A hokejash prepared by the Erebouni Chapter and St. Sarkis Ladies Guild followed church services in the Main Hall.

Ungerouhi Nevair Oranjian, Chairperson of the ARS Erebouni Chapter, thanked all who joined them for the requiem in memory of past members and benefactors. They made special prayers for Unger Yervant Sarkissian, Ungerouhi Arshalooyes Yesayan and Ungerouhi Azadouhi Sarkissian, all strong members of the Erebouni chapter. Ungerouhi Nevair Oranjian also provided a brief history of the ARS, current objectives and goals of the ARS organization and the Erebouni Chapter.

Armenian Wounded Soldiers Event

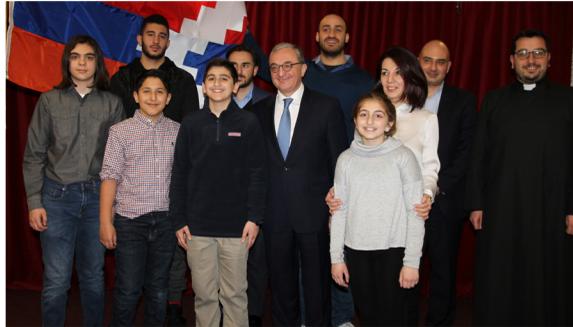
On Sunday, March 18, 2018, St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church of Douglaston, New York and Armenian Youth Federation (AYF) *Hyortik* Junior and Senior Chapters, hosted an event in honor of the Armenian Wounded Soldiers. The event marked the 30th anniversary of the war that started in 1988 between Armenia and Azerbaijan the 30th anniversary of the Independence of Artsakh.

Danny Megerian, Master of Ceremonies, started the event. Danny serves on the executive board of the *Hyortik* Senior chapter. He introduced a fellow AYF member, 11 year old Aris Bedros Givelekian who serves as an executive in the Junior *Hyortik* Chapter. Aris played a musical piece on the piano in honor of the soldiers who fight for the Cause in Artsakh.

After Aris' performance, Mr. Razmig Arzoumanian made a moving and inspiration presentation about the soldiers in Artsakh. He talked about the importance of sending money to the troops to purchase lifesaving kits for the soldiers, training them on how to use the kits and investing in the rehabilitation of wounded soldiers.

Mr. Arzoumanian addressed over 100 people in the Main Hall of St. Sarkis Church. He shared heart wrenching footage of young

wounded soldiers showing their bravery and resilience. Sargis Stepanyan, one such soldier, lost both legs and an arm during a rescue mission for a fellow soldier. His disability did not dampen his spirit. A truly inspirational young man, Sargis went on to win the World Cup Arm Wrestling Championship in 2017.



His Excellency Mr. Zohrab Mnatsakanyan, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Armenia to the United Nations, addressed the crowd. He spoke of Armenian's history in Artsakh over the last 20 years along with the war with Azerbaijan. Mr. Mnatsakanyan emphasized that regardless of how many times Azerbaijan tried, Armenia and Artsakh continued and continue to win the war.

Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian took the podium and made a moving speech about the importance of

supporting our troops. He said that what happens in Artsakh and Armenia affects and impacts the lives of the diasporan Armenians. He challenged the crowd to do their part and show support.

Attendees came together and raised \$12,000 for the Armenian Wounded Heroes Fund. Mr. Arzoumanian committed to matching that number bringing the total raised at the event to \$24,000! A very successful day, not only because of the money raised, but because of the difference made in the lives of young soldiers.

A particularly touching moment from this evening was when 10 year old AYF member, Ani Fiesel, raised her hand to donate \$10 from her piggy bank.

This event ended with a Michink buffet of homemade Lenten dishes prepared by Sunday School parents and the Ladies Guild of St. Sarkis Church. The event raised money for the soldiers and raised awareness for the plight of those soldiers in Artsakh. The event also taught our youth the importance of giving back to the wider Armenian community. Amazing things happen when communities and different organizations come together for a common cause.



Book of Whispers

On March 10, 2018 St. Sarkis in cooperation with the Romanian Armenian Society of New York, sponsored an evening with Dr. Varoujan Vosganian, author of *The Book of Whispers*. Considered an international phenomenon and translated in 20 languages,

ry of Dr. Vosganian's grandparents who survived the Armenian Genocide in Ottoman Turkey, relocated in Romania, then refused to forget. The novel evokes the common trauma of the Armenian people and the human suffering characteristic of the early 20th century.

ended with a book signing and refreshments.

Queens City Councilman Paul Vallone and his family attended the event. Especially meaningful given that the Councilman's wife happens to be Armenian.



Dr. Vosganian, a PhD Economist, authored many economic and literary texts. He serves as Prime Vice President of the Union of Writers in Romania. He has been a member of Romanian Parliament since 1990 and served as Minister of Economy and Finance. Dr. Vosganian earned numerous awards from the Government of the Republic of Armenia, included "Nerses Shnorali" Order from Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians and a "Knight of Cilicia" designation by Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia.

this novel was twice sponsored for the Nobel Prize in Literature by Israeli, Romanian and Armenian Writers Associations.

The novel recounts the true sto-

The evening program started with an invocation by His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian then guests took in a mesmerizing presentation by Dr. Vosganian. The event

General Membership Meeting 2018

St. Sarkis Church convened its 2018 General Membership Meeting on Sunday, March 11, 2018 after church services. Rev Fr. Nareg Terterian opened the meeting with a prayer.

Members elected Ms. Anahid Ugurlayan as Chairperson, Mr. Sevan Yekhpairian as Vice Chairperson, and Dr. Louiza Kubikian as the Recording Secretary for the meeting.

Mr. Harry Seoylemezian addressed the meeting as a member of the Executive Council of the Prelacy. Fr. Nareg Terterian presented the Pastor's report and focused on two major programs: Sunday School and the Salt & Light Youth group, both initiated in 2017. Dr. Aram Cazazian prepared the Chairman of the Board's



report. He took the opportunity to give thanks to everyone for their continuous support for the Church and community. Mrs. Sonya Nenejian delivered a detailed Treasurer's report followed by Mr. George Tavitian's presentation of the Auditing Committee report. Dr. Arthur Kubikian and Mrs. Annette Givelekian presented the Nominating Committee report.

During the meeting, members present elected a new Board of Trustees to serve the church: Mrs. Amy Gostanian, Mr. Mi-

chael Gostanian, Mr. Ruben Daglyan, Mr. Harry Seoylemezian, Mr. George Tavitian and Mrs. Natalie Meneshian as alternate. The general membership re-elected Mrs. Nayda Voskerjian as delegate for the National Representative Assembly.

Presentations of Auxiliary Bodies activities included: Mrs. Sonya Nenejian for Salt & Light, Ms. Anahid Ugurlayan for Choir and Mrs. Annette Givelekian for Saturday School.

Palm Sunday



On Palm Sunday 2018, a great number of parishioners attended celebrations at St. Sarkis Church. After Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian celebrated the Divine Liturgy and delivered his sermon, a procession of young children with beautifully handcrafted candles circled the sanctuary, a highlight of the day. The Trunpatzek service followed, marking the opening of the portal.

The Ladies Guild of St. Sarkis Church organized the fellowship hour and bake sale after services. Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Raffi and Jeanette Nenejian and children Aram, Levon and Paul for graciously donating Palm Sunday candles in memory of their fathers and grandfathers, Boghos Nenejian and Joseph Balian.

Holy Week

Church services for Holy Week started on Tuesday March 27, 2018 with the traditional evening service of the Ten Bridesmaids. This service reenacts the parable told by Jesus in Matthew 25:14-30. Students from St. Sarkis Church Saturday School participated in the service.

On Thursday evening of Holy Week, St. Sarkis commemorated the events initiated by Jesus at the Mystical Last Supper, namely, the Divine Liturgy of the institution of the Holy Eucharist followed by the service of the Washing of the Feet. Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar washed the feet of the church servers and anointed them with blessed oil.



Parishioners stayed late into the evening for Tenebrae; a distinctive ceremony that gradually extinguishes candles while altar servers read seven passages from the scriptures and chant hymns. Bishop Anoushavan gave a sermon concentrating on the self giving sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Parishioners of St. Sarkis observed Good Friday

services behind a symbolic tomb of Jesus decorated with donated flowers. Rev. Fr. Nareg spoke on the meaning of Good Friday. You can still listen to his sermon on YouTube.

Salt & Light Youth members participated in Good Friday church services and prepared over 500 home blessing boxes to give to parishioners on Easter morning.

Holy Communion and Saturday School Easter Brunch

On the morning of Holy Saturday, students from St. Sarkis Church's Hovsep and Suzanne Hagopian Saturday School received Holy Communion. Rev. Fr.

Nareg Tereterian presided over services then the Saturday School PTA hosted their annual Easter Communion brunch.



Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday

His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate, presided over Easter vigil mass. At the end of the Divine Liturgy celebration, parishioners lit candles and walked in a procession to the Main Hall of the church.



On Easter Sunday, a large number of parishioners attended the Divine Liturgy celebrated by Fr. Nareg Terterian. The church live streamed the sermon on Facebook. At the end of services, the traditional Antasdan blessing took place in front of the church building followed by a house blessing ceremony in the Main Hall. Parishioners received home blessing boxes prepared by the Salt & Light Youth group containing *Neshkharh*, salt, water and a prayer.



The Sins of the Fathers



On Sunday, April 15, 2018, following church services, St. Sarkis community gathered in the Main Hall for a book presentation delivered by esteemed author Siobhan Nash Marshall, PhD. Dr. Marshall discussed her most recent publication *The Sins of the Fathers*.

In her talk, Dr. Marshall outlined the fundamental reason for continued Turkish denialism of the Armenian Genocide as a failure of philosophy to convey historical truth; a verity that she further explores in her book. She captivated us with her personal accounts in Armenia while researching her topic. She spoke about her encounters with native Armenians and, ultimately, how these experiences culminated in her embrace of the Armenian heritage especially in our persevered struggle for recognition of the genocide.

A true testament to her passion for Armenian history and philosophy, Dr. Marshall also spoke about her new, unique and immersive curriculum at Manhattanville College. Annually, she elects students to study, firsthand, Armenian history with a visit to Karabakh, Armenia. During their journey, these students visit historical monuments and learn about Armenian culture, philosophy, religion, and traditions. As part of this internship, students teach native Armenians the English language.

Due to the overwhelming success of the freshman year of this program with just two students, Dr. Marshall expanded the program to include six students in 2018. So inspired by her dedication, an unplanned fundraiser collected \$3000 from the audience to help with expenses for the 2018 internship.

Those attending could not help but leave with a reinvigorated sense of honor to be an Armenian, an appreciation for those who fought and continue to fight for recognition of the Armenian Genocide, and a drive to be more involved. Thank you Dr. Marshall for your time and commitment.

Saturday School Annual Gala



On Saturday April 14, 2018, St. Sarkis Church Saturday School Parent Teacher Association hosted its 5th Annual Gala Dinner Dance fundraiser at the Woodbury Country Club. The PTA plans to use funds raised from the event towards the expansion of the Saturday School.

Over 180 attendees were present at this successful event. Cocktail hour started at 7:30pm with international food stations offering a variety of appetizers. Guests flooded bars on either side of the hall socializing with familiar faces. Following cocktail hour, festivities continued into the main hall. The Co-Chair of the gala, Mrs. Annette Givelekian, graciously thanked everyone for their support of this very special event.

Principal Nairy Zohrabian proudly honored

the Chairpersons of the PTA. She presented them with a plaque for their commitment to the Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School. She also acknowledged that the school and community continue to grow due to the support of dedicated supporters, notably: Diane Boyadjian, Tanya Kerestedjian, Harry Seylemezian, Garine Mayo, Madlen Hazarian, Natalie Meneshian, Christine Bedrossian and Annette Givelekian. Principal Zohrabian and Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian praised these individuals for their efforts and service over many years.

The evening continued with dancing and great musical performances by the David Arrutti Band and DJ Harry. Then the evening ended with the raffling of a wonderful collection of prizes contributed by our community.



Commemorating 103 Years of the Armenian Genocide



On Tuesday, April 24, 2018, St. Sarkis Church parishioners and their children attended the Divine Liturgy at St. Illuminator's Cathedral in Manhattan. After church services, they joined fellow Armenians

justice and recognition of the Armenian Genocide. The children's determination made us proud.

They chanted and held Armenian flags high for all New Yorkers to see.



Meeting Major Sargis Stepanyan



On Friday, April 20, 2018, St. Sarkis Church and Armenian Youth Federation (AYF) New York *Hyortik* chapter hosted an Armenian hero in Douglaston, New York. Major Sargis Stepanyan traveled from Armenia to New York as part of a world tour to speak about his experiences.

St. Sarkis welcomed the chance to host Major Stepanyan and thank him personally for his service. In March, the church raised \$12,000 for the Armenian Wounded Heroes Fund. The fund provides life saving treatments to injured soldiers in Armenia and Artsakh.

Major Stepanyan, a special operations agent in Artsakh, benefited from the Armenian Wounded Heroes Fund. During battle, he lost both of his legs and one arm while helping other fallen soldiers. Even after his injuries, Major Stepanyan knew he could still do something for his country. He said he wanted to defeat the reigning world champion in arm wrestling, a Turk. Sargis healed and trained hard. With only one arm, he be-

came the world champion in arm wrestling.

Upon his return to Armenia, he was celebrated by his fellow soldiers and many other civilians. He is a true example of determination and perseverance and an inspirational role model for all of us.

Unger Razmig Boyadjian, the master of ceremonies for the event, asked everyone to stand for the singing of "Mer Hayrenik" followed by a moment of silence to honor our Armenian Genocide Martyrs and all who gave their lives in the battles for Artsakh.

Unger Razmig, from the New York *Hyortik* Senior chapter, gave a presentation explaining various projects in Artsakh and Armenia supported by the AYF. St. Sarkis Saturday School students, Hovsep and Laurie Terterian, sang a beautiful duet of "Akhperes ou Yes".

Then one of the founders of the Armenian Wounded Heroes Fund, Razmig Arzoumanian, gave an

overview of the fund and introduced Major Stepanyan. Mr. Arzoumanian also translated for Major Stepanyan during the question and answer session.

Der Nareg Terterian addressed the crowd, and had a surprising and emotional announcement; a generous donation from St. Sarkis Church and Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School of \$1000 to each of Major Stepanyan's two sons.

Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian closed out the evening with a heartfelt speech addressing Major Stepanyan and the attendees.

The New York *Hyortiks* presented Major Stepanyan with a sweatshirt and a bouquet of flowers from St. Sarkis Church.

Major Stepanyan, a humble, grateful and honorable man and true hero, left a lasting impression on those attending the event.

History and Future of the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict

On April 29, 2018, under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, St. Sarkis hosted an event commemorating the 30th anniversary of the pogroms against Armenians in Azerbaijan.

Ms. Anahid Ugurlayan welcomed the attendees and introduced guest speaker, Anna Astvatsaturian-Turcotte, a survivor of the pogroms. Anna recounted her peaceful childhood in Baku before the pogroms and how it turned into a nightmare during the massacres and deportations. She and her family fled Baku and spent three years in Armenia before immigrating to the United States in 1992. Anna kept a daily diary of her experience as a refugee. In the U.S., Anna and her family were strangers in a strange land as they began their new life in North Dakota in a small community where the only other Armenians were refugees like themselves.

Anna not only survived, she thrived. She received Bachelor of Arts degrees in English & Literature and Philosophy & Religion, a minor in Russian Language & Literature from the University of North Dakota and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Maine School of Law. She was

which is based on her diaries during her displacement and relocation.

Anna was instrumental in securing the State of Maine House of Representatives' recognition of Nagorno-Karabakh's independence. In 2015, Anna was elected to the Westbrook Maine City Council by a 64% landslide. Anna speaks on issues of human rights, diplomacy and law throughout the world. She received numerous awards including the Mkhitar Gosh Medal, the Republic of Armenia's highest civilian honor.



one of the first American Armenians to clerk at the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands after working toward and observing the ICC's creation at the United Nations.

In 2012, Anna published her book, *Nowhere, a Story of Exile*,

Anna's presentation was followed by a Q&A and closing remarks by Archbishop Choloyan who praised Anna for her activism and underscored the importance of a strong and independent Artsakh. Anna also signed copies of her book *Nowhere, A Story of Exile*.

AYF ANNUAL SEMINAR



The New York AYF Hyortik chapter met at St. Sarkis Church before departing for Junior Seminar weekend. Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian blessed them with a prayer and wished them a safe and fun trip!

Medz Mama's Kitchen

Spring 2018, marked the kick-off of a new series of events at St. Sarkis, Medz Mama's Kitchen.

The Main Hall and kitchen of the church swarmed like a beehive with enthusiastic volunteers, setting tables, decorating, cooking, baking and plating. The outcome could be described as a Feast.



prayed together that night we also savored Medz Mama's delicious foods. We sang beautiful Armenian songs, songs we hope to preserve and pass down for generations to come. We laughed, clapped, rejoiced and, at the request of our Der Hayr, performed both the Armenian and the Lebanese National Anthems together.



Hats off to the entire group who worked together to make the event a smashing success. *Tserkeroot talar yev anoushellah.*

Special thanks to Yn. Annie, for coming up with the idea and planning and executing a remarkable evening. Special thanks to Digin Nairy Zohrabian, the graceful Armenian Lebanese Medz Mama of the evening whose *samkeh harra*



That night was a tribute to all of the Medz Mamas, those of blessed memory who are no longer with us, as well as to those who are still blessing our kitchens, and homes.

It was a night to remember. We took a nostalgic trip back in time remembering and reliving the good old days, a time when families gathered at Medz Mama's house and enjoyed a home cooked meal together.

The adage goes: "a family that prays together, stays together" and our St. Sarkis family not only

An array of traditional Lebanese dishes was prepared and enjoyed by attendees that night: *samkeh harra* (spicy fish), *kibbeh* (sinet kuft-eh), lemon chicken and potatoes, rice pilaf, *fattoush* salad, *tabbouleh*, spinach, *kishik* and *zaatar* pies, pasta (for the kids), delicious Lebanese *jellab* with pine nuts, beverages and wine. All beyond expectation.

The hall was packed with over 100 adults and 50 children filling the tables with joy and laughter. There were also board games, ping pong, popcorn and chit chatting for all to enjoy.

proved to be the star dish of the feast. Thanks to Digin Zepiur Ardzivian for bringing the Armenian folklore songs to life, to Digin Ossana Ferejian, for her delicious *tabbouleh* and to Digin Jeanette Nenejian for her artistic touch in transforming the room.

And to countless others for helping with reservations, decorations, preparations, plating, and cleanup, thanks a million. God bless you and reward your contributions tenfolds in happiness, fortune and good health! Here's to the next Medz Mama's kitchen.

Saturday School Year End Hantes





On Sunday, May 20, 2018 St. Sarkis Suzanne and Hovsep Hago-pian Saturday School held their Annual Year End *hantes*. From nursery to 7th graders, the students worked hard to learn their poems and songs. They even performed a special dance.

The Main Hall filled with parents and loved ones awaiting the students' performances and the children did not disappoint them. The program started with a video presentation about the Armenian School showing snippets of what

happens at the school every Saturday.

Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarteners started the show with songs and poetry recitations. At the end of their performance, Principal Nairy Zohrabian presented the Kindergarten class with moving up diplomas. Then the 1st through 7th Graders continued with the second portion of the *hantes*.

At the end of the program, Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian, Principal Zohrabian and Mrs. Mary

Arslanian presented graduating 7th Graders: Aren Bedrossian, Garen Fiesel, Edmond Sarkissian and Sussana Sarkissan with their diplomas and wished them good luck in their future endeavors.

Another fun filled year of learning the Armenian language, history, culture, song and religion concluded with our dedicated PTA who had prepared and served delicious desserts.



100th Anniversary of the First Republic of Armenia



On Sunday, May 27, 2018, St. Sarkis community offered prayers as His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian presided over the service of the blessing the tricolor flag on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the first Armenian Republic and the 27th anniversary of the current Republic of Armenia.

Requiem service was also offered for the souls of the fallen heroes of Sardarabad, Bashabaran, Gharakilise, and the new martyrs of the struggle for Arstakh. His Grace also touched on the historic importance of the first republic and encouraged the faithful to pray for the homeland.

Sunday of Graduates 2018

On Sunday, June 10, 2018, St. Sarkis Church recognized and honored the 2018 middle school, high school and college graduates from our community.

At the end of Sunday Mass, Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian, invited Ms. Rebecca Holmquist (college graduate), Ms. Mimi Bijimenian, Ms. Arev Ebrimian, Mr. Raffi Hagobian (high school graduates) and Mr. Shahen Fiesel (middle school graduate) to the altar to introduce the graduates to the congregants.

Der Nareg blessed the graduates and said: "the community of St. Sarkis Church is honored to celebrate your success. You each have reached an important milestone in your lives. You are ready to embrace the next chapter in your life where you will further your education and grow in wisdom and experience. As you climb that ladder of success, we hope that you will hold to that ladder with one hand and stretch the other hand to help the people around you. That will set you apart from everybody else. That will help you live out the biblical message of mercy". He gave each graduate a stall as a token of encouragement and invited everyone for celebratory cake during the fellowship hour.



Pallet Night



On Saturday, June 2, 2018, St. Sarkis Church, Sunday School hosted its first Paint Pallet Night along with Art from the Heart Studios. The evening started out with everyone enjoying a variety of delicious appetizers and red berry sangria prepared by our Sunday School Principal, Yn. Annie Terterian and teachers.

The Main Hall turned into an art studio filled with wooden pallets, mason jar centerpieces, wooden boxes, paints of all shades and inspiring quotes to stencil onto the pallets. Laughter and fun conversation filled the room.



On Sunday June 24, 2018, Datevig Choir Director, Mrs. Haikouhi Megerian, invited choir members and their families to her home to celebrate the culmination of a successful 2017-2018 season. Surrounded by close friends and family, the children swam in the ocean and

played together. Everyone ate delicious foods prepared by Digin Haikouhi and her family. Children and their parents talked, laughed and enjoyed a beautiful sunset together. Thank you Digin Haikouhi for your hospitality.



Following church services on Father's Day 2018, fathers gathered around Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian to celebrate.

Panel Discussion on Mental Health



On Sunday, June 24, 2018, back by popular demand, St. Sarkis hosted a panel discussion on mental health. Ms. Anahid Ugurlayan thanked Der Nareg for agreeing to host a program on mental health in the first place. She also thanked all parishioners who attended the inaugural event in January of 2017. Ms. Ugurlayan stressed the importance of eliminating the stigma surrounding mental illness through education. Anahid introduced the esteemed panel of speakers who graciously returned to participate in the program again: Dr. Yeraz Meschian, Dr. Hagop Gorgissian and Dr. Carlo Bayrakdarian.

Dr. Meschian is a licensed clinical psychologist, Assistant Professor at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, research scientist at Mount Sinai, and founder and executive director of Healthy Mind NY. At Healthy Mind NY, Dr. Meschian provides individual and group therapy, family counseling and parenting skills.

Dr. Hagop Gorgissian is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, an Adjunct Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at St. George University and a private practitioner in Queens.

Dr. Carlo Bayrakdarian is a psychiatrist specializing in geriatrics with a private practice covering Westchester and

New York City. Dr. Bayrakdarian was a clinical instructor in Psychiatry at the Cornell University Medical Center.

Dr. Meschian opened up the program by discussing the link be-



tween physical illness and mental illness, specifically how the former can lead to the latter. Dr. Meschian stressed that better management of one's physical health positively impacts one's mental well being. She discussed the importance of a healthy diet, sleep, exercise, and mindfulness based stress reduction.

Dr. Gorgissian discussed stress; what it is, how it can become overwhelming and its negative impact on the body. Dr. Gorgissian noted that severe and long term stress requires the intervention of a mental health professional.

Dr. Bayrakdarian focused on genomics in psychiatry, specifically how genetic testing helps psychiatrists prescribe medications that

are best suited to their patients based on their genetic profile. Dr. Bayrakdarian explained that, prior to genetic testing, patients would often be prescribed medications by their primary care physician and/or psychiatrists based on trial and error with diminished efficacy after each treatment. Dr. Bayrakdarian noted that genomics testing is well accepted by the medical community, including the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and National Institutes of Health. Genetic testing is also becoming more affordable and, therefore, more accessible to psychiatrists and their patients.

A lively and lengthy Q&A followed underscoring the reduced stigma surrounding mental health in our parish thanks to education and awareness. Due to high interest in the subject, St. Sarkis will endeavor to have a yearly panel discussion on mental health. Following the program, the church sent a survey to parishioners to determine the topics of greatest interest for future programs.

Many thanks to Der Nareg and the Board of Trustees for agreeing to host such a panel discussion and a special thank you to the distinguished panelists for taking time from their very busy practices to educate our community on this most important subject.

CIT Training for Summer Camp



On Friday, July 22, 2018, young adults from our community assembled in Pagoumian Hall, for orientation on the exciting role of Counsellor in Training (CIT) for the 2018 St. Sarkis Church Summer Camp sessions.

CITs play an integral part in making camp fun for our campers ages 3 to 14 years old. The CIT experience instills key life-skills for participants including leadership, coaching, collaboration, child development, problem solving and more. Who knew you could learn so much from playing kickball, taking drama class or getting drenched in a Water War?

Summer Camp



The 13th session of St. Sarkis Church Summer Camp reached a milestone. Now over a decade into its existence, St. Sarkis Church Summer Camp grew to 106 enthusiastic campers, 14 dedicated Counselors in Training (CITs) and 23 seasoned staff members in 2018.

The campers had no shortage of fun. They painted masterpieces, they flipped in the Fun Bus, they laughed with a Comedian then participated in a Comedy Workshop, they bounced in the Bouncy Castle, they improvised

during drama class, they marveled at the fascinating Mad Science Show, they built and coded in the Lego Workshop with Coding and Robotics, they enjoyed a Puppet Show then made their own hand puppet out of a sock, they discovered live animals, and of course, they played a variety of outdoor sports.

Campers and staff also participated in church time and to learn more about their faith. Der Nareg taught the younger children the story of Noah and the Ark and explained to

the older children the meaning of Sacraments. Campers posed interesting questions making learning fun and creating a greater attachment to their faith.

A wonderful group of staff members made this incredible camp possible along with many generous donations from members of the St. Sarkis community. We look forward to future successful camp experiences for our children.







Summer Camp Donors & Staff Appreciation

On Friday, July 27, 2018 summer camp staff members, sponsors and their families joined together for a Wine and Cheese event to celebrate another successful year of St. Sarkis Church Summer Camp. Der Nareg remarked that the camp grew from 85 campers last year to 106 campers this year.

Campers come from nearby but also upstate New York, Connecticut and even Canada to participate. Just as the camp has grown so remarkably so did the

appreciation event turning into a full sit down dinner with entertainment. The esteemed violinist, Arsen Ketikyan, honored guests and family members with a performance.

Der Nareg also took the time to say a few kind words about each teacher, staff member and sponsor -- some of whom have been doing so since the inception of the camp 13 years ago. These thoughtful contributions, whether they be

of time, creativity or monetary contributions make this St. Sarkis camp the loving place it is. For many it feels more like a family than a conventional camp.

His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar General personally congratulated Der Nareg, Yn. Annie and all supporters for a job well done. He even commented that given the many activities perhaps camp could be extended to three weeks from just two.



A Special Divine Liturgy



On Sunday, July 29, 2018, the congregation of St. Sarkis Church gathered in the Main Hall, not for coffee hour or for a meeting, but for Sunday Divine Liturgy celebrated by the Pastor and presided over by His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate.

This unique experience created a cozy atmosphere for prayer and meditation all because the church sanctuary was being painted. The lack of the curtain on the improvised altar area gave all who were present a view of what goes on “behind the curtain.” The absence of the choir area gave parishioners the opportunity to experience and see the choir members performing.

Summer Course in Antelias



Twelve young adults from the Eastern Prelacy participated in an intensive summer course on the “Armenian Church: Historical and Contemporary Issues and Challenges” from August 6-12, 2018. The students and young professionals had an intimate meeting with His Holiness Aram I and participated in a Q&A roundtable and sightseeing. Raffi and Sevag Hagobian, Daniel Megerian and Aleen Voskerijian from St. Sarkis Church represented St. Sarkis Church.

Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary Holy Mother of God Blessing of the Grapes and Madagh



On Sunday August 12, 2018, the community of St. Sarkis Church observed the Feast of the Assumption (Verapokoum) of the Holy Virgin Mary. Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian celebrated the Divine Liturgy and delivered the sermon. Following the Divine Liturgy, over 150 parishioners attended the ceremony of the Blessing of the Grapes and enjoyed a traditional *Harissa* luncheon, hosted by the Ladies Guild of St. Sarkis Church. Der Hayr took a moment to remember and celebrate the life and memory of our beloved Karnig Nercessian.

Yn. Annie Terterian & Mrs. Ani Nercessian, prepared a traditional *Harissa* with the help of Mrs. Amy Gostanian, Mrs. Zepiur Ardzivian, Mrs. Maria Ebrimian, Mrs. Anita Masoian and members of the Ladies Guild. They also served sandwiches as *madagh*.

Mrs. Dory Shishmanian.

prepared and donated the customary and refreshing *tahn* beverage. Mr. & Mrs. Vicken and Pamela Keshishian donated grapes for the blessing. Mr. & Mrs. Armen and Zepiur Ardzivian donated altar flowers in memory of their beloved mothers.

The Blessing of the Grapes is based on the biblical teaching “So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me..You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God.” (Deuteronomy 26:10). In the Armenian Church, the offering of first fruit takes the form of a thanksgiving and blessing and then the faithful consume the fruit.

Harissa, the traditional Armenian recipe dating back to St. Gregory the Illuminator, began at St. Sarkis 12 years ago and quickly became popular.



Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



On Sunday, September 16, on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the Divine Liturgy at St. Sarkis Church was followed with "Antasdan" service (Blessing of the fields), during which the Cross was adorned with basil and the four corners of the Church were blessed as a symbol of all the World.

V. Rev. Fr. Vahan Ohanian, a member of the *Mekhitarist* congregation of Venice attended church services at St. Sarkis. Fr. Ohanian is visiting NY to participate in the activities of the Armenia exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

First Day of Saturday School



On September 15, 2018, St. Sarkis Suzanne & Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School opened its doors for the 2018-2019 year.

Ninety-three eager and excited students gathered in the Main Hall. Digin Nairy Zohrabian, Principal of the school greeted students and teachers.

After morning prayers, teachers led students to their individual and beautifully decorated classrooms. Students learn the Armenian language in

Western and Eastern dialects, religion, history and traditional Armenian songs.

As the students gathered for dismissal Principal Zohrabian took the opportunity to speak with students about why an education in their Armenian heritage was important. She also reviewed school rules. She emphasized that "it is our responsibility to understand our heritage and to do our best to continue to preserve our culture and rich history".

Bishop Anoushavan Elected Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy

On Saturday, September 8, 2018, the Prelacy's National Representative Assembly convened in New York City with 62 duly elected delegates in attendance and elected His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian to serve as the new Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America. The only agenda item for this special session of the NRA was the election of a new prelate to succeed Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan. Archbishop Choloyan retired after 20 years of distinguished service as Prelate.

The NRA elected Bishop Anoushavan on the first ballot from a slate of three candidates submitted by His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Holy See of the Great House of Cilicia. Bish-

op Anoushavan received 39 votes; Bishop Shahan Panossian received 20 votes; Very Rev. Fr. Sahag Yemishian received 2 votes; and 1 blank ballot was submitted.

Archbishop Oshagan addressed the delegates after the vote. He congratulated Bishop Anoushavan and officially introduced him. The newly elected prelate humbly addressed the delegates expressing his thanks and asking for prayers.

The results of the election were immediately communicated to His Holiness Aram I and a letter dated September 11, 2018 was received from His Holiness ratifying the election.



Newly Elected Prelate, His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Celebrates Divine Liturgy at St. Sarkis Church

The newly elected Prelate, His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian visited St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church on September 22, 2018 where he celebrated the Divine Liturgy and presided over church services.

The sanctuary was filled with parishioners who came to welcome the Prelate's first visit to our community. Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian, pastor of St. Sarkis Church addressed the Prelate and said: "Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord, Serpazan Hayr, Welcome Home".

In his sermon, Anoushavan Serpazan spoke about the important role that the parish of St. Sarkis has

played in his life, where he served as the pastor for over 15 years. He commended the pastor, board of trustees, auxiliary bodies and faithful parishioners for their continuous efforts to make St. Sarkis an important Armenian-Christian spiritual center. Serpazan also presided over the service of blessing of flags and prayers for the Republic of Armenia on the 27th anniversary of its independence.

Following church services, His Grace Bishop Anoushavan joined the annual picnic. The parish of St. Sarkis rejoiced and welcomed the new Prelate. We pray that God almighty strengthen and bless Anoushavan Serpazan in his service to God and the Armenian Church.



Hrashapar Service Welcomes New Prelate of Eastern Prelacy



During the service the retiring Prelate, His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, passed the Prelate's *staff of authority* to the recently elected Prelate and delivered a heartfelt message to His Grace and to the assembled congregation.

After Archbishop Oshagan's address, His Grace Bishop Anoushavan delivered his first message as Prelate.

At the conclusion of the Hrashapar service, a reception took place in the Cathedral's John Pashalian Hall as the faithful gathered to congratulate the new Prelate.

Hrashapar Service of thanksgiving took place on September 22, 2018 at St. Illuminator's Cathedral in New York City in honor of His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian on the occasion of his installation as Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America. Congregants filled the cathedral to capacity as the faithful from the tri-state and mid-atlantic areas welcomed the new prelate.



St. Sarkis Church 2018 Picnic



On Sunday, September 23, 2018, St. Sarkis Picnic Committee geared up for its annual picnic. Despite unpredictable weather, the picnic proved to be the most successful one yet. By 1:00 pm the church grounds transformed into a carnival like atmosphere. At the bottom of the hill, the Kids Zone offered a bouncy house, obstacle course, cupcake decorating and other arts-n-crafts and treats for the children.

Next to the church, the food stations served delicious Armenian

barbeque, salads, and appetizers. A bar offered soft drinks, beer, wine and sangria. The Ladies Guild also setup a café inside Pagoumian Hall with the most pleasing spread of homemade Armenian desserts, delicacies and soorg.

At the start of the picnic, Der. Nareg blessed the food, then invited our special guest, the newly elected Prelate to the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America, His Eminence Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, to convey his message.

Mr. Michael Gostanian's Ensemble entertained the attendees with beautiful Armenian popular songs, along with special guest appearance by vocalist, Hooshere. Additional entertainment was provided by master violinist Arsen Ketikyan and Tonee Marino, a young rapper from our congregation.

Mother Nature kindly held off the rain until we finished the raffle drawings. We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2019 picnic!



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to report on the wonderful church picnic that was held on Sunday, September 23. It was the most successful church picnic in history and proved to be a great day in bringing the community together and raising funds for the church. I am deeply grateful to all the volunteers who committed countless hours of hard work to plan, execute, and manage every detail of the picnic.

A special thank you to our picnic chairman, Dr. Hagop Gorgissian for his leadership and work, and the work of everyone involved leading up to and the day of the picnic. Volunteers are worth their weight in gold. They share their time and talents for the betterment of our community. I pray that God may reward them abundantly.

*Prayerfully,
Fr. Nareg Terterian, Pastor*



Clergy Conference at St. Sarkis Church



The Eastern Prelacy held its semi annual clergy conference at St. Sarkis Church. Led by the newly inaugurated Prelate, Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, the Eastern Prelacy clergymen gathered for prayer and to discuss various parish, community and faith related matters to further enrich and unify their communities.

Enriching Your Marriage Workshop

Beginning on October 8, 2018, Der Nareg presented a 5 week course entitled *Enriching Your Marriage*. Approximately 15 married, engaged or dating couples participated in the program that met on Monday nights.

The workshops focused on strengthening relationships, building interpersonal skills and fostering effective communication. The course offered couples a chance to take time out of their busy lives to come together and focus on themselves. Dinner and babysitting helped facilitate the workshop for our families.

The course focused on five major themes: Commencing, Connecting, Compatibility, Communication and Commitment. Der Nareg offered stories and examples at each session to provide a clear understanding of how these principles apply.

The participants were given a set of questions to take home and ask themselves or each other.

Week 1 - the session encouraged couples to look at and recognize the unique dynamics of their relationship.

Week 2 - the session explored having a healthy understanding of each other.

Week 3 - brought awareness of what each person brings to the mix.

Week 4 - took a closer look at the patterns and responses that promote or sabotage good communication.

Week 5 - rounded out the course, reinforcing the importance of loving, respecting and cherishing each other.

Der Nareg also encouraged couples to pray with each other and to hear the desires of each other's heart. At the final session, Der Nareg and Yeretsgin gifted participants a copy of the book *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work* to continue to guide them on their marital journeys.



A Successful School Expansion Fundraiser



On October 13, 2018, St. Sarkis Church launched their first fundraising event in the Main Hall to support the New School Expansion Project. The new expansion project aims to meet the growing demand for more space to accommodate the increase in the number of students attending both the Armenian School and Sunday School. This is a good problem to have.

Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School has 97 students, and the Sunday school has 50 students. For this special fundraising event something a little different was needed and the Elie Berberian Band from Canada fit the bill.

Elie and his band arrived right after their flights landed to set up the sound system. When asked if he wanted to hear our students sing during music class, Elie's face lit up. He said he would love to. He surprised our principal, teachers and students by joining them with some of their songs. The kids were so excited and happy to meet him and sing with him. When the video of the children singing with Elie was posted on line, it went viral with over 10,000 views.

The night of the event, we had guests from New York and New Jersey. You could feel the excitement in the air and we knew we were in for a treat. Elie's amazing voice did not disappoint.

The event began with a speech from Annette Givelekian Co-Chair of the event with Natalie Meneshian Co-Chair at her side. Ms. Givelekian spoke about the importance of all institutions that help our youth keep their Armenian, language, religion and culture alive. She thanked the Saturday and Sunday Schools, event sponsors, raffle prize donors along with the incredible committee for their hard work and donations. Der Nareg Terterian made a moving speech and blessed our table.

Right after the speeches, Elie started singing and the crowd jumped up on their feet. The Main Hall of the church filled with fun, laughter, dancing, wonderful appetizers, food and a wonderful dessert spread. Smiles abounded. As the night progressed, Elie honored the crowd with patriotic songs deeply touching those assembled. Hands shot up with pledges to donate to the Expansion Project.

The more Elie Berberian sang, the more donations poured in. What an incredible feeling. It was magical. Elie and the band continued to sing patriotic songs until 2:30 in the morning, closing out a wonderful evening in a most memorable way.

Saturday School Fall Festival

St. Sarkis Armenian Saturday School held its annual Autumn Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 20, 2018. Saturday School children and all children in our community were invited to join the fun.

Children enjoyed pizza and *lahmajun* before the fun started. DJ

Jarrod entertained the kids and they danced and played games. Kids also dipped apple, frosted cupcakes and decorated pumpkins. Families posed for pictures at the beautifully decorated photo station for memories to last a lifetime.

The PTA also set up a general store with delicious homemade

apple and pumpkin pies, jams and lemon scrubs prepared and donated by the wonderful members of the PTA and their families.

All who attended had fun. The event was a success. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and donated to support our event.



Medz Mama's Kitchen



On Saturday, October 27, 2018, St. Sarkis Ladies Guild hosted its second "From Medz Mama's Kitchen". A gathering where a group of Medz Mamas who have the same ancestral background prepare special cuisines for the church community. This time, guests savored the authentic cuisine of the historic city of Ourfa.

To begin the festivities Mrs. Nayda Voskerijian, one of the committee members, welcomed guests and promised them an enjoyable evening.

She invited Der Nareg to make a few remarks and to bless the table. Der Nareg briefly spoke about the importance of the brave battle the citizens of Ourfa fought during the genocide.

The meal started with *borrani*, a famous stew that is robust in flavor and texture. Followed by *samsak*, a meat patty surrounded by tasty dough. The committee also served a popular eggplant *kebab* comprised of a string of meat and eggplant.

Other side dishes included: *tahnove gheyma* and *havgitov hume kufte*. Desserts did not disappoint. The Medz Mamas prepared an array of sweets famous in the city of Ourfa: *halva* made with flour and honey; *zardah* prepared with rice and molasses; and *kulunje*, a type of choreg made with seven spices.

Attendees left happy, eager to join us for the next culinary delight "From Medzmama's Kitchen". Check the weekly e-bulletin for the next event.

Volunteering in Armenia



In honor of the 100th anniversary since the First Independence of Armenia, St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church and AYP *Hyortik* Chapter hosted an event on Sunday, October 28, 2018, with a presentation from Dr. Garo Nazarian on his volunteer work in Armenia for the last 10 years.

The event began with the singing of the AYP anthem, "Harach Nahadag". 11 year old Aris Givlekian, who serves as an executive for the Hyortik Junior Chapter served as Master of Ceremonies for the day. Aris welcomed the crowd and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the AYP. In his presentation, Aris covered events that occur annually at AYP, what a typical meeting is like, pictures of last year's events, AYP programs and awards.

This year, two *Hyortiks*, Lara Givlekian and Aren Bedrossian, won an \$800 award towards Camp Haiastan. Aris asked Aren, the Chairperson of AYP *Hyortik* Junior Chapter, to read his winning essay, "How Can I Influence Our Armenian Leaders?" After Aren read his essay, the MC introduced Nicole Yaghdjian, who serves as an executive of the AYP. Nicole introduced the presenter for the day, Dr. Garo Nazarian.

Dr. Nazarian, a former AYP member from the Long Island Masis Chapter, attended Camp

Haistan regularly as a teenager. Dr. Nazarian gave an inspirational presentation about his involvement in a program in Armenia, the Armenian Dental Volunteers.

In cooperation with the Armenian Dental Society of California, dentists from all over the world travel to villages in Armenia where they set up summer camps for underprivileged children who require dental work. The children enjoy their time at camp while getting much needed dental treatments. The dentists put in long hours to make sure they can get to all the children. Dr. Nazarian spends two weeks a year volunteering for this program, something he has done for the past 10 years.

Dr. Nazarian's presentation truly captured the spirit and feelings at the camp and in Armenia. Dr. Nazarian's comments on the program's emotional impact on the children really impacted the audience. The children feel that people out there care about them. What a priceless gift, the ability to make someone feel special.

After Dr. Nazarian concluded his presentation, AYP'er Anahit Indzhigulyan, sang a beautiful Armenian song "Yes Im Anoush Hayastani" pleasing the crowd and receiving a round of applause.

Unger Kyle Dinkjian, the representative from AYP Central Counsel joined the program that afternoon addressing the crowd and taking questions about AYP.

St. Sarkis Church's Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian took the podium and made a moving speech about the importance of our youth and our community in helping Armenia in any way. The parish raised over \$4,000 that afternoon.

This event, was another wonderful collaboration with Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian who made the event possible, Yeretsgin Annie Terterian and the Ladies Guild who prepared the beautiful *mezza* table for parishioners and the AYP *Hyortik* Chapter who put the program together.

When communities and different organizations come together for a common cause, wonderful things happen. AYP tries to instill the importance of caring about the Armenian culture, to improve the individual and to give back to the Armenian community. AYP encourages members to take pride in staying close to their Armenian roots.

The event ended with the singing of "Mer Hayrenik".

Sunday School Thanksgiving Feast

On Sunday, November 18, 2018, St. Sarkis Church community celebrated their own Thanksgiving with over 125 parishioners in attendance. The Sunday School and the ARS Erebouni Chapter hosted a joint traditional American Thanksgiving feast. The homemade meal included perfectly cooked turkey donated and prepared by Mrs. Arpine Bezdikian and all the trimmings right down to the pumpkin pie.

Our former Prelate Archbishop Oshagan blessed the table and both young and old enjoyed the great food but, most importantly, they all enjoyed good laughs, good conversation and quality time with

friends and family. Aleene Voskerijian, Greg Dosttur and Hagop Minassian, young adults from our community, treated those in attendance to a presentation about their experiences in Lebanon over the summer. They participated in the Summer Youth Academy at the Holy See of Cilicia for students and young professionals. They spoke about their life changing experiences over the two week program. At the conclusion of their presentation they answered questions from the audience.

Those in attendance left the feast feeling blessed in many ways, thankful for life's everyday blessings.



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

On Monday, November 19, 2018, St. Anastasia Roman Catholic Church in Douglaston, New York hosted an Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service. St. Sarkis Church joined six other local congregations. The service included recitations from the Old Testament, reflections and the singing of hymns.

This is the 4th year that St. Sarkis Church participated in the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. A great way to begin the holiday season praying with people of all faiths and learning about different religious traditions. Our differences whether spiritual or cultural should unite and not divide us.



The Community Celebrates New Prelate



On Sunday, December 2, 2018, a joyful celebration welcoming our new Prelate, His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan Tanielian, and marking his recent elevation to Archbishop took place at Terrace on the Park in Queens, New York. A sold out audience joyously cele-

brated both the election and elevation. Our extended church family from all over the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America traveled to attend the celebration including a large contingent from St. Sarkis Church.



St. Sarkis Church Sunday School



In December 2018, our Sunday School children experienced a time of laughter, joy and love towards one another. Fourth and Fifth grade students read a special story to our younger children. Everyone listened with such intensity. The Seventh and Eight graders helped make special crafts with the Kindergarten, First, Second and Third grade classes.

Sunday School showed us that day the true Christmas spirit, sharing and spreading joy to others.

The Sunday School staff feel blessed and honored to share time with these amazing children. God granted them the special gift of guiding these young souls and we cannot be more thankful.



COOKIE DECORATING PARTY

On Sunday, December 9, 2018, Sunday School commenced once again. Students and teachers created a Christmas ornament, generously sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Simon and Lara Bardizbanian. After Sunday School, the children along with their families and the Sunday School Staff enjoyed an afternoon filled of fun decorating cookies.

The annual Christmas Cookie Decorating event took place in the Main Hall.



various shapes of plain cookies to decorate. Our multitalented church organist lovingly baked the fresh cookies for the children. Mrs. Aikouhi Megerian also worked tirelessly in the kitchen both Saturday and Sunday along with her helpers, members of Sunday School staff and the Ladies Guild. These volunteers prepared and baked the *Khachapuri* and the crêpes for all to enjoy.

Before children began their activities, they enjoyed an array of special brunch treats. The menu consisted of homemade *Khachapuri*, a traditional Georgian dish made with cheese baked into leavened bread. French crêpes served with maple syrup and chocolate Nutella also proved popular with children and adults. A variety of sandwiches and bagels with cream cheese also graced the breakfast menu.

After the children finished their delicious brunch, they moved to their work tables where they selected



ARS Erebouni Chapter Wine Tasting Event



On Friday, December 7, 2018, the Armenian Relief Society Erebouni Chapter of New York hosted an Armenian Wine Tasting event. Over 60 adults participated in the sophisticated evening surrounded by Armenian wines, great company, and tasty food donated by our Ungerouhies.

The evening started with welcoming remarks by Ungerouhi Nevair Oranjian, Chairperson of the Erebouni Chapter, who discussed the goals of the ARS and introduced Krush! Armenian Wine Imports, Inc.

Mr. Derek Kruizenga from Krush! provided a background of the company and the different Armenian wines presented at the event. The wines served originated from the Tushpa, Van Ardi, Old Bridge, Voskevaz, and Hin Areni wineries.

Throughout the evening, attendees sampled and learned about the many red and white wines.

Ungerouhies, friends, and guests enjoyed the atmosphere and delectable wines. The ARS thanks all attendees for coming out and making this event a success.



Simply Christmas

If your hectic holiday schedule did not accommodate the 2018 Simply Christmas Concert at St. Sarkis Church, you missed a great opportunity to put yourself in the Christmas spirit. The ever present commercialism and stress of Christmas robs one of the pleasures of enjoying the season of our Lord's birth. Simply Christmas simply put the beauty back in the season. Something we all needed.

The concert began with our own St. Sarkis Datevig Children's Choir conducted by Mrs. Haikouhi Megerian and assisted by Mrs. Janet Marcarian on the piano. The choir sang a song dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the devastating earthquake in Armenia written by Charles Aznavour "Pour Toi Armenie". We could have listened to them all day. The calming voices of the young choir helped us transcend any problems and anxiety. What a delight!

Then, just when you thought it could not get any better, it did. Ms. Deborah Agopian, a veteran of the St. Sarkis choir, and her merry making friends followed the children's choral group singing carols. To the amazement of the crowd, Deborah's non Armenian friends sang some of the songs in Armenian. They quickly gained the audience's support garnering applause and cheers.

The practice and effort of Ms. Agopian and her classmates for this performance was apparent. They were wonderful and so cheerful. Thank you to all of the performers for sharing their talents with us at St. Sarkis Church.



The Feast of Saint Stephen



St. Sarkis Church celebrated the Feast of St. Stephen, the first deacon and proto-martyr of the Armenian Apostolic Church on Sunday, December 23, 2018. In his sermon, Der Nareg spoke about the meaning of the service, one of the core missions of the diaconate. He also commended the selfless effort of all church

servers including the deacons, altar servers, choir members and organists. Following church services, the deacons serving the altar wore crowns in honor of this special day, offered incense to the holy altar and received the blessings of Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian.

Salt & Light Youth Group 2018 Sessions and Events

2018 proved an exciting and ambitious year for St. Sarkis Salt & Light Youth Group. Still in its infancy, the group consists of a youth ministry committee led by co-chairs Nyrie Bedrossian and Raffi Nenejian and six adult facilitators who meet with the youth in small breakouts during the sessions.

The six facilitators, Der Nareg, Raffi Nenejian, Michael Gostanian, Yn. Annie, Liza Kabarajian and Lena Felice, helped the group start the year strongly in January 2018. The winter calendar, packed with five sessions in the first study, completed the "Follow Me" portion of the Prelacy's Youth Ministry Program.

For the sessions that were during Lent, the youth participated in Vesper services following their sessions. During Holy Week, youth group members made Home Blessing kits distributed on

Easter Sunday. The group also made palm crosses for Palm Sunday.

The second half of the Winter/Spring program included a series of four sessions covering the second Study, "Who Is God". In this season, our youth group grew to over 40 members and with two additional facilitators joining Salt & Light, Razmig Nenejian and Aleene Voskerijian.

All sessions started with a delicious meal and social time for the kids. During the season, facilitators added board games, card games and ping pong in the Main Hall to help kids socialize. Upon completion of the Spring season, the Salt & Light family scheduled a picnic to celebrate the completion of the program but bad weather forced its cancellation.

A joint summer social with the Armenian Youth Federation's *Hyortik* chapter went off without a hitch at SkyZone. The social allowed the kids a nice way to end the summer and get ready for the Fall season.

St. Sarkis Church felt blessed to have a continually growing youth group with over 40 youth attending in the Spring 2018 sessions. In preparation for the Fall sessions of Salt & Light, facilitators attended training at the beginning of September 2018. Ms. Annie Ovanessian, Director of the Youth Ministry Program for the Armenian Prelacy, led the training. Ten facilitators attended, including two additional facilitators: Dr. Edmond Demirdjan and Mrs. Arev Mouradian. Ms. Ovanessian led a very interactive discussion with the group, sharing the motivation and drive behind the Prelacy's push for this new Youth Ministry and effective ways youth group leaders can connect and interact with our youth.

Ms. Ovanessian explained the YDISCIPLE program materials adapted by the Armenian Apostolic Church for use in the Salt & Light program. There was a high level of engagement and interactive

conversation among the facilitators as they worked through icebreakers, provided positive and constructive feedback on last year's sessions, and came up with new ideas on how to continually improve upcoming sessions to appeal to our youth.

Friday, September 28, 2018, marked the kickoff of the Fall Salt & Light program. Fall session consisted of four sessions, covering Study 3 of the program, "How to Pray". Salt & Light held an Ugly Sweater Christmas Party at the conclusion of the Fall season with the AYF NY Hyortiks. The vibrant and festive Christmas party gave us a wonderful opportunity to celebrate a year of growth and learning for our youth. During the party, Anoushavan Serpazan and Der Nareg recognized and thanked the facilitators and youth group leaders for their role in the success and growth of the Salt & Light Youth group.

Salt & Light also participated in a very impactful outreach activity during the holiday season. The group collectively donated over \$400 in gifts for the St. Mary's Childrens Hospital in Bayside, New York.



A few older members of the youth group hand delivered the gifts to the children at St. Mary's. The youth group members, along with Der Nareg and a few of our facilitators, spent an afternoon doing holiday crafts with the hospitalized children. Upon completion of the visit, Der Nareg met with the youth group in the hospital chapel to pray for the children and to reflect upon the experience.

Our youth group had a fruitful 2018. Not only did youth group members and facilitators grow but so did our understanding and appreciation for the Youth Ministry Program and the importance of providing this experience to our Armenian youth.

We pray that by attending the Salt & Light Youth group our kids have an opportunity to grow closer to God and develop a deeper understanding of our Armenian Church.



Salt & Light Youth Group 2018



As a member of the Salt & Light Youth group, this program was a good experience for me because it allowed me to get a better feel for my friends' personalities that I wouldn't have known otherwise had it not been for the program. It allowed me to connect with them in a different way since we all have the one common thing of being Armenian. We were able to have an open discussion and I feel that it helped me think of things I haven't fully thought of in the past and made me analyze them in a different way. I was able to see things from other people's perspective and freely discuss our opinions about topics, not only about God, but also things that happen in our daily lives.

Alicia Mordjikian

My experience at Salt & Light Youth group was fun, especially when I was put in a group with all my close friends. The activities we do are very fun and interactive. I like how everyone shares their experiences and gives their opinion on certain topics. I also enjoy my mentor, Mr. Michael Gostanian, because he has a good sense of humor but when we have to get things done he will make sure that we are not fooling around and stay focused on the discussions. Salt & Light is a great experience because it brings together the Armenian community, where you can learn, make new friends and have fun. I definitely recommend everyone to attend the youth group meetings.

Jack Abajian



My experience during Salt & Light was fun and enjoyable. I really liked talking to my new and old friends about all different topics including religion. --Nectar Mouradian

Salt & Light is a fun youth group where every few weeks we meet up with our mentor and some of our closest friends. I always look forward to Salt & Light because of all the things we talk about in our groups. Each week, I learn more and more about all of my friends from our friendships, to scars and becoming closer to God, there is never a time where I don't have fun. I always have the best time! I love being with my group and mentor. Olivia Abajian

"My experience at the youth group on Fridays was really good. I was able to meet up with all of my friends and hang out. After a while we broke up into groups and the conversations got a little deeper. We talked about how Jesus and God are in our everyday lives and we don't notice it. Overall, it was a good experience." Shahan Fiesel



Salt & Light Youth Group 2018



Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

On Friday, December 14, 2018, St. Sarkis Salt & Light Youth Group and AYF *Hyortik* Juniors hosted a Christmas party for all of their members and families. The theme was Ugly Christmas Sweaters and everyone who attended certainly embraced the idea. Over 130 guests attended dressed in fun and silly Christmas themed clothing. Our Prelate, Archbishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Der Nareg Terterian and Der Mesrob Lakissian honored attendees with their presence, they too, showed their wonderful sense of humor by participating in the evening's dress code.

The guests enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by Yeretsgin Annie as well as an awesome selection of music played by our DJ for the night, Greg Dosttur. Greg certainly put everyone in the mood with his Christmas music and the youth seemed to really enjoy the Armenian dance music which got them on the dance floor having fun and even doing a traditional Armenian shoorch bar.

The entire evening had a festive atmosphere. The organizers thought of everything: a Main Hall beautifully decorated for Christmas, a fun photo booth area

set up with silly props for everyone to gather, snap pictures and laugh around.

In addition to the festive celebrations, the group also celebrated the successes of both host organizations, the Salt & Light Youth group and the AYF *Hyortik* chapter. Two *Hyortik* Juniors executive members, Aris Givelekian and Aren Bedrossian, did a wonderful job presenting AYF activities and the various local and regional events in which members participate as well as the most recent and very successful ACE weekend that the New York *Hyortik* chapter hosted.

Nyrie Bedrossian and Raffi Nenejian spoke on behalf of the Salt & Light Youth Group reflecting on the growth and accomplishments of the youth group over the past year and a half. They particularly wanted to recognize and thank various committee members and group facilitators for their commitment to the youth group program with a small token of appreciation. In their remarks, they mentioned that the success and growth of the youth group would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of Salt & Light facilitators: Lena Felice, Yn.

Annie Terterian, Aleene Voskerijian, Liza Kabarajian, Arev Mouradian, Raffi Nenejian, Razmig Nenejian, Michael Gostanian, Dr. Edmond Demirdjan and of course Der Nareg Terterian.

Following the recognition, Der Nareg addressed the gathering with some insightful words about the importance of having active and vibrant youth organizations within our church. Archbishop Anoushavan then spoke enthusiastically to the youth about how important it is for the youth organizations to work together and encourage our youth to be active in their church and their Armenian community. He encouraged the adults in the room to take an active role in becoming leaders for the youth.

The night continued with music, dancing, and laughter, a wonderful way for community members, adults and youth to come together to celebrate the joy and love of the Christmas season.

Looking forward to many more successful celebrations for both the Salt & Light Youth Group and the AYF *Hyortik* Chapter in 2019.



Celebration! St. Sarkis Basketball Christmas Party



Most of us try to live our lives by applying, as possible, ancient words of wisdom such as “live one day at a time” or “don’t leave for tomorrow what you can do today”.

When the first half of the 2018 to 2019 season of the Armenian Churches Sports Association Basketball season ended with wins for our girls and boys teams, we did not want to think too far ahead. But we did want to celebrate the standings of our teams: Girls and Junior Boys in 1st place and 2nd place respectively. What better way to celebrate than having a terrific Christmas party?

A newly formed sisterhood of the Junior Boys team parents must have broken texting records in organizing all facets of the party in record time.

The Christmas party took place on Saturday, December 22, 2018, with a large crowd made up of St.

Sarkis players, parents, grandparents and friends of the teams who brought their designated items: food, drinks, dessert, and Santa gifts.

A rich buffet of homemade dishes and 10 pies of hot pizza donated by Juniors coach Arry Nalbandian arrived just in time for the blessing of the food by Deacon Michael Gostanian.

Immediately after the meal, the team coaches were introduced and presented with gift certificates as a token of appreciation for their efforts during the season. Junior Boys coaches, Arry Nalbandian and Jeff Varadi, and Girls team coach, Emma Biramian, expressed their satisfaction in coaching our youth. The coaches urged all players to do their best, not only on the basketball court, but in their lives.

“Be active, be involved, treasure the friendships you make playing

basketball and I am confident you will grow up to be terrific adults in the future” said coach Arry.

Mr. Greg Dosttur the talented DJ of the evening assisted by Hovsep Terterian, did a great job keeping the dance floor busy throughout the evening. DJ Greg spun great music for everyone: Armenian shoorch bar, line dance music and everything in between. A mini dance moves exhibition started with Brandon Nalbandian putting on amazing break dance moves inspiring others to join in and show their, albeit slightly less impressive, stuff. Everyone cheered and urged on the dancers.

DJ Greg introduced one last surprise of the evening as he introduced a young rap singer from our congregation, Tonee Marino, to entertain all with three of his new hit songs.



SACRAMENTS

Baptisms 2018

SEVAG RAFFI SHISHMANIAN son of VAHRAM SHISHMANIAN and NATHALY BROUKIAN SHISHMANIAN was baptized on January 13, 2018. Godparents: MICHAEL MARCARIAN and BETTY BROUKIAN.

EVA BEDIKIAN SCHERZER daughter of MAX SCHERZER and SOURPOUHI BEDIKIAN SCHERZER was baptized on January 20, 2018. Godparents: FILIP STEPANIAN and KATRINA SHAKARIAN.

EVIE VICTORIA ARSENIAN daughter of GARY ARSENIAN and EVANA ARSENIAN was baptized on April 8, 2018. Godparents: SIMON BARDIZBANIAN and LARA BARDIZBANIAN.

CARLA SOCI SIMONIAN daughter of SHANT SIMONIAN and HOORY HARUTIUNIAN SIMONIAN was baptized on May 6, 2018. Godparents: HAGOP SIMONIAN and GRACE SIMONIAN.

CIA SONIA SIMONIAN daughter of SHANT SIMONIAN and HOORY HARUTIUNIAN SIMONIAN was baptized on May 6, 2018. Godparents: HAGOP SIMONIAN and GRACE SIMONIAN.

DAVID GALSTIAN son of ARTUR GALSTIAN and IRINA KUZNETSOVA GALSTIAN was baptized on May 12, 2018. Godparents: ARMEN GALSTIAN and MILENA KHAZARDJYAN.

ILIANA ANJIK MKHITARIAN daughter of ARMOND MKHITARIAN and ILING LAI MKHITARIAN was baptized on June 3, 2018. Godparents: MICHAEL TAMBURELLO and HELEN YUNJU LAI.

ANDREW PATRICK NAZARIAN son of GARO NAZARIAN and RUBINA NAZARIAN was baptized on June 16, 2018. Godparents: RAFFI VALIJIAN and TAMAR CHALIAN.

ARIANA ASEYAN daughter of VAHAGN ASEYAN and SHOGHIK GHARIBYAN ASEYAN was baptized on June 23, 2018. Godparents: GIOEGI GHVINIASHVILI and TATEVIK KHACHATRYAN.

DAVID ASEYAN son of VAHAGN ASEYAN and SHOGHIK GHARIBYAN ASEYAN was baptized on June 23, 2018. Godparents: GIOEGI GHVINIASHVILI and TATEVIK KHACHATRYAN.

ALEXANDER MESIA HOVSEPIAN son of DANIEL HOVSEPIAN and JEANAMARIE TARPINIAN HOVSEPIAN was

baptized on June 30, 2018. Godparents: SHANT TAVITIAN and LEANA TAVITIAN.

HARUT DAVID KAHOUATY son of SUREN KAHOUATY and GRETELL MERLO KAHOUATY was baptized on July 14, 2018. Godparents: SHANT KAHOUATI and SUZAN KAHOUATI.

MATTEO ARMAN ALPIAN son of ARIS ALPIAN and ANITA BERNARDI ALPIAN was baptized on August 12, 2018. Godparents: MASIS ALPIAN and MARTINA BERNARDI.

RUBEN JAMES GONZALEZ son of ERNESTO GONZALEZ and ANNAHIT DAGLYAN GONZALEZ was baptized on September 15, 2018. Godparents: ARON GONZALEZ and VERZHINE OWENS.

KARINA JOANN MENGHI daughter of MICHAEL MENGHI and LOLA MOURADIAN MENGHI was baptized on October 14, 2018. Godparents: MICHAEL ALAHVERDIAN and LAUREN ALAHVERDIAN.

CHARLOTTE ROSE BELFOND daughter of CARL BELFOND and ALIDA KALENDER BELFOND was baptized on October 20, 2018. Godfather: KRIS KALENDER and TALAR PAPELIAN.

MILANA KRIKORIAN daughter of EDWARD KRIKORIAN and KRISTINA KOTKOVA KRIKORIAN was baptized on October 20, 2018. Godparents: DANIEL TATEOSIAN and JACKLYN KRIKORIAN.

JULIANA MCLEOD daughter of MARK MCLEOD and BRENDA ARAKELYAN was baptized on October 27, 2018. Godparents: MICHAEL TRIVINO and CASSANDRA TRIVINO.

AIDEN DANIEL BURDUCEA son of ALEXANDRU BURDUCEA and DANIELLE BREWER BURDUCEA was baptized on November 10, 2018. Godparents: CORNEL NASTASACHE and MARIELLA NASTASACHE.

LIAM ALEXANDER MARTINEZ son of RAFAEL MARTINEZ and BEATRICE ARTIM MARTINEZ was baptized on November 24, 2018. Godparents: SARCHIZ ARTIM and ELISE ARTIM.

HENRY ALEXANDER OHANNESSIAN son of OHANES OHANNESSIAN and ANGELA GRUSZKA OHANNESSIAN was baptized on November 25, 2018. Godfather: KARNIG MAGARDICIAN.

Weddings 2018

ALEXANDRE BECHIRIAN and **MARY ANN NERCESSIAN** were married on January 21, 2018. Best man and made of honor: **RAFFI BECHIRIAN** and **AREV EBRIMIAN**.

MICHAEL VITALE and **AMANDA ANN LILLA** were married on April 13, 2018. Best man and maid of honor: **VINCENT CLARELLI** and **ROMINA CAUSI**.

SARCHIZ ARTIM and **ELISE KOCHOUMIAN** were married on July 7, 2018. Best man and maid of honor: **LAWRENCE KIRKORIAN** and **SAMANTHA LEE**.

LEON ZOHRABIAN and **ALYSSA RUSSO** were married on October 6, 2018. Best man and maid of honor: **ANTRANIG KARAGEOZIAN** and **BRITTANY AVITABLE**.

MIKAEL KRIKORIAN and **HOPE ANI BOOROJIAN** were married on December 1, 2018. Best man and maid of honor: **ASHOD KRIKORIAN** and **TANYA BUTH**.

Funerals 2018

YGHSA PIT JULFAYAN
(January 8, 2018)

SARKIS MATOSIAN
(November 9, 1922 – January 16, 2018)

RITA LULU TATEVOSSIAN
(August 19, 1927 - February 12, 2018)

MIREILLE OLTACI
(January 21, 1963 – February 27, 2018)

RICHARD CALLIAN
(May 5, 1961 – March 4, 2018)

HENRY HARUTIAN
(August 14, 1931 – March 19, 2018)

STEPAN TAVITIAN
(January 1, 1944 – April 1, 2018)

MARIAM MEGERDITCHIAN
(May 7, 1948 – April 6, 2018)

RAZMIK ANDREASYAN
(May 15, 1948 – April 19, 2018)

VARTOURHI ASVAZADOURIAN
(July 20, 1927 – April 20, 2018)

SONA MANDRIN
(December 13, 1936- April 28, 2018)

ATOM HOVHANESYAN
(August 19, 1981 – May 10, 2018)

LEONARDA KRZYWOSZ
(February 17, 1924 – May 26, 2018)

ANITZA DUMANIAN
(May 31, 1926 – June 11, 2018)

SIMON DOLMAIAN
(October 19, 1970 – June 26, 2018)

THOMAS THOMASIAN
(March 24, 1938 – June 29, 2018)

ANNA MANOOKIAN
(November 1, 1927 – July 17, 2018)

ARSHALOUIS ANDONIAN
(August 2, 1922 – August 3, 2018)

YERVAND NAZARIAN
(January 1, 1925 – August 18, 2018)

HRANT DOGHRAMADJIAN
(March 29, 1942 - August 30, 2018)

GEORGE VARJABEDIAN
(July 3, 1918 – September 5, 2018)

MARIA WANESIAN
(January 10, 1934 – September 7, 2018)

SERGEY KHOJOYAN
(April 22, 1936 – September 29, 2018)

ARMAN MANOOKIAN, JR
(March 27, 1932 – October 5, 2018)

HELEN ARATHOON
(March 1, 1923 – October 23, 2018)

HRIPSIME SAVADJIAN
(June 16, 1927 – November 5, 2018)

HRACHUHI ALIANAKIAN
(October 22, 1923 – December 18, 2018)

ROSE VARJABEDIAN
(October 23, 1928 – December 18, 2018)

Donations 2018

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Arthur & Lilian Hairabedian	\$1,000.00
Bagdig & Ani Baghdassarian	\$660.00
Timothy & Arda Costello	\$500.00
Vartkes & Alice Savadjian	\$300.00
Leonard & Valentina Dortch	\$250.00
Haig & Laura Giragosian	\$250.00
Aram & Michelle Kirkorian	\$250.00
Ohannes & Sonia Bezdikian	\$200.00
Kevork & Diane Boyadjian	\$200.00
Arshag & Annie Buzantian	\$200.00
Edvard & Lucia Jeamgocian	\$200.00
Berge & Edda Mangikian	\$200.00
Anahid Markarian	\$200.00
Harry & Juliette Milian	\$200.00
Simpad & Sossi Salbashian	\$200.00
Mourad & Virginia Voskianian	\$200.00
Anita Masoian	\$125.00
Anonymous	\$100.00
Berdj & Hilda Agopian	\$100.00
Edward & Mary Arslanian	\$100.00
Sarkis & Nazeli Asarian	\$100.00
Edward & Coharig Barsamian	\$100.00
Haig & Emma Baklajian	\$100.00
Hagop & Angela Garabedian	\$100.00
Manoug & Amy Gostanian	\$100.00
Sonia Givelekian	\$100.00
Edward & Lynn Jamie	\$100.00
Zohrab & Seta Kalajian	\$100.00
Leon Karibian	\$100.00
Levon & Aline Kassabian	\$100.00
Gregory Kazandjian	\$100.00
Setrag & Annie Kazandjian	\$100.00
Melkon & Sirvard Krikorian	\$100.00
Krikor & Elizabeth Nercessian	\$100.00
Edward & Elizabeth Ohannessian	\$100.00
Mary Papazian & Dorothy Papazian	\$100.00
Henry & Elizabeth Roubian	\$100.00
Varsenne Sarkissian	\$100.00
Harry & Alice Seoylemezian	\$100.00
Arshalus Tahan	\$100.00
John & Alice Tateosian	\$100.00
Nayda Voskerijian	\$100.00
Lorig Yekhpairian	\$100.00
Raffi & Nairy Zohrabian	\$100.00
Peter & Carol Moschovitis	\$75.00
Frank & Ayda Kabarajian	\$60.00
Anonymous	\$50.00
Takvor Arsenian	\$50.00
Manouk & Gohar Atamian	\$50.00
Manuel Avakian	\$50.00
Susan Azarian	\$50.00
Vahik & Eva Babaian	\$50.00
Lynn Cetin	\$50.00
Theresa Dakessian	\$50.00
Kegam & Anush Dirilyan	\$50.00
Berc Gokberg	\$50.00
Varujan & Luiza Kalustian	\$50.00
Zevart Krikorian	\$50.00
Antranig & Valentine Minassian	\$50.00
Karnik & Marian Minassian	\$50.00
Harry & Arlene Mordjikian	\$50.00
Gary & Linda Ohanian	\$50.00
Takouhi Orangian	\$50.00
Zaven & Sitta Oranjian	\$50.00
Levon & Sandy Shamlian	\$50.00
Mary Sheshedian	\$50.00
Ara Torossian	\$50.00
Tro & Maral Turbendian	\$50.00
Sevan & Victoria Yekhpairian	\$50.00
Makrouhi Kalayjian	\$40.00
Roland & Mary Telfeyan	\$35.00
Ruben & Juliet Altan	\$25.00
Giragos & Anoush Atamian	\$25.00
Araxie Bakalian	\$25.00
Victoria Baklajian	\$25.00
Gail D'Onofrio	\$25.00
Dikran & Nelly Minassian	\$25.00
Mourad Sarkissian	\$25.00
Nairy Sarkissian	\$25.00
Randolph & Lucine Tegnazian	\$25.00
Joseph & Azadouhi Vartanian	\$25.00

Garabed & Mari Julfaian	\$20.00
Vartkes & Chake Vartanian	\$20.00
Maria Nercessian	\$10.00

EASTER DONATIONS

Arthur & Lilian Hairabedian	\$800.00
Bagdig & Ani Baghdassarian	\$660.00
David Avakian	\$300.00
Ghevont & Lydia Baghdassarian	\$300.00
Veh & Arpine Bezdikian	\$250.00
Timothy & Arda Costello	\$250.00
Haig & Laura Giragosian	\$250.00
Ohannes & Sonia Bezdikian	\$200.00
Leonard & Valentina Dortch	\$200.00
Anahid Kassabian	\$200.00
Simpad & Sossi Salbashian	\$200.00
Onnik & Nelly Tokatlian	\$200.00
Ruben & Hasmik Daglyan	\$150.00
Arsen & Karine Garabedian	\$150.00
Isabella Holmquist	\$150.00
Raffi & Silva Knajian	\$150.00
Berge & Edda Mangikian	\$150.00
Gary & Victoria Kallem	\$140.00
Takouhi Orangian	\$140.00
Berdj & Hilda Agopian	\$100.00
Lusin Arakelyan	\$100.00
Edward & Mary Arslanian	\$100.00
Sarkis & Nazeli Asarian	\$100.00
Garabed & Mannik Ayyazian	\$100.00
Haig & Emma Baklajian	\$100.00
Alex & Jackie Baron	\$100.00
Edward & Coharig Barsamian	\$100.00
Edward & Arpi Bekian	\$100.00
Garo & Nora Bodoutchian	\$100.00
Alice & Victoria Bodyikoglu	\$100.00
Haroutiun Avedissian & Astra Garjarian	\$100.00
Edward & Lynn Jamie	\$100.00
Leon Karibian	\$100.00
Kevork & Narsis Kasparian	\$100.00
Levon & Aline Kassabian	\$100.00
Gregory Kazandjian	\$100.00
Albert Kazangian	\$100.00
Melkon & Sirvard Krikorian	\$100.00
Anita Masoian	\$100.00
Vartan Mensuroglu	\$100.00
Edward & Elizabeth Ohannessian	\$100.00
Mary Papzian & Dorothy Papazian	\$100.00
Gary & Aida Papazian	\$100.00
Manoug & Dory Shishmanian	\$100.00
Arshalus Tahan	\$100.00
Richard & Deanna Tonino	\$100.00
Nayda Voskerijian	\$100.00
James & Lori Hatem Asquith	\$75.00
Mary Sheshedian	\$60.00
Garbis & Annetta Agasian	\$50.00
Takvor Arsenian	\$50.00
Victoria Baklajian	\$50.00
Agavni Bodriguian	\$50.00
Kegam & Anush Dirilyan	\$50.00
Edmund & Tamara Gregorian	\$50.00
George & Peggy Grigorian	\$50.00
Vartan & Marina Harutunian	\$50.00
Frank & Ayda Kabarajian	\$50.00
Dora Kouradian	\$50.00
Volodya & Dirouhie Mahtesyan	\$50.00
Ari & Monica Minassian	\$50.00
Vahram & Esperanz Minassian	\$50.00
Harry & Arlene Mordjikian	\$50.00
Agop & Rubina Mossessian	\$50.00
Gary & Linda Ohanian	\$50.00
Areg Pogossyan	\$50.00
Henry & Elizabeth Roubian	\$50.00
Nairy Sarkissian	\$50.00
Levon & Sandy Shamlian	\$50.00
Antranig Tumaian	\$50.00
Giragos & Sossi Turbendian	\$50.00
Tro & Maral Turbendian	\$50.00
Aram & Ardemis Zobian	\$50.00
Stephen & Liza Andreopoulos	\$40.00
Kevork & Annie Kaladjian	\$40.00
Anonymous	\$30.00

Fernando & Loretta Acebedo	\$30.00
Siragan Ipekigian	\$30.00
Zabel Mardirosian	\$30.00
Rupen & Juliet Altan	\$25.00
Araxie Bakalian	\$25.00
Gail D'Onofrio	\$25.00
Edward & Sylvia Gulbenkian	\$25.00
Makrouhi Kalayjian	\$25.00
Kricor & Janette Marcarian	\$25.00
Randolph & Lucine Tegnazian	\$25.00
Joseph & Azadouhi Vartanian	\$25.00
Asghik Wassef	\$25.00
Vartkes & Chake Vartanian	\$20.00

EASTER LILY DONATION

Daniel Gulbenkian

PALM SUNDAY CANDLES DONATION

Raffi & Jeanette & family Nenejian

BABY'S 40TH DAY BLESSING DONATIONS

Vartan & Therese Dumanian	\$300.00
Ashot Davtian	\$100.00
Paul & Christine Megerian	\$100.00
Ani Nercessian	\$100.00
Haroutiun & Maneh Nakashian	\$30.00
Pogos & Maro Nakashian	\$30.00

SUMMER CAMP DONATIONS

Arthur & Lilian Hairabedian	\$3,100.00
Antranig & Marion Boudakian	\$2,000.00
Vahagn & Shogher Aseyan	\$1,800.00
John & Mellada Miskaryan	\$1,800.00
St. Sarkis Church Ladies Guild	\$1,000.00
Alex & Natalie Meneshian	\$675.00
Harout & Nayri Khatchadourian	\$600.00
Makrouhi Kalayjian	\$500.00
John & Salpi Megerian	\$500.00
Michael & Nouneh Gostanian	\$450.00
Armen & Janet Tutuyan	\$400.00
Stephen & Liza Andreopoulos	\$300.00
Patrick & Simona Yaghdjian	\$300.00
Aram & Ardemis Zobian	\$300.00
Homenetmen of New York	\$200.00
Raffi & Jeanette Nenejian	\$100.00

PODCAST DONATION

Carlo & Aurora Bayrakdarian	\$500.00
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SALT & LIGHT DONATIONS

Harout & Nayri Khatchadourian	\$450.00
ARS Erebouni Chapter of New York	\$350.00
Anonymous (Choloyan)	\$300.00
Maria Nercessian	\$200.00
Simon & Lara Bardizbanian	\$150.00
Dickran & Liza Kabarajian	\$150.00
Shakeh Kadehjian	\$150.00
Vicken & Pamela Keshishian	\$150.00
Raffi & Jeanette Nenejian	\$150.00

BLESSING OF THE GRAPES ASDVADZAZIN DONATIONS

Vicken & Pamela Keshishian	\$300.00
Edward & Mary Arslanian	\$100.00
Peter & Carol Moschovitis	\$100.00
Sarkis & Adrine Nercessian	\$100.00
Rupen & Juliet Altan	\$50.00
Valot & Yeran Atakhanian	\$50.00
Edward & Coharig Barsamian	\$50.00
Makrouhi Kalayjian	\$50.00
Naomi Megerian	\$50.00
Edward & Elizabeth Ohannessian	\$50.00
Gregory & Hasmik Sakar	\$50.00
Anahid Ugurlayan	\$50.00
Antranig & Marie Yacoubian	\$30.00
Norair & Alice Asadourian	\$25.00
Araxie Bakalian	\$25.00
John & Mary Harutunian	\$25.00
Sona Kludjian	\$25.00
Harriet Janesian	\$20.00

Donations 2018

PICNIC DONATIONS

PLATIUM

Alex & Jackie Baron/
Keller Williams Realty \$1,000.00

SILVER

George & Katia Tavitian \$500.00
Zhaneta Sargsyan \$500.00

BRONZE

Hagop & Hilda Gorgissian \$250.00
Manoug & Dory Shishmanian \$250.00
Raffi & Nairy Zohrabian \$250.00

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Edward & Arpi Bekian \$250.00
Alex & Natalie Meneshian \$250.00
Garo & Rubina Nazarian \$250.00
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Alex & Jackie Baron/
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Edward & Alina Kochoumian \$250.00
Arthur & Louiza Kubikian \$250.00
Edward & Elizabeth Ohannessian \$250.00
Artur & Karine Matevosyan/
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COFFEE SHOP SUPPORTERS

Gostanian / Tonino Families \$200.00
Levon & Aline Kassabian \$200.00
Setrag & Annie Kazandjian \$200.00
Yeprem & Madelene Nazarian \$200.00
Sarkis & Adrine Nercessian \$200.00
North Shore Farms \$200.00

BUSINESS CARD

Karl & Alice Alajajian \$200.00
Armand & Laura Asadourian \$200.00
Aram & Rima Cazazian \$200.00
Crown Findings Co. Inc. \$200.00
Ruben & HasmikDaglyan \$200.00
Glascott Funeral Home \$200.00
Edward Jamie Jr. Funeral Home \$200.00
Harry & Mary Kasparian \$200.00
Antranik & Marion Boudakian/
Lorilil Jewelers \$200.00
John Ohanes Rugs \$200.00

PICNIC SUPPORTER

Garry & Victoria Kallem \$150.00
Vahe & Shake Nahapetian \$150.00
Haig & Emma Baklajian \$100.00
Edward & Coharig Barsamian \$100.00
Agavni Bodriuguian \$100.00
Hagop & Angela Garabedian \$100.00
Haig & Laura Giragosian \$100.00
Raffi & Marieange Haroun \$100.00
Shakay Hartunian \$100.00
Varujan & Luiza Kalustian \$100.00
Anahid Kassabian \$100.00
Krikor & Florina Krikorian \$100.00
Anita Masoian \$100.00
Olivia & Gary Nercessian \$100.00
Vartkes & Alice Savadjian \$100.00
Garabed & Sofi Seoylemezian \$100.00
Mary Sheshedian \$100.00

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Fernando & Loreta Acebedo \$50.00
Rupen & Julyet Altan \$50.00
Stephen & Lisa Andreopoulos \$50.00
Lusin Arakelyan \$50.00
Gregory Boudakian \$50.00
Armen & Mary Boyajian \$50.00
Therese Dakessian \$50.00
Sonia Givlekian \$50.00
Gail D'Onofrio \$50.00
Edmund & Tamara Gregorian \$50.00
Zabel Hatem \$50.00
Levon & Sandy Shamlian \$50.00

Seta Shishmanian \$50.00
Tro & Maral Turbendian \$50.00
Paul & Renee Wyrembak
(Nalbandian) \$50.00
Victoria Baklajian \$40.00
Asghik Wassef \$25.00

CALENDAR SPONSORS 2017 BENEFACTOR

Sarkis & Adriana Nercessian \$1,500

PILLAR

Edward Kevorkian \$750
Ronald Fatoullah & Associates \$500
Steve & Sorina Dumanian \$500
Arthur & Louiza Kubikian \$500
Asbed & Sona Melkonian \$500
Santo & Seta Muradian \$500
Manoug & Dory Shishmanian \$500

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Anonymous \$250
Carl & Alice Alajajian \$250
Edward & Mary Arslanian \$250
Armand & Laura Asadourian \$250
Ghevont & Lydia Baghdassarian \$250
Haig & Emma Baklajian \$250
Alex & Jackie Baron \$250
Edward & Coharig Barsamian \$250
Edward & Arpi Bekian \$250
Arshag & Azniv Buzantian \$250
Aram & Rima Cazazian \$250
Ruben & Hasmig Daglyan \$250
Edmond & Nyeree Demirdjan \$250
Edward D Jamie, Jr Funeral Home \$250
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Glascott Funeral Home \$250
Michael & Nouneh Gostanian \$250
Hagop & Hilda Gorgissian \$250
Raffi & Marieange Haroun \$250
Makrouhi Kalayjian/ Anahid Ugurlyan \$250
Varujan & Elizabeth Kalustian \$250
Anahid Kassabian \$250
Edward & Alina Kochoumian \$250
Alex & Natalie Meneshian \$250
Yeprem & Madeleine Nazarian \$250
Varouj Oghali \$250
Edward & Eliza Ohannessian \$250
Harry & Alice Seoylemezian \$250
Garabed & Sofi Seoylemezian \$250
Nayda Voskerijian & Family \$250

SUPPORTER

Arpi Candan \$150
Gail D'Onofrio \$150
Levon & Aline Kassabian \$150
Vicken & Pamela Keshishian \$150
Alex Pogosyan \$150
Mary & Dorothy Papazian \$150

CALENDAR SPONSORS 2018 BENEFACTOR

Sarkis & Adrine Nercessian \$1,500.00
Ohanes & Anne Cholakian \$1,000.00

PILLAR

Edward Kevorkian \$750.00
Steve & Sorina Dumanian \$500.00
Roland Fatoullah Associates \$500.00
Zohrab & Seta Kalajian \$500.00
Arthur & Louiza Kubikian \$500.00
Santo & Seta Muradian \$500.00
Asbed & Sona Melkonian \$500.00
Manoug & Dory Shishmanian \$500.00

PATRON

Nazeli De Blasio \$300.00
Edward & Eliza Ohannessian \$300.00
Anonymous \$250.00
Carl & Alice Alajajian \$250.00
Edward & Mary Arslanian \$250.00
Armand & Laura Asadourian \$250.00

Haig & Emma Baklajian \$250.00
Alex & Jackie Baron \$250.00
Edward & Coharig Barsamian \$250.00
Edward & Arpi Bekian \$250.00
Arshag & Annie Buzantian \$250.00
Aram & Rima Cazazian \$250.00
Ruben & Hasmig Daglyan \$250.00
Edmond & Nyeree Demirdjan \$250.00
Glascott Funeral \$250.00
Edward Lynch Funeral Home \$250.00
Adelina Galo \$250.00
Hagop & Hilda Gorgissian \$250.00
Michael & Nouneh Gostanian \$250.00
Raffi & Marieange Haroun \$250.00
Edward & Lynn Jamie \$250.00
Makrouhi Kalayjian Anahid Ugurlyan \$250.00
Varujan & Luiza Kalustian \$250.00
Anahid Kassabian \$250.00
Aram & Michelle Kirkorian \$250.00
Edward & Alina Kochoumian \$250.00
Alex & Natalie Meneshian \$250.00
Yeprem & Madeleine Nazarian \$250.00
Varouj Oghali \$250.00
Harry & Alice Seoylemezian \$250.00
Garabed & Sofi Seoylemezian \$250.00
Nayda Voskerijian & family \$250.00
Mark & Mary Baghdassarian \$200.00
John & Armine Forkan/Jeamgocian \$200.00
Anahid Kassabian \$200.00

SUPPORTER

Edward & Arpi Candan \$150.00
Gail D'Onofrio \$150.00
Edward & Lucy Garabedian \$150.00
Levon & Aline Kassabian \$150.00
Vicken & Pamela Keshishian \$150.00
Mary & Dorothy Papazian \$150.00
Areg Pogosyan \$150.00

2018 CALENDAR DONATIONS

Haroutiun Avedissian \$100.00
Therese Dakessian \$100.00
Harry & Janet Dalian \$100.00
Haig & Laura Giragosian \$100.00
Onnig & Sossi Gulmezian \$100.00
Vahe & Elsie Halajian \$100.00
Raffi & Marieange Haroun \$100.00
Jennifer Khachadurian \$100.00
Gary & Linda Ohanian \$100.00
Ohanes & Angela Ohannessian \$100.00
Zhaneta Sargsyan \$100.00
Pegri Varjabedian \$100.00
Arsen & Karine Garabedian \$80.00
Madelina Koanlian \$70.00
Hratch & Negdar Arukian \$50.00
Sarkis & Nazeli Asarian \$50.00
Manuel Avakian \$50.00
Hagop & Silva Baghdadlian \$50.00
Valentine Berberian \$50.00
Ohannes & Sonia Bezdikian \$50.00
George & Tammy Dermksian \$50.00
Kegam & Anush Dirielian \$50.00
Vartan & Arax Hakoupian \$50.00
Frank & Ayda Kabarajian \$50.00
Gregory & Madeleine Kazandjian \$50.00
Haroutune Misserlian \$50.00
Levon Nigohossian \$50.00
Iris Papazian \$50.00
Dominic & Sevanne Solazzo \$50.00
George & Katia Tavitian \$50.00
Nichan & Christine Tchorbajian \$50.00
Giragos & Sossi Turbendian \$50.00
Raffi & Nairy Zohrabian \$50.00
Takouhi Orangian \$40.00
Garo & Peggy Vanessian \$40.00
Henry & Elizabeth Roubian \$35.00
Anahid Arkun \$30.00
Victoria Baklajian \$30.00
Edmund & Tamara Gregorian \$30.00
Natalia Hamamjian \$30.00
Vartan & Marina Harutunian \$30.00
Magardicin & Aida Jamgocian \$30.00

Donations 2018

Arsen & Alice Manoukian	\$30.00
William & Nazik Marino	\$30.00
Antranig & Marie Yacoubian	\$30.00
Hatchik & Verzhin Alahverdian	\$25.00
Stephen & Liza Andreopoulos	\$25.00
Lusin Arakelyan	\$25.00
Svetlana Avanesians	\$25.00
Ghazar & Anny Baghdassarian	\$25.00
Araxie Bakalian	\$25.00
Noubar & Sevan Basmadjian	\$25.00
Levon Chorbajian	\$25.00
Dominik Dench	\$25.00
Henry & Marieta Gabrelian	\$25.00
Haig & Hripsime Hatchikian	\$25.00
Jack & Zabel Hatem	\$25.00
Hovig & Sossie Jingirian	\$25.00
Sarkis & Alice Kazandjian	\$25.00
Setrak & Annie Kazandjian	\$25.00
Edward & Mary-Jo Kevorkian	\$25.00
Haig & Nairi Koroghlian	\$25.00
Dora Kurdian	\$25.00
Anita Masoian	\$25.00
Karnik & Mariam Minassian	\$25.00
Zaven & Varsenik Sarafian	\$25.00
Joseph & Azadouhi Vartanian	\$25.00
Mourad & Virginia Voskarian	\$25.00
Albert Ayzavian	\$20.00
Mardiros & Maria Ebrimian	\$20.00
Azniv Ebrimian	\$20.00
Agop & Kenarik Grigorian	\$20.00
Edward & Sylvania Gulbenkian	\$20.00
Shakay Hartunian	\$20.00
Isabella Holmquist	\$20.00
Armenohe Israelian	\$20.00
Nubar Manuelian	\$20.00
Archalous Margesian	\$20.00
Nairy Sarkissian	\$20.00
Vartkes & Chake Vartanian	\$20.00
Hratch & Leslie Zadoian	\$20.00
Krikor & Hripsi Kasparian	\$15.00
Antranig & Valentine Minassian	\$15.00
Yester Garabedian	\$10.00
Edward & Rose Rybak	\$10.00
Arpine Tavitian	\$10.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL DONATIONS

Ani Nercessian	\$500.00
Ani Jamgotchian	\$125.00
Makrouhi Kalayjian	\$125.00
Armen & Zepiur Ardzvian	\$100.00
Khikar & Betty Ghadimian	\$100.00
Siran Saroyan	\$100.00
George & Katia Tavitian	\$100.00

VESMENT DONATION FOR DER NAREG

Freddy Vrezh Avakyan	\$200.00
Donations through facebook	\$161.00

SATURDAY SCHOOL EXPANSION DONATIONS

Anonymous	\$1,000.00
Ruben & Hasmik Daglyan	\$1,000.00
Vahe & Elsie Halajian	\$1,000.00
Vahan & Maggie Kouyoumdjian	\$1,000.00
Megerian Family	\$1,000.00
Toros & Astine Megerian	\$1,000.00
Douglas & Talar Aprahamian	\$500.00
Edward & Coharig Barsamian	\$500.00
Koko & Nyrie Bedrossian	\$500.00
Veh & Arpine Bezdikian	\$500.00
Tamar Kahvedjian	\$500.00
Garo & Rubina Nazarian	\$500.00
Raffi & Nairy Zohrabian	\$500.00
Zara Ingilizian	\$300.00
Raffi & Jeanette Nenejian	\$300.00
Harout & Nayri Khatchadourian	\$250.00
Razmik & Sonya Nenejian	\$250.00
Egishe Iskanderian	\$200.00

SATURDAY SCHOOL DONATIONS

Homenetmen of New York	\$250.00
Anahid Ugurlyan	\$100.00

JULYET ALTAN'S BIRTHDAY DONATIONS TO SATURDAY SCHOOL

Maurice & Berjouhy	
Gulesserian/Barsoumian	\$200.00
Armen Dinkci	\$100.00
Ted & Marha	
Gulesserian/Barsoumian	\$100.00
Robert & Maral Kalishian	\$100.00
Diran Kilerciyan	\$100.00
Viken Mazmanian	\$100.00
Thomas Merganian	\$100.00
Rozmemary Sarkis	\$100.00
Mathew & Salpi Tokatlian	\$100.00
Steven & Tina Placek	\$50.00
Rupen & Julyet Altan	\$30.00
Raffaele & Maria Mastromarco	\$25.00

MICHAEL MENESHIAN'S BIRTHDAY DONATIONS TO SATURDAY SCHOOL

Garo & Rubina Nazarian	\$250.00
Koko & Nyrie Bedrossian	\$100.00
George & Katia Tavitian	\$100.00

IN MEMORY DONATIONS TO SATURDAY SCHOOL

Varsenik Gevorkian	\$200.00
Raffi & Nairy Zohrabian	\$100.00

GENERAL DONATIONS

Isabella Holmquist	\$950.00
Artem Andreaeyan	\$600.00
Drs. Aram & Michelle Kirkorian	\$400.00
Sevan Int'l Foods Inc.	\$400.00
Kricor & Janette Marcarian	\$300.00
Anahid Ugurlyan	\$300.00
Arman Aida Alpien	\$250.00
Stephen & Ashley Dortch Barnard	\$200.00
Arsen & Karine Garabedian	\$200.00
Edvard & Lucia Jeamgocian	\$200.00
Berdj & Hilda Agopian	\$100.00
Rupen & Julyet Altan	\$100.00
Sarkis & Nazeli Asarian	\$100.00
Veh & Arpine Bezdikian	\$100.00
Ohanes & Anne Cholakian	\$100.00
Magardici & Aida Jamgocian	\$100.00
Albert Kazangian	\$100.00
Arto & Jacklyn Krikorian	\$100.00
Life Line Screening Of America	\$100.00
Volodya & Dirouhie Mahtesyan	\$100.00
Arsen & Alice Manoukian	\$100.00
Ani Nercessian	\$100.00
Ghevont & Lydia Baghdassarian	\$80.00
Berge & Edda Mangikian	\$50.00
Jirair & Nora Mengouchian	\$50.00
Antranig & Valentine Minassian	\$50.00
Seda Sahagian	\$50.00
Hasmik Azarian	\$25.00
Pogos & Maro Nakashian	\$25.00

THE TREE OF LIFE DONATION

Alex and Nancy Minassian, in memory of their beloved son BRIAN MINASSIAN	\$1,000.00
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IN MEMORY DONATIONS 2018

Stephan & Sorina Dumanian	\$1,500.00
Angela Kapikian	\$500.00
Elvira Demirdjan	\$450.00
Gaidzag & Seta Boyadjian	\$400.00
Ara Hovhanesyan	\$400.00
Raffi Megerian	\$350.00
Maggie Thomasian	\$350.00
Varujan & Luiza Kalustian	\$300.00
Arthur & Louiza Kubikian	\$300.00
Noel & Fimi Minassian	\$300.00
Vahram & Esperans Minassian	\$300.00
Nairy Sarkissian	\$300.00
Nayda Voskerijian	\$300.00
Ghevont & Lydia Baghdassarian	\$275.00
Edmond & Nyree Demirdjan	\$250.00
Michael Gasparian	\$250.00

Bakovi/Garabedian/ Kaloustian/Ovanessian Families	\$250.00
Vartan Julfaian	\$250.00
Albert Kazangian	\$250.00
Volodya & Dirouhie Mahtesyan	\$250.00
Jirair & Nora Mengouchian	\$250.00
Ani Nercessian	\$250.00
Mardiros Tavitian	\$250.00
Armenohi Valijan	\$250.00
Armen & Zepiur Ardzvian	\$200.00
Edward & Mary Arslanian	\$200.00
Siran Balian	\$200.00
Ara & Helen Barsamian	\$200.00
Aram & Rima Cazazian	\$200.00
Oshagan Choloyan	\$200.00
Natalia Dolmaian	\$200.00
Gail D'Onofrio	\$200.00
Edmond & Ashhen Elmokian	\$200.00
Varsenik Gevorkian	\$200.00
Dickran & Liza Kabarajian	\$200.00
Edward & Alina Kochoumian	\$200.00
Berge & Edda Mangikian	\$200.00
Khatchig & Loucine Megherian	\$200.00
Elizabeth Ohannessian	\$200.00
Sarkis & Mary Ohanessian	\$200.00
Haroutoun & Lena Orangan	\$200.00
Kevin & Henny Maddox	\$200.00
Janette Milian	\$200.00
Yeprem & Madeleine Nazarian	\$200.00
212 Properties	\$200.00
Arlin Telfeian	\$200.00
Tatyana Ulubabova	\$200.00
Raffi & Nairy Zohrabian	\$200.00
Ruben & Hasmik Daglyan	\$150.00
Sarkis & Lorig Kevorkian	\$150.00
Eugen Mandrin	\$150.00
Gabriel & Evangeline Ovanessian	\$150.00
Alina Stanciu	\$150.00
Aram & Ardemis Zobian	\$150.00
Michael & Lori Ohanesian	\$130.00
Melik Stepanyan	\$120.00
ARS Erebound Chapter	\$100.00
Ara Arathoun	\$100.00
Valot & Yeran Atakhanian	\$100.00
David Avakian	\$100.00
Loucine Bardizbanian	\$100.00
Rosine Bedrossian	\$100.00
Agavni Bodriguian	\$100.00
Ani Bostanci	\$100.00
Mardiros & Sylva Cetinkaya	\$100.00
Raffi & Addie Chekmeyan	\$100.00
Tamar Harutunian	\$100.00
Samig & Varteni Jarian	\$100.00
Julie Jamgochian	\$100.00
Garabed & Mari Julfaian	\$100.00
Frank & Ayda Kabarajian	\$100.00
Zohrab & Seta Kalajian	\$100.00
Kevork & Narsis Kasparian	\$100.00
Armant & Sirvart Kurkciyan	\$100.00
James & Adina Lambert	\$100.00
Lilit Manukyan	\$100.00
Berdj & Varsenik Massoyan	\$100.00
Vartkes Mengouchian	\$100.00
Harry & Juliette Milian	\$100.00
Karnik & Marian Minassian	\$100.00
Ari & Monica Minassian	\$100.00
Harry & Arlene Mordjikian	\$100.00
Ervant & Zabel Nishanian	\$100.00
Aneta Pantikian	\$100.00
Torkom & Alice Pilibossian	\$100.00
Areg Pogosyan	\$100.00
Diana Sadamiantz	\$100.00
Gregory & Hasmik Sakar	\$100.00
Mourad & Marie Sarkissian	\$100.00
Gevond & Gohar Saroyan	\$100.00
Zarouhi Savayan	\$100.00
Michael & Armina Thomasian	\$100.00
Ohanes & Karin Thomasian	\$100.00
Rosette Toghlian	\$100.00
Garo & Peggy Vanessian	\$100.00
Anto & Nanor Vartanian	\$100.00
Margaret Venedikian	\$100.00

Donations 2018

Mary Sheshedian	\$75.00
Khatchadour & Ankin Julfaian	\$70.00
Armine Degoian	\$60.00
Mardiros & Maria Ebrimian	\$60.00
Magdalena Handjian	\$60.00
Haroutune & Vartouhi Papazian	\$60.00
Hagop & Argine Wanesian	\$60.00
Noushig Atamian	\$50.00
Vahe & Setta Bijimian	\$50.00
Hamparsoum Demirjian	\$50.00
John & Mary Harutunian	\$50.00
Vartan & Marina Harutunian	\$50.00
Hayk & Elvira Hayrabadian	\$50.00
Nadia Hazarian	\$50.00
Hachig Julfaian	\$50.00
Kevork & Nora Kadehjian	\$50.00
Harout & Arpi Kahvedjian	\$50.00
Madelina Kozanlian	\$50.00
Arman & Sirvart Kurkciyan	\$50.00
Viken Magarian	\$50.00
Thomas & Astine Megerian	\$50.00
Asadur & Arpy Minasian	\$50.00
Krikor Nalbandian	\$50.00
Evlin Nenejian	\$50.00
Anni Nevruzian	\$50.00
Zaven & Sitta Oranjian	\$50.00
Takouhi Oranjian	\$50.00
Donald & Meline Purdy	\$50.00
Zarmair & Sonia Setrakian	\$50.00
George & Katia Tavitian	\$50.00
Antranig & Marie Tumaian	\$50.00
Berge & Any Tumaian	\$50.00
Anahid Ugurlayan	\$50.00
Garo & Peggy Vanessian	\$50.00
Mihran & Marall Vartanian	\$50.00
Angelo & Zepur Vasiliou	\$50.00
Mourad & Virginia Voskinarian	\$50.00
Haigouhi Yepremian	\$50.00
John & Blanda Yilanjian	\$50.00
Angel Tekirian	\$40.00
Antranig & Marie Yacoubian	\$40.00
Harriet Janesian	\$30.00
Hratch Vardanian	\$30.00
Sonia Garabedian	\$25.00
Shakeh Kadehjian	\$25.00
Zaven & Lalig Vartanian	\$25.00

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS FOR THE LATE EGHSA PIT JULFAYAN

Khatchig & Loucine Megherian	\$100.00
Vartan & Seta Megherian	\$50.00

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS FOR THE LATE RITA LULU TATEVOSSIAN

Arthur & Lilian Hairabedian	\$300.00
Razmik & Stella Avanesian	\$200.00
Alice Galstian	\$200.00
Nora Telfeyan	\$200.00
Kevork & Diane Boyadjian	\$150.00
Alex & Nanette Stepanian	\$150.00
Henry & Marita Gabrelian	\$100.00
Michael Gasparian	\$100.00
Sahak & Sonia Ghazarbekian	\$100.00
Nayda Voskerijian	\$100.00
Leo & Mary Derderian	\$30.00

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATION FOR THE LATE RICHARD CALLIAN

Arthur & Lilian Hairabedian	\$200.00
Paul & Seta Shahinian	\$150.00
Rosemary Alashaian	\$100.00
Armand & Laura Asadourian	\$100.00
Robert Babaian	\$100.00
Joseph & Ani Berberian	\$100.00
Kevork & Diane Boyadjian	\$100.00
Louis & Elenne Najarian	\$100.00
Margaret Goz	\$100.00
Grace Hamptian	\$100.00
Stephen & Arda Haratunian	\$100.00
David & Cindy Postian	\$100.00
Hagop & Ruth Koroghlian	\$75.00
Sevan & Victoria Yekhpairian	\$75.00

Dikran & Mary Barsamian	\$50.00
Armen & Mary Boyajian	\$50.00
Debra Fallon	\$50.00
Scott & Marisa Fisher	\$50.00
Dickran & Liza Kabarajian	\$50.00
Charles & Herepsemay Mesropian	\$50.00
Marisa Mesropian	\$50.00
Gregory & Sybil Postian	\$50.00
Joseph & Azadouhi Vartanian	\$25.00

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS FOR THE LATE HENRY HARUTIAN

Artur & Karine Matevosyan	\$200.00
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IN LIEU OF FLOWERS DONATIONS FOR THE LATE STEPAN TAVITIAN

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