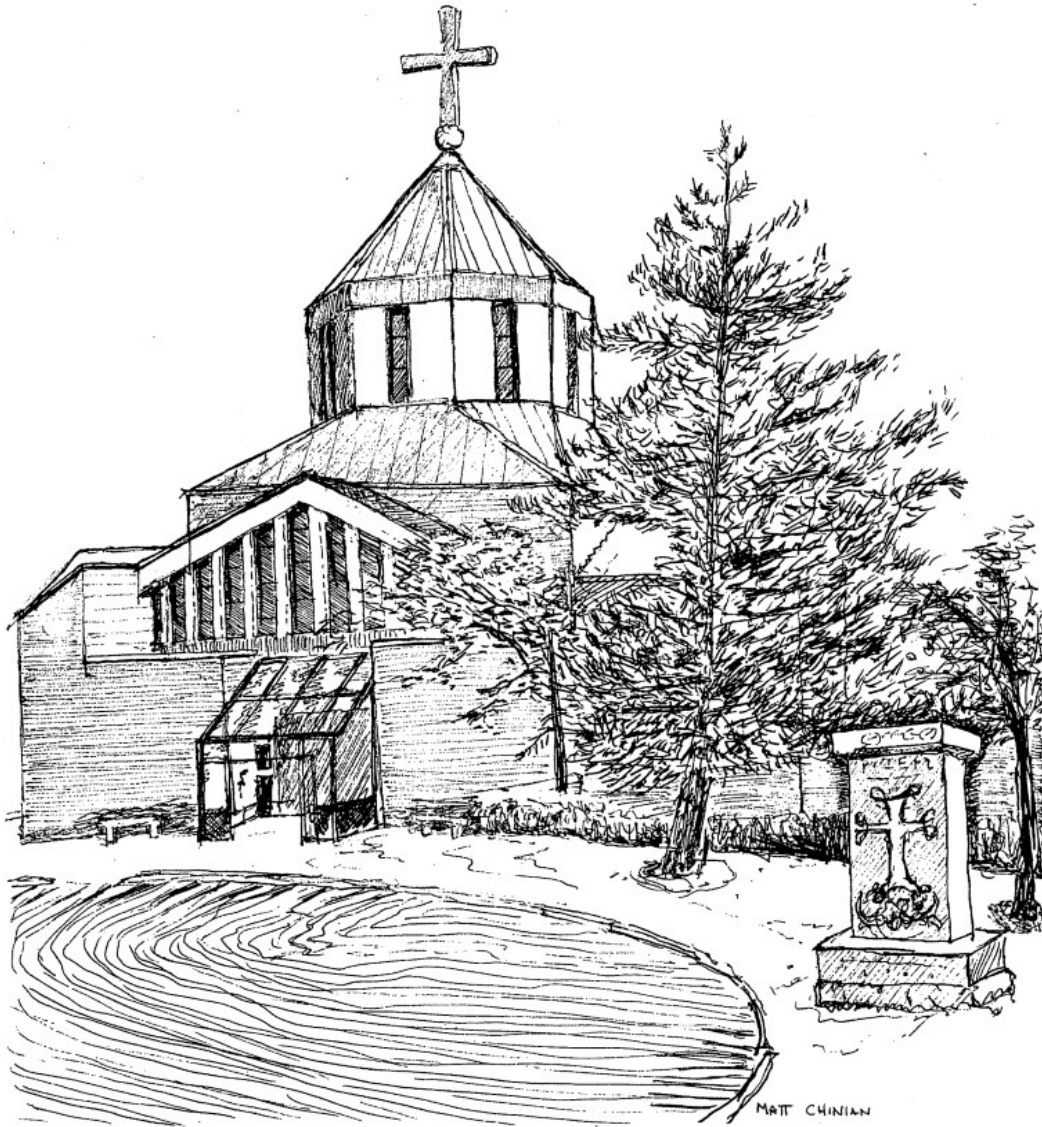


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Church Secretary, Lori Payette, is responsible for compiling and typing this issue. A volunteer group performs editorial tasks such as: proofreading, layout, writing, and editing of articles. **All materials submitted are subject to editing by the Editorial Staff.** The mailing of the *Loosaper* is also handled by volunteers.

If you find errors in this edition of the *Loosaper*, please understand that, while perfection is always our goal, it is one that may remain forever beyond our reach!

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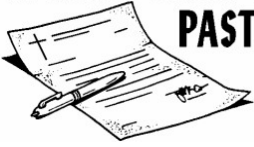
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A Word from the PASTOR



... Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian

24 Words a Day to Put God First

Dear Faithful, it has been a busy and exciting autumn! Our ACYOA hosted a successful Sports Weekend and it took the entire church family and extended community to make it happen. Thank you, thank you to all. For more information on the recent Sports Weekend, see the article in this issue.

Something different! I have always enjoyed writing, especially writing spiritual messages for the community. I often send them through e-mail or place them on the church's Facebook page. Recently, I went through a dry spell with my writing. So, last month I decided to do something different with my writing style. In a series I call "24 words a day to put God First," I limited myself to 24 words in each written message that I then posted on the church's Facebook page. I have included some of them below for you to ponder:

Focus on keeping God number one today; His love and mercy toward you and me is everlasting. Life gets crazy, but God normalizes us. 10/16/18

The Light of God shines, not only on us, but from us. Let us turn on our internal light switch and share God's radiance. 10/17/18

He loves you and me with an everlasting love. Feel the embrace of His love today with a hug of mercy, peace, and strength. 10/18/18

We've all been adopted — as children of the most Holy God. We are redeemed of our fallen self and a part of God's inheritance. 10/20/18 (Also a hint about Sunday's sermon.)

God is good, always! We are created from God; therefore, we are good. Focus on the good in you, then see good in others. 10/23/18

Flying in air or being on earth and anything higher or lower, or anything you can think of still can't separate us from God's love. 10/24/18

God gifted us time — a minute, a day, a year, or a season. How we use time is important! Let's build, lift, create, love, forgive, and enjoy. 10/30/18

Scared, spooked, frightened, terrified, worried, frazzled . . . "FEAR NOT" says the angels. "I am with you," says Jesus, "He brings us comfort today and forever." 10/31/18

Life isn't easy; sometimes unfair. No guarantees and never entitled to anything. However, our confidence is in God's promise to never leave us, ever! 11/2/18

1.5 hours on Sunday to give God praise, glory, worship, thanks, honor, adoration, exaltation, appreciation, admiration, veneration, reverence, accolades, respect, love, devotion, and sacrifice. 11/3/18 (I hope to see you tomorrow in church.)

Prayer - an essential, personal, and collective interactive communication with our Triune God. Talk, speak, argue, debate, listen, think, see, experience, silence, motion, and action. 11/5/18

God's blessings to you!

Fr. Stepanos

*But Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and His Righteousness;
and all these things shall
be added unto You.*
Matthew 6.33

Dn. Yervant Kutchukian Embarking on a New Venture

As most of us are aware, Dn. Yervant Kutchukian has left to attend the University of Oxford to pursue an educational and occupational interest that has been 20 years in the making. Dn. Yervant has been an integral part of our parish community for many years and he will be greatly missed.



He has served diligently as Deacon and has taken on the responsibility of overseeing and conducting ongoing Deacon's training. Additionally, Dn. Yervant has always been willing to step in and lead the Deacon's Service and share a spiritual message when Der Stepanos has not been available. He also has led the monthly Book Club as well as serving as an instructor for the Adult Christian Education classes on Sunday mornings. Dn. Yervant is woven into the fabric of our parish and his absence will be noticed; however, we wish him well and look forward to his return visits, from time to time over the course of the next three years, and his ultimate return upon completion of his educational studies abroad.

Dn. Yervant has long been devoted to the study of classical Armenian. Classical Armenian preserves the second largest corpus of manuscripts of any language. Very few people are capable of and working to share these literary treasures with the modern world. This is the path Dn. Yervant has chosen to take.

"This is something I could do and something I would love doing!" —Y. Kutchukian

Dn. Yervant has studied Classical Armenian at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary where he enjoyed three years learning from experts in the language and manuscript tradition. Subsequently, he spent a year as a teaching assistant and completed his first translation of a work from Classical Armenian into English, which will be published in the very near future.

Dn. Yervant is now being offered the extraordinary opportunity to pursue a doctorate at the University of Oxford that would encompass deep rigorous study of Eastern Christian Spirituality as preserved and transmitted in the Armenian and neighboring Syriac traditions.

Following his doctoral studies at Oxford, Dn. Yervant expects to continue his work and devote his time to the Armenian community by making the Armenian spiritual and intellectual heritage available to its heirs as well as to the worldwide community.

As he takes this leap into full-time studies, Dn. Yervant asks for our support and, first and foremost, that you keep him in your prayers: *"That I would have the wisdom and discipline to complete this doctorate expertly and that I would have discernment in following the path God has in front of me in this and in the future as I seek how to best serve Him and his earthly flock through this work and ministry."* Dn. Yervant would also be grateful if consideration would be made to contribute financially to support this endeavor. To make a contribution online or to read more about Yervant's story, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/help-send-yervant-to-oxford>. Or, donations of support by check made payable to "Yervant Kutchukian," may be mailed directly to his stateside home address at 2003 Brookview Road, Castleton-on-Hudson, NY 12033.

The Parish Council has chosen to make a donation toward Dn. Yervant's education fund and encourages all of our youth in their future educational endeavors as we look forward to the direction they will consider. It is our hope that the spiritual education they are receiving at St. Peter Armenian Church reinforces their devotion to the church, enriches their understanding of their Armenian heritage, and be instrumental in shaping their passion for future endeavors.

*Linda Bedian,
Parish Council Secretary*

A Message from the Parish Council

Lately, I've been thinking a lot about the word **persevere**. *Dictionary.com* states that persevere means "to persist in anything undertaken; to maintain a purpose in spite of difficulty, obstacle or discouragement." I think our entire congregation – the Parish Council, the Women's Guild, the Sunday School, the ACYOA Juniors – every one of us — should have a tee shirt that says "**We Persevere!**"

Since I've become Chair of the Parish Council, we have experienced the demolition of our kitchen. While the renovation was going on, we had a water main break on the church property. A few weeks later, during an extreme summer rainstorm, the church roof started leaking in several different places. These were all major upheavals, and we had some anxious moments, but we persevered.

After a relatively peaceful August, the autumn rush began. Between September 21 and October 21 - just 30 days – we hosted Men's Night, the 2nd Annual Harvest Apple Fest, Sports Weekend, the "Nor Serund" concert, and the 119th Anniversary Dinner. How did we do it? We persevered!

We don't know what challenges are still before us, but we do know that we still have a sizeable amount of money that we owe the Armenian Church Endowment Fund for the work that was done on our kitchen. We withdrew \$120,000 from the Fund, and, in June, we began our fundraising campaign. Five months later we have already repaid almost half that amount. How will we raise the remaining \$62,000 plus interest? You know the answer! We will "maintain a purpose in spite of difficulty, obstacle or discouragement." We will persevere! So ... where can I get one of those tee shirts?

Roswita Fragomeni
Parish Council Chairman

Editor's Note: As we go to press with this issue of *Loosaper*, the amount of money needed to resolve our debit is now only about \$24,000. Persevere!

This is why we persevere . . . to leave a legacy for our youth; every generation's hope for the next generation. Below is our future generation enjoying togetherness as Armenian youth participating at St. Vartan Camp this summer. Gives you hope; doesn't it! LOL



A Very Special Thank You . . .



On Sunday, October 21, the Kitchen Renovation Project committee hosted a delicious, traditional Armenian chicken dinner following services that morning. This special event also marked the 119th Anniversary of the establishment of the parish in 1899.

Sonya Moroukian, who serves on the Kitchen Renovation Fundraising Committee, coordinated the family-friendly event. She also designed the beautiful program, which served to recognize and thank all those that have contributed to the kitchen renovation – monetarily as well as in a variety of other ways.

Special acknowledgement was offered to HRS Construction, Inc., headed by Paul Sleasman, for their diligent and timely work on the renovation, as well as to Brian Tollisen, the engineer who assisted with the structural design.

Roswita Fragomeni, Parish Council Chairman, offered a welcome while Sharon Foley, who served as the Parish Council liaison to the renovation contractors, shared a few words of appreciation and donation encouragement. Following the short program, Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian blessed the newly-renovated kitchen – for many years of happy, efficient, and fruitful cooking!

Through everyone's generosity of donations and committed pledges, combined with the sale of old equipment and insurance money received from the kitchen fire in December 2017, and miscellaneous donations and proceeds from fundraising activities, we have less than \$24,000 to raise in order to complete the payment for this entire project.

In addition, special acknowledgement and thanks to Sharon Foley & Valerie Demarest for graciously donating new kitchen cabinets and shelving *in memory of Chamiram Dilsizian Artinian, Rose Artinian Foley, and Elizabeth Artinian Goebel*; as well as to The Saroyan Family for making a donation *in memory of Sally & Geno Ovian* earmarked for new kitchen utility carts.

This project would not have been possible without the involvement of the St. Peter Women's Guild for initiating this project with what started as oven replacements and quickly grew to a much needed full kitchen renovation. Also, for the difficult challenge of raising the needed funds for the project, we acknowledge, with thanks, the members of the Kitchen Fundraising Committee, namely: Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian, Gil Chorbajian, Rich DeMartino, Valerie Demarest, Paulette Doudoukjian, Sharon Foley, Roswita Fragomeni, Sonya Moroukian, Thomas Nevins, Patty O'Keefe, Harry Shamlan, Toros Shamlan, Jr., and Tanya Tutunjian.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

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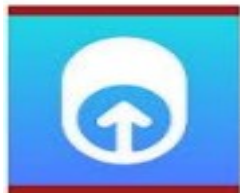
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GIVE THE GIFT OF STOCKS

ACYOA Jr. Sports Weekend October 5-8, 2018

St. Peter Armenian Church was bustling with excitement over the Columbus Day weekend, as close to 225 teenagers gathered for the ACYOA Juniors annual Fall Sports Weekend. In addition, close to 50 chaperones and parents were also part of the weekend events, which focused on sports, friendship, and faith. Teenagers, representing 19 parishes across the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, were present for the weekend.

Our parish community worked together side by side, making the 2018 Sports Weekend a smashing success. Sporting events were held at the gymnasium of Christian Brothers Academy and participants were housed in the homes of our parishioners. And, we Thank You!

On Saturday, participants played Basketball, Volleyball, and Wiffle Ball team sports as well as individual games of Tavloo, Ping-Pong, and Chess. Saturday evening featured an indoor/outdoor dance held at the church showcasing our versatile Postoian Pavilion with dancing under the stars, a warm bonfire, and a fun, boardwalk-style food truck making the evening extra special. Sunday, following an inspiring Badarak, highlighted the championship games, and the awards banquet and dance at Treviso by Mallozzi's at the Italian American Community Center in Albany.

Also present for the weekend festivities were Fr. Mardiros Chevian, Dean of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary; Fr. Gomidas Zohrabian, Pastor of the St. George Armenian Church of Hartford, CT; and Kathryn Ashbahian, of the Diocesan Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

"Reach New HYE-ghts" was the theme our ACYOA Juniors chose for the weekend and new heights were certainly achieved.

Throughout the weekend, 16 of our Juniors shared brief spiritual reflections with their friends, chaperones, and parents. Connections were made from St. Paul's letter to the Romans (8:31-39) to teenage life, school, work, and family, as the youth weaved examples of how God's love through Jesus Christ helps them deal with struggles and challenges. Focusing on St. Paul's words, "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, ... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord," the young presenters shared inspirational, personal examples of how they put their own faith into action, and how they have felt the presence of God's love.

Thank you is simply not enough to express the gratitude towards our church community, ACYOA Juniors, parents, advisors, chaperones, and the host families for providing a wonderful, unforgettable experience for our ACYOA youth.

Our ACYOA Juniors commented on the following statement, "Describe what your experience was like hosting Sports Weekend."

"I had a great time hosting sports weekend and hosting the teenagers that were at our house. I thought that the sports part of the weekend went incredibly well and everyone had a great time. I also enjoyed both of the dances and the little sermons we gave were very valuable, in my eyes. Overall, I had an amazing time hosting sports weekend and would do it again if we had the chance."
—Patrick Kayayan

"I was extremely thankful that I found an ACYOA to accept me as one of their own even though I was from a different parish and could rarely contribute in any part of the setup."

—Shant Danadian

(from St. Paul Armenian Church, Syracuse, who actively participated in the planning of our Sports Weekend)

"Just the sight of 250+ Armenians from all over America coming to our church and sitting in our pews was very special. This was one of my favorite memories hosting sports weekend."

—Hagopig Derian

"I had a great time hosting my friends for Sports Weekend, it was great to have my friends at my house. I had lots of fun."
—Kevork Derian

"I had a great experience hosting Sports Weekend! I'm so happy it was at our parish because I would not have went otherwise and would not have met all my new friends. I loved all the kids that stayed in my house and got so close with them in just those 3 days." —Reyna Tutunjian

"Sports Weekend is when people from around this area such as Boston, Philly, etc. come to a specific place to see their friends and play sports such as basketball and other games like chess. This is the first time in 15 years Albany has hosted Sports Weekend and it was very exciting. We got to see our friends from St. Vartan Camp and people who may not [typically] go. It was a fun experience going head-to-head against our friends in sports and to get bragging rights for the next 8 months. The dances also gave us time to enjoy with our friends, we got to laugh, and sing and dance with them all night long. This was my experience from Sports Weekend."

—Yervant Bardakjian

"Housing was super fun and it was an amazing experience. I became friends with new people and got to hangout with old friends. It was also just fun driving around everywhere together and it felt like a big family."

—Peter Meshkov

"Hosting Sports Weekend was important for our faith and culture."

—Olivia DeSanctis

"It was stressful at times but it forced us to come together as one whole community. But overall it was a very fun experience that I will never forget."

—Noah Tutunjian

"It was an amazing experience and definitely something I'm glad I got to do before moving on to ACYOA Seniors (although I still have a few years). It gave me more appreciation and respect for the St. James ACYOA and parish because they deal with hosting every May and it was a lot of work to put together. I had so much fun working with our St Peter ACYOA in getting ready for the weekend and during the weekend with all my other ACYOA friends. From what I've heard, this has been the best Sports Weekend in a while! So thank you to everyone who helped us pull it off."

—Gloria Doudoukjian

"Hosting Sports Weekend was a really cool, eye-opening experience for many reasons. Probably the biggest one was realizing the sheer work that goes into hosting. People think the kids just get on busses, stay at their friend's house, and play games. It's more than that! Health forms, housing lists, set up, donations, etc. I'm happy we hosted and I hope that a future generation up here in Albany hosts also."

—Jonah Doudoukjian

2018 ACYOA Juniors Sport Weekend Standings

Beginners Chess: 1st: Alex Hananian, St. James, Watertown, MA;
2nd: Colby Madden, St. James, Watertown, MA

Advanced Chess: 1st: Nick Budka, St. Peter, Watervliet, NY;
2nd: Shahe Jebejian, St. Leon, Fair Lawn, NJ

Beginners' Tavloo: 1st: Tanya Akian, St. Leon, Fair Lawn, NJ;
2nd: Victor Hermes, St. Leon, Fair Lawn, NJ

Advanced Tavloo: 1st: Armand Zeibari, St. Sahag & Mesrob, Wynnwood, PA;
2nd: Marianna Lilla, St. James, Watertown, MA

Girls' Ping Pong: 1st: Mia Setrakian, St. Leon, Fair Lawn, NJ;
2nd: Elsa Kevorkian, St. Leon, Fair Lawn, NJ

Boys' Ping Pong: 1st: Shahe Jebejian, St. Leon, Fair Lawn, NJ;
2nd: Michael Nargizian, St. Leon, Fair Lawn, NJ

Co-Ed Volleyball: 1st: Philly 'A' Team, Holy Trinity, Cheltenham & St. Sahag & Mesrob, Wynnwood, PA;
2nd: St. Leon, Fair Lawn, NJ

Girls' Basketball: 1st: St. Leon, Fair Lawn, NJ;
2nd: Philly 'A' Team, Holy Trinity, Cheltenham & St. Sahag & Mesrob, Wynnwood PA

Boys' Basketball: 1st: St. Leon, Fair Lawn, NJ; 2nd: St. Mary, Washington, DC

Overall Sports Champion Chapter: St. Leon, Fair Lawn, NJ

Female Sportsmanship: Mary Cimen, St. James, Watertown, MA

Male Sportsmanship: Hagop Derian, St. Peter, Watervliet, NY

Exemplary Christian Spirit: Edward Khatchatrian, Holy Trinity, Cambridge, MA

ACYOA Sports Weekend . . .



.... Moments to Remember



*Throughout your entire life, don't ever forget that, as you reach new HYEights, **NOTHING**, will be able to separate **YOU** from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

GOD LOVES YOU!!

—Romans 8:31-39



Church Organizations News

Sunday School

We began the 2018-19 school year on Sunday, September 9 with an invitation to all to a “Welcome Back” Sunday School and Adult Christian Education barbecue kickoff event that was held immediately after worship services. The barbecue lunch included hot dogs, hamburgers, salad, and watermelon. Afterwards, Elise Vozzy provided an inspirational message for those in attendance.

The theme for this school year is based on Matthew 6:33 — *“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.”*

On Sunday, September 16, classes officially began with the following schedule:

- ♦ 9:30 a.m. ~ Adult Christian Education coordinated by Rhonda Boyajian
- ♦ 10:00-11:30 a.m. ~ Open drop off for Nursery through 2nd grade students with a half hour lesson at 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ 10:00-10:30 a.m. ~ 3rd grade through high school classes
- ♦ 10:30 a.m. ~ Family Worship

One Sunday a month, there will be a special educational and fun-filled coffee hour sponsored by the Sunday School that is open to all.

Although the school year is well underway, it is never too late to have you and your children join our “Family Church on the Hill!”

*Submitted by,
Alice McMullan*

Women’s Guild

The Women’s Guild is very pleased to announce the completion of our kitchen renovation project that was accomplished well within the promised time. The result was beyond our expectations! Every detail was executed with the utmost care by the contractor and his crew. We are grateful for their diligent and conscientious work. The Women’s Guild also offers their appreciation to Sharon Foley and Bob Bedian for the numerous hours they dedicated overseeing the entire project, and to engineer Brian Tollisen who donated his professional expertise in helping create the layout of the new kitchen. It was not only an aesthetic facelift, but a whole lot of functionality was created, making the kitchen space so much more efficient; thus, the capacity for more cooking and baking.

The 2nd Annual Harvest Apple Fest was held on Sunday, September 30 following worship services that morning. It was a beautiful fall day and the Postoian Pavilion was beautifully decorated with the harvest theme. A delicious Manti luncheon was served while enjoying the musical entertainment provided by the Greg Nazarian band for our listening and dancing pleasure. Thank you to Sonya Moroukian for again chairing this event and doing such an amazing job!

The ACYOA Sports Weekend, hosted by our youth over the Columbus Day weekend, was an exciting venture for the entire community. The Women’s Guild was happy to provide the Sunday luncheon of losh and chicken kebabs, along with everyone’s favorite, pilaf and salad. It was very inspiring to see the bond among the youth who look forward to this annual event. We were all touched at seeing how sad they were saying goodbye to one another at the end of the weekend’s festivities.

On Friday evening, November 2, a special Wine & Spirits Tasting event was held from 4:00-7:00pm at Cork & Bottle Wine and Spirits on New Karner Road, Albany. Ten percent of all sales during the hours of the event are being contributed to the fundraising efforts for the Kitchen Renovation project.

The next big event for the Women's Guild is the Annual Holiday Bazaar taking place at the church on Saturday & Sunday, December 1 and 2 (*see flyer in this issue for details*). Please consider volunteering at any of the upcoming baking dates and/or signing up for a shift or two during the Bazaar. Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b49a8a62ca1fe3-20181> or contact the church office for more information:

UPCOMING BAKING DATES

No experience needed! Come help, come learn!

- ♦ **Sesame Sticks** ~ Friday, November 16 @ 11:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Kufte Balls** ~ Saturday, November 17 @ 9:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Nazook** ~ Tuesday, November 20 @ 11:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Paklava** ~ Tuesday, November 27 @ 11:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Paklava** ~ Thursday, November 29 @ 11:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Dolma** ~ Thursday, November 29 @ 9:30 a.m.

Each year, the Women's Guild selects a charity in which to support during the holiday season. This year, our selected charity is the ***Alzheimer's Association***, in which a portion of the 2018 Holiday Bazaar proceeds will be shared. Please consider this organization in the spirit of your holiday gift-giving. Thank you.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, November 11: All current members and non-members were invited to attend the Annual Women's Guild General Membership Meeting and Luncheon held on Sunday, November 11 in the Gdanian Auditorium immediately following Badarak that morning. Parish Council provided the delicious Chicken Marasla meal in appreciation for the amazing work that the members of the Women's Guild provides for the church community, centered around God and His Church. Election results and any new members will be reported in the next issue of *Loosaper*.

PAINT 'N SIP HOLIDAY CHEER, December 8: The St. Peter Women's Guild will host another Paint 'n Sip activity on Saturday, December 8 at the church from 12:00-2:00pm. Then, immediately following from 2:00-4:00pm, we will enjoy a Holiday Cheer luncheon and some raffle fun! All are invited to attend either/or, but hopefully both. Cost for the Paint 'n Sip only is \$35 OR \$15 for the luncheon only. However, your best bet is joining us for the full day of activities for **ONLY \$40** per person, PLUS please consider bringing a dish or dessert to share for the luncheon. Reserve your spot by December 5 for the Paint 'n Sip (only 40 spots available) by contacting Carol Tutunjian at (518) 334-1142, (518) 785-9423, or cyjtutu@gmail.com. Please let Carol know also if you will be attending the luncheon and planning to bring a food item to share.

Consider the ***Women's Guild Armenian Cookbook*** for your holiday, or any occasion, gift-giving. Another printing was done this year providing more available copies for purchase at only \$20 each. This cookbook is a collection of treasured recipes worth gifting to your loved ones. Contact the church office to obtain your copy(ies) or to make arrangements for shipping.

*Mary Panjarian,
Women's Guild Vice Chairman*

St. Peter Book Club

The next gathering of the St. Peter Church Book Club will be held at the church on Wednesday, November 28 at 7:00pm. The selection for this month is *The Guest Room* by Chris Bohjalian, one of the Book Club's favorite authors. From the New York Times bestselling author of *Midwives* and *The Sandcastle Girls* comes the spellbinding tale of a party gone horribly wrong: two men lie dead in a suburban living room, two women are on the run from police, and a marriage is ripping apart at the seams. In the absence of Dn. Yervant Kutchukian, as he studies abroad, we welcome Bill Rainbolt as coordinator of the Book Club. For more information, Bill can be contacted at bill.mindfulness@gmail.com.

Parish Community News

Sacraments and Rites

Baptism

Gabriella Martin, daughter of Christopher & Sarah (Horton) Martin on July 28 2018. Godfather, Steven Horton; Godmother, Renee Martin; Celebrant, Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian.

Marriage

Erica Gross, daughter of Phillip & Linda (Krikorian) Gross, and **Brandon Legault**, son of John & Carleen (Kuentzel) Legault, were married on August 24, 2018. Best Man, Justin Legault; Maid of Honor, Ashley Gross; Celebrant, Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian.

Karasonk (40-Day Memorial)

July 22, 2018

Fr. Carnig Hallajian - requested by the Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern).

August 26, 2018

Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian - requested by the Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern).

Dareleetz (First Anniversary)

September 23, 2018

Hrant Bardakjian - requested by Alice Bardakjian (IN); Setrak & Talin Nalbandian & Family (IN); Dr. Ara Kayayan; Leon & Nayeri Elebyjian; Anahid Minassian; Nino Minassian; Violet Karian; Yervant & Chake Kazanjian; Raffi & Leone Bardakjian; David & Isabel Kubikian; Ohan & Rita Ohanian; Mr. & Mrs. Greg Karian.

Hokehankist

July 22, 2018

Bishop Papken Varjabedian (Eighteenth Anniversary) - requested by the estate of Bishop Varjabedian.

Ruben Arutiunian; Monica Amirbekian; Vartan Amirbekian; Smbat Amirbekian; Vera Amirbekian; Emma Miskarian - requested by Dr. & Mrs. Vardan Amirbekian & Family.

August 26, 2018

Kenneth Chorbajian - requested by Alice & Charles Chorbajian; Debbie & John Ekmalian; Linda & Herb Chorbajian; Virginia Mahserjian.

Isabel DerBedrosian; Monique Vazigi - requested by Linda & Herb Chorbajian.

Michael & Mary Koshgarian; Khachig & Sadie Koshgarian; George & Rosemary Koshgarian; Krikor & Zechia Kerkunian - requested by Arthur Koshkorian (VA).

Aram Kacharodian; Mariam Melkonian; Rihan Melkonian; Setrack Avidsian; Varuj Avidsian; Araksi Araklian - requested by Norayr & Anoush (Arakelian) Avedissian.

Lucia Kalpakian Chorbajian Lucian - requested by Karen Bedrosian Richardson.

September 23, 2018

Jack Bardakjian (Fifth Anniversary); **Bardakjian, Nalbandian, Minassian, Kotchounian, and Tutunjian Family Members** - requested by Alice Bardakjian (IN); Setrak & Talin Nalbandian & Family (IN).

John & Virginia Barsamian - requested by James & Mary Kalteux.

Seroun Chechean - requested by Elza Karayan & Family.

Terwant Karagozian (Second Anniversary) - requested by The Karayan Family.

Adam & Jennifer Simonian - requested by Barbara Olesen & Family.

October 21, 2018 **Rosalia Vardui Chazizian** - requested by Irina Ermolenko.
Ghevont & Anna Chorbajian - requested by Linda & Herb Chorbajian & Family; Alice & Charles Chorbajian.
Gerry Orcutt, Jr. - requested by Marion Varteresian (MA).
Carney & Charlotte Postoian - requested by Linda & Herb Chorbajian & Family.
Our Faithful Departed Forefathers and Benefactors of St. Peter Armenian Apostolic Church for whom Church Memorials have been established (*the complete list of names is provided in this issue*).

Altar Flowers

August 12, 2018 **Asador & Sarah Kenosian Endowment Fund** *on the occasion of the Blessing of the Grapes service.*
August 26, 2018 **Linda & Herb Chorbajian** *in memory of loved ones.*
October 21, 2018 **Linda & Herb Chorbajian** *in memory of loved ones.*

Altar Candles

July 29, 2018 **Florence Paparian** *in memory of Albert V. Paparian* (Fifth Anniversary) *and Natalie Kachougian* (Fifth Anniversary).
August 26, 2018 **Arthur Koshkorian (VA)** *in memory of loved ones.*

Gift of Prayer Ministry

"You shall be remembered before the immortal Lamb of God." Special prayers may be requested for healing, remembrance (in memory of), or special recognition by contacting the church office. Both the person making the prayer request, as well as the one being prayed for, will be remembered. A beautiful "Gift of Prayer" card will be sent as an acknowledgment of the prayer request. Please continue to keep those for whom prayers have been requested in your personal prayers.

July 22, 2018 **Joann Brochu†** - prayers of remembrance as requested by Barbara Derian.
October 21, 2018 **Otto Frederick Wolke†** - prayers of remembrance as requested by Barbara Derian & Rich DeMartino.
John Skiff† & Joseph Skiff† - prayers of remembrance as requested by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Boyajian.

Fellowship Hour

If you, or a member of your family, are celebrating a special event (birthday, anniversary, promotion, retirement, etc.), why not share the joy with your church family by donating refreshments for the fellowship hour? You might also wish to do this in memory of a loved one, as a thanksgiving, or just in "fellowship." Please contact the church office to make the necessary arrangements and to reserve the date of your choice.

September 9, 2018 **St. Peter Christian Education (Sunday School)** *to kick-off the new school year.*
September 16, 2018 **Parish Council** *in honor of all college students starting the new school year.*
October 28, 2018 **Sunday School Staff** *for fellowship and family activity.*

Discovering Local Sacred Spaces

The Town of Colonie Senior Network offers a series of outings to discover and learn about the many places of worship in our area. St. Peter Armenian Church was chosen for their visit on August 14. Fr. Stepanos led the group and shared the rich history and culture of the Armenian people. Following their visit, program director Diane Conway-LaCivita sent the following note of thanks to Fr. Stepanos. *"Thank you for meeting with our group on August 14th. We have received wonderful feedback. Our group really enjoyed spending time with you."*

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CLERGY OF THE PARISH:

REV VAHRAM MISIRLIAN,
VERY REV DRIPOUN BEDZAKIAN,
VERY REV LEVONT MARTOOGESSIAN,
VERY REV DIRYRE MARKARIAN,
REV BEDROS VARTANIAN,
REV SAHAG DERBEDROSIAN,
VERY REV STEPAN VARTANIAN,
REV YEGHISHE KALCHUNJIAN,
REV NISHAN PAPAZIAN,
REV YEGHISHE KASPARIAN,
REV LEVONT PAROUNAGIAN,
REV VAHAN GULDALIAN,
REV VARTAN DERASSADOURIAN,
ARCHBISHOP PAPKEN VARJABEDIAN,
VERY REV MESROB SEMERJIAN,
ARCHBISHOP HMAYAK INTOYAN,
REV GAREN GDANIAN

GODFATHERS/GODMOTHER OF THE PARISH:

APKAR APKARIAN, SARKIS M. ARKELL,
ALBERT AVAKIAN, KARNIK BABIKIAN,
JAMES DICHIAN, ARMANAC GAROOGIAN,
PAUL JAFFARIAN, EDWARD KAZANJIAN,
MICHAEL KOSHGARIAN,
R. PAUL MOROUKIAN, SR.,
VOZCAN L. PARSEGHIAN, JOHN TAMAMIAN,
CELIA VARTIGIAN

DEACONS & CHOIR MEMBERS:

MARY KIZIRIAN, GARY URAM,
HAROUTYOUN MINASSIAN,
JACK GULDALIAN,
LUCY HACHIGIAN OHANIAN,
CHARLES OUNJIAN, MARY HACHIGIAN,
ROSEMARY KAPRIELIAN KRIKORIAN,
ALICE KARAGEOZIAN, ELIZABEL GOEBEL,
VERGINE OHANESIAN, HARRY VARTIGIAN,
ROSE GULDALIAN,
NEVART VARTANESIAN KOUZOUJIAN,
SHAHE PANJARJIAN, ADRENA URAM,
SETA DEGERMENJIAN,
ANTRANIG MALKONIAN,
EDWARD BELEMJIAN, HRANT BARDAKJIAN

ARMENIANS OF AINTAB

ALICE & DICKRAN AMMIAN
SARKIS & BEATRICE ARAKEL
ROBERT & MARY ASADORIAN
BERJ & PARIS AVAKIAN
HARRY, JOHN, MARGARET, BERTHA and
ALBERT AVAKIAN
KARNIG & SIRARPI BABIKIAN
GEORGE A. BAKER
JOHN BALIAN
VARTAVAR & ARAM BALIAN
YERVANT & ARCHALOUYCE BARONIAN
JACOB & MARY BELEMJIAN
EDWARD & VIRGINIA C. BELEMJIAN
LEO BUCHAKJIAN and
MARGARET (BUCHAKJIAN) WILSEY
VAHAN & BERNICE BUCHAKJIAN
SETH & VICTORIA CHICHAKIAN

GHEVONT & ANNA CHORBAJIAN

KENNETH CHORBAJIAN
ALICE & HUGO DEMARTINO
DICRAN & MARY DERARAKELIAN
ARSEN & MAKROUHI DEROHANNESIAN
PAUL DEROHANNESIAN
FLORENCE DERATZIAN AVAKIAN & LEONA DERATZIAN
VIRGINIA M. & JAMES DICHIAN
HAGOP & AZNIV DJEHIZIAN
MIREILLE DJEHIZIAN
AVAK, HACHADOOR, AZNIV & MARY ESSEPIAN
RICHARD S. & SARAH FARASHIAN
ROSE FOLEY
HARRY, JOHN & ARMENAG GAROOGIAN
GAROOGIAN & MEGERDICHIAN FAMILIES
SIRAGAN & AROUSIAG GERAGOSIAN
ANGEL & HRANT GEVREKIAN
STEPHAN, MARIAM & OHANESS GHAZARIAN
SARKIS & SONIA HACHIGIAN
EDWARD HARTUNIAN
JOSEPH HARTUNIAN
LYNNE C. HARTUNIAN
ZAVEN & ELIZE HOVANESSIAN
HARAZAD & NECTAR HRACHIAN
SUREN HRACHIAN
SARKIS & SIRANOUSH JABIAN
MARY JAFFARIAN
PAUL JAFFARIAN
TOROS, AGHAVNI & VIRGINIA JAFFARIAN
JOHN & HALINA (LIPINSKI) KACHARIAN
HENRY & ANNA (KENOSIAN) KAISER
JOHN & NEVART KARIAN
DICRAN & ARSHALOOS KASPARIAN
ANDREW & SARAH KAZANJIAN
ARTHUR & VIRGINIA KAZANJIAN
KAPRIEL & AGHAVNI KAZANJIAN
LEO KAZANJIAN
ASADOOR, SARAH, SATENIG & GRACE KENOSIAN
GREGORY SR, KATHRYN & GREGORY JR KENOSIAN
MARGARET & YERANOS KENOSIAN
MARTIN KENOSIAN
BYZAR & OSKIAN KILIDJIAN
KURKEN V. KIRK
MISSAK, AGNES, JOHN, JACK & CHARLES KOCHIAN
KRIKOR & ZAKIA KORKUNIAN
MICHAEL, MARY, ROSEMARY & GEORGE KOSHGARIAN
HAGOP, AZNIV & ROSE KOUMJIAN
KARNIG & EDWARD KOURBETIAN
GEORGE MAHSERJIAN
HARRY, HELEN & HRANT MARDEROSIAN
STEVE & ENZA MATIGIAN
PAYLIG & VAHE MEDZMOROUKIAN
VARTAN, RACHEL, LOOSAPER and
GEORGE MEGHREBLIAN
GRACE, THOMAS & JOHN MICHIOIAN
MIHRAN & ALICE MOORADIAN
MARK & ROSANNE MOROUKIAN
NICHON & SARAH MOROUKIAN
PAUL & ALICE E. MOROUKIAN
ROSE MOROUKIAN
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PHILIP & SARAH NATCHARIAN
AGHAJAN & VERKINE NAZARIAN
MARJORIE NAZARIAN
SHOUSHANIG & MARDIROs NAZARIAN
LUCY OSGANIAN, OSGANIAN & SHEKERJIAN FAMILIES
MARGARET PAPARIAN
SAVERIO & ANNA (VARTIGIAN) PASCAZIO
HAGOP & MARY (NAZARIAN) PATOUKIAN
CARNEY & CHARLOTTE POSTOIAN
JORGE T. & MARION T. QUIROGA
MAYRANUSH & MIHRAN SAATJIAN
HARRY & MARGARET SAKALIAN
GEORGE, DAVID & MARTHA SARKISIAN
HARRY T. SHAMLIAN
TOROS, SR. & MARY SHAMLIAN
GARABED SHEPRTIGIAN
HOVONESS, PYLOON, JERRY & SGT. JAMES SIMONIAN
JENNIFER & ADAM SIMONIAN
GARABED & LUCY P. SOGOIAN

LEVON SOGOIAN
ADOOR & MARY TABAKIAN
HARRY, NOURITZA & ROXY TABLAIAN
YEGHISHE & ELIZA TABLAIAN
HENRY & FAY TALARICO
ELIZABETH, DOROTHY, GEORGE, VAHAN and
JOHN TAMAMIAN
CHARLES R. & MARY B. TASHJIAN
JOHN, ASTGIG & PHILIP TASHJIAN
VARTAN G. TELIAN
JAMES, VICTORIA & PAUL WAYNE TELLALIAN
HOVAGIM & ARMENOUHI THOMASIAN
KHOREN & SHOUSHANIG TORIGIAN
KEVORK & SETA TOROSSIAN
SHAHAZAR & LUCY TUTUNJIAN
ANN & RALPH VARTIGIAN
CECILIA VARTIGIAN, VARTIGIAN and
BOYAJIAN FAMILIES
THOMAS & ALICE (NATCHARIAN) WILDMAN
LOUSENTAG ZAKARIAN
VAHAN & ALICE ZARIFIAN

In Lieu of Flowers Donations

IN MEMORY OF ANNA GDANIAN

Mary Hartunian

Total: \$25

IN MEMORY OF SUREN J. HRACHIAN

Jacob Krikorian (CT)

New Total: \$2,460

IN MEMORY OF DR. KURKEN KIRK

Herb & Linda Chorbajian
Carolyn Millonig
Audrey Ohnikian (FL)
Mary Jean Pomilla

Susan Jordan
Nancy Miska (KY)
Viola Opdahl
Joyce Ranney Ducot

Beatrice Keyan Moore
Jeanne S. Murphy
Kristy J. Petersen (MD)
Toros Shamlan, Jr.

Total: \$1,370

IN MEMORY OF JEAN (PAYETTE) MCCLELLAN

Linda Bedian
Robert & Holly Dadekian
Toros Shamlan, Jr.

George & Elsie Bedrosian
James & Mary Kalteux

Mr/Mrs Charles Chorbajian
George & Betty Osganian

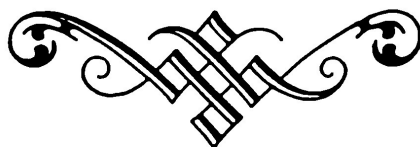
Total: \$350

IN MEMORY OF ANNA (AZARIAN) ZAKAR

Toros Shamlan, Jr.

New Total: \$150

Sincere appreciation and acknowledgment are extended to the above-named individuals for their generous memorial donations.



General donations to the **General Fund** totaling \$1,110.00 were received from the following: **Nectar Derian** in honor of Abram's Name Day on July 22, 2018; **Anthony & Elaine McCann**; **St. Peter Sunday School**.



Additionally, donations totaling \$2,150 were given *in honor of Beatrice's birthday* specifically to the Kitchen Renovation project from the following:

Gerald Arzoumanian; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Chorbajian; Herb & Linda Chorbajian; Suzanne Dickinson; Rev. & Mrs. Stepanos Doudoukjian; Debbie & John Ekmalian; Richard Hayden; Steven Krempa; Diana R. Malkonian; Carol J. Mattozza.

Grapes for the Blessing of the Grapes service on the occasion of the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God on Sunday, August 12 were donated by **Vartouhi Allahverdi; Mary Hartunian** *in memory of loved ones.*

Two additional picnic tables for the Postoian Pavilion were donated by the following: **Isabel Krempa** *in memory of Sarkis & Sonia Hachigian*; **Karen Bedrosian Richardson** *in memory of Lucia Kalpakian Chorbajian Lucian, Nishan Chorbajian, Yn. Zabelle Chorbajian DerBedrosian, Arsen Chorbajian Lucian, and Eznik Chorbajian Lucian.*

Thank you to **Dr. Ara Karayan and Yervant Kutchukian** for donating the funds to purchase a new projector system for the church when our previous projector broke and could not be repaired. Thank you to them both for their generosity and initiative in providing this useful piece of equipment for our church community.

A total of \$273 was raised in a **special plate collection** on Sunday, September 9 to assist the flood victims in the devastated region of Kerala, India, home to one of our sister churches in the Oriental Orthodox community. Thank you to all who contributed in this time of need. These funds were sent to the Diocese working with the Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR) in conjunction with international relief organizations.

Basil for the decoration of the Holy Cross on Sunday, September 16 was donated by the **DeMartino/Derian Family**.

Thank you to **Garo & Maria and the Derian Family** for the donation for the beautiful new cross that adorns the main Altar in the sanctuary of St. Peter Armenian Church. The hand-made Armenian Cross from Armenia will be used specifically for Armenian Christmas and the Blessing of the Water ceremony.



**A Pilgrimage of Faith & Heritage:
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Journey to Armenia

June 29-July 10, 2019

See flyer and reservation form in this issue for details!

Community News

Congratulations to **Joyce Dadekian & Damon Fereshetian** who were married on May 5, 2018 at the Cheltam Church of Hope in Dresher, PA. Joyce is the daughter of Robert & Holly Dadekian and Damon is the son of Paul & Yvonne Fereshetian. Serving as Best Man was Tayler Baker; with Maid of Honor, Rachael Pombo.

Congratulations to **Beatrice Arzoumanian** who celebrated her 100th birthday in July. Friends and family were treated to a beautiful banquet at The Desmond to mark this very special occasion and to honor this remarkable woman! We love you Beatrice!

We offer our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of **Anna Christa Gdanian**, who entered who eternal rest at the tender age of 32 on July 12, 2018. Anna is the daughter of Kyn & Maureen Gdanian (NH) and granddaughter of Yn. Zabelle Gdanian. She is also survived by two sisters, Lucy (Gregory) Stoyles and Naomi Gdanian; two brothers, Josiah (Chelsea) Gdanian and Gregory Gdanian; and four nieces and one nephew. May God enlighten Anna's soul.

KNIGHTS and DAUGHTERS OF VARTAN CHRISTMAS PARTY, December 9: All are invited to a Christmas Party at The Country Club of Troy (100 Troy Country Club Road, Troy) on Sunday, December 9 hosted by the Knights and Daughters of Vartan. The festivities will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a Antipasto Table and Cash Bar, then dinner will include an entrée choice of Sliced Sirloin, Salmon with Dill Cream Sauce, or Chicken Piccata. All dinners include tossed salad, seasonal vegetable, potato, chocolate strawberry cake, coffee, tea, and soft drinks. Bring your family and friends for good food, fun, and games. Cost is \$35 per person. Reservations are required by December 2 by contacting Ara Altounian at (518) 339-5816 or altounian@earthlink.net.

ST. PETER CHURCH CHOIR



Anyone interested in joining the St. Peter Church Choir is invited to attend at any time. The next rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, November 20 from 7:00-9:00pm; after which, another rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday, December 20. Questions and comments about the choir are always welcome and appreciated by contacting Choir Director, Rafi Topalian, at (518) 272-2000, (518) 810-5018, or by e-mail at rafitop@aol.com.

Notes of Thanks . . .

Dear St. Peter Armenian Church,

"On behalf of the entire parish of St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church, we would like to offer our sincere gratitude for your generous donation of \$100 on 3/25/2018 on the occasion of the 2018 Diocesan Assembly."

Ellie Krolian, St. Gregory Parish Council Chair

"I want to sincerely thank you for your kind words and generous donation. During this difficult time, I am finding comfort in the kindness of friends and family. You and your parishioners truly surprised me. No one has ever gone to these lengths for me. Your support will never be forgotten. May God continue to bless you, your family and your church in all that you do. I am extremely grateful."

From the Armenian single mother battling cancer for whom a special plate collection was taken at church in May.

Dear Fr. Stepanos & St. Peter's ACYOA,

"The ACYOA Central Council would like to thank you for welcoming us into your parish and hosting us over the weekend [July 28-29]! It was wonderful to see how active your ACYOA is becoming! We really appreciate your hospitality, kindness, and all the food!"

God Bless, The ACYOA Central Council

Dear Friend,

"I would like to thank you for your generous contribution of \$273 dated September 23, 2018. Supporters like you are essential for FAR to carry out its mission of helping to create a stronger Armenia. We simply cannot do our work without you. Through your contribution, you are empowering Armenians to create a better future for themselves and their nation."

Garnik Nanagouljian, FAR Executive Director

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Մատթէոսի Աւետարանի Ութերորդ Գլխուն 28-34 համարներուն մէջ՝ Քրիստոսի եւ դէներուն միջեւ տեղի ունեցած հանդիպումի մը նկարագրականը կը կարդանք: Քրիստոս Գերգեսացոց երկիրը գացած էր: Երկու դիւահարներ Իրեն կը հանդիպին: Դէները կը սկսին Քրիստոսի հետ խօսիլ: Իր արտօնութիւնը կ'ուզեն որպէս զի «երթան եւ խոզերուն մէջ բնակին»: Եւ Քրիստոս կ'արտօնէ եւ կը հրահանգէ որ երթան: Եւ կ'ըսէ անոնց. «Երթա՛յք»:

Սուրբ Գրոց մէջ ուրիշ տեղեր եւս յիշատակութիւն կայ դիւահար եւ այսհար մարդոց եւ դէներու գործունէութեան մասին: Հրէաստանի եւ շրջակայ երկիրներուն մէջ շատ է թիւը այնպիսի մարդոց՝ որոնք դէներէն զարնուած եւ դէներով պաշարուած են: Մարդիկ՝ որոնք դէներու իշխանութեան ենթարկուած են: Դէներու ուծն ու զօրութիւնը մեծ է: Դիւահար մարդոց չարչարանքը եւ տառապանքը անսահման է: Հասարակ մարդիկ կը սոսկան դէներու ներկայութենէն:

Քրիստոս սակայն անայլալ է եւ մեծագոյն հանդարտութեամբ կը խօսակցի դէներուն հետ: Քրիստոս դէներէն չի վախճար: Ընդհակառակն՝ դէներն են որ Քրիստոսի ներկայութենէն ահի եւ դողի կը մատնուին: «Ինչո՞ւ այսքան կանուխ եկած ես մեզ կործանելու», կ'ըսեն անոնք: Քրիստոսի երկրպագու կ'ըլլան անոնք: Քրիստոսի պաղատանք կը մատուցանեն: «Հրաման տուր որ երթանք եւ խոզերու մէջ բնակինք» կ'աղերսեն: Դէները Քրիստոսի իշխանութեան կ'ենթարկուին: Եւ Քրիստոս կ'արտօնէ որ իրենց փափաքը կատարուի: «Գացէ՛ք» կը հրամայէ անոնց: Այլ առիթներով եւս Քրիստոս կտրուկ եւ վճրական բառերով սաստած եւ վտարած է դէները: Ուրիշ ատեններ եւս մէկ բառով ազատագրած է դէներու ճիրաններուն տակ տառապող խեղճ մարդերը: Քրիստոս դէներու թագաւորը, սատանաներու գլխաւորը՝ Սաթայէլը եւս վտարեց ըսելով. «Ե՛րթ յետս իմ»:

Այս օրերուն ինչպէ՞ս պէտք է բացատրենք Քրիստոսի եւ դէւերու միջեւ տեղի ունեցած այս խօսակցութիւնը: Այսօր դէւեր գոյութիւն ունի՞ն: Այսօր մարդիկ դէւերէն կը հարուածուի՞ն: Դէւերու մասին խօսիլը այսօր անմտութի՞ն է:

Եթէ «դէւն» ու «այսը» չար ոգիի եւ չարութեանց մարմնացում կը նշանակեն՝ ներկայ աշխարհը լեցուն է անոնցմով: Եթէ խելագարութիւնը, հոգիի ու մտքի հիւանդութիւն ունենալը «դիւահարութիւն» կը նաշանկէ՝ շուրջերնիս նայինք, հիւանդանոցները այցելենք եւ տեսնենք թէ որքան շատ է թիւը դէւերու տիրապետութենէ տառապող անձերու: Այսօր, դէւերու եւ սատանաներու գոյութիւնը այնքան իրաւ է՝ որքան էր Քրիստոսի օրերուն: Լո՞նկ Այլընտի շրջանի ամենէն բարեկեցիկ թաղամասին մէջ պատահող «երիտասարդ մորթելու եւ երիտասարդի արին խմելու» ճիւղային արարողութիւնը ապացոյց է՝ որ դէւն ու սատանան մեր մէջ բնակութիւն հաստատած են եւ շատ է թիւը անոնց՝ որոնք սատանային երկրպագու են:

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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All events and activities are held at St. Peter Armenian Church, unless otherwise noted.

Sun, November 18	Fellowship Hour open to all ~ immediately following worship services <i>hosted by the St. Peter Christian Education / Sunday School</i>
Mon, November 19	Knights and Daughters of Vartan Thanksgiving Dinner ~ 6:30pm
Tues, November 20	St. Peter Choir Rehearsal ~ 7:00pm
Fri, November 23	Adult Bible Study Class ~ 10:30am
Wed, November 28	St. Peter Book Club ~ 7:00pm
Fri, November 30	AM Prayer Group ~ 10:30am
Sat, December 1	Annual Holiday Bazaar, Day 1 ~ 11:00am-5:00pm
Sun, December 2	Annual Holiday Bazaar, Day 2 ~ 12:00-4:00pm
Tues, December 4	Parish Council Meeting: 6:30pm
Fri, December 7	Adult Bible Study Class ~ 10:30am
Sat, December 8	Holiday Cheer Paint 'n Sip <i>hosted by St. Peter Women's Guild</i> Part One: Paint 'n Sip ~ 12:00-2:00pm Part Two: Holiday Cheer Luncheon ~ 2:00-4:00pm
Sun, December 9	Next Scheduled Requiem Service ~ immediately following worship service <i>contact church office to submit your request for Hokehankist</i> Knights and Daughters of Vartan Christmas Party ~ 1:00pm <i>held at The Country Club of Troy</i>
Fri, December 14	AM Prayer Group ~ 10:30am
Sun, December 16	Fellowship Hour open to all ~ immediately following worship services <i>hosted by the St. Peter Christian Education / Sunday School</i>
Tues, December 18	St. Peter Choir Rehearsal ~ 7:00pm
Fri, December 21	Adult Bible Study Class ~ 10:30am
Mon, December 24	CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 5:45pm

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