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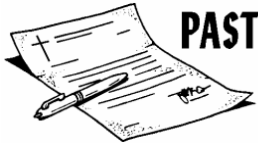
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A Word from the PASTOR . . . Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian



“I Love You More Than You’ll Ever Know . . .”

(Spiritual message shared on July 11, 2017 via e-mail and Facebook)

I am at Camp Nubar for a few days. I celebrated the Badarak on Sunday afternoon and am teaching classes about God's blessings and His miracles.

After lunch today, I overheard a young camper tell her mom, "I love you too Mom." Then the camper said again, "I love you too Mom." When she hung up, I said, "It's a good thing that she says she loves you and if you stayed on the phone she'd tell you another 100 times." The girl laughed and said, "You're right." I then said, "It's a blessing to have our Moms and Dads tell us how much they love us."

My mind and heart went back to my mom. Especially during the last 10 years of her life, when I would say, "Mom, I love you," and she would always respond, "I love you more than you'll ever know." At that moment, of course, I got teary eyed as I sat on the porch of the director's cabin thinking about my mom's love toward me.

A parent's love is comforting, reassuring, and truly a blessing. In all my classes so far at camp, many of the kids have been thankful to God for their loving parents.

As God's children, as members of the Armenian Church, and as followers of our Lord Jesus Christ -- we too are given the gift of being God's children. We are blessed with a God who loves us so very much. A God who gave His Son for us. A God who gave us our Church. A God that gave us life and a God who gives us Eternal Life.

In many ways, like my Mom would tell me, (and I miss hearing it from her lips) "I love you more than you'll ever know" -- God too, loves us more than we'll ever know.

Be blessed today knowing that we are loved by our parents or by other loved ones in our lives. Be blessed today knowing the miracle of God's love is for you and me.

Thanks to that young girl and her mom for that phone conversation at Camp Nubar. You reminded me how much my mommy loved me and how much God loves me. You inspired me and others today!

*God loves you endlessly,
Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian*

During an Adult Bible Study class led by Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian on June 9, participants were asked to define the word “Blessed.” Their replies are below:

Being in God’s care ~ Being watched by God ~ Having God’s mercy in our lives ~ Having God’s presence in our lives ~ Living God’s promised life to us ~ To know grace and peace ~ To have support to do righteous acts ~ To feel the joy of forgiveness and to learn to forgive and move on ~ To be loved and to love in return ~ God’s grace and healing blesses us daily in ways we may never know ~ I am blessed with friends and family ~ To be under God’s watchful eye; Grace infused into any situation by our Heavenly Father ~ [God] Giving us wisdom and strength to live a good life, and help those in need whenever we can ~ Approval of God (official definition) ~ Happy ~ Knowing God is with you ~ Living life with complete trust and faith in God ~ Being content in God in every situation, not a feeling but rather a state of being ~ Touched by God ~ Grace ~ Having God’s love ~ Having communication and connection with God ~ Being loved.

ST. PETER CHURCH ALTAR SERVERS
PILGRIMAGE TO ST. NERSESS ARMENIAN SEMINARY
"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

On the weekend of January 13 and 14, six Altar servers from St. Peter Armenian Church of Watervliet, New York took their first pilgrimage to St. Nersess Armenian Seminary and St. Vartan Cathedral. Will Boyajian, one of the participants of the weekend, used the following three words to describe the recent experience: community, family, warm.

The road trip began Friday afternoon; three hours later the group arrived at a local diner in Westchester County to enjoy dinner. Upon settling in at St. Nersess, the teenagers studied Psalm 50 and discussed its meaning to the Armenian Church as well as to serving at the Altar. A profound and inspiring conversation then took place. Dn. Yervant Kutchukian and Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian led the discussion as well as chaperoned the pilgrimage. "The weekend trip was a great way to seek God through prayer and group discussions," said Hagopig Derian.



Bidding farewell to St. Nersess, the next stop was Manhattan! On Saturday morning, the Altar servers met with Fr. Mamigon Kilidjian, the Dean of St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral at the Diocesan complex. He instructed the acolytes for almost four hours as the boys practiced the various litanies of the Divine Liturgy. They responded well to Fr. Mamigon's teachings. Hayr Mamigon visited the St. Peter community in September and worked with the same acolytes for two days. Their hard work is paying its dividends.

Because New York style pizza is always a must when visiting the city, Hayr Soorp provided some to fill the hungry stomachs of the visiting group. Following lunch, the boys had the opportunity to put on deacon's robes and practice their chanting on the Cathedral Altar. This experience changed their perspective of Altar serving, inspiring them to consider going to the Cathedral on another Sunday to serve during Badarak, as Fr. Mamigon personally invited the young boys to visit one Sunday and to serve at the Altar.

Before departing the city, an important visit was made to Ground Zero and the Freedom Tower. It was a solemn visit, yet one that was very profound. Standing by the memorial wall on a cold, snowy afternoon, a requiem service, led by Fr. Stepanos, was conducted for the souls departed as well as to offer prayers for the survivors and family members of those involved in 9/11. "This is a must-see for any American citizen," stated Jonah Doudoukjian following the visit to the Freedom Tower and memorial. Patrick Kayayan, reflecting on the overall pilgrimage experience said, "It was a great opportunity to learn more about our faith and how to serve God on the Altar." Noah Tutunjian concluded by saying, "The weekend was a fun learning experience seeing the Cathedral and 9/11 memorial."

After returning home, the boys gathered Sunday morning to serve at St. Peter Armenian Church. They chanted, sang, and served with an extra step, a bit more passion and zeal, and with deeper faith. "Our trip to New York was a blessing to be able to learn about our faith," expressed Avo Eleyjian.

The following is a list of participants to date in our 2017 Membership/Stewardship Pledge program. At the end of each year, a Membership Dues/Stewardship Pledge Form is mailed to all parishioners requesting their annual Dues/Pledge commitment for the following year. The list below represents those who have made that commitment thus far for 2017; please accept our thanks. If your name does not appear in the list, please consider making that commitment now by completing the form on the following page or by contacting the church office.

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**Indicates those who have increased their pledge from the previous year or are new to the Membership Dues / Stewardship Pledge program this year. We thank you!*



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(Deut 16:17)

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There are two categories listed below. Membership Dues are necessary for St. Peter Church to pay to the Diocese in New York City. Stewardship pledge is an individual commitment to help meet the needs of our own St. Peter Church parish.

A) **Membership Dues for 2017***\$ _____

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Dues-paying members of St. Peter Armenian Apostolic Church must be at least 18 years of age and pay the annual dues of \$150 in order to be in good standing. Only dues-paying members in good standing may vote at Parish Assembly Meetings or hold elective offices.

B) **Stewardship Pledge for 2017**\$ _____

(Total for all persons listed above.)

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Please return this completed form to the church office as soon as possible to activate your 2017 Dues/Pledge account. No payment is necessary to submit a Pledge Form. It is asked that Dues/Pledge monies be paid by the end of the 2017 calendar year.* **PAYMENTS TOWARD YOUR PLEDGE MAY NOW BE MADE THROUGH YOUR SMART PHONE.** *(Refer to the Community News section in this issue for details.)*

If you have any questions on how to fill out this form, please call the church office at 274-3673. Once this form has been submitted, you will be assigned an account number and offering envelopes (if you choose to use them) can be picked up the following week at the church office.

***According to Diocesan by-laws, Dues must be paid in full prior to end of the calendar year.**



Yes, please issue me a box of offering envelopes.



No, a box of offering envelopes will not be needed.

ADDITIONAL PICNIC TABLES FOR PAVILION / FESTIVAL GROUNDS

Parish Council recently discussed and approved to obtain six additional picnic tables to add to the Postoian Pavilion on the church grounds for future festivals and special events. This approval now provides an opportunity for members of the community to donate a table in a family name; in honor of an individual, family, or organization; or in memory of loved ones. Please consider your donation today.



Each picnic table is made of high quality 100% recycled plastic material. The table has rich, molded-in color, is maintenance free, will not crack or splinter, is impervious to weather, insects and rotting, and is built for outdoor durability.

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For more information, or to order a table, contact Rich DeMartino at (518) 527-3352 or the St. Peter Armenian Church office at (518) 274-3673. Your donation will stand the test of time, as will these durably constructed tables.

2017 Annual Armenian Festival Report

We keep getting bigger and better every year. This year's festival was by far the largest and most successful event in our history. We should all be very proud of how the St. Peter community showcases our Food, Culture and Church to the community at large.

This year we highlighted our Vegetarian and Vegan options, with the introduction of a new menu item – “Eech.” Special thanks to Lena Guleserian-Hoglund and Rita Ely for making this new menu item. We demonstrated the making of Eech on Saturday morning during our segment on Channel 13 by our very own Serena Moroukian and Joyce Dadekian.

Some other changes included a change to the layout of the food service in our hall to help improve the customer experience. We also increased our online marketing through both the Albany Times Union and Facebook. These changes paid off as our net profit this year was nearly \$40,000!!! This is an \$11,000 increase over last year's festival.



Dance Instructor, Maria Derian

Our goal is to continually improve our Armenian Festival as we go forward. For us to do that we must always evolve and introduce new items to serve our guests.

This festival could not have been a success without all of the volunteers that stepped up to do their part. There are far too many volunteers to thank individually; however special thanks go out to our committee members:

- ✓ Bakery Area – Charlotte Sevazlian and Sonya Moroukian
- ✓ Publicity/Advertising – Gilbert Chorbajian
- ✓ Sponsorship/Raffle – Sharon Foley & Bridgette Chorbajian
- ✓ Beverages – John Avakian
- ✓ Barbecue – Bob Bedian & John “Frenchie” Ekmalian
- ✓ Volunteers – Holly Dadekian
- ✓ Facilities – John “Frenchie” Ekmalian

This year's raffle was a hybrid version of a 50/50 raffle, where we gave out prizes of 25%, 15% and 10% of the \$3,375 total collected. Congratulations to the following winners of the raffle.

1st Place: \$843.75 - Mary Panjarjian (*who graciously donated \$200 back to the Kitchen Oven project*)

2nd Place: \$506.25 - Raffi Kazanjian (*whose ticket was purchased by his grandmother, Bertha Kazanjian*)

3rd Place: \$337.50 - Ed Kebabjian (*who graciously donated all his winnings back to the church*)

Businesses and friends were again given the opportunity to be Festival Sponsors, either by making monetary donations or by donating products and/or services needed for the Festival. The names of all Festival Sponsors were prominently displayed with banners at the Festival and in a Sponsorship Booklet. All their contributions were much appreciated. (See following pages for a complete list.)

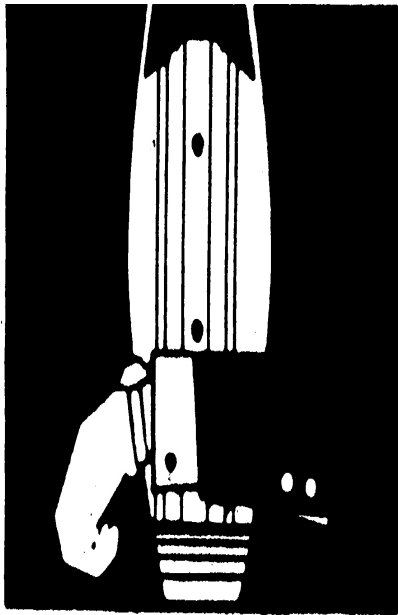
A very special thank you to our Church Secretary, Lori Payette, for all her hard work in the organization of the Festival. Lori takes care of a great many of the details prior to, during, and after the Festival, many of which we are not even aware. We thank Lori for going way beyond the ‘call of duty’ for the benefit of St. Peter Armenian Church.

Chuck Tutunjian, 2017 Festival Chairman

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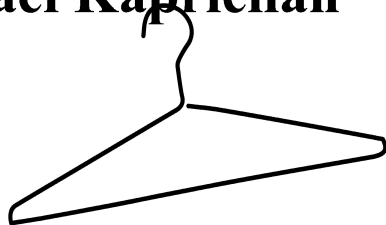
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* Theodore Sapino (FL) * Real Seafood * Stewart's Shop *
* The John Vartan Ensemble **

*Thank
you*

What a Festival this year! Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this year's Festival a great one! I especially thank the Women's Guild who really outdid themselves again this year. Thank you ladies! Also thanks to Sharon Foley & Bridgette Chorbajian for getting more sponsors than ever before.

Thanks to my Buddy Buddy, Jonah Doudoukjian, for heading up the facilities duties — handling the trash pick-ups, coordinating the runners for the serving area, and assisting the barbecuers in keeping the meat supply moving. I pass the torch on to him! Thank you to the O'Keefe family for again helping with set up of the tables and chairs, the serving areas, and barbecue area.

Special thanks to all the barbecuers. They did a great job again this year getting the meat cooked on time. Things ran smoothly with experienced leadership by Commander Bob (Bedian), Majors Ron (Kaiser) & Will (Martin), Captains Chris (Martin) & Dr. Rich (DeMartino) as the resident psychiatrist to keep us sane, and Corporal Leon (Kaiser). Thanks Buddy Buddies.

"General Frenchie"



The St. Peter Church Book Club

will next meet on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30 ~ 7:00PM**

SELECTION FOR DISCUSSION: *Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern

Contact Yervant Kutchukian @ yervant.kutchukian@gmail.com for more information.

CLASSES FOR DEACONS ~ ALTAR SERVERS ~ CANDLE HOLDERS

DEACON'S CLASS: Starting Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. then every 2nd Wednesday of each month, the Deacons will meet to practice singing hymns for the Badarak and special services. Altar Servers are also welcome to this class.

ALTAR SERVER'S CLASS: Starting Wednesday, September 27 then every 4th Wednesday of each month, teens (and anyone else interested in learning to serve at the Altar) will have the choice to meet from either 6:00-7:00 p.m. or 7:00-8:00 p.m. depending on their schedule.

CANDLE HOLDER'S CLASS: Starting Wednesday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m. then every 4th Wednesday of each month, a Candle Holder's Class will take place for boys and girls ages 8-12.



Church Organizations News

Women's Guild

Annual Women's Guild Assembly, Tampa, Florida: Charlotte Sevazlian represented our Guild as delegate at the 31st Annual Women's Guild Assembly hosted by St. Hagop Armenian Church and held in St. Petersburg, Florida on May 4-6. Upon returning, a report was prepared and shared via email with all of the St Peter Women's Guild members. The highlight of the assembly was the leadership workshops that were held. To kickoff the weekend's events, Elise Antreassian led a workshop for Women's Guild Central Council members on how to strengthen their leadership roles. Nancy Kassabian of St. James Armenian Church, Watertown, MA held a workshop on how to handle the difficult questions that may arise regarding membership in a guild. Maria Derderian, Youth Coordinator at St James Armenian Church, Watertown, MA, did a workshop on how to attract new, younger members to the Guilds, and I presented the "Year in Review," which was a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the year in pictures for all active Guilds in our Diocese. Elections were held for Women's Guild Central Council and I am happy to say that I have been elected again to the WGCC and will serve this year as Chairman.

Mother's Day Luncheon: Maria Derian and Carol Tutunjian did a wonderful job co-chairing the annual luncheon which was held this year on May 20 at the Century House in Latham. It was a beautiful day filled with fellowship and love, topped off with good food. We honored Rhonda Boyajian as Mother-of-the-Year and Claudia Suppa as Grandmother-of-the-Year. So, when you see these ladies, be sure to congratulate them. Barbara Downey of the Capital Area Flute Club joined us and performed several solo pieces that were enjoyed by all. Through raffle sales and a special plate collection done at church the following week, the Women's Guild was able to make a generous donation to Hopeful Cases, a non-profit charity started by William Boyajian, son of Don & Rhonda Boyajian. Thank you to all who donated to this worthy cause.

Annual Festival: This year's Festival was an amazing success! Of course it could not have happened without the coordination and leadership of everyone who volunteered, from task coordinators and bakers to workers on the day of the event and more. This is a huge event and each year the St. Peter Armenian Church community comes together and proves that we are the "Family Church on the Hill." Simply saying "Thank you" doesn't seem sufficient but I would be remiss if I did not say it — THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Kitchen Stove Replacement Project: The Women's Guild has embarked on a fundraising project for the much needed replacement of the stoves in our kitchen. Robert Dadekian has graciously volunteered to oversee the fundraising effort for this project. To learn more about this project join us for Der Stepanos' Summer Cookout on August 8th. Donations can be made to this fundraiser by sending your check to the church made payable to "St. Peter Armenian Church" with a notation for "Kitchen Stove Project." The Women's Guild would like to thank John Ekmalian for playing a key role in researching the stove purchases and what it will entail. This truly will be a group effort that all will benefit from for years to come. Thank you in advance for your anticipated generosity. We hope to make giving a bit easier by adding PushPay categories for Women's Guild events.

COMING EVENTS: Mark your calendar for these upcoming exciting events sponsored by the Women's Guild. We hope to see you there.

Hye Tea (tba): Previously scheduled for September 10, the Guild has decided to change the date for this event in order for Holy Cross Armenian Church in Troy to hold their annual picnic. All are invited to attend the Holy Cross picnic. The new date for the Hye Tea will be announced in the near future.

Women's Guild Day, September 10: The Guild will commemorate Women's Guild Day on Sunday, September 10 and is seeking Guild members to participate that day in the church services by offering the Kiss of Peace, passing the plate collection, acting as greeters for the day, handing out Mahs, and singing in the choir. If you would be interested in participating, please contact any of the executive board members and let them know.

NEW!! – Harvest Apple Fest, October 1: This event will be held, weather permitting, in the Postoian Pavilion immediately following worship services on Sunday, October 1. Sonya Moroukian is chairing this event which will feature something for everyone. We will be serving a Manti lunch with Cheese Boereg included. Manti will also be available for sale by the pound that day so you can stock up your freezer. There will be games for kids and adults alike, a penny social, an Apple themed bakeoff contest, and much more. See the flyer in this issue for full details. In conjunction with this event, the Guild will be making manti and boereg on Tuesday, August 29 starting at 3:00pm and on Saturday, September 23 starting at 9:00am. If you want to learn how to make these delicious items, please make plans to join us on those dates. We look forward to seeing you there.

General Membership Meeting / Luncheon, November 5: Join us on this date for the annual Women's Guild membership meeting and executive committee elections, as well as a luncheon provided by the Parish Council. Sharon Foley and Valerie Demarest are leading the nominating committee this year. If they contact you, please consider putting your name on the ballot — the Guild needs YOU! If you have any questions about what it is like to participate, please contact any current board member to learn about this rewarding experience.

Holiday Bazaar, December 2 & 3: Mark your calendars and pass the word! This is a major event for the Guild that is opened to the public. More information on baking dates and details on the Holiday Bazaar will be announced in the near future.

Armenian Christmas Party, January 13, 2018: Plans are being made for the annual Women's Guild Christmas Party to be held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at the Century House in Latham. Stay tuned for details on this annual event as well.

*Respectfully submitted by Charlotte Sevazlian
Women's Guild Co-Chairman*

Sunday School

Closing exercises for the 2016-2017 academic year were held on Sunday, May 21. The Sunday School staff and parents of the graduates co-hosted a fellowship hour luncheon following worship services that day in honor of the students including our two graduates, Renee Dearstyne and Sarah McMullan. Special thanks to all of our students for their dedication and hard work throughout the year, our devoted volunteer staff of teachers, and the support of parents for making this year a successful one.

Dear Yeretgin [Paulette] & Breann:

Thank you so much for your school's donation of \$2,270 towards this year's Lenten Drive. What an impressive gift and what creative fundraising!

With more than 20,000 Syrian Armenians seeking refuge in Armenia, our campaign could not have focused on a more urgent cause. These unfortunates continue to arrive - exhausted, hungry, and frightened. Our efforts this year will go towards providing them emergency bedding, towels, kitchenware, and basic furniture for those living in temporary housing as well as school supplies for children.

How fitting that we have joined forces as the Body of Christ this season to do with less than our 'more than enough' so that others may have enough to live. Kindly convey our deep appreciation to your staff, students, their families, and to your parishioners for all their worthy efforts.

With warm regards, Elise Antreassian, Director

Parish Community News

Sacraments and Rites

Baptism

Paul Yegeshyan, son of Mike & Christina (Abdo) Yegeshyan on June 17, 2017. Godfather, Setrak Tikoyan; Godmother, Lucine Tikoyan; Celebrant, Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian.

Marriages

Emily Elizabeth Karian, daughter of John & Laurie (Dick) Karian, and **Guillermo Cano**, son of Guillermo Cano & Maria Fernanda Perez, were married on May 6, 2017. Best Man, Felipe Cano; Godfather, Luis Alberto Cano; Celebrant, Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian.

Nune Zadikian, daughter of Varouje & Seda (Nersesian) Zadikian, and **David Daniel Christensen**, son of Daniel & Jean (Leuthner) Christensen, were married on July 1, 2017. Best Man, Ryan John Christensen; Celebrant, Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian.

Funeral

Fay Talarico entered her eternal rest on June 18, 2017. She is survived by a daughter, Janis Urban (GA); a son-in-law, Peter Duro; nine grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Karasoonek (40-Day Memorial)

June 18, 2017

Diramayr Sona Doudoukjian - requested by Fr. Stepanos, Paulette, Jonah, and Gloria Doudoukjian; Charles & Debra Doudoukjian (NJ); Richard & Diane Doudoukjian (NJ); Steve & Alice Hortian (TN); Angel & Christina Figueroa & Family (TN); Seta Mahserdjian; Raffi Bardakjian; Mary Panjarjian; Liza Karayan; Dr. Ara Kayayan; Linda Kazanjian; Anahid Minassian; Leon Elebyjian; N. Minassian.

Dareleetz (First Anniversary)

May 28, 2017

Robert Nazarian - requested by Trudy Nazarian & Family.

July 9, 2017

Armenak Kutchukian - requested by Winnie Kutchukian & Family; Mr. & Mrs. Donald Boyajian.

Hokehankist

June 18, 2017

Aram Bajakian (Third Anniversary) - requested by Helen Bajakian; Victoria Bajakian & Family; Gregory Bajakian & Family (CA).

July 9, 2017

Fr. Garen Gdanian (Fourth Anniversary) - requested by Yn. Zabelle Gdanian & Family; Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian & Family.

William Nahabedian - requested by Arthur Koshkorian (VA).

Altar Flowers

May 14, 2017

Herb & Linda Chorbajian in memory of Charlotte Postoian and Anna Chorbajian; and **Trudy Nazarian** in memory of Robert Nazarian.

Flowers distributed on the occasion of Mother's Day were donated by **John Ekmalian** in memory of Edward Belemjian.

May 21, 2017

Martin & Joyce Kenosian in memory of A. Gregory Kenosian and Gary Uram.

May 28, 2017

Trudy Nazarian in memory of Robert Nazarian.

July 9, 2017

Katrina, Christopher, and Nina Mayba in memory of Fr. Garen Gdanian.

Altar Candles

July 9, 2017

Arpy Ernest & Rick Carson in memory of Fr. Garen Gdanian.

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.

May 21, 2017 **The St. Peter Sunday School staff and parents** for closing exercises and the graduation of students Renee Dearstyne and Sarah McMullan.
June 28, 2017 **The Doudoukjian Family** in memory of Diramayr Sona Doudoukjian.
July 9, 2017 **The Kutchukian Family** in memory of Armenak Kutchukian.

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.

May 28, 2017 **Diramayr Sona Doudoukjian**† - prayers of remembrance as requested by Isabel Derian and Yn. Zabelle Gdanian.
July 2, 2017 **Fay Talarico**† - prayers of remembrance as requested by Yn. Zabelle Gdanian.
 Anne Latanzio† - prayers of remembrance as requested by Isabel Derian.

Special Donations

Additional Easter (Yughakin) donations were received from Mark Anigian and Martin & Joyce Kenosian. Adjusted total contributions received now amount to \$4,335.

General donations totaling \$800 were received from the following: **Dr. Levon Bedrosian, Y. Kazandjian, Matthew Ovian** in memory of Charles & Sally Ovian, **Ani Shahinian, Hariton Sprinceanu.**

Words of Thanks

Dear parishioners of St. Peter Armenian Church,

I wanted to reach out to you personally to thank you for your generous support of the 'Khorenian Divine Liturgy' project.

I am pleased to inform you that, thanks to your support, we were able to raise enough funds to record the 'Khorenian Badarak' in October 2016, with the participation of the choir of St. Gregory the Illuminator Cathedral in Yerevan, Armenia. This first-ever professional recording is now available as a two-disc album . . .

The present album is dedicated to the blessed memory of His Holiness Vasken I, the late Catholicos of All Armenians. As you might recall, it was His Holiness Vasken I who first commissioned me to compose an original Divine Liturgy in 1980. Since that time, the Khorenian Divine Liturgy has been performed many times, but no professional recording existed until now. With your support and encouragement, I was able to realize my dream of recording the Khorenian Divine Liturgy, and making it available to listeners across the world. Again, thank you so much for your invaluable contribution to this project.*

Warm regards, Maestro Khoren Mekanejian

*A limited number of the two-disc CD set, complete with an informational booklet, is now available for purchase through the St. Peter Church office for \$25 each.

In Lieu of Flowers Donations

IN MEMORY OF JILL DINNEEN

Barbara Derian

Total: \$100

IN MEMORY OF SONA DOUDOUKJIAN

Rosemary Ammian

Sonia Hachigian

Blanche & Juanita Kasparian (CA)

Isabel Krempa

Florence Paparian

Elsie & George Bedrosian

James & Mary Kalteux

Girard Kasparian (CA)

Mary Minassian

Farid Shafik

Richard DeMartino

& Barbara Derian

The Korkorian Family (MI)

Sarkis & Betty Minassian

The Ararat Foundation

Total: \$1,150

IN MEMORY OF LUCY KRIKORIAN

Florence Paparian

New Total: \$1,380

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM NAHABEDIAN

Arthur Koshkorian (VA)

Total: \$200

IN MEMORY OF FAY TALARICO

J. Dennis & Jean Cafaro

Barbara Hrachian

Leon & Susan Kaiser

George & Diane Sogoian

Betty S. Ferris

Charlene Hrachian

Trudy Nazarian

Joanne Hartunian

Seren Hrachian

Linda & Louis Santandrea

Total: \$420

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

**In Loving
Memory**

*The entire St. Peter Armenian Church community offers its sincerest condolences to Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian and his family on the loss of his mother, **Sona Doudoukjian**, on May 7, 2017. Below Sona is remembered as written in her obituary:*

Sona Doudoukjian (93) passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at the Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Emerson, NJ. Born in Jamaica, Queens on March 3, 1924, Sona was the daughter of the late Dickran and Elizabeth Kontchegulian. The Kontchegulian family owned a candy store on South Street in Jamaica and Sona graduated from the Jamaica Technical School and later worked as a seamstress. Sona was married to Charles Doudoukjian on November 30, 1947.

While raising a family of five, Sona was active in her local community in Bergenfield, NJ, and in the Armenian Church. She was a volunteer library assistant at Jefferson Elementary School in Bergenfield and was involved with the Girl Scouts of America. She loved to sew and often sewed her own dresses and clothing. Sona was known for her warm smile, outgoing personality, and her yellow Lincoln Continental with license plates, "Sona D" along with its yellow ribbon. She loved spending summers on 6th Avenue in Asbury Park, NJ, swimming in the ocean, eating pumpkin seeds, wearing her big beach hats, and walking the boardwalk with her husband and family.

She was a lifelong member of the Armenian Church - Holy Cross Armenian Church, Union City, St. Thomas Armenian Church, Tenafly, NJ, and St. Leon Armenian Church, Fair Lawn, NJ. While at St. Thomas, she was involved in the Women's Guild, oversaw the Church bookstore, ran the "fabrics booth" at the church Bazaar, and was an integral part of the St. Thomas Cotillion for many years. She was also an active participant in the church Bible Study and Spiritual Renewal programs.

Sona was the loving wife of the late Charles Doudoukjian; mother of Richard (Diane) Doudoukjian; Alice (Steve) Hortian; Charles (Debra) Doudoukjian; Fr. Stepanos (Paulette) Doudoukjian; and the late baby Stephen Doudoukjian; grandmother of Christine (Angel) Figueroa, Stephen, Drew, Jonah and Gloria Doudoukjian; sister of the late Aram (Virginia) Kontchegulian. Sona is also survived by two great grandchildren, Angeline and Ariana Figueroa, and several nieces and nephews.

Community News



Class of 2017



Congratulations to the following for their academic accomplishments. We wish them much success in their future endeavors.

Isabella Caroline Balian, daughter of Nancy & Ara Balian and granddaughter of Bertha Kazanjian, graduated from McCall Middle School in Winchester, MA and will be attending Winchester High School in the fall.

Samantha Enokian, daughter of Tom & Alison Enokian and granddaughter of Ralph & Betty Enokian, graduated in May from the University of Maryland with a major in Russian Language and Culture, and a minor in International Development and Conflict Management. Samantha has received a Boren Scholarship to study abroad in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Thomas Enokian, son of Tom & Alison Enokian and grandson of Ralph & Betty Enokian, graduated in June from the Friends School of Baltimore, MD and will attend the University of Maryland as a computer science major. Tom has received a four-year, tuition-free scholarship from the Air Force ROTC program at the school.

Ari Vasken Kazanjian, son of Edward & Nirva Kazanjian and grandson of Bertha Kazanjian, graduated from Tufts University with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering. Ari has accepted a position with Pfizer Corporation beginning in July.

Raffi Edward Kazanjian, son of Edward & Nirva Kazanjian and grandson of Bertha Kazanjian, graduated from Boston University with a Master's Degree in Oral Health Sciences. Raffi will be attending Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in July. Both Ari & Raffi will spend a month in Armenia this summer volunteering in the science field.

Ian Mahserjjan, son of Cathy & George Mahserjjan II and grandson of Sally Mahserjjan McNeff and the late George Mahserjjan Jr., graduated from the University of Buffalo with a Bachelor's Degree in civil engineering. Ian will be attending New York University in Brooklyn to obtain his Master's Degree.

Alexa Mahserjjan, daughter of Cathy & George Mahserjjan II and granddaughter of Sally Mahserjjan McNeff and the late George Mahserjjan Jr., graduated from Ballston Spa High School. Alexa will be attending the University at Brockport for physical education.

Rebecca Violet Moroukian, daughter of Raffi & Sonya Moroukian and granddaughter of Bedros & Violet Karian, graduated from high school and will be attending St. John's University in Queens, NY this fall.

Raffi Paul Moroukian III, son of Raffi & Sonya Moroukian and grandson of Bedros & Violet Karian, graduated from Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in finance, and a minor in graphic design.

Riley Nevins, son of John & Karen Nevins, graduated from Greenwich Central School with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. Riley received the Clinton Community College Academic Excellence Scholarship where he will be attending to pursue a degree in nursing.

Tanya Tutunjian, daughter of Chuck & Carol Tutunjian and granddaughter of Nazar & Joan Tutunjian and Hrepsime Jevanian, graduated from Shaker High School and will be attending SUNY Plattsburgh to study Nursing.

Community News (continued)

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO NEW SKETE MONASTERIES, August 12: All are invited to be part of the celebration at the Annual New Skete Pilgrimage on Saturday, August 12 to be held at the New Skete Monasteries located at 273 New Skete Lane, Cambridge, New York. Guest speaker will be Dr. Roberta Ervine, Professor of Armenian Studies, who will offer a




presentation on how the Armenian fathers used the story of the Transfiguration to illuminate other Biblical themes, experience, and events ~ *"We Shall All Be Changed: Armenian Artist-Theologians Ponder the Transfiguration."* The day long event is free and open to those of all faiths. For more information, contact Karen Gladstone at (518) 677-3928 x214 or karengladstone@newskete.org or visit www.newskete.org.

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC, August 20: The Knights and Daughters of Vartan will hold their Annual Summer Picnic at the *Postoian Pavilion* of St. Peter Armenian Church on Sunday, August 20 starting at 12:00 noon (meal served at 1:30 p.m.). Bring your family and friends for good food, fun, and a Tavloo tournament. Cost is \$25 per person with choice of steak or chicken and includes corn, salad and dessert. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available at \$5 for children under 12 years old. All are cordially invited; however, reservations are required by contacting Eddy Kebabjian at 438-1105. Mail your checks to Eddy at 3 Red Lane Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211.

46th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF NATIONS, October 29: Mark your calendar now for the Annual Festival of Nations to be held at The Egg on Sunday, October 29 from 12:00-5:00 p.m. Armenia will again be represented at the Festival. Please come and support our youth in their musical performances as well a Maegan Garabedian who has been chosen to participate as Miss Armenia. Congratulations to Maegan and the Garabedian family. Raffle tickets, admission tickets, and sponsorship ads in the program are available by contacting Rafi Topalian at (518) 272-2000, (518) 810-5018, or rafitop@aol.com.

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Ի՞նչ ըսել է ամբարտաւան, եւ ո՞վ է ամբարտաւանը: Հայերէն լեզուի բառագիրքին մէջ ամբարտաւան բառին դիմաց դրուած է հետեւեալ բացատրութիւնը. «Մարդ մը որ հպարտ է, սէգ եւ գորոզ է»: Ամբարտաւան բառին որպէս հոմանիշ գրուած են «ինքնահաւան» եւ «մեծամիտ» բառերը: Առակաց Գիրքը ամբարտաւան մարդոց մասին գործածած է նաեւ հետեւեալ բառերը. «Անգգամ, ամբարիշտ, անիրաւ, չար, անօրէն, խստասիրտ, բարկասիրտ, նենգաւոր, վատ, կարճամիտ, անողորմ, անխրատ եւ անմիտ»:

Յիսուս Քրիստոս իր քարոզութեանց մէջ շատ անգամներ ակնարկութիւն ըրաւ ամբարտաւան մարդոց մասին: Աղքատ Ղազարոսի պատմութեան մէջ բեհեզներ հագնող մեծահարուստը՝ ամբարտաւան մըն էր. որովհետեւ ան իր անսիրտ եւ անգգամ վարմունքով՝ աղքատ ու վիրաւոր Ղազարոսը կերակուրի փշրանքներէն զրկեց, եւ այդ պատճառաւ դժոխքի կրակներուն դատապարտուեցաւ: Տաճարին մէջ աղօթող փարիսեցիին ամբարտաւան էր: Ան ինքնահաւան էր: Բարձրաձայն իր անձը կը փառաբանէր եւ անկիւնը կեցող մաքսաւորը կը պախարակէր: Բայց Աստուած եսասէր փարիսեցիին աղօթքը մերժեց եւ մեղաւոր մաքսաւորը արդարացուց: Որովհետեւ այս վերջինը իր կուրծքը կը ծեծէր եւ «Աստուած քաւեա՛ զիս, մեղաւորս» կը պաղատէր: Անարդար դատաւորը ամբարտաւան էր. որովհետեւ ան ոչ Աստուծմէ կը վախճար եւ ոչ ալ մարդոցմէ կ'ամչնար: Ամբարտաւան էր նաեւ այն ագարակապանը՝ որուն արտերը շատ ցորեն տուին եւ ինք փոխանակ աղքատները յիշելու, իր անձին մասին միայն

խորհեցաւ եւ գոչեց. «Անձն իմ, կե՛ր, ա՛րբ եւ ուրա՛խ լեր»։ Եւ Աստուած իրեն մօտեցաւ եւ ըսաւ. «Անմի՛տ, այսօր քեզմէ հոգիդ պիտի պահանջեմ։ Հաւաքած ցորեններդ որո՞ւ պիտի մնան»։

Ամբարտաւան մարդոց ծանրագոյն մեղքը այն է որ կը խորհին թէ իրենք աստուածներ են՝ եւ կը ջանան իրաւ Աստուծոյ աթոռը բազմիլ։ Սատանան ատենին հրեշտակ էր։ Բայց գոհ չմնաց իրեն տրուած պատիւներէն։ Ուզեց Աստուծոյ հաւասար ըլլալ եւ ինկաւ իր փառքի աթոռէն առ յաւէտ։ Պատմութիւնը գահագուրկ ըրած է այն բոլոր աշխարհակալները, թագաւորները եւ առաջնորդները՝ որոնք իրենց անձին «մեծութենէն» կուրցած՝ ուզած են պաշտօնիլ որպէս Աստուած։

Մեր Երկնաւոր Հայրը խոնարհ մարդիկն է որ կը նախընտրէ եւ անոնց է որ կը բաշխէ Իր շնորհները։ Սուրբ Կոյս Մարիամ՝ Աստուածածին ըլլալու արժանացաւ խոնարհ ըլլալուն պատճառաւ։ Յիսուս Քրիստոս պալատներու արժանի էր, եւ սակայն մսուրի մը մէջ ծնաւ։ Թագաւոր մըն էր՝ եւ աւանակի մը վրայ բազմեցաւ։ Անուս եւ ձկնորս մարդիկը Իրեն աշակերտ եւ առաքեալ ըրաւ։ «Ես աղքատներուն քարոզելու համար եկած եմ» ըսաւ Ան։ Եւ երանի տուաւ այրիներուն, որբերուն, օտարականներուն, տառապեալ եւ սգաւոր մարդոց եւ ըսաւ. «Ձի այսպիսեաց է Արքայութիւնն Աստուծոյ»։ «Ո՛վ հայր, գոհ եմ եւ երջանիկ եմ որ դուն փառքդ ու գաղտնիքներդ տղաներու եւ մանուկներու յայտնեցիր եւ այս աշխարհի գիտուններն ու իմաստունները մերժեցիր», ըսաւ Ան։

Ո՞վ է խոնարհը։ Համաձայն Առակաց Գիրքին՝ խոնարհ մարդիկը կ'ըլլան՝ «արդար, բարեբար, հեզ, ուղիղ, երկիւղած, պարկեշտ, անարատ եւ նոյնիսկ իմաստուն եւ խորագէտ»։ Յովբ Երանելին խոնարհ մարդ մըն էր։ Խոնարհ էր նաեւ Բարի Սամարացին։

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12:50-1:10 Snack Time
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October 10
November 14
December 12

Contact:
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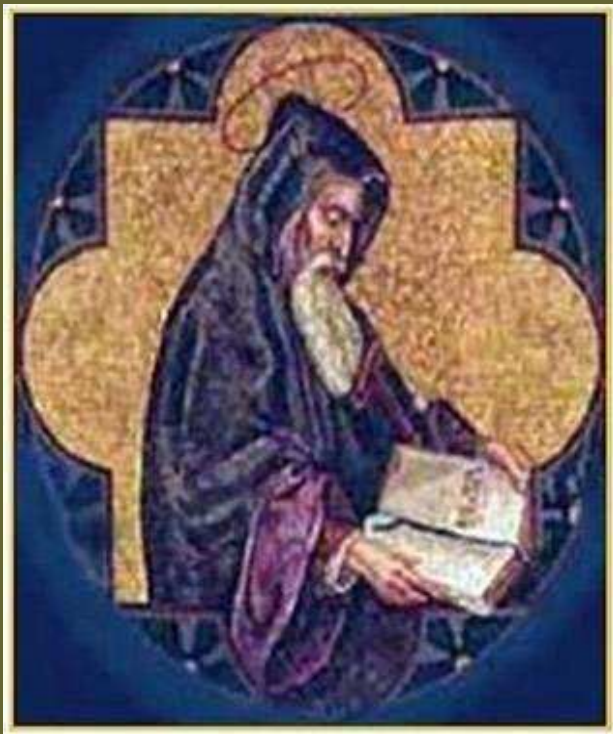
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2017 DATES: Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, and Dec 20

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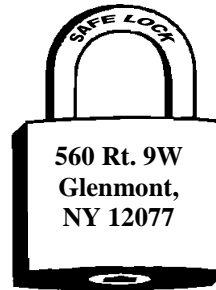
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Tuesday, August 8	SUMMER COOKOUT: <i>Church Grounds ~ 5:00pm Bring a side dish or dessert to share</i>
Sunday, August 13	FEAST DAY: Assumption of the Holy Mother of God <i>Blessing of the Grapes Service</i>
Sunday, August 20	KNIGHTS AND DAUGHTERS OF VARTAN ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC: <i>St. Peter Armenian Church Postoian Pavilion ~ 12:00 noon</i>
Tuesday, August 29	APPLE FEST BAKING DATE: <i>Help needed to make Manti & Beoreg ~ 3pm</i>
Wednesday, August 30	BOOK CLUB GATHERING: <i>Conference Room ~ 7:00pm Selection: "Night Circus" by Erin Morgenstern</i>
Wed, September 6	THE DIVINE EATERY: BIBLE STUDY & POTLUCK: <i>Gdanian Auditorium: Dinner ~ 6:00pm; Discussion ~ 7:00pm</i>
Sunday, September 10	WOMEN'S GUILD DAY: <i>further details to be announced</i>
Tuesday, September 12	LITTLE FAITHFULS: <i>For newborns through 5-year-olds and their parents/grandparents ~ 12:30pm</i>
Wed, September 13	DEACON'S CLASS: <i>7:00pm (Altar Servers also welcome)</i>
Wed, September 20	NAREK NIGHT: <i>7:00pm</i>
Friday, September 22	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP EVENING: <i>Postoian Pavilion ~ 6:00pm</i>
Saturday, September 23	APPLE FEST BAKING DATE: <i>Help needed to make Manti & Beoreg ~ 9am</i>
Wed, September 27	CANDLE HOLDER'S / ALTAR SERVER'S CLASS: <i>Candle Holders ~ 6:00-7:00pm Altar Servers ~ 6:00-7:00pm or 7:00-8:00pm (depending on their schedule)</i>
Sunday, October 1	APPLE FEST: <i>Hosted by St. Peter Women's Guild ~ 12:00 noon</i>
Wed, October 4	THE DIVINE EATERY: BIBLE STUDY & POTLUCK: <i>Gdanian Auditorium: Dinner ~ 6:00pm; Discussion ~ 7:00pm</i>
Tuesday, October 10	LITTLE FAITHFULS: <i>For newborns through 5-year-olds and their parents/grandparents ~ 12:30pm</i>
Wednesday, October 11	DEACON'S CLASS: <i>7:00pm (Altar Servers also welcome)</i>
Wednesday, October 18	NAREK NIGHT: <i>7:00pm</i>
Wednesday, October 25	CANDLE HOLDER'S / ALTAR SERVER'S CLASS: <i>Candle Holders ~ 6:00-7:00pm Altar Servers ~ 6:00-7:00pm or 7:00-8:00pm (depending on their schedule)</i>