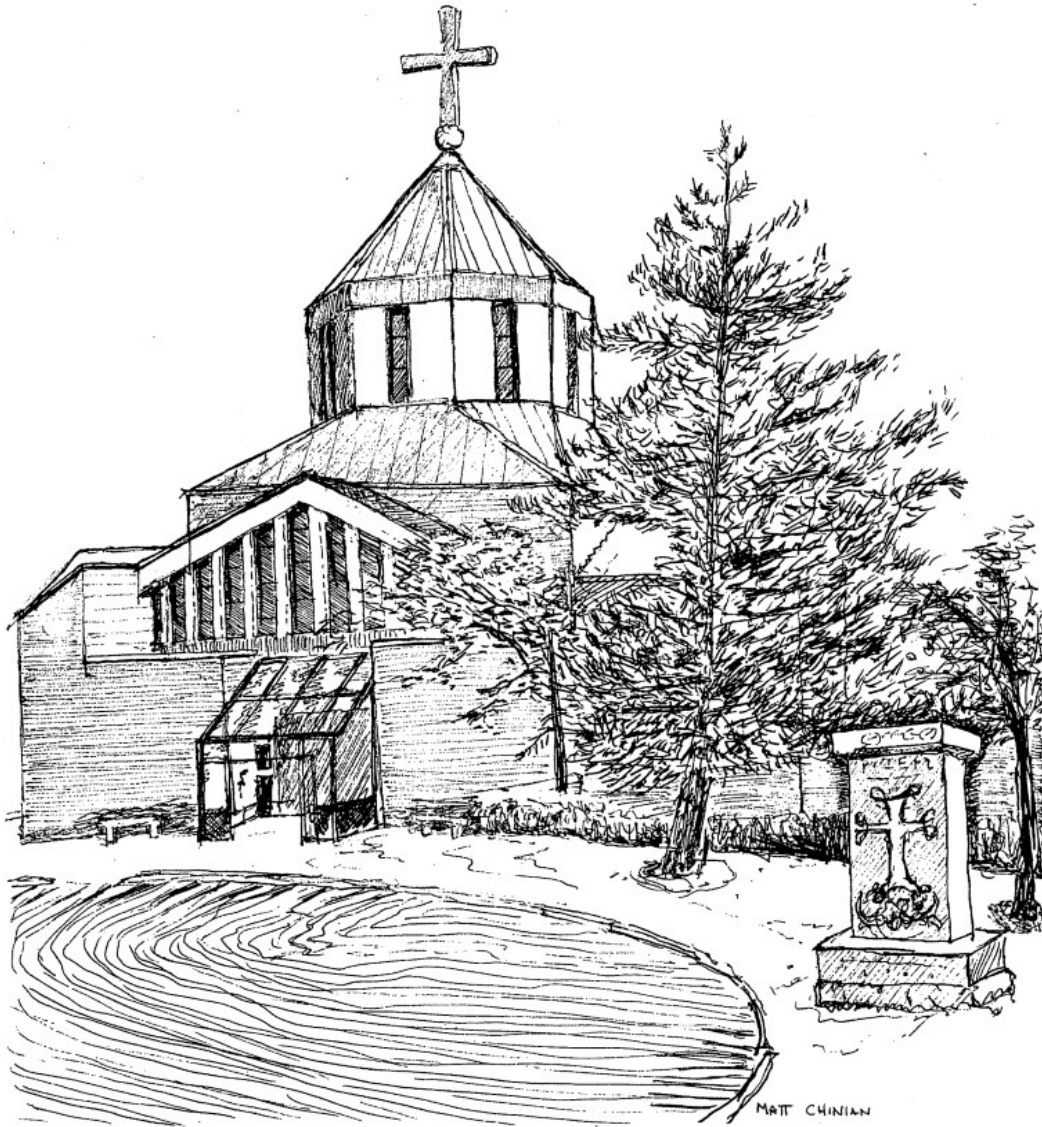


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	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
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The *Loosaper* constitutes a vital and an historical record of the life of the St. Peter Church Community. Therefore, it is important to make every effort to preserve and maintain the continuity of this publication. In order to do this, we need help. Any parishioner interested in being a reporter or assisting the editorial staff with this publication should call the church office.

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!

CURRENT VOLUNTEER STAFF:

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Please forward all articles to the church office.

LOOSAPER DONATIONS

There is an outlay of approximately \$500 for publishing and mailing each issue of the *Loosaper*. Any contribution sent to defray part of this cost will be gratefully appreciated. Names of donors and contributions will be listed in the *Loosaper*, unless we are requested not to do so.

Many thanks to the most recent donors who answered our call to help offset the costs of our church publication with donations totaling **\$45** from the following: **Helga Apkarian; George & Elsie Bedrosian.**

Please use the form below to send your donation to:

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Remember St. Peter Armenian Church in your will!

A Word from the PASTOR . . .



Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian

Join us for Evening Service and Prayer

"A calm, peaceful, and touching service in which everyone's soul felt the presence of God," were words used by college student, Nora Derian, to describe the Evening Prayer Service that took place on Saturday, February 16, at St. Peter Armenian Church. She and thirteen other youth from St. Peter Armenian Church were the leaders of this service, serving as deacons for the Vespers and then singing ten Armenian Hymns. The evening began with the celebration of the traditional Armenian Vespers (Evening Service). The one-hour service concluded with the youth singing hymns from the Divine Liturgy. During the evening, congregants had the opportunity to ask for personal prayers, as three prayer stations were set up in the sanctuary to welcome private prayer. The prayer facilitators included myself, Adult Bible Study leader Elsie Vozzy, and AM Prayer Group leader Rhonda Boyajian. During the last thirty minutes, while private prayers were being offered, the youth filled the church with music using musical instruments and their angelic voices. Elsie Vozzy and Rhonda Boyajian both agreed that it was a beautifully spiritual evening filled with the Holy Spirit. They were both honored to have served as prayer leaders, to be instruments of the Lord, and to experience the presence of God.

Over forty people participated in this first-time liturgical event and it was quite evident that the Holy Spirit filled the hearts of all those present. Parish Council Chair, Roswita Fragomeni, stated that the Saturday evening service was "simply a beautiful experience." She also remarked that, "The church sanctuary was a calm, peaceful, and safe place as the voices of our young people touched the heart. The hymns, Psalms, sermon, and opportunity for facilitated prayer were most appreciated."

The ACYOA youth relished the opportunity to serve. Some of the ACYOA members commented on the evening. Hagop Derian said, "It was a great display of strength and unity from our youth group." Gloria Doudoukjian saw "beauty in the service, as the talent and leadership of the youth shined throughout the evening." John Michael Dearstyne, who played the guitar and sang "Amazing Grace," also was inspired by seeing so many people gathered together to pray. Renee Dearstyne encourages others to attend next time, stating that, "It's definitely worth investing your time to go and experience."

Another one-hour prayer evening took place on April 13 and will be held again on Saturday, June 15 starting at 5:30pm. Please plan to join us next time.

God's Blessings, Fr. Stepanos

Evening Service & Prayer

***"Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,
and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice."***

Psalm 141:2

*The traditional Evening Service is a part of the seven daily prayer services of the
Armenian Church and has been offered for the faithful for two millennia.*

The service will be led by the youth of St. Peter Armenian Church.

This service is open to all and will be conducted mostly in English

Evening Service (Vespers) ~ 5:30-6:00pm

Prayer and Quiet Reflection ~ 6:00-6:30pm

**Join us at St. Peter Armenian Church
for this special evening service
on Saturday, June 15**

Church Organizations News

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild had a very busy start to 2019. First and foremost, the newly elected executive committee extends its sincere thanks to outgoing members, Phyllis Jevanian and Linda Kazanjian, for their dedication to the Guild. Sue Dickinson graciously accepted to stay for another two-year term. Thank you to Marion Kehrer for her leadership during her year as Chair of the executive committee.

The **executive committee** for 2019 is as follows: Sharon Foley, Chair; Mary Panjarjian, Vice Chair; Sue Dickinson, Treasurer; Valerie Demarest, Assistant Treasurer; Sandy Bedian, Secretary; Marion Kehrer, Ginny Mahserjian, Lucy Morton, and Carol Tutunjian as Advisors.

We had some traditional annual events as well as a few fellowship outings that were well received by all who were able to join us.

We prepared and served a **Lahmejun luncheon** on Sunday, February 24, following Badarak. It was well attended and enjoyed by everyone, which may lead to another similar event in the near future, as requested by many. The generous donation of a new dough roller machine helped tremendously in the preparation of this luncheon. Thank you to Sue Dickinson for donating the cost for this new piece of equipment in memory of her mother, Adrienne Kenderian.

We also thank Women's Guild member, Linda Simidian, for her generous donation of a new microwave. Thank you also to the Saroyan Family for donating funds to purchase two new commercial grade utility carts, given in memory of Sally & Charles Ovian. All these new items will be put to good use in our newly renovated kitchen.

Our annual **Tahin Hatz bake day** on March 23 was a blast! We thank all those who came to help with this baking task in preparation for the Annual Mid-Lenten Dinner (see below). It was really nice to see everyone working together, laughing, and singing in the kitchen.

The **Mid-Lenten Dinner** took place on Wednesday, March 27. In addition to the Tahin Hatz, the homemade vosbov kufte was delicious, as usual. Thank you to *Off Shore Pier* in Rensselaer for providing the freshly fried fish again this year. We sold out of everything. We had many take-out orders but many were happy to stay and enjoy their meal before heading to the sanctuary for Lenten service that evening. We offer special thanks to Bill Foley, Frenchie Ekmalian, Raffi Moroukian, and Bob Bedian for their assistance with the dinner and picking up the fish.

Saintly Women's Day & Women's Guild Day were jointly observed on Sunday, March 31. This year, four women were commemorated — those who touched Jesus's garment and His life during His ministry. Readings during services were offered in both Armenian and English. Thank you to Rhonda Boyajian, Elsie Vozzy, and Nayiri Tournayan for enriching our experience with their participation in the program. A potluck luncheon followed in the Gdanian Auditorium with an array of meatless dishes provided by the members of the Women's Guild.

Several **fellowship outings** were very enjoyable as members and friends were invited to gather at a local theater to see simulcast performances of *Carmen*, *Sleeping Beauty*, and *Wagner Die Walkure*, as performed by the Metropolitan Opera. Following the performances, we then enjoyed dinner at a local restaurant.

Join us for the next simulcast performance to take place on Saturday, May 11 at Colonie Center Regal Theatre at 12:00 noon as the Metropolitan Opera presents *Dialogues des Carmelites*. Advance reservations are required to sit together as group and can be made by contacting Sharon Foley at (518) 427-8594.

The Women's Guild hosted their annual **Holy Thursday breakfast** on April 18 following services that morning. Thank you to everyone for making cheoreg and providing colored, hard boiled eggs as part of the breakfast and to Maria Derian for donating an Easter basket to raffle off in which proceeds went to the Women's Guild.

Again this year, the Women's Guild made loaves of **Cheoreg** that were available for purchase on Easter Sunday following services. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped bake the many loaves that completely sold out.

Of course, the much anticipated event of the year is the **Annual Armenian Festival** taking place on Saturday, June 1 and on Sunday, June 2. The Women's Guild is again coordinating the preparation for much of the food and bakery items, a task that cannot be done without the participation of the entire community. There are many baking dates scheduled. Select the dates/times when you can offer your help by signing up online using the following address: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A8A62CA1FE3-festival1>.

Below are few of the prep dates for the Festival. Join us whenever you can. No experience is needed; we all learn from each other and enjoy the camaraderie along the way.

- ◆ Saturday, May 4, 9am ~ Cheoreg
- ◆ Tuesday, May 7, 10am ~ Cheese Boreg
- ◆ Wednesday, May 9, 5pm ~ Kurabia
- ◆ Tuesday, May 14, 9:30am ~ Cream Khadayif (1st batch)
- ◆ Tuesday, May 21, 9:30am ~ Cream Khadayif (2nd batch)
- ◆ Wednesday, May 29, 11am ~ Paklava (1st batch)
- ◆ Thursday, May 30, 11am ~ Paklava (2nd batch)

Have a blessed Easter season!

*Krisdos Haryav Ee Merelotz, Orhnyal Eh Haroutyunun Krisdosee.
Christ is Risen From the Dead, Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ.*

Mary Panjanzian, Vice Chairman

Mother's Day Celebration

Hosted by St. Peter Women's Guild

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Dinner Buffet
begins at 5:00pm

**Fun
Surprises
Woman~of~the~Year**



Cost: \$35 per person
\$17.50 for girls age 6-12
FREE age 5 and under

RSVP by May 16
Contact Alice McMullan
at (518) 371-6878 or
amcmullan@nycap.rr.com



To be held at
Moscattiello's Italian Family Restaurant
99 North Greenbush Road, Troy



Little Faithfuls

The joy of our *Littlest Faithfuls* brings a smile to our hearts and souls. The monthly potluck dinner gatherings have been a connection for our *Little Faithfuls*, parents, grandparents, and aunts. The smiles and energy as we pray, share a meal, and visit the sanctuary have been wonderful experiences for us all. The children experience the sights and sounds of our faith. Praying, singing our hymns, learning to bless water, hugs, stories, and listening to Der Hayr are all part of our one-hour get-togethers. We have gathered for Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, water blessing, and our latest teddy bear project.

Kaylin Dawson and Ashley Gross were organizing a collection of 350 stuffed bears for Albany Medical Center pediatrics. We were so happy to participate and help with this project. We also thank Hannaford Supermarket for their participation. A simple bear can bring comfort to these children. Thank you Kaylin and Ashley for giving us the opportunity to help.

Any child, newborn through pre-school, and their parents/grandparents are invited and encouraged to join us for our *Little Faithfuls* gatherings. Watch the St. Peter Armenian Church Facebook page and weekly bulletins for upcoming dates.

Holly Dadekian

New this fall — “Life is Better Together” Group



Something a little different is coming this fall! We are calling it the “*Life is Better Together*” group. Gatherings will be held every other Wednesday morning, 10:30am-12:00pm, in the St. Peter Armenian Church conference room. (This Wednesday AM group will replace the Friday AM Adult Bible Study group starting this fall. The Friday AM Adult Bible Study group will continue through June.)

We'll start with coffee and a little something sweet, then TOGETHER we will listen to music, pray, read scripture, and enjoy some good discussion.

All are invited — bring your thoughts, questions, and prayer needs. The goal is to have you leaving refreshed, encouraged, and excited to come again.

Look for the fall/winter schedule coming soon — and we hope to see YOU there!

Announcements

RITE OF GRAVE BLESSING

Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian will be available on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, to perform the Rite of Grave Blessing at the following locations:



Elmwood Cemetery in Troy

from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Albany Rural Cemetery

from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Memory Gardens

from 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Visits to other cemeteries may be made by contacting the church office by Friday, May 24.



2019 GRADUATES: We ask all who are to graduate from High School, College or a University this spring to kindly send their names to the church office by Monday, June 24, for publication in the next issue of *Loosaper*. Please include the name of the school, the degree which you will receive and your future plans.



Parish Community News

Sacraments and Rites

Karasoonek (40-Day Memorial)

April 7, 2019

Louise Manoogian Simone, the late president of AGBU - requested by Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern).

Dareleetz (First Anniversary)

February 3, 2019

Rose Artinian Foley - requested by Karen, Jeff & Kate Kulas; Sharon Foley & Valerie Demarest; Catherine & William Gauthier; William Foley; David Foley; Mary & Ara Panjarjian.

February 24, 2019

Martin Kenosian - requested by Joyce Kenosian; Leon & Susan Kaiser; Kenosian, Kaiser & McCollum Families; David & Lori Belemjian.

March 17, 2019

Yn. Mary Ashjian - requested by Zovig Ashjian; Marian Varteresian (MA).

Hokehankist

February 3, 2019

Kevork & Seta Degirmenjian - requested by Mary & Ara Panjarjian.

March 17, 2019

Mary DerBedrosian - requested by Karen Bedrosian Richardson.

George Mahserjian (Third Anniversary) - requested by Virginia Mahserjian; Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Mahserjian & Family; Christine Hagopian & Family; Charles & Alice Chorbajian; Frenchie & Debbie Ekmalian.

Paul & Alice Moroukian - requested by R. Paul & Sonya Moroukian & Family; Gary & Laura Clark & Family; Pamela Moroukian.

Chamoun, Nalbandian, Aposhian & Lalayan Family Members - requested by Shamouian & Chouhamlian Families.

Agavni Topalian (Fourth Anniversary); **Bedros Topalian** - requested by Berj, Lusine, Natalie & Peter Topalian; The Marchese Family.

March 24, 2019

Rose Ketchoyan - requested by David Ketchoyan; The Kilidjian Family: Russ, Sandy, Melanie, John & Leta.

April 7, 2019

Fr. Garen Gdanian; Khoren & Ovsanna Kludjian; Beatrice Kludjian Watson; Zareh Berj Kludjian; Kevork & Siranoush Gdanian; Hagop & Puzant Gdanian; Sarkis & Azniv Parseghian; Hagop & Marie Nersoyan; John & Angele Boghosian; Levon & Pegroohi Roupinian; Anna Gdanian - requested by Yn. Zabelle Gdanian & Family.

Alice (Guendjoian) Zarifian (on the occasion of her birthday on April 7); **Vahan Zarifian** - requested by Pat & Claudia Suppa & Family.

Altar Flowers

February 24, 2019

The Asador & Sarah Kenosian Endowment Fund *in memory of Martin Kenosian.*

March 17, 2019

Zovig Ashjian *in memory of Yn. Mary Ashjian.*

Altar Candles

February 3, 2019

David & Lori (Payette) Belemjian *in memory of Fr. Garen Gdanian and in honor of Yn. Paulette Doudoukjian on the occasion of their shared birthdays on February 1.*

February 24, 2019

A donation for altar candles was given anonymously.

Palm Sunday & Easter Flowers

The palm trees that decorated the sanctuary and the palms distributed on Palm Sunday, April 14, were donated by **Mary Hartunian** *in memory of Katherine Mahserjian*.



Easter lilies and flowers for Holy Week and Easter were donated by: **Betty Avakian and Shirley Avakian & Family** *in memory of Avakian & Baronian Families*; **Lawrence & Catherine (Zadigian) Knauer** *in memory of Azadian & Zadigian Families*.

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.

March 3, 2019

Berj Akian (NJ) - prayers of peace and joy on the occasion of his 50th birthday as requested by The Doudoukjian Family.

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.

February 10, 2019

Sunday School Staff *for fellowship and family activity.*

March 17, 2019

Berjounie Shamounian, Marik Shohmelian, and Nayiri Tournayan *in thanksgiving.*

Special Donations

A total of \$447.00 and a \$100 Lowe's gift card was received as the result of a **special plate collection** taken on February 24 to help a local family in need of financial assistance for housing.

Donations to the **General Fund** totaling \$100.00 were received from the following: **Rosemary Burgher; Sayat Kuyumcu (NJ)**. An additional **Gift of Love** donation, on the occasion of the Church's 119th Anniversary in 2018, was received by *David & Carmen Minassian*, bringing the total amount to \$2,733. An additional 2018-2019 **Christmas offering** was received by *Arthur & Shigeko Koshkorian (VA)*, bringing the total amount to \$4,665.

Wish List Donations: From time-to-time, the Parish Council will identify items that it wishes to obtain for the church. To purchase these items would be beyond the general operating budget of the church; therefore, these items are presented to the church community to consider donating toward. We appreciate the recent support in being able to purchase **an electric dough roller for the kitchen** *donated by Sue Dickinson in loving memory of Adrienne Kenderian* and **a new laptop computer for the priest's office** *donated anonymously*. Also, donor(s) have come forward to help with the cost of **new priestly vestments** for Fr. Stepanos (to be selected in the near future).

KITCHEN RENOVATION PROJECT FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The St. Peter Church Parish Council and community is very near in completing its fundraising efforts for the 2018 Kitchen Renovation project. ***We now need only approximately \$2,700 to close the gap on the entire project.*** If you have not yet had the opportunity to contribute toward this project, please consider doing so. If you have already made a contribution, and are in the position to do so, perhaps you might consider donating a little more. All donors will be acknowledged with appreciation as part of a special event near the end of summer to conclude the project. Details on this event will be announced in the future. Contact the church office to find out how to make YOUR contribution.

Postoian Pavilion Picnic Tables: As reported in the St. Peter Armenian Church 2018 Annual Report, we acknowledge the following with appreciation for their contributions toward the final four picnic tables purchased for the Postoian Pavilion, which is now equipped with 15 weather-resistant, maintenance-free picnic tables:

Karen Bedrosian Richardson donated in memory of the family of her great grandmother, *Lucia Kalpakian Chorbajian Lucian (1865-1940), Nishan Chorbajian (? – 1895). Yn. Zabelle Chorbajian DerBedrosian (1885-1933), Arsen Chorbajian Lucian (1887-1976), and Eznik Chorbajian Lucian (1894 - ?);*

Isabel Krempa donated in memory of *Sarkis & Sonia Hachigian;*

Ara & Nancy Balian, Peter & Patty Boorujy, Robert & Arleen Drooby, Lisa Harootunian, Arthur & JoAnn Kazanjian, Edward & Nirva Kazanjian, Linda Kazanjian (whose name was inadvertently missed from the Annual Report), **Karen & Levon Khachadourian, and Carole Smith** donated in honor/memory of the Kazanjian Family: *Andrew & Sarah Kazanjian, Arthur & Virginia Kazanjian, Leo & Rosine Kazanjian, and Edward & Bertha Kazanjian;*

Karen Bedrosian Richardson donated an additional table in memory of her maternal grandparents and their children: *Hairabed Torigian (1884-1930), Aghavni Postoian Torigian (1893-1986), Anthony Torigian (1911-1977). Charlotte Torigian Postoian (1914-2004), John Torigian (1916-1990), and Isabel Torigian Bedrosian (1921-2012).* As with the previous tables, a personalized, engraved, weather-resistant plaque will be attached to each donated table.

We also acknowledge **Best Fire Hearth & Patio**, through whom we purchased the tables; **Time Square** of Clifton Park, for creating the engraved bronze plaques; and **Murat Kasparian of Shahin Cabinet Maker Furniture Shop** of Albany, for his work in setting the plaques into the tables.

Community News

Our condolences to the families and friends of:

Margaret (Paparian) Muraski who entered her eternal rest on March 11, 2019. Margaret is survived by a son, Doug Muraski; a daughter, Dana (Steven) Pembroke; one grandson; and many close friends and family.

John P. Essepian who entered his eternal rest on March 16, 2019. John is survived by a daughter, Rosemary (John) Burgher; two sons, Dr. John (Kelley) Essepian and Charles (Donna) Essepian; and nine grandchildren.

George C. McNeff who entered his eternal rest on April 5, 2019. George is survived by his wife, Sally McNeff; two daughters, Kathryn (John) Arcuri and Lynne (Bill) Lee; four sons, George(Cindy) McNeff, Steven McNeff, Michael (Jennifer) McNeff, and Scott (Carey) McNeff; a step-daughter, Jackie Prince; a step-son, George (Cathy) Mahserjian; a sister, Patricia Muller; a brother-in-law, Bob Nittinger; 17 grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

2019 ST. NERSESS SUMMER CONFERENCES: St. Nersess, located at 486 Bedford Road in Armonk, New York, is proud to continue its long history of hosting summer conferences. This year, an adult conference is being added and a winter conference for college student returns. The following programs are available this year: **NEW Adult Conference**, June 6-9; **Deacon's Training Program**, June 28-July 7; **High School Conference**, July 26-August 4; **College Winter Conference**: January 2-6, 2020. For more information or to register online, visit www.stnersess.edu.

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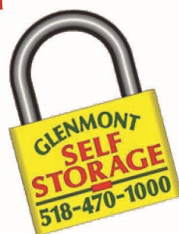
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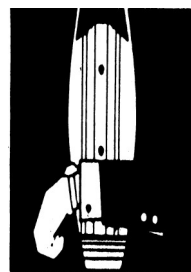
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Friday, May 3	AM Prayer Group ~ 10:30am
Saturday, May 4	Festival Prep: Cheoreg ~ 9:00am
Sunday, May 5	Festival Kick-Off Coffee Hour: All invited following worship services
Tuesday, May 7	Festival Prep: Cheese Beoreg ~ 10:00am Parish Council Meeting ~ 6:30pm
Wednesday, May 8	Festival Prep: Kurabia ~ 5:00pm
Friday, May 10	Adult Bible Study Group ~ 10:30am
Saturday, May 11	Metropolitan Opera Simulcast Performance: <i>Dialogues des Carmelites</i> Colonie Center Regal Theatre ~ 12:00 noon
Tuesday, May 14	Festival Prep: Cream Khadayif ~ 9:30am Festival Prep: Lamb Kebab prep ~ 6:00pm
Wednesday, May 15	Festival Prep: Lamb Kebab skewering ~ 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal: 7:00pm
Friday, May 17	AM Prayer Group ~ 10:30am
Sunday, May 19	Sunday School Graduation & Luncheon ~ open to all Women's Guild Mother's Day Celebration: 5:00pm <i>Moscatiello's Italian Family Restaurant, Troy</i>
Tuesday, May 21	Festival Prep: Cream Khadayif, part 2 ~ 9:30am
Friday, May 24	Adult Bible Study Group ~ 10:30am
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day Rite of Grave Blessing ~ see inside for schedule
Wednesday, May 29	Festival Prep: Paklava ~ 11:00am Festival Prep: Pavilion Set-up ~ 5:30pm
Thursday, May 30	Festival Prep: Paklava, part 2 ~ 11:00am Festival Prep: Hall Set-up ~ 7:00pm
Friday, May 31	AM Prayer Group ~ 10:30am
Saturday, June 1	ARMENIAN FESTIVAL, Day 1 ~ 12:00 noon to 8:00pm
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