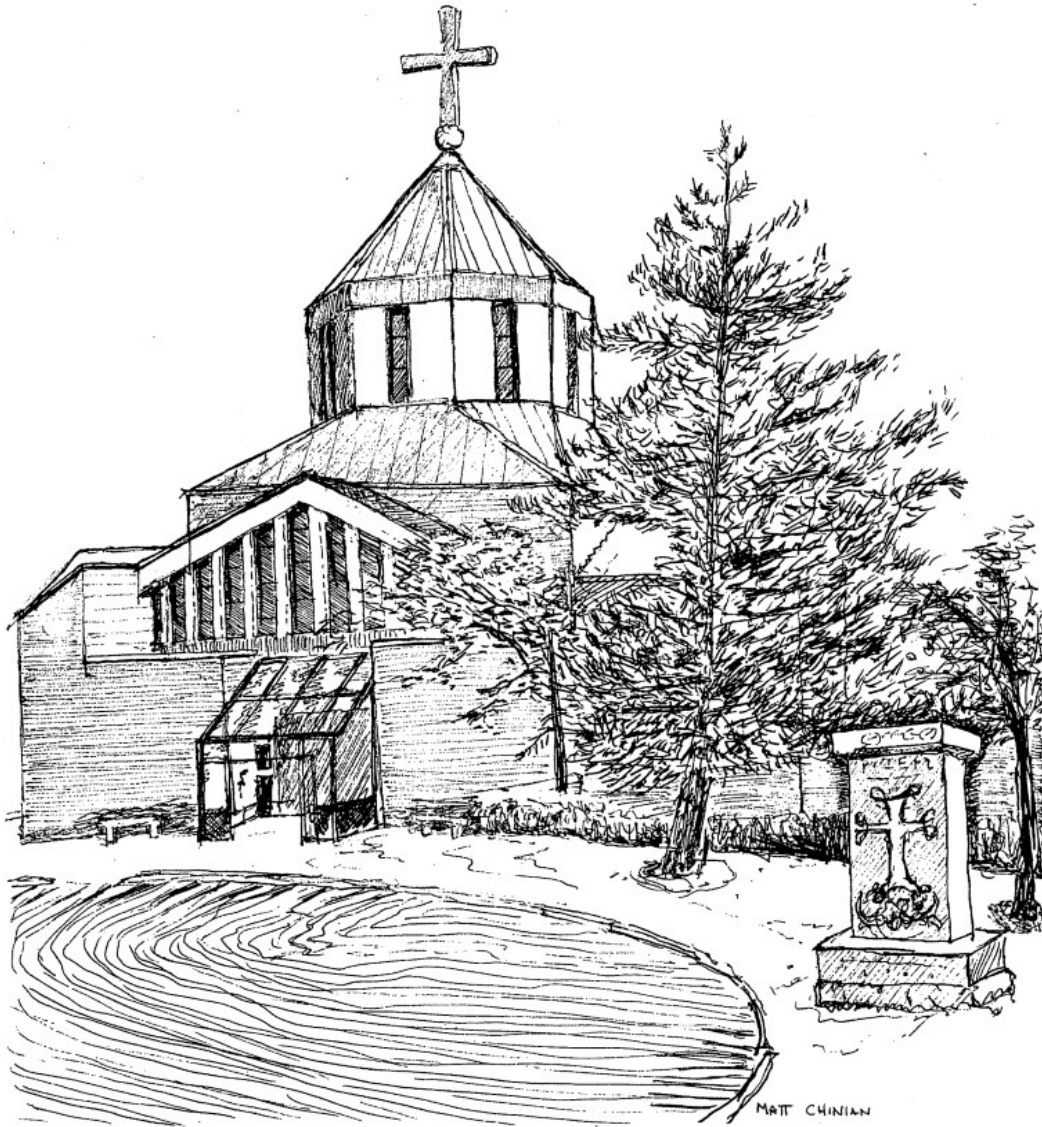


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Church Secretary, Lori Payette, is responsible for compiling and typing this issue. A volunteer group performs editorial tasks such as: proofreading, layout, writing, and editing of articles. **All materials submitted are subject to editing by the 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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# A Word from the PASTOR . . . Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian

Greetings Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As I sit at my desk and write something brief for this issue of the Loosaper, I think of all of you with uplifting and positive thoughts, but more importantly with prayers to our Lord God that He will keep you and bless you all.

It's hard to believe that it's mid-July. I don't want to wish the summer away; however, I want you to know that we have an exciting autumn planned for everyone at St. Peter Armenian Church.

A few things to note for the fall:

- 1) Our kitchen renovation will be completed. Fundraising and celebrations will take place!
- 2) Adult Bible Study, AM Prayer Group, Narek Night, Divine Eatery Bible Study, and more spiritual growth activities will start up again in September.
- 3) The 8th Annual Men's Night will take place Friday, September 21.
- 4) The 2nd Annual Women's Guild Harvest Apple Fest will take place on September 30.
- 5) Our ACYOA Juniors will be hosting the ACYOA Sports Weekend on Columbus Day weekend, October 5-8.

I look forward to seeing you soon and to your participation in the wonderful and beautiful life of our **Family Church on the Hill**.

*God's blessings, Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian*

## Notes of Thanks . . .

" . . . thank you for your active support of the ACYOA shown through your submission of the [\$250] annual parish assessment that was passed at the 2014 Diocesan Assembly. Your support will directly benefit the ministry of the ACYOA on a national level. . . "

*With great appreciation, ACYOA Central Council*

To Yn. Paulette Doudoukjian, Superintendent St. Peter Sunday School

"Thank you so much for your school's donation of \$237 towards this year's Lenten Drive. I hope it was a meaningful Lent and that this generous giving was part of a season rich with spiritual focus.

"We're happy this year to be earmarking these funds for two outstanding organizations. 'Feeding America' is appropriately known as the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity . . . Our gift will also support the FAR-supported program providing food, equipment, and transportation to disabled children in the especially challenged region of Lori."

*With warmest regards and gratitude,*

*Elise Antreassian, Director Dept. of Christian Education*

"On behalf of the Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR), I would like to thank you for your donation of \$150 to 'Ayo! Building Science Labs in poor villages.' Your generous gift is an investment in Armenia's tomorrow, not just financial support but a commitment to secure the future of Armenia's youth."

*Garunik Nanagouljian, Executive Director*

"On behalf of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Food Pantry, we would like to express our gratitude for your generous donation of food. We are grateful! May God bless you always."

*Mary Beth Knapik, Food Pantry Coordinator*



## PHOTO GALLERY: Services, Programs & Events



Left: "Demolition Day" coffee hour to kick off Kitchen Renovation Project, June 10.

Below: Little Faithfuls group at Huck Finn's Playland, June 14.



Below: ACYOA Jrs. Car Wash, June 26. Fundraiser for October 2018 Sports Weekend.



Above right: Fr. Mardiros Chebian, Dean, St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, guest preacher, July 8.



Right: Women's Guild Paint & Sip, June 20. Fundraiser for Kitchen Renovation Project.



*The following is a list of participants to date in our 2018 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 2018; 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.*

## **2018 Membership / Stewardship Participants**

Winifred Ammian  
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Arleen Drooby\*  
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Gary & Laura Vartanian  
Daniel Vartigian  
David Vartigian  
Elsie Vozzy  
Mary Yegoryan and  
Alex Safarov

*Is  
Your  
Name  
Here?*

*\*Indicates those who have committed to the Membership Dues / Stewardship Pledge program since the list that was published in the January-March 2018 issue of Loosaper.*





# 2018 Membership Dues/Stewardship Pledge Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Please list name(s) of all committed givers.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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***“Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing  
of the Lord your God which He has given you.”***  
(Deut 16:17)

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## **St. Peter Armenian Apostolic Church Membership Dues and Stewardship Pledge Form — Giving 2018**

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 2018\*** .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

(\$150 times the number of each dues-paying member in household.)

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 2018**.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Total for all persons listed above.)

A pledge is a personal commitment, in addition to or besides Membership Dues, to support the mission and goal of St. Peter Armenian Church.

C) **Total Contribution for 2018**.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Add Line A and Line B)

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form to the church office as soon as possible to activate your 2018 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 2018 calendar year.\* **PAYMENTS TOWARD YOUR PLEDGE MAY NOW BE MADE THROUGH THE CHURCH’S WEBSITE AT [WWW.STPETERARMENIANCHURCH.COM/GIVING/](http://WWW.STPETERARMENIANCHURCH.COM/GIVING/).**

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.

## **2018 Annual Armenian Festival Report**

*We just keep growing!* This year's Armenian Festival was yet another huge success. While not final, it looks as though we will net near \$42,000! This is a slight increase over last year's record-breaking year. This is also in thanks to many, many individuals for their hard work and dedication in a variety of capacities. Whether it be seeking sponsorships, executing the marketing, working the barbecue and food lines, setting up and breaking down the facilities, baking & cooking, and all else... this is most definitely a team and community effort.

We have a good formula in place for success, however, we are always looking to improve and add new elements to our weekend. For those that attended the Festival, you saw that we increased our vendor participation through the assistance of Dee Gardiner, a 2017 vendor who was excited to assist us in this area. We received good feedback and will continue to grow the vendor area next year.

We maintained our professional marketing through both paid and free publicity thanks to Gil Chorbajian and Rafi Topalian, changed up our band, showcased more Armenian dance performances under the instruction of Maria Derian, and the children enjoyed the amusement games and activities through J&M Amusements.

Through the efforts headed by Sharon Foley with assistance from Bridgette Chorbajian and Vartan Jerian, our sponsorships were at an amazing record high.

Thank you to Holly Dadekian, who year after year takes on the challenging task of securing volunteers for each and every weekend shift as well as preparation shifts.

Also, how could we do this without the Women's Guild Executive Committee and members? Thank you to Marion Kehrer and Mary Panjarjian, Women's Guild Chair and Vice Chair respectfully, for helping to coordinate so much in regard to the food (and what would a Festival be without food!). And special appreciation to all those who stepped up to cook, bake and bake some more. This includes the weekend Kitchen Crew who tirelessly prepared pilaf, and warmed the lahmajune and beoreg throughout the weekend.

A shout out to John "Frenchie" Ekmalian for meat and facility preparations (with facility assistance from Jonah Doudoujkian); John Avakian for beverage coordination (with assistance from Bill Nevins in securing that Armenian Beer); and Sonya Moroukian for her amazing graphic work on the beautifully attractive menus and so much more! Then of course there are our many barbecuers who toil over hot flames all day to bring us perfectly cooked kebabs.

Thank you to the Parish Council, under the leadership of Roswita Fragomeni and pastoral guidance of Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian, for the encouragement, support and hands-on help to execute this monumental event.

Finally, and as always, we could not have carried out such an organized event without the efficient work of our Church Secretary, Lori Payette. Thank you, Lori, for your diligent work above and beyond the call of duty both prior, during and after the Festival.

We should all remain proud of how the St. Peter community continues to come together to successfully showcase our food, culture, and church to the community-at-large.

*With sincere appreciation,  
Paulette Doudoukjian & Chuck Tutunjian  
2018 Festival Co-Chairs*





## 2018 Festival Sponsors, Supporters & Vendors

Thank you to all the generous sponsors and supporters of the 2018 Armenian Festival held at St. Peter Armenian Church on the weekend of June 2 and 3. Contributions from our sponsors raised almost \$17,000. Vendors were coordinated by DeeDee Gardiner, one of our previous Festival vendors, which significantly increased the number of vendors at this year's Festival. Vendor fees to the church raised over \$1,000. Several parishioners and friends also gave general donations in support of the Festival totaling just under \$1,000. *We thank you all . . .*

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*Dear Committee Chairman,*

*My name is Barbara Jean Olesen of Stillwater, NY. My father is and always will be Adam J. Simonian. My Dad was very dedicated to St. Peter Armenian Church and worked very hard for his church.*

*On Sunday [June 3] my husband and I attended your annual picnic. It was FABULOUS! The Kebab was moist, flavorful, and delicious as was the pilaf and lahmejune. The best in years!*

*I know this event took a lot of time planning and many people lending a hand in order to have such success. Way to go!! You make my Dad proud, and I thank you.*



### **FESTIVAL RAFFLE WINNERS**

Once again, 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 \$4,120.00 total collected. Congratulations to the following winners of the raffle.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** \$1,030.00 - Gina Bianchi

*(Gina's fiancé surprised her by entering her name in the raffle.)*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** \$618.00 - Sam Mahserjian

*(who graciously donated a portion of his winnings back to the church)*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** \$412.00 - Sarkis & Ida Mihranian

*(who graciously donated their winnings back to the church)*

***THE BIG WINNER THIS YEAR WAS  
ST. PETER ARMENIAN CHURCH!  
THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!!***

## Church Organizations News

### Women's Guild

The Women's Guild has been busy planning many of our traditional functions that take place annually and some that do not; namely, several weeks of meeting different contractors were held for our church kitchen renovation project, and I am happy to announce that the company was selected and the work is in progress.

On Thursday, March 29, the Women's Guild hosted the Holy Thursday breakfast following services that morning. The traditional menu for the breakfast consisted of choereg, cheese, colored eggs, coffee and tea. Thank you once again to Maria Derian for coordinating the event. I also thank Linda Kazanjian for the phone calls she made, as well as all the ladies who provided food for the event. It was a most enjoyable way to spend time together and prepare for the upcoming Easter services.

On Sunday, April 22, Holy Martyrs Day was commemorated community wide. Both Armenian Churches, Holy Cross of Troy and St. Peter of Watervliet, came together again this year to share our common experience under one roof. Thank you to the Shohmelian family for donating the food in memory of loved ones on this solemn occasion.

The Annual Women's Guild Assembly convened on May 3-5 in White Plains, New York. Central Council Chairman, Charlotte Sevazlian, and Zovig Ashjian represented our Guild this year. Their report was very informative. Congratulations on another successful Assembly.

The Mother's Day luncheon took place on Saturday, May 19 at the Century House in Latham. It was a celebration of all women, with special recognition to our Mother-of-the-Year, Sonya Moroukian, who received this well-deserved honor. Her talents are so many, and her dedication and humble service to St. Peter Armenian Church is a perfect example for us to follow. Thank you to our Women's Guild Chair, Marion Kehrer, for organizing and creating such a memorable afternoon!

#### Mother's Day Prayer

*Lord our God, Jesus Christ, on this day we are gathered to honor our mothers and first among them is your own Holy Mother, St. Mary the Virgin, the all holy and pure. We beseech you to accept our supplications on behalf of all the mothers throughout the world. Give rest to those who are gone to your resting place. Grant those who are still with us joy in the remembrance of their accomplishments. Forgive us if we failed at any time in our life to offer them the honor & the respect as we ought to.*

*Help and support all mothers in their mission to always be a good role model to new mothers and to mothers-to-be. Strengthen those who are single mothers, help those who have children of special needs, comfort the hearts and souls of those mothers who have lost their children. Be an aid to those who are unable to become mothers whatever the reason might be, be everything to everyone as they need you. Teach us that every day should be a special day to remember and honor our mothers and women who treat us with motherly like love. Accept our praises and thanksgivings offered to you as our true God, along with your eternal Father and your all holy and life giving Spirit. Amen.*

Written by Fr. Hrach Sargsyan

The annual Armenian Festival was held on Saturday, June 2, and Sunday, June 3. The Women's Guild spent weeks preparing much of the delicious food and desserts for all to enjoy. It is a large event for a small parish but, thanks to the hard work of everyone who participated, it was a huge success! St. Peter Armenian Church is blessed with very talented and dedicated members who put their hearts and souls into everything they do. Many hands were needed and countless hours were put into it; it was a labor of love that came to a beautiful fruition. Thank you to all the Women's Guild members and non-members who volunteered to help. Thank you one and all!

On June 20, the Women's Guild hosted a Paint & Sip activity with over 30 in attendance. Everyone enjoyed wine, food, and laughter, and went home with a beautiful painting and smiles on their faces. The laughter, love, and friendship that was shared created a very memorable evening. Additionally, \$540 was raised which will be contributed to the Kitchen Renovation Project (see following page for more information on this project). Everyone was in agreement to hold another Paint & Sip in the future. Don't miss the next one!



For many years, the St. Peter Women's Guild has participated in the Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program (CASP) by sponsoring a child in Armenia through an annual donation. The child that is currently a direct recipient of the help our donation provides through CASP is Roudolf Grikorian. Recently, Roudolf's mother wrote to our Guild, as follows:

*Honorable philanthropist,*

*As a mother, I would like to express my gratitude for supporting my son. It is impossible to speak without gratitude for the contribution you make to the protection of our family. Thanks to care, we were able to resist complexities of this difficult life. With your help, we purchased the necessary things for the child, clothes, shoes, stationary, and more. Thank you for your caring and attitude. I wish you good health and labor. Please accept my deepest gratitude.*

*Yours sincerely, Syuzanna Mazgazyan.*

For more information on the CASP program, write to [wgcc@armeniandiocese.org](mailto:wgcc@armeniandiocese.org).

In addition to the annual CASP contribution by the St. Peter Women's Guild, a special plate collection was taken at church on Sunday, June 17, in commemoration of International Children's Day. A total of \$194 in donations were received and forwarded to CASP to be used toward their Kindergarten Meal Program. Thank you to all who gave to this special collection. For more information on CASP or to donate directly, contact CASP Coordinator, Lucy Murad at (703) 517-6249 or [lucymurad@yahoo.com](mailto:lucymurad@yahoo.com).

After a short summer break, during which our kitchen will have a facelift, we will start planning our second biggest event of the year, the Holiday Bazaar, which will take place on Saturday & Sunday, December 1 & 2. We will again be calling on everyone to assist with this major event that has proven to be a huge help to the church's financial budget. When planning your Christmas shopping, consider giving a copy of our unique Women's Guild cookbook to that special foodie on your list. The executive committee ordered another printing of cookbooks to raise funds for the kitchen renovation in addition to other activities that will take place.

Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

- ♦ Harvest Apple Fest: Sunday, September 30
- ♦ General Membership Meeting and Luncheon: Sunday, November 4
- ♦ Holiday Bazaar: Saturday & Sunday, December 1 & 2



I hope you have a safe and restful summer, but don't forget to come to Church on Sunday mornings as God does not take a vacation from us, neither should we from Him.

*Mary Panjartjan,  
Women's Guild Vice Chair*



## Kitchen Renovation Project Underway!

Construction has begun on our long-awaited and exciting Kitchen Renovation Project. The renovation will consist of an expanded work space for more adequate food preparation, plus new ovens, flooring, ceiling, lighting, and cabinets. The Parish Council, upon the approval of the Parish Assembly, took out a \$120,000 advance from the Church's endowment fund to execute this project. The Kitchen Renovation Fundraising Committee is now seeking to replenish that amount with interest. It is the goal of the committee to raise \$125,000 in contributions and pledges secured by October 2018, with all payment due by July 2019 in order to repay the loan.

A mailing with an explanatory brochure and donation commitment form will be sent in the very near future; therefore, please prayerfully reflect on what you can contribute towards this project. Together, we will honor the past, serve the present and provide for the future.

*Thank you,  
The Kitchen Renovation Fundraising Committee*





## **ST. PETER ACYOA JUNIORS TO HOST 2018 SPORTS WEEKEND**

Dear Armenians of the Capital District,

Each year, a different church hosts an Armenian youth event in October called Sports Weekend. During this weekend, the participants attend church, sporting events, and dances. This ends up being one of the only chances in the year that the Armenian Church groups across the northeast can come together as one. As many of you already may know, St. Peter Armenian Apostolic Church has attained the approval to host this very special weekend! As a community, we've hosted many Sports Weekends in the past, most recently 15 years ago. What an experience these events were for all ACYOA members and families!

*(Thank you to Sonya Moroukian for creating the Sports Weekend logo below.)*



**Now, for the weekend of October 5-8, we will need your help to execute the best Sports Weekend possible, and show others what the Armenian community of the Capital District can do!**

It's no secret that this task won't be easy, so we will happily accept ALL the support we can get. The biggest void we need to fill is housing. It is estimated that we could get up to 225 participants. Your help would be crucial in housing each participant. We ask that you dedicate just one weekend to house at least 3 participants, but 4 is better than 3, and 10 is better than 4. Let's just say as many as you possibly can have in your home. All that is asked of you is to provide the guests with bedding, showers, some snacks, breakfast, and one dinner on Saturday. Also, the

participants would need transportation. It is highly encouraged that you drive them to and from the church, gymnasium, and dances. If transportation is too big of an issue for you, we will arrange to provide assistance. Those who host more participants will receive a van for transportation. Another area where we could use help is meal preparation and serving, chaperoning, and assisting in other various areas.

This may be the church's only opportunity to host Sports Weekend for a while. Our youth group is the largest it's been in over a decade, and we can't miss out on the blessings of such an opportunity. Please, your help and commitment would mean the world to our ACYOA. So let's again come together as one big Armenian community and give the blossoming Armenians of America the most spectacular weekend of their life.

*Love, the St. Peter ACYOA Jrs.*

*P.S. 75% of Sports Weekend profits will go to our new kitchen renovation project.*

**Please consider submitting your completed  
Host Family Commitment Form on the following page.**



**St. Peter ACYOA Jrs.  
Sports Weekend October 5-8, 2018  
HOST FAMILY COMMITMENT FORM**

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**YES, I will be a host for the October  
ACYOA Jrs. Sports Weekend!**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Juniors Willing to Host** *(indicate how many male, female or if you have no preference):*

**Male** \_\_\_\_\_ **Female** \_\_\_\_\_ **No Preference** \_\_\_\_\_

☐

**I am willing to help during the weekend in the following areas:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Assisting with Welcoming on Friday evening
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chaperoning at Sports Events on Saturday
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assisting with Food Service on Saturday during Sports Events
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chaperoning at Dance on Saturday evening
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chaperoning at Sports Events on Sunday
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assisting with Food Service on Sunday during Sports Events
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chaperoning at Dance on Sunday evening
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assisting with Set Up & Clean Up at Church Monday morning (farewell breakfast)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Providing Weekend Transportation

**Please return this completed form ASAP to:**

St. Peter Armenian Church  
PO Box 186  
Waterliet, NY 12189

*For questions, please call Fr. Stepanos at 518-209-7699*

*On Friday evening April 20, Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR) representatives, Fr. Yeprem & Yn. Judy Kelegian as well as Garnik Nanagouljian, visited St. Peter Armenian Church to offer a presentation on the work of FAR. The evening's discussions were enlightening as to the good work that our Diocese and FAR are doing in Armenia. Read below for more information.*

### **What some of our parishes are doing for FAR**

So many of our churches have been generous in helping Fund for Armenian Relief's efforts to help the most vulnerable in Armenia. I would like to share some ideas implemented by some of them in order to give everyone more ideas on raising money for FAR. The following in no way explains the number of things these churches do. And I will be featuring more parishes in the future:

**St. Sarkis, Charlotte, NC** - Throughout the year they support AYO! projects through fund raising and social media efforts, as well Women's Guild support of CASP through the years.

**St. Mary, Washington, DC** - Women's Guild and Sunday School students do many fund raisers for FAR, and "We have found that when you tell people what the funds are for and explain what the money does, people are *always* willing to give."

**Sts. Sahag and Mesrob, Providence** - Besides hard copy mailings and FAR e-posts, they donate proceeds from bake sales, second plates, and (if the family wishes) funeral donations.

**St. Mesrob, Racine, WI** - About 3% of Annual Festival proceeds. Another way was to gather donations to honor Pastor's Ordination anniversary.

**St. Hagop, Tampa-St. Petersburg, FL** - Among other things, 10% of the Diocesan Assembly proceeds which they hosted!

**Holy Martyrs, Bayside, NY** - Sale of children's hand-made items, e.g. pins, bookmarks, note cards, decorated angels, plus challenging students to collect "puzzle pieces" by raising money for FAR. When puzzle is completed they saw a picture of a FAR site.

**Chicagoland parishes** - Besides many of the above ideas, they hosted a piano concert by Shahan Arzrouni to collect money for our Vanadzor Elderly Home.

**Holy Resurrection, New Britain, CT** - Bake sales, etc., plus the Pastor's continual raising of awareness and the need for parishioners' donations to FAR.

**Sts. Vartanantz, Chelmsford, MA** - When their church was on Pilgrimage to Armenia, they collected money to donate to each of the FAR sites they visited.

**St. Mary, Livingston, NJ** - They support the handicapped in Hrazdan, kindergarten nutrition program in Tavush, CASP through luncheons, a Charity Walk, and general awareness of what FAR can do.

**St. Gregory, White Plains, NY**

**St. Gregory of Narek, Cleveland, OH**

**Sts. Joachim and Anna, Palos Heights, IL**

Along with other ways of collecting money, each of these churches has made FAR a line item in their 2018 budget.

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**Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR) wants to thank a few ACYOA chapters for their encouraging financial support of our projects in Armenia.** FAR and AYO! endeavor to help the most vulnerable people and institutions in Armenia. In this way, we hope to lift up our brothers and sisters in Armenia. FAR directly impacts 50,000 people in Armenia, with a secondary effect on hundreds of thousands more. FAR "delivers."

**A special thanks to the following ACYOA Chapters**

*(This is only a sample of ACYOA's generosity)*

**St. Mary, Livingston chapter:** \$250 to the recent AYO! project for Science Labs in two impoverished village schools. They fund raised through sale of Christmas cookies, poinsettia, etc.

And to quote them, "We are gratified to give back."

**Holy Martyrs, Bayside chapter:** \$300 to FAR's support for the handicapped in Hrzadan. They raised this money by giving a percentage of a few of their ongoing projects. When people were told of this, they were generous.

**St. Mesrob, Racine chapter:** \$140 by simply putting out greeting cards (at their Palm Sunday Dinner) made by the physically impaired whom FAR supports.

**Nora Knadjian, on Central Council:** On the occasion of her birthday, she invited friends on facebook to contribute to the AYO! project helping us set up Science Labs in a couple of schools in a very hard hit part of Armenia. She is headed to collecting \$1000! So, do you have friends? You can do the same thing.

**St. John, Detroit chapter:** On the occasion of Palm Sunday, the ACYOA Jrs. and Srs. showed a FAR video (these videos always touch our heart) and collected \$1000 for the AYO! Project of getting Science Labs into rural schools.

ALL OF THESE ARE GREAT (AND SIMPLE) IDEAS for anyone to do. Once people are presented with what FAR is doing, they will give. And, in no way that does take away from what they give to the Church. Human nature is generous when given a cause.

*Fr. Yeprem Kelegian  
Diocesan Parish Coordinator for FAR*

For more information on FAR, visit [farusa.org](http://farusa.org).



**HONOR THE PAST. EMPOWER THE PRESENT. ENSURE THE FUTURE.**

## **Parish Community News**

### **Sacraments and Rites**

#### **Baptisms**

**Evan James Martin**, son Daniel & Cecilia (Iglesias) Martin, on April 28, 2018. Godfather, Ryan Martin; Godmother, Rebecca Martin; Celebrant, Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian.

**Alana Katarine Mayba**, daughter of Christopher & Katrina (Ernest) Mayba on June 9, 2018. Godfather, Kenneth Gripp; Godmother, Danielle Robinson; Celebrant, Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian.

**Daniel Yegeshyan**, son of Mike & Christina (Abdo) Yegeshyan on June 16, 2018. Godfather, Setraek Abdo; Godmother, Danielle Abdo; Celebrant, Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian.

#### **Funeral**

**Suren Joseph Hrachian** entered his eternal rest on April 9, 2018. Survivors include his beloved wife of 78 years, Sarah (Kenosian) Hrachian; two daughters, Lucille (Edward) Kaprielian and Barbara Hrachian; a son, Seren (Pamela) Hrachian; five grandchildren, Michael Kaprielian, Susan (Kai) Wendt, Christa (Kevin) Lukasik, Peter (Audrey) Hrachian, and Stephen (Kiley) Hrachian; eight great grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. The funeral service was conducted by Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian on April 14, 2018.

#### **Karasoonk** (40-Day Memorial)

April 8, 2018

**Yn. Mariam (Harootian) Ashjian** - requested by His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian; Zovig Ashjian; the St. Peter Armenian Church clergy, Parish Council, parishioners, and friends.

**Martin Kenosian** - requested by Joyce Kenosian; Ron & Terri Kaiser & Family; Leon & Susan Kaiser & Family; Donald Kaiser & Family; Henry Kaiser, Jr. & Family; Francine Kaiser; Suren & Sarah Hrachian; Seren & Pamela Hrachian & Family; Barbara Hrachian; Charlene Hrachian; Edward & Lucille Kaprielian & Family; The McCollum Family; James & Paulette Delprete; David & Lori (Payette) Belemjian.

**Flora Stubblebine** - requested by Sharon Foley; Barbara Stubblebine.

May 13, 2018

**Kurken V. Kirk** - requested by Michael Kirk; Kristy Petersen; Karen Kirk Ranney.

May 27, 2018

**Suren J. Hrachian** - Sarah Hrachian; Barbara Hrachian; Seren & Pamela Hrachian; Edward & Lucille Kaprielian; Charlene Hrachian; Kevin & Christa Lukasik & Family; Kai & Susan Wendt & Family; Stephen Hrachian & Kiley Fitzgerald; Peter & Audrey Hrachian; Kenosian & Kaiser Families.

**Joe Kazarian** (Toronto, Canada) (40-Day Memorial - Karasoonk) - requested by Mary & Ara Panjarjian.

#### **Dareleetz** (First Anniversary)

May 13, 2018

**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).

June 17, 2018

**Fay Talarico** - requested by Janis (Talarico) Urban & Family (GA).

#### **Hokehankist**

April 8, 2018

**Edward Kazanjian** (Fourth Anniversary) - requested by Bertha Kazanjian; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kazanjian & Family (MA); Ara & Nancy Balian & Family (MA); Lisa & Lauren Harootunian.



- April 8, 2018      **Henry & Fay Talarico; Paul Urban; Frank & Julia Urban; Carol Duro; Juliana Hamada; Talarico, Parsakian, Simonian, Sogoian, Duro, Hamada & Urban Family Members** - requested by Urban & Hamada Families.
- Alice & Vahan Zarifian; Aghavne & Armenak Guendjoian; Bedros & Gadar Zarifian; Roger & Christine Suppa** - requested by Claudia & Pat Suppa & Family.
- May 13, 2018      **Christina Kirk** - requested by Michael Kirk; Kristy Petersen; Karen Kirk Ranney.
- Nevart & Garabed Garoogian** - requested by the estate of Margaret Avakian.
- June 17, 2018      **Fr. Arten Ashjian** (Second Anniversary) - requested by Zovig Ashjian.
- Aram Bajakian** (Fourth Anniversary) - requested by Helen Bajakian; Victoria Bajakian & Family; Gregory Bajakian & Family (CA).
- Fr. Garen Gdanian** (Fifth Anniversary) - requested by Yn. Zabelle Gdanian & Family.

### **Altar Flowers**

- April 8, 2018      **Zovig Ashjian** *in memory of Yn. Mariam Ashjian; The Asador & Sarah Kenosian Endowment Fund* *in memory of Martin Kenosian.*
- May 13, 2018      Flowers distributed on the occasion of Mother's Day were donated by **John Ekmalian** *in memory of Edward Belemjian.*
- July 8, 2018      Roses on the occasion of the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ were donated by the **children of Rose Foley** *on the occasion of her Name Day.*

### **Altar Candles**

- April 8, 2018      **Debbie & John Ekmalian** *in memory of Kenneth Chorbajian.*

### **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.

- April 8, 2018      **Vazken Alemian**† - prayers of remembrance as requested by Barbara Derian & Richard DeMartino.
- April 29, 2018      **Louis Guadagnino**† - prayers of remembrance as requested by Susan & Leon Kaiser.
- July 8, 2018      **Ani Freedman** - prayers of peace and joy on the occasion of her high school graduation and future endeavors in college as requested by Mary Panjarjian.

### **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.

- April 8, 2018      **Zovig Ashjian** *in memory of her mother, Yn. Mariam Ashjian.*
- June 10, 2018      **Kitchen Renovation Committee** *to kick-off the demolition and renovation to our church's kitchen.*

### **Special Donations**

General donations to the **General Fund** totaling \$615.00 were received from the following: *John Arakelian, Holly & Rob Dadekian, Jonathan Dadekian, Dearstyne Family, Dekermendjian, Murat Kasparian, Michael Koshgarian, Sr., Ohanian Family, Hariton Sprinceanu.*

Donations totaling \$312 were received in a special plate collection on Easter Sunday, April 1 for the **Pastor's Discretionary Fund**.

Donations totaling \$347 were received in a free will offering during the Madagh meal served following services on Sunday, April 22 on the occasion of the **103rd Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide** which was jointly attended by the communities of the Holy Cross and St. Peter Armenian Churches. The meal was graciously prepared and donated by *the Shouhamlian & Tournayan Families*.

### **Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF)**

We recently received our annual distribution checks from the ACEF. The amount of the distribution was calculated by the ACEF by applying the rate of 4.5% to each endowment fund's average market value for the prior twelve calendar quarters. Most of the distribution is from endowments established with St. Peter Armenian Apostolic Church, but managed by the ACEF. Additionally, some of the distribution is received from endowments established by individuals directly with the ACEF, wherein the Church receives the income distribution. Distribution details follow:

<u>Direct Endowments with ACEF</u>	<u>Distribution Amount</u>
J. Albert & Alice Barsamian Endowment Fund	\$ 28.16
Rev. Fr. Garen & Yn. Zabelle Gdanian Fund	473.91
Martin & Joyce Kenosian Endowment Fund	921.87
Bishop Papken Varjabedian Endowment Fund	256.42

#### Endowments established with St. Peter Armenian Church

(Details pertaining to each individual endowment fund  
will appear in the Church's 2018 Annual Report.) \$ 38,331.30

Total Endowment Fund distribution received for 2017 \$ 40,011.66

In addition to the above amounts, distributions totaling \$2,440.41 were received by the Church or its organizations in accordance with terms of the particular endowment fund.

Amounts contributed to existing or new endowments during 2017 were as follows:

<u>Endowment Fund Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Joseph & Effie Akullian Cultural*	\$ 10,000.00
Albert Avakian	100.00
Margaret & Bertha Avakian Cultural	200.00
Kenneth Chorbajian	400.00
Sarkis & Sonia Hachigian	2,000.00
Lynne Hartunian	100.00
Suren & Sarah Hrachian*	25,512.78
Toros, Aghavni & Virginia Jaffarian	500.00
Henry & Anna K. Kaiser	500.00
Asador & Sarah Kenosian	500.00
Grace & Dorothy Kenosian	500.00
Paul & Alice Moroukian	250.00
Toros Shamlan	15,000.00
Torossian & Turchunian Families	100.00
Total 2017 Contributions:	<u>\$ 55,662.78</u>

If you are interested in establishing an endowment fund, please contact the St. Peter Church office. Also, additions to existing funds can be made at any time during the year.

\*Newly established funds in 2017.

# In Lieu of Flowers Donations

## IN MEMORY OF ROSE (ARTINIAN) FOLEY

Diane Andonian (MA)  
Herb & Linda Chorbajian  
Linda Simidian

Betty Avakian  
Ralph & Elizabeth Enokian

George & Elsie Bedrosian  
Toros Shamlan, Jr.

**New Total: \$2,255**

## IN MEMORY OF FR. CARNIG HALLAJIAN

George & Elsie Bedrosian

**Total: \$100**

## IN MEMORY OF SUREN J. HRACHIAN

Winifred Ammian  
Isabel Avedikian  
Rhonda & John Caulfield  
Adrienne Daniels  
Thomas W. Gegan  
Barbara Hrachian  
Ron & Terri Kaiser Family  
Bertha Kazanjian  
Michael Matthews  
Pam Moroukian  
Joanne & George Scaringe  
Linda Simidian  
Rose Topian  
Mr/Mrs Byron Williams

Betty Avakian  
Nicolena P. Barone  
Herb & Linda Chorbajian  
Sue Dickinson  
George Hachigian & Helena Ekmalian  
Charlene Hrachian  
Edward & Lucille Kaprielian  
Linda Kazanjian  
Mary Minassian  
Mr/Mrs Thomas Novak  
Aram Shahinian  
Lucille Sogorian  
Edward & Adrina Tutunjian

Shirley & John Avakian  
Bob & Sandy Bedian  
Mr/Mrs Charles Chorbajian  
Ralph & Elizabeth Enokian  
Mary Hartunian  
Leon & Susan Kaiser  
Mr/Mrs Aram Kaprielian  
Joseph & Marie Lukasik  
Mr/Mrs Raffé P. Moroukian  
Cheryl Ohanesian  
Toros Shamlan, Jr.  
Susan Sogorian  
Janis Urban (GA)

**Total: \$2,435**

## IN MEMORY OF MARTIN KENOSIAN

Herb & Linda Chorbajian

Mr/Mrs Mihran Mooradian

Florence Paparian

**New Total: \$3,520**

## IN MEMORY OF ANNA (AZARIAN) ZAKAR

Sue Dickinson

Edward & Adrina Tutunjian

**Total: \$50**

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

# Easter Yughakin Donations

Mr/Mrs Kirkor Agopyan  
Anonymous (4)  
Aram Atashian  
Mr/Mrs J. Albert Barsamian  
George & Elsie Bedrosian  
Tamara Desanctis  
Rev/Mrs Stepanos Doudoukjian  
Arpy Ernest  
Barouyr Hairabedian  
Mr/Mrs Richard Hartunian  
Marion Jaffarian  
Leon & Susan Kaiser  
Girard Kasparian (CA)  
Linda Kazanjian  
Arthur Koshkorian (VA)  
Winnie Kutchukian  
Sally Mahserjian McNeff  
Ida & Sarkis Mihranian, Jr.  
Joseph & Patricia O'Keefe  
Florence Paparian  
Richard Roomian  
Leon Sedefian  
Lucille Sogorian  
Claudia & Pat Suppa

Brian & Garryn (Gdanian) A'Hearn  
Helga Apkarian  
Betty Avakian  
Bob & Sandy Bedian  
Mr/Mrs Charles Chorbajian  
Paul Dichian  
John & Debbie Ekmalian  
Roswita Fragomeni  
Joanne Hartunian  
Andrew & Virginia Hyra  
Vartan & Lynne Jerian  
James & Mary Kalateux  
Bertha Kazanjian  
D. Edward Kebabjian  
Isabel Krempa  
Slava & Irina Kyaruns  
Christopher Martin  
Mary P. Minassian  
Betty & George Osganian  
Mr/Mrs Peter Prince  
*in memory of Harry & Mary Prince  
and Edward & Virginia Belemjian*  
Susan Sogorian  
Mr/Mrs Charles Tutunjian

Vartouhi Allahverdi  
Andre & Anne Assalian  
Nazar Bakerian  
Judy & Eugene Bedian  
Michael & Joanne Coogan & Family  
Gary & Nancy Donelian  
Ralph & Elizabeth Enokian  
Yn. Zabelle Gdanian  
Mary Hartunian  
Charles & Delia Israelian  
Hrepsime & Phyllis Jevanian  
Mr/Mrs Edward Kaprielian  
Hagop Kazanjian  
Grace Koshgarian  
Steven Krempa  
Virginia Mahserjian  
Katrina Mayba  
Cheryl Ohanesian  
Mary Panjarjian  
David F. Quinones  
Mr/Mrs George Scaringe  
Lucille A. Shamlan  
Mr/Mrs Artin Sukljian  
Mr/Mrs Gary Vartanian

**Total: \$3,306**

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

## Community News

### *Our condolences to the families and friends of:*

**Kurken V. Kirk** who entered his eternal rest on March 31, 2018. Kurken served as one of the Godfathers of the 'new' St. Peter Armenian Church in Watervliet consecrated on September 19, 1971. He is survived by his children Michael (Maureen) Kirk, Karen Kirk (Robert) Ranney, Kristy Kirk (Daniel) Petersen; and three grandchildren.

**Anna (Azarian) Zakar** who entered her eternal rest on June 24, 2018. Anna is survived by her children Stephanie (Michael) Roberge, Donna Zakar, and John (Gidget) Zakar; and three grandchildren.

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



**Ian Ashby**, son of Jay & Kimberly (Nazarian) Ashby (OH), graduated from Lake Ridge Academy and will be attending Oberlin College and Conservatory as a Jazz Bass Performance major as well as a pitcher on the baseball team.

**Renee Dearstyne**, daughter of Michael & Rebecca (Khachikian) Dearstyne, graduated from Schalmont High School. Her plans are to attend Siena College in the fall.

**Autumn Lynn Hayes**, daughter of Victoria Bajakian and Charles Hayes, Jr., graduated magna cum laude in May from The College of Saint Rose with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. She also received a Master of Science degree in accounting with a certificate in forensic accounting. Autumn is currently working as an auditor for Wojeski & Company CPA's PC in East Greenbush, NY.

**Hannah Hoyt**, daughter of Christine & Matthew Hoyt, graduated from Tech Valley High School. A recipient of a Presidential Scholarship, Hannah plans to attend Union College in the fall. Additionally, she is a member of the National Honor Society and an accomplished athlete and cellist. Hannah is the granddaughter of Claudia & Patrick Suppa.

**Bianca Maria Karayan**, daughter of Charlotte Sevazlian and Puzant Karayan, graduated from the SUNY Empire State College with a Bachelor of Science degree. She is currently working in the printing department at Staples as she looks for work in her desired field of photography or graphics.

**Sarah McMullan**, daughter of Sean & Alice McMullan, graduated from Shenendehowa High School and plans to attend SUNY Plattsburg pursuing a career in teaching. Sarah is the granddaughter of Hrepsime Jevanian, David McMullan, and Susan McMullan.

**Robert Runnells**, son of Bob & Liz Runnells (ME), was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps on May 25, 2018 at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.\* After he was commissioned, Robert attended "The Basic School" in Quantico, Virginia where he will be provided the basic skills necessary to effectively lead as a Marine officer. Robert is the grandson of Ralph & Betty Enokian.

### **Other Noteworthy Accomplishments:**



**Daniel Kehrer**, son of Jim & Marion (Nazarian) Kehrer, made the Dean's List as a Sophomore at Utica College with a GPA of 3.6 in the Criminal Justice Department.

\*After 14 months of intense rehabilitation, **Abby Runnells** (second from right), daughter of Bob & Liz Runnells (ME), was examined and cleared to return to the Naval Academy. She in her Naval white uniform, along with her Uncle Tom Enokian (far right), son of Ralph & Betty Enokian, in his Army blues, gave her brother Robert (on left), in his Marine black and whites, his "first salute."

*Photo provided by Ralph Enokian*

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Մատթեոսի Աւետարանի Ութերորդ Գլխուն եւ Քսաներորդ համարին մէջ կը կարդանք մեր Տիրոջ հետեւեալ խօսքերը. «Աղուէսները որք ունին եւ թռչունները՝ բոյն: Սակայն Մարդու Որդին Իր գլուխը դնելիք տեղ չունի»: Քրիստոսը սիրող եւ Քրիստոսին հիացող տղայ մը փափաքած էր աշակերտիլ Իրեն եւ կ'ըսէր. «Տէ՛ր, ուր ալ երթաս ետեւէդ պիտի գամ, կ'ուզեմ միշտ քեզի հետ ըլլալ»: Բայց Քրիստոս կը զգուշացնէ այս պատրաստակամ երիտասարդը եւ իրեն հետեւիլ ուզողները ըսելով. «Բարեկամ, գիտե՞ս որ ես անտուն մըն եմ: Անասունները տուն ունին իսկ ես գլուխս անգամ դնելիք հող չունիմ»:

Քրիստոսի այս խօսքերը ճշմարիտ են: Այս երկրի վրայ Ան միշտ ալ անտուն եղաւ: Իր ծննդեան օրն իսկ տուն չունեցաւ եւ ստիպուեցաւ Իր աչքերը բանալ մսուրի մը մէջ: Պատանեկան օրերուն Իր ծնողաց տունէն հեռացաւ ըսելով. «Ես պարտիմ իմ Հայր Աստուծոյս Տան մէջ բնակիլ»: Սատանային կողմէ առաջարկուած պալատներն ու թագաւորական ճոխութիւնները մերժելով մերժեց: Մեկուսանալու համար լեռ ու անտառ գնաց եւ ծովերուն միւս կողմը անցաւ: Երբ հանգստանալ ուզեց՝ Իր բարեկամ Ղազարոսին տունը իջեւանեցաւ: Երբ Վերջին Ընթրիքը պիտի ընէր՝ Իր ուրիշ մէկ բարեկամի բնակարանին վերնատունը ընտրեց: Երբ խաչուեցաւ՝ նոյնիսկ Իր մարմինը այլոց գերեզմանին մէջ թաղուեցաւ: Քրիստոս մնայուն բնակելի տուն չունէր: Քրիստոս Իր գլուխը դնելիք հող մը չունէր այս համատարած աշխահին մէջ:

Քրիստոս ոչ միայն անտուն էր՝ այլ նաեւ աղքատ: Դրամը եւ հարստութիւնը մերժեց Ան: Առաքեալներն ալ խրատեց որ դրամաւէր չըլլան, հետերնին դրամ չունենան: Հարստութիւնը սիրողներուն «վա՛յ» կարդաց: «Ուղտին համար աւելի դիրիսն պիտի ըլլայ ասեղին ծակէն անցնիլ՝ քան թէ հարուստին արքայութիւն մտնելը», ըսաւ: Իրեն աշակերտիլ փափաքող հարուստին ըսաւ.



«Գնա՛, ունեցածդ ծախե՛, աղքատներուն տուր դրամների եւ յետոյ միայն ետեւէս եկուր»։ Քրիստոսի եկեղեցւոյն մէջ անթիւ են եւ անհամար այն կրօնաւորները՝ որոնք աղքատ եւ պարզ կեանք ապրիլ ուխտած են, եւ անտրտունջ կատարած իրենց ուխտը։ Ս. Ֆրանսիսկոս եւ իր հետեւորդները դրամ եւ հարստութիւն աղքատներուն բաշխեցին եւ Քրիստոսի նման անտուն մնացին։

Ամէն անհատ, կրօնաւոր կամ ոչ, աղքատ եւ խստակրօն կեանքի չի ցանկար։ Ամէնքս ալ այդպիսի ապրելակերպի չենք կրնար դիմանալ։ Հոգեւոր ասպարէզ ընդգրկել ցանկացող բազմաթիւ երիտասարդներ չեն հետեւիր իրենց կոչումին՝ որովհետեւ այլ ասպարէզներուն նման այդ ասպարէզը նիւթական ապահովութիւն եւ բարեկեցիք կեանք չի խոստանար։ Միւս կողմէ՝ բազմաթիւ կրօնաւորներ ալ կան որոնք շահագործելով իրենց ասպարէզը եւ իրենց դրամասիրական ձգտումները՝ ունեցած են պալատանման ապարանքներ։ «Եունիֆիքէյշըն Չըրչ»ի մեծաւոր Ռէվըրընդ Մուն ամերիկեան կառավարութեան հետ խնդիրներ ունեցած է՝ որովհետեւ չափէն աւելի հարստացած ըլլալով եւ շուայլ կեանք մը վարելով հանդերձ կը զլանայ կառավարական իր տուրքերը վճարել։

Քրիստոսի հետեւողը եւ ճշմարտապէս «աղքատացեալ» կրօնաւորները աշխարհիկ հոգերով եւ ցանկութիւններով չեն տառապիր։ Որովհետեւ անոնք կը հաւատան որ դաշտի շուշաններուն նախախնամութիւն կատարող Հայր Աստուածը կը հոգայ նաեւ իրենց բոլոր աշխարհիկ կարիքները։ Կրնա՞նք արդեօք մենք եւս նմանիլ Աւետարաններուն մէջ յիշուած «հոգիով աղքատներուն» եւ արժանի նկատուիլ երկնային երանութեանց։

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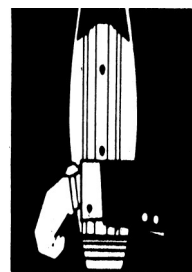
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Saturday, July 28	<b>ACYOA SR. Central Council Meeting @ St. Peter ~ 9am - 6pm</b>
Sunday, July 29	<b>ACYOA SR. Central Council Presentation:</b> <i>following services</i>
Sunday, August 12	<b>Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God:</b> <i>following Divine Liturgy; followed by Blessing of Grapes</i>
Monday, August 13	<b>Women's Guild Executive Committee Meeting:</b> <i>6:30pm</i>
Tuesday, August 14	<b>Kitchen Renovation Committee Meeting:</b> <i>7:00pm</i>
Sunday, September 16	<b>Sunday School Classes Begin</b>
Friday, September 21	<b>8th Annual Men's Fellowship Evening:</b> <i>Postoian Pavilion ~ 6:00pm</i>
Sunday, September 30	<b>Women's Guild 2nd Annual Harvest Apple Fest:</b> <i>Postoian Pavilion following worship services</i>
October 5-8	<b>ACYOA Jrs. Sports Weekend</b> hosted by St. Peter ACYOA Jrs.
Sunday, November 4	<b>Women's Guild General Membership Meeting:</b> <i>Gdanian Auditorium following worship services</i>
December 1 & 2	<b>Women's Guild Annual Holiday Bazaar</b>

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