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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE OF ARCHBISHOP KHAJAG BARSAMIAN
Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

To Serve Him Without Fear

*BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL! For he has visited his people, and redeemed them.
He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David ...
to enable us to serve him without fear... (LUKE 1:68-74)*

TRY TO ENVISION THE SCENE in the hill country around Bethlehem, on the night when Christ was born. In a few words, Luke's gospel paints such a vivid picture of the shepherds out in the open fields. We can see the flicker of campfires; hear the gentle sounds of animals and men at the hour of sleep.

Suddenly, a new element enters the picture. Something descends from the heavens—and it's heading towards *them*. Struck with terror, the shepherds think: "Is this the end?" Yet their nightmare fears do not come to pass. Instead, they find themselves surrounded by an unearthly light. And from out of this light comes an angelic voice.

"*Fear not,*" is what they hear.

What an unexpected announcement this is. In the context of the time, fear was *precisely* the emotion to show before a heavenly being. The human relation to the pagan deities was one of fearful subordination, where man tried to appease their anger, or offered sacrifices to buy off their careless whims.

By contrast, the evangelist Luke impresses on us the dawning of a whole *new* relationship, where people can approach God *without* fear; where they can stand in His presence and *not* be afraid. The Nativity itself underscores this point: when the shepherds put aside their fear, and answer the call to draw near to God, what do they find? *A newborn child*: something to approach with feelings of love, wonder, joy, reverence—anything *but* terror. The shepherds would never have discovered this beautiful truth, had they permitted fear to have the last word.

Luke gives us three examples of heavenly messengers in the early chapters of his gospel. And each time, the message is the same. The first involves the elderly, childless Zacharias, husband to Elizabeth, and the future father of John the Baptist. "*Fear not, Zacharias,*" an angel says, "*for your prayer has been heard*" (Lk 1:13). The second angelic appearance is to the Virgin Mary, who feels troubled despite the angel Gabriel's friendly salutation. "*Fear not, Mary,*" he reassures her, "*for you have found favor with God*" (Lk 1:30).

Finally, we are given the shepherds, who were "sore afraid" to see the glory of the Lord. But again, an angel allays their concerns: "*Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people*" (Lk 2:10).

It's wonderful how Luke weaves the story together from these strands: an elderly couple, praying for a child of their own; an innocent girl, emerging from the shelter of youth to be betrothed in marriage; the rough, rustic shepherds, who make their life among animals in the

fields. What might they all have in common? Certainly, as Luke shows us, one common thread is the fear they all felt when they encountered the messenger of God.

And such fear is warranted, is it not? To draw near to God *ought to be* frightening: something potentially dangerous, one would think. At the very least, it should make a person question his worth, his competence, his fitness to be chosen.

Yet the angelic message tells us something different: *Fear not*. Do *not* be afraid. In the largest sense, this should be understood as an attitude for living: Do not live in the shadow of fear. The angel Gabriel tells Mary, "*With God, nothing shall be impossible*" (Lk 1:37)—and with that kind of assurance, we really have no business allowing fear to dominate our lives.

Yet "*Fear not*" has a more specific meaning, too, as a motto about drawing near to our Lord: about being drawn into God's plans, and being appointed to contribute to His will.

When one is called by God, it is natural to feel nervous, or unworthy. But the Nativity story shows that when God calls us, such fears are immaterial. We may worry that we're too old (as did Zacharias), or too immature (as did Mary), or too undistinguished in stature (as the shepherds surely felt). But God had called all of them, *in spite of* these things.

Above all, God sent His only Son, and gave us the gift of salvation, "*to enable us to serve Him without fear*" (Lk 1:74)—as Zacharias joyfully sang, when he finally accepted his role in God's plans.

In the coming year, our Diocese will explore the way God calls each of us, and *any* of us, to draw nearer to Him. Our focus will be on the lay ministries of the church, in which every person, from every walk of life, is called to give of himself or herself in the service of our Lord.

Even when God extends such an invitation, however, there are many people in our world who decline to answer. "Am I worthy to do so?" they may ask. "Am I wise enough?" "Do I have enough time?" "Shouldn't I be better prepared or educated for such a role?" These are not unimportant matters; they are the fears we bring to the situation—just as Zacharias, and Mary, and the shepherds brought their own. And yet, the messenger of our Lord—whether speaking as an angel, or as a voice in the heart—says the same thing to us as he said to them: *Fear not*.

On the night when Christ was born, the people attending him were not exalted figures; they were not confident in their worthiness to be called before God. Still, *these* were the people on whom our Lord Jesus first smiled. The same will be true for us, when we draw near to our Lord—and discover the joy that dispels all fear.

May this thought encourage us, and embolden our hearts, as we recite our age-old Christmas greeting:

Krisdos dzunav yev haydnetzav! Orhnyal eh haydnootiumun Krisdoseel!
Christ is born and revealed! Blessed is the revelation of Christ!

With prayers,

Alo. K. Barsamian

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Ծառայել Անոր՝ Առանց Երկխաղի

*Օրհնեա՛լ է Բարայէլի Տէր Աստուածը, որ այցի եկաւ մեզի եւ փրկութիւն բերաւ
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 կարենանք առանց երկխաղի ծառայել իր առջեւ ... (Բուկ. Ա. 68-74)*

Պահ սը պատկերացուցէք Քրիստոսի ծնած զիշերը Բերդեհէմի շրջակայքը գտնուող բլուրներուն վրայ պարզուող տեսարանը: Դուկաս Աւետարանիչը մի քանի բառերով կը ներկայացնէ բաց դաշտներուն վրայ գտնուող հովիւներուն կենդանի պատկերը: Հոն կարելի է նշմարել իարայկներու պրպլացումը, լսել անասուններու արձակած մեղմ բառաչը եւ մարդոց կոչերը՝ քնանալու ժամուն: Յանկարծ նոր տարր սը մուտք կը գործէ այդ հասնայնապատկերին մէջ: Երկինքէն բան սըն է որ վար կ'իջնէ՝ ուղղուելով դէպի հովիւները: Անոնք սարսափած՝ կը մտածեն. «Այ՛ս է արդեօք աշխարհի վախճանը»: Սակայն չ'իրականանար անոնց ահաւոր մտավախութիւնը, որուն փոխարէն հովիւներ իրենք զիրենք շրջապատուած կը գտնեն զերբնական լոյսով սը: Եւ այդ լոյսին ընդմէջէն իրեշտակային ձայն սը կը հանդարտեցնէ զիրենք.

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Երրորդ առիթը կը վերաբերի հովիւներուն, որոնք «աստիկ» վախցած եւ ահ ու դողի մատնուած էին տեսնելով Աստուծոյ փառքը: Ահա դարձեալ հրեշտակ սը կը փարատէ անոնց մտահոգութիւնը՝ ըսելով. *«Մի՛ վախճար, որովհետեւ ահաասիկ ձեզի կ'աւետեն մեծ ուրախութիւն սը, որ ամբողջ ժողովուրդիկը պիտի ըլլայ»* (Բուկ. Բ. 10):

Դուկաս Աւետարանիչ իր պատմութիւնը սքանչելի կերպով ներհիստած է յիշեալ տարբերով -- տարեց զոյգ սը, որ կ'աղօթէ զուսկ ունենալու հասնար. անմեղ աղջիկ սը, որ մանկութեան ապահով պատեանէն դուրս կ'ելլէ նշանուելու եւ անուսնանալու հասնար. զիտացի կոշտ ու կոպիտ հովիւներ, որոնց կեանքը կ'անցնի դաշտներու վրայ՝ ընտանի անասուններու շրջապատին մէջ: Ասոնք բոլորն ալ հասարակաց

ի՞նչ բան ունին: Հասարակաց սխալ գիծը անոնց մօտ, ինչպէս որ Ղուկաս Անտարանիչ ցոյց կու տայ, վախի զգացումն է ի տես եւ ի լուր Աստուծոյ պատգամաբերին:

Միքէ՛ արդարացի չէ վախի զգացում ունենալ այդպիսի պարագաներուն: Աստուծոյ մերձեցնալը անշուշտ երկխոյզալիք փորձառութիւն մըն է, վտանգատու քայլ մը՝ անտարակոյս: Ընտրեալ անձ մը այդպիսի առիթով պարտի առնուագն հարցականի տակ առնել իր անձին արժէքը, իր կարողութիւնը եւ իր կացութիւնը:

Բայց եւ այնպէս՝ հրեշտակին պատգամը տարբեր բան մը կը յուշէ. *«Մի՛ երկնչիք. մի՛ վախճաք»:* Ընդհանուր առմամբ ասիկա պէտք է հասկնալ որպէս ձգտում մը ապրելու, ձերբազատում վախի ստուերէն: Իսկ Գաբրիէլ հրեշտակապետը կ'ըսէ Մարիամին՝ *«Աստուծոյ համար անկարելի բան չկայ»* (Ղուկ. Ա. 37): Այսպիսի վստահեցումն էտք՝ մեզի եւս պատճառ չի մնար արտօճելու, որ վախը տիրապետէ մեր կեանքին:

Բայց *«Մի՛ երկնչիք»*ը նաեւ անկի յատկանշական իմաստ մը ունի՝ որպէս ճշմարտեան Աստուծոյ մերձեցնալու, Աստուծոյ ծրագիրին մաս կազմելու եւ Անոր կամքին կատարման համար ընտրեալ մը դառնալու: Իսկ երբ մէկը Աստուծոյ կողմէ կոչուի, բնական է որ իրուկը ապրի եւ ինքզինք անարժան նկատէ:

Ս. Ծննդեան պատմութիւնը ցոյց կու տայ, թէ երբ Աստուած կոչէ զմեզ, վախի այդպիսի զգացումներ կարեւորութենէ զուրկ են: Կրմանք տարակուսիչ, նկատի առնելով մեր յառաջացեալ տարիքը՝ ինչպէս Զաքարիան, կամ մեր անչափահասութիւնը՝ ինչպէս Ս. Կոյսը, եւ կամ մեր անճշան ընկերային դիրքը՝ ինչպէս հովիւները: Բայց հակառակ այդ ամէնուն Աստուած զանոնք բոլորն ալ կոչած էր :

Սոյ բոլորէն վեր՝ Աստուած Իր Միածին Որդին ուղարկեց եւ փրկութիւն պարգեաց մեզի՝ *«որպէս զի կարեւորանք առանց երկխոյզի ծառայել իր առջեւ»*, ինչպէս որ Զաքարիան ուրախութեամբ պիտի բացազանչէր, ի վերջոյ Աստուծոյ ծրագիրին մէջ կատարելիք իր դերին հասակներպելէ ետք:

Ծառաջիկայ տարի մեր Թեմը նկատի պիտի առնէ, թէ ինչպէս Աստուած մեզմէ իւրացանչիւրը, եւ կամ մեզմէ ռեւէ մէկը, կարող է կոչել՝ առաւել եւս մերձեցնալու Իրեն: Մեր նկատողութեան կիզակէտը պիտի կեդրոնանայ Եկեղեցոյ աշխարհականաց ծառայութեան վրայ, որուն միջոցաւ որեւիցէ ասպարեզի մէջ եղող անձ կրնայ կոչուիլ՝ որպէս զի ինքզինք զոհաբերէ Տիրոջ ծառայութեան մէջ:

Աստուած երբ նայնիսկ այդպիսի հրաւեր մը ուղղէ, շատեր պիտի գտնուին այս աշխարհի վրայ՝ որոնք պիտի մերժեն ընդառաջելու այդ կոչին: *«Արդեօ՞ք արժանի են այդ բանը ընելու»* պիտի ըսեն անոնք: *«Արդեօ՞ք պէտք եղած իմաստութիւնը ունին: Արդեօ՞ք ժամանակ ունին: Այդպիսի դեր մը տաանձնելու համար անելի պատրաստութիւն պէտք չէ՞ որ ունենան»:* Ասոնք անկարեւոր պատճառաբանութիւններ չեն եւ կացութիւններու դիմաց մեր ունեցած մտաւախութիւնները կ'արտայայտեն, ինչպէս Զաքարիային, Ս. Կոյսին եւ հովիւներուն պարագային: Մակայն մեր Տիրոջ պատգամաբերը, որպէս հրեշտակ եւ կամ որպէս սրտի խորերէն ձայն մը, մեզի կը պատգամէ նոյն բանը ինչ որ ըսաւ անոնց՝ *«Մի՛ վախճաք»:*

Քրիստոսի ծնած զիչերը՝ զայն շրջապատողները մեծապատիւ մարդիկ չէին. անոնք վտահ չէին որ Աստուծոյ առջեւ կոչուելու արժանի անձեր են: Բայց *առանց* է որ Տէրն մեր Յիսուս առաջին անգամ ժպտեցաւ: Նոյն բանը իրականութիւն պիտի ըլլայ նաեւ մեր պարագային, երբ մերձեցնանք Աստուծոյ եւ ապրինք նոյն երանութիւնը, որ կը վանէ ամէն երկիւղ:

Թող սոյն ստածումը քաջալեր հանդիսանայ մեզի եւ կենսաարեւ մեր սրտերը, երբ արտասանենք Ս. Ծննդեան մեր հինաւարց ուղոյնը՝

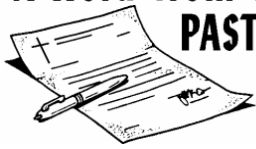
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Միքոյ ողջունի՛

Իրաժակ Արք. Պարսամեան
Մուսջնորդ

A Word from the

PASTOR . . . Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian



Dear Faithful,

I pray that you all have had a wonderful Christmas celebration and are moving forward in the year 2011. What a great gift we have been given in the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the cornerstone of our faith and church! And thank God for the gift of St. Peter Armenian Church in our lives.

The year 2011 will be a special year in the life of our church community. I am excited to lead our church family in experiencing full faith and fellowship while having some fun along the way. I would love for you to be part of this excitement.

Sunday, March 6, through Sunday, March 13, will be a special week for members and friends of St. Peter Armenian Church. You may be asking yourself what would make that particular week special. You may even consider the following answers:

- * March 6 is Poon Paregentan, the original day of good living and the day before Great Lent begins.
- * March 6 is the Annual Parish Assembly and, not only are you all invited, but you should all feel an obligation to attend and participate. So, pay your dues and ensure that your membership is in good standing.
- * March 6-13 is the first week of Lent.

All that is true. However, I have something else in mind and I am not going to tell you the answer just yet. I am going to keep it a surprise for a while longer. Here is a hint. See if you can figure it out.

Clue Number 1: March 6-13 Surprise Week Riddle
If “similar” is “opposite,” then “below” and “within” are what?

Following is a brief outline of upcoming special events being planned to celebrate our church and community in 2011:

Friday, February 11 - *An evening of Poetry: Sharing and Listening:* Join our church family for an evening filled with creativity and warm fellowship starting at 8:00 p.m. in the Gdanian Auditorium. Members of the community who have written poetry and would like to share with an audience of our faithful are invited and encouraged to participate. Others may come and enjoy an evening of prose recited by the authors. An array of high quality coffees and teas will be served along with some Armenian pastries. RSVP by contacting the church office for your attendance and/or your intention to share your writing(s).

Sunday, March 6, through Sunday, March 13 - *A Surprise Week!*

March 19-20 - ACYOA Gathering and Camp Nubar Weekend Presentation.

Sunday, March 20 - Armenian School & Sunday School Vartantantz Day Commemoration Luncheon & Program in the Gdanian Auditorium following services.

Sunday, April 3 - *St. Nersess 3K Walk for Faith:* I will be celebrating Badarak at St. Nersess that morning and invite members of the St. Peter Church community to come to St. Nersess and participate in the Badarak and the 3K Walk for Faith. We are exploring the possibility of renting a bus. If interested, please contact the St. Peter Church office.

Sunday, April 10 - Genocide Commemoration Service & Program at Holy Cross Armenian Church. No church services will be held at St. Peter Armenian Church that day. All are encouraged to attend Holy Cross for this joint commemoration.

Saturday, June 11, and Sunday, June 12 - *St. Peter Church Festival Weekend*

Friday, June 24 - *BBQ Cookout and Overnight Campout*: A nice, old-fashioned cookout and campout for families to pitch their tents and enjoy an evening under the stars on the church grounds.

Tuesday, July 12, through Thursday, July 14 - *Bible, Faith & Culture Vacation Bible School*: Three days of Enlightenment (*Loosavoroom*) for elementary and junior high school students.

Friday, September 16, through Sunday, September 18 - *Weekend at the Ararat Center*: For St. Peter Church parishioners and friends to enjoy time together with campfires, hikes, fishing, relaxation, prayers, great food, and even Badarak on Sunday morning.

Thursday, September 22 - *An Evening of Men's Fellowship*: Enjoy an evening of friendship, great food and Hye spirits outdoors on the church grounds.

Sunday, October 2 - *112th Anniversary Celebration*: This celebration will include a visit from the Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, a banquet at an outside venue, and a performance by the Antranig Dance Ensemble.

Sunday, October 16 - *Children's Art Auction*: A collection of creative handmade artwork by the youth of our community will be displayed and auctioned.


Sunday, October 30 - *Festival of Nations Event at the Egg*: St. Peter Armenian Church community to participate.

Saturday November 19 - *Advent Day Retreat: "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"*: A retreat for the entire parish to kick off the Advent and Holiday season. An opportunity for spiritual growth.

December 3 & 4 - *Holiday Bazaar*: Armenian foods, vendors, gifts and lots of fun.

As you can see, there are lots of exciting new programs and activities in which to participate. I hope you take advantage of all that our church community has to offer. I look forward to your involvement so we may enjoy good fellowship and spiritual growth together.

God's blessings
Fr. Stepanos

	<p><u>Lenten Service Schedule</u></p> <p><i>The Holy Sacraments of the Armenian Church: Wednesday evenings of Infusion, Inspiration and Cultivation of faith.</i></p> <p>7:00 to 8:00 pm</p> <p>March 9 - Baptism</p> <p>March 16 - Chrismation</p> <p>March 23 - Penance</p> <p>March 30 - Holy Communion</p> <p>April 6 - Holy Matrimony</p> <p>April 13 - Holy Orders</p>
	<p>Holy Thursday, April 21 - <i>Anointing of the Sick:</i> <i>Presentation following Badarak, during Women's Guild Lenten Breakfast.</i></p>

Unworthy or Worthy?

by Eric Vozzy

A common issue within the Armenian Orthodox Church is that we feel unworthy to even approach the Cup of the Eucharist, thus abstaining from partaking of Christ's Body and Blood. This could be the result of false or authentic humility, or even hopelessness. There is a sense in which we are unworthy to attain union with God and to receive Him into our body and soul, but our unworthiness should not be the central focus. Like every Sacrament or Mystery of the Church, God's grace is what is central. It is because of our unworthiness, and need of healing, that we need to especially partake of this Divine Mystery.

In his book, *These are the Sacraments*, Anthony Coniaris justifies an unexaggerated sense of unworthiness when he writes, "*Communion is never a reward for holy living but always the gift of God's grace no matter how much we may have prepared. May we keep our sense of unworthiness so that it may keep leading us to the only One Who can make us worthy. The sense of unworthiness is just the right attitude with which to approach Communion, for it helps us accept the Eucharist as a completely free gift of God's supreme grace. An exaggerated sense of unworthiness needs to give way to humble gratitude for God's grace which accepts especially the unworthy to make them worthy.*"

Are we unworthy to receive God's grace through Communion? Yes! Are we *made* worthy to receive it? Yes! During the Badarak, the priest prays the following: "*O Lord our God, you have called us Christians...and you have made us worthy to partake of the holy Body and Blood of your Only-begotten.*" (p.44)* A few minutes later he prays "*Holy Father, you who have called us by the name of your Only-begotten and have enlightened us through baptism...make us worthy to receive this holy mystery for the remission of our sins.*" (p. 45)* He goes on further to ask God to not look upon his own unworthiness, but to grant His grace through Christ's Body and Blood.

Our unworthiness should never lead us to abstain from Christ's Body and Blood, but should drive us toward them. As we prepare for the Eucharist through Penance, let us who are unworthy be made worthy, and freely receive God's grace by approaching the Cup, and commune with Him and with His people. Glory be to God for this Divine Mystery!

*The Divine Liturgy of the Armenian Church

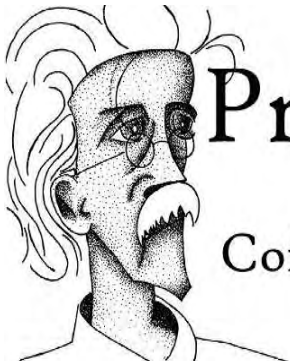
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Message from the Parish Council

The Parish Council hopes that our St. Peter Church parishioners enjoyed the entire holiday season including Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

In addition to providing both American and Armenian Christmas services, we thank Fr. Stepanos for preparing a special event for the community on Sunday, January 9. After church services on that day, he donned his chef's hat and served us his delicious Lamb Stew Dinner.

The work of the Parish Council continues with various tasks and activities including caring for our church building and supporting the parish auxiliaries and schools. Plans are moving ahead to have Time Warner Cable installed in the church building. This will offer us high speed internet access, digital phone plans and cable TV at a competitive rate. The installation should be completed sometime in February.

As you probably have noticed, our church sign has been removed and a temporary vinyl sign hangs in its place while we await the completion of a new sign to be installed in the spring.

Fr. Stepanos and our church secretary are working closely with Danny Martin in developing a new website for the church. The new site will be enhanced with many new features. At some point, it will be possible to make donations to the church and place bookstore orders through the site. Please stay tuned for an upcoming announcement of a launch date. We offer our appreciation to Danny for volunteering his time and talent for the benefit of St. Peter Armenian Church.

An energy audit will be conducted in the near future by NYSERDA. This audit will provide us with valuable information on ways to conserve energy and possibly reduce costs. One area of focus will be the lighting in the sanctuary as well as in the church hall.

The Annual Parish Assembly for our church will take place on Sunday, March 6. Please plan to be there and participate. Elections will be held for Parish Council, Auditing and Nominating Committees. All individuals who have paid their annual dues through 2010 are eligible to take part in the proceedings. Contact the church office if you have questions about your membership standing for 2010.

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to serve on the Parish Council, Auditing and Nominating Committees. Those who wish either to be considered as a candidate or to suggest names of other individuals are asked to contact Robert Dadekian, Richard DeMartino or Debbie Ekmalian.

Thank you to Sharon Foley for arranging a very generous donation of office furnishings to St. Peter Armenian Church through the Energy Association of New York State. Our appreciation also to all those who volunteered their time to help with the move and set-up of our new furnishings. We also appreciate the monetary donation we received from an anonymous donor which covered the cost of the moving truck and provided lunch for all our volunteers.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

*John "Frenchie" Ekmalian
Chairman*

MEMBERSHIP DUES: The payment of annual dues of \$150 per person (age 18 and over) for 2010 is required to be considered a member "in good standing" and to receive the benefits of membership including eligibility to hold elective offices, participate in Parish & Special Assembly meetings, and receive discounted fees on certain church services.

The following are the individuals who have met the commitment of being a "Dues-Paying" member of the church and are eligible to take part in the proceedings of the upcoming Parish Assembly to be held on Sunday, March 6, 2011.

Please report any discrepancies of this record to the church office as soon as possible.

2010 Dues-Paying Members

Joseph & Effie Akullian
Harry & Rosemary Ammian
Winifred Ammian
Helga Apkarian
Alexander & Marion Arghnian
Beatrice Arzoumanian
Betty Avakian
Shirley Avakian
Steve & Pamela Azarian
Nazar Bakerian
Ara Baligian
Linda Bedian
Robert & Sandy Bedian
George & Elsie Bedrosian
Edward Belemjian
Alyson Buff
Cecilia Burgess
Charles & Alice Chorbajian
Gilbert & Bridgette Chorbajian
Herbert & Linda Chorbajian
Robert & Holly Dadekian
Rich DeMartino & Barbara Derian
Garo & Maria Derian
Isabel Derian
Paul & Melissa DerOhannesian
Suzanne Dickinson
Chip Drusano
Sherry Edwards
John & Debbie Ekmalian
Ralph & Elizabeth Enokian
Arpy Ernest
Katrina Ernest
Sarkis Garabedian
Valery Gaston
Fr. Garen & Yn. Zabelle Gdanian
Sarkis Guleserian
Sonia Hachigian
Joanne C. Hartunian
Mary Hartunian
Richard & Beth Hartunian
Najib Himidian†
Barbara Hrachian
Seren Hrachian
Suren & Sarah Hrachian
Karnick Jabian

Mary Jaffarian
Hripsime Jevanian
Phyllis Jevanian
John C. Kacharian
Natalie Kachougian
Donald Kaiser
Leon & Susan Kaiser
Ronald P. Kaiser
Edward & Lucille Kaprielian
Grace Karian
Edward & Bertha Kazanjian
Linda Kazanjian
Robert Kazanjian
Rosine Kazanjian
Dr. Gregory J. Kechejian (MA)
James & Marion Kehr
Martin & Joyce Kenosian
David Ketchoyan
Rose Ketchoyan
Karen Khachadourian
Russell & Sandra Kilidjian
Harry & Marion Koshgarian
Michael & Dyanne Koshgarian
Peter Koshgarian
Isabel Krempa
Steven Krempa
Charles & Patricia Krikorian
Lucy Krikorian
Yervant Kutchukian
Arthur Mahserjian
George & Virginia Mahserjian
Nellie Marderosian
Willard & Shelley Martin
Sean & Alice McMullan
Robert & Sheila Meeson
Varvara Meshkov
H. Khachik & Mary Minassian
David & Tara Mooradian
R. Mihran & Ovsanna Mooradian
R. Paul Moroukian
Sarah Moroukian
Lucy Morton
Philip J. Natcharian
Grace Nazarian
Robert Nazarian

Lenore Nevins
William & Betty Jane Nevins
Joseph & Patricia O'Keefe
George & Elizabeth Osganian
Mary Panjarjian
Helen Papanian
David & Breann Parseghian
Anna Pascazio
Alice Sanjian Rotondi
Margaret Sakalian†
George & Joanne Scaringe
Charlotte Sevazlian
Farid F. Shafik (CT)
Lucille Shamlian
Toros Shamlian, Jr.
Mary Shanks
Mary P. Shanks
Leo Sogioian
Lucille Sogioian
Susan Sogioian
Josephine Speanburg
Fay Talarico
Kevork & Seta Torossian
Charles & Carol Tutunjian
Edward & Adrina Tutunjian
Nazar & Joan Tutunjian
Vartan Vartanian, Jr.
Daniel Vartigian
Ralph Vartigian
Elsie Vozzy
Alice Wildman

†deceased

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Building Fund Report

This issue of *Loosaper* includes a list of all pledge payments through January 27, 2011 for our 2006-2009 campaign. Additionally, it includes a list of all Building Fund pledges, commitments for naming opportunities (memorials), and amounts paid through January 27, 2011 for the 2009-2012 campaign.

If you are a parishioner of St. Peter Armenian Church and have not pledged for the 2009-2012 campaign, please make your pledge as soon as possible. The current three-year campaign ends September 30, 2012. We currently need approximately \$95,000 in new pledges to successfully pay our loan balance of \$123,000 by the end of 2012. Pledge forms are available by contacting the church office at (518) 274-3673.

I thank all parishioners that have pledged and paid toward the project. My thanks also go to non-parishioner friends that have contributed generously toward our project.

Toros Shamlian
Building Fund Treasurer

BUILDING DEVELOPMENT FUND PLEDGES & PAYMENTS

as of January 27, 2011

<u>Name</u>	<u>2006-2009 Campaign Amt Paid</u>	<u>2009-2012 Campaign Amount Pledged</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Nancy Acemoglu & Sons, Thomas & Nicholas <i>In loving memory of Dr. Murat Acemoglu, "A true Armenian patriot"</i>	\$1,000.00		
ACYOA Service Auction		\$5,733.23	\$5,733.23
Jerry Agajian	\$1,000.00		
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Akullian	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Zareh & Annie Altounian	\$100.00		
Winifred Ammian <i>In memory of Leo Ammian</i>	\$1,500.00		
Harry & Rosemary Ammian	\$2,000.00		
Helga Apkarian <i>In memory of Samuel Apkarian & Karen Apkarian</i>	\$1,500.00		
Harry† & Betty Apkarian	\$5,000.00		
George Arakelian	\$1,000.00		
Beatrice Arzoumanian	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Gerald Arzoumanian	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Gerald Arzoumanian <i>In honor of Beatrice Arzoumanian's 91st Birthday</i>	\$1,000.00		
Andre Assalian	\$10.00		
Elizabeth E. Avakian	\$2,700.00		
Dr. A. Nancy Avakian <i>In memory of Berj & Paris Avakian</i>	\$3,000.00		
Frank Azadian†	\$200.00		
Mardiros & Hermine Azarian	\$200.00		

<u>Name</u>	<u>2006-2009 Campaign Amt Paid</u>	<u>2009-2012 Campaign Amount Pledged</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Anonymous	\$10,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
Rose & Harry Badrigian (CT) <i>In memory of Arshag & Haseg Harmaian</i>	\$100.00		
Nazar Bakerian	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Ara Baligian	\$1,500.00		
J. Albert & Alice Barsamian	\$1,000.00		
Robert & Sandra Bedian	\$500.00		
Linda Bedian	\$300.00		
George & Lisa Bedian	\$250.00		
Eugene & Judy Bedian	\$400.00		
George & Elsie Bedrosian	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Levon Bedrosian		\$200.00	\$200.00
Mark & Rhoda Belemjian (MA)	\$100.00		
Edward A. Belemjian	\$5,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Edward A. Belemjian <i>For the opportunity to name the Church Office</i>		\$15,104.43 *	\$15,104.43
David Belemjian	\$100.00		
Anonymous	\$10,000.00		
Helen & Craig Bryce / David Cluett <i>In memory of L. Merrick Bryce</i>	\$5,000.00		
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Buchakjian	\$5,035.63		
Dr. Leonard M. Buchakjian	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Bernice Buchakjian† <i>In memory of Vahan Buchakjian</i>	\$1,000.00		
Mr. & Mrs. John Buff		\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Cecilia P. Burgess	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Cathy Cauthier <i>In memory of Elizabeth Goebel & William E. Foley, Jr.</i>	\$40.00		
Matthew P. Chinian	\$300.00		
Andrea Chorbajian		\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Chorbajian	\$7,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$1,500.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Chorbajian & Family	\$961.25	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Geoffrey Chorbajian & Shaily Rahman		\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Chorbajian	\$50,000.00		
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Chorbajian <i>For the opportunity to name the Elevator</i>		\$10,000.00 *	\$10,000.00
Anna Chorbajian†	\$1,250.00		

<u>Name</u>	<u>2006-2009 Campaign Amt Paid</u>	<u>2009-2012 Campaign Amount Pledged</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Church's 111th Anniversary Dinner Proceeds		\$800.00	\$800.00
Gary & Laura Clark	\$1,775.57		
Robert & Holly Dadekian	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Dance Classes		\$1,790.00	\$1,790.00
Dearstynne Family <i>In memory of Michael Hovi</i>	\$100.00		
Isabel Derian	\$250.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Derian/DeMartino Family Richard DeMartino & Barbara Derian <i>In honor of Isabel & Albert Derian</i>	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Paul & Melissa DerOhannesian	\$5,000.00		
Neil & Kim Devejian <i>In honor of Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian</i>	\$1,500.00		
Paul Dichian <i>In memory of James & Virginia Dichian</i>	\$2,500.00		
Suzanne Dickinson	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
Anonymous	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Anonymous	\$1,500.00		
Gloria Doudoukjian		\$3.00	\$3.00
Jonah Doudoukjian		\$3.00	\$3.00
Anonymous	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Anonymous	\$100.00		
John & Debbie Ekmalian <i>In memory of Kenneth Chorbajian</i>	\$1,500.00		
Ralph & Elizabeth Enokian	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$250.00
Arpy Ernest	\$1,500.00		
Sharon Foley	\$50.00		
Rose Foley & Family	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Anna Gabaldon <i>In memory of Karekin & Seran Terzian</i>	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$500.00
Sarkis & Julie Garabedian	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Rev. & Mrs. Garen Gdanian <i>In memory of Kevork & Siranoush Gdanian, Khoren & Ovsanna Kludjian, and Berjouhi Kludjian Watson</i>	\$6,000.00		
Rev. & Mrs. Garen Gdanian		\$1,500.00	\$500.00
Gifts in honor of Beatrice Arzoumanian's 90th Birthday	\$650.00		
Gift in honor of Charles Chorbajian's 80th Birthday		\$100.00	\$100.00

<u>Name</u>	<u>2006-2009 Campaign Amt Paid</u>	<u>2009-2012 Campaign Amount Pledged</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Gifts in honor of Charles & Alice Chorbajian's 50th Anniversary		\$6,575.00	\$6,575.00
Gifts in honor of Herbert & Linda Chorbajian's 40th Anniversary	\$1,590.00		
Gifts in honor of Fr. Garen Gdanian's 60th Anniversary into the Priesthood	\$10,088.00	\$270.00	\$270.00
Gifts in honor of Richard Hartunian Appointment as U.S. Attorney for Northern District of NY		\$725.00	\$725.00
Gift in memory of Abp. Dirair Mardikian		\$100.00	\$100.00
Gift in honor of Nalbandian Triplets Birthday		\$50.00	\$50.00
Gifts in memory of Margaret Sakalian		\$2,425.00	\$2,425.00
Gift in memory of Armon Henry Toomajian, MD	\$100.00		
Glenmont Self Storage, The Derian Family	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Guldalian <i>In memory of Rose Guldalian</i>	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Sarkis & Heidi Guleserian		\$500.00	\$500.00
Sonia Hachigian <i>In memory of Sarkis Hachigian</i>	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00
Barouyr Hairabedian	\$100.00		
Joanne Hartunian	\$10,100.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,500.00
Mary Hartunian	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$250.00
Mr. & Mrs. Richard S. Hartunian & Family	\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00
Barbara Hrachian	\$1,000.00	\$300.00	\$100.00
Seren A. Hrachian	\$100.00		
Suren & Sarah Hrachian	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Mary Jaffarian	\$1,000.00		
Leon & Susan Kaiser <i>In memory of Henry & Anna (Kenosian) Kaiser</i>	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00
Ronald Kaiser <i>In memory of Henry & Anna (Kenosian) Kaiser</i>		\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00
Anonymous	\$1,000.00		
Edward & Lucille Kaprielian	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00
Anonymous	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Murat S. Kasparian	\$200.00		
Dr. Ara Kayayan	\$1,000.00		
Linda Kazanjian	\$200.00		
Edward & Bertha Kazanjian	\$1,100.00	\$1,000.00	\$200.00

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Leo Kazanjian† & Family	\$1,000.00		
Sarkis & Nancy Kazarian (FL)		\$50.00	\$50.00
Gregory J. Kechejian (MA) <i>In honor of all those who came before us</i>	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Martin & Joyce Kenosian	\$19,500.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
David Ketchoyan	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Rose Ketchoyan	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Khachikian-Brown Family <i>In memory of Mary Khachikian</i>	\$100.00		
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Kilidjian	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Kurken V. Kirk		\$50.00	\$50.00
Peter & Marlene Koshgarian	\$1,500.00		
Anonymous	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,600.00
Anonymous <i>In memory of loved ones</i>	\$500.00		
Isabel Krempa <i>In memory of Michael & Berdjouhie Stepanian and victims of the Genocide</i>	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$200.00
Anonymous		\$100.00	\$100.00
Lucy Krikorian		\$500.00	\$400.00
Rev. & Mrs. Mihran Kupeyan	\$50.00		
Anonymous		\$320.00	\$320.00
Anonymous		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Kyaruns Family	\$30.00		
George & Virginia Mahserjian	\$15,000.00		
George & Virginia Mahserjian <i>For the opportunity to name the Conference Room</i>		\$12,500.00 *	\$12,500.00
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Mahserjian & Family	\$1,000.00		
Marderosian Family <i>In memory of William Marderosian</i>	\$1,000.00		
Anonymous		\$250.00	\$250.00
Yn. Yefkin Megherian <i>In memory Nevart & Haroutiun DerBedrosian</i>	\$1,000.00		
Sarkis & Ida Mihranian <i>In memory of Richard Acemoglu and Nazalie & Sarkis Mihranian, Sr.</i>	\$500.00		
Mr. & Mrs. H. Khachik Minassian <i>In memory of Dr. Harry Minassian MD</i>	\$3,000.00		
Edward P. Minerley† & Sherry Minerley Edwards <i>In memory of Alice (Terzian) Minerley</i>	\$1,200.00		

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Mr. & Mrs. R. Mihran Mooradian	\$20,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
David Mooradian	\$1,000.00		
Sarah Moroukian	\$1,000.00		
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Moroukian <i>In memory of Sarkis Moroukian</i>	\$100.00		
Anne Moroukian	\$500.00		
Mr. & Mrs. Raffae P. Moroukian & Family	\$7,503.83		
Matthew & Lisa Natcharian & Family (MA) <i>In memory of Sarah Natcharian</i>	\$5,000.00		
Matthew & Lisa Natcharian & Family (MA) <i>In honor of Philip J. Natcharian</i>		\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Philip J. Natcharian	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00
Gregory & Marjorie Nazarian		\$400.00	\$200.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nazarian	\$500.00		
William T. & Betty Jane Navins <i>In memory of Berj & Paris Avakian</i>	\$2,000.00		
Cheryl Ohanesian <i>In memory of Horan & Vergine Ohanesian</i>	\$3,000.00		
Audrey Ohnikian <i>In memory of Joseph Ohnikian</i>	\$500.00		
Joseph & Patricia O'Keefe	\$10,100.00		
George & Elizabeth Osganian		\$2,000.00	\$300.00
Mary Panjarjian <i>In memory of Shahe Panjarjian</i>		\$100.00	\$100.00
Parker Brothers Memorial Funeral Home	\$5,000.00		
David & Breann Parseghian		\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
Kevork & Mary Parseghian & Family <i>In memory of Sarkis & Azniv Parseghian</i>	\$1,000.00		
Anna Pascazio <i>In memory of Saverio Pascazio</i>	\$3,000.00		
Rita Ishkanian Petithory <i>In memory of John Ishkanian</i>	\$100.00		
Pioneer Savings Bank	\$3,000.00		
Hagop Poladian <i>In memory of Helen Poladian</i>		\$150.00	\$150.00
Dominc & Alice (Sanjian) Rotondi <i>In memory of Sarah & Setrak Sanjian</i>	\$1,000.00		
Rug & Carpet Outlet of Troy, Inc.	\$250.00		
Margaret Sakalian† <i>In memory of Harry Sakalian</i>	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

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Margaret Sakalian (estate of)* <i>For the opportunity to name the Priest's Office</i>		\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Theodore & Grace Sapino	\$1,940.00		
Mr. & Mrs. George P. Scaringe	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00
Anonymous <i>In honor of Der Garen Gdanian</i>	\$2,000.00		
Anonymous		\$100.00	\$100.00
Craig & Karin Shamlian	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
David & Kathi Shamlian	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Harry R. & Katy Shamlian	\$1,092.99	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Lucille Shamlian	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Toros Shamlian, Jr.	\$15,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Toros Shamlian, Jr. <i>For the opportunity to name the Hallway/Entrance</i>		\$9,000.00 *	\$9,000.00
Barbara J. Shankman <i>In memory of Ann Bargamian</i>		\$100.00	\$100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jim† Shanks	\$300.00		
Al Simidian	\$500.00		
Hariton C. Spinceanu <i>In memory of Liliana Sprinceanu</i>	\$2,000.00		
St. Peter Armenian Church Sunday School	\$1,000.00		
St. Peter's Women' Guild	\$19,050.06	\$949.94	\$949.94
Fay Talarico	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jack S. Tashjian, Sr.	\$500.00		
Richard Terzian		\$20.00	\$20.00
Anonymous	\$60.00		
Berj & Lucy Topalian <i>In memory of Bedros Topalian</i>	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Kevork & Seta Torossian <i>In memory of Terchunian & Torossian Families</i>	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
Erik & Chrishan Trojian <i>In honor of Trojian Family</i>	\$1,800.00		
Charles & Carol Tutunjian	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Edward & Adrina Tutunjian	\$1,000.00		
Nazar & Joan Tutunjian	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Joe & Susan Vartanesian	\$400.00		
Ralph Vartigian <i>In memory of Sarkis & Alice Vartigian</i>	\$2,000.00		

<u>Name</u>	<u>2006-2009 Campaign Amt Paid</u>	<u>2009-2012 Campaign Amount Pledged</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Helen Vartigian	\$25.00		
Daniel & Karen Vartigian	\$250.00		
Anonymous	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Rosemary Wiczorek (WI) <i>In memory of Harry Vartigian</i>		\$50.00	\$50.00
Rosemary Wiczorek (WI) <i>In honor of Fr. Stepanos' return to St. Peter Church</i>		\$100.00	\$100.00
Alice Natcharian Wildman <i>In memory of Naomi Natcharian</i>	\$3,000.00		
Zandri Construction Corp.	\$500.00		
Albert C. Zouky <i>In honor of Bedrosian & Zouky Families</i>	\$500.00		
	TOTALS:	\$419,777.33	\$215,268.60
		\$215,268.60	\$179,568.60

†Deceased

*Cost of naming opportunity reduced by eligible portion of payments to the Building Fund.

The Annual Parish Assembly

is being held
Sunday, March 6, 2011
 following services

- ◆ **All parishioners should make every effort to attend and participate in the meeting.**
- ◆ **All dues-paying members (in good standing for 2010) are encouraged to vote. Contact the church office if you have questions about your 2010 dues account.**

Regular spiritual messages from Fr. Stepanos (like the one below) are shared predominantly through the church's e-mail distribution list. If you are not receiving them, please contact the church office with your e-mail address.

"A New Year Desire"

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." (Ezekiel 36:26)

Dear Faithful,

During the baptismal rite of the Armenian Church, a prominent theme of Baptism is renewal and newness. The above verse from Ezekiel is read during the baptismal ceremony and the prophet reminds us that God promises all of us "new things," specifically a new heart and spirit. When you are baptized you put on Jesus Christ and wear Him in all areas of your daily life. Consider the New Year a means to renew your baptismal vows in Christ. In less than 12 hours, we will be ringing in 2011 -- a new year, a new beginning and all new opportunities that await you.

May the coming year be a time for you to grow closer to your creator, God the Father, your savior, God the Son and your comforter, God the Holy Spirit. Open your Bible more (start out slow - even 5 minutes a day) and read what God has planned for you. Make the sign of the Cross more often. Come to St. Peter Armenian Church and worship and praise God in your ancestral way. And let kindness and love be at the center of your being and "love one another" as Jesus instructed us.

I pray for an awakening of all of God's good gifts in your life -- May your faith be strengthened, may your hope be fortified and may the love in your heart be forthright.

I wish you a Happy New Year and all the grand possibilities that await you in 2011.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Church Organization News

Armenian School

The Armenian School classes are continuing to be held on Saturday mornings since the beginning of November. Along with language lessons, our 25 students are working on Armenian songs and history.

The students participated in the Christmas Eve services at St. Peter Armenian Church on December 24 with a performance of three songs. We also welcomed "Santa Gagant Baba" on January 9 at Holy Cross Armenian Church.

Together with the St. Peter Sunday School, we are making plans for the Vartanantz Day luncheon and program to be held at St. Peter Armenian Church on Sunday, February 13, following Badarak.

We look forward to a school year full of learning and fun.

Ara Kayayan

Women's Guild

On Saturday, December 4, the St. Peter Women's Guild held a Christmas Luncheon and Party at the Century House. Everyone enjoyed the delicious lunch and listening to the pianist and the storyteller, Janice Toomajian, who told the story of "The Miracle of Jonathan Toomey." Fifty-two people were in attendance. Thank you to all who donated raffle gifts and especially to committee members, Dolly Shamlian, Sonia Hachigian, Isabel Krempa and Adrina Tutunjian, who planned a wonderful event and created an interesting basket of Armenian items for the raffle which was won by Linda Kazanjian.

On Saturday, January 14, 2011, a joint meeting was held with our 2010 executives and the newly elected members to the Executive Committee. The new Women's Guild Executive Committee is as follows: Co-Chairs, Mary Panjarjian & Dolly Shamlian; Recording Secretary, Phyllis Jevanian; Corresponding Secretary, Isabel Krempa; Treasurer, Lucy Morton; Advisors, Grace Karian, Maria Derian, Alice McMullan, and Carol Tutunjian. We wish this new committee a successful year.

A special thank you to outgoing members Rhonda Boyajian, Alice Chorbajian and Sonia Hachigian for two years of service on the Executive Committee. Virginia Mahserjian is also an outgoing member and was honored to have served as Chairman. Thank you also to Phyllis Jevanian, Isabel Krempa, Lucy Morton, Dolly Shamlian, and Grace Karian for their prior service as well as continuing in 2011.

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

- Sunday, March 13 ~ Saintly Women's Day Luncheon honoring Saintly Women of the year.
- Saturday, March 26, 7 am-5 pm ~ Tahin Bread Baking Day
- Wednesday, March 30, 5-7 pm ~ Mid-Lenten Dinner
- Saturday & Sunday, December 3 & 4 ~ Bazaar

Happy Valentine's Day to all!

Virginia Mahserjian
Women's Guild Outgoing Chairman

Adult Fellowship

On Wednesday, December 8, the Adult Fellowship celebrated Christmas early with a special luncheon in the Lodge Room at the Desmond. About 30 members and guests enjoyed an elaborate buffet with a carving station, topped off with a choice of delicious desserts. We were entertained by a favorite musical group, The Greg Nazarian Trio, who provided a musical program not only for our listening pleasure but also encouraged us to join in singing popular winter and Christmas songs.

At the organizational meeting of the 2011 Executive Meeting, the first order of business will be the selection of a new Chairperson. The end of 2010 marks the end of Phil Natcharian's third year at the helm of our club. We all greatly appreciate his able leadership as the Chairperson during that time and understand his need for a rest from his labors.

Our first luncheon meeting in 2011 will be on Wednesday, March 2, when we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day a bit early. We plan to have a typical Irish meal and an entertainment program with an Irish theme. Please mark your calendar and plan to be with us at the Gdanian Auditorium at 12:00 noon that day for the "wearin' of the green." Check the church bulletin for additional information.

Martin Kenosian, Secretary

St. Peter Church Bookstore

A New Year for Giving

Happy New Year one and all. May 2011 be filled with many blessings for everyone.

I extend a gracious thank you to Sharon Foley who arranged for a very generous donation of office furniture to our church which provided the bookstore with bookcases for displaying items for sale. Thank you also to all the parishioners and friends of St. Peter Armenian church who did a portion of their holiday shopping at the St. Peter Bookstore for gifts with a unique flare of Armenian heritage and culture.

Many new items are now in stock. Look for the flyer in this issue featuring a Kef Music Special. Take home the music we all grew up listening and dancing to. Best of all — the CDs are on sale! We also now have Armenian coloring books which also teach the Armenian alphabet. Another featured item is the book of prayers of St. Gregory of Narek. Get yours today and join in on Der Stepanos' monthly discussion group.

Coming Soon! Armenian dictionaries in transliteration — a great gift and learning tool for those who want to learn or speak Armenian but don't necessarily read the Armenian alphabet. A must for every Armenian home! Armenian cookbooks — a great gift for those who love to explore culinary cuisine and discover new and delicious recipes.

The Bookstore is located in the former pastor's office located off the church vestibule and showcases many wonderful gift items for your shopping and gift-giving pleasure. Visit us soon.

If you know of venues for obtaining items of interest for the bookstore at wholesale or reasonable cost, please contact me at StPeterBookstore@gmail.com or by calling (518) 935-8819.

*Charlotte Sevazlian
Bookstore Coordinator*

Choir

We welcome the newest members to our St. Peter Church Choir, Jonathan & Violet Dadekian and Maria Derian. New members are always welcome and encouraged to join us. God doesn't care whether or not you have a beautiful singing voice. So come and join us as we lift our voices in the timeless music of our Holy Badarak. You'll be glad you did! Questions and comments about the choir are always welcome and appreciated and can be directed to Choir Director, Rafi Topalian, at (518) 272-2000 or (518) 810-5018 or by e-mail at rafitop@aol.com.

Discussions are underway to begin forming a Junior Choir. Please be on the lookout for more information on this. We ask parents to encourage their youth to be part of the St. Peter Church Junior Choir when asked to participate.

Adult Bible Study Class

After a brief break, Adult Bible Study classes will resume on Friday, February 4. In this upcoming series of classes, the topic of study will be "Who is Jesus Christ?" Classes are held every other Friday morning in the Gdanian Auditorium starting at 10:15 a.m. A complete schedule of classes is provided in this issue. Everyone is invited to join this AM study group at any time. For more information, contact the church office at (518) 274-3673.

Special Activities

Armenian Dance and Zumba Fitness Classes: After a brief break for the holidays, the popular Armenian Dance and Zumba Fitness classes have resumed on Friday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Gdanian Auditorium. The dance classes are led by Garo & Maria Derian. The suggested donation is \$10 per class; however, any donation will be accepted. Please come join us in having fun and getting fit! Proceeds go to the Building Fund. For more information, contact Maria Derian at 436-7447 or dmgd2797ny@hotmail.com.

Winter Fun at Lapland Lake: We thank Holly Dadekian for organizing a day trip to Lapland Lake in Benson, NY, on Saturday, January 22. The fifteen in our group who made the trip were able to celebrate the wonderful winter wonderland on a beautiful crisp winter day. The



glistening snow which covered the lake and piled high on the evergreens sparkled like diamonds in the brightness of the sun. We had avid skiers in our group as well as beginners who had the opportunity to take a lesson. Some also enjoyed the snowshoe trails and the children tried out tubing down the snowy hills. It was a day to remember with lots of laughs and stories to share. Another trip will be scheduled sometime in February. Be on the lookout for more info on that one and don't miss out. You may also contact the church if you are interested in joining us the next time.

Parish Community News

Sacraments and Rites

Baptism **Madeline Jude Tabakian**, daughter of Arthur & Jessica (White) Tabakian, on November 13, 2010. Godfather, Glenn Tabakian; Godmother, Meghann Doiron; Celebrant, Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian.

Funerals **Margaret Anna Sakalian** entered her eternal rest on November 27, 2010. She is survived by a sister, Rose Ketchoyan; a brother, Russell Kilidjian and his wife Sandy; two nephews, David Ketchoyan and Russell Kilidjian II; two nieces, Melanie Kilian and Leta Hunter; several grandnieces and grandnephews. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian conducted the funeral service on December 1.

Tara A. Shave entered her eternal rest on December 15, 2010. She is survived by her husband, Stephen J. Shave, Jr.; two sons, John & Shawn French; her father, Aram Atashian and his wife, Judith; her mother, Mary Roberts and her husband William; two sisters, Tracy L. Starr and Lorri J. Parry; a grandmother, June M. Atashian; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts (including Tamara Desanctis), and uncles. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian conducted the funeral service on December 21.

Karasoonek (40-Day Memorial)

November 28, 2010 **Robert Mesrobian** - requested by Haigoohi Smith; Will & Shelley Martin & Family.

Arsulus (Kay) Tabakian; Virginia Thomas - requested by Harry & Rosemary Ammian & Family.

December 12, 2010 **Alice Alpoonarian** - requested by Lyle & Annette Fitzpatrick.

Najib Himidian - requested by Mrs. Nellie Marderosian & Family; Nazar Bakerian; Josephine Arakelian & Family (NJ); Nicholas Himidian (NJ).

January 16, 2011 **Margaret Sakalian** - requested by Mr. & Mrs. Russell Kilidjian; Rose Ketchoyan; David Ketchoyan; Lucy Morton; Charlotte Sevazlian; Lucille Shamlian.

Dareleetz (First Anniversary)

December 12, 2010 **Anna Chorbajian** - requested by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Chorbajian; Debbie & John Ekmalian; Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Chorbajian & Family.

Sarkis Khanjian (Dareleetz – First Anniversary) - requested by Sarkis & Heidi Guleserian & Family; Timothy & Lena Hogle; Levon & Zovig Kayserian & Family (MA); Maral Khanjian (FL); Hagop Khanjian & Family (MA); Harout & Alice Keosoyan (NJ); Mary & Ara Panjarjian; Pauline Nakashian (MA); David & Heidi Shamlian (MA); Steven & Danielle Nakashian (MA); Hagop & Hourii Bilanian & Family (MA); Ani & Christine Khanjian (MA); The Kalandjian Family (FL); Bedros & Violet Karian & Family; Arthur & Silvia Mahserjian & Family; Zareh & Seta Markarian & Family (CA); Sarkis & Ani Khatcherian & Family (FL); Garo Khatcherian & Family (FL); Nercess & Lori Minassian; Sarkis & Betty Minassian; Greg & Ayda Karian; Hrant & Alice

Bardakjian; Anahid Minassian; Mr. & Mrs. John Khachadourian; Zareh & Annie Altounian; Mr. & Mrs. Ohan Ohanian; Mr. & Mrs. Leon Dekemenjian (MA); Mr. & Mrs. Hagop Derian; Siranoush Demircyian (MA); Talin Karagolian; Annie Mardirossian (MA); Mr. & Mrs. R. Paul Moroukian.

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November 28, 2010 **Krikor, Arshagouhe, Garabed & Ankin Patoukian** - requested by Hagop (Jack) Patoukian.

December 12, 2010 **William Marderosian** (Fifth Anniversary); **Joseph Himidian** - requested by Mrs. Nellie Marderosian & Family; Nazar Bakerian; Josephine Arakelian & Family (NJ); Nicholas Himidian (NJ).

Virginia Belemjian - requested by Edward Belemjian; David Belemjian; Mark, Rhoda, Jacob & Madeline Belemjian (MA); Philip J. Natcharian.

Jack Chadrjian; Mitchell & Ida Chadrjian; Albert Derian - requested by Isabel Derian & Family; Richard DeMartino & Barbara Derian & Family.

Jean (Frenchie) Ekmalian (Twenty-Fifth Anniversary) - requested by Ekmalian & Hachigian Families; Frank & Carolyn Marchese & Family.

James & Nancy Hachigian; Sarkis & Helhna Hachigian; Dorothy (Hachigian) Tammian; Lucy (Hachigian) Ohanian; Mary Hachigian; Ardaches Ekmalian; Vartanouch (Ekmalian) Kalustian; Jirayr & Ann Hachigian; Paul Ekmalian; Michael Kurkjian; Joseph Mardigian - requested by Ekmalian & Hachigian Families.

Sarkis Hachigian (Fourth Anniversary) - requested by Sonia Hachigian; Isabel Krempa; Ekmalian & Hachigian Families.

Henry & Silva Haroyan; Adrine Boroian - requested by Frank & Carolyn Marchese & Family; Agavni Topalian; Berj, Lusine, Natalie & Bedros Topalian; Ekmalian & Hachigian Families.

Asadoor, Sarah, Yeranoss, Margaret, Dorothy & Grace Kenossian; Henry & Anna Kenossian Kaiser; Millard Woodland; Raymond Parker - requested by Mr. & Mrs. Martin Kenossian.

Robert Meeson, Sr. (Third Anniversary) - requested by Eleanor Meeson; Sharon & Doug Pauley; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Meeson, Jr. & Family.

Ernest & Elsa Schlueter; Dickran & Vartanoush Nazarian; Albert Nazarian - requested by Trudy & Bob Nazarian; Mary Patoukian.

Carney & Charlotte Postoian - requested by Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Chorbajian & Family.

Michael & Berdjouhie Stepanian - requested by Sonia Hachigian; Isabel Krempa.

Hambartzoum Tchilingarian (Eleventh Anniversary) - requested by Berj, Lusine, Natalie & Bedros Topalian; Agavni Topalian; Frank & Carolyn Marchese & Family.

January 2, 2011 **Leo Thomasian** - requested by Florence Paparian.

January 16, 2011 **Jack Kolaian** - requested by Ed & Adrina Tutunjian.

Altar Flowers

November 21, 2010 In honor of **George & Virginia Mahserjian's** 45th Wedding Anniversary.

December 12, 2010 Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Chorbajian in memory of **Carney & Charlotte Postoian; Ekmalian & Hachigian Families** in memory of **loved ones**; Mr. & Mrs. Martin Kenosian in memory of **loved ones**.

December 26, 2010 Mrs. Joanne Hartunian in memory of **Lynne Carol Hartunian & Joseph Hartunian**.

Altar Candles

December 12, 2010 Valery Gaston in memory of **Paparian & Gaston Families**; Isabel Krempa in celebration of **Sonia Hachigian's 80th birthday**; Mrs. Nellie Marderosian & Family in memory of **loved ones**; Eleanor Meeson, Sharon & Doug Pauley; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Meeson, Jr. & Family in memory of **Robert Meeson, Sr.**

December 19, 2010 Josephine Speanburg in memory of **Richard Speanburg** (Second Anniversary).

January 16, 2011 Mr. & Mrs. Girard Kasparian (CA) in thanksgiving for **Fr. Stepanos' well-being and recovery**.

Christmas Decorations

Wreaths decorating the altar area during the Christmas season were donated by Mr. & Mrs. John Ekmalian in memory of **Ekmalian, Hachigian & Chorbajian Families**. The Christmas Tree in the sanctuary was donated by the Mahserjian Family. Holly which decorated the Altar areas was donated by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kazanjian in memory of **loved ones** and Sharon Foley in memory of **Elizabeth (Artinian) Goebel**.

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias decorating the church for the Christmas season were donated by the following: Betty Avakian and Shirley Avakian & Family in memory of **Avakian & Baronian Families**; Helena Ekmalian & George Hachigian in memory of **loved ones**; Sonia Hachigian in memory of **loved ones**; Paul & Marion Jaffarian in memory of **Aghnavi & Toros Jaffarian**; in memory of **Nichon, Sarkis & Mark Moroukian, Rosanne Vartanian and Myles Coogan** from their families; Anna Pascazio in memory of **Saverio Pascazio**; the Shanks Family in loving memory of **Jimmie B. Shanks**; Alice Wildman in memory of **loved ones**.

Fellowship Hour

To maintain a regular schedule of coffee hours, the Parish Council is asking that church auxiliaries/schools and individuals/families select dates to host a coffee hour. Please contact the church office to make the necessary arrangements and to reserve the date of your choice. Refreshments for the Fellowship Hour after Church Services were donated as follows:

December 5 ACYOA Juniors in appreciation for the support of the community.

December 12 Edward Belemjian in memory of **Virginia Belemjian**; Guleserian Family in memory of **loved ones**; Ekmalian & Hachigian Families in memory of **loved ones**.

Clue Number 2: March 6-13 Surprise Week Word Jumble

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Announcements

Our condolences to the family of **Mary Bohegian** who entered her eternal rest on December 4, 2010. She is survived by a son, James Jewett; a niece and a nephew.

Congratulations to **Serena Moroukian**, daughter of Raffie & Sonya Moroukian, for being one of five players who signed letters of intent to play for the Fordham University women's softball team starting with the 2012 season. Fordham Head Softball Coach, Bridget Orchard, said "Serena is a versatile player that can play both infield and outfield, bringing both speed and power to the plate."

Congratulations to **Daniel O'Keefe**, son of Daniel & Patricia O'Keefe, who has joined the Albany branch of AXA Advisors as a financial professional.

The **2011 St. Vartan Camp & St. Nersess Summer Conference dates** have been announced as follows:

St. Vartan Camp housed at the Ararat Center in Greenville, NY. Online registration will be available beginning February 15.

Staff Training: June 22 - June 25

Session A: June 26 - July 9

Session B: July 10 - July 23

Session C: July 24 - August 6

St. Nersess Summer Conferences held at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary in New Rochelle, NY. Visit www.stneress.edu for more information.

Deacons Training Program: June 24 - July 2

High School Conference A: July 6 - July 14

High School Conference B: August 1 - August 9

Junior High School Conference: July 26 - July 30

Post High School Conference: August 11 - 18

Please keep in mind the St. Peter Armenian Church offers five \$50 scholarships to assist those who wish to attend St. Vartan Camp or the St. Nersess Summer Conferences. Contact the church office for more information.

Special Donations

Additional **Gift of Love** donations on the occasion of the 111th Anniversary of St. Peter Armenian Church were received from the following: Brian Apkarian (\$50), The Ashby Family (PA) (\$25), Harry & Mary Amman (\$25), Josephine Speanburg (\$10). The new total of Gift of Love donations received is \$4,692.

A donation of \$25 was made anonymously to the General Fund to be used for Altar Supplies.

A donation to the General Fund was received from the St. Peter Women's Guild (\$3,000).

Donations totaling \$708 were received in a special plate collection on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2010, for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

A donation was received from Dr. & Mrs. Ara Kayayan (\$300) in honor of their son, Gregory Kayayan, being named "**Godfather of the Cross**" for the Blessing of the Water Rite service conducted on January 9, 2011.

Donations totaling \$320 were received in a special plate collection on January 16, 2011, for the Fund for Armenian Relief Children's Center in Armenia.

Thank you to Lori Brown and family for making mahs in January. Making mahs is a great way to serve your church. Mahs is needed regularly. Please contact Fr. Stepanos or a member of Parish Council to offer your service.

A Pew Plate was donated by Victor Khachikian & Family in loving memory of **Mary R. Khachikian & Michael Hovi Dearstye**.

Christmas Yughakin Donations

\$200	George & Virginia Mahserjian		
\$150	Herbert & Linda Chorbajian		
100	Charles & Lucy Alund <i>in memory of Kevork & Sultan Kasparian</i> Alice & J. Albert Barsamian Gregory J. Kechejian (MA) Mr/Mrs H. Khachik Minassian Mr/Mrs Kevork Torossian	Anonymous Artin & Mary Aukljian Mr/Mrs Charles Chorbajian Martin & Joyce Kenosian Mr/Mrs R. Mihran Mooradian	George Arakelian Steve & Pam Azarian Sherry A. Edwards Arthur Koshkorian (VA) Philip J. Natcharian
75	Harry & Rosemary Ammian	James & Mary Kalteux	
50	Sam & Kim (Dickinson) Aceti & Family June Atashian Paul Dichian Rev/Mrs Garen Gdanian Leon & Susan Kaiser Mr/Mrs Arthur Mahserjian & Family Alice Sanjian Rotondi Linda & Al Simidian Guy & Elsie Vozzy	Brian & Garyn (Gdanian) A'Hearn Mr/Mrs Gilbert Chorbajian Ralph & Elizabeth Enokian Barouyr Hairabedian Mr/Mrs Russell Kilidjian Mr/Mrs Robert Moroukian Mr/Mrs George Scaringe Hariton C. Sprinceanu	Aram Atashian Richard DeMartino & Barbara Derian Joanne Hartunian Kurken V. Kirk David F. Quinones Mary Shanks Mr/Mrs Charles Tutunjian
40	Mr/Mrs Girard Kasparian (CA)		
35	John & Debbie Ekmalian		
30	Kyaruns Family	Mary & Hagop Patoukian	
25	Agopyan Family Beatrice Arzoumanian Holly F. Chenaille Tamara Desanctis Mary Hartunian Vartan Jerian Victor Khachikian Will & Shelley Martin Mr/Mrs Raffae P. Moroukian Helen Paparian Mr/Mrs Edward Tutunjian Ralph Vartigian	Kenneth & Adrienne Amiraian Mr/Mrs Hrant Bardakjian Mr/Mrs Michael Coogan & Family Lenna Kandarjian Freedman Suren & Sarah Hrachian Grace Karian Isabel Krempe Sean & Alice McMullan Mr/Mrs William T. Nevins, Sr. Anna Pascazio Mr/Mrs Gary Vartanian & Family	Harry & Mary Ammian George & Elsie Bedrosian Isabel Derian Sonia Hachigian Mary Jaffarian Mr/Mrs Edward Kazanjian Nellie Marderosian Ida & Sarkis Mihanian Mr/Mrs Ohan Ohanian Jack & Marion Tashjian Vartan Vartanian, Jr.
20	Alis Acemoglu Nazar J. Bakerian Ara Kayayan Lucille Sogolian	Joseph & Effie Akullian Hrepsime Jevanian Sam & Nancy Kazarian (FL)	Charles & Lucy Alund Phyllis Jevanian Gregory Nazarian
15	Mr/Mrs Sarkis Garabedian	Lucy Morton	
10	Ron Kaiser John Messikian Fay Talarico	Linda Kazanjian Sarah Moroukian Alice Wildman	Mr/Mrs Robert Meeson Susan Sogolian Sarah J. Zadigan
7	Stephen Sherokey		
5	Anonymous		

Total: \$4,517

In Lieu of Flowers Donations

IN MEMORY OF JOHN BEZJIAN

\$ 200 Helen A. Bezjian
25 Hagop "Jack" Patoukian

Total: \$225

IN MEMORY OF ZAREH KLUDJIAN

\$ 50 Sonia Hachigian Isabel Krempa Mr/Mrs George Osganian
25 Lucille Shamlian
20 Mr/Mrs Edward Kazanjian Mary Shanks
15 Lucy Morton & Charlotte Sevazlian

Total: \$230

IN MEMORY OF MARGARET SAKALIAN

\$ 150 Toros Shamlian, Jr.
100 John & Pauline Davis (NJ) Gerald & Anne Kalayjian Aram "Butch" Kumkumian (PA)
Carol Jerrahian Miller Deb Reiter & Rob Seraydarian Berjouhi Studer (OH)
75 Ara Baligian
60 Robert & Manooshag Seraydarian
50 Mr/Mrs Paul. J. Andonian John & Helen Bezjian David & Nadine Bournazian
Mr/Mrs Charles Chorbajian Mr/Mrs Herbert Chorbajian Eda & Yolanda Filippino
William J. Hoblock Mr/Mrs Martin Kenosian Harry & Mary Minassian
Philip & Michael Natcharian Mr/Mrs George Osganian Dr/Mrs George Rejebian
40 Mr/Mrs R. Paul Moroukian
35 Sonia Hachigian Isabel Krempa
30 Ron Kaiser & Family George & Virginia Mahserjian Diana Mesropian (PA)
Alice Wildman
25 Harry & Rosemary Ammian Beatrice Arzoumanian Steve & Pam Azarian
Edward Belemjian Gary & Laura Clark Mr/Mrs Louis Doodian
Helena Ekmalian & George Hachigian Ralph & Elizabeth Enokian Rev/Mrs Garen Gdanian
Mary Hartunian Mr/Mrs Suren Hrachian Leon & Susan Kaiser
Grace Karian Mr/Mrs Harry Koshgarian Robert & Janet Mendel
Hagop "Jack" Patoukian Mr/Mrs David Quinones Clare Schisa
Lucille Shamlian Josephine Speanburg Mr/Mrs Harry Terzian
Mr/Mrs Berj Topalian
20 Grace Koshgarian Lucy Krikorian Sarah Moroukian
Anna Pascazio
15 John & Debbie Ekmalian Mr/Mrs Edward Kazanjian Lucy Morton
Ralph Vartigian
10 Linda Kazanjian Fay Talarico

Total: \$2,425

IN MEMORY OF ARSULUS (KAY) TABAKIAN

\$ 35 Mr/Mrs George Osganian
25 Edward Belemjian
20 Eileen Vallee

New Total: \$1,965

IN MEMORY OF LEO THOMASIAN

\$ 200 Al & Florence Paparian,
Seth & Patricia Paparian & Family,
Glenn & Rene Paparian & Family
100 Valery Gaston & Family Natalie Kachougian
25 Margaret Muraski
20 Mr/Mrs Edward Kazanjian Lucille Shamlian

Total: \$465

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

Community News

Our condolences:

To the family of **John J. Bezjian, Jr.** (Averill Park, NY) who entered his eternal rest on December 15, 2010. John is survived by his wife, Helen A. Bezjian; two sons, John & David Bezjian; six grandchildren; one niece and one nephew.

To the family of **Leo Thomasian** (Plano, TX) who entered his eternal rest on December 28, 2010. Leo is survived by his wife, Astride; a son, Leo Thomassian, Jr.; a sister, Florence Paparian; a grandson and a granddaughter.

To the family of **Zareh Kludjian** (Santa Monica, CA) who entered his eternal rest on January 7, 2011. Zareh is survived by two sisters, Yn. Zabel Gdanian & Arpy Kludjian; brother-in-law, Fr. Garen Gdanian; one aunt; and several nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews.

Congratulations to **Johnny & Susanna (Kyaruns) Shamounian**, on the birth of a daughter, Christina Shamounian, on January 31, 2011. Congratulations also to the grandparents Fouad & Berjouhi Shamounian and Slava & Irina Kyaruns.

Annual Vartanantz Day Commemoration: The Knights and Daughters of Vartan will once again host the annual Vartanantz Day Commemoration to be held Sunday, February 20, at 1:00 p.m. at the RPI Chapel + Cultural Center (2125 Burdett Avenue, Troy). The guest speaker for the program will be the Knights of Vartan Grand Commander, Dennis R. Papazian, Ph.D. His topic will be "Who Killed Eastern Christianity." A musical performance by concert pianist, Rouben Aivazian, Ph.D., will also be part of the program. The public is cordially invited. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served following the program. There will be a freewill offering. For further information, contact Ralph Enokian at (518) 489-1304.

Siena College Lecture Series: In commemoration of the 96th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, the Capital District Armenian Genocide Committee is pleased to announce a lecture at Siena College, Roger Bacon Hall 202, on Monday, February 28, at 4:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Prof. Taner Akcam, Associate Professor for the Department of History at Clark University (MA). With eleven books and numerous articles to his credit, Prof. Akcam focuses his attention on Armenian Genocide Denial. The lecture is free and open to the public. A reception will be held following the lecture. For more information, contact Rafi Topalian at 810-5018, 272-2000 or rafitop@aol.com.

Armenian Genocide Awareness Billboard: Be on the lookout for an electronic billboard coming in April to be displayed on Interstate-787. The intent of the billboard is to educate the general public on the truth about the Armenian Genocide. Find out how you can offer your help in Genocide education and awareness by contacting Rafi Topalian at 810-5018, 272-2000, or rafitop@aol.com. Your donations will ensure more frequency.

2011 Festival of Nations: The Knights and Daughters of Vartan will represent Armenia at the 40th anniversary of the Festival of Nations to be held on Sunday, October 30, 12-5 pm, at the "The Egg" Convention Center in Albany. Rafi Topalian has been appointed as the chair for this prestigious event which will provide the Armenian community of the Capital District with an opportunity to proudly represent the Armenian heritage and culture. There will be plenty of opportunities for all to lend a helping hand in showcasing our rich history. Please contact Rafi if you are interested in volunteering or if you have an idea regarding our participation. He can be reached at rafitop@aol.com or (518) 810-5018.

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Պատարագի զգեստները յարգի, հոգեզմայլ, անհրաժեշտ եւ կարեւոր իրեր են մեր մօտ: Զգեստները մեր եկեղեցւոյ ճոխութեան եւ հարստութեան ամենէն տեսանելի մասերն են: Եթէ պատարագիչ քահանան առանց զգեստի մատուցանէր իր Պատարագը՝ մեր եկեղեցին «մերկացած» պիտի ըլլար:

Անշուշտ Յիսուս եւ Առաքեալներ պատարագի զգեստ չգործածեցին: Այսօր Բողոքական համայնքներ կան՝ ուր պատարագի մասնաւոր զգեստ չեն գործածեր, եւ կամ իր պարզագոյն ձեւով կը գործածեն: Նոյնիսկ այս օրերու Կաթողիկ եկեղեցիներուն մէջ զգեստները անցեալի շքեղութիւնը չունին: Ուղղափառ եկեղեցիները սակայն կը պահեն այդ սովորութիւնը:

Պատարագի զգեստներուն սկզբնաւորութիւնը պէտք է փնտռենք Հին Կտակարանի մէջ: Մովսէս մարգարէի եղբայրը՝ Ահարոն, որպէս քահանայապետ Հրեաներու, բեհեզէ զգեստներ հագաւ: Կարդացէք Սուրբ Գիրքը տեսնելու համար թէ քահանայական զգեստներուն տեսակը, գոյները, բարձր որակի ըլլալը որքան կարեւոր եւ էական է պաշտամունքներու լրի կատարման համար: Ըսողներ կան՝ որ ի հնումն թէ՛ քահանաներու եւ թէ՛ ժողովուրդին զգեստները ճոխ էին: Ժամանակի ընթացքին սակայն ժողովուրդին հագուստները փոփոխութեան ենթարկուեցան եւ քահանայականը մնաց նոյնը:

Հայկական զգեստները միայն մեզի յատուկ չեն: Մեր մօտ կայ թէ՛ յունական եւ թէ՛ լատինական ազդեցութիւն: Մեր զգեստները սակայն բողոքական եկեղեցւոյ զգեստներուն հետ ոչ մէկ նմանութիւն ունին: Մերիններուն գոյնը ճերմակ, կապոյտ, կանաչ, ոսկեգոյն եւ մանիշակագոյն կ'ըլլան: Եպիսկոպոսական եւ անշուշտ Կաթողիկոսական զգեստները՝ քահանայական զգեստներէն շատ ատելի ճոխ կ'ըլլան: Զգեստներուն գոյնը պաշտամունքներու օրուան հետ կապ չունի:

Հայ Եկեղեցւոյ մէջ Պատարագի զգեստները որակած ենք «թագաւորական կամ հարսանեկան» զգեստ: Մենք այնպէս կը հաւատանք որ քահանան Պատարագի ատեն Քրիստոսն է որ կը ներկայացնէ: Եւ Քրիստոս մեր թագաւորն է: Եւ քանի որ եկեղեցին «հարս» կ'անուանենք՝ ուրեմն Քրիստոս ալ Փեսան է:

Քահանային զգեստաւորումը կը կատարուի յատուկ աղօթասացութեամբ: Ժողովուրդէն հեռու՝ աւանդատան մէջ, Խորանի մը դիմաց՝ առկայծ մոմերով եւ սարկաւազներով: Նախ կը կարդացուի «Քահանայք քո զգեցին զարդարութիւն» սաղմոսը: Ասոր կը յաջորդէ քահանային անձնական աղօթքը՝ «Ով Տէր Յիսուս Քրիստոս, դուն լոյսը հագուստի պէս հագած ես: Ընորհէ՛ որ ես ալ հագնիմ այդ երկրաւոր հագուստը: Ահա կը մերկանամ իմ բոլոր անբարշտութիւններէս: Կը զարդարուիմ քու լոյսերովդ եւ կը մտնեմ քու երկնքի հարսանիքը եւ քեզի կը սպասաւորեմ փառօք եւ ուրախութեամբ»:

Բուն զգեստաւորումը կը յաջորդէ այս անձնական աղօթքին: Զգեստի ամէն մաս կ'օրհնուի եւ քահանայի մարմնին վրայ կը տարածուի իւրայատուկ աղօթքներով: Սաղաւարտը զէն է եւ նշան ընդդէմ թշնամիին: Ծապիկը քահանային կը շնորհէ ուրախութիւն եւ փրկութիւն: Մինչդէռ փորուրարը եւ վակասը՝ անոր կու տան արդարութիւն եւ մաքրութիւն: Գօտին քահանային մէջքին կ'ապահովէ հաւատք եւ կը մաքրէ անոր սրտին եւ մտքին բոլոր անմաքուր խորհուրդները: Բազպանները կը լուան մնացեալ մեղքերը անոր հոգիէն եւ մտքէն:

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March 13, 2011

Hosted by St. Peter Women's Guild

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50/50 Raffle Drawing

SAINTLY WOMEN

This year's saintly women are Lydia, a businesswoman who sought and found Christ and opened her home to the worshipping community of the 1st century (see Acts 16); and Sahagtookhd, a woman who gave her life to Christ in quiet seclusion - writing, composing music, and teaching.



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*Sponsored by the Women's Guild of St. Peter
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Wednesday, March 30, 2011

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*Lenten Services will be conducted
following dinner at 7:00 p.m.*

*Dinner Menu:
Fried Haddock
Coleslaw
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Tahin Bread
Coffee*

Price:

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Sunday, April 3

Walk for Faith

3K Walk

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- ▶ **Starting with Badarak in the Seminary Chapel at 10:00 a.m.**
- ▶ **Lunch to be served following Badarak**
- ▶ **Walk to take place at St. Nersess at 1:00 p.m.**

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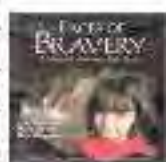
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Khnjook! – **The Ara Topouzian Ensemble**. Track Listing: Seven Uncles, Dzaghe Poonche, Pujeecht, Gole Sangem, Sivas Bar, Haleh, Greek Medley Lazara, Sirelem, Kanun Taksim, Tamzara, Mid East Bar



Near Eastern Ride surpasses the expectations of even the most discriminating listener. Tracks: Soorch Bar, Agh Anoush, Tak Bar, Husenig Medley, Shekhani Bar, Near Eastern Ride, Aghchig Mariam Tamzara, Assomeyir, Hayde Kaleh, featuring Ara Topouzian and Dick Barsamian.



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For the Children of Armenia Originally produced as a fund raising tool for the Armenian Relief Society and their prenatal clinic in Armenia. Tracks: Dele Yaman, Karoun Karoun, Antranig, Ambi Dagitz, Guhniguh / Im Chinar Yaruh, Anoush Karoun, Seghan Ne Arad / Horoum Horoum / Hampartsoum Lai Lai Kanun Taksim, Herosneri Genatsuh, Sari Siroon Yar, Hapereh / Kunkoush Hairenik. Featuring Ara Topouzian, Mark Gavoor and Tom Zakarian.



Stringed Tranquility featuring Ara Topouzian and Dick Barsamian on the oud and kanun presenting classic Armenian folk songs for your listening pleasure. Track Listing: Armenian Girl, Flowers, Loved One, Hey Jon Yerevan, Interlude, My Heart, 6/8 Medley, Kanun & Oud Solos, Armenian Red Wine / Noubar

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- Friday, February 11 **Armenian Line Dance & Zumba Fitness Class:**
Gdanian Auditorium ~ 6:30-7:30 p.m.
An Evening of Poetry: Sharing & Listening:
Gdanian Auditorium ~ 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 16 **St. Gregory of Narek Prayer Group:**
Gdanian Auditorium ~ 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, February 18 **Adult Bible Study Class:** Gdanian Auditorium ~ 10:15 a.m.
No Armenian Line Dance & Zumba Fitness Class
- February 21-26 **Fr. Stepanos on vacation**
- Friday, February 25 **Armenian Line Dance & Zumba Fitness Class:**
Gdanian Auditorium ~ 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 2 **Adult Fellowship Luncheon Meeting:**
Gdanian Auditorium ~ 12:00 noon
20-30 Something at Prof. Java's:
217 Wolf Road, Albany ~ 7:30-9:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 4 **Adult Bible Study Class:** Gdanian Auditorium ~ 10:15 a.m.
- Sunday, March 6 **Family Worship Day**
Annual Parish Assembly: Gdanian Auditorium following services
- Wednesday, March 9 **Lenten Vespers Service:** 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 13 **Women's Guild Women Saintly Day Commemoration and Luncheon**
Sponsored by St. Peter Women's Guild
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- Saturday, March 19 **ACYOA Gathering and Camp Nubar Weekend Presentation**
- Sunday, March 20 **Armenian School & Sunday School Vartanantz Day**
Commemoration Luncheon & Program:
Gdanian Auditorium following services
- Wednesday, March 23 **Lenten Vespers Service:** 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 26 **Tahin Bread Baking Day:** Gdanian Auditorium ~ 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 30 **Women's Guild Mid-Lenten Dinner:**
Gdanian Auditorium ~ 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Lenten Vespers Service: 7:00 p.m.
- April 1-3 **NY/NJ Regional ACYOA Retreat:** Stony Point, NY
- April 3 **St. Nersess 3K Walk for Faith:**
Call St. Peter Church office for bus reservations
- Sunday, April 10 **Commemoration of the 96th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide:**
Joint services and program held at Holy Cross Armenian Church.
(No services will be held at St. Peter Armenian Church that day.)