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

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

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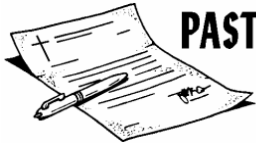
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A Word from the PASTOR . . . Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian



Does God take a summer vacation?

Of course we all know the answer to that question. God never takes a vacation from loving, nurturing and caring for us. In the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy 31:6, we read the following: "***Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.***"

What a blessing it is to know that the Lord God is the one who goes with us through the thick and thin of life -- through the good days and the bad days. Not only does He go with us, He will never leave us nor forsake us. We as human beings reach a threshold at some period in life - a point where we humanly say, "That is enough, I cannot do this anymore." We all have been there. What a blessing to know that God does not have that threshold. He will always be by our side and will never say, "I have had enough of you."

How do we respond to our Lord God's unconditional outpouring of love and loyalty toward us?

One thing for sure is to be thankful and grateful to Him. Let God know your thankfulness!

The second is to not take a vacation from visiting Him in His Holy House -- that means on Sunday mornings at St Peter Armenian Church. Sacrifice 1.5 hours and join us for the most peaceful time of your week: a time when you can say thank you to God without your cell phones going off, without e-mails and reading text messages, without having to work or do home chores. Take a break from your everyday routine and enjoy the Sunday Sabbath and say a heartfelt thank-you to the God who will never leave you nor forsake you.

See you Sunday morning. We start Badarak at 10am sharp and conclude by 11:30 a.m.

SPECIAL THANKS: A special thank you to Natalie Topalian, who answered the call to be an intern at St. Peter Armenian Church. For the past several weeks, Natalie has assisted both Lori and myself in the office. She has performed administrative tasks, created flyers, written articles and various other projects around the church. She is a talented young person and we have been blessed with her presence in the office. Once again, thank you very much Natalie!

*God's blessings upon you all.
Fr. Stepanos*

VACATION FROM GOD? The advent of summer, among other things, brings about lower attendance at church services on Sunday mornings. We look forward to summer vacation in order to relax and get away from the daily routines of our lives. However, we should not plan on taking a vacation from God and His Church during this summer. While away from home, try to attend Sunday services at a nearby Armenian Church or, if one is not available, an Orthodox or other Christian Church. If there are none in the area, at least take a few moments to offer a prayer and thanksgiving to God at the beginning of the day.

SPIRITUAL MESSAGES from Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian

For those of you who do not receive e-mail messages from St. Peter Armenian Church, Fr. Stepanos periodically sends out spiritual messages such as the two below. If you have an e-mail address and are not currently receiving these messages and would like to do so, please contact the church office.

"More empathy and much less hair!!!"

My Father, of blessed memory, with his shiny, sparkling bald head was endearingly known as the "Bald Eagle." Our entire family would rub his head and say, "I wish I had a watermelon." Of course his head was bald because he lost his hair as he aged. Many people lose their hair due to circumstances beyond their control.

This Father's Day, I am going to ask for the gift of empathy. I have known so many people, including friends, relatives, and parishioners, that have struggled with cancer and its horrible side effects. All of these people have been an inspiration to me. To those who have survived and are in remission, to those who still struggle daily, and to those who have entered eternal rest -- God bless you all.

I have a dear friend that I met in the early 1980's at St. Nersess Seminary. Her name is JoAnn. She is a beautiful Armenian Christian lady with a wonderful family, husband and daughter. We have been close friends for over 25 years. Since the mid-2000's, she has been graciously struggling with cancer. She has endured, through her unwavering faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, numerous surgeries and experimental drugs, rounds and rounds of chemo and radiation, loss of her angelic singing voice, pneumonia, toe amputation, blood and platelet transfusions, insurance battles, and numerous tribulations of hair loss. As I write down all these challenges and many more which are not written, I am simply amazed by JoAnn's faith, spirit, passion, love for life, determination and assurance of God's love and mercy. She and her family enter my thoughts often and I pray regularly for her well-being.

So, in honor of JoAnn and the countless others with cancer, I have decided to be even more empathetic by shaving my head completely bald. I am certain this will be a topic of discussion. This Sunday, on Father's Day, my sermon will be based on the object lesson of my bald head. Come by and worship with us!

Happy Father's Day "Bald Eagle" and God bless you JoAnn!

I feel and Jesus was . . .

by Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian



I feel alone; Jesus was deserted
I feel hurt; Jesus was pained
I feel tired; Jesus was exhausted
I feel abandoned; Jesus was betrayed
I feel cheated; Jesus was deceived
I feel angry; Jesus was disturbed
I feel overwhelmed; Jesus was stressed
I feel challenged; Jesus struggled
I feel stranded; Jesus was denied
I feel sad; Jesus wept
I feel empty; Jesus was emptied
I feel bullied; Jesus was mocked
I feel vulnerable; Jesus was exposed
I feel scared; Jesus was frightened
I feel threatened; Jesus was tortured
I feel hunger; Jesus was thirsty
I feel wounded; Jesus shed blood
I feel diseased; Jesus was crucified
I feel hopeless; Jesus was resurrected



Give the Gift of Prayer

Whether it is in honor of a special occasion, in memory of a loved one, for someone who is ill or suffering, or simply a gesture of kindness or gratitude, give the gift of prayer through the St. Peter Armenian Church Prayer Card Ministry. *Consider also congratulating your graduate with the Gift of Prayer.*

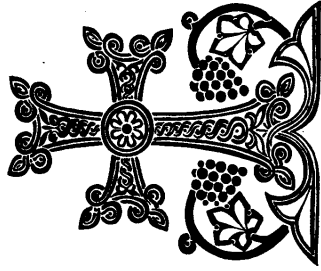
Prayer requests may be made by completing the form on the following page or simply by contacting the church office.

The individual(s) named will be “remembered before the immortal Lamb of God” during the Divine Liturgy at St. Peter Armenian Church on the first available Sunday.

A lovely card like the sample shown here will be sent to the individual notifying them that prayers are being offered on their behalf. In the instance where prayers are being offered in remembrance, the card will be sent to the requestor. Prayer requests may also be made anonymously.

“Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.”

- Matthew 21:22



Prayers for _____

“You will be remembered before the immortal Lamb of God.”



*A Prayer of _____
for the above individual
will be offered during
Divine Liturgy
at
St. Peter Armenian Church
Waterliet, New York
as requested by _____*

St. Peter Armenian Church

Whether it is in honor of a special occasion, in memory of someone, or simply a gesture of kindness . . .

GIVE THE GIFT OF PRAYER

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- Matthew 21:22



GIFT OF PRAYER REQUEST FORM

Requested for: _____

(Unless otherwise indicated, the name of the person being prayed for will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.)

Purpose:

Special Occasion (describe) _____

Examples: anniversary, birthday, graduation, new baby, retirement, new home, etc.

Healing

Remembrance

Prayer card sent to: _____

Address of Recipient: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Requested by: _____

To be kept anonymous?

Yes

No

Requester's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Donation amount enclosed: _____

(Note: Suggested donation is \$15. The donation amount will not be indicated on the prayer card.)

Please return this form with your check payable to:

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On Baptism - Part 2

by Eric Vozzy

“...we acknowledge Baptism as an expression of what has already been accomplished through Christ; the grace that is already available to us because of Christ’s incarnation, death, and resurrection. Through Baptism, we lay claim to and receive this available saving grace.”

– On Baptism – Part 1

Like every Mystery of the Church, Baptism is a *response* to what Christ has already done, and is presently doing. It’s our *choice* to receive (or continue to receive) the gift(s) which He has already given, and is presently giving. Although Baptism took place when we were “unaware”, our parents/guardians and Godfather believed for us, and promised to raise us in the Christian faith. Baptism is a gift from God that needs to be received, accepted, loved, and appropriated by each one of us. Thus, our Baptism needs to move beyond comprehensive knowledge and into experiential action, where it is lived out through our entire being. God initiated the relationship, and we must make a personal response to commit to what God initiated. The first response is made by our parents and Godfather. Afterwards, the goal of the Christian life is for each of us to *actively participate* in the life and mission of the Church (our Godmother).

St. Mark the Ascetic wrote, *“Everyone baptized in the orthodox manner has received mystically the fullness of grace; but he becomes conscious of this grace only to the extent that he actively observes the commandments.”* Baptism is not meant to be a static event, something that merely happened in the *past*, and to be remembered in thought alone. It is ongoing and dynamic; a very *present* event. Our Baptism is to be lived out, continually at the forefront of our minds, reminding us of the words proclaimed over us, reminding us of the promise of the Holy Spirit, and our salvation in Christ through the Church. The following is an excerpt from an Eastern Orthodox Symbol of Faith which summarizes this thought – *“For a Christian the path to the confession of the grace-bestowing gifts of Baptism lies through living faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, a life according to faith, membership in Christ’s Church, and a constant sense of prayerful repentance.”*

What are some practical ideas to help us keep our Baptism in the forefront of our minds?

- Make it a practice to read the words and prayers spoken over you as you were being baptized. Read them often, or work them into your prayer rule.
- Remember your Baptism whenever you see, drink, or swim in water.
- Keep pictures of your Baptism nearby, where they are visible.
- If you are a parent, show your children their baptismal certificate, and explain to them the meaning behind their Baptism, or perhaps their baptismal name.
- If you are a Godfather, become an active one. Being a Godfather is not just a status symbol, but comes with much responsibility. Spend time with those of whom you are responsible. Write letters to them. Lead, guide, and encourage them in the faith.
- Celebrate your Baptism as a “re-birthday.”
- Confess your Baptism through a life pleasing to God. Matthew 5:16 says, *“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven.”*

In conclusion, it is extremely essential and vital to our spiritual state for us to personally reaffirm our Baptismal pledge. Placed on the path of salvation, (a dynamic process), we eventually need to take responsibility for our faith by living out our Baptism. God initiates communion with us, and in turn we respond and pursue communion with Him through a life of worship. Have we accepted what was given to us by God at the Holy font, and if so, how are we responding? Let us commit to walking with Him on a daily basis, and in doing so, live out the eternal significance of our Baptism.

Parish Council Message

The 11 Stewards

We often think of stewardship as our financial donations to our church, but in reality it extends much further than that. Stewardship is offering our talents and gifts that God has given each and every one of us to utilize, to our best capabilities, in serving our church and ultimately God. At our Annual Parish Assembly on March 6, we elected 11 Stewards, the members of the St Peter Armenian Church Parish Council. I am very honored to be part of such a talented and dedicated group.

First and foremost I would like to thank our parish priest, Der Stepanos, for all his wisdom and dedication to our beautiful St Peter Armenian Church. Also thank you to our current and past Parish Councils with which I served. Special thanks to the past two chairmen, John “Frenchie” Ekmalian and Richard Hartunian. I learned much from each of their unique talents, knowledge and experience. I deeply admire them for their genuine leadership the past few years through some unstable and difficult times for our church.

With God’s help, we surpassed last year’s Armenian Festival’s attendance and generated more revenue for our church. I want to thank all of our volunteers who assisted in our two-day celebration; this was such a gratifying experience for all of us by coming together and helping our church celebrate a very successful event. I would like to thank our Parish Council, the Women’s Guild, and all the hardworking volunteers. A HUGE thank you also goes to our Festival Chairman, “Frenchie,” and to Lori Payette, our church secretary. Thank You, Thank You!

HOLD THE DATE: We are very excited to announce that on Sunday, October 2, Surpazan (Archbishop) Khajag Barsamian will be visiting our parish and ordaining nearly twenty Tbirds (Acolytes), Geesa Sargavack (Sub Deacons), and possibly a Sargavak (Deacon). Following the ordination, the celebration will continue at Michael’s Banquet House for a mouthwatering dinner as well as entertainment by the Antranig Dance Ensemble (the foremost Armenian dance group in the United States).

Remember, St. Peter Armenian Church has available five \$50 scholarships for those student campers who wish to attend St. Nersess Seminary Summer Conferences, Camp Nubar or Saint Vartan Camp for any of their educational, informative and exciting summer programs. Please contact Der Stepanos or Lori at the church office for more information on these scholarship funds.

On May 15, Der Stepanos asked for volunteers to help a local Armenian family move. The support was overwhelming and very encouraging. The participants were Der Stepanos, Ralph Enokian, Charlie Chorbajian, Rafi Topalian, Don Boyajian, Will Boyajian, Doug Pauley, Garo Derian, John & Joe Hartunian, Dan and Matt O’Keefe, and Molly Marcy. I would like to thank all the helpers. For a moment we actually looked like a professional moving company. (I am glad the thought was only for a moment!)

After eleven successful years, our Sunday School Superintendent, Chuck Tutunjian, has retired. I know this is difficult news to all of us because it is going to be very challenging to find a willing and able person to fill his shoes. We thank Chuck for his dedication and devotion in leading the Sunday School and instilling the faith of the Armenian Church within our children. I trust that God will bring forth a new superintendent that will have similar attributes and characteristics to serve our church.

I am sure you all felt the same joy on Sunday May 22, as Rhonda Boyajian, Joanne Scaringe and I, stood in the vestibule of the church and watched our seven Sunday School graduates receive their graduation diplomas. On behalf of the Parish Council and our Armenian church community, I would like to congratulate each of the seven graduates: Matt O’Keefe, Raffi Moroukian, Chris O’Keefe, Tanya Karayan, Jennifer O’Keefe, Alexandra Clark, and Blair Meeson. (See a photo of the graduates in this issue as part of the Sunday School article.) I was inspired and moved by all the commitments promised by all our graduates. (I just want to mention that the entire graduation ceremony was videotaped, in case some of you forget to fulfill your promises.)

Thank you to Der Stepanos, the Deacons, and our angelic choir for a joyous Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Also thank you to our Women’s Guild for preparing the Lenten breakfast on Holy Thursday.



Sarine (above) has played five seasons of varsity softball and will go on to Fordham University in the fall.

I would like to congratulate two of our young adults; Sarine Moroukian, for the article written about her in the Schenectady Gazette regarding her being a shining star on the softball field; and John Hartunian (dare I say our next Armenian U.S. Senator) for winning the \$250 Bethlehem Youth Court Advocacy Scholarship, which was awarded at the group’s second Law Day celebration on May 25. The complete article on John can be found online using the following website address http://spotlightnews.com/news/view_news.php?news_id=1306344538.

We are very proud of Sarine and John as well as all of our Armenian youth.



John Hartunian (right) presented an argument on fictional case involving a teen who allegedly stole and defaced a street sign. John will be attending Villanova University next year at the School of Business.

We also thank our own Rita Guleserian for taking a journey with the Armenian Diocese to the Holy Land and visiting the Armenian quarter. We are looking forward to hearing about her exciting trip in her presentation to be given sometime in the fall.



Rita Guleserian (center) at The Bell Tower at the Armenian Monastery in Bethlehem on Diocesan-sponsored trip to Jerusalem for young adults

***Aghaghagetsek ar Der amenayn yergeer,
dzarayetsek dyarn oorakhootyamp.
Make a shout to the Lord, all Lands;
serve the Lord with gladness.***

(From Page 6 in our Divine Liturgy Book)

*Deacon Garo Derian
Parish Council Chairman*

The following is an updated list of participants to date in our 2011 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. This list represents those who have made that commitment for 2011; 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.

2011 Membership / Stewardship Participants

Joseph & Effie Akullian
 Harry† & Rosemary Ammian
 Winifred Ammian
 Helga Apkarian
 Alexander & Marion Arghnian
 Beatrice Arzoumanian
 Gerald Arzoumanian
 June Atashian
 Shirley Avakian*
 Steve & Pamela Azarian
 Nazar J. Bakerian
 Ara Baligian
 Linda Bedian
 Robert & Sandy Bedian
 George & Elsie Bedrosian
 Edward Belemjian
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 Robert & Holly Dadekian
 Isabel Derian
 Paul & Melissa DerOhannessian
 Tamara Desanctis
 Suzanne Dickinson
 Marguerite Djehizian
 Yn. Paulette Doudoukjian
 Arleen Drooby
 John & Debbie Ekmalian
 Ralph & Elizabeth Enokian
 Arpy Ernest
 Katrina Ernest
 Lenna Kandarjian Freedman
 Anna Gabaldon
 Sarkis Garabedian
 Valery Gaston†
 Fr. Garen & Yn. Zabelle Gdanian
 Sonia Hachigian
 Joanne C. Hartunian
 Mary Hartunian
 Richard & Beth Hartunian
 Barbara Hrachian
 Charlene Hrachian*
 Seren Hrachian
 Suren & Sarah Hrachian
 Mary Ishkanian
 Karnick Jabian
 Mary Jaffarian
 Hripsime Jevanian
 Phyllis Jevanian
 Natalie Kachougian
 Donald Kaiser
 Leon & Susan Kaiser

Edward & Lucille Kaprielian
 Grace Karian
 Edward & Bertha Kazanjian
 Linda Kazanjian
 Robert Kazanjian
 James & Marion Kehrer
 Martin & Joyce Kenosian
 Russell & Sandra Kilidjian
 Harry & Marion Koshgarian
 Michael & Dyanne Koshgarian
 Peter Koshgarian
 Isabel Krempa
 Steven Krempa
 Charles & Patricia Krikorian
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 Robert & Trudy Nazarian
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 Joseph & Patricia O'Keefe
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 Vartan Vartanian, Jr.
 Daniel Vartigian
 Ralph Vartigian
 Elsie Vozzy
 Alice Wildman

†deceased



* MAGIC 25 *

Our goal in 2011 is to have 25 new dues-paying members become a part of the St. Peter Armenian Church "Family Church on the Hill."

Welcome our newest members:

- 1) June Atashian
- 2) Tamara Desanctis
- 3) Yn. Paulette Doudoukjian
- 4) Hariton C. Sprinceanu
- 5) Gary Vartanian
- 6) Laura Vartanian
- 7) Charlene Hrachian
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*Indicates those making a commitment to the Pledge program since the list was first published in the last issue of Loosaper.

2011 Membership Dues/Stewardship Pledge Form

Name(s): _____

Please list name(s) of all committed givers.

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

“... for God loves a cheerful giver.”

(2 Cor 9:7)

St. Peter Armenian Apostolic Church Membership Dues and Stewardship Pledge Form — Giving 2011

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 the needs of our own St. Peter Church parish.

A) **Membership Dues for 2011*** \$ _____

(\$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 2011** \$ _____

(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 2011** \$ _____

(Add Line A and Line B)

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please return this completed form to the church office as soon as possible to activate your 2011 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 2011 calendar year.* 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.

Photo Gallery . . .

Special Services & Programs



Antasdan Service on Easter Sunday (above), 4/24/2011
"Blessing of the Four Corners"



Der Stepanos & Der Garen
bless the new church offices, 5/5/2011



Blessing of new Parish
Council members (left), June 2011

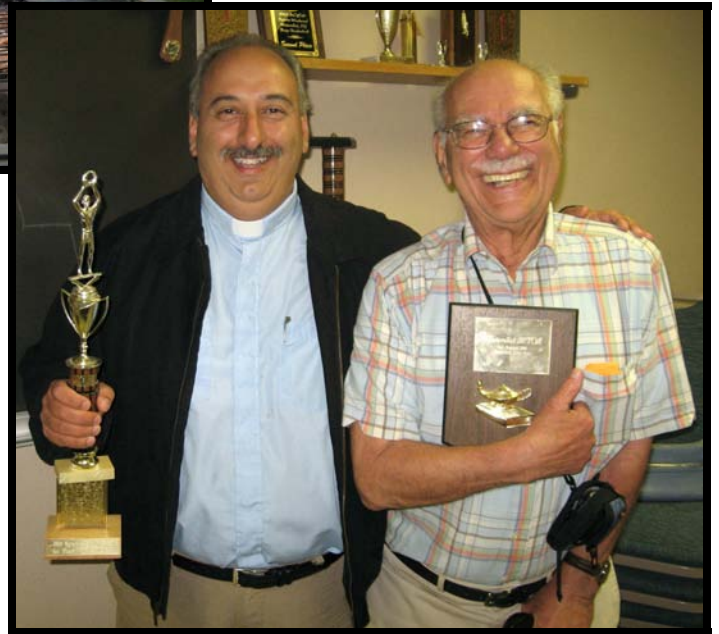


St. Peter Church Choir
and Deacons (below), May 2011

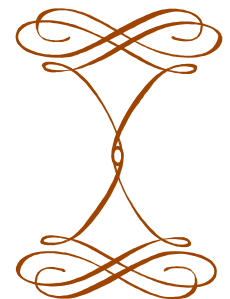
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Festival barbequers (left-right): Bob Bedian, Ron Kaiser and Donald Kaiser.



Fr. Stepanos & Martin Kenosian, 1st & 2nd place winners (respectively) of the 2011 Festival Tavloo Tournament.



Participants and staff of 3 Hye Days of Faith & Fun program July 12-14, 2011



Wish List

The St. Peter Armenian Church Parish Council has created a "Wish List" of items that are needed and/or desired throughout the church. To purchase these items would be beyond the general operating budget of the church; therefore, we ask individuals within our church community to consider choosing an item or items that they would be willing to purchase or contribute toward.

Gifts can be monetary or material, but we ask that you contact the church office prior to making any purchase to be sure that the item meets the specific needs of the church.

This list will be updated regularly as more needs are discovered. All prices are estimated purchase value.

- ★ Mobile Dry Erase Board for church hall & classroom use ~ \$700
- ★ Oil Burning Candlesticks for Altar (to replace wax candles) ~ *(price is being investigated)*
- ★ Copier for Church Office ~ \$3,500
- ★ Piano for church hall ~ \$2,500
- ★ Facelift for church hall (painting, new light fixtures, artwork, etc.) ~ *(price is being investigated)*
- ★ Outdoor Playground ~ *(price is being investigated)*
- ★ BBQ cookers and covered cooking area ~ *(price is being investigated)*
- ★ Outdoor Pavilion ~ *(price is being investigated)*
- ★ Seating for Outdoor Pavilion ~ *(price is being investigated)*
- ★ ~~Wireless Microphone for Sanctuary ~ \$550~~ *donation made by an anonymous donor*
- ★ Gooseneck Microphone for podium in Sanctuary ~ \$350
- ★ Reconstruction of Church Sign ~ \$6,500 ****New Item****
- ★ Conference Phone for Conference Room ~ \$400 ****New Item****
- ★ New Shabigs for Adults & Children of the Choir ~ *(price is being investigated)* ****New Item****

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!

FEAST DAY ~ TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Following services on Sunday, July 31, all are invited to a coffee hour in the Gdanian Auditorium. As well as gathering together as a church family on this Feast Day, we will take the opportunity to say farewell to Sevan Goenezen. In early August, he will be leaving the area to take a position in Portland, Oregon. Sevan has been an active member of our St. Peter Church community, serving on the altar, gathering college-age students together, and participating in many activities in the life of our community. Please join us in wishing Sevan well in his future endeavors. Anyone willing to make a contribution to the coffee hour refreshments is invited to do so.

Building Fund Report

We continue to make progress in reducing the debt we incurred for our renovations and expansion. The loan balance now is \$80,800. In order to pay the balance and the interest being accrued on our loan by December 31 2012, we need approximately \$59,000 in new or increased pledges.

In order to be successful in eliminating our debt, we need participation from every parishioner. Many of our parishioners have contributed to both building fund campaigns. However, there are parishioners that haven't contributed to either campaign or to our second campaign. If you are in the latter category, please complete a pledge form and submit it as soon as possible, preferably with an enclosed payment.

Pledge forms are available at the desk in the church vestibule or by contacting the church office at (518) 274-3673.

My thanks and gratitude to all parishioners and friends of St. Peter Church that have pledged and contributed.

Information included herein is current through June 22, 2011.

*Toros Shamlian
Building Fund Treasurer*

Church Organization News

Women's Guild

This year's Annual Diocesan Assembly took place in Boston, April 28-May 1, and our Guild was well represented with three delegates and three members in attendance. We are happy to announce that Sherry Edwards was elected to Women's Guild Central Council and will hold the position of Advisor / Fundraising Coordinator. She joins Charlotte Sevazlian who is now in her third year on Central Council and is the newly elected Chairman of WGCC for 2011 - 2012. Dolly Shamlian was elected to the Women's Guild Nominating Committee and will assist in finding candidates for WGCC as well as other subcommittees. Congratulations to all three ladies!

The Mother's Day Celebration that was held at the Desmond on May 14 was a huge success as attested by everyone who came to celebrate Mother's Day. The food was fantastic and the ambiance very relaxing and enjoyable. Congratulations to the "Mother Of The Year," Mrs. Beatrice Arzoumanian, for a well-deserved recognition. Thank you to Charlotte Sevazlian and Alice McMullan for chairing this wonderful event.

On Sunday, May 15, the Women's Guild hosted a special fellowship hour to honor college graduates of the parish. Sevan Geonezen and Suzanna Shamounian were our honorees and each received a copy of the newly-published Divine Liturgy book as token gifts.

Our church Festival was a huge success! The Women's Guild was very busy making trays of beoreg, paklava, cream ghadaif, nut ghadaif and bourma. The dessert table was sold out well before the end of the Festival. Thank you to everyone who made dessert donations, as well as to those who made monetary donations.

GOD’S CALL; YOUR RESPONSE: Women’s Guild Annual Symposium on Lay Leadership: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow: Experience inspiring speakers, activities in the city, and fellowship among a circle of friends and faithful — all in the exciting setting of New York City, Friday-Sunday, October 28-30. Don’t miss this engaging event, sponsored by the WGCC at the St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral Complex & Diocesan Center in the heart of Midtown Manhattan. This event is open to all — bring your spouse, family and friends! Contact the St. Peter Church office for more information or contact Rita Oscherician at (201) 398-0153 or margherita@optonline.net.

I hope you have a wonderful and relaxing summer, and please save the additional following dates on your calender:

Sunday, September 25 - Women’s Guild Day commemoration

Saturday & Sunday, December 3 & 4 - Holiday Bazaar (*see flyer in this issue for details*)

Mary Panjarjian . Women’s Guild Co-Chair

Sunday School

The Sunday School year came to a close on Sunday, May 22, with a beautiful graduation and moving-up ceremony held in the Church Sanctuary. The service consisted of the graduates being presented to the congregation, the students reaffirming their belief in the articles of faith of the Armenian Church and being anointed with oil to prepare them in their journey of faith. After the service, each of the students were given diplomas and a small gift. Each student then declared to the parish how they will serve the Church for the upcoming year as part of their service requirement for graduation. The graduates and their commitments are as follows:



Blair Meeson – *Teaching in the Sunday School*

Christopher O’Keefe –

Serving on the Altar and volunteering to help those in need in the community

Alexandra Clark – *Singing in the Choir*

Jennifer O’Keefe – *Assisting the Parish Council with their duties*

Raffi Moroukian – *Serving on the Altar*

Tanya Karayan – *Assisting with teaching in the Sunday School*

Matthew O’Keefe –

Serving on the Altar and volunteering to help those in need in the community

Each of these students completed and passed the Diocesan-prepared examination and were deemed worthy of graduating. Since the Service Project is part of their graduation requirement, we ask that all parishioners encourage the students to uphold their commitment as the year progresses.

A special thanks to all of the teachers and assistants this year who helped make the Sunday School a success. The teachers this year were: Yn. Paulette Doudoukjian, Phyllis Jevanian, Caroline Boyajian, Lori Brown, Alice McMullan, Brean Parseghian and Chuck Tutunjian.

On a personal note, I have decided to step down as the Superintendent of the Sunday School at the end of this school year. I have served as Superintendent of the Sunday School for a little over 10 years and feel it is time for someone to lead the school going forward. It truly has been a pleasure to serve as the Superintendent of the school and have had the opportunity to see so many of the students grow, learn and serve the Church.

Thank you to everyone for all the kind words and recognition during the graduation service. I look forward to continuing to work with the new Superintendent to help make a smooth transition going forward.

Chuck Tutunjian
Superintendent

Adult Fellowship

Our May luncheon meeting on May 4 was deemed a complete success and one that could be repeated in the future for our community. The presentation by Dan O'Keefe's company, AXA, was most informative and one that related to the planning needs of our members as well as those from our community who attended this meeting. AXA provided the food and refreshments for this meeting. Thanks Dan for an interesting and informative program.

On June 1 we held a luncheon meeting at the Capital Buffet off Wolf Road. This was an extra get-together since we have not typically met in June during the past several years due to our Church Festival activities.

As one of our special summer activities, our club met on Wednesday, July 6, on the church grounds for a picnic-style cookout. Sandy Kilidjian graciously accepted the responsibility for coordinating this event and made sure that there was plenty of delicious food for everyone.

Our annual trip to the MacHaydn Theater is scheduled for Thursday, August 25. We will lunch at the Jackson's Old Chatham House prior to attending the matinee performance of the Rogers and Hammerstein production of "Carousel." Join us while we enjoy songs such as *You'll Never Walk Alone* and *June Is Bustin' Out Allover*. This event is open to our community. It is necessary to place reservations with Martin Kenosian at 785-3140 as soon as possible since the availability of tickets is limited. The cost is \$43 which includes transportation and lunch.

We are making arrangements to have our club's 17th Anniversary celebration in September at the Paolo Lombardi Restaurant. Specific details regarding this celebration will be provided in the church bulletins and by our Calling Committee. Anyone interested in joining us should contact Linda Kazanjian at 357-3183.

At our October luncheon meeting, Jonathon Dadekian will be sharing some of his experiences as an Emergency Medical Technician and discussing the need, especially for older adults, of taking certain precautionary measures at home in preventing hazardous conditions.

Our plan for future activities and/or programs include providing speakers on such topics as identity theft, adult legal issues, fire prevention measures as well as trips to St. Nersess, the Schenectady Museum for astrology buffs, the New Skeet Monastery in Cambridge, NY, and a Hudson River boat trip. We have taken some of these trips before and found them worthy of a repeat performance.

Martin Kenosian
Secretary

ACYOA Jrs.

On behalf of Lena Guleserian-Hoglund and myself, I would like to express our thanks for all the volunteering on the part of ACYOA members at our annual Festival on June 11 and 12. We had volunteers supervising the bounce house, selling popcorn, serving meals, and offering assistance wherever it was needed. We also had a couple volunteers work both days! Thank you for your show of support. It was very encouraging and inspiring to see our members taking such active roles in making the Festival the success it was this year.

With the Festival also comes the conclusion of my time as an ACYOA advisor. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served in this role for the past four years and also to the parents and ACYOA members who have contributed to and participated in this organization, which is so vital to the life of our community.

I am very excited to announce that our new ACYOA advisor, Christopher Le, will be working with Lena to assist the ACYOA. Chris brings some unique and important gifts to this role, particularly as an accomplished athlete and sportsman. This should be beneficial for the life and vitality of our ACYOA Juniors group since so many of our members are involved with sports. If you have not yet met Chris, I encourage you to introduce yourself. Be prepared for an exciting fall with Lena and Chris!

I look forward to continuing to support our ACYOA Juniors Chapter and to witnessing the many important ways this organization's members touch the lives of all in our St. Peter community.

*Best Regards,
Yervant Kutchukian*

On Saturday, April 30, the St. Peter ACYOA Juniors, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, hosted a blood drive at St. Peter Armenian Church in commemoration of the victims of the Armenian Genocide. The event was a great success. The Red Cross was able to collect 20 units from 10 registered donors, including 2 first-timers. More importantly, this blood will now provide the gift of life to as many as 60 recipients. We thank all who assisted and all who donated.

Natalie Topalian will also join the team of advisors for our ACYOA Jrs. Natalie is entering into her sophomore year at Siena College. She has attended the St. Nersess Summer youth programs, as well as various ACYOA regional retreats and gatherings. She most recently has been an intern in our parish office. She looks forward to working with our young people and offering her talents to the church.

St. Peter Church Bookstore

New Badarak Book Available for Purchase in St. Peter Bookstore - \$25.00

Recently released from the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern), through the generosity of donors, the Badarak books are a useful tool to help the members of the congregation gain a better understanding of what is being said during the Divine Liturgy. The congregation is encouraged to follow along using the Badarak books located in the book holders behind each pew and join in with the choir. The front half of the book is written in classical Armenian (Kurapar) with the second half being written in English transliteration - the left side contains the transliteration and the right side contains the translation of the words and prayers chanted by the Priest and deacons and the hymns sung by the Choir. Anyone wishing to own their own copy of the Badarak book can obtain one from the St. Peter Bookstore for \$25 by contacting Charlotte Sevazlian at 274-6527 or stpeterbookstore@gmail.com.

***Additional upcoming activities and special events
of St. Peter Armenian Church***

Saturday, September 10 - *St. Peter Church Choir Rehearsals Resume:* All choir members and prospective members are encouraged to attend as often as possible. (See complete 2011 schedule of rehearsals in this issue.)

Sunday, September 11 - *Junior Choir Rehearsals Begin:* All youth ages 5-17 are invited and encouraged to attend Junior Choir rehearsals. Each session will rehearse one song of the Badarak and will last no longer than 30 minutes. (See complete 2011 schedule of rehearsals in this issue.)

Saturday, September 17 & 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. (See flyer in this issue for details.)

Thursday, September 22 - *An Evening of Men's Fellowship:* Enjoy an evening of friendship, great food and Hye spirits outdoors on the church grounds. (See flyer in this issue for details.)

Sunday, October 2 - *112th Anniversary Celebration:* This celebration will include a visit from the Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, a banquet at Michael's Banquet House, 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.

Friday, October 28, through Sunday, October 30 - *Women's Guild Annual Symposium:* Experience inspiring speakers, activities in the city, and fellowship among a circle of friends and faithful — all in the exciting setting of New York City. Don't miss this engaging event, sponsored by the WGCC at the St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral Complex & Diocesan Center in the heart of Midtown Manhattan. This event is open to all — bring your spouse, family and friends! Contact the St. Peter Church office for more information or contact Rita Oscherician at (201) 398-0153 or margherita@optonline.net.

Sunday, October 30 - *Festival of Nations Event at the Egg:* The Knights and Daughters of Vartan will represent Armenia in the 40th anniversary of the Festival of Nations to be held from 12-5 p.m. 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.

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. (See flyer in this issue for details.)

Parish Community News

Sacraments and Rites

Baptism **Madison Marie Parrinello**, daughter of Anthony & Alycia (Foy) Parrinello, on April 21, 2011. Godfather, Vicken Barkamian; Godmother, Sona Mahserijian; Celebrant, Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian.

Funeral **Seta Torossian** entered her eternal rest on April 18, 2011. She is survived by her husband, Kevork; a daughter, Alice Webb (TN); a son, Alexander (RoseMarie) Torossian; five grandchildren; a sister, Alice Terchun; and several nieces and nephews. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian conducted the funeral service on April 23.

Karasonk (40-Day Memorial)

May 1, 2011 **Harry Ammian** - requested by Rosemary Ammian & Family; Sarah Moroukian; Lucy Morton; Ralph Vartigian; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Chorbajian; Winnie Ammian & Family; Hrant & Alice Bardakjian; Susan Sogolian & Family; Timothy & MaryLou Doney.

Hokehankist

April 3, 2011 **Albert Derian** (Seventh Anniversary) - requested by Mrs. Isabel Derian & Family; Richard & Barbara (Derian) DeMartino & Family.

May 1, 2011 **Mireille Djehizian** (Tenth Anniversary); **Leo Kazanjian; Hagop & Aznif Djehizian** - requested by Marguerite Djehizian; Elisabeth Chamberlain; Rosine Kazanjian; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kazanjian & Family; Robert & Ginny Kazanjian & Family; Karen & Levon Khachadourian & Family; Leo A. & Donna Kazanjian & Family; Lucille Shamlian; Toros Shamlian, Jr.

Andrew & Sarah Kazanjian - requested by Linda Kazanjian; Arleen & Robert Drooby; Peter & Pat Boorujy & Sarah (NJ); Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kazanjian & Family; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Chorbajian & Family.

Arthur & Virginia (Dolly) Kazanjian - requested by Carole & Paul Smith & Family (FL); Arthur & Joann Kazanjian & Family; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kazanjian & Family.

Kapriel & Mary Kazanjian – requested by Kazanjian Families.

Steve Ohanian; Joseph Essegian - requested by Toros Shamlian, Jr.

Vahken Patoukian - requested by Hagop (Jack) Patoukian.

May 8, 2011 **Mary Asadorian** - requested by Carolyn & John Haboian (CT); Robbyn & Alain Demirician (CT); Christa & Ryan Miclette (CT).

May 15, 2011 **Edward Hartunian** (Eighth Anniversary) - requested by Mrs. Mary Hartunian; Mr. & Mrs. George Scaringe & Family; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hartunian & Family.

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

May 29, 2011 **Aram Mouradjian** - requested by St. Peter Armenian Church clergy, Parish Council, parishioners and friends.

Talarico, Parsakian, Simonian, Sogoian, Urban, Duro & Hamada Family Members - requested by Fay Talarico & Family.

Altar Flowers

April 24, 2011 Mr. & Mrs. Russell Kilidjian in memory of **Margaret Sakalian**.

May 1, 2011 Rosemary Ammian & Family in memory of **Harry Ammian**.

May 8, 2011 In honor of **Mary the Mother of God**, the icon of motherhood, and in honor of all **Mothers and Grandmothers** of the St. Peter Church Family.

May 15, 2011 Mr. & Mrs. Martin Kenosian in memory of **A. Gregory Kenosian & Gary Uram**.

Altar Candles

April 24, 2011 Rosemary Ammian & Family in memory of **Harry Ammian**.

May 15, 2011 Arthur Koshkorian (VA) in memory of **loved ones**.

Palm Sunday & Easter Flowers

The palm trees decorating the sanctuary and the palms distributed on Palm Sunday, April 17, were donated by Mary Hartunian & Family in memory of **Katherine Mahserjian**.

Easter lilies for Holy Week and Easter were donated by: Winifred Ammian & Family in memory of **loved ones**; Sonia Hachigian in memory of **loved ones**; Nellie Marderosian & Family in memory of **loved ones**; Mr. & Mrs. William T. Nevins, Sr. in memory of **Berj & Paris Avakian**; Anna Pascazio in memory of **Pascazio/Vartigian Family**.

Mother's Day Flowers

Flowers on the occasion of Mother's Day, May 8, were donated by Edward Belemjian in memory of **Virginia C. Belemjian**.

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:

May 1	Djehizian & Kazanjian Families <i>in memory of loved ones</i>
May 15	St. Peter Women's Guild <i>in honor of all recent college graduates</i>
May 22	St. Peter Sunday School <i>to commemorate graduation services</i>
June 5	St. Peter Armenian School <i>to commemorate Year-End Hantess</i>

Thank You

“The family of Harry Ammian would like to thank everyone in the church community for your kind words and support during this difficult time.

“Thank you for the donations to the church in Harry’s memory, delicious food, telephone calls and sympathy cards.”

Rosemary Ammian & Family

Thank you to all those who helped the Aivazian Family move on Sunday, May 15. You were all wonderful and helpful. Thank you so much for giving up your Sunday afternoon, and answering the call to help others. I received a note of gratitude from the family for all the help we offered. The note is below:

Fr. Stepanos

“Father Stepanos, my family thanks you from deep inside our hearts for all the help you provided us with. We don’t know how to ever thank you enough. May God bless you and your family and all of the helpers you have brought with you. Thank you again!”

Rouben, Natalia & Dee Aivazian

“Thank you to all those who sent cards and made calls with best wishes and made contributions to the St. Peter Church Building Fund to honor us on the occasion of our 50th wedding anniversary.”

Ed & Bertha Kazanjian

Dear Der Stepanos,

“Albert, Gayle and I would like to thank you for all your kindnesses during Al’s illness. You were a great support to us and we looked forward to your visits. Please know that your thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated.”

The Simidian Family

Dear Friends,

“We would like to thank all of you who have in many ways consoled us and our family on the loss of our son-in-law, Brian P. Carroll. Your prayers, cards, phone calls and visitations were very much appreciated.”

Ed & Adrina Tutunjian

Dear Parishioners

“On behalf of the Fund for Armenian Relief, I would like to thank you for your generous contribution of \$935 dated 4/27/2011 to assist the victims of the Earthquake in Japan. In a region already beset by difficulties, this natural disaster has been especially destructive, and the images coming out of the news have been terribly disheartening. With the support of caring persons like you, FAR will be contributing to the effort to assist the earthquake victims, working through the National Council of Churches.”

Garnik Managoulian,

FAR Executive Director

Dear Fr. Stepanos,

“For the first time in twenty-three years, Holy Trinity Armenian Church hosted the Annual Diocesan Assembly and Clergy Conference, and with the support of our sister churches like yours that are dedicated and committed, our parish was able to plan and execute a very successful Assembly and Conference.

“Your generous response of \$100, coupled with that of many others, enabled Holy Trinity to host this most important gathering of parish leaders from across our Diocese. The Assembly Committee joins me in thanking you for responding to our personal appeal.”

Fr. Vasken A. Kouzouian, Pastor

Holy Trinity Armenian Church

Special Donations

General donations for the General Fund were received from the following: Nishan Dadian (totaling \$150); Rafi & Kristin Festerkjian (VA) (\$100); Hariton Sprinceanu (\$100); Aram Atashian (totaling \$95); Helen A. Vartigian (\$20)

The St. Peter Armenian School & Sunday School made a contribution to the general fund in the amount of \$190 in commemoration of the St. Vartanantz Day program held at St. Peter Armenian Church on Sunday, March 20.

Donations totaling \$363 were received in a special plate collection on May 8, 2011, for a **local Armenian family in need**.

Additional donations totaling \$200 were made toward the special Lenten Season **Above & Beyond** collection. Total donations collected for this activity amounted to \$4,092.29.

Donations totaling \$3,400 were made to the St. Peter Church Building Fund in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Ed & Bertha Kazanjian. We congratulate Ed & Bertha on this milestone. We offer our thanks to them for their decision to have gifts made to the Building Fund instead of personal gifts.

Pew Plates were donated by the following:

Leon Kaiser to mark the occasion of the anniversary of his wedding to Susan Bott Kaiser on June 24, 2001.

Rev. & Mrs. Garen Gdanian in memory of Yn. Zabel's brother, Zareh Berj Kludjian, aka Uncle Zud, Mr. K and The Candyman.

Rev. & Mrs. Garen Gdanian in memory of Yn. Zabel's sister, Beatrice Kludjian Watson.

Pew plates are a nice way to pay tribute to someone special and can be donated in honor of or in memory of friends or family members. Consider also donating a pew plate in honor of someone for a special occasion such as a wedding date/anniversary, birth announcement, baptism, graduation, etc. The required donation for each plate is \$150. Please contact the church office for more information or to make arrangements for a plate engraving.

On Saturday, June 4, Holly Dadekian, Arpy & Katrina Ernest, and Lori Payette, participated in the **Annual Friehofer's Community Walk** to raise funds for St. Peter Armenian Church. A total of \$100 was raised and contributed to the general fund.

CHURCH FAMILY QUILT

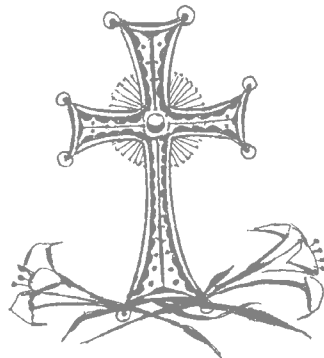


A new project is underway as a means of raising funds for the St. Peter Church Building Fund. A "Church Family Quilt" will be made and put on display in the hallway of the new rear addition. Members and friends of our church family will be given the opportunity to be part of this beautiful wall-hanging by donating quilt squares which will be designed with their individual family name, or a message, or in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone or a special occasion, etc. Design your own quilt square or one can be made for you. Suggested minimum donation for a 6x6 quilt square is \$100. Contact the church office for more information on creating your personalized quilt square. Do not miss out on being part of this project which will grace our beautiful addition to the church for many years to come.

Easter Yughakin Donations

\$200	Mr/Mrs Herb Chorbajian	George & Virginia Mahserjian	
100	Anonymous Joanne Hartunian Mr/Mrs H. Khachik Minassian Hagop Poladian	Steve & Pam Azarian Paul & Marion Jaffarian Mr/Mrs R. Mihran Mooradian Artin & Mary Sukljian	Alice & J. Albert Barsamian Martin & Joyce Kenosian Philip Natcharian
75	James & Mary Kalteux		
55	Mr/Mrs Hagop Derian		
50	Brian & Garyn A'Hearn Mr/Mrs Charles Chorbajian Barouyr Hairabedian Girard & Virginia Kasparian (CA) Nellie Marderosian & Family Ohan Ohanian Alice A. Rotondi Haigoohi M. Smith	Harry & Mary Ammian Mr/Mrs Ralph Enokian Mr/Mrs Richard Hartunian Mr/Mrs Russell Kilidjian Mr/Mrs Raffe P. Moroukian George & Betty Osganian Mr/Mrs George P. Scaringe Charles & Carol Tutunjian	Rosemary Ammian Rev/Mrs Garen Gdanian Arthur Kahkejian Mr/Mrs Arthur Mahserjian & Family Mr/Mrs Robert Nazarian David F. Quinones Al & Linda Simidian Mr/Mrs Augustus Vozzy
30	Brian & Sandra Apkarian Lucy Krikorian	Mr/Mrs Hrant Bardakjian Kyaruns Family	Irina Ermolenko
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Total: \$4,295



In Lieu of Flowers Donations

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Total: \$4,450

IN MEMORY OF JOHN BEZJIAN

\$ 10 Josephine Speanburg

New Total: \$235

IN MEMORY OF VALERY GASTON

\$ 100 Herb & Linda Chorbajian

20 Lucille Shamlian

15 Shirley Avakian

New Total: \$2,550

In Lieu of Flowers Donations

IN MEMORY OF ZAREH KLUDJIAN

- \$ 25 Anna Pascazio
- 20 Linda & Gene Rowinski
- 10 Josephine Speanburg

New Total: \$640

IN MEMORY OF ALBERT SIMIDIAN

- \$ 25 Rev/Mrs Garen Gdanian

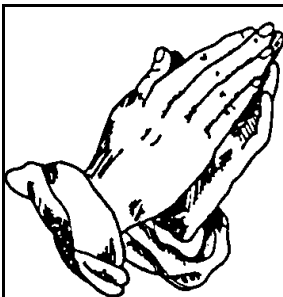
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Sincere appreciation and acknowledgment is extended to the above-named individuals for their generous memorial donations.



ST. PETER'S HELPING HANDS: Fr. Stepanos has recently formed this new committee whose objective is to identify and address ways of helping others in our church community. Would you be willing to give an hour or two from time-to-time to help others? If you are grateful for what you have and the gifts God has blessed you with, please consider sharing your gratitude by reaching out and helping others in need. Come be a part of "St. Peter's Helping Hands" so, in turn, we can help others. Contact Fr. Stepanos or the church office for more information.

*"We live very close together. So, our prime purpose in this life is to help others.
And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them." — Dalai Lama*



Class of 2011



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

Sonia Bardakjian (Montreal, Canada), daughter of Hagop & Hasmik Bardakjian graduated Valedictorian from Ecole Internationale and will be attending Marianopolis College in the fall majoring in Health Science. Sonia is the granddaughter of Hrant & Alice Bardakjian and Nubar & Sonia Tahkmidzjian (Montreal, Canada).

Andrew W. Bezjian, son of David Bezjian, graduated from Siena College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance. Andrew will be pursuing CFA certification. He is the grandson of Helen Bezjian and the late John Bezjian.

Jonathan Coogan, son of Michael & Joanne (Moroukian) Coogan, graduated from Lishakill Middle School with high honors. He will be attending Colonie Central High School in the fall.

Sevan Darakjian, son of Vahe Darakjian & Anita Taraqqi Ogali, graduated from Sage College of Albany with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design. Sevan hopes to be employed in the field of graphic art. Sevan was on the Dean's list at SCA in the fall 2010 semester. As a top honor in his graduating class, he was selected with three other SCA graduates in Graphic Design to be included among 300 spring 2011 graduates in this field nationally to attend the Art Director's Club portfolio review in New York City. Sevan is the grandson of Lucie Sunukjian & the late Avedies Sunukjian and the late Garo & Marie Darakjian.

John Hartunian, son of Richard & Beth Hartunian, graduated with honors from Bethlehem Central High School. John will be joining his brother Joe at Villanova University in the fall where he will be attending Villanova's Business School. John is the grandson of Joanne Hartunian and the late Joseph Hartunian.

Ashley R. Hodgkins, daughter of David & Nesha Hodgkins, graduated from Shenendehowa High School. She plans to attend Hartwick College in the fall majoring in English. Ashley is the granddaughter of Sarah Moroukian and the late Nichon Moroukian.

Stephanie Anne Kaiser, daughter of Ron & Therese Kaiser, graduated a straight-A student from Buffalo State College with a Master's degree in Business & Marketing Education.

Brianna Silva Marchese, daughter of Frank & Carolyn Marchese, graduated magna cum laude from Siena College with a Bachelor's degree in Spanish. Brianna plans to attend graduate school in the fall to major in Spanish Education to pursue a career as a Spanish Teacher. She is the granddaughter of the late Henry & Silva Haroyan and great granddauaghter of the late Adrine Boroian. She as also the Godchild of Agavni Topalian and Rafi Topalian.

Nazaret, Hrant & Melanie Nalbandian, sons and daughter of Setrak & Talin Nalbandian (IN), graduated from Avon Middle School South with A/B Honors and will be attending Avon High School in the fall. They are the grandchildren of Hrant & Alice Bardakjian and Marie Nalbandian.

Susan Shamounian, wife of Johnny Shamounian and daughter of Slava & Irina Kyaruns, graduated cum laude from The College of Saint Rose with a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education.

Community News

Our condolences on the loss of their loved ones are extended to the families of:

Brian P. Carroll who entered his eternal rest on May 2, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Dina (Tutunjian) Carroll; three daughters, Ann, Mary & Sara Carroll; two brothers, Timothy (Kathleen) Carroll and Michael Carroll; one sister, Patricia (Michael) Porter (FL); several nieces, nephews, and numerous dear friends. Brian was the son-on-law of Ed & Adrina Tutunjian.

Albert C. Simidian, Sr. who entered his eternal rest on May 3, 2011. He is survived by his wife Linda (Topjian) Simidian; a son, Albert C. Simidian, Jr.; a daughter, Gayle Robin, a sister, Grace Koshgarian; and several nieces and nephews.

Nancy C. Kebabjian who entered her eternal rest on July 3, 2011. She is survived by her husband, Denis E. Kebabjian; a daughter, Denise (Thomas) Sheldon; a son, Michael J. Kebabjian, Sr.; five grandchildren, Cody, Kyle & Zachary Chamberlin, Brett Sheldon, and Michael Kebabjian, Jr.; a sister, Berna Showers; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Anniversary of Armenia's Independence: On Wednesday, September 21, 2011, Armenians around the world will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Armenia's Independence from the Soviet Union. Armenians of the Capital District of New York congratulate our brothers and sisters in reaching this milestone with pride and dignity. We pray they continue to build on past achievements in their young and vibrant yet struggling democracy. Anyone wishing to help organize a short ceremony to mark this occasion in Watervliet or the Town of Colonie is asked to please contact Rafi Topalian at (518) 272-2000 or (518) 810-5018.

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.

St. Peter Church Choir & Junior Choir Schedules

Church Choir Rehearsals

Saturdays 9-10 am

September 10
September 24
October 1
October 15
November 5
November 12
December 3
December 17

Junior Choir Rehearsals

Sundays following Services

(Family Worship Days)
September 11
October 9
November 6
December 4

All youth ages 5-17 are invited and encouraged to attend these rehearsals. Each session will rehearse one song of the Badarak and will last no longer than 30 minutes.

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Օտար ազգի պատկանող անձնատրոթիւններ յաճախ մեզի հարց կու տան եւ կ'ուզեն հասկանալ թէ մեր կրօնքը ի՞նչ է: Մենք ո՞ր յարանուանութեան կը պատկանինք: Ի՞նչ է մեր եկեղեցւոյ ճշգարիտ անունը: Ի՞նչ ըսել է ՀԱՅ: Ծառերս սակայն այս հարցումներուն ճիշդ պատասխան չենք կրնար տալ: Եւ շատ յաճախ ալ անճիշդ եւ անկատար պատասխան կու տանք: Մեր եկեղեցիին անունը մեզի համար շատ կարեւոր հարց մըն է: Անիկա մեր ազգութեան, մեր պատմութեան եւ աւանդութեանց հետ սերտ կապ ունեցող իրականութիւն մըն է:

Որպէս Հոգեւոր Հովիւ՝ չափազանց կը վրդովիմ եւ կը տրտմիմ ամէն անգամ որ կը տեսնեմ թէ Հայաստանեայց Եկեղեցւոյ զաւակ մը իր կրօնքին եւ իր պատկանած եկեղեցիին անունը կ'արձանագրէ բոլորովին սխալ կերպով:

Հիւանդանոց այցելելը իմ հովուական պարտականութիւններու ամենէն կարեւորն է: Մեր ծովի շրջանակին մէջ տասը հատ մեծ ու պզտիկ հիւանդանոցներ ունինք: Ծարաթը գոնէ մէկ անգամ մեծ հիւանդանոցներու մէջ կը հետաքրքրուիմ որ հայ հիւանդներ կա՞ն: Ծատ յաճախ չեմ կրնար իմ նպատակիս հասնիլ՝ որովհետեւ հայ հիւանդները իրենց կրօնքի արձանագրութեան մէջ բոլորովին անփոյթ կը գտնուին: Ամէն հիւանդանոց իր արձանագրութեան տեսրակին մէջ կրօնքի յատուկ բաժին մը ունի: Հիւանդանոցի պաշտօնեաները գիտեն թէ Հայը ի՞նչ ազգ է, գիտեն նաեւ որ ես Հայ քահանայ մըն եմ: Եւ սակայն մեզմէ շատեր արձանագրութեան ընթացքին զանցառու կ'ըլլան որպէս Հայ արձանագրուելու:

Ծատ Հայերու հանդիպած եմ՝ որոնց անունին դիմաց «բողոքական» արձանագրութիւնը դրուած է: Մենք բողոքական չենք: Բողոքական ըսելով՝ Մեթոտիստ, Պապօիսթ, Լուտերական, եւայլն կը հասկնամ: Մենք ՀԱՅ ենք եւ ոչ թէ բողոքական: Ծիշդ է որ ատեն մը եպիսկոպոսական եկեղեցիներու մէջ պաշտամունք կատարած ենք: Բայց Հայ ըսելը եւ եպիսկոպոսական ըսելը նոյն

բանը չէ: Կարգ մը Հայերուն անուններուն դիմաց ալ «կաթոլիկ» գրուած է: Այս ալ սխալ է: Մենք լատին եւ հռովմէադաւան կաթոլիկ չենք: Ես նոյնսիկ «օրթոտոքս» անուանումը սխալ կը գտնեմ: Օրթոտոքս եկեղեցին այս բառը գրեթէ իրացուցած է եւ եթէ Հայերս այդ բառը գործածենք՝ մարդիկ կրնան խորհիլ որ մենք յոյն եւ կամ ռուս եկեղեցիին կը պատկանինք: Կարգ մը Հայեր կը նախընտրեն «ափոսթոլիք» անունի տակ արձանագրուիլ: Եւ սակայն եթէ այս անունին առջեւ Հայ բառը չդնենք՝ հիւանդանոցի պաշտօնէան մեզ նորէն բողոքականներու յատուկ սիւնակին տակ պիտի արձանագրէ: Իմ սիրտս ամենէն շատ կը նեղուի երբ կը տեսնեմ որ Հայու անունին կից կը գրուի թէ անձը կրօնք չունի եւ կամ չի գիտեր որ ինչ կրօնքի կը պատկանի:

Ես կը խորհիմ որ Հայերուս համար արձանագրութեան պարզագոյն կերպն է ըսել. «Ես Հայաստանեայց Եկեղեցոյ գաւակ եմ»: Մենք ոչ ամչնալու եւ ոչ ալ քաշուելու ենք: Մենք կրնանք նաեւ բացատրել որ կ'անդամակցինք այսինչ քաղաքի այնինչ եկեղեցիին: Մեր թելադրութիւնն է որ այսուհետեւ որեւէ արձանագրութեան պարագային անվարան կերպով շեշտենք. «Ես Հայ եմ եւ կը պատկանիմ Հայաստանեայց Եկեղեցիին»:»

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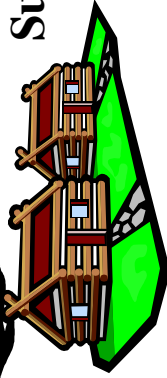
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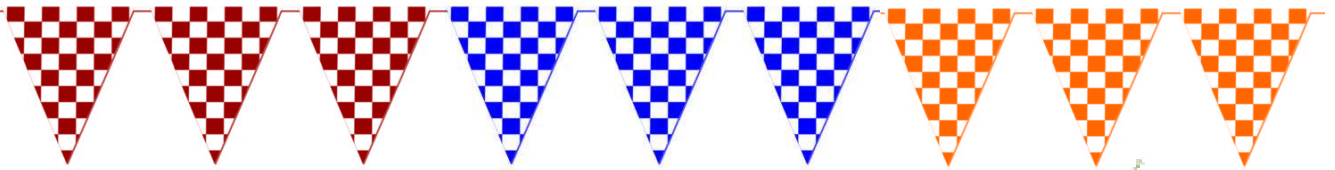
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Thursday, September 22, 6:00 pm



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- ◆ Shish Kebab Dinner
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*** * Must be age 21 or older to attend * ***

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**St. Peter Armenian Apostolic Church
Adult Bible Study Class
2011 Fall/Winter Schedule**

Friday, September 23

Friday, October 7

Friday, October 21

Friday, November 4

Friday, November 18

Friday, December 2

Friday, December 16

**For more information,
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at 274-3673.**



Gdanian Auditorium
10:15 a.m.

Save the date!

St. Peter Armenian Church
112th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 2, 2011

Church Services & Acolyte Ordinations ~ 10am
Archbishop Khajag Barsamian presiding

Followed by Dinner Dance Gala
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

- 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 - Lahmajoun (Armenian pizza) & salad lunch with beverage
- 12:30 p.m.
 - Family Entertainment featuring "Mr. Twisty"
- 2:00 p.m.
 - Demonstration: Eastern Mountain Sports
- 3:00 p.m.
 - Speaker: Will Martin, author "Benedict Arnold - Legacy Lost"
- 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 - Dolma (stuffed vegetables) dinner with beverage
- 5:00 p.m.
 - Musical Entertainment with the Greg Nazarian Trio

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th

- 12 noon - 3 p.m.
 - Madzoonov Kufte Soup (meatball) lunch with beverage
- 2:00 p.m.
 - Armenian Dance & Singing Performances
- 4:00 p.m.
 - Christmas 50/50 raffle winner announced

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, July 31 **Feast Day ~ Transfiguration of our Lord:**
Fellowship Hour in Gdanian Auditorium following services
Farewell to Sevan Goenezen
- Monday, August 1 **Parish Council Meeting:** Conference Room ~ 7:00 pm
- Sunday, August 7 **Family Worship Day**
- Sunday, August 14 **Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God:**
Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00 am
Blessing of the Grapes Services ~ following Liturgy
Coffee Hour hosted by Parish Council ~ following services
- Thursday, August 25 **Adult Fellowship trip to MacHaydn Theatre:** Chatham, NY
- Saturday, September 10 **Choir Rehearsal:** 9:00 am
- Sunday, September 11 **Family Worship Day**
Sunday School Registration: Gdanian Auditorium ~ 10:30 am
Junior Choir Rehearsal: following services
- Sat-Sun, Sept 17-18 **St. Peter Armenian Church Family Weekend at the Ararat Center**
Services will be held at the Ararat Center Sunday morning
(no services will be held at St. Peter Armenian Church that day)
- Thursday, September 22 **Men's Fellowship Evening:** Church Grounds ~ 6:00 pm
- Friday, September 23 **Adult Bible Study Classes resume:** Gdanian Auditorium ~ 10:15 am
Armenian School Registration: Gdanian Auditorium ~ 6:30 pm
- Saturday, September 24 **Choir Rehearsal:** 9:00 am
- Sunday, September 25 **Women's Guild Day:**
Coffee hour hosted by Women's Guild following services
- Saturday, October 1 **Choir Rehearsal:** 9:00 am
- Sunday, October 2 **Church Anniversary Celebration:**
Visit from Primate / Acolyte Ordination
Banquet Dinner Dance at Michael's Banquet House
(details will be forthcoming)
- Sunday, October 9 **Family Worship Day**
Junior Choir Rehearsal: following services
- Saturday, October 15 **Choir Rehearsal:** 9:00 am
- Sunday, October 16 **Children's Art Auction:** Gdanian Auditorium ~ following services
- Sunday, October 30 **Festival of Nations:** The Egg Convention Center, Albany ~ 12-5 pm
- Saturday, December 3 **HOLIDAY BAZAAR ~ Day 1:** Gdanian Auditorium ~ 11 am to 7 pm
- Sunday, December 4 **HOLIDAY BAZAAR ~ Day 2:** Gdanian Auditorium ~ 12 noon to 3 pm