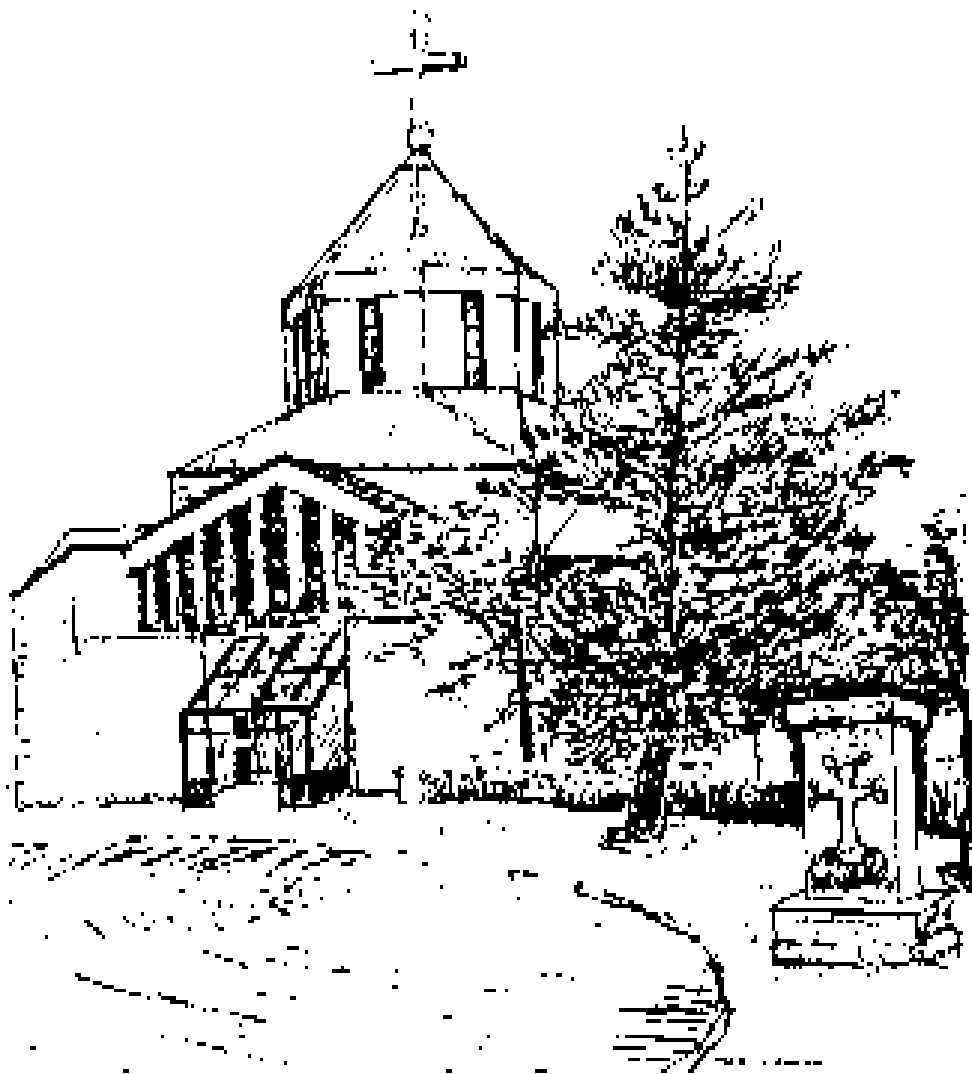


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Church Secretary, Lori Payette, is responsible for compiling and typing this issue. A volunteer group performs editorial tasks such as: proofreading, layout, writing and editing of articles. **All materials submitted are subject to editing by the Editorial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

2010 Annual Appeal Matching Gift Initiative

Last year, thanks to two matching-grant challenges from a pair of generous donors, the Diocese was able to meet its budgetary goals by matching the donations of people throughout the Diocese. Again this year, a generous donor issued another “Matching Contribution Initiative” which will match every contribution received dollar-for-dollar up to \$100,000. This challenge is an ideal time to make a contribution and maximize the effect your generosity can have. Please send your donation to the “Diocese of the Armenian Church of America,” 630 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10016 or donate online at www.armenianchurch-ed.net.

Call to Support St. Nersess Seminary

by Eric Vozzy

Since this is the year of “Vocations,” I would like to draw attention to St. Nersess Seminary, and call all faithful Armenians to support this wonderful treasure of the Armenian Church. St. Nersess, which falls under all three Dioceses in North America (Eastern, Western & Canadian) was established in 1961 through the vision of Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan. It is the only Armenian seminary in the Western Hemisphere, and also the only Armenian seminary that accepts female students.

The “mission” of St. Nersess Seminary, as stated on their website, is as follows: *“As a community devoted to theological inquiry in the service of the Church, the Seminary seeks to prepare leaders in ordained and lay ministries through graduate degree and continuing education programs. The Seminary is committed to assisting the Armenian Church in achieving her challenging mission in North America. In this endeavor the mission of St. Nersess is invariably related to the mission of the Armenian Church in edifying the faithful spiritually and intellectually, by explicating her distinctive witness and expression of the apostolic faith with relevance for the present.”*

This means that St. Nersess Seminary is not only a source to prepare candidates for the priesthood, but also serves every level of the Armenian Church including youth, lay parishioners, and ordained clergy.

The following are some facts about St. Nersess Seminary:

- St. Nersess has more alumni working full-time for the Armenian community than any degree-granting center of Armenian Studies in North America.
- Out of 38 active clergy in the Eastern Diocese, 60% (23) are St. Nersess graduates. If we include eight others who have studied at St. Nersess for special courses or shorter periods of time, the total percentage approaches 80%.
- The largest Armenian Church parishes in the United States are pastored by St. Nersess alumni.
- Five St. Nersess alumni currently serve at the Armenian Diocese in New York.
- All of the Eastern Diocese’s youth programs are directed by St. Nersess alumni, and nearly 200 youth ages 12 thru 24 participate yearly in the St. Nersess Conferences in the summer and at Christmas.
- St. Nersess has more faculty members devoted to Armenian Studies than any university in the US.
- More Armenian language courses are offered at St. Nersess than at any other place in the Western Hemisphere.

- The St. Nersess website offers resources such as liturgical sources (sacred music and chants, hymns, and church services), on-line courses, and audio/video lectures.

On a personal level, St. Nersess Seminary has served as a resource for me to learn more about the Armenian Church and her beliefs. During a time when I was making a journey back to the Armenian Church, both the students and staff at St. Nersess welcomed me, were patient in answering questions, and showed me genuine Christian love and service. I also took part in a parish mission trip to St. Peter Armenian Church in Watervliet, NY which was sponsored and hosted by St. Nersess. That mission trip not only gave me an opportunity to serve the greater Armenian Church, but it was also an opportunity for my faith to be exercised and formed.

I believe St. Nersess to be one of the most important and vital treasures of the Armenian Church, especially in North America. I hope, believe, and pray that God will continue to use St. Nersess Seminary to further the survival of the Armenian Church's rich Christian heritage and faith.

St. Nersess Seminary relies on the generosity of friends and benefactors for more than 50% of its annual operating budget. This is a call to all faithful Armenians to support and pray for the mission of St. Nersess Seminary to be accomplished.

St. Nersess Armenian Seminary

150 Stratton Road, New Rochelle, NY 10804
Phone: (914) 636-2003; E-Mail: info@stnersess.edu

St. Nersess Seminary '1 in 10' Initiative

St. Nersess Seminary has established an initiative called '1 in 10', which calls for every parish to send one seminarian to St. Nersess over the next 10-year period. If this is achieved, then eventually St. Nersess will have four new students enrolled each year, four graduating each year, and four being ordained each year, which will ultimately help meet the need for more clergy. Please help this initiative come to fruition by identifying, mentoring, and encouraging potential students to enroll at St. Nersess Seminary. Let's invest in the future of the Armenian Church.

Prayer for Vocations

O divine and heavenly Grace,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
who always provides for the needs of your people
and your holy church.

In your love and mercy
call our young people to the priesthood
and to the service of the holy church.

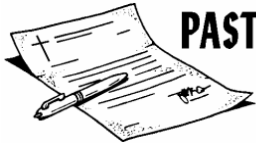
Chasten them to listen to your call
and serve the church with gladness.

So that strengthened in faith
we all the more thankfully may glorify you,
together with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Now and always
and unto the ages of ages.
Amen.

A Word from the

PASTOR . . . Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian



Dear St. Peter Armenian Church Family & Friends,

Sunday, September 12, was my first Sunday back as parish priest at St. Peter Armenian Church. What a warm welcome you gave my family and me! We love the Capital District and our special Armenian community here in upstate New York.

What a joy to be back for “round two!” I’m excited to begin a new phase in my ministry here at St. Peter Armenian Church. A ministry to bring the unique expression of the “Good News” of Jesus Christ, through the eyes of the Armenian Church to all of you. How will we achieve this? It will take love from all of us, Jesus Christ instructs us to “love one another, as I have loved you.” Our love and God’s love together is the motivation behind all we do here at our church. It will take team work. We all must do our part.

What I ask of you is to become involved in the life of our church and to fully embrace and support her — spiritually, physically and financially.

Consider being involved in other areas of the church - assisting Parish Council with activities in the church, sharing ideas for fundraising, teaching or substituting, sharing your computer expertise, singing in the choir or serving at the Altar, and other areas. Please share your talent with us. We need your ideas, thoughts and actions.

Our Sunday worship services will have some changes. We will begin Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. sharp every Sunday and conclude no later than 11:45 a.m. The first Sunday of every month will be our Family Worship Day. On these Sundays, I will offer a children’s sermon and Sunday School students will participate in the Divine Liturgy (see flyer in this issue for more information), and the golden bag will return!

Each Sunday all through the months of September, October and November, a three-minute object lesson will take place during Liturgy for our Sunday School students during different parts of the Divine Liturgy. The schedule for October is as follows: Oct. 3 - Children’s sermon (Family Worship Day); Oct. 10 - Before Soorp Soorp; Oct. 17 - Before Kiss of Peace; Oct. 24 - After Hokee Asdoodzo; Oct. 31 - After Gospel reading.

Over the past five years, I have traveled all over the country to Armenian churches and have found that none compare to our “family church on the hill,” please share in my delight for being back as parish priest and become an active member of our church.

Please, please come and join in the fall activities and feel the new sense of excitement at our church. New families are getting involved and the Sunday School and Armenian School are growing with new students - make sure you’re one of them. Both schools are working hard to make this year a special one and I am personally involved in both the Armenian and Sunday Schools. I’ll be looking for you!

*God bless you,
Der Stepanos*

Message from the Parish Council

We are all excited about the return of Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian as our parish priest on Sunday, September 12. Following worship services on that day, the community welcomed back the Doudoukjian family with a fellowship hour in the Gdanian Auditorium. Thank you to all those who contributed to the refreshments for that occasion. We look forward to a bright future with Der Stepanos' involvement, guidance and support in the life of St. Peter Armenian Church as well as that of Yn. Paulette and their children, Jonah and Gloria.

We are grateful to all the visiting clergy who assisted us with services and sacraments during this past year, especially our own faithful Pastor Emeritus, Fr. Garen Gdanian. We are also thankful to our deacons who conducted deacon services on many occasions when visiting clergy were not available. We are especially appreciative of the wonderful messages prepared and presented by Yervant Kutchukian at those deacon services.

On August 15, following worship services and the Blessing of the Grapes, the church community came together for a luncheon honoring Richard Hartunian. As the former Parish Council Chairman, Rick was instrumental in overseeing many projects regarding the life of the church and its property. He was a strong leader and respected by all who served on the Council with him. Much to his disappointment, his appointment as U.S. District Attorney required him to step down from serving on the Council in February 2010. Over 100 parishioners and friends attended the luncheon to show their appreciation for his service to the church and to congratulate him on his new position. In his remarks following the luncheon, Rick noted that he was both humbled and honored by the outpour of community support and attributed his success and good fortune to his strong ties to his family and his church. Proceeds from the luncheon were contributed to the 2010 Festival for providing the meat and desserts as well as to the Building Fund at Rick's request.

An agreement has been reached with a roofing company to begin much needed repairs. The shingled roofs will be replaced as well as sealing of seams and around the stained glass windows. This work should be completed well before winter begins.

A clean-up project is being organized for Saturday, October 9. A dumpster will be provided and volunteers will be needed to help with cleaning out the shed and disposing of other debris around the church property. Mark your calendar and offer your help if possible.

Parish Council is looking into various styles and pricing for a new entrance sign to replace the current sign which is badly weathered and in much need of repair. The current sign has lasted many years and we are grateful to the Mr. & Mrs. Club who originally donated the sign in memory of Mark Moroukian. Anyone willing to donate the cost of the new sign may contact a member of the Parish Council or the church office for more information.

Thank you to Bob Meeson and Artie Mahserjian for troubleshooting the problem we were experiencing with the lights in the church parking lot. We appreciate their time, talent and service to the church. More work is still to be done which will be completed in the coming weeks.

John "Frenchie" Ekmalian
Chairman

Photo Gallery . . .



Fr. Daniel Findikyan conducts Blessing of the Grapes Service, August 15.



Garos Derian & Kevork Parseghian present blessed grapes.



Fireplace screen presented to Rick Hartunian from Parish Council at luncheon in his honor, August 15.



Rick Hartunian and his family: wife, Beth, and sons Joseph, John & James.



Bishop Armash Nalbandian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of Damascus, Syria, visit St. Peter Armenian Church with Fr. Daniel Findikyan, Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian and Seminarians from St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, September 5.



Building Fund Report

As shown below, the church owes Pioneer Bank \$204,900.00 and has paid \$9,333.58 in interest for the eight months ended August 31. Our goal is to reduce the future interest costs by repaying the loan as quickly as possible, with final payment in 2012. In order to accomplish this goal, we need the support of every member of our parish and hopefully some of our friends. To be successful we still need approximately \$175,000 in new pledges for the Building Fund.

In the January/February 2011 issue of *Loosaper*, we plan to list the names and amounts actually paid for our 2006-2009 campaign and the amounts pledged and paid for the 2009-2012 campaign. Additionally, the *Loosaper* will include similar information regarding commitments for memorials and naming opportunities.

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

Building Fund Financial Information

January 1 to August 31, 2010

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

Cash balance—January 1, 2010		\$ 65.28
Receipts:		
Payments on pledges: 2006-2009	\$ 4,755.05	
Payments on pledges: 2009-2012	37,150.00	
Payments for Memorials	<u>31,354.43</u>	
Total receipts		<u>73,259.48</u>
Total available		\$ 73,324.76
Disbursements:		
Payments of loan principal (net)	\$ 63,900.00	
Interest expense	<u>9,333.58</u>	
Total disbursements		<u>\$ 73,233.58</u>
Cash balance—August 31, 2010		<u>\$ 91.18</u>

Pledges Receivable

	<u>2006-2009</u> <u>Campaign</u>	<u>2009-2012</u> <u>Campaign</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Balance of pledges—January 1, 2010	\$ 12,975.65	\$ 29,975.00	\$ 42,950.65
Pledge increases (decreases) net	<u>(3,196.17)</u>	<u>38,350.00</u>	<u>35,153.83</u>
Total	\$ 9,779.48	\$ 68,325.00	\$ 78,104.48
Payments on pledges	<u>4,755.05</u>	<u>37,150.00</u>	<u>41,905.05</u>
Balance of pledges—August 31, 2010	<u>\$ 5,024.43</u>	<u>\$ 31,175.00</u>	<u>\$ 36,199.43</u>

Loan Payable to Pioneer Bank

Balance of loan payable—January 1, 2010	\$268,800.00
Payments of loan principal (net)	<u>63,900.00</u>
Balance of loan payable—August 31, 2010	<u>\$204,900.00</u>

Toros Shamlan, Treasurer

2010 Annual Church Festival Report

For the second year, the 2010 Festival was again expanded to a two-day event held on Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13. With the extended choice of times and days, this community event gives potential attendees a greater opportunity to experience the rich Armenian culture that our annual Festivals have come to offer.

Although the weather on Saturday was very wet and dreary, it did not stop the many Armenian and non-Armenian families, friends and neighbors who came to enjoy the traditional shish, losh and chicken kebabs as well as the lahmejune, pilaf, salad, cheese beoreg and a wide variety of scrumptious pastries and desserts.

A Tavloo Tournament, organized and led by Bob Bedian, was held on Saturday evening. Nine registered players stayed dry inside the church hall by participating in the tournament. After many games and matches, which eliminated players one-by-one, it came down to Joyce Dadekian and Herbert Chorbajian as the final two remaining contestants. The final match revealed the winner as Herbert Chorbajian who received the first place prize of a trophy and a \$50 gift card to Blustone Bistro in Loudonville. Joyce received the second place prize of a \$25 gift certificate to Maggie's Gift Shop in Latham. Thank you to all the participants. We hope even more will join us next year for the Third Annual Tavloo Tournament. Thank you also to Dr. Levon Bedrosian for donating a beautiful inlaid Tavloo board which was used during the tournament and will be available for Tavloo game entertainment for years to come.

Sunday's weather was much nicer which certainly helped to boost attendance. There was a steady stream of friendly faces anxious to enjoy all that the Festival had to offer. In addition to the delicious meals and scrumptious pastries and desserts, there was an assortment of soft drinks, bottled water, coffee, draft beer and wine available to keep thirsts quenched. Those interested could buy frozen lahmajune by the dozen to take home. Individual lahmejunes warmed and ready to eat were also available at the Festival. Children enjoyed the air bounce ride all weekend, even in the drizzly weather on Saturday. Parents had a lot of soggy children to take home that day, but all seemed not to mind and enjoyed themselves regardless. Bags of popcorn were also sold this year for munching enjoyment.

Maria Derian offered instruction in Armenian line dancing on Sunday afternoon. Several people anxiously awaited to learn some of the traditional dances. After a little practice, the group danced their way around the grounds, serving as entertainment for those enjoying their meals under the cover of tents on the spacious grounds of the St. Peter Armenian Church property. The dance participants quickly learned what a great form of fun and exercise Armenian dancing can be. All were invited to come back and participate in the series of dance classes being offered at the church by Garo & Maria Derian on Friday evenings.

Charlotte Sevazlian, Coordinator of the St. Peter Church Bookstore, arranged for various vendors to come and sell their wares at this year's Festival. There was a wide variety of Armenian novelties including jewelry, hand-painted items, inlaid Tavloo boards, CDs, DVDs, books, candles, and much more. The bookstore made almost \$900 in sales including ticket sales from a raffle with a Century House Gift Certificate and a hand-made afghan donated by Nancy Kebabjian as prizes. We hope each year to include more vendors so a wider variety of items would be available to Festival-goers.

The task of organizing the parking of the many cars that come up the hill has been expertly handled by Suren Hrachian for many, many years. In recent years, Suren has been training Nazar Bakerian to assist him with this responsibility. Nazar took over this year and did a fine job in keeping our parking lot and driveway organized and jam-free. Thank you Suren for your years of dedicated service and thank you Nazar for accepting the role as Suren's successor.

The Bakery Area was again expertly organized by our Women's Guild, under the leadership of Virginia Mahserjian & Alice Chorbajian. The desserts were plentiful and delicious. Thank you to all of the Women's Guild committee members who helped in the preparation of the desserts as well as all those members of the community who donated pastries or made monetary donations.

The St. Peter Armenian Adult Fellowship Executive Committee took on the task of preparing the salad and pita bread. Special thanks to Phil Natcharian and his committee for taking care of this responsibility.

This year, *Entertainment One Rentals* provided the entertainment for the children with a 5-in-1 air bounce ride as well as providing a popcorn machine for selling bags of popcorn.

Congratulations to Eddy Kebabjian whose name was drawn as this year's big 50/50 raffle winner with a cash prize of \$2,090.50.

Businesses and friends were again given the opportunity to be Festival Sponsors, either by making monetary donations or by donating products and/or services needed for the Festival. Special thanks to *Executive Cleaners* for again supporting our Festival at the \$500 Pavilion Sponsor level. The names of all Festival Sponsors were prominently displayed in a Sponsorship Booklet. All their contributions with much appreciated. (See following pages for a complete list.)

There are many, many more people to thank, too many to list individually; however, the Festival would not have succeeded without them. They included all the volunteers who took a shift or two (or three) on the days of the Festival and the days before; our hardworking barbecuers; all the individuals who made and donated the baked goods for the dessert area; all the helping hands with setup and cleanup (before, during and after); the Finance Committee for counting the receipts; and the Publicity Committee. We're sure there are many others — "thank you" to all!

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

The success of this year's Festival is due to the efforts made by members of every auxiliary group of the church, and the hard work and dedication of the Festival Committee and the many, many volunteers. Over the two-day event, a total of 220 kebab medley dinners, 168 lamb kebab dinners, 114 chicken kebab dinners and 40 kid's meals were served along with the following quantities of ala carte items: 131 dozen lahmejune, 87 lamb shish kebabs, 76 losh (khema) kebabs, 51 chicken shish kebabs, and 182 servings of cheese beoreg. The abundance of delicious pastries and baked goods which were made and/or donated by our parishioners and the St. Peter Women's Guild along with monetary donations received came to a net amount of \$3,121.79. Net profit from beverage sales was \$418.95; and the proceeds from the 50/50 raffle ticket sales came to \$2,090.50.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, \$5,100 in monetary donations were received as well as \$720 in general donations. Leftover sales amounted to \$1,823.12, which included a portion of the proceeds of the luncheon on August 15 in honor of Rick Hartunian, as leftover meat and desserts from the Festival were provided for that luncheon. Additionally, some of the remaining products will be used for the upcoming Anniversary Celebration on October 24; whereby, our overall net income will be further enhanced. All-in-all, as of this writing, this year's net income amounted to \$14,515.51.

Once again, we extend our sincere appreciation to all volunteers, expert consultants and our dozens of sponsors and donors who deserve all the credit for making the Annual Festival a success.

John "Frenchie" Skmalian, 2010 Festival Chairman

2010 Festival Photo Gallery



Above: Barbecuers Don Kaiser, Tim See, Rafi Topalian & Ron Kaiser.



Upper Right: Tavloo players, Joyce Dadekian & Herb Chorbajian, and Tournament Coordinator, Bob Bedian.



Right: Air bounce fun for the children.
Below (l-r): Toros Shamlian, Dolly Shamlian, Charlie Chorbajian & Herb Chorbajian.



Right: Talin, vendor at Gift Shop & Bookstore.



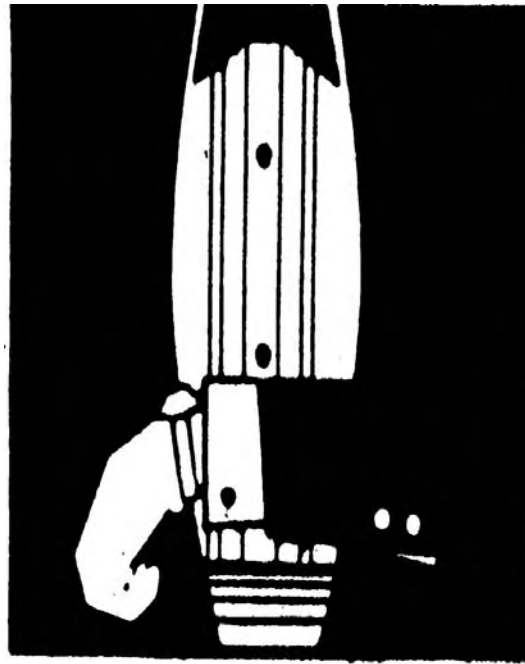
Below: Maria Derian, offering dance instruction.

Bottom Right: Just some of our kitchen help, Sonya Moroukian, Doug Pauley & Sharon Foley.



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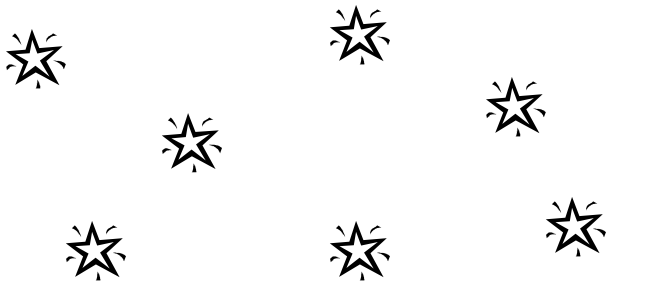
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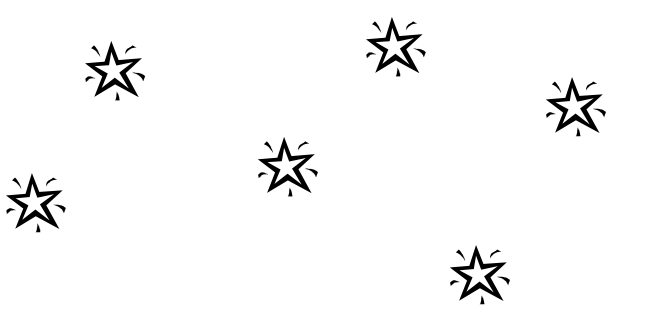
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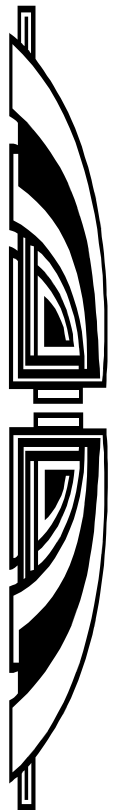
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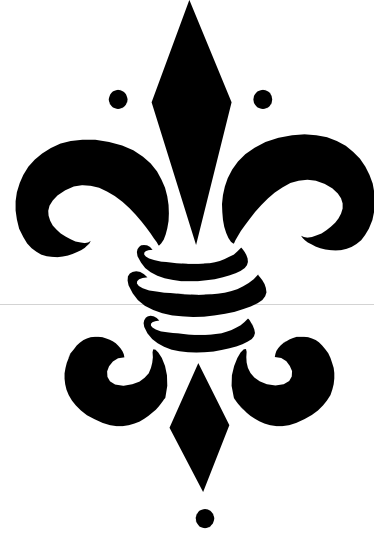


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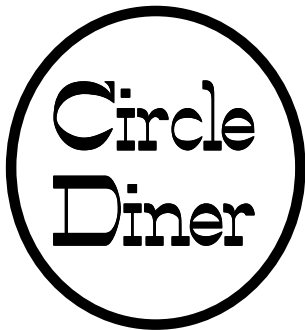
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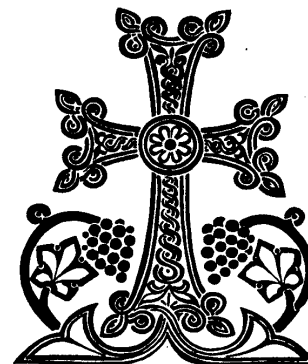
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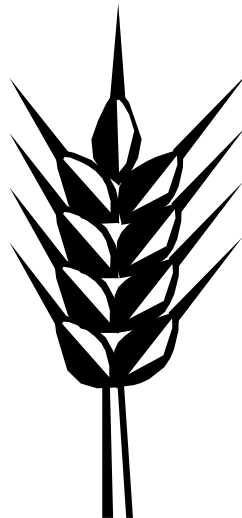
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Hope to see you next year!
June 11 & 12, 2011

Church Organization News

St. Peter Armenian School

The St. Peter Armenian school started its 2010- 2011 year with a fun registration evening on Friday September. 17. After the Lord's Prayer led by Father Stepanos, all sang the Armenian national anthem and reviewed the colors of the Armenian Flag. Then the folders and notebooks for the new year were distributed. Children enjoyed ice cream while watching cartoons on the large screen.

Our classes will be held on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 until November when we will switch to Saturday mornings from 10:30 to 12:00.

We invite all children of the community to come to the Armenian school and learn our unique language and traditions. We are looking forward to a year full of learning, fun and friendship.

If you are interested, please call Mrs. Ani Altounian at 463-2625 or Dr. Ara Kayayan at 441-6510 or you can just come next Friday evening at 6:30.

Dr. Ara Kayayan

Adult Fellowship

On August 19, a group of club members and friends traveled to Chatham for the matinee performance of the musical *SHOWBOAT* by Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein at the Mac-Haydn Theater. Prior to the theater performance, we had lunch at Lippera's, the restaurant at the Chatham Hotel. It was a most enjoyable afternoon of entertainment and fellowship.

Our Club's annual Anniversary Luncheon was held at the Gdanian Auditorium on Wednesday, September 8. About 30 members and guests celebrated the 16th anniversary of the organization while enjoying a catered meal of either chicken or beef. The Greg Nazarian Trio provided musical entertainment featuring appropriate "Golden Oldies" for the occasion. The music certainly touched Der Garen and Yn. Zabelle, who provided the group with some fancy dance steps. "Atta way" Der Hayr and Yeretzkian!

Members and guests of the St. Peter Adult Fellowship group will visit President Van Buren's home in Kinderhook, NY, on Wednesday, October 6. The day trip will also include lunch at Kozel's in Ghent, NY, with selections from a special seniors menu of soup, salad, and either a fish, beef or chicken entrée. The cost is \$25 per person. The group will car pool, leaving St. Peter Church at 10:00 a.m. The trip is open to all who are interested in attending. Those interested should contact Carol Mattozza at 439-5729.

Our November luncheon meeting will be on the second Wednesday of the month, the 10th, instead of the first Wednesday. Sandy Kilidjian will supervise the kitchen crew in the preparation of the turkey meal including all the trimmings. A special program is being planned for this event.



Our club continues to seek to provide programs and activities that are interesting, educational and/or entertaining. All our activities and programs are open to both our club members as well as to our community at large. Information on our activities and events is included in the church bulletin and the *Loosaper*. Those who become club members by paying the annual dues of \$5 per person are contacted directly by our calling committee with detailed information about our activities and events. However even if you do not wish to become a regular club member, do not be bashful in taking part in any of our club's activities and events whenever you can.

Martin Kenosian, Secretary

Women's Guild

The Annual Church Festival was held on June 12 & 13. Our Women's Guild had great success with the sale of homemade baked goods with total net proceeds of \$3,121.79. A special thank you to our "Bakery Area" Chairperson, Ginny Mahserjian. Many thanks to everyone who helped bake at church, delivered baked goods from home, or made monetary donations. Thank you also to Isabel Krempa for organizing the guild members who made many phone calls to help obtain the pastries and monetary donations. The success of our Festival and the Bakery Area is the result of our ability as a Guild and a Church community working together effectively as a team.

The autumn season has come upon us; with the crisp evening air and leaves falling, the Women's Guild is busy with preparations for an upcoming Cheoreg Bake Sale, a General Membership Luncheon Meeting, and the Annual Christmas Party.

The Women's Guild sold delicious homemade Cheoreg on Sunday, September 26, in the Gdanian Auditorium immediately following services. They were sold on a first-come, first-served basis for \$5.50 per half dozen. Dolly Shamlian and Sona Hachigian were the co-chairs for this event.



The Women's Guild Annual Membership Luncheon Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 14, in the Gdanian Auditorium following church services. We look forward to seeing all of our Guild members and welcoming any new prospective members!! Details will be announced in the near future.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, December 4, for the Women's Guild Annual Christmas Party to be held at the Century House in Latham. The committee members organizing this event are Adrina Tutunjian, Dolly Shamlian, Sona Hachigian and Isabel Krempa. Details will be forthcoming.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, December 4, for the Women's Guild Annual Christmas Party to be held at the Century House in Latham. The committee members organizing this event are Adrina Tutunjian, Dolly Shamlian, Sona Hachigian and Isabel Krempa. Details will be forthcoming.

WGCC FALL SYMPOSIUM: St. Mary Armenian Church, Washington, will host this year's symposium which is being held Friday-Sunday, November 5-7. The symposium will be a celebration of faith and fellowship in our nation's Capital. The weekend itinerary will include sightseeing, keynote speakers, exciting activities, fun and fellowship. This event is open to all, so bring your spouse, family and friends. Informational registration brochures can be obtained by contacting the St. Peter church office at (518) 274-3673 or stpeter.armch@prodigy.net or WGCC Vice-Chairman, Rita Oscherician at (201) 398-0153 or margherita@optonline.net.

Rhonda Boyajian, Recording Secretary

Adult Bible Study

I hope everyone had a nice summer. I must say I do love the change of seasons. They are like a new beginning of the same year. Fall in particular is so colorful. Along with the color comes a new season of Bible study.

We have been looking at the book of James in the New Testament and will continue this season. Are you interested in learning about what God thinks of favoritism in the church? It was a problem in the early church and can still be. James addresses this issue boldly and forces us to look at how we see and respond to our church family. I hope you will consider coming and being part of our lively discussion on this and many other topics of interest. I love and appreciate all the faithful people who have been a part of this group. God has truly blessed me through each one of you.

We always are so happy when God adds to our group, so consider this an invitation to come and have another cup of coffee along with a morning snack and some good interaction with your church family.

Classes resumed on Friday, September 24, at 10:15 a.m. in the Gdanian Auditorium. Classes are then held every other Friday morning. Refer to the full schedule of dates provided in this issue of *Loosaper*.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15

Elsie Vozzy



St. Peter Armenian Church
111th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, October 24
following services

Commemorative Luncheon & Program
welcoming the return of the Doudoukjian Family

A complete Kebab Medley meal will be served including appetizers, three kebabs (shish, losh & chicken), pilaf, salad, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$20 per adult. Reservations required.

(Full details will be mailed separately to all parishioners & friends.)

Parish Community News

Sacraments and Rites

Marriages

Mark Yegbash & Christina Abdo on July 17, 2010. Best Man, Sako Karayan; Celebrant, Rev. Fr. Garen Gdanian.

Harry A. Avakian & Kristina R. Smith on August 28, 2010. Best Man, John Avakian; Maid of Honor, Korrie M. Sedgwick; Celebrant, Rev. Fr. Garen Gdanian.

Baptism

Bailey Karalyn Jerian, daughter of John & Robin (Wania) Jerian, on July 31, 2010. Godfather, Vartan Jerian; Godmother, Stacey Tricozzi; Celebrant, Rev. Fr. Garen Gdanian.

Funeral

Joan C. Baligian entered her eternal rest on September 18, 2010. She is survived by her husband, Ara; two daughters, Cheryl Mavashev and Bethany Leva; a son, David Baligian (AZ); three grandchildren; a brother; and several nieces and nephews. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian conducted the funeral service on September 22.

Dareleetz (First Anniversary)

September 12, 2010 **Archie Soultanian** - requested by Haig Soultanian; Victoria Childrose & Family; Mr. & Mrs. John Soultanian & Family (FL); Philip J. Natcharian; Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Natcharian & Family (MA); Michael Natcharian; Alice Wildman; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Matulewicz (RI); Mr. & Mrs. Jason Gomez & Family (RI); Anahid Ounanian (NJ); Mr. & Mrs. Randy Zareski & Family; Steven Soultanian; Ann Soultanian; Zachary & Nicole Soultanian; Mr. & Mrs. Scott Secor & Family. (Note: Due to the Feast Day on this date, Hokehankist was conducted that afternoon following the fellowship hour.)

Hokehankist

June 20, 2010 **Talarico, Parsakian, Simonian, Sogolian, Urban, Duro & Hamada Family members** - requested by Fay Talarico & Family.

August 1, 2010 **Joseph Granato** (Fourth Anniversary) - requested by John & Debbie Ekmalian.

Hovsep & Hripsime Vartanesian - requested by Joseph Vartanesian, Jr. & Family (NC).

August 15, 2010 **Joseph Hartunian; Lynne Hartunian; John & Ezabel Kouyomjian** - requested by Mrs. Joanne Hartunian; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph O'Keefe & Family; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hartunian & Family. (Note: Due to the Feast Day on this date, Hokehankist was conducted that afternoon following the fellowship hour.)

September 5, 2010 **Garabed, Gulenia & Tavit Dekermenjian; Seta Dekermenjian; Abraham, Azniv & Zarouhi Guleserian; Karl Yalian** - requested by Hagop & Nectar Derian & Family.

September 12, 2010 **Sarah Natcharian; Sara Matulewicz; Varasd & Arevnaz Soultanian** - requested by Haig Soultanian; Victoria Childrose & Family; Mr. & Mrs. John Soultanian & Family (FL); Philip J. Natcharian; Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Natcharian & Family (MA); Michael Natcharian; Alice Wildman; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Matulewicz (RI); Mr. & Mrs. Jason Gomez & Family (RI); Anahid Ounanian (NJ); Mr. & Mrs. Randy Zareski & Family; Steven Soultanian; Ann Soultanian; Zachary & Nicole Soultanian; Mr. & Mrs. Scott Secor & Family. (Note: Due to the Feast Day on this date, Hokehankist was conducted that afternoon following the fellowship hour.)

Altar Flowers

July 11, 2010

Roses for the altar on the occasion of the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ were donated by Mary Hartunian in memory of **George & Katherine Mahserjian, Jack Mahserjian, and George Mahserjian, Jr.;** Isabel Krempa in memory of **loved ones.**

Altar Candles

June 13, 2010

Valery Gaston in memory of **loved ones.**

August 15, 2010

Sonia Hachigian and Isabel Krempa in remembrance of **their mother's Name Day.**

September 12, 2010

James & Mary Kalteux in memory of **John & Virginia Barsamian.**

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:

September 5 Parish Council *in honor of Bishop Nalbandian and guests from St. Nersess Armenian Seminary.*

September 12 Members of the St. Peter Armenian Church community *in honor of the Doudoukjian Family*

Visiting Guest Clergy

We are grateful to the following visiting clergy who came to conduct services on the following dates: June 20, Fr. Mampre Kouzouian; July 11, Fr. Garen Gdanian; July 18, Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian; July 25, Fr. Sahak Kaishian; August 1, Fr. Garen Gdanian; August 15, Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan; and September 5, Bishop Armash Nalbandian. We are also grateful to Yervant Kutchukian and our deacons who conducted services on the following Sunday dates: June 6, June 13, June 27, August 8, August 22 and August 29.

Words of Thanks

We offer our sincerest appreciation and gratitude to the members of the Bible Study class for the generous gesture of providing us with a variety of "goodies" during the time when our kitchen was under repair. Their thoughtfulness filled our hearts. Thank you and God Bless.

The Kutchukian Family

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Dear Friends,

Just a note to thank you all for the many get-well cards, telephone calls, prayers, and expressions of concern because of my recent, unexpected trip to the hospital. Since returning home I'm keeping busy with out-patient medical appointments and physical therapy sessions. Hopefully, I'll soon be able to get back to a more normal schedule. A special thank you to my faithful chauffeur, Marty, who makes sure I get to all my appointments!

Sincerely, Joyce Kenosian

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Thank you again to Nectar Derian and her grandchildren, Nora & Hagop Derian (in photo), for making mahs. Mahs-makers are always needed to keep a supply available to the church. Please contact the church office or a member of Parish Council to offer your help.



Announcement

Congratulations to **Charles & Alice Chorbajian** who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on October 2.

Special Donations

Grapes for the Blessing of the Grapes services on the occasion of the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God on Sunday, August 15, were donated by Sonia Hachigian in memory of **John & Dorothy Tamamian**; Joanne Hartunian in memory of **Joseph & Lynne Hartunian**; Mary Hartunian in memory of **Edward Hartunian**; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kazanjian in memory of **loved ones**; Helen Papanian in memory of **Harry Khachadourian**; Josephine Speanburg in memory of **Richard Speanburg, Armen & Nouritza Kazanjian, and Alice Kazanjian**.

Basil for the decoration of the Holy Cross on Sunday, September 12, was donated by Richard DeMartino & Barbara Derian in memory of **Oscar Chadrijian**; Hagop (Jack) & Mary Patoukian in **thanksgiving of good health**; George Scaringe.

The following made **general donations** to the church: Helen Bezjian (\$100) and Aram & Barbara Kumkumian (PA) (\$80) in honor of Russell Kilidjian's 80th birthday; St. Peter Sunday School and Armenian School (\$53) from Year-End Hantess; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dadekian (\$50); Anonymously in gratitude (\$25); Ara Kayayan (\$25); Joseph Vartanesian, Jr. & Family (\$25); Mr. & Mrs. Mark DeSanctis (\$20); Mr. & Mrs. Harry Poladian (\$20).

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

Reminders

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Ես անձնապէս այնպէս կը խորհիմ որ ստեղծագործութենէն ի վեր մեր գիտցած աշխարհին «վախճանը» մէկէ աւելի անգամներ պատահած է: Ադամին եւ Եւային շնորհուած դրախտը կորսնցուցինք առաջին իսկ օրերուն: Նոյ Նահապետի ժամանակ ջրհեղեղը ամբողջութեամբ կործանեց այդ օրերու ծանօթ աշխարհը: Քանի քանի սողուններ եւ գոմորներ անյայտացան, եւ քանի քանի բարելոններ բնաջինջ եղան ժողովուրդներու պատմութեան մէջ: Գիտնականներ չե՞ն ըսած միթէ որ մեր երկրագունդը միլիոնաւոր տարիներու պատմութիւն ունի, եւ քանի քանի անգամներ ան ամբողջութեամբ փոփոխութեանց ենթարկուած է:

Եւ սակայն աշխարհի վերջը պիտի գայ անպայման: Մեր եկեղեցին ասոր կը հաւատայ, եւ ասիկա մեր Տիրոջ խօսքն է: Աշխարհիս վերջը պիտի գայ հոգ չէ թէ որու ձեռքով՝ մարդո՞ց թէ Աստուծոյ: Աշխարհի վերջը պիտի գայ նմանը չտեսնուած ահաւորութեամբ: Արեգակը պիտի խաւարի, լուսինը այլեւս իր լոյսը պիտի չսփռէ, աստղերը երկինքէն պիտի իյնան եւ երկինքն ու երկիրը իրարու պիտի խառնուին: Այս չար եղելութիւնները պիտի պատահին հոգ չէ թէ ե՛րբ: Որովհետեւ անոր օրը «ո՛չ որ գիտէ, ո՛չ հրեշտակները, ո՛չ մարդիկ եւ ո՛չ ալ Որդին»: «Կատարածին» օրը միայն Հայր Աստուած գիտէ:

Քրիստոնէաներուս համար կարեւոր այն չէ թէ ե՞րբ եւ ի՞նչ ահաւորութեամբ «կատարածը» պիտի հասնի: Այլ կարեւոր այն է որ «կատարածին» պիտի յաջորդէ «Քրիստոսի Գալուստը»: Մատթէոսի Աւետարանին Ի՛ր Գլուխը կ'ըսէ. «Գալուստը պիտի պատահի զօրութեամբ եւ փառօք բազմօք»: Աստուած հրեշտակներուն հրաման պիտի տայ եւ փողահարութիւն պիտի պատահի եւ «ընտրելոց» հաւաքոյթ տեղի պիտի ունենայ աշխարհի չորս ծագերուն մէջ եւ Քրիստոս պիտի թագաւորէ եւ թագաւորութեան վախճան պիտի շրջայ:

Եթէ աշխարհի «վախճանը» լաց պիտի բերէ, Քրիստոսի «Գալուստը» սակայն պիտի բերէ երգ եւ ցնծութիւն եւ խաղաղութիւն: Պիտի ըլլանք մէկ հօտ եւ մէկ հովիւ, եւ գայլն ու գառնուկը միասին պիտի ճարակին: Ահա թէ ինչու «Գալուստեան» սպասողները միշտ կ'աղօթեն ըսելով. «Եկեացէ Արքայութիւն քո եւ եղիցին կամ քո»:

Community News

Our condolences are extended to the families of:

Harry Khachadourian who entered his eternal rest on June 8, 2010. Harry was formerly of Latham prior to moving to Palm Beach Gardens, FL. He is survived by his wife, Judy Khachadourian; two sons, Gregory (Barbara) Khachadourian and Kevin (Kelly) Khachadourian; three grandchildren; a sister, Elizabeth Minoogian; two brothers, John Khachadourian and Levon Khachadourian; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

John N. Ohanesian who entered his eternal rest on July 27, 2010. John was born in Troy and graduated from Watervliet High School and worked for Key Bank in Albany for 32 years prior to moving to Pennsylvania. John is survived by a sister Rosemary Rivest (UT) and a brother, Charles Ohanesian (PA).

Edward Paul Minerley who entered his eternal rest on August 14, 2010. He is survived by a daughter, Sherry Edwards; a son, Gary Minerley (Cheryl); four grandchildren; sister-in-law, Anna Terzian Gabaldon; brother-in-law, Richard Terzian; and many nieces and nephews.

Congratulations to **John & Lauren Appelbaum (IA)** on the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Grace Appelbaum, on September 4, 2010. Elizabeth is the granddaughter of Paul & Carol (Kanzajian) Smith (FL) and the great grandniece of Mary Jaffarian.

Congratulations to **Riley Grove Nevins**, on being selected as one out of 50 students in a ten-county area chosen nationwide to attend the two-week ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp at RPI. Selection is made from grades five through seven based on academic performance, teacher support and student's application. This is only the third time this camp has been held at RPI. Riley is the son of John & Karen Nevins and the grandson of William & Betty Jane Nevins. In his application, Riley, who is age 10 and in the fifth grade, noted that he had been interested in science ever since kindergarten when his teacher told the class about dinosaurs and that he was interested in learning about all kinds of science and had been doing a number of science experiments on his own.

Don't miss out on **Armenian Family Fun Day** being held on Saturday, October 2, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. at the New York State Museum. Bring the whole family and come celebrate Armenian culture by learning more about the harvest in Armenia. There will be hands-on educational activities for children of all ages to enjoy. The Armenian community has had a 20-year relationship with the NYS Museum through the Armenian Cultural Series. Your support and feedback of these programs is always welcome and greatly appreciated to ensure its future success. For more information or to offer your support or feedback, contact the event co-chairs, Rafi and Marianne Topalian at rafitop@aol.com or (518) 272-2000.

International News

The Guinness Book of World Records has certified that Grand Candy factory in Armenia has made the world's largest chocolate bar. The factory owner, Karen Vardanyan, said that the chocolate bar was produced to mark the 10th anniversary of the company. The candy bar contains all natural ingredients, including 70 percent cocoa mass. It measures 224 inches long, 110 inches wide, and 10 inches thick. The 9,702-pound chocolate bar will be divided up and handed out in Yerevan's main square on October 16. Anyone looking for free chocolate should book a flight to Armenia to be there on October 16.

St. Peter Armenian Apostolic Church
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2010 Fall/Winter Schedule

Topic of study: Book of James

Friday, September 24

Friday, October 8

Friday, October 22

Friday, November 5

Friday, November 19

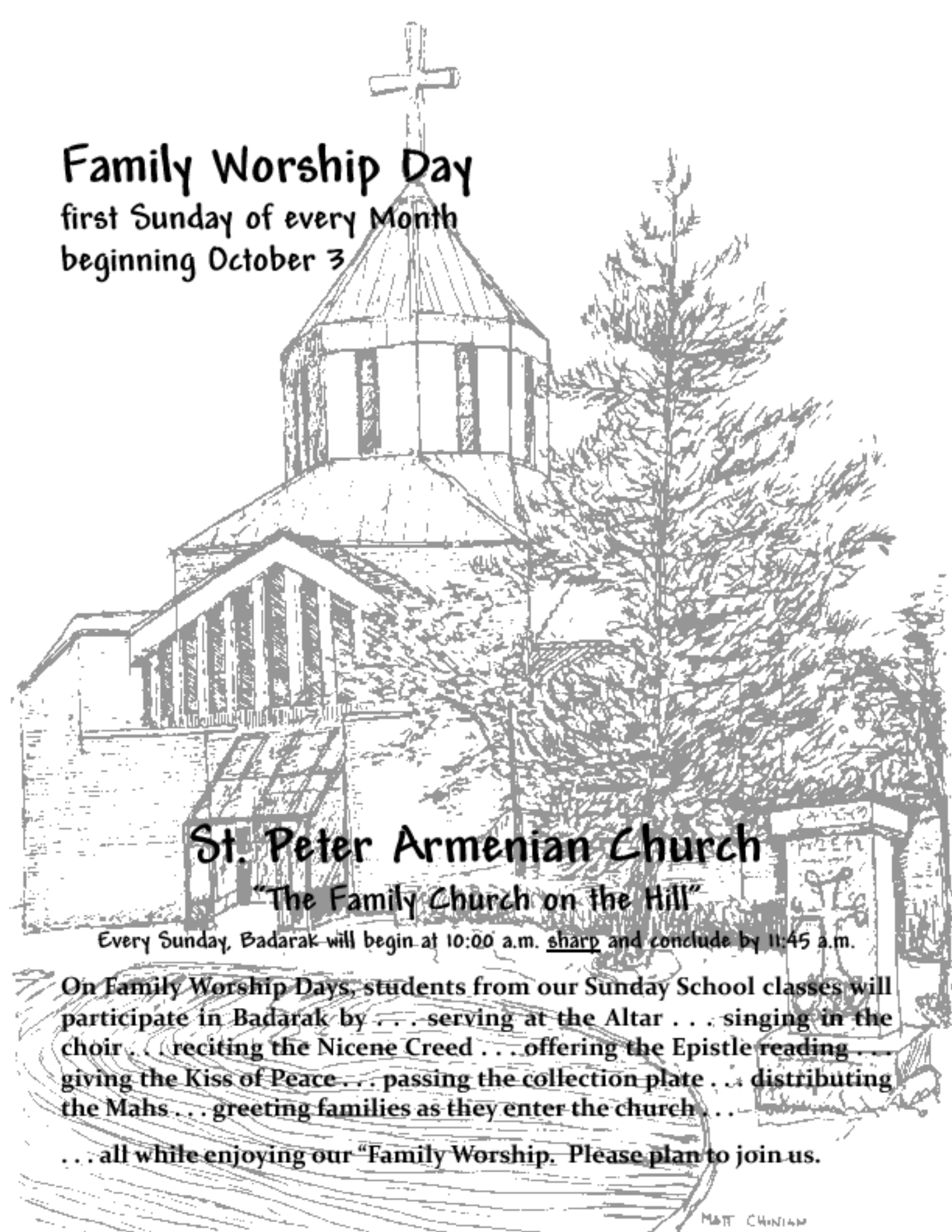
Friday, December 3

Friday, December 17

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Friday evenings in October	Armenian School: Gdanian Auditorium ~ 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 3	Family Worship Day
Monday, October 4	Parish Council Meeting: Conference Room ~ 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 6	Adult Fellowship trip to President Van Buren's Home
Friday, October 8	Adult Bible Study Class: Gdanian Auditorium ~ 10:15 a.m.
Friday, October 22	Adult Bible Study Class: Gdanian Auditorium ~ 10:15 a.m.
Sunday, October 24	Church Anniversary Celebration & Luncheon: Gdanian Auditorium following services
Saturday mornings starting in November	Armenian School: Gdanian Auditorium ~ 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Friday, November 5	Adult Bible Study Class: Gdanian Auditorium ~ 10:15 a.m.
Sunday, November 7	Family Worship Day
Sunday, November 14	Women's Guild Membership Luncheon: Gdanian Auditorium following services
Friday, November 19	Adult Bible Study Class: Gdanian Auditorium ~ 10:15 a.m.
Saturday, December 4	Women's Guild Christmas Party: Century House
Sunday, December 5	Family Worship Day

