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Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Արամ Ա. Կաթողիկոսի Գահակալութեան առիթով Կիրակի, 25 Յունիս 2017, Հայրապետական Մաղթանք կատարուեցաւ Սուրբ եւ Անմահ Պատարագի ընթացքին:

Այս առիթով, Նորին Սրբութեան առաւել մօտէն ծանօթանալու նպատակով հակիրճ կերպով կը ներփակենք Հաւատքի Առաքեալ գրգոյլէն քաղուած կենսագրականը, հրատարակուած 2016-ին:

ԿԵՆՍԱԳՐԱԿԱՆ ՀԱԿԻՐՃ ՏԵՂԵԿՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐ

Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Արամ Ա. Կաթողիկոսի ծննդայական կեանքի ուղին սկսած է կանուխէն՝ Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Կաթողիկոսութեան Դպրեվանքին ու միաբանութեան անդամակցութեան օրերէն, ու կտրած է բազմաթիւ հանգրուաններ՝ հասնելու համար Ա. Աթոռոյս պատմական գահին:

Ծնած է Պէյրութ, 1947-ին: Նախնական ուսումը Ազգ. Մեսրոպեան վարժարանին մէջ ստանալէ ետք, 1961-ին կ'ընդունուի Դպրեվանք: Ժառանգաւորաց բաժինի ուսումնական շրջանը կ'աւարտէ 1965-ին եւ սարկաւագութեան աստիճան կը ստանայ ձեռամբ Գարեգին Եպս. Սարիգեանի: Դպրեվանքի ընծայարանի բաժինը կ'աւարտէ 1968-ին եւ արեղայ կը ձեռնադրուի Լիբանանի օրուան Առաջնորդ Տանատ Արք. Ուրֆալեանի ձեռամբ: Երկու տարի ետք, 1970-ին կ'արժանանայ վարդապետութեան աստիճանին, իսկ 1980-ին յաջորդաբար Ծայրագոյն Վարդապետութեան եւ Եպիսկոպոսական օծում կը ստանայ ձեռամբ Խորէն Ա. Կաթողիկոսի:

Նոյն տարիներուն, կը հետեւի բարձրագոյն ուսման: Լիբանանի մէջ կը հետեւի Մերձաւոր Արեւելքի Աստուածաբանական համալսարանի, Զուիցերիոյ մէջ՝ Պոսէ Միջ-Եկեղեցական հիմնարկի, Անգլիոյ Օքսֆորտ եւ Նիւ Եորքի Ֆորտհամ համալսարաններու դասընթացքներուն, արժանանալով Պսակաւորի, Մագիստրոսի եւ Փիլիսոփայութեան Դոկտորի տիտղոսներուն, աստուածաբանութեան, արեւելագիտութեան եւ եկեղեցական պատմութեան կալուածներուն մէջ:

Ուսանողութեան աւրընթեր, ան պատասխանատու պաշտօններ կը վարէ Մայրավանքին մէջ, ինչպէս նաեւ կը դասախօսէ Պէյրութի Հայկագեան Քոլէճին (հետագային՝ համալսարան), Պէյրութի Համալսարանին (BUC) եւ Ամերիկեան համալսարանին մէջ: Եղած է Դպրեվանքի փոխ տեսուչ եւ դասախօս, ինչպէս նաեւ Կաթողիկոսութեան միջ-Եկեղեցական յարաբերութեանց բաժանմունքի վարիչ:

1978-ին, երբ տակաւին ուսանող էր Նիւ Եորքի մէջ, կ'ընտրուի Լիբանանի Թեմի Առաջնորդական Տեղապահ, իսկ տարի մը ետք՝ Թեմակալ Առաջնորդ, առաքելութիւն մը՝ որ կը վարէ Լիբանանի տագնապի (1975-էն 1990) ծանրագոյն տարիներուն, մինչեւ Կաթողիկոս ընտրութիւնը:

ԻՐԱԳՈՐԾՈՒՆՄԵՐ, ՎԱՍՏԱԿ

Իր գահակալութեան 22 տարիներուն Վահափառ Հայրապետը մեծ վաստակ կերտած է կազմակերպչական, մտաւորական, շինարարական, Հայ Դատի, Հայ Եկեղեցւոյ Նուիրապետական Աթոռներու միջեւ յարաբերութեանց աշխուժացման, հայրենեշինութեան, գաղութներու հոգածութեան եւ այլ կալուածներու մէջ:

Այս սահմանափակ էջերը բաւարար չեն աւելի ամբողջական պատկերներով լուսարձակի տակ բերելու Վեհափառ Հայրապետին առաքելութեան մանապարհորդութիւնը, որ, ինչպէս նշեցինք, սկսած է Ս. Աթոռոյս գահակալութեան օրերէն առաջ, սակայն այստեղ, մենք գլխաւորաբար կեդրոնացանք վերջին երկու տասնամեակներու ծառայութեան ու վաստակին վրայ:

Արեւշատութիւն, Բաջառողջութիւն եւ ընդերկար գահակալութիւն՝ Վեհափառ Հայրապետին, որպէսզի մեր Ս. Աթոռը, հայ ժողովուրդն ու հայրենիքը ընդերկար վայելեն ազգընտիր հովուապետին հովանին ու փարոսը:



«ԾԱՌԱՅՈՒԹՅՈՒՆԸ ԿԵԱՆՔԻ ՆՊԱՏԱԿ Է»

**ՀԱՒԱՏՔԻ
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"SERVICE IS THE PURPOSE OF LIFE"

APOSTLE OF FAITH

On the occasion of the 22nd Anniversary of the Enthronement of His Holiness Aram I, Pontifical Thanksgiving Prayers were said on Sunday, June 25 during the Soorp Badarak.

On this occasion, we include the following excerpt about Vehapar, from the “Service is the Purpose of Life” Apostle of Faith handbook issued on 2016:

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

His Holiness Aram I's legacy of service began at a young age, from his earliest days as a Seminarian and member of the Holy See of Cilicia Brotherhood. He was born in Beirut in 1947. He received his primary education at Mesrobian School, and in 1961 enrolled at the Armenian Theological Seminary in Antelias. In 1965 he was ordained a deacon by Bishop Karekin Sarkissian, in 1968 a celibate priest by Archbishop Dajad Ourfalian, in 1970 received the title of Vartabed (Doctor of the Church), and in 1980 successively received the title of Supreme Vartabed and Episcopal ordination by Catholicos Khoren I.

From 1968-1978, he continued his higher education at the Near East School of Theology in Lebanon, American University of Beirut, Ecumenical Institute at Bossey in Switzerland, Oxford University, and Fordham University in New York, earning a number of degrees, including a Bachelor of Arts, Master of Divinity, Master of Sacred Theology, a Doctor of Philosophy, and several honorary degrees. During this time, he took on administrative duties at the Catholicosate, lectured on Armenological and theological subjects at Haigazian University, Beirut University College, and the American University of Beirut, served as Vice-Dean and lecturer at the Seminary of the Holy See of Cilicia, and director of the Catholicosate Ecumenical Department.

Late in 1978, while studying at Fordham University, he was elected Locum Tenens of the Armenian Prelacy of Lebanon and a year later was elected Prelate, a position he held throughout the crisis-laden years of the Lebanese civil war until his election as Catholicos. In these critical years, His Holiness prioritized the reorganizing of parishes and schools, the revitalization of religious and social organizations, the renewing of community leadership, and fostering of dialogue between the Christian and Muslim communities.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In the past twenty years especially, His Holiness Aram I has brought new dynamism to the Holy see of Cilicia in a number of arenas, including but not limited to organizational matters, construction projects, scholastic endeavors, furthering the Armenian Cause, inter-church relations, nation building, and Diaspora strengthening.

Indeed the achievements and accomplishments of His Holiness Aram I are too vast and varied and his legacy too great to condense in this limited space. This is his vision, leadership, devotion, and diligence. His Holiness Aram I has truly transformed the Catholicosate of the great House of Cilicia into a living center of reflection, dialogue and action.

We pray for the health and well-being of His Holiness so that he may continue his meritorious leadership for the flourishing of the Armenian Apostolic Church and nation and inspire us all with his fatherly blessings, wisdom, and guidance.



Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church



SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Sunday, July 16, 2017

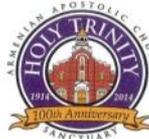
Immediately following the Soorp Badarak

Church large Social Hall

Light mezza will be provided



Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church



RESERVE THE DATE

Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

For our

117th Annual Banquet

Congratulations to Hayr Dajad on this spiritual milestone in his career!



His Holiness Aram I conferred the right to wear the cross to Very Rev. Fr. Dajad Ashekian, who was ordained in 2012, completed his thesis, and received the title ‘Vartabed’ in 2015.

ENGAGEMENT



On Saturday, June 17, 2017, **ADAM MORTANIAN AND CORTNEY SHEGERIAN** were engaged. The engagement was held at the lovely home of Cortney’s grandmother, Mrs. Carlotta Bedrosian, surrounded by the couples’ families and friends. The Officiants were Very Rev. Fr. Dajad Ashekian and Archpriest Fr. Vahan Gosdanian. Congratulations to parents Ron & Barbara Mortanian and John & Tammy Shegerian, grandmothers Carlotta Bedrosian, Mary Mortanian, and Arlene Shegerian.

WEDDING



HAGOP OHANIS AND ERIKA RAMIREZ were joined in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, June 17, 2017, at the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church. Officiating the ceremony was Very Rev. Fr. Dajad Ashekian. Best Man for this joyous occasion was Adam Fosdick and the Maid of Honor was Hilda Gutierrez. We congratulate the happy couple and their parents Arsham & Angela Ohanis and Guillermo & Raquel Ramirez. *May the Lord bless and guide them as they start their new journey of life together.*

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Charles And Julie Hamamjian welcomed baby Charles Paul Hamamjian, Jr. on May 25, 2017, weighing in at 7'5" and 20.5". Congratulations to the grandparents Evelyn Hamamjian and the late Dennis Hamamjian and Ralph and Lana MacMichael.

BAPTISM



On Saturday, June 10, 2017, **NYRIE TOPALIAN** received the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate her parents Serop and Pauline Topalian as well as Godfather Mike Topalian and Godmother Nicole Balderas. *We congratulate Baby Nyrie on reaching this spiritual milestone.*

FUNERAL / GRAVESIDE SERVICES



Graveside services were held for **ARUTYUN NAIRIAN** on **MONDAY, June 5, 2017**. Interment was at Masis Ararat Armenian Cemetery. Our sincere condolences to his nephew Thomas Bagdasarian and brother Berj Shamberekyan and his extended family and friends.

Graveside services were held for **SHIRLEY DIANE ARTHUR** on Thursday, June 8, 2017. Interment was at Belmont Memorial Park in Fresno. Our sincere condolences to her sons Jeffrey Arthur and Victor Arthur, brother Robert Donay and her extended family and friends.

Funeral services were held for **PERON BOGHOSSIAN** of San Francisco, on Wednesday, June 21, 2017. Interment was at Masis Ararat Armenian Cemetery. Our sincere condolences to her son Sarkis Boghossian and wife Vartouk, son Rafi Boghossian, and daughter Roubina Kasparian and husband Varant, and her extended family and friends.

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ԼԻ ԵՒ ՏՈՐՈՒԻ ՀԱԿՈՔԵԱՆՆԵՐՈՒ, ԿԼԵՐԻ ՀԱԿՈՔԵԱՆԻ, ԵՒ ԼՕՐԱ ՀԱԿՈՔԵԱՆԻ հոգիներուն համար, խնդրանով՝ Թամ եւ Գէրըլ Հակոբեաններու: *Այս առիթով Ս. Խորանին ծաղիկներ կը նուիրեն:*

ԶԱԻԵՆ ՍԻՄՈՆԵԱՆԻ 7-րդ տարեկիցին առիթով, **ԳԵՂԱՆՈՒՇ ՍԻՄՈՆԵԱՆԻ** 45-րդ տարեկիցին առիթով, **ԼՈՒՍԻՆ ՓԱՆՈՍԵԱՆԻ** 3-րդ տարեկիցին առիթով եւ համայն **ՍԻՄՈՆԵԱՆ, ՓԱՆՈՍԵԱՆ, ԵՒ ՇՈՒԷՅՀԱՏ ԸՆՏԱՆԻՔՆԵՐՈՒ ՆՆՋԵՑԵԱԼՆԵՐՈՒՆ ՀՈԳԻՆԵՐՈՒՆ ՀԱՄԱՐ**, խնդրանով՝ Աննա Սիմոնեանի եւ զաւակներուն *Այս առիթով Ս. Խորանին ծաղիկներ կը նուիրեն:*

ՄԱՐԻ ԹՈՐՈՍԵԱՆԻ 16-րդ տարեկիցին առիթով եւ **ՀԱԳ ԹՈՐՈՍԵԱՆԻ** 25-րդ տարեկիցին առիթով, խնդրանով զաւակներուն՝ Բաղի Թորոսեանի, Տէր եւ Տիկ. Փիղըր Թորոսեաններու, Սանտի Մահսերէնեանի եւ Սիմոն Միսիրեանի: *Այս առիթով Ս. Խորանին ծաղիկներ կը նուիրեն:*

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ՀԷԼԷՆ ՄԱՏՐԿԸՆԻ ԵՒ ՃԷՐԻ ՄԱՏՐԿԸՆԻ, երկրորդ տարեկիցին առիթով, ինչպէս նաեւ **ՎԱՆՈՒՀԻ ՕՅԱՆԷՍԵԱՆ ՏԷՐ ԿԱՐԱՊԷՏԵԱՆԻ** 61-րդ տարեկիցին առիթով, խնդրանով՝ Վանի, Ճէֆ, եւ Վիֆի Մատըկըններու: *Այս առիթով Ս. Խորանին ծաղիկներ կը նուիրեն:*

HOKEHANKIST will be said for

July 2

LEE & DOROTHY HAGOPIAN, GARY HAGOPIAN, AND LAURA HAGOPIAN, as requested by Tom and Carol Hagopian. *Altar flowers are donated in their memory.*

ZAVEN SIMONIAN, on the 7th year of his passing, **KEGHANOUSH SIMONIAN**, on the 45th year of her passing, and **LOUSIN PANOSIAN** on the 2nd year of her passing, and all the deceased members of the Simonian, Panosian, and Shoueyhat Families, as requested by Anna Simonian and her Family. *Altar flowers are donated in their memory.*

MARY TOROSIAN, on the 16th year of her passing and for **JACK TOROSIAN**, on the 25th year of his passing, as requested by her daughter Patty Torosian, son and daughter-in-law Mr. & Mrs. Peter Torosian and family, nieces Sandi Mahserejian and family and Simone Missirian and family. *Altar flowers are donated in their memory.*

July 30

HELEN DER GARABEDIAN MADIGAN, JERRY MADIGAN on the second year of their passing, and **VANOUIE OHANESIAN DER GARABEDIAN** on the 61st year of her passing, as requested by Vonnie, Jeff, and Vicki Madigan. *Altar flowers are donated in their memory.*

Are you willing to bring someone to church who lives close to you but has no ride for Sunday services? Do you need a ride to Sunday services? If either applies to you, please call the church office and we will try to pair those who need a ride with a driver.



Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church

104th Annual Grape Blessing and Festival



Sunday, August 6, 2017

**Celebrating the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am
Blessing of the Grapes at 11:30 am**

Followed by Festival, Food, Music, Dancing,
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Music by Richard Hagopian

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CONGRATULATIONS 2017 GRADUATES



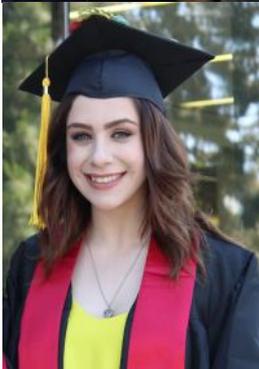
NAREK KHATCHIKIAN (LEFT) graduated from Clovis West High School. He plans on majoring in Business Administration at California State University, Fresno. His proud parents are Dr. Garo and Nouné Khatchikian. Congratulations Narek!

ALENA ANOUSH KUTUMIAN (RIGHT) graduated from Clovis West High School. She plans on majoring in Biology at UC Riverside and hopes to become a doctor. Her proud parents are Jerry and Dzovig Kutumian. Congratulations Alena!



SARKIS GARO POLADIAN (LEFT) graduated from Buchanan High School. He plans on majoring in Neuro-Biology at UC Davis. His proud parents are Garo and Natalie Poladian. Congratulations Sarkis!

KOHAR SANIKIAN (RIGHT) graduated from Clovis North High School. She plans on continuing her education at Clovis Community College and later attend Pepperdine University for Law. Her proud parents are Bedros and Ani Sanikian. Congratulations Kohar!



ELENA ANNIE SARMAZIAN (LEFT) graduated from California State University, Fresno. She majored in Psychology and plans on continuing her education by going to graduate school for her Master's degree. Her proud parents are Robert and Vartuhi Sarmazian. Congratulations Elena!

CONGRATS
GRAD

CONGRATULATIONS 2017 GRADUATES



KRISTA JAMGOTCHIAN graduated from the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, and a Specialization in Web Development. After a graduation trip to Europe, she will return to begin her career as a Financial Analyst at Walt Disney Imagineering in Glendale. Her proud parents are Patti & Jerry Jamgotchian, sister Nicole; grandparents: the late Gladys & Peter Jamgotchian, and Seta & Greg Tcherkoyan of Oakland, CA.



On Friday, June 23, 2017, at a luncheon was held at the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church, where Mrs. Paulete Janian was awarded the prestigious Bernie E. Witkin Lifetime Achievement Award. Paulette was born and raised in Selma, California. She graduated as valedictorian of Selma High School in 1964 and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English Magna Cum Laude and with College Honors from California State University, Fresno in January of 1968.

We want to congratulate all of our 2017 Graduates those listed above or not. If we missed anyone who would like to be acknowledged, please send us a picture and a brief description, and we will place it in the next Voice issue.

Bless you all.

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<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
<u>2</u> Morning Service 8:50 am Badarak 9:50 am	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> 	<u>5</u>
<u>9</u> Morning Serv. 8:50 am Badarak 9:50 am	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> Men's Society Dinner Meeting 6:00 pm
<u>16</u> <i>Scholarship Award Presentation</i> Morning Service 8:50 am Badarak 9:50 am	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>23</u> Morning Service 8:50 am Badarak 9:50 am VARTAVAR	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>30</u> Morning Service 8:50 am Badarak 9:50 am	<u>31</u>		

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<i><u>Thursday</u></i>	<i><u>Friday</u></i>	<i><u>Saturday</u></i>
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<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
	Deadline for “Voice” submission	
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> 	<u>29</u> 

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On the 5th year of his passing

Rosemary Panosian

***DONATIONS MADE DURING THE
LATTER PART OF JUNE WILL BE
LISTED IN THE NEXT ISSUE.***

Thank you.

GENERAL DONATIONS

Albert & Alice Abrahamian (*Voice*)

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Adam to Cortney Shegerian, daughter of
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***(In Honor of Nazik Arisian's
60th Birthday)***

Gail Toroian

Lonna Torrico

(In memory of Jan Reed Tracy)

Alice Abrahamian would like to express her gratitude for the Certificate of Appreciation for her years of service to the Church. She would also like to thank everyone who called, sent flowers, and visited her at the California Armenian Home. Your thoughts and friendship aided in her recovery.

The Ragman

Before the dawn one Friday morning I noticed a young man, handsome and strong, walking the alleys of our City. He was pulling an old cart filled with clothes both bright and new, and he was calling in a clear, tenor voice: “Rags! Rags! New rags for old! I’ll take your tired rags! Rags!” Now, this is a wonder, I thought to myself, for the man stood six-feet-four, and his arms were like tree limbs, hard and muscular, and his eyes flashed intelligence. Could he find no better job than this, to be a ragman in the inner city? I followed him. My curiosity drove me, and I wasn’t disappointed.

Soon the Ragman saw a woman sitting on her back porch. She was sobbing into a handkerchief, sighing, and shedding a thousand tears. Her knees and elbows made a sad X. Her shoulders shook. Her heart was breaking. The Ragman stopped his cart. Quietly, he walked to the woman, stepping round tin cans, dead toys, and Pampers. “Give me your rag,” he said so gently, “and I’ll give you another.” He slipped the handkerchief from her eyes. She looked up, and he laid across her palm a linen cloth so clean and new that it shined. She blinked from the gift to the giver. Then, as he began to pull his cart again, the Ragman did a strange thing, he put her stained handkerchief to his own face; and then he began to weep, to sob as grievously as she had done, his shoulders shaking. Yet she was left without a tear. This IS a wonder, I thought to myself, and I followed the sobbing Ragman like a child who cannot turn away from mystery.

“Rags! Rags! New rags for old!” In a little while, when the sky showed grey behind the rooftops and I could see the shredded curtains hanging out black windows, the Ragman came upon a girl whose head was wrapped in a bandage, whose eyes were empty. Blood soaked her bandage. A single line of blood ran down her cheek. Now the tall Ragman looked upon this child with pity, and he drew a lovely yellow bonnet from his cart. “Give me your rag,” he said, tracing his own line on her cheek, “and I’ll give you mine.” The child could only gaze at him while he loosened the bandage, removed it, and tied it to his own head. The bonnet he set on hers, and I gasped at what I saw. For with the bandage went the wound! Against his brow it ran a darker, more substantial blood – his own! “Rags! Rags! I take old rags!” cried the sobbing, bleeding, strong, intelligent Ragman.

The sun hurt both the sky, now, and my eyes; the Ragman seemed more and more to hurry. “Are you going to work?” he asked a man who leaned against a telephone pole. The man shook his head. The Ragman pressed him and asked if he had a job. “Are you crazy?” sneered the other. He pulled away from the pole, revealing the right sleeve of his jacket – flat, the cuff stuffed into the pocket. He had no arm. “So,” said the Ragman, “give me your jacket, and I’ll give you mine.” Such quiet authority in his voice!

The one-armed man took off his jacket. So did the Ragman – and I trembled at what I saw. For the Ragman’s arm stayed in its sleeve, and when the other put it on he had two good arms, thick as tree limbs; but the Ragman had only one. “Go to work,” he said.

After that he found a drunk, lying unconscious beneath an army blanket, and old man, hunched, wizened, and sick. He took that blanket and wrapped it round himself, but for the drunk he left new clothes. And now I had to run to keep up with the Ragman. Though he was weeping uncontrollably, and bleeding freely at the forehead, pulling his cart with one arm, stumbling for drunkenness, falling again and again, exhausted, old, old

and sick, yet he went with terrible speed. On spider's legs he skittered through the alleys of the city, this mile and the next, until he came to its limits, and then he rushed beyond. I wept to see the change in this man. I hurt to see his sorrow. And yet I needed to see where he was going in such haste, perhaps to know what drove him so.

The little old Ragman – he came to a landfill. He came to the garbage pits. And then I wanted to help him in what he did, but I hung back, hiding. He climbed a hill. With tormented labor he cleared a little space on that hill. Then he sighed. He lay down. He pillowed his head on a handkerchief and a jacket. He covered his bones with an army blanket. And he died. Oh, how I cried to witness that death! I slumped in a junked car and wailed and mourned as one who has no hope – because I had come to love the Ragman. Every other face had faded in the wonder of this man, and I cherished him; but he died. I sobbed myself to sleep. I slept through Friday and Saturday night. But then, on Sunday morning, I was abruptly wakened. Light – pure, hard, demanding light – slammed against my sour face, and I blinked, and I looked, and I saw the last and the first wonder of all. There was the Ragman, folding the blanket most carefully, a scar on his forehead, but alive! And, besides that, healthy! There was no sign of sorrow or of age, and all the rags that he had gathered shined for cleanliness. Well, then I lowered my head and trembling for all that I had seen, I myself walked up to the Ragman. I told him my name with shame, for I was a sorry figure next to him. Then I took off all my clothes in that place, and I said to him with dear yearning in my voice: “Dress me.” He dressed me. My Lord, he put new rags on me, and I am a wonder beside him. The Ragman, the Ragman, the Christ!

Written by: Walter Wangerin

Message: I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. Matthew 25:36

Get Well Soon!

The Pastor and the Board of Trustees wish to express to all church members who are ill and not feeling well (listed or not listed below), a speedy recovery. Please let us know if you know of anyone who is ill or is in the hospital and would like a visit.

Richard Shirin
Jasmina Kalanjian



The Ladies' Guild Three Servants Project 2017

In March, The Ladies' Guild started a new fundraiser based on The Parable of The Three Servants from Matthew 25: 14–30. We invite you to read it. This parable teaches us to use our gifts and talents for the betterment of our Master, our community, and ourselves.

We are sure that everyone in our guild has multiple talents that we may not even be aware of. We are hoping each will donate time and products or services to friends, church members, and family who will be willing to donate financially to the church to receive the benefits of those talents.

Here are the projects we have had so far. Some of these are continuing as well. Grace Kazarian made toorshie, Gladys Melikian made berry jam, Barbara Mortanian organized The Pieology project, Stella Chaderjian and Heather Lee made decorative cakes, Barbara Chookasezian made harissa, Vartouhy Pandukht made knitted shower scrubbies, Patty Torosian organized and sponsored our joint Men's/Ladies' Guild Dinner, and Sharon Krikorian is offering iPhone/iPad instructional classes.

I hope you have been able to benefit from all of these delicious, fun, and helpful projects. We are suggesting a minimum donation for each project but will be willing to accept as much as the giver would like to donate. As of mid-June, we have made close to \$2,000 for our church through this project and are continuing our quest.

We hope more members will get involved. Perhaps you can knit, offer cooking or dance lessons, do crafts or garden projects, give manicures or haircuts, have a yard sale, bake, provide baby or elder sitting, become a walking or exercise buddy, can offer a product from your line of work, etc.

Some may wish to make this a family affair and work with grandchildren on projects they can offer to their school friends. You can do a joint project with other members. You do not have to offer your gifts just to church members. Think of what you can offer to your neighbors, workmates, family, and friends from other walks of your life.

We hope you can have some fun and raise some money for our church. Think about your gifts and don't sell yourself short. If you have questions and would like to get involved, please contact us through the Ladies' Guild.

Camp Shining Light Application

Camper's Name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Age: _____

Grade in September 2017: _____

Adult Shirt Size: S M L XL (circle one only)

Sex: Male / Female

Address: _____

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Camper Cell #: (if applicable): _____

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Please list any medications, any allergies or medical conditions that camp staff should be aware of. List all information below:

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CAMP LEADERSHIP

Ani Petrosian, Raquel Minasian, Shiraz Savoian, Ani Kenderian, Shant Kenderian and Berch Papikyan



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Sunday, July 16, 2017 -
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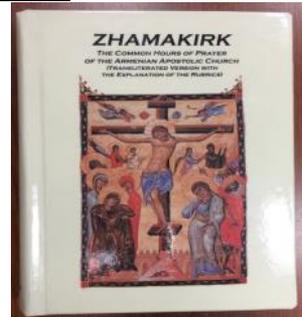
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1. Գիւտ Նշխարաց Ա. Գրիգոր Լուսաւորչին
Իմաստութեան 4:7-15; Միւսիս 7:7-10; Գործք Առաքելոց 20:22-32;
Յովհաննու 10:11-16
2. **Եսայեայ 1:21-31; Հովմայեցիս 7:25-8:11; Մատթէոսի 12:38-45**
3. Իմաստութեան 3:1-8; Եսայեայ 48:16-17; Բ. Տիմոթէոս 3:10-15;
Յովհաննու 15:11-16
4. Սրբոցն՝ Դանիէլի Մարգարէին եւ երից մանկանցն Սեդրաբայ,
միսաբայ եւ Աբեղնագովի:
Դանիէլի 2:1-49; Եբրայեցիս 11:32-40; Մատթէոսի 24:9-15
5. Հովմայեցիս 9:1-16; Մատթէոսի 13:1-8
6. Ա. Սահակ եւ Ա. Մեստոպ
Իմաստութեան 8:7-10; Եսայեայ 61:6-9; Ա. Կորնթացիս 12:4-11;
Ղուկասու 12:32-40
7. Հովմայեցիս 9:17-27; Մատթէոսի 13:16-23
8. Ա. Տրդատ Թագաւոր, Աշխէն Թագուհի եւ Խոսրովիդուխտ
Իմաստութեան 6:2-10; Եսայեայ 45:1-2; Ա. Տիմոթէոն 2:1-7;
Ղուկասու 11:14-23
9. **Տօն Գիւտ Տիոյ Ա. Աստուածածնի**
Եսայեայ 2:5-11; Հովմայեցիս 9:30-10:4; Մատթէոսի 13:24-30
10. Առակաց 1:1-9; Եսայեայ 41:1-3; Եբրայեցիս 12:1-7; Մարկոսի 13:9-13
11. Սրբոյն Զաւարեայ Մարգարէին:
Զաւարեայ 3:7-4:9; Ա. Կորնթացիս 12:28-13:3; Մատթէոսի 23:34-39
12. Հովմայեցիս 10:5-17; Մատթէոսի 13:31-42
13. Սրբոյն Եղիսէի Մարգարէին:
Դ. Թագաւորաց 13:14-21; Ա. Կորնթացիս 2:6-10; Ղուկասու 4:25-30
14. Հովմայեցիս 11:1-12; Մատթէոսի 14:43-52
15. Սրբոց երկոտասան Առաքելոցն Քրիստոսի եւ Սրբոյն Պօղոսի
Երեւտասաներորդ առաքելոյն:
Իմաստութեան 9:9-10:2; Ելից 15:23-27; Ա. Թեսաղոնիկեցիս 2:9-16;
Մատթէոսի 9:36-10:7
16. **Հոգեգալուստէն իտք վեցերորդ Կիրակի:**
Եսայեայ 3:1-11; Հովմայեցիս 11:13-24; Մատթէոսի 14:13-21
17. Հովմայեցիս 11:25-36; Մատթէոսի 14:22-36
18. Հովմայեցիս 15:1-13; Մատթէոսի 15:1-20
19. Հովմայեցիս 15:14-29; Մատթէոսի 15:21-28
20. Հովմայեցիս 15:30-16:16; Մատթէոսի 15:29-38
21. Հովմայեցիս 16:17-27; Մատթէոսի 15:39-16:12
22. Յիշատակ Տապանակի Հնոյ եւ Տօն Նորոյս Սրբոյ Եկեղեցւոյ:
Ելից 25:10-14; Յեսուայ 3:14-4:18; Ա. Թագաւորաց 6:18-7:2; Բ.
Թագաւորաց 6:12-19; Եբրայեցիս 9:1-10; Մատթէոսի 5:17-20

DAILY BIBLE READING
JULY - 2017

1. Discovery of the relics of St. Gregory the Illuminator
Wisdom 4:7-15; Micah 7:7-10; Acts 20:22-32; John 10:11-16
2. ***Fourth Sunday after Pentecost***
Isaiah 1:21-31; Romans 7:25-8:11; Matthew 12:38-45
3. Wisdom 3:1-8; Isaiah 48:16-17; 2 Timothy 3:10-15; John 15:11-16
4. Sts. Daniel the prophet and the three young men—Shadrach (Setrak), Meshach (Misak) and Abednego (Apetnakov)
Daniel 2:1-49; Hebrews 11:32-40; Matthew 24:9-15
5. Romans 9:1-16; Matthew 13:1-8
6. Our Holy Translators Sts. Sahag and Mesrob
Wisdom 8:7-10; Isaiah 61:6-9; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Luke 12:32-40
7. Romans 9:17-27; Matthew 13:16-23
8. Sts. King Tiridates (Drtad), Queen Ashkhen, and Khosrovidookht
Wisdom 6:2-10; Isaiah 45:1-2; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 11:14-23
9. ***Feast of the Discovery of the Box of the Theotokos***
Isaiah 2:5-11; Romans 9:30-10:4; Matthew 13:24-30
10. Proverbs 1:1-9; Isaiah 41:1-3; Hebrews 12:1-7; Mark 13:9-13
11. Prophet Zechariah
Zechariah 3:7-4:9; 1 Corinthians 12:28-13:3; Matthew 23:34-39
12. Romans 10:5-17; Matthew 13:31-42
13. Prophet Elisha
2 Kings 13:14-21; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Luke 4:25-30
14. Romans 11:1-12; Matthew 14:43-52
15. The 12 Holy Apostles of Christ and St. Paul the 13th Apostle
Wisdom 9:9-10:2; Exodus 15:23-27; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-16;
Matthew 9:36-10:7
16. ***Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Eve of the Fast of Transfiguration)***
Isaiah 3:1-11; Romans 11:13-24; Matthew 14:13-21
17. Romans 11:25-36; Matthew 14:22-36
18. Romans 15:1-13; Matthew 15:1-20
19. Romans 15:14-29; Matthew 15:21-28
20. Romans 15:30-16:16; Matthew 15:29-38
21. Romans 16:17-27; Matthew 15:39-16:12
22. Commemoration of the Old Ark [of the covenant] and the Feast of the New One—the Holy Church
Exodus 25:10-14; Joshua 3:14-4:18; 1 Samuel 6:18-7:2;
2 Samuel 6:12-19; Hebrews 9:1-10; Matthew 5:17-20

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23. *Տօն Այլակերպութեան—Վարդավառ
Իմաստութեան 7:25-8:4; Զաքարիայ 14:16-21; 1 Յովհաննու 1:1-7;
Մատթէոսի 16:13-17:13*
24. Ելից 19:9-13; Գ. Թագաւորաց 2:9-12; 1 Յովհաննու 5:9-12;
Յովհաննու 1:1-17
25. Ելից 19:16-20; Գ. Թագաւորաց 19:11-16; Եբրայեցիս 12:18-27;
Ղուկասու 9:27-36
26. Ա. Կորնթացիս 1:1-8; Մատթէոսի 17:21-18:4
27. Սրբոյն Եսայեայ Մարգարէին:
Եսայեայ 6:1-10; Եբրայեցիս 11:32-40; Ղուկասու 4:14-23
28. Ա. Կորնթացիս 1:10-18; Մատթէոսի 18:2-9
29. Ա. Թաղէոսի Առաքելոյն եւ Սանդիստոյ Կուսին
Իմաստութեան 1:1-7; Երեմեայ 16:16-21; Ա. Կորնթացիս 12:28-13:10;
Ղուկասու 9:1-6
30. *Վարդավառէն ետք երկրորդ Կիրակի:
Եսայեայ 3:16-4:1; Ա. Կորնթացիս 1:25-30; Մատթէոսի 18:10-14*
31. Սրբոցն Կիպրիանոսի Եպիսկոպոսին եւ քառասուն եւ հինգ հայ
վկայիցն որք նահատակեցան ի նիկոպոլիս քաղաք փոքուն հայոց եւ
կուսանացն՝ Յուստիանեայ, Եւփիմեայ եւ Քրիստինեայ:
Եսայեայ 46:12-13; Գաղատացիս 3:13-22; Ղուկասու 15:1-10

DAILY BIBLE READING
JULY - 2017

23. *Transfiguration (Vartavar)*
Wisdom 7:25-8:4; Zechariah 14:16-21; 1 John 1:1-7; Matthew 16:13-17:13
24. Exodus 19:9-13; 2 Kings 2:9-12; 1 John 5:9-12; John 1:1-17
25. Exodus 19:16-20; 1 Kings 19:11-16; Hebrews 12:18-27; Luke 9:27-36
26. 1 Corinthians 1:1-8; Matthew 17:21-18:4
27. Prophet Isaiah
Isaiah 6:1-10; Hebrews 11:32-40; Luke 4:14-23
28. 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 18:2-9
29. The Holy Apostle Thaddeus (Jude) and St. Santookht the virgin
Wisdom 1:1-7; Jeremiah 16:16-21; 1 Corinthians 12:28-13:10; Luke 9:1-6
30. *Second Sunday of Transfiguration*
Isaiah 3:16-4:1; 1 Corinthians 1:25-30; Matthew 18:10-14
31. St. Cyprian (Gibryanos) and the Forty-Five Holy Martyrs
Isaiah 46:12-13; Galatians 3:13-22; Luke 15:1-10

New Principal to Lead Central Valley’s Charlie Keyan Armenian Community School

By: Sarah Soghomonian

The Charlie Keyan Armenian Community School is kicking off its 40th year with a new principal.

Nora Kassajikian will replace retiring Principal Zar Der Mgrdechian in July. Kassajikian comes to the Central Valley from Southern California where she was most recently teaching at a private elementary school in Hacienda Heights. Prior to her employment in Hacienda Heights, she taught at an international school in China and for San Diego Unified School District and Chula Vista Elementary School District.



“I hope to bring energy as well as the love of learning to our students, staff and parents,” Kassajikian says. “I want to make education interesting so that students can have fun and be engaged while learning.”

The CKACS Board of Education worked with a search committee to find a principal that would best lead the school and achieve its overall mission of academic excellence by providing a comprehensive standards based educational program while creating a healthy, moral and safe environment for students to thrive.

“There is no reason why the Armenian Community School cannot and should not be every parent’s first choice when it comes to quality private education in a Christian environment,” says Marshall Moushigian, Board of Education Chairman. “There is a renewed sense of energy at the school, with an improved pay scale for teachers and a new principal at the helm.”

The Charlie Keyan Armenian Community School is working hard to re-establish connections with area churches and alumni. “We have been laying the foundation for our school to not only grow and thrive, but to do so on such a scale that we are put in a position to fine-tune our Master Plan to locate and acquire new land and develop a new campus for future generations of Central Valley students,” Moushigian says.

Kassajikian attended elementary school at Demirjian Armenian School in Beirut, Lebanon before immigrating to the United States with her family in 1984. She says she looks forward to engaging herself in the local community.

“We can accomplish all things together,” Kassajikian says. “Parents, churches and community groups need to play an active role towards the upbringing of our children. I want CKACS to play a vital role for our students. I would like to make education exciting and interesting for them so they can excel in middle school as well as high school.”

The Charlie Keyan Armenian Community School is located in Clovis, on Villa between Herndon and Sierra.

The Charlie Keyan Armenian Community School is the only Armenian school in the Central Valley. CKACS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) and is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

“Armenian schools provide an appreciation for the Armenian culture as well as the language,” Kassajikian says. “I find that students who don’t have a strong sense of their culture and an understanding of where they came from often struggle with their day-to-day life.”

Registration is underway for grades Pre-K through Sixth. Classroom instruction is in English. Armenian language, arts and Christian education are an integral part of the curriculum. CKACS offers small class sizes and afterschool programs.

Anyone interested in enrolling in grades Pre-K through Sixth can visit CKACS.org or call 559-323-1955 to learn more.

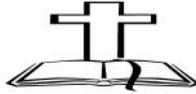


COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 1: 5:00 p.m., Armenian-American Citizens' League Barbecue, California Armenian Home AACL Hall, \$15, RSVP Barbara 559-284-8478.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6: Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church Annual Grape Blessing. More information to follow.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

The Armenian-American Citizens' Club of Fresno Educational Fund, Inc. , has scholarships available for high school seniors and college students of Armenian ancestry for the 2017-2018 school year. Application deadline is August 1st. For application forms please e-mail maryekmalian@att.net or call 559-261-1026.

