



Illuminator

LETTUCE

St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church of Philadelphia
Archpriest Fr. Nerses Manoogian, Pastor

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FEATS OF ASSUMPTION AND BLESSING OF GRAPES

In a festive mood, St. Gregory's parishioners celebrated the feast of the Assumption of St. Mary, the God-bearer, on Sunday, August 13, 2017. Of all the feasts dedicated to the saint, the Assumption is the most important feast on our calendar and is also one of the cardinal feasts of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

We always celebrate this feast on the closest Sunday to August 15, whereas Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches celebrate on August 15.



On this day, it is customary in the Armenian church to bless grapes, a pre-Christian custom which was incorporated into this feast by our church Fathers.

The following proudly served the altar that day: L-R. Fan-Bearer Joseph Barton, Candle-Bearer William Chapanian, Deacon-in-training Hovig Chapanian, Deacon Vartan Karakelian, Der Nerses Manoogian, Deacon Haroutiun Kazandjian, Stole-Bearer Johnny Alexanian, Candle-Bearer Levon Chapanian, and Fan-Bearer Tomas Karakelian.

A MESSAGE TO OUR PARISHIONERS

Dear Parishioner:

The Church needs your financial help, and it needs it now.

As a registered parishioner, you know you are always welcome to participate and share in all of the spiritual, cultural, and social benefits of Church membership. For instance:

- ◆ Maybe you or your relatives were baptized here.
- ◆ Maybe you or your relatives were married here.
- ◆ Maybe you or your relatives sang in the choir or were part of the Men's Club, Ladies Guild, Sunday School or other Church organization.
- ◆ Maybe you attended the Church Bazaar or Spring Fair.
- ◆ Maybe wanting to be around others with a shared and common ancestry and culture brought you to Church.
- ◆ Maybe your attendance was because of the funeral of a loved one.

Whatever your reason, the Church has always been here for you. And the Church wants to continue to be here for you. After all, YOU are the Church. Without YOU, there is no Church. Without YOUR financial support, the Church's continued existence is not secure.

It takes significant financial resources for the Church to meet the spiritual needs of our parishioners and to remain relevant in our lives. It is even more challenging as times change and the cost of operating our Church increases.

As you know, the annual budget of the Church is approximately \$440,000. In past years, the Church has been operating at a deficit, which means we are spending more than we are taking in. While a majority of our members pay their dues, this year the deficit is projected to be \$75,000. But we need more participation than this to avoid a serious financial crisis. We have a very active Board of Trustees that has been managing Church affairs and cutting costs wherever possible without significantly compromising essential functions. As stewards of the Church and its finances, the Board also has a duty to call upon parishioners who have not paid annual dues to help balance our budget. That brings us to the purpose of this letter. We want to make you aware of the Church's financial predicament because we noticed that you have not paid your annual dues for some time now. While the Board understands that some parishioners simply cannot afford to pay because of an unexpected change in their personal financial situation, we want you to know that we cannot remain viable without everyone paying their fair share.

While we would welcome the payment of your dues for past years, we need to focus on the present and future. We hope you can step up to pay your 2017 dues now, and rededicate yourself to continuing to pay in future years. Currently, dues are \$300 for individuals and \$600 for families. Keep in mind that if more of our parishioners participate, the less it will cost everyone. So, please send what you can as soon as you can to help us.

Thank you. We look forward to continuing to be part of your life.

Very truly yours,
Bill Arthin, Chairman

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Archpriest Fr. Nerses Manoogian

AN APPEAL TO OUR MILLENNIALS

Հրաւեր Մեր Երիտասարդ Մերունդին

Dear Sons and Daughters of St. Gregory’s Church of Philadelphia,

As we prepare to celebrate the jubilee anniversary of our church, I feel compelled to reach out to you and personally invite you to stand with St. Gregory’s, because you are part of us and a product of this church community.

The St. Gregory’s community is a place where you were nurtured. It was integral to your formation and is the vehicle which molded you and shaped your identity. And I am proud that you were part of that young generation who helped fulfill the dreams of the founders and now are serving this same community in many capacities.

St. Gregory’s is proudly poised to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of its establishment on Ridge Avenue. It was fifty years ago that a handful of dreamers realized their vision of building a church facility to shelter and nurture future generations and perpetuate the Armenian Christian identity. As your pastor, who witnessed your growth in this parish, I am reaching out to you and asking you to join us in our festivities on October 7 and 8. Our celebration will be more meaningful if you are there. Your presence will magnify our voice and give validity to our pride.

Thank God you are all successful in your careers and in everything you do. Please join us and add your name to the list of donors, since we are using this milestone jubilee as an opportunity to strengthen our financial standing. The Bible says, **“Give and it will be given to you.”** The church gave to you; it is your time to give back. You are very dear to us. We need your support, and we welcome both it and your presence with open arms.

Hoping you will come forward and contribute to our appeal. God bless you all.

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Երբ կը պարասրուինք տօնակատարելու մեր եկեղեցւոյ յիսնամեակը, պարտք կը զգամ անձնապէս կոչ ընելու ձեզի մեր կողքին կենալու, որովհետեւ դուք մեր տան անդամներն էք եւ արդիւնքը այս եկեղեցական

զաղութի անխոնջ աշխատանքին:

Մուրբ Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչ զաղութը տեղ մըն է ուր դուք սնանեցաք: Անիկա ձեր ծաղկումին սնունդ տուողն էր. անիկա այն մեքենան էր որ ձեւաւորեց ձեր ինքնութիւնը: Եւ ես հպարտ եմ որ դուք մնացիք այն հաւատաւոր երիտասարտներու խումբին մէջ որոնք մարմին դուին մեր հիմնադիրներու երազներուն եւ կը շարունակէք բանիլ այս զաղութին մէջ զանազան գործունէութեան անդաստաններէն ներս:

Այս Հոկտեմբերին մենք պիտի տօնակատարենք մեր եկեղեցւոյ Բիճ Պողոտայի վրայ հաստատման յիսնամեակը: Յիսուն տա րիներ առաջ էր որ խումբ մը տեսլապաշտ ղեկավարներ եկեղեցի մը շինելու իրենց տեսիլքը իրագործեցին՝ տուն տալու եւ սնուցանելու յետագայ սերունդներ եւ պահպանելու հայ քրիստոնէական ինքնութիւնը: Ես որպէս ձեր հովիւը, որ վկայ եղայ այս զաղութի մէջ ունեցած ձեր աճումին, կոչ կընեմ բոլորիդ որ մեզի միանաք յառաջիկայ Հոկտեմբեր 7-8-ին: Ձեր ներկայութեամբ մեր ուրախութիւնը պիտի ըլլայ ամբողջական եւ մեր հպարտութիւնը վաւերական:

Դուք բոլորդ ձեր ասպարեզներուն մէջ յաջողակ էք փառք Աստուծոյ: Ձանք ըրէք ձեր անունը եւս աւելցնելու մեր նուիրատուներու ցանկին վրայ, որովհետեւ մենք այս յիսնամեակը կը գործածենք մեր զաղութի տնտեսական դիրքը հզօրացնելու՝ ապագային համար: Աւետարանը կըսէ. - **«Տուէք եւ պիտի տրուի ձեզի»:** Այս եկեղեցին տուաւ ձեզի եւ այժմ ձեր կարգն է փոխադարձելու: Մեզի համար սիրելի էք եւ կը փափաքինք որ միանաք մեզի թէ ձեր ներկայութեամբ եւ թէ ձեր նուիրներով:

Աստուած օրհնէ բոլորդ:

Fifty years ago when St. Gregory's was built on these grounds, no one realized the long-term potential that lay ahead due to our dedication, enthusiasm, and confidence in our long-term future. We accomplished these goals because we had visions and plans to initiate and maintain principles and solutions to preserve our church's rich cultural history and heritage and strengthen it for future generations by being vigilant and wise when encountering challenges critical to its success.

For future success in the second decade

of the new century we must have commitment and endurance to always do what is right with humility and respect. To continue, it is imperative that we have the responsibility to propagate new ideas...regenerate the enthusiasm that is vital...and move on to the next chapter, which we have accomplished and are now reaping the rewards and benefits of our past incredible history.

We are global ambassadors for the Armenian cause to strengthen our identity in this diverse world.

By Betty Tavakalian

DEAR PARISHIONERS, AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE PREPARING TO CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH. THE NEXT ILLUMINATOR WILL BE A SPECIAL 50TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE WHERE ALL OUR ACTIVITIES WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED. FOR NOW, I INVITE EVERY ONE OF YOU TO SUBMIT YOUR PERSONAL REFLECTIONS AS BETTY TAVAKALIAN DID IN THE ABOVE SECTION. IF YOU WITNESSED THE CONSECRATION OF OUR CHURCH, SHARE WITH US YOUR IMPRESSIONS OR A LITTLE INSPIRING STORY. WE WILL BE GLAD TO PUBLISH ALL AND PASS THEM ON TO THE NEXT GENERATIONS AS A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION.

THE FIRST ONE

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH - AN OCCASION TO CELEBRATE OUR PAST

As we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of our church, we have been doing lots of digging into our history and trying to bring out facts and display the values which have been part of our life at this, the Ridge Avenue location of St. Gregory's.

interesting is that in this ceremony an important role is given to a teenage boy to be the "Godfather of the opening of the Portals." What it entails is, basically, that at the end of this ceremony, he opens the closed curtain of the altar.



Lately it was brought to my attention by the parents of Manuel, that in our parish, this ceremony had been forgotten for a while during the process of relocating and building the new church. After the consecration of St. Gregory's on Ridge Avenue, it was their son who stood for the first time as the Godfather of the Portal.

Manuel was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Manuelian. He was born on October 20, 1969. When he was five years old, he was stricken with a terminal disease and went through an excruciating three years of treatments. He passed away in 1978, shy of his ninth birthday.

Here is another "First One."

This is a picture of Manuel Manuelian, the blessed memory, who in 1978, for the first time in our church's life, stood on the altar as the Godfather of the opening of the Portals. As you may know, on Palm Sunday, after the Badarak we traditionally start another ceremony called "Opening of the Portals," *Trunpatzek* in Armenian. This ceremony speaks about the second coming of our Lord. What is

As we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of our church, we raise our prayers as well for people like young Manuel who helped to shape our past with their contributions, large or small.

May God bless his soul and continue healing his parents.



Youth Ministry News

Talene Artinian, Director



Our first youth group meeting of the year was held on September 15th from 7-9 PM. Over 27 youth members attended and we now have close to 40 youth members at our church. We had dinner, snacks, and ice cream, and played many fun games to get to know each other. It was great to see our youth connect and get excited for our next meetings. The youth had fun playing hide-and-go-seek in the dark with their flashlights as well as other team building activities and icebreakers. My husband Kevork and I also prayed over our youth to bless and protect them throughout the year. This year we will be using a new video

series called Y-Disciple. I am excited to have our youth share and discuss as they watch each video and grow closer to Jesus. Kevork and I will continue to pray for our precious youth and are so thankful to be a part of such an amazing and important program. Our next outing will be at Linvilla Orchards on Sunday, September 30th, from 1-3 PM. Please let me know if you can attend. We hope to see everyone there. God bless and thank you for praying for us!

In Christ,
Talene Artinian



SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

What a great first day of Sunday school at Saint Gregory the Illuminator Church. To see the beautiful faces of all the children running around giving hugs to teachers and other friends and welcoming each other back was amazing!

As the children arrived, they created their own masterpieces and introduced themselves. The masterpieces were posted on the walls of the Sunday school hallway and titled the Sunday School Class of 2017-2018.

The assembly lesson was titled POPCORN. The children were shown a bowl of UNPOPPED corn kernels and were told that it stands for all the children in the world. Then the popcorn kernels were placed in an air popper. The children patiently waited to see what would happen. As the corn popped the children were laughing with excitement, enjoying the popcorn and the excitement of the activity. They were then told that the popcorn stands for all the children of the world and that the LOVE of Jesus warms their hearts because Jesus thinks all children are precious in His sight and each will BURST OPEN with God's love!!

This year's teachers are
Grade pre-K : Ms. Lauren and Ms. Sevan
Grades 1st to 3rd : Mr. Tom and Ms. Linda
Grades 4-6 : Miss Margie
Grades 7-12 :Ms. Talene
Sunday school superintendent : Doreen Yeremian



WELCOMING AN ADOPTED CHILD FROM ARMENIA

On Sunday, July 16, 2017, at the end of the Badarak there was a family celebratory moment, when Der Nerses performed a specially-tailored welcoming ceremony for 12-year-old Anna, who was adopted from Armenia by Mr. and Mrs. Raffi and Danielle Jehanian.

Before the dismissal, Der Hayr invited the Jehanian family to come forward to the chancel area and started the ceremony with Hayr Mer. And then borrowing this prayer from the baptismal ceremony, Der Nerses said: *“Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy. Receive, O compassionate God, this child, Anna, who is being presented to you. Cleanse her mind and her thoughts from all the influences of the adversary; so that together with us she may glorify the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.”* Then he read from Gospel of St.

Matthew 19:13-15, where Jesus welcomes all children saying; *“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them.”* Then he closed the ceremony with this prayer: *“Loving God, your son has taught us that whoever welcomes a child in his name, welcomes him. We give you thanks for Anna, whom Raffi and Danielle have welcomed into their family. Confirm a lively sense of your presence with them and grant to these parents patience and wisdom, that their lives may show forth the love of Christ as they bring Anna up to love all that is good. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”*

After the ceremony Der Nerses presented a children’s Bible to Anna and the entire congregation came forward in tears and gave a big hug to Anna.



LR: Kim Jehanian, godmother, Rose Jehanian, grandmother, Danielle Jehanian, mother, Anna, the adopted child, Der Nerses, Teni Jehanian, sister, Raffi Jehanian, father and Garo Ghazarian, godfather.

PARISHIONERS IN NEWS

ROSE SHELENGIAN MEETS WITH PHILADELPHIA MAYOR JIM KENNEY

BY PAUL SOOKIASIAN

Parishioner Rose Shelengian was honored by Mayor of Philadelphia Jim Kenney at the Liberty Bell as one of three "Rosie the Riveters" who served during World War II. "Rosies" have become iconic images of the time illustrated by artists like Norman Rockwell. These women were thrust into the forefront of the American workforce while most of the men were away at war. They worked in factories as machinists, engineers, and other "male" jobs, representing the strength of the American woman to match the American men fighting overseas. This was an unprecedented role for women in society up until that time, and in many ways broke ground for the feminist movement decades later and the working women of today. Rose worked at the Westinghouse Plant in Tinicum building steam turbines used in the war effort and had to keep what she did there a secret. The Liberty Bell event was a nice way to remember the contributions of all Rosies and say thanks!





BAPTISMS



Lala Anahid Aghajanian, daughter of Shawnt and Angela Aghajanian was baptized on June 25, 2017. God-fathr Anthony Deese.



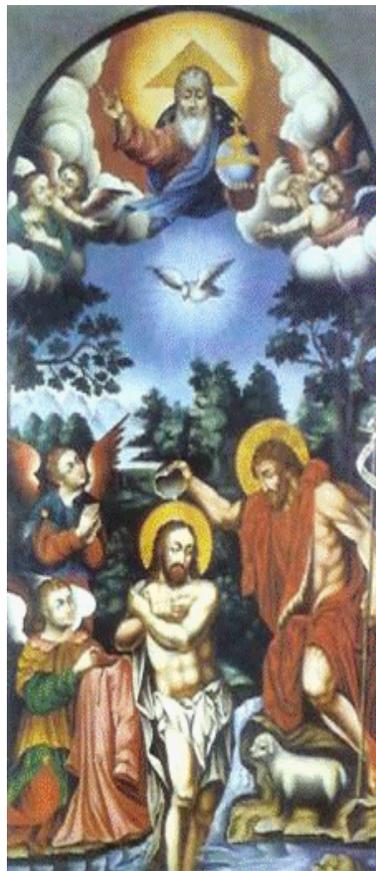
David Narek Kafalamazian, son of Tigran and Anna Kafalamazian was baptized on July 2, 2017. God-father Vahe Kafalamazian.



Alex and Arman Panossian, sons of Sarkis and Gohar Panossian was baptized on July 9, 2017. Godfather Ara Panossian.



Aline Maria Vartanian, daughter of Andre (Antranig) and Nanor Vartanian was baptized on July 22, 2017, presided by His Grace Bishop A. Tanielian. Also present was Fr. Mesrob Lakisian of New York's St. Illuminator Cathedral. . Godfather Viken Vartanian.



Takouhi Eliz Boti Akomeah, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kwadwo and Taleen Boti Akomeah, Jr. was baptized on September 9, 2017. Godfather Stephen Delali Korshi Deku.



BAPTISMS



Der Nerses traveled to Chicago to baptize Clara Elizavita Papazian, daughter of Anna Papazian on July 28, in All Saints Armenian Apostolic Church along with Very Rev. Ghevont Pentezian, pastor of All Saints.

Our Congratulations



A Milestone Birthday Celebration



Michael Shamlian recently joined the “Fifty plus club.”

He celebrated his 50th important birthday with many friends and family members on June 17, 2017 in the gymnasium of the Sisters Academy. In this picture Michael and his family. L-R: Karine, Haig and Nishan and the “Birthday Boy.”

Our Congratulations

PRESENTATION OF 40 DAYS OLD INFANTS TO THE ALTAR



Newly born Isabella Hovsepien was brought to church for the first time by her parents Justine and Jacqueline Hovsepien on Sunday, June 25, 2017 to receive her special 40th day blessing.

We congratulate her parents and two siblings, Gabriella and George.

Welcome to Isabella



Newly born Sofi Parantzem Hovagimian was brought to church for the first time by her parents, Aram and Sossi Hovagimian to receive her 40th day special blessing.

We congratulate her parents and her two siblings Vrej and Lucine.

Welcome to Sofi



Weddings



Matthew Charles Hiemenz and Jocelyn Virginia Hanamirian were united in holy matrimony on August 12, 2017. Godfather was Bernard Bzdok



Engagements



Ani Kazanjian and Rich Nasuti were engaged on Sunday, July 23, 2017 in Soprano's restaurant by Der Nerses. Our congratulations.



Caroline Hanamirian and Gene Merewether were engaged on Saturday, September 10, 2017. Our congratulations.

ANN PAPAZIAN



Ann's funeral was held on Monday, July 31, 2017. we publish here her son, Glenn's eulogy as a lasting tribute. May God bless her soul.

It has been said that this is the day you dread, but knew would come. It has. So let me tell you about how I saw my mother and who she was from my eyes. As we listen and as time goes on we will laugh, cry, and remember about Mom and about ourselves. I might be a little longer than usual, but I have much in my heart that I need to say and this is my last chance to do it. And sometimes you just have to talk to your Mom.

Mom, we have come full circle. You were the first person to see me when I was born. I was the last person you saw as you slightly opened your eyes on your last few minutes.

In those 66 years I saw an incredible person.

A person who, unfairly, had many hard times. But every time you were knocked down, you got right back up. Not just physically, mentally. You would not be defeated.

Even in your last days, you lost your physical abilities; but not your heart, mind, and soul. And you went peacefully.

I learned a lot watching you. Sometimes the lessons were too long in being learned, but I found out that I am very much like you. I didn't know it when I was younger, I didn't see it then, but I see it now.

And most importantly I learned that you are my very best friend. Again, I didn't see that early, but I take solace in that I learned it before it was too late. You were a best friend that shared my joys and sorrows. You did not turn away from me when I was not the wonderful son. With your wisdom, and you were wise. I found you knew everything and I knew nothing. I guess you knew I would try to make amends once I realized that

I was wrong, that I would grow from it and become a better person.

And I have. Mom, I am sorry for those times and for having to take you from your home. But I knew nothing would be worse than your not being here.

You were there for me - when I could not take care of myself, you did. And later in your life when you could not fend for yourself, I would not and could not turn away. I saw you take care of Uncle when he was sick. You deserved just as much care and more. Any small joy I could give, I tried to provide. Mostly just coming to the "best Church."

Now you can take your special place in Heaven, and I must remain here, without my best friend. It hurts, But ... I am like you, and I will bounce back up.

We have many blessings to count.

All of the dogs in your life. It was only fitting that Marley gave you a kiss goodbye in your final hours.

There was Rose Tree Place, who cared for you, and gave back to them, and I'm glad you brought life to the place. They will not forget you.

Many cousins, nieces, nephews, relatives, God-Children, caregivers, and friends who came to visit her at home and at the home, know that your phone calls or visits brightened her day. Invariably, she would say "guess who called or visited today?" All you wanted was to have a conversation. It was your favorite activity.

The Armenian Community, and especially the congregation of Saint Gregory's Church. It was a place of belonging, friendship, and love. She loved being here, and she loved being an Armenian. One of her proudest moments in life was being named the Queen of the 2010 Armenian Youth Federation Olympics,

Our family who took this journey with me and with Mom, sharing all. I am overwhelmed with gratitude. Aunt Marge, my brothers and sisters Richard and Lori, Dori and Jon, you are my strength, and you taught

me great lessons, and what was right for Mom. I may not have always seen it that way, but deep down inside I knew you were right, and I believed in you. I always will.

Our nieces and nephews - Danielle, Avi, Jessica, Karine, Kelsey, Aram, and Anto, you who lit candles and said prayers at Noravank in Armenia for Auntie Ann, Horakour Marge, and for me when they heard the sad news of Auntie Ann's passing.

remember Mom. Let that child know and remind them that they had an Auntie Ann who walked this earth, who loved you unconditionally. Would you do that for me? Because those reminders will keep her alive. Most every day I learned about or talked about Mgurdoch, Limona, Hovannes, Mavooush, Karning, Maran, Vahram, Dick, Grace, Nazeli, and Clara. In my heart they are all still alive and thriving today. Why, because we remember them.

On the last Saturday night of her life Der Nerses came and gave her not the Last Rites of the Armenian Church, he gave her a Celebration of Life of the Armenian Church and Armenian life, bringing the Church to her; kissing the Cross, the Holy Muron, the singing of Hayr Mer, the national anthem Mer Hyrenik, and Hratch Nahadag. Mom could not speak over her last days, but she mouthed the words. Ultimately, she was so inspired by the song that she sang the last lyrics, out loud, and had her fist pumping in the air. The true Armenian Patriot. Those were the last words that I heard from Mom, and it will be the shining moment that I will forever cherish, and carry in my mind, my heart, and my soul. A vision that will never be erased.

Now, Mom let these be the last words I say to you as I see you. And with something a little special for you that I truly believe you will hear.

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PHILIP ARSINIAN



Philip Arsinian was born on March 26, 1955 in Cairo, Egypt. He was the son of Joseph and Lucy Arsinian.

He emigrated to U.S.A. in 1972 and settled in Atlantic City, New Jersey. He had a limo business.

After a long illness he entered his eternal rest on August 24, 2017 in his apartment.

His funeral was held on Saturday, September 16, 2017 in St. Gregory Church. Internment Arlington Cemetery.

In Lieu of flower donations in his memory may be made to St. Gregory's church.

He is survived by his brother, Samuel, in Cairo, Egypt, and his cousins, Maro Habethian and George Boyajian.



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Shish Kebab

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St. Gregory's Church

November 12, 2017 During Badarak



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