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NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY DELEGATES ELECT BISHOP ANOUSHAVAN TANIELIAN PRELATE OF EASTERN PRELACY



His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian was elected to serve as the new prelate of the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America on Saturday, September 8, at a special session of the Prelacy’s National Representative Assembly that convened at St. Illuminator’s Cathedral in New York City with

62 duly elected delegates in attendance. The only agenda item was the election of a new prelate to succeed Archbishop Oshagan Cholyan who is retiring after 20 years of distinguished service as Prelate.

Bishop Anoushavan was elected on the first ballot from a slate of three candidates submitted by His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Holy See of the Great House of Cilicia. Bishop Anoushavan received 39 votes; Bishop Shahe Panossian received 20 votes; Very Rev. Fr. Sahag Yemishian received 2 votes; 1 blank ballot was submitted.

Archbishop Oshagan addressed the delegates after the vote. He congratulated Bishop Anoushavan and officially introduced him. The newly elected prelate humbly addressed the delegates expressing his thanks and asking for prayers.

The results of the election were immediately communicated to His Holiness Aram I, and a letter dated September 11, 2018 was received from His Holiness ratifying the election.

Prelacy Press Release

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Our warmest congratulations

A MESSAGE TO OUR PARISHIONERS

Glenn Papazian, Board Chairman



Outstanding! Super! Incredible! Tremendous! Add your adjective for the 2018 AYF Olympics just concluded in Philadelphia. Speaking for the Board, we are quite impressed with the work done by our community and congregation in putting together and putting on this event. Everyone did their part to make the Olympics very successful. We are proud of our parishioners who showed what the Philadelphia community can accomplish.

In fact, I resolve to call us the Saint Gregory family. Why? As the event unfolded, we were a Church family as well as AYF, too. How? Let's look.

For the Centennial Dance, many of our parishioners and Ladies Guild members were in the Church kitchen preparing the food for the dance, and serving at the hotel. Our Men's Club members and others spent time cutting meat and preparing for the Picnic and food service for the week. The food must have been good because more was needed as people kept eating. The Church was used as a base of operations. Why not use your home? And when it was done, the kitchen was left in pristine condition, and some of extra material was given back to the Church. Who does that? A family, that's who.

Then it was time for our young adults and Church children to take over. So many who were instrumental in running the Olympics, working tirelessly day after day. Cheerful, accommodating, and happy to be there.

The Philadelphia Sebouh Olympic team did us proud by winning again, and by a small margin. Everyone was needed, and everyone contributed. It was the seventh championship in the last twelve years for our chapter, our youth, our future, which looks very bright. More details are available in this issue.

An event of this magnitude takes a family to do. Let's recognize the many who worked at the myriad of tasks that were necessary. And the musicians of the family who ended each day with us wanting more. Everyone!

Speaking personally, I try, but cannot find the right words to define my feelings and what it means to me being honored with the Varadian Spirit Award. I believe fellow award winner Andrew Kzirian would echo those sentiments. So, AYF, a heartfelt thank you will have to do. Know that I am eternally grateful for the medal and appreciative of the kind words. Believe it or not, I was rendered speechless. It was so meaningful to be honored along with our deserving Olympic Kings Richard Keshgegian and Michael Shamlan. And I am proud to have worked on the Athletic Committee with Avi Keshgegian and Dave Papazian. All are very important people to me. I am glad Der Nerses was there to share our joy. And after the ceremonies, we were back to work, whatever needed to be done.

That is an example of what we saw this past Labor Day of what our family did. Happy that we were there for each other.

To the Saint Gregory family, smile, rest up, be proud. We left the Armenian communities impressed. Job well done my brothers and sisters! Philly-Philly!

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Առաջնորդական Ընտրութիւն

Շաբաթ, 8 Սեպտեմբեր, 2018ին, Հիւսիսային Ամերիկայի Արեւելեան Թեմի Ազգային Երեսփոխանական Ժողովը բացառիկ նիստ մը գումարեց Նիւ Եորքի Սուրբ Լուսաւորիչ Մայր Եկեղեցւոյ մէջ: Ժողովի միակ օրակարգն էր ընտրել նոր Առաջնորդ մը, որ պիտի յաջորդէր Թեմի անցնող քսան տարիներու Առաջնորդ՝ Բարձրաշնորհ Ս. Օշական Արքեպիսկոպոս Զօլոյեանին:

Ազգային Երեսփոխանական Ժողովին կը մասնակցէին 62 հոգեւորական եւ աշխարհական երեսփոխաններ: Ն. Ս. Օ. Ս. Արամ Ա. Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Վեհափառ Հայրապետին կողմէ ներկայացուած առաջնորդական ընտրելիներու եռանուն ցանկէն,

Ազգային Երեսփոխանական Ժողովը 39 ձայնով ընտրեց Գերաշնորհ Ս. Անուշաւան Եպս. Դանիէլեանը, որպէս Առաջնորդ Հիւսիսային Ամերիկայի Արեւելեան Թեմին, յառաջիկայ չորս տարիներուն համար:

Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Վեհափառ՝ Ն. Ս. Օ. Ս. Արամ Ա. Կաթողիկոս, իր 11 Սեպտեմբեր, 2018 թուակիր Հայրապետական նամակով վաւերացուց կատարուած ընտրութիւնը:

Դիւան Ազգային Առաջնորդարանի Հիւսիսային Ամերիկայի Արեւելեան Թեմին



A sizable group from Philadelphia's St. Gregory Church attended the moving ceremony of the installation of Anoushavan Surpazan and witnessed the transfer of mandate from former Prelate to the newly elected.

Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչ եկեղեցւոյ խումբ մը խանդավառ ծիսականներ, Շաբաթ, Սեպտեմբեր 22-ին ներկայ գտնուեցան Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հօր «Հրաշափառ»-ի արարողութեան եւ վկայեցին իշխանութեան փոխանցումը նախկին Առաջնորդէն նորընտիր Առաջնորդին:



Առաջնորդական Ընտրութեան Առթիւ ON THE OCCASION OF THE ELECTION OF OUR PRELATE

S. Ներսէս Աւագ Քնյ. Մանուկեան

Archpriest Fr. Nerses Manoogian

Մեպտեմբեր 8-ին, վաթսուներկու երեսփոխաններու եւ Ազգային Վարչութեան անդամներու հետ միասին, նստած ենք Նիւ Եորքի Ս. Լուսաւորիչ պատմական Տաճարին նստարաններուն ընտրելու մեր հինգերորդ Առաջնորդը:

Քիչ յետոյ ընտրողական յանձնախումբի խօսնակը կը յայտարարէ.- «Անուշաւան Սրբազան 39 քուէ, ընտրուած»: Յուզումի ալիքներ կը բարձրանան բոլորի սրտերուն մէջ: Ոմանց աչքերուն ալ արցունքի կաթիլներ, ու յետոյ ծափահարութիւններ:

Մինչ շատեր կը շնորհաւորեն Սրբազանը, իմ սրտէս կը բղիխ գոհաբանական աղօթքի պատառիկ մը՝ գոհութիւն յայտնելով երկնաւոր Հօր որ մեր առաջնորդական Աթոռը շնորհագարդեց արժանաւորով, եկեղեցականով մը որ իր մէջ կը մարմնաւորէ եկեղեցականէն սպասուած բոլոր յատկանիշները: Խոնարհ, բարեպաշտ, բանիմաց, ուսումնաստէնց, հոգեւոր արժէքներով հարուստ եւ ծառայատէր: Կ'աղօթեմ նաեւ Աստուծոյ որ զիս արժանի ըրաւ վկայելու բարձրացումը անձի մը որուն ի տղայ տիոց ճանչնալու հաճոյքն ունեցած էմ:

Պահ մը միտքս թոյլք կ'առնէ դէպի 60-ական թուականները երբ խումբ մը պատանիներս, որոնց մէջ նաեւ Թորգոմ Դանիէլեանը, կաթողիկոսարանի փակը հաւաքուած էինք Դպրեվանքի մուտքի քննութիւն տալու: Բոլորիս աչքերուն մէջ անցկութիւն մը կար եւ սրբազան վախ: Ու Հոկտեմբերին, ընդունուածներս որոնց մէջ ես եւ Թորգոմը կըսկսինք նոր կեանք մը Գարեգին Վրդ. Սարգիսեանի տեսչութեան օրով: Ու այսպէս մեր հոգեւոր եւ մտաւոր կազմաւորման տարիները կը թաւալին: Ժառանգաւորացէն կանցնինք ընծայարան, աշակողմեան եւ ձախակողմեան դասապետներ, անգլերէն լեզուի աշակերտութիւն Պէյրութի British Council-ի մէջ ու 1972-ին մեր ճամբաները տարբեր ուղղութիւններ կը բռնեն, իմս դէպի աշխարհական կեանք ու իրը դէպի ամուրի եկեղեցականութիւն: 80-ական թուականներուն ճակատագիրը դարձեալ մեզ կը միացնէ այս անգամ Ամերիկայի ցամաքամասին: Թորգոմը եղած էր Անուշաւան Վրդ. իսկ ես 1987-ին պիտի դառնայի Ներսէս Քահանայ: 28 տարիներ կը դառնանք լծակիցներ: Ու ահաւասիկ Մեպտեմբեր 8-ին պատանեկան օրերու ընկերս պիտի դառնար իմ Առաջնորդս: Բառեր չեմ գտներ ուրախութիւնս արտայայտելու բայց միայն ըսել.- *Արժան եւ իրաւ:*

Շնորհաւոր ըլլայ Սրբազան: Աստուած հետդ:

On Saturday, September 8, 2018, sixty two NRA delegates and members of the Prelacy Executive Council sat in the pews of New York's historic St. Illuminator's Cathedral to elect our 5th Prelate.

“Anoushavan Surpazan, 39 votes, elected” announced the rep of the nominating committee. Waves of emotions filled our hearts, tears of joy flowed, and then there was extended applause.

While many came forward to congratulate the newly elected Prelate, thanksgiving prayers welled up in me thanking our heavenly Father for gracing our Prelate's throne with a worthy clergyman who embodies in himself all the ideal qualities expected from a spiritual leader. He is a humble servant, pious, highly educated, spiritual, welcoming, and devout. I thanked God as well for giving to me the opportunity of witnessing the elevation of a person whom I had the pleasure to know and live with from our teenage years.

My mind is transported back to middle sixties, when on a hot June day, a group of teenagers, including a young boy named Torkom Tanielian were gathered in the courtyard of the Catholicosate to take the Seminary entrance exam. Our eyes were filled with anxiety and a holy fear engulfed our hearts. We had no idea what was waiting for us. And in October, those of us who passed the exams, including myself and Torkom, embarked on our seminary life under the inspiring leadership of our Dean, Karekin Vartabed Sarkissian (the future Catholicos of Etchmiadzin). And thus, the years of our intellectual and spiritual formation rolled on. We were ordained acolyte, then deacon, but in 1972 our ways parted. He chose the celibate priesthood and I chose the laity.

In the 1980s our paths crossed again, this time in the USA. Torkom had become Anoushavan Vartabed and I was the choir director of Detroit's St. Sarkis Church.

In 1987 I was ordained Priest in the same Cathedral where my friend was elected Prelate, and we devotedly worked together under the Prelacy for 28 years. And now, on September 8, my childhood friend would be elected as my Prelate.

I cannot find words to express my joy but only these: **WORTHY AND TRUE.**

Congratulations my Surpazan friend!
Godspeed!!

A GIFT FROM HOVNANIAN FOUNDATION



Of our many active and dedicated parishioners there is a common theme. People love the Church and want to serve to keep it alive. Jirair and Elizabeth Hovnanian were great examples of that love and served with a great sense of purpose. Together they went a step further by establishing a foundation that would continue to give to Saint Gregory's for many years.

It is with a great sense of appreciation that we let it be known that our Church has received a gift from the Jirair S. and Elizabeth Hovnanian Foundation of \$90,000 to be used solely for Armenian Educational purposes. The Board of Trustees sent a project list to Stephen and Peter Hovnanian who concurred with our vision and provided the gift.

This story is about service to the Church

and continuing to serve beyond their time here. Jirair and Lil were very active members of Saint Gregory's serving as a deacon, member of the Ladies Guild, lending a hand when the Prelacy needed them, and sponsoring countless events from the original construction all the way through to the recent Church expansion. They loved their Church, and instilled that sense of devotion to their sons.

When we were approached by the family, the Board compiled an extensive list of needs with the objective to enhance Armenian Education and perpetuate our culture through our youth.

Our task is to implement the plans to honor the memory of Jirair and Lil Hovnanian.

May the memory of the righteous be blessed

FEAST OF ASSUMPTION OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

St. Gregory's Church celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God on Sunday, August 12, 2018 with lots of joy and reverence.

"We are all on a spiritual journey," said Der Nerses at the opening of his sermon, "walking on the roads of this sinful world to meet the most Holy; our source of hope; someone who brings joy to our hearts; our spiritual sister, the Holy Mother of God."

The church was filled with parishioners and

local guests, members of St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church of Manayunk with their pastor, Msg. Kevin Larence, who came to learn about the Armenian Church and Badarak.

The traditional blessing of Grapes was celebrated after the Badarak and grapes were distributed to all parishioners.

After the Church, parishioners enjoyed the traditional Harissa meal, prepared and donated by Lena Ohannesian Streeter.



Our visiting guests from John the Baptist RC Church of Manayunk.



Youth Ministry News

Talene Artinian, Director



Dear Families,

I am excited for another great year with the St. Gregory the Illuminator’s Armenian Youth Group! I am excited for a new year of growth and friendships for our precious Armenian youth.

We had a wonderful youth group meeting last night! Our youth met for our first meeting of the school year! We opened in prayer, discussed our plans for the year along with community service opportunities, and played some great icebreaker games! It was wonderful to see friends old and new.

As mentioned in our previous email, this year’s study will be on a curriculum called YDisciple. YDisciple provides youth great opportunities to grow in their faith and to grow in discipleship.

Discipleship is apprenticing someone in the Christian life and helping them develop spiritual disciplines. While Jesus could have reached the masses in His earthly ministry, He chose to devote the majority of His time to twelve men. He knew He needed to personally care for and form a small group of men who would be strong enough to do the same for others. In the end, this approach would multiply disciples and reach the masses. In other words, Jesus’ plan to reach the world was through the multiplication of disciples, which is why He asked us to “go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 28:19) (taken from YDisciple)

Below are 5 Needs of Teenagers that YDisciple discusses...

The Need to Be Understood

The need to be understood is a great psychological need for us as human beings. Unfortunately, the majority of teenagers do not believe that adults understand them. When an adult takes a genuine interest in a teenager and seeks first to understand, that adult earns the right to be heard. If adults want to hand on the faith to teenagers, they must seek first to understand what is going on in their minds and hearts. Teenagers don’t care how much we know until they know how much we care.

The Need to Belong

Teenagers are driven to meet the “need to belong” before higher growth needs like understanding and living the Christian faith. In fact, it is often the case that teenagers will compromise the morals in which they have been raised in order to belong somewhere. If adults don’t help teenagers build healthy, life-giving relationships with one another, then teens will find a way to meet that need themselves. On the other hand, if adults create an environment where teens are known, loved, and cared for, they create an ideal environment for discipleship.

The Need to Be Transparent

Teenagers rarely have the freedom to be transparent today, especially with one another. It is too dangerous to be vulnerable in a peer-dominated world focused on image and popularity. Teens long for the opportunity to be transparent about their doubts, concerns, fears, insecurities, hopes, and dreams, and to have the confidence of knowing they will not be judged, but loved and supported. In fact, this is necessary in order for them to grow in self-awareness and self-esteem. A small group where trust has been established creates an environment where transparency can take place.

The Need to Engage in Critical Thinking about Faith and Life

Teens are transitioning from concrete thinking to abstract thinking and are able to conceptualize ideas such as love, justice, fairness, and truth. They are also capable of pondering the big questions in life such as: Is there a God? Do I need religion? Can I know God’s plan for my life? In addition, they are in the process of establishing independence and becoming their own person. Deep down they desire to be treated as adults and no longer want to be told what to do or what to believe. They are critically evaluating what they have been raised to believe and are not that interested in answers to questions they are not asking. Thought-provoking questions, lively discussion, dialogue, and freedom



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of expression engage teenagers in critical thinking.

The Need for Guidance

Teenagers need dialogue, collaboration, and friendship with adults in order to become adults themselves. Relationships with adults help them answer deep fundamental questions like: Am I lovable? Am I capable? What difference does my life make? They are naturally idealistic and desire to be challenged to greatness through the direction, encouragement, and support of caring adults. It is a well-known educational principle that young people will rise to the level of our expectations of them. Teenagers will give their lives to Jesus

through the witness and encouragement of loving, faith-filled adults.

During our meeting, the youth also decided to do a community service event during Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. I will also research some additional community service ideas for throughout the year.

Our next meeting will be in October and I will be sending an email out shortly with details.

Have a great month and God bless!

In Christ,
Kevork and Talene Artinian
Youth Leaders

Saint Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic



SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING DAY



On Sunday, September 23, Der Nerses together with his deacons and Sunday and Haigazian Schools' teachers conducted the traditional service of "Teachers Dedication".

This is a very moving ceremony which was put together by AREC years ago, and then we added an Armenian section for the Haigazian School teachers.

In this picture are teachers of both schools with Der Nerses. Godspeed!

LADIES GUILD NEWS



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| Gold Sponsor | \$250 |
| Silver Sponsor | \$100 |
| Bronze Sponsor | \$50 |

Festival Gift Raffle Sponsor \$100

Ad on paper placemat for trays \$100



Since Summer is my favorite time of year it always seems to fly by. My first indication of summer coming to an end is the transition from vacation mode to food festival mode. The Ladies' Guild began planning for Food Festival 2018 in August.

Someone has to make sure there are enough women in the kitchen to get the job done. This and so much more has to be planned. It is St. Gregory's Ladies' Guild that makes it all happen. I am so grateful to have so many dedicated women working on this endeavor that helps to support our Church.

As I said, we started working on September 10th and already there are so many thanks to all the people that have helped in any way. But we have much more to do and I hope all the women of our congregation that are able to help will join us.

There are many other opportunities to be part of Food Festival 2018. Possibly you can become a sponsor. Check our list of available sponsor tax-deductible donations. If you specialize in baking cookies, the Cookie Booth would greatly appreciate your donation of homemade cookies or pastries.

Work Calendars had to be prepared, letters mailed, raffles discussed, menus planned. Cooking started on September 10th. Sounds simple but cooking every Monday and Thursday for two months takes dedication. So, dedicating two days a week is a great thing to do but is it just two days a week? Is it just cooking? Any cook knows there is much work to be done before the cooking can begin. Someone has to take care of having equipment cleaned and in working order. It has to be planned. Someone has to make sure supplies are available, aprons, towels, cleaning supplies, etc. etc. It has to be planned. Someone has to shop for food for each week's cooking project. It has to be planned.

Let us know you want to help by sending an email to ladiesguild@aol.com or calling Anie Megerian 610-716-5175 for joining in the kitchen or Nancy Carlin 215-264-1282 for sponsor donations.

With thanks,
Rosely Stronski

HAIGAZIAN SCHOOL NEWS

Մեկտեմբեր 9, 2018-ին Հայկազան Վարժարանի վերամուտի օրն էր: Ուսուցչուհիները դիմաւորեցին նոր ու հին աշակերտները: Այս աշխուժ ու աշխատասէր աշակերտները եկած էին սորվելու իրենց մայրենի լեզուն, պատմութիւնն ու մշակոյթը ուրախ եւ սիրալիք մթնոլորտի մը մէջ: Մեծ ուրախութեամբ կը յայտարարենք որ Հայկազան վարժարանին միացան չորս նոր աշակերտներ:

Այս տարի, մեր սովորական դասագիրքերու դասաւանդման զուգահեռ շեշտ պիտի դնենք նաեւ Հայերէն խօսակցութեան զօրացման: Այդ նպատակով ուսուցչուհիները պիտի գործածեն Ազգային Ուսումնական Խորհուրդի (ANEC)-ի կողմէ պատրաստուած «Let's Chat» «Զրուցենք» գիրքերը: Այս գիրքերը յատուկ պատրաստուած են սորվեցնելու ամէնօրեայ խօսակցական հայերէնը: Դասապահերու մեծ մասը պիտի յատկացնենք տառերու ճանաչման, կարդալու, գրելու եւ խօսակցութեան զօրացման: Պիտի դասաւանդենք նաեւ խաղի միջոցներով: Տարուան ընթացքին պիտի ունենանք «Հայերէնի խօսակցական մրցում» մը:

Ամբողջ տարուան ընթացքին մեր աշակերտները պիտի սորվին հայկական երգեր, պար ու հայերէնով թատրոն մը որոնք պիտի ներկայացուին ամառային հաղթանակով:

Մեր դպրոցի նշանաբանն է պատրաստել ապա գալի հայ սերունդը որ Ամերիկայի քաղաքացի է ու միեւնոյն ատեն տիպար հայ մը որ գիտէ իր լեզուն, մշակոյթը եւ պատմութիւնը:

Բարի եւ ուրախ վերամուտ կը մաղթենք բոլորին եւ յաջողութիւն ամբողջ տարուան ընթացքին:

Հայկազան Վարժարանի Ուսուցչուհի
Անուշ Յովսէփեան

Dear New and Returning Families of the Haigazian Armenian school.

On behalf of Der Nerses, board members and the teachers of the Haigazian Armenian School I would like to welcome our new families who joined the school at our open house on September 9th and extend our welcome to the returning families.

It is a great pleasure to have your child in our Armenian School at St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church. We are looking forward to working with you and your child. Together we can make a difference in teaching our Armenian language in a nurturing and loving Chris-

tian atmosphere. The language is the foundation of our culture.

Teaching Armenian to today's generation is not a simple task. Most are there because they have to be. Others find excuses not to attend. The role of our dedicated teachers is an ongoing challenge, but we must continue. Speaking the language is one thing; reading and writing it are another. At the end of the term, taking home words, putting a sentence or two together becomes the ultimate reward. Language is supposed to be a vehicle of thought, but all too often it is just an empty car full of gas. It needs to be accelerated now and then.

“If we preserve our language, we preserve our history and our existence. Where there is a language, there is a people, a heritage, and a civilization,” “If there is no preservation of this heritage, we will be finished as a community.”

We must feel fortunate to have such opportunity to carry this language into the future. We owe it to our Church and our families to keep the heritage alive. To save it, we must learn it, speak it, and pass it along to our children. One day, our students will see the light. They will take journeys to Armenia and show the determination and become engaged. The choice is theirs to make.

Please feel free to contact us at any time. You will receive additional communication throughout the school year.

Thank you again for all your dedication in bringing your children to our Church to learn the language, faith and culture.

With much appreciation
Rima Mardirosian Chapanian



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HONOR ROLE STUDENTS



HOLY
GHOST
PREP

July 2018

Parish of: **St. Gregory Armenian Church**

The following students have achieved Academic Honors at Holy Ghost Preparatory School for the Second Semester of the 2017-2018 School Year from your parish.

Kakoyan, John Baghdassar 10 2nd Honors



ACADEMY of
NOTRE DAME
de NAMUR

July 5, 2017

Dear Father:

We are pleased to inform you that the following students have attained Honors or Distinguished Honors for the second semester:

Honors:

Aleen May Streeter 12th Grade

OUR CONGRATULATIONS

LETTERS RECEIVED

Dear Der Hayr;

Please find enclosed a gift to the church in honor of the 65th birthday of our son V. Michael Injaian, August 8!

Thank you for your service to the church, fostering the Armenian Christian faith and providing nurture and support to your congregation.

Most respectfully,

Mary T. Injaian



Michael at the right with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Harry and Mary Injaian and his cousins Melinda Mukalian and Michele Mukalian



Michael with his parents and daughter Jennifer and her husband Timothy Carapetyan and their children Aaron and Ava

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MICHAEL

PARISHIONER'S STORIES

Editorial note: In this issue we start a new page called "Parishioner's Stories" willing to share in our family inspiring stories as we all need to be inspired and uplifted. Remember, we as parishioners we have a sacred duty to inspire and uplift each other. First of this series is submitted by Elizabeth Pilbosian, a parishioner since 1946.

As he left, he said, "Well, you made my day." "No, Jack," I responded, "you definitely made my day!" That's how it ended, so I had better relate how it began.

Earlier this year, I was in the hospital for surgery and after a 10-day stay, I was transferred to a rehab facility which is part of a retirement community for which I worked for 22 years. After a few days of active therapy, I was visited

by a staffer from the life enrichment department, better known as activities. He was a nice young man, soft spoken, presentable and downright

cute. We exchanged niceties as he continued his interview with explanation of the department and what it has to offer me. He then asked me if I like music. "Yes," I said. "It is a big part of my life." He then asked me if I play an instrument. "Yes," I said again. "I play the mandolin." As he continued, I interjected "Do you play an instrument?"



"Yes," he answered. "I play the dudik." "Do you mean the Dudug?" I asked. "Yes," he said. "It is an Armenian instrument made of apricot wood that has been aged for 200 years." I was stunned. He then took out his smart phone, punched it a few times and got this beautiful dudug, cello ensemble music from Armenia. Here I was, not feeling well and in bed, while we listened for a few minutes to this lovely music. I was moved to tears. He then

put aside the phone and started singing in a nice soft voice, a few notes of Dele Yamon. Well, at this point I did not know if I was dreaming or if this was really happening.

He then asked me to translate a few lines of the song, which I did. He concluded his visit by commenting "Well, you made my day." I answered "No Jack, you definitely made my day."

P.S. Jack is not Armenian

P.P.S. More coming later

BABIES' 40TH DAY SPECIAL BLESSINGS



Newly-born Olivia, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Sarkis and Nathalie Kahwaji, was brought to church on Sunday, June 17, 2018 to receive her 40th day special blessing. Her "big" sister Emma was attending too.

A hearty welcome to little Olivia



Newly born Devlin Nayiri Kaloustian Young, newly born daughter of Gigi Kaloustian and Michael Young was brought to church to receive her 40th day special blessing.

A hearty welcome to little Devlin



Zaven Vahe Nigon, newly born son of Mr. & Mrs. Philip and Alidz, was brought to church on Sunday, August 19 to receive his 40th day special blessing. Rev. Fr. Stepan Baljian, a relative of Alidz co-officiated.

A hearty welcome to little Zaven



BAPTISMS



Garro Leon Shahabian, son of Mr. & Mrs. Leon and Araz Shahabian, was baptized on June 23, 2018. Godfather Serge Shahabian.



Tigran Aris Sevag, son of Dr. & Mrs. Armen and Gayane Sevag, was baptized on June 30, 2018. Godfather Emil Martirosyan.



Rosdom Schayegh-Nalbantian, son of Drs. Cyrus and Tsoline Schayegh Nalbantian, was baptized on August 10, 2018. Godfather Hansjoerg Scherer.



Margaret Sarkisian-Whitticar, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Nicolas and Yevgenia Jenny Sarkisian-Whitticar, was baptized on August 25, 2018. Godfather Stephan Gevork Sarkisian.



Weddings



Gene Brown Merewether and Caroline Dorothy Hanamirian were united in holy matrimony on July 14, 2018. Bestman Matthew Charles Hiemenz.



Burhan (Abe) Awad and Rimma Ambartsoumian were united in holy matrimony on August 18, 2018. Bestman Michel Awad.



Meet our young BOT apprentice, Nicholas Selverian, shadowing his father Kurk in the Church office. Tradition continues!





Arthur Khatchadrian

Arthur Khatchadrian was born on July 28, 1959 in Yerevan, Armenian to Khatchig and Arusiak Khatchadrian. He had two brothers, Berge Khatchadrian and Garegin Khatchadrian who preceded him in death.

Upon emigrating to US, the Khatchadrians settled down in Upper Darby, PA. He graduated from Upper Darby High School and immediately after he worked as apprentice with Armenian jeweler Bedros Tomasian and after few years, along with his brothers they opened their own jewelry business under the name of A&K Jewelers.

Arthur was married to Silva Harutiunian, They had 3 children, Mardig, Hovig and Zara. He was a member of local HOMETMEN and St. Gregory's Church.

He passed away suddenly at home and his funeral was held on June 20 in St. Gregory's Church. Burrial was at Arlington Cemetery.

Dzovinar Aghajanian



Dzovinar was born on March 23, 1946 in Aleppo, Syria to Khoren and Manoushag Aghajanian. She had a sister, Vergen Boroyan (Garo) of California and a brother, Artin Aghajanian of North Wales.

Dzovinar lived with her brother Artin and his wife Anny. She was very much cared for and loved by them and their children, Tamar, Haig and Shawnt.

She passed away peacefully in Silver Stream Home of Spring House, PA. Her funeral was held on June 21, 2018 in St. Gregory's Church. Burrial was in Whitemarsh Memorial Park.

Hagop Vartanian



Hagop was born on September 10, 1957 in Aleppo, Syria to Haroutiun and Anahid Vartanian.

He was married to Vania Vartanian and they were blessed with three sons and one daughter, Harout, Alex, Aram and Lana.

Hagop was a great entrepreneur and a very hard working man. He had several dry cleaning stores. He was very much loved and respected by all his customers and many friends.

Hagop passed away on June 18, 2018 after putting a valiant fight against cancer. His funeral was held on June 22, 2018. Interment was at Whitemarsh Memorial Park.

Maritza Shamlian



Maritza was born on May 7, 1926, the eldest daughter of Arakel and Navasart Shamlian and was later joined by siblings Helen and George. She lived in the Philadelphia area her entire life and was a dedicated member of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church. Maritza grew up during a particularly difficult time for the family as it was amid the Great Depression when her parents lost everything, including their life savings and their livelihood, a delicatessen store. Eventually, they opened a tailoring and dry-cleaning store, utilizing skills they had learned in Arabkir, and were able to provide for the family.

Maritza was a consummate learner and graduated from Overbrook Senior High School in the Class of January 1944. Little did she know that when the school counselor recommended her to a job opening at the University of Pennsylvania, that she would spend her entire 47-year working career at Penn. From 1965 until her retirement in 1991, she worked in the President's office, including 19 years as the executive secretary for two Penn Presidents.



Maritza displayed exceptional artistic talent while in her teens that was recognized and encouraged by her high school teachers. After graduating high school, she attended the Philadelphia Museum School of Industrial Art (now University of the Arts) for five years and took classes in drawing, water color, oils and sculpture. Unfortunately, the twice weekly classes, lugging large portfolios on public transportation after work and the demands of her University job did not allow her to fully pursue her formal artistic training. Maritza had a curious mind and was an avid reader of books, newspapers and magazines. This served both her career and natural interests which spanned the arts, music, Armenian and world history as well as current events. She was always the person in the family to go to with a question on virtually any subject and constantly clipped articles of interest for family members.

She was also active in the Armenian community. She started as a member of the Philadelphia AYF. She served as a delegate to the 1951 AYF Convention in Boston along with Sophia Chitjian and Pete Abrahamian. During World War II, she and other chapter members supported AYF members who were deployed overseas by knitting socks and sending care packages. In 1946, Maritza created the first Philadelphia Armenian Directory, a project of the Armenian Educational Union of Arabkir and Sees. She went through the Philadelphia and Camden White Page telephone directories, page by page, and extracted all the Armenian names. She typed each one on a 3X5 card and drew the artwork for the cover using Ed Hoplamazian, who lived across the street, as a model. Maritza had a beautiful voice and sang in the St. Gregory Church choir for 23 years at 16th and Oxford Streets. Maritza was a performing member of the Armenian Folk Dance Society of Philadelphia. She also was a charter member of the Knar Armenian Choral Group that spanned 45 years (1960-2005) under the direction of Maestro Arsen Sayan. Maritza was a key person behind the scenes securing concert venues, designing and printing concert booklets, communicating with guest artists, and numerous other tasks. She truly believed in the mission of Knar and greatly enjoyed the friendship and camaraderie among its members. As a result, she selflessly devoted a great deal of time to the organization.

Her interests also extended beyond her professional career and Armenian organizations. She enjoyed the opera and had season tickets with a coworker from the University. She greatly enjoyed traveling and seeing new places. In 1960 she travelled on a steamer from NY to Bermuda with our former church organist Vicki Babaian and her sister Arpena Allenow. Another trip was a

cross-country road trip in 1965 with Margaret Krikorian Dardarian. They saw firsthand the effects of segregation in the South and the expanse and diversity of the country. Although these sound like simple trips, it was quite avant-garde for single women to travel alone in this era. She also made two trips to Armenia while the country was still under Soviet control. The first was in 1962 with relatives to visit family members in Armenia and the second was with the Knar group in 1971 where she also visited Leningrad, Moscow, and Beirut. There were numerous other trips (15 in all!) that she took to various destinations she had read about and wished to see.

Maritza was a compassionate and caring person. She lived in the same house with her parents and cared for their needs as they aged. Very shortly after her retirement, her brother-in-law, Yervant Terzian was affected by a brain tumor that left him unable to drive. For the next fifteen years, she was a near daily presence in Yervant and Helen's lives, providing support and transportation so that they could maintain a semblance of a normal life. She greatly appreciated family life and gatherings and often made delicious yalanchi for family events. She especially enjoyed following the accomplishments of her niece, nephew and five grandnephews.

In summary, Maritza - a first generation Armenian-American and the first born to immigrant parents who strove to make a new life in this country - achieved much in her lifetime. From her modest background and beginning, she expanded on her high school education with a drive to learn and experience new things through perseverance and dedication. She worked in the highest offices of an Ivy League University, tirelessly served her Church and the Armenian community and was a solid citizen. But most importantly, she was a model daughter, sister, aunt, great-aunt and friend who will be greatly missed by all that knew her.

Susan Bogharian

"So when tomorrow starts without me,
don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here, in your heart"



Harry Tashjian, 76, of West Chester, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 13, 2018 at Chester County Hospital while surrounded by family. He was the husband of Debora-Lu Tashjian.

Born April 23, 1942 in Philadelphia, he was the son of the late Harry and Victoria Tashjian. Harry was a member of St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church.

Harry was a graduate of Bartram High School and Temple University. He also held post-graduate degrees from Trenton State and Columbia University. He began his career as a band director and music teacher in the Philadelphia area while traveling to New York City to perform with the NBC Orchestra and The Tonight Show Band with Johnny Carson. After 15 years as a musician, he went into the insurance industry and founded Harry Tashjian & Assoc., now known as HTA Financial. Harry was an avid gardener and fine woodworker.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, Harry Tashjian, IV, daughter-in-law, Irina Tashjian, grandson, Harry Tashjian, V, and brother, Edward Tashjian. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Debora-Lu Yepremian. His services were held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm at Della Vecchia, Reilly, Smith & Boyd Funeral Home, 410 North Church Street, West Chester, PA 19380. Interment was held in Oaklands Cemetery, West Chester.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church, 8701 Ridge Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19128, and/or Dance for The Cure Charitable Foundation, www.dance4thecure.org/donate-now

Khoren Harry Hovsepian



Harry began his life in Camden, New Jersey. He was born to Marteros and Zarouhi Hovsepian on April 5, 1929. As a young boy he played football for Camden High School.

Looking for a job he met an Armenian lady that worked for Mr. Philabosion at Strawbridge and Clothier Department Store in Philadelphia. This is how Harry started in the Oriental rug business. Eventually Mr. Philabosion sold the business to Harry, John, and Joe.

Harry fought in the Korean War, where he was wounded. Harry lay on a hill for three days before someone found him. His first stop after he was found was a hospital in Japan. They could not help him there, so he was sent to Walter Reed Hospital. Harry was awarded the Purple Heart for the bravery he showed and also for being wounded. He was very proud of this his purple heart.

During his stay at Walter Reed Hospital he was invited to the White House with another soldier. They dined with President and Mrs. Truman.

After the war had ended Harry went back to work for Mr. Philabosion.

In April of 1953 he married his sweetheart Mary Wojtkowiak. In 1960 they bought their forever home in Haddonfield, New Jersey. This is where they planted their roots and they made their friends. They lived there for 58 years. Through the years they have had many pets in their home and they have loved them all.

Harry always had a big heart and he made generous donations to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Fox Chase Cancer Center, and to Cooper Hospital.

The last year of Harry's life was a difficult one due to his back troubles. He had many procedures done, and then he finally decided on having back surgery. Afterwards he fought against prostate cancer. Mary, his loving wife, was by his side the entire month and half. She cared for him, helped him, and never stopped loving him. Harry unfortunately lost his battle with cancer. He will be sadly missed by Mary and all of his friends.

Obituary



Karnig Mukalian Jr, was born on June 27th 1943. He was the only child of Mary Avedisian Mukalian and Karnig Sr. He was the joy of their lives. He grew up in a close-knit family environment with lots of cousins. The family lived in Philadelphia until they moved to New Jersey when he was 16 and he later graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School. Throughout his youth he attended St. Gregory's Sunday School, Armenian School, Camp, was involved in AYP, and became AYP president in 1964. He attended many Olympic reunions. One of his favorites was Detroit. He enjoyed many Armenian dances. The best was when he met the love of his life Ginny Guveyian. They celebrated 50 years of marriage this past year.

Karnig enjoyed Armenian dances in New York and Atlantic City and vacations to Cape Cod with the Philly crowd. He enjoyed the sun, beach, food, booze and Armenian music with his friends. He said, "It was the best!"

He was in the Army Reserves. He called it the Armenian Army Reserves because most of his fellow reservists were Armenian.

Karnig owned Tarlan Dry Cleaners in Gloucester City, New Jersey and he and Mom worked together for 46 years. They had one daughter, Debra, whom he adored. When Debra was in high school he and Ginny helped start the Washington Township sports booster club and were instrumental in getting lights installed on the football field. He attended every Washington Township and Widener College football game to watch Debra cheer. Coincidentally, he didn't realize it at the time, but he was also watching his amazing future son-in-law tear up the field when they played Pennsauken and Swarthmore.

The family had a poodle named Nikki. He loved that dog and trained him all by himself. He gave him an official title Pasha Nicholas of Tarlan.

I will never forget, when I asked for his blessing to marry Debra he said, "Absolutely I approve, but remember, no returns." I wasn't sure what to make of that at the time. But now I get it. He was so happy his only child was going to be a part of a large family which he lovingly called his own. Debra insisted he cared more for me than her.

Karnig enjoyed St. Gregory's Men's Club where he ran the 300 club fundraiser until he passed it along to me.

The joy of his life became his grandsons Jacob Karnig, Charles Sebouh and Samuel Gregory. Jake was his adventuresome grandson, Charlie was his one on one conversationalist and Sammy was the happy boy with the million-dollar smile. He was able to fulfill his love of sports by attending all their sporting events. He would say "there was nothing like supporting your grandchildren, it's the best!" He was so proud of them but when it came to babysitting his grandchildren the rules were simple, he would say "no jumping, no running, no talking and no laughing" which never really worked.

Finally, Karnig was one of a kind. He loved people, family and friends. He was warm, loyal, always pleasant, loved joking around, was upbeat and full of fun. Karnig believed in living life to the fullest and did it. I am sure he is gathering all his family, friends and Niki in heaven for Kef time with lots of food, fun, music, and dancing.

Pop, we hope you will win your fantasy football pool this year.

We love you and we will miss you.

Gregory Selverian

"So when tomorrow starts without me,
don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here, in your heart"

Zovinar Aghajanian

Mr. & Mrs. Harout Aghajanian
 Housib and Anahid Atechyan
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 Agop Bikarian family
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 Ara and Tamara Panossian
 Glenn Papazian
 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Selverian
 Mr. & Mrs. George Semerjian
 George and Doris Shamliaian
 Mr. & Mrs. Kevork Shirozian
 Rafik and Hourig Stepanian
 Brian Tavakalian
 Poghos and Serpouhi Voskanian
 Mr. & Mrs. Krikor & Varty Yeremian
 Noubar and Roubina Yeremian
 Total \$2,700

Jack Hagop Vartanian

Mr. & Mrs. Hagop and Higo Aposhian
 Ohannes and Rania Arabatlian
 Harout Aydjian and family
 Mr. & Mrs. Koko and Lara Badashian
 Kayaneh Barzakian
 John and Sona Bedrossian
 Mr. & Mrs. Ohanes and Caroline Chamavonian
 Antoinette and Zepour Cholakian
 Mr. & Mrs. Mikail and Mari

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 Thank you for your consideration.

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