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St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church
Archpriest Fr. Nerses Manoogian, Pastor

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Quarterly Newsletter

WELCOMING OUR NEWLY ELECTED PRELATE TO PHILLY

Sunday, December 9, 2018 will remain a historic day in the annals of our parish, because we received for the first time our newly elected Prelate, His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan Tanielian.

“Your Eminence, although your visit today is your maiden visit as a Prelate, in reality we consider it your homecoming, because this parish was your first home,” said Der Nerses in his welcoming address. *“It was here that in the eighties as Vartabed you savored the joy of service, and today you return to the same parish as Archbishop. You left this parish as a soldier and you return home with a victory crown on your head”* concluded Der Nerses.

Our sanctuary that day was filled to capacity as His Eminence celebrated the Badarak and gave an inspiring sermon.

During Badarak, His Eminence surprised our Deacon Haroutiun Kazandjian by elevating him to the rank of Archdeacon for his years of service.

After Badarak there was a reception in Founders Hall, prepared and served by our dynamic Ladies' Guild Members.



His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan Tanielian

A MESSAGE TO OUR PARISHIONERS

Glenn Papazian, Board Chairman



Our Church was honored to receive a visit from our Prelate in December. For Anoushavan Surpazan it was a homecoming as well as an official visit. Surpazan was part of the Philadelphia community in 1984 as he started on his priestly journey. Returning as the Prelate we welcomed him home. The message from Surpazan was that our Church will have a special place in his heart. He also told us that we are a part of something bigger than ourselves. We are part of the Prelacy, which is a part of Cilician Catholicoosate, and a part of all Armenians. It was an inspirational talk with our community, one we will remember. Surpazan requested that we all be pictured with him in the Sanctuary.

The Ladies' Guild prepared a lunch and decorations as part of our welcome. Our thanks go to the Ladies' Guild, a job well done. An honor was bestowed upon Deacon Haroutiune who was elevated to Archdeacon during the Badarak. It is a well-deserved honor received by someone who has been a long-time member that we have seen on the Altar.

Over the past few months we have been an active congregation with events such as the Golf Outing, Luxe Bingo, and the Ladies Guild Food Festival. These events require a lot of work, dedication, and a desire to make them memorable. It was accomplished. The Golf Outing was a success, and for golfers, no better way to spend the day. Luxe Bingo was well attended, and for those who came, a lot of fun. The Food Festival is a massive undertaking requiring many people and many ideas on how to make the event successful. Our Ladies Guild made the Festival a huge success. Every year it seems to get better. Your Church is appreciative. Looking forward, our General Membership Meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2019, with March 3rd as the date in the event of bad weather. We ask that our parishioners reserve that date on your calendar or phone and mark it as 'shad garevoor.' We need people to run for Board of Trustees positions. Contact the office or the nominating committee to get details about running. However, at the meeting we do nominate for committees such as the Auditing Committee and Nominating Committee. These are important positions, and we need parishioners to actively participate. The more, the better. It is an important meeting. Please take the time and make the effort to attend.

We now are in the midst of our holiday season. That should be the biggest event for all of our families. The Board wishes the Saint Gregory family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and ask that we remember the true spirit of the season. "Peace and goodwill to all mankind." Let that be our guide for the new year.



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PRELATE'S WELCOMING BANQUET

On Sunday, December 2, 2018, Der Nerses attended the welcoming banquet of our newly elected Prelate, His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan Tanielian at the Terrace on the Park banquet hall, in Flushing, NY. Der Nerses spoke on behalf of the Religious Council. Below is his speech.



Your Eminence,
Kerabadiv and Ar-
janabadiv clergy
brothers,
Esteemed guests at
the head table,
Ladies and Gentle-
men,

A week ago while taking a cruise on the Nile River in Egypt, I found out that the Nile flows from south to north. From Luxor to Aswan, north to south, we were cruising against the current.

While relaxing on the deck of the boat and thinking about today's speech, as someone who has had the honor of serving our Prelacy for almost three decades as Pastor and as Executive Council member, I came to think of our Prelacy as a spiritual boat, which, since its inception and through its numerous challenges, has always been cruising against the current and has successfully kept our churches and communities afloat thanks to the ingenuity of our captains, our past four Prelates.

Today, through this banquet, as we are officially welcoming our fifth Prelate in the person of His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan Tanielian, I can say with all confidence that this "Captain" as well will follow suit.

Having known His Eminence for over 50 years, from our early seminarian years to the present, there is no doubt in my mind that he too knows how to navigate against the currents.

If you did not know, allow me to remind you that for Anoushavan Surpazan there is only one direction: **FORWARD**. He is pro-

grammed to propel forward, sometimes at 100 mph. No difficulty can slow him down; no obstruction can hamper his course. He is always focused and determined to carry on. So fasten your seat belts. This driver is not your average driver.

If you did not know, allow me to remind you that for this Prelate there is only one timeline: **NOW**. Any good idea born in his head should be acted upon NOW. There is no time to waste. No hesitation or second thought. Whether it is midnight or early dawn, the good ideas should be incarnated right away.

One more thing, although by right he is the prince of the church, but he always presents himself like the ideal servant portrayed in the Gospels, who "girded up his loins" and was ready to go. So gird up **your loins** if you want to keep pace with him.

Simply said, diligence and devotion are his brothers and humility is his sister. This has been his profile from the day of his ordination, through his college years, through 30 years of his leadership of the St. Gregory of Datev Institute, through 20 plus years as Vicar and assistant to Prelates and I am sure this will remain the very solid line of his profile through the coming years of his tenure as our fifth Prelate.

So, my dear Surpazan Hayr, on behalf of the Religious Council and all my clergy brothers, I have the distinct honor and privilege of extending to you our heartfelt congratulations and sincere brotherly love. We assure you of our total and unequivocal support and cooperation in the years to come.

Congratulations and Godspeed.

WELCOMING OUR NEW PRELATE HOME

Գերշ. Սրբազան Հայր

Յանուն ձեր սիրեցեալ սուրբ Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչ եկեղեցոյ եւ անոր շուրջ բոլորուած բոլոր կազմակերպութիւններուն քաղցր պարտականութիւնն ունիմ Ձերդ սրբազնութեան բարի գալուստ մաղթելու, անգամ մը եւս շնորհաւորելէ ետք ոչ թէ միայն Ձեր առաջնորդական ընտրութիւնը այլ եւ գրեթէ զուգահեռաբար ձեր բարձրացումը Արքութեան պատուին՝ մեր շատ սիրեցեալ Վեհափառ Հօր, Կիլիկիոյ Սուրբ Աթոռին արժանընտիր գահակալ Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Արամ Ա. Կաթողիկոսին:

Սրբազան Հայր, այսօրուան Ձեր այցելութիւնը թէեւ որպէս Առաջնորդ Ձեր առաջին այցելութիւնն է, բայց իրականութեան մէջ սա Ձեր տուն վերադարձն է, որովհետեւ Սուրբ Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչը Ամերիկայի մէջ Ձեր առաջին տունն է: Այս գաղութի մէջ էր որ, դեռ որպէս Վարդապետ դուք ճաշակեցիք ծառայութեան առաջին քաղցրութիւնը եւ այսօր կը վերադառնաք նոյն այս ձեր տունը որպէս Արքեպիսկոպոս: Այս գաղութը ձգեցիք որպէս զինուոր, այսօր կը վերադառնաք յաղթութեան թափնին ձեր գլխուն որուն համար մենք բոլորս անգամ մը եւս մեր ուրախութեան ծափողջոյններով կը դիմաւորենք Ձեզ:

Սիրելի ծխականներ, այս ցնծութեան ծափողջոյններէն անմիջապէս ետք, թոյլ տուէք որ ձեզի բոլորիդ յիշեցնեմ որ, Սրբազան Հօր ներկայութիւնը, ինչպէս միշտ, այսօր եւ միշտ, է մեզի համար մարտահրաւեր մը աշխատանքի: Երբ որ հանդիպիք, ամառ թէ ձմեռ, անիկա ձեզի պիտի հարցնէ «Ինչ կ'ընես գաղութիդ համար»: Ինչպէս Սրբազանը կը սիրէ կրկնել իր ուսուցչին ասացաւածքը, «խօսքը կը թռի, գործը կը մնայ»:

Ուստի եկէք բոլորս ալ, որպէս ծխական, որպէս կանանց միութեան կամ առանց միութեան անդամ եւ անդամուհի, որպէս ուսուցիչ, Կիրակնօրեայ եւ Հայկազեան վարժարանի, որպէս ՀՕՄ-ուհի թէ ՀՄԸՄ-ական եւ կամ Համազգայինի անդամ, բարձրագոյն յանձնառութեամբ մեր թեւեր սօթենք եւ գործով փայլինք եւ ոչ թէ խօսքով միայն:

On behalf of your beloved parish of St. Gregory the Illuminator of Philadelphia and all the church and sister organizations, once again I have the sweet duty of welcoming you and once again congratulating your election and your elevation almost simultaneously to the rank of Archbishop by our dearest Catholicos, His Holiness Aram I, of the House of Cilicia.

Your Eminence, although your visit today is your maiden visit as a Prelate in reality we consider it as your homecoming, because this parish was your first home. It was here that in the eighties as Vartabed you savored the joy of service and today you return to the same parish as Archbishop. You left this parish as a soldier and you return home with a victory crown on your head, and for which we all proudly welcome you with our cheerful applause.

My dear parishioners, after this joyful celebration, allow me right away to remind you that Surpazan's presence, as always brings us the challenge of commitment. Whenever you meet Surpazan, summer or winter, he will ask you, "What have you done for your church?" because he is the man of work and not just talk.

Therefore, let us all as members of this church, as members of BOT or NRA, as Ladies' Guild or Men's Club members, as educators in Sunday School or Haigazian school or members of the ARS or Homentmen or Hamazkaine or AYP and ARF, commit ourselves wholeheartedly for the advancement of this parish. Let us always shine with deeds and not just names of the organizations. As they say, the word flies but the work speaks.

Fr. Nerses Manoogian





Youth Ministry News

Talene Artinian, Director



Youth gathered on Friday, October 12th for our youth group meeting. We learned about healing and the ways that Jesus heals. Below are some of the topics discussed:

“In heaven there will be no more suffering or pain, but while we are here on earth we are invited to pray for glimpses of heaven to collide with earth.”

“God is a healer. It’s part of His character. Everyone is invited to ask God for physical healing. While not everyone will be healed instantly, we can expect to experience moments of God’s healing power demonstrated as we pray.”

“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.” - Matthew 9:35

“God’s kingdom is marked by peace, joy, love and healing. Broken things are made new, lost things are found, and tears are wiped away.”

“In Matthew 10, Jesus gives His disciples authority to heal the sick. And it wasn’t just limited to them. In Luke 10, He’s with 72 of His followers, and He sends them out to do the exact same thing. And then it gets more exciting: the Word of God invites us—that’s me and you—to participate in healing.”

1 Corinthians 12 describes spiritual gifts that God gives to His children, including gifts of healing.

“We’re free and able to ask the Holy Spirit at any time to heal us. But if the Spirit does not do it, there is no reason to think that it is because we have no faith or because God does not love us or is punishing us.” - Father Raniero Cantalamessa

“Some of us can relate to the miracles we’ve shared, and others of us know the feeling of loss too.”

When people experience healing, their faith increases. Even when there is no healing, people often feel closer to God as they sense His presence and peace.

On Sunday, October 28th Annie Ovanessian, who is the Youth Ministry Director at the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church, joined us to discuss and train us on the new YDisciple curriculum. It was very insightful and we are looking forward to events with youth groups from our other churches on the East Coast.

Youth group gathered on Friday, November 9th at an ice skating rink. It was so much fun and the youth really connected, which was wonderful to see.

Our Christmas party will be on Friday, December 14th! I am looking forward to fun times together as a group. The youth also plan to participate in two community service opportunities! We will sing carols at the nursing home of the Masonic Village near church on December 16th. We will also volunteer at Cradle To Crayons to help children and families in need on December 18th. It is really great to see our youth bond and make lasting friendships together as they also grow in their relationship with Christ! Kevork and I are so blessed to be working with such wonderful families and teenagers! Have a blessed month! May God continue to bless and protect each of your families!



October meeting



Christmas Party

Նախաճաշ Կաղանդ Պապային Հետ

Վերջապես հասաւ Հայկազեան Վարժարանի մանուկներուն ամենասիրած ու շատ սպասած օրը: Կաղանդ Պապային նուէրներ ստանալու օրը որուն սպասեր են ամբողջ տարի մը:

Դեկտեմբեր 15, 2018-ին տեղի ունեցաւ Հայկազեան Վարժարանի ամանորի առկիւ աւանդական նախաճաշը: Ինչպէս ամէն տարի ճաշասեղանը ճոխ էր շատ համեղ ու բազմազան ուտելիքներով: Վարժարանիս աշակերտները, ծնողները ու սիրելի բարեկամները շատ ուրախ էին ու բարձր տրամադրութեամբ:

Աշակերտները ներկայացուցին կոկիկ յայտագիր մը որմէ ետք ժամանեց

Կաղանդ Պապան: Մեր աշակերտները հայերէնով արտասանեցին ու երգեցին Կաղանդ Պապային ու ստացան իրենց նուէրները:

Բոլորը այս ուրախ մթնոլորտէն բաժնուեցան մաղթելով իրարու ուրախ Մ. Ծնունդ եւ բարեբեր Նոր Տարի:

Շնորհակալութիւն բոլոր անոնց որոնք նիւթապէս, նուիրատուութեամբ եւ աշխատանքով օգնեցին մեր ձեռնարկի յաջողութեան:

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Լայն բացէք ձեր դռները...

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LADIES' GUILD

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Money Raffle winners:

Nevart Paneyan	\$500
Margie Der Garabedian	\$250
Sonia Nalbantian	\$100

“Luxe BINGO” is a Huge Success!

On October 14, 2018 the St Gregory *Luxe* BINGO committee welcomed over 200 guests to St. Gregory Church. Women from across the Philadelphia community gathered to try their luck at BINGO to win one of ten fabulous prizes with a total value of \$10,000. Prizes included Michael Aram amethyst earrings, a Gucci crossbody bag, a limited edition Hermes scarf with a scarf wearing workshop, an oriental rug, Kurkjian perfume collection, Orchestra tickets, a YSL tote full of YSL products and more. Congratulations to Donna Walter our



Committee members

grand prize winner of the day.

Guests were wowed by the décor and enjoyed a lavish luncheon especially prepared by the food committee. The lovely selection included shrimp cocktail, filet on baguettes, Armenian specialty foods and a wide variety of other appetizers and incredible desserts.

Over 200 bedazzled raffle envelopes adorned the Raffle Tree and were a tremendous hit with guests who won gift cards, baskets, and other amazing prizes. Volunteers sold tickets to five special raffles including gift certificates to Center City restaurants, Main Line restaurants, a beautiful oriental rug, and supermarket gift cards. The Raffle Committee worked tirelessly for months to secure over 200 donations to be used for the event.

Peter and Irene Vosbikian were once again

our event sponsors for the day. We are grateful for their generosity and ongoing support of our event. Thanks to all of our sponsors and everyone who attended the event, the *Luxe* Bingo committee was able to raise close to \$20,000 for the benefit of our Church.

There are many people to thank who helped ensure the success of this event. We couldn't have done this without help from the following individuals:

Der Nerces for his ongoing support and Majda Garabedian for all of her assistance in the office.

Chairman of the Board, Glenn Papazian along with Michael Injaian, Harout Aghajanian and Hrant Jilozian for their help during Bingo.

Jim Walter for all of his help in getting the wine and making sure everyone was served that day. Gary Papazian for being our security guard Ani Semerjian for her beautiful Chinese auction baskets. Christine Barikian, Melanie Sookiasian and Ani Schug for all of their assistance with Bingo. Rachel Harper and Michelle Garabedian for their help selling raffles. Margie Der Garabedian for all of her assistance with the raffle tree. Rich and Dori Keshgegian for once again dry cleaning all of the

linens. Linda Barton, Tina Sickler, Jeanine and Nina Hovsepian, Lucinda Stambouljian for their help with registration. All of the food, raffle and prize donors.

And last but not least thank you to the talented and devoted women on the committee:

Food Committee: Mari Degirmenci, Margaret Garabedian, Rose Jehanian, Sona Selverian, Ashkhen Setrakian . Décor Committee: Lori Sarkisian, Cookie Vosbikian, Celeste Ayjian.

Prizes: Cissy DerHagopian. Raffle Tree and Special Raffles: Dorothy Hanamirian, Mary Harper, Dori Keshgegian, Lisa Semerjian, Georgine Trumpbour.

Reservations: Donna Walter. Co-Chairs: Maryann Karagelian and Silva Santerian.

Luxe BINGO

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ARMENIAN CULTURAL MONTH



"Intercommoned Committee Event for Armenian Cultural Month," by Antranig Kzirian.

On Sunday, October 7th, at St. Gregory's, Dr. Helen C. Evans, Curator of Byzantine Art at the Metropolitan Museum in New York City, was the guest speaker. Dr. Evans came to make an audio-visual presentation about the spectacular exhibit, "Armenia!" now at the Met.

Dr. Evans was the driving force and organizer of the exhibition. Over 140 pieces make up the exhibition, including religious artifacts, khatchkars, Armenian sacred texts, medieval maps, textiles and jewelry. Many of the pieces had never been out of Armenia previously. The exhibition opened on Armenian Independence Day, and will continue through mid-January. In a fascinating presentation, with slides from the Armenia Exhibit, Dr. Evans explained how the pieces were loaned to the Met, and gave a background of many of the individual pieces. She emphasized the important role Armenian merchants played, as they controlled the silk trade routes, from Europe all the way to Mongolia. In many cases the merchants were the patrons of the magnificent cultural objects featured in the Met exhibition.

Dr. Evans encouraged that Armenians should feel great pride in their cultural contributions to world art, and that Armenian merchants dominated world trade for centuries, with the trade routes firmly in their control. The pieces in the Armenia Exhibition are from Holy Etchmiadzin, the Holy See of Cilicia, the Matenadaran, The History Museum of Armenia, the Mekhitarist Monastery in Venice, and other collections and private donors.

The program began with opening remarks by Antranig Kzirian, chairman of the intercultural committee. This was followed by a moment of silence in memory of Charles Aznavour, Arsen Sayan and Noubar Karagoulian. The joint clergy conducted a brief memorial service in their memory. There were 150 in attendance, and the program concluded with a magnificent sweet table that was prepared by a number of St. Gregory ladies under the direction of Mrs. Madonna Kzirian.



REMEMBERING MAESTRO ARSEN SAYAN



By Maral Kaloustian

A 40th Day Hokehankist service was offered by the Pastor, Board of Trustees and Knar Choral Group members this past Sunday, November 11 for Arsen Sayan. The service was followed by a program dedicated to the Maestro for his over 50

years of service to our church and community. Der Nerses Manoogian's presentation included slides from Arsen Sayan's early days in our church when he served as our choir director at 16th and Oxford street. Programs of Knar (Philadelphia) and Ani (D.C.) Armenian Choral Groups concerts over a span of 50 years were also included in the presentation. Thanks to George Shamlian for providing Maritza Shamlian's carefully documented pictures and program books. We enjoyed seeing the various milestones in our history. The program from the first concert dating back to February 15, 1959 was provided by Elizabeth Pilbosian. This was a historical concert since it was the first intercommunal event in our area. A message from Arsen Sayan was included in the program. The translation by Der Nerses follows:

Music as an expression and cognitive harmony stands as an essential need for human life. Those human souls who live their life through songs will be able to see better the harmony of various forces governing the universe.

Armenian music, with its creative movements, rich and clear feelings and wonderful forms of expression, can always serve as a source of enjoyment for all lovers of song and music. Considering these aforementioned elements, I invite all who wish, without distinction of belief or association, to come together around the goal of forming a choral group to prove their notion of being supportive of the Armenian culture.

We were fortunate to have two members from this first concert, Elizabeth Pilbosian and Mary Louise Terzian present along with many members of Knar Choral Group join together and sing Yerevan Erebusi one last time for the Maestro as the program came to a close. If you enjoy singing, why not join the St. Gregory Choir or the Hamazkayin Akhtamar Choir? For information,

please contact Maroush Nigon.

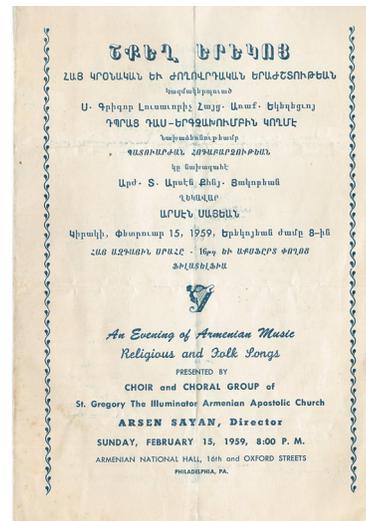
He was a true master of his craft and he was a tough taskmaster. Sometimes holding rehearsals until one, one-thirty in the morning. We complained but the end result was a polished singing group made up of occasional singers, non-professionals, many not knowing how to read music.

I recall with affection and awe our concert of the Badarak - My personal favorite – it was something to see and hear. Also, I remember the night we introduced to the American Armenian audience, Yerevan Erepouni – I can still feel the goosebumps.

My association with Arsen gave me a better understanding of Armenian Folk and religious music and because we conducted our rehearsals and other conversations in Armenian, it helped me advance my knowledge of the language.

Our group, with its beginnings as St. Gregory's Choir & Choral Group at 16th and Oxford Streets in the last 1950's became well known KNAR and then KNAR/ANI that gave the Armenian Community a wonderful gift of beautiful Armenian choral music. In concluding, all I can say is thanks for the musical memories, Arsen.

Elizabeth Pilbosian



Knar choral group veterans who came to honor the memory of Arsen

2018 GOLF WAS ANOTHER SUCCESS

The sun was shining brightly over Talamore Country Club on Tuesday, October 2nd as the Board of Trustees hosted another successful golf outing. It was wonderful day of friendly competition along with meaningful fellowship. This year marked the 15th consecutive year for the event, which had extra special meaning because it was held in memory of our late chairman of the board of trustees and friend, Bill Arthin. He was an avid supporter of this event and recently served as co-chair for the last four years. Bill was a dedicated

Stepanian Jr. and Primary Electric Supply, Inc. His unwavering support each year is the major reason the event is possible, and is a true testament to the Stepanian family's long time commitment to St. Gregory's Church. He was proud to continue his support this year especially in the memory of Bill.

The day started with an abundant breakfast, which was kindly sponsored by F.C. Kereck and Son's Auto Dealership, in Talamore's new Magnolia Ballroom. The golfers enjoyed rise-n



Der Nerses with Richard Stepanian, Jr.

parishioner, a humble servant, who led by example and was always willing to offer a helping hand. His service towards our church made it easy for the board of trustees to unanimously agree to memorialize him in this way. In the spirit of service, Bill's wife Armineh attended the outing and volunteered throughout the day.

About 60 golfers enjoyed the opportunity to play the well-manicured private golf course at Talamore, which was ranked #24 in Pennsylvania by Golf Digest in 1999. This year's tournament, as it has been for the last several years, was sponsored graciously by Richard

-shine coffee, OJ, scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, mini-waffles, an assortment of pastries and bagels along with fresh fruit. From there the golfers made their way to their golf carts and then off to their designated starting hole.

The tournament was played using a "Scramble" format where players compete in teams from two to four allowing the golfers to enjoy the sport without the pressure of keeping individual scores. Each player hit a tee shot on each hole, but everyone played from the spot of the best shot. The teams continued to choose their best ball on every shot all the way into the hole. Players were given a



Historic picture with almost all present



Surpazan with Board Of Trustee members



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Parishioners with Anoushavan Surpazan



Surpazan with NRA members



Deacon Haroutiun Kazandjian elevated to the rank of Archdeacon

– Volunteers ready to greet the golfers



words from Board of Trustee member Kurk Selverian. He thanked everyone for attending, recognized how important the sponsorship is to making the event successful each year and thanked the volunteers for giving their time. The microphone was then given to Tania Selverian who read some prepared words from Armineh Arthin recognizing her late husband and thanking the board for honoring him. \$50 Amazon Gift Cards were given to the Men's Longest Drive

chance to purchase mulligans, which allowed them a "do over" if their shot was less than perfect. The teams all started their 18 hole round on different holes, allowing everyone to begin their play at the same time.

As the golfers were battling the speedy greens and challenging rolling fairways, they were treated with refreshments and snacks at multiple comfort stations. Volunteers traveled around the course taking pictures of each team and action photos. The golfers were even offered the chance of winning a new car courtesy of Gary Barbera if they could score a hole-in-one. Unfortunately, no one that day was lucky enough.

The final group wrapped-up their round just in time to enjoy a lavish lunch which included multiple salads, BBQ Chicken and ribs, hamburgers with all the trimmings, and a vegetable medley. During their lunch, the golfers were able to participate in 15 different raffles that included: baskets from the Phillies, Eagles and Flyers, Arbonne, Everything Hye, both Tea & Tee Times, Presidential Experience Books, Teenage Dream, Wine & Cheese, Hair Salons, Italian Restaurant Gift Certificates and Armenians Run on Dunkin. There were also 7 unique silent auction items that included: A week stay in Ocean City, NJ, Flyers & Sixers tickets, Basket of Exclusive Armenian Wines, \$100 Garces Restaurant Gift Card, an amazing Taylor Made Golf Driver and a Round of Golf for 4 at Talamore.

After lunch the reception continued with some

and Closest to the Pin winners and the Women's Longest Drive received a Gift Certificate to Talluto's Italian Market. The first place team was announced which was led by Anne Miller and her friend's Dan Rodden, Christopher Zambito and Meredith Early who each received Golf Buddy Golf GPS and a future round of golf at Talamore. The second place team, comprised of Mark Santerian, Richard Keshgegian, Michael Shamlan and Tim McHugh, also won a future round of golf at Talamore along with wireless headphones. Bearge Miller was announced as the 50/50 raffle prize winner and he graciously donated his winnings back to the church. The day ended with a very special live auction item that was once owned by Bill Arthin and donated by his wife Armineh. It was a framed autographed photo of recently inducted Hall of Fame Philadelphia Eagle Brian Dawkins.

The board of trustees relies on the proceeds of the golf outing each year to fund a portion of the annual operations of the church and is proud to announce that over \$17,000 was made. Without this income the board could not balance our annual budget. It goes without saying without the sponsors, golfers and volunteers this event would not be possible. Thanks to board members Kurk Selverian, Angela Aghajanian, Glenn Papazian, Niki Arakelian, and Mark Selverian for their leadership along with volunteers Tania and Rita Selverian for putting the event together. We'll see you next year!!!

Kurk Selverian, chairman



Volunteers with Der Nerses and Glenn Papazian, BOT chairman



First place winners



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Kurk Selverian, BOT advisor of 2018 Golf committee greeting the guests

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A CLASS ABOUT ARMENIAN CHURCH



On October 11, 2018, the seniors of Mount Saint Joseph Academy of Flourtown, PA, headed by their teacher, Katie Kennedy of Theology Department had a class session in our Church to learn everything about our church and culture.

Der Nerses welcomed them and through a slide presentation gave a very informative lecture followed by Q&A session.

This class was facilitated by one of our young parishioner, Tamar Hovsepian, a student of Mount St. Joseph Academy. Her world religion class teacher upon finding that Tamar is Armenian, showed interest in learning more about Armenians and the Armenian Orthodox Church.

Mount Saint Joseph Academy is a well-known college-preparatory school in Montgomery County.

Tamar is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Vahe and Anita Hovsepian.

Good job, Tamar!

Dear Father Manoogian,

Thank you SO very much for the time that you spent with myself and my students yesterday. The presentation and tour were so informative and enlightening. I found myself with a few questions that I look forward to sharing with Tamar to see if she can answer them! If not, I might reach out to you if you don't mind.

I would really enjoy continuing a relationship with Saint Gregory the Illuminator and Mount Saint Joseph Academy. Perhaps we could plan another visit in the near future with another group of students in the world religions course, and/or stay connected with cultural events such as the bazaar! My family and I plan to come for the bazaar.

Thank you so much for your hospitality and generosity! We are most grateful.

Peace,

Katie Kennedy

HAIGAZIAN SCHOOL'S BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Dear family members and friends

Thank you to all who attended Breakfast with Santa on December 15th, our yearly Haigazian Armenian School traditional fund-raising event!

The event was very successful, but it would not have been a success without our amazing team of volunteers who donated their time to make the Armenian "Foul" and Mamonia". We could not ask for more. I also want to thank all the parents who donated the rest of the food from bagels to desserts and coffee, thank you so much. Last but not least we would like to send special thanks to all who put together the amazing raffle baskets!

We had a great time sharing breakfast with our beautiful children, welcoming Santa, singing Christmas songs in Armenian and sharing individual poems in front of Santa, performing dances and opening presents.

The school raised \$1,130 including the ARS Arte-

mis and Ani Chapters' donations, made towards this event. The total collected amount will be used 100% towards our Haigazian Armenian School.

"THANK YOU" again to all who attended, donated, volunteered and coordinated this successful, fun and festive event and, of course - SANTA! On behalf of Der Hayr, St. Gregory Armenian Church in Philadelphia, and the Haigazian School board members we wish you a very Merry Christmas. May the spirit of Christmas be with you and your family year-round and may the New Year greet you and your family with happiness and health.

See you all next year!

Rima Mardirosian Chapanian



PARISHIONERS IN NEWS

Our Church has two collegiate athletes in our congregation, and they come from the same family. While this is a story of accomplishment, it is also a tale of a sense of worth and persistence. Aram and Anto Keshgegian, sons of Richard and Dori Keshgegian and brothers to Avi and Karine Keshgegian, compete at Saint Joseph's University and Temple University in Rugby and Basketball. Each young man knew they had the ability to be on the team, and proved themselves to be valuable members of their squads.

Aram and Anto started as athletes in their backyard and driveway playing any game with their brother, sister, parents, friends and family. The family encouraged and supported them. The boys loved the competition. They played in local youth leagues, became Homenetmen, Armenian Basketball League participants, and members of the AYF Champion Olympic teams, winning multiple medals while also playing in high school. Both played basketball in Armenia, participating for the Eastern United States team in international competition.

Aram participated in various sports at Saint Joseph's Prep including football and rowing before settling in as a rugby player. Upon being admitted to Saint Joseph's University as a Food Marketing major, he met with his coach and believed that he could be a Hawk Rugby player. He proved it. Over the past few years Aram became an integral part of the teams both the 15's over the fall season and 7's in the spring. Last year and this season just completed the Hawks went to the National Championship game and were the national runner up. Aram, known as the 'Kesh Express,' was the Most Outstanding Player in the Conference Tournament, scoring the game winning try against West Chester. He was second on the team in tries with 11 and third in Total Points with 57. SJU will be in the Collegiate Rugby Championships, Rugby 7's, this summer. In the final standings the Hawks have finished higher in the final standings each year.

Aram has travelled across the country and internationally with this team. The 'Kesh Express' is ready for his final run in collegiate rugby.

Anto played on the basketball team at The Prep. Upon graduation he attended and played basketball at Eastern University. Anto felt he could do more, accomplish more. He transferred to Temple to get a degree in Business. But he also knew he could be a part of the basketball team. Starting as a manager he would be around the program and show he would add value. Anto earned the respect of his coaches, the admiration of his teammates, and while playing in practice, he showed he belonged



on the court. Anto participated in try outs, earning a roster spot as a walk-on, being on the squad with the scholarship players. It is a tough road, but Anto never wavered. The coaches knew he would make the team practice better, something made obvious during practice games and by his knowledge of the game. Coaches look for toughness, ability, persistence,

and dedication especially from their walk-on's. He proved that beyond any doubt. A Temple coach said that Anto fought his way on to the team. The younger Kesh has played for two of the most iconic coaches in Philadelphia; Speedy Morris and Fran Dunphy. Anto has three years of eligibility to play for the Owls.

Each young man taught us the value of awareness, pride, belief, and self-worth. They wanted to be members of their team. They earned their way. Aram and Anto set goals and accomplished them. These are traits that will serve them well in the next phases of their lives. Aram and Anto learned 'The Hawk Will Never Die' and that 'Greatness Doesn't Quit.'

They value their Armenian heritage and are active parts of our younger population.

Your family and your Church are very proud.

Glenn Papazian



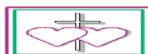
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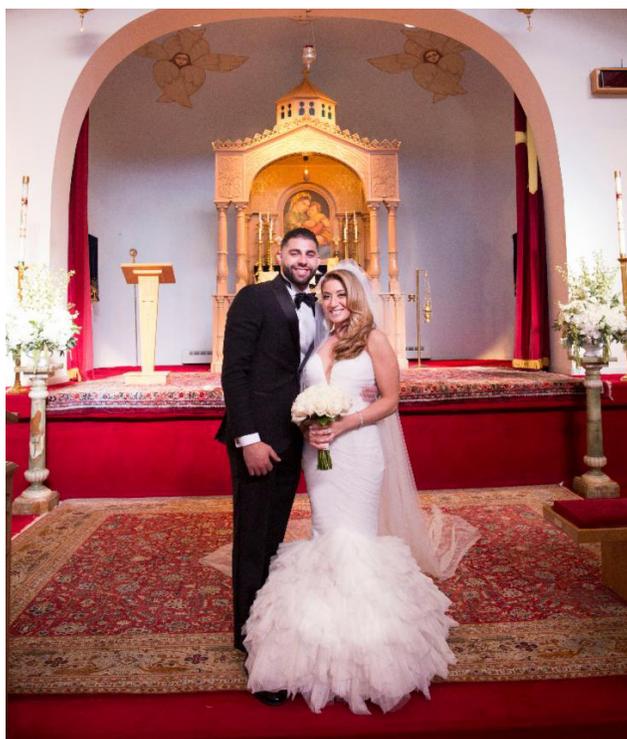
Bennington Levon Dratman, son of Saul Michael and Elizabeth Dratman, was baptized on October 14, 2018. Godfather Christopher McFadden.



Alek Bedros Artinian, son of Kevork and Talene Artinian, was baptized on October 6, 2018. Godfather Kaspar Artinian.



Weddings



Richard Gabriel Nasuti and **Ani Kazanjian** were united in holy matrimony on Sunday, October 21, 2018. Best man Christopher Ayoub.



Catherine M. Tashjian

Today we are here to celebrate, remember, and honor Catherine (aka Cass or as she would say “Mama Cass”). Our Mother was beloved by many as a friend, aunt, co-worker, sister in law, adoptive mother to many of my friends, and to

me, she was my mother and the best friend anyone could wish for.

Mom was diagnosed with Leukemia just 4 short weeks ago and she also suffered from COPD. She never smoked a cigarette a day in her life. Our immediate family, and many of my friends and relatives spent hours on end with her during this final chapter of her exceptional life. We are grateful to all of those who took the time to be with her. Mom was the youngest of 7 and the last sibling to pass. Both of her parents were from Croatia, in a little town, called Split. She was a devoted wife to our father who she cared for, for many years until he passed on May 2, 2004 and was a devoted sister to her mentally challenged brother George. She cared for Uncle George for over 60 years along with my Uncle Frank. He recently passed a few years ago and mom was never the same after his death.

Mom worked hard throughout her life but her favorite job most of all was selling shoes at Gimbels and then it became Sterns, in Center City. She was the top salesperson in her department and was respected by so many in management. My mother could sell you anything. Not many customers ever left without one, two or three pairs of shoes.

She always found time for her family. She took us to Church on Sunday’s to Saint Gregory’s when we were little and even taught Sunday School. Her students loved her. She adored all of her grandchildren. They were her pride and joy. She took great pleasure in playing games, making us laugh constantly and sharing meals with the rest of us. We will miss her famous cheesecake, shrimp and rice, stuffed peppers, stuffing & yams for the holidays and she made the best salad ever which we call salata. None of us can make it like her. She said her secret was to cut everything up small, but we could never make it like hers.

I know I am not alone in my grief. Many family friends and loved ones have expressed their sympathies about my mother over the last week. It is truly amazing how many lives she has touched.

Adjectives that have been used to describe her over and over again are funny, crazy woman, good spirit, loving, loved your mother, amazing artist, wonderful woman, sweet, kind, gracious friend, giving, true delight, incredible source of joyful and loving energy, awesome woman, she was the sweetest, love my Aunt Cass, fun lady.

She was a woman of great faith. Before she got real sick she never missed the 8:00 AM Mass at St. Bernard’s which was up the street from her. St. Gregory’s was too far for her to travel to. I feel inspired by my mother’s life and the way she chose to live it. My mother’s greatest gift was her kindness. She offered kindness in words and in giving.

In the spirit of my mother, I try to carry out random acts of kindness at least once per day. She never expected to be rewarded for her efforts, yet I think she believed the love, her family and friends felt for her, was its own reward. May her Tender, loving, and caring ways and great sense of humor live on in our memories.

She gave a great deal of herself to everyone she met. I am sure many of you here today have received one of her dollar store treasures. In case you have not, we have her treasures here with us today and we would like you each to take an item out of the basket in her memory. My mom is still giving even after she has passed and I know she must be smiling knowing that you each will have a piece of her with you. I will end with this:

“Your mother is always with you, she’s the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street, she’s the smell of bleach in your freshly laundered socks, she’s the smell of pilaf when you walk in the door, she’s the cool hand on your brow when you’re not well. Your mother lives inside your laughter, and she’s crystallized in very tear drop. She’s the place you came from, your first home; and she’s the map you follow with every step you take. Nothing on earth can separate you, Not time, not space, not even death!! Love you mom, keep on laughing up in heaven. “

Lisa Tashjian Bass





George Terhanian

George Harry Terhanian, 89, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 19, 2018 with family by his side. A middle son to Harry and Elizabeth

Terhanian, immigrants from Armenia, George was born on June 11, 1929 in Philadelphia. Following in his older brother Daniel's footsteps, George graduated from Germantown High School, where he played football, before serving for the US Army in the Korean War. While stationed in Germany, he spent every free weekend with his good friend Albert Soltanian, a fellow member of St. Gregory's Church.

George was a longtime member, past president, and passionate supporter of the Camden-Philadelphia (Cam-Phi) Armenian sports organization; a loyal member of St. Gregory's Men's Club; and a founding member of Philadelphia Armenia Nor Daree (PAND), an organization created to promote cultural and social unity among Armenians in the greater Philadelphia area.

In his teens and early 20s, before and after his father passed away prematurely, George worked very hard to support himself and his family—first in a tailor shop, then parking cars at the nearby Mayfair House, and later at Betty's Market, his family's grocery store.

As a young man, he liked all sports and spent a great deal of his free time playing and coaching basketball for Cam-Phi, an inaugural member of Philadelphia's Armenian basketball league. Like many of his friends, George appreciated the competition, but enjoyed the post-game dance parties even more. He loved how these post-war era sporting/social events brought together so many members of the entire Armenian community.

George spent every possible summer weekend in Asbury Park, New Jersey, a social hub for decades for Armenians from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. He was not hard to find there, either—he was the one smoking a cigar, playing cards with close friends, and talking and laughing boisterously. In fact, they were all talking and laughing boisterously. The hours would pass by in a flash during those long summer days because George and friends enjoyed each other's company so much.

On October 2, 1960, George married his long-

time love, Jean Gazarian, after having proposed to her in Asbury Park. After the births of their children, Lisa and George (or Oppie), they continued to spend their summers in Asbury Park and later in Ocean City, NJ, with Lisa and Oppie forming fast friendships with the children of their parents' many longtime friends.

As Lisa and Oppie grew up, George continued to work hard to support his family—first at Betty's Market and later, at the family's new business: The Dugout sandwich shop.

In the 1970s, George and other members of the Armenian community had the foresight to re-establish the (then defunct) Armenian Basketball League, dance parties and all, for a new generation of Armenians. The quality of basketball was better this time around, too. One of George's proudest moments occurred when a team from the Philadelphia area, made up of Armenian Basketball League members (including his own son), competed in the AGBU international tournament and, to the surprise of many, emerged as world champions, both in 1982 and 1983.

George loved to watch his children and grandchildren in action—he never missed a performance or game of any kind, often driving long and far, Jean by his side, in his smoke-filled Cadillac. He also had a unique way—a special skill if you will—of critiquing their performance. He probably developed and honed that skill while playing cards poolside at the Monte Carlo in Asbury Park.

George would light up the room with his energy whenever he spent time with the people he loved or even liked. As his grand-daughter Jordan put it, "Pop-Pop, we never had a dull moment, you were one of the funniest people I knew. You always put a smile on my face, from taking me to feed the horses every Sunday after church, to always buying me the things my parents refused to buy me. You were always there. I miss and love you more than words can convey, but I know you are in a good place now. Rest in peace."

George is survived by his two children, Lisa Heaton (Jeffrey) of Lafayette Hill, PA, and George Terhanian of New York City, NY; his two grandchildren, Jordan and Ryan Heaton; his younger brother, Harry Terhanian of Redmond, WA; and his cousin, Helene Terhanian, of New York City. George's parents, Harry and Elizabeth, his brother, Daniel, and his beloved wife of 52 years, Jean, preceded him in death.

Lisa Terhanian Heaton



Rosa Kahvedjian

Born in Urfa, on December 24, 1921. The first child of Bedros and Noyemzar Der Bedrosian, survivors of the 1915 Armenian Genocide.

She attended Haygarian Armenian School then the Jean D'Arc Armenian Sister's school in Aleppo.

In 1942 she married Avak Kahvedjian, a compatriot from Urfa and settled in Beirut, Lebanon, where they were blessed with four children, Bedig, Sella, Ara & Rima.

While vacationing in Philadelphia in 1976, she loses her beloved husband and stayed in Philadelphia thereafter where her sisters resided.

Rosa has been involved serving the Armenian community.

She was an ARS active member both in Lebanon and Philadelphia, and also a member in Ladies auxiliary of Saint Nishan-Armenian Apostolic church in Beirut and Armenian Sister's Academy in Philadelphia.

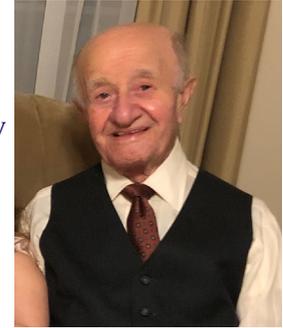
She had unconditional love, known was Rosa Mama to her grand children and Rosa "morakouyr" to the rest.

An avid reader, and a good story teller she will be missed by all.

She is survived by her 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. She passed away peacefully in her home on Monday, September 24, 2018 at the age of 97.



Haroutune Keoseyan



Haroutune Keoseyan was born in 1923 in Turkey to Tavit and Manoushag Keoseyan. He was the eldest of four brothers and one sister. At a young age his family moved to Aleppo, Syria where he worked hard to learn his trade as an expert tailor. In 1946, he married his love, Mari Khayalian. Together, they were blessed with two sons and two daughters. After Aleppo, the family spent several years living in Beirut before realizing Mari's dream of moving to America in 1972. In America, Haroutune continued to work hard to give his family a good life. He immersed himself and his family in the Armenian community in Philadelphia. Through the years, he was blessed with eight grandchildren. Sadly, in 1995, his life suddenly changed forever with the untimely death of his loving wife. Everyone who knew him, knew he was never quite the same after her loss. In recent years, he also dealt with the untimely passing of his eldest daughter, Takouhi, always saying he wished to have been taken in her place. Following Takouhi's death, he was also deeply saddened by the loss of his brother, Garabed.

Our dede was a kind, warm, loving, generous family man. He was a man of few words and always very formal. He dressed-up for every occasion; he wore suits on every holiday and button down shirts on regular days around the house. He was a very proud Armenian and nothing gave him more pride than hearing his grandchildren speak Armenian. You could find dede reading the Asbarez newspaper every day of the week and watching the Philadelphia Eagles every Sunday. He loved spending time with his family and felt such pride through their accomplishments. In recent years, he was blessed to have spent time with his great-grandchildren, who adored him. Even in his nineties, dede would get down on the floor to play and have fun with them. Dede, we love you and miss you so much.

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We would like to thank Der Nerses, all our friends and parishioners of St. Gregory's for your kind and heartfelt show of support upon the passing of our dear mother, Janet Nigon. The Mass cards, in-lieu of flowers donations, messages of sympathy, flowers, visits, and personal words of condolence are deeply appreciated. We are so fortunate to be part of the St. Gregory's family.

With love and prayers,
Ken and Maroush Nigon

Words cannot express how much I appreciate the many cards I received (and I do mean many) to celebrate my big birthday.

Every bare surface in my home is now covered with cards, so everywhere I look I am reminded of each and every one of you.

Many thanks to all.
Rosie

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

Your Church Needs You!

St. Gregory's Nominating Committee is actively seeking candidates for the 2019-2020 Board of Trustees. Elections will be held at our Church General Membership Meeting in February. There are five positions that need to be filled. Therefore, we need a slate of 10 candidates. If you are interested in running or if you have a nominee in mind, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members listed below.

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- ◆ Represent St. Gregory's to the broader Philadelphia community

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