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We hope that you have enjoyed the past year of the news magazine. If you wish to see anything new or have any suggestions, the staff is always open to your thoughts.

Thank you again for your support.

Illuminator Staff

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 10:00am – 3:00pm

Friday by appointment

Sacraments

Please visit our website www.saintsarkis.org and call the church office to secure a date.

Home Blessings

Traditionally, home blessings are done twice a year after Christmas and after Easter. If you would like to schedule a home blessing at any time of the year, please contact the church office or Rev. Fr. Hrant directly.

Requiem Services

Please contact the church office before Noon on the Thursday prior to the service date.

Hospital or Home Visits

Please contact Rev. Fr. Hrant on his cell: 857-318-9799

What is Church membership? Why do we have to be members?

“For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body” (1 Corinthians 12:13) and *“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”* (1 Corinthians 12:27). These two verses answer the questions above. The Church is the Body of Christ, and anyone who gets baptized at the Church becomes a member of that Body of Christ. The Church becomes their place for spiritual growth and fulfillment.

The Armenian Church is a National Church, which means the members have the right to voice their opinion and vote in any great decision of the church, as long as it doesn't interfere with the teachings of the Church.

Why do we have to pay dues?

“If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits?” (1 Corinthians 9:11). The Church with the Prelacy and the Catholicosate are institutions to serve the Armenian community. The dues we pay supports and insures their existence. On average, the annual dues of the church is one day's pay of an individual.

All the Church asks today is the active participation of the parishioners in church life. At the end, every member of the body (the church) is important.

Church Fees

Members*		Non-Members	
Presenting a baby to the Church on the 40 th day			
Church	<i>Donation</i>	Church	<i>Donation</i>
Clergy	<i>Honorarium</i>	Clergy	<i>Honorarium</i>
Baptism			
Prelacy Certificate	\$25	Prelacy Certificate	\$25
Church	<i>Donation</i>	Church	\$300
Clergy	<i>Honorarium</i>	Clergy	<i>Honorarium</i>
Deacon	\$50	Deacon	\$50
Wedding			
Prelacy Certificate	\$50	Prelacy Certificate	\$50
Church	<i>Donation</i>	Church	\$600
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Deacon	\$125	Deacon	\$125
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Organist	\$100	Organist	\$100
Hall Rental			
Cleaning Fee	\$250	Fee	\$1000

* both bride and groom, parents of the child to be baptized, or the deceased, must be members in good standing.

CHRISTMAS WILL SOON BE HERE

Միքելի հաւատացեալներ,

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Dear parishioners of St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church:

The celebration of the New Year and Christmas will soon be here. Christ came on earth to reveal an incredible message to us, a message of

joy, peace and hope. And in return, Christ simply asks us to have love for one another.

So, my prayer for you this Christmas is threefold.

First, I pray that you will have a Joyful Christmas and a very happy New Year: a Christmas rooted in the inner serenity that deep faith provides, strong enough to survive the disappointments and sorrows life delivers to our doorstep and exuberant enough to celebrate life's happiest times. May the birthday of Christ touch you with deep joy.

Second, I pray that you will have a Peaceful Christmas, the peace the world so clearly is unable to give itself; the peace that broken hearts long for, the peace that is ours to share with one another in forgiveness, kindness and charity. May the birthday of Christ sow seeds of peace in your heart.

And finally, I pray that you will have a Hopeful Christmas. So much in the world around us encroaches on our capacity to hope: a spirit that seems intent on draining the beauty and poetry from our lives while our ever burgeoning knowledge makes us cynical and robs us of awe and reverence before the mystery of life, of love and of God. May the birthday of Christ renew hope in your heart.

I wish you a Joyful, Peaceful, Hopeful Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year—all the best to you! Please pray the same for me.

Prayerfully,

Fr. Hrant Kevorkian

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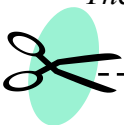
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LADIES' GUILD NEWS

The bazaar is behind us and the Ladies' Guild is moving ahead with plans for the events that lead to Lenten and Easter this coming spring. Committees are already working on the Lenten Luncheon and the Palm Sunday dinner, Sunday, March 29. This year will also be the 100th observance of the Armenian Genocide. We traditionally honor this event on April 24, but again we will be joining with the Armenian churches of greater Detroit to commemorate this moment in history. Committees are hard at work planning this event and surely the Ladies' Guild will have their duties.

The bazaar went well and the six months of baking are behind us. So, on behalf of the Ladies' Guild and myself, we extend thankfulness to all of those that came faithfully each week for six months to bake for the bazaar that has been a part of St. Sarkis since the new church in Dearborn was built. There are some special persons that need to be acknowledged. Once again this year, we thank my sidekick, Mr. Art Kournoian, who showed up with me when it was still dark to open the kitchen and start the day; Mrs. Nancy DerStepanian, who came faithfully, didn't ask questions and just got to work. She oversaw the projects many times when I went on to work and worked with me in the evening preparing for baking day. There is no way we would have had over twenty workers each week without the many reminder calls that went out from Mrs. Lucy Gurganian and Mrs. Cynthia Kashigian. The St. Sarkis Bakers worked long and hard. We cannot forget the crews that volunteered to make the *sou boreg* and Armenian cheese, nor the ARS that made significant donations to the bulk sale. Thank you again to Mr. Richard Kamar for his kindness to our group. I must thank Randy and Alan Broglin for bringing in the pounds of flour and taking on the parsley when the heat was on. A big hand goes to our faithful group of men, women and children who came to pull this project off. This year was a challenge to produce products with the cost of ingredients shooting up as high as they did. The ladies brought their own lunches and every week we had surprise treats from all of them. Lunch time was fun for everyone. Once more, thank you to everyone and soon enough your smiling faces will be coming through that kitchen door.

We also have a new member, Ms. Sandra Vartanian. Who will be the new member this month?

I would like to acknowledge the Ladies' Guild members who made significant donations to

the Ladies' Guild and the bazaar tables. First, Ophelia Alabahoff donated a much needed deluxe scale and all the new thermo coffee servers, Sandra Vartanian donated fine working utensils, Susie Hadjinian donated a scale and many members brought in dish soap, towels, sheets, etc.

A very large food donation was made by Mary and Yervant Bedikian for the bulk food sale. Thank goodness for generosity. On that note, I am informing any generous donors that the Ladies' Guild and the kitchen will soon need a new floor model mixing machine. Contact Der Hayr or me if you would like to contribute to an appliance that we cannot do without in our kitchen. Our old machine has started smoking under strenuous batches of dough.

Thank you, join our group or come bake. May you have a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year surrounded by those you love. Try this traditional recipe used at Christmas in many Armenian homes around the world. Armenians have come a long way in the world, but they keep those traditional meals coming to the table.

Anoush About (Armenian Christmas Pudding)

1 cup skinless whole grain wheat (*gorgod*), 1-1 ½ c yellow raisins or currants, 3 ½ quarts water, ½ c pine nuts, pistachios, 1-2 c sugar, pomegranate seeds, slivered almonds, 1-1½ c chopped CALIFORNIA apricots, toasted pecans or walnuts, if desired. In a large enough pot, combine wheat and water and bring to a boil for about 5 minutes. Cover and let rest overnight. Next day, cook on low for 1 ½ to 2 hours, add the sugar and continue to simmer.

Meanwhile, mix cut up apricots, raisins, pistachios and pine nuts. Very gently, simmer these in another small pot for about 15 minutes. Drain the water, let the mixture cool. If you desire rose water, mix in a little at this time to the wheat mixture. Now, mix together gently the wheat and fruit. Serve in a large bowl or individual bowls garnished with the slivered almonds, toasted pecans or walnuts and lastly the pomegranate seeds. This dessert may vary depending on what part of the world your family is from. Add or subtract. In America, they may sprinkle a little cinnamon on it before the nuts are sprinkled on.

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GENOCIDE CENTENNIAL EVENTS

The year 2015 marks a time of reflection and renewal for all Armenians throughout the world. We in the metro Detroit community join all the various communities with many commemoration events throughout 2015.

His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians and His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, have announced the canonization of the Martyrs whose lives have become victorious as their souls rise from the ashes of death as Saints of the Armenian Church to be held in April.

The Detroit Armenian Churches, St. John Armenian Church, St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church, St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church and the Armenian Congregational Church, will commemorate this historic and important event with an ecumenical service which will be held on Friday, April 24, 2015 at 7:30 pm at The Antiochian Basilica of St. Mary's Church in Livonia.

A second cultural event is being organized by the Church Choirs in the month of June.

The Commemoration Centennial Committee of Greater Detroit is also currently making plans for next year, and will be sending updated information as all these events become solidified. It is our hope that all our communities will support and encourage these events.

The National Centennial Committee has announced events that will take place from May 7 to May 9, 2015 in Washington, DC. His Holiness Karekin II and His Holiness Aram I will preside over the events that are organized under the patronage of the Diocese and the Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church (see announcement at right). It is our hope that we all support these events and join our fellow Armenians in Washington, DC.

Therefore, please mark your calendars as dates of these events become available.

National Armenian Genocide Centennial Commemoration

May 7 - 9, 2015 in Washington, DC

Ecumenical Service at the National Cathedral

May 7 at 7:00 pm

A Journey Through Armenian Music
at The Music Center at Strathmore

May 8 at 7:30 pm

Exhibits, Films and Events at Various Venues

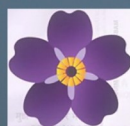
May 8 & 9

Divine Liturgy at the Basilica of the National
Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

May 9 at 10:00 am

A Time to Give Thanks:
Banquet, Location TBA

May 9 at 6:00 pm



These events are organized under the patronage of the Diocese and the Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

CHOIR CORNER

Nancy and Chris: Over 100 Years' Service to the Choir

"It was the natural thing to do," being involved in St. Sarkis, says Chris Maisano (nee Masropian) when asked how she got involved in the Armenian Church. Coming from one of the strong supporting families of St. Sarkis Church, Chris feels there wasn't ever a doubt as to being active and serving the church, now going on 50 years! One way to do this was by singing in the choir which was one of her loves. Even as early as junior high school she was involved in musicals either as performer, musician or supporting staff for the production. Working in different capacities of participation also came in handy at church when a director was immediately needed. The Board of Trustees asked for Chris' help and she accepted. "I was more of a follower than a leader. But I'm glad I did it and now know I can be successful outside of my comfort zone," says Chris. Although she did accept the request, it was under the understanding that she would step down if a more permanent choir director was found.

In January 2014, after about two years as director, Chris handed over the baton to long-time church musician and choir director Mrs. Nancy Der Stepanian (nee Hachigian). Nancy, too, comes from a family of St. Sarkis "servers," going back to her grandmother and father (Mr. Simon Hachigian). Nancy started her musical career with piano lessons at the ripe age of 7. "Piano practice was never a problem for me," says Nancy, "I loved to play and practiced every day after school." With her father as organist at the previous St. Sarkis Church located on Lafayette in "Zone 9," Nancy always heard the beautiful melodies of the church *sharaganer*. She said she started actively going to church every Sunday when her father told her "... Well, if you're coming, come now because I can't be late!" Soon

Nancy would do her piano practices with her father's church sheet music, and she became well-versed quickly; this only made her want to play more. When the then director Mr. Hachig Kazarian was putting together a youth choir, Nancy tried out for it... as an organist for the group. After a review not only did the director have her play for the practice, but since she already knew the melodic tones, she was put into the rotation as church organist, too.

Nancy's musical education continues even today as she still practices with sheet music and takes music classes on the college level. This talent was seen early by Mr. Kazarian and when he wanted to retire from directing the church choir, he recommended to the Board and Father Shrikian that Nancy become the next director. Nancy says she wasn't sure she could do it but Hachig, with his own teaching skills and love for St. Sarkis, worked with Nancy to help her feel more confident to take over the role. And she has played a stellar role all these years. More recently, Nancy was asked to take over as permanent choir director and she accepted.

St. Sarkis is grateful to these two women for bringing their musical talents to support and serve our beloved church. Both have said the important factor is to serve the church in some way, and they have done so with great success.

When you feel the desire to participate and do something, step forward and offer your talents. Don't wait for things to get to the "all or nothing" stage. A continuous, ongoing development in any capacity is what's needed. Let's take a lesson from Nancy and Chris, who together have offered over 100 years of service.

Colette Gulian

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Rich & Dorian Keshgegian and
Family
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Edward Haroutunian Honored by International Heritage Foundation; Inducted into Heritage Hall of Fame

On November 6, 2014 in a ceremony at the 31st Heritage Hall of Fame Celebration held at The Colony Club in Detroit, Edward L. Haroutunian and five other business and community leaders were inducted into the Heritage Hall of Fame and recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Metro Detroit community.

Founded in 1984, the Heritage Hall of Fame honors leaders from various ethnic backgrounds who have made lasting and meaningful contributions to the American way of life while demonstrating a commitment to ethnic diversity, cultural heritage and community involvement. Individuals inducted into the Heritage Hall of Fame join a roster of over 100 leaders.

The International Heritage Foundation, of which Mr. Haroutunian is the Vice Chairman, was started in 1969 by Frank Stella, a local entrepreneur who assisted many immigrants and business people over the past decades. The Heritage Hall of Fame Celebration benefits organizations like the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit that provides quality services supporting immigrant families in their effort to become American citizens and contributing members of

the community.

Edward L. Haroutunian is President of the law firm of Haroutunian Licata Haroutunian, PC in Bingham Farms practicing with his daughter Krista Licata Haroutunian, and his wife Susan Licata Haroutunian, who is counsel to the firm. Ed received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan, and his Law Degree from Wayne State University.

Ed was Chair of the 150 member Representative Assembly of the State Bar of Michigan, and elected to the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar. In 1991, he was the Founding Chair of the Wayne County Republican Committee.

He has authored many legal articles, and lectured to various professional groups on legal issues. He served as a Wayne County Public Administrator and Special Assistant Attorney General, a Special Investigator for the Attorney Grievance Commission, and is currently a Hearing

Panel Chair for the Attorney Discipline Board. Several years ago he helped secure a Michigan Law recognizing the Armenian Genocide of 1915.

Ed is a member of St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church, where his late parents, Louis and Nevart Haroutunian and other family members have been members for over 70 years.



KIDS CORNER

Let's learn a Prayer!!!

Կամեցող բարեաց, Տէր կամարար, մի թողուր զիս ի կամս անձին իմոյ գնալ, այլ առաջնորդեա ինձ՝ լինել միշտ ըստ կամաց քոց բարեսիրաց. Եւ ողորմեա քո արարածոց եւ ինձ՝ բազմամեղիս: Ամէն:

*Gamétsogh paryats Dér gamarar, mi toghoor zis
I gamûs antsin imo kûnal, ayl arachnortya ints
linél mishd ûsd gamats kots parésirats, yév
voghormya ko araradzots yév ints pazmaméghis.
Amen.*

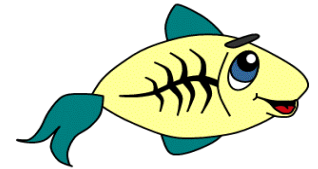
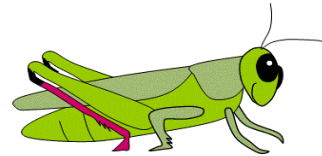
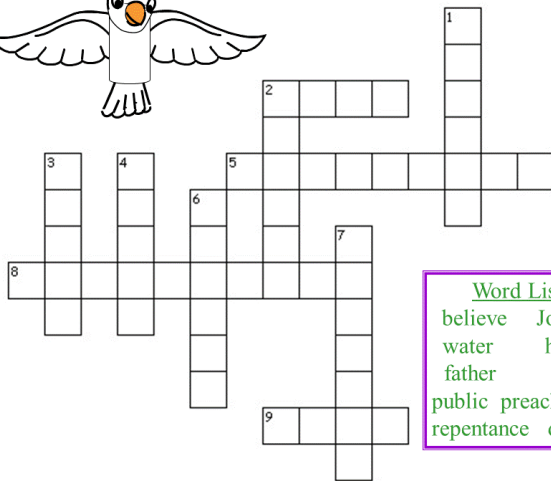
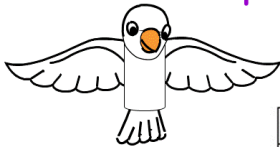
O Lord, Desirer of good wills and performer of wills, let me not pursue my own inclination, but guide me so that I may, at all times, live according to your good will. Have mercy upon your creatures, and upon me, great sinner that I am. Amen.

Name: _____

**Story Comprehension and Memory Worksheet:**

After learning about the story of Jesus is Baptized, which of the pictures below do you think belong?

Circle the pictures that belong. Draw an X over the pictures that do not belong.

**Jesus is Baptized Crossword**

Word List:
believe Jordon
water honey
father John
public preaching
repentance dove

Across

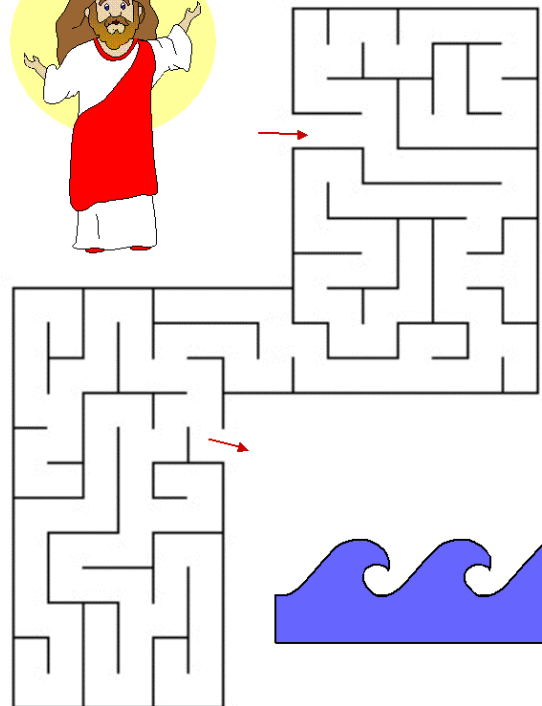
2. He prepared the way for Jesus.
5. John the Baptist was doing a lot of this along with baptizing others.
8. As a Christian it is important to ask for forgiveness and mean it, this is called ____.
9. This came out of the sky to Jesus right after he was baptized.

Down

1. Baptism is a ____ display of our belief in God.
2. The name of the river where Jesus was baptized.
3. Something sweet that John ate in the wilderness.
4. This is used a symbol to wash our sins away.
6. We are should be baptized in the name of the ____, Son and the Holy Spirit.
7. This is the main thing you need to do before you are baptized.

Jesus is Baptized Maze

Help Jesus find the water.



SYNOD OF ARMENIAN BISHOPS

The Synod of Armenian Bishops took place under the leadership of Their Holinesses Karekin II and Aram I, at the Holy See of Etchmiadzin, from November 11 to 13. Archbishops and Bishops representing the Holy See of Etchmiadzin and the Holy See of Cilicia attended the second Synod of modern times.

One day before the official opening of the Synod, the clergy,

led by the two Catholicos, visited the Dzidzernagapert Memorial where they placed wreaths and offered a requiem service at the eternal flame.

The conference began on November 11 with a prayer service at the Cathedral and continued with the Lord's Prayer at the meeting hall. After the messages of Catholicos Karekin II and Catholicos Aram I, the Bishops elected their officers: Archbishops Yeznik Bedrossian and Sebouh Sarkissian, Co-Presidents, and Bishops Vazken Mirkhanian and Papken Charian, Co-Secretaries.

During the opening ceremony the Bishops congratulated His Holiness Karekin II on the 15th anniversary of his consecration as Catholicos of the Holy See of Etchmiadzin, and they offered prayers for the memory of the departed clergy.

The main agenda of the three-day conference was to adopt a process for classifying and canonizing the victims of the 1915 Armenian Genocide. After Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian and Bishop Papken Charian presented the report on behalf of the sub-committee, the Synod approved the order of service and the rites, and they agreed to hold the canonization ceremony on April 23, 2015, in Holy Etchmiadzin.

The Bishops decided to list April 24 as the

day of commemoration on the church calendar.

They adopted the testimonies of the victims and they reviewed the canons and hymns to be in-



cluded in the service and discussed the canons related to the canonization of Komitas Vartabed and other individuals.

The Bishops received and studied the reports on the rites of Baptism and Chrismation. They adopted the guidelines, and proposed a process for communicating and teaching the rites. The purpose of the study report was to standardize the Baptism and Chrismation rites and practices throughout all Armenian Churches worldwide.

The conference also discussed current issues and challenges the Armenian Church and its people are facing. Upon receiving the news of the downing of the Armenian helicopter by Azerbaijan, the Bishops prayed for the three crew members who were killed, and conveyed condolences to their families.

On November 13, the final day of the conference, the bishops heard a presentation by Mr. Viken Sarkissian, coordinator of the 100th anniversary commemoration program of the Government of Armenia.

The conference closed with the remarks and blessings of the two Catholicos. The next Synod of the Armenian Bishops is scheduled to take place in 2016.

BISHOPS ISSUE DECLARATION

The Conference of Bishops issued the following statement:

“We praise the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit for having enabled us to meet at Holy Etchmiadzin on the threshold of the 100th anniversary commemoration of the Armenian Genocide, under the guidance of Catholicos Karekin II and Aram I to discuss issues related to our church and people.

20th century committed by Ottoman Turkey. We also call upon the Republic of Turkey to acknowledge the Armenian Genocide and recognize the just rights of our people.

“We pray the Almighty for the new victims whose helicopter was gunned down as they protected the borders of their homeland, Armenia and Karabagh. The Synod condemns this act by the Azerbaijani forces and considers it to be irresponsible and dangerous aggression.



“We prayerfully remember our victims of the Genocide and are confident that by their sanctification our people will be renewed spiritually. We encourage our people worldwide to actively participate in all the events honoring their memory.

“We invite the Christian world to join our people in their 100th anniversary prayers and commemorations beseeching for God’s justice and peace among people, and asking the Almighty to help humanity overcome conflicts and face new challenges.

“We call upon the international community to recognize and condemn the first Genocide of the

“We express our concern for the conflicts in the Middle East, especially in Syria and Iraq, as well as in the Ukraine. We pray for our Armenian communities and for all peace loving people who are victims of those conflicts and pray that peace will soon prevail.

“We place our hope in Jesus Christ our Lord, and as we remember the innocent victims of the Genocide, we recommit ourselves to continue serving the Armenian Church, promoting the internal unity of our people and strengthening our homeland and the diaspora.”

(Prelacy Crossroads)

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52nd Anniversary Divine Liturgy and Deacons Ordination

October 12, 2014

Anniversaries are times of celebration for both young and old. It has been 52 years since the parish of St. Sarkis moved into the Dearborn campus, and generations of dedicated parishioners have kept it vibrant, making it the spiritual home for Armenians of all backgrounds, a home we return to every Sunday to renew our faith and maintain our love for our precious Armenian heritage.

On the morning of October 12, a moving Divine Liturgy was celebrated by our Prelate, His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan assisted by our Pastor, Father Hrant Kevorkian, Deacons, Altar Servers, Choir directed by Nancy DerStepanian, and accompanied by our church organist Helen Movsesian. The highlight of the service was the ordination to the rank of Deacon of Jeffrey Noroyan, Tommy Gerjekian and Khatchig Kafafian, and the ordination to the rank of Sub-Deacon of Yervant Bedikian. Srpazan awarded each of the deacons a certificate as well as an *ourar* (stole) to wear in the new role to which they had been elevated. It was a proud occasion for the men and their families, and a fitting recognition for their years of service.



Sub-Deacon Yervant Bedikian



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Deacon Jeffry Noroyan



Deacon Khatchig Kafafian



Deacon Tommy Gerjekian

Anniversary Celebration



Following the Divine Liturgy, over 280 guests were welcomed into the Lillian Arakelian Hall, decorated for the fall season with whimsical scarecrows, for a program and dinner co-chaired by Carolyn Sirian Crane and Karyn Chopjian. On this occasion, the last 52 children who had been baptized at St. Sarkis were honored. The program was opened by Mistress of Ceremonies Marina Pilibosian, who introduced Araxie Tossounian and Nayri Carman to lead the singing of the national anthems, followed by the invocation delivered by Archbishop Choloyan.

After dinner, young guests were treated to

video entertainment by popular performer Taline and Friends. Welcoming remarks were offered by Board of Trustees Chairman Arnold Kourtjian and Father Hrant. One by one, the 52 honorees were called by name to come up to the stage to receive a special blessing from His Eminence and an Armenian cross. In addition, at the end of the program each child was presented with a book about Saints of the Armenian Church. Archbishop Choloyan delivered a timely message about the importance of family in keeping the Armenian Church strong and growing. The program was closed with the singing of *Giligia*.

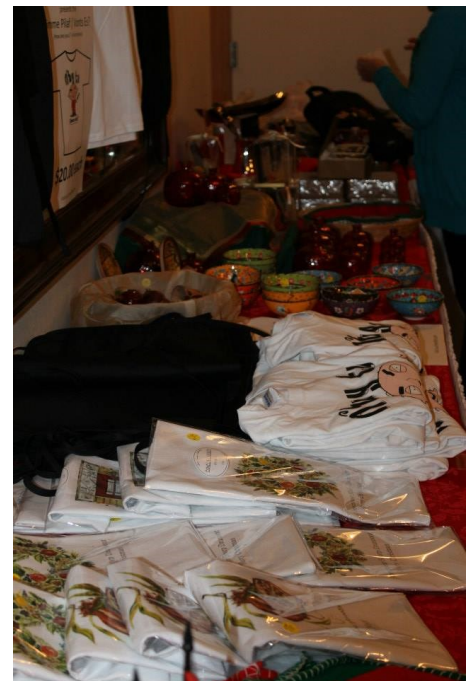


Annual Bazaar

The Annual Bazaar of St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church took place on November 8 and 9 with activities for every age. This event was sponsored by Edward Korkoian Funeral Home and Simon Javizian Funeral Directors. Festivities began on Saturday afternoon with the sale of homemade Armenian food prepared by our Ladies' Guild, delicious kebob dinners, a Sweet Table, Armenian Store, Attic Treasures, and vendors of all kinds. Activities for children included a magic show, carnival games, Play First video games and kids' raffles.

Outside on the lawn a large tent was set up with a big screen TV where guests viewed the football games. Inside in the Lillian Arakelian Hall Armenian music for dancing was provided by the Nigosian Band throughout the night. The Bazaar concluded on Sunday afternoon with the drawing of raffle prizes.

This wonderful event could not have been a success without the efforts of many volunteers—Ladies' Guild members, Fellowship Club members, Sunday School parents and many faithful parishioners—and we thank them all for their hard work and sacrifice. We thank the Bazaar Chairs Maggie Ornazian, Soseh Baghdasarian and Ani Hagopian for organizing and coordinating all the events.



51st Annual Cory Tosoian Golf Outing

St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church 51st Annual Cory Tosoian Golf Outing took place on Sunday, September 14 at Western Golf and Country Club. A banquet followed during which long time supporters of the outing Aram Agbabian &

Vaughn Masropian were honored. First place Trophies were received by the Hachigian Brothers. We thank all the participants and the sponsors of the event and specially John Tosoian and Jill Dolik who organize this event.



Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Blessing of the Basil

Antasdan service and blessing of Basil took place on Sunday, September 14 following the Divine Liturgy on the occasion of the Feast of the Exalta-

tion of the Holy Cross. Thanks to the Sarkesian and the Kafafian families who donated the basil.



NEW MEMBERS

Shant Bedikian, Michael and Tanya Bedrossian, Tamitza Dakissian, Hamazasb & Tina Donigian, Mergdich Donigian, Hrant Gulian, Paul, Helen & Katherine Javahirian, Shant & Zovinar Jamgotchian, Hovig Kouyoumdjian, Anoush Mardigian, Susan Mardoyan, Taline Markosian, Diane Mercuri, Maggie Ornazian, Sosi Palanjian, Michael & Andrea Rasizzi, Kara Sarafian, Araxie Tossounian, Zachary Zakem

We welcome all of our new dues paying members to our church and we thank them for their willingness to be a part of our St. Sarkis family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

September officially marked the beginning of the Sunday School academic year. We are very pleased to have the return of our wonderful students as well as the return of our dedicated staff.

Diane Changelian returns as Superintendent with her assistant Laurie Haroutunian. Returning to teach this year are Shoghere Ourlian (K-1), Marina Pilibosian and Ani Pilibosian (2-3), Sandi Magar and Carolyn Sirian (6-7-8), and Roupina Carman and Mike Crane (9-10). We are thrilled to add Allie Krikorian (Preschool) and Meline' Topouzian (4-5) to our staff of teachers! We have the pleasure of teaching the over 70 students enrolled at St. Sarkis this year.

We would like to acknowledge Karen Goulasarian for her generous donation of school supplies. We really appreciate your continued support of Sunday School.

Sunday School traditionally begins on the Sunday of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, usually the second Sunday of September. This year that date was September 14. To usher in the new school year the staff hosted the St. Sarkis Family Night on September 13 in the Lillian Arakelian hall. The staff prepared and served delicious homemade pasta, salad and other delicacies as well as decorated the tables to welcome the students and other mem-



bers of the community. There was a professional face painter, music and games to play for young and old alike. Karyn and Toros Chopjian sponsored this fun-filled event in memory of their family. Special thanks to the Chopjians for their generosity

and support of Sunday School. We are also fortunate to count on the help of our devoted Sunday School parents to pitch in and help at these events. Thanks also to Simone' and Daron Topouzian for the prep work and clean up!



Der Hrant preformed a very special Sunday School Dedication Ceremony in Church on Sunday September 21. He blessed the staff and asked God's help to guide us in teaching His Word. This beautiful ceremony serves as a reminder of the sacred task we undertake when we accept the responsibility of teaching our young the principles of Christianity. The Dedication Ceremony lends credence and legitimacy to our mission. Both the staff and students received Communion afterward to cap off this spiritual and inspiring event.

The annual Church Bazaar in November highlighted the talents of our Sunday School students and parents who donated items to compose gift baskets for the Children's Raffle. Special thanks to Sunday School parents Stefanie Coburn and Lorig Coe for taking on this task and coordinating efforts to produce such amazing, creative baskets. Our Sunday School parents and parishioners really step up to the plate when it comes to helping our cause. We look forward to working with all of you this school year with the goal of making our students' Sunday School experience both valuable and memorable.

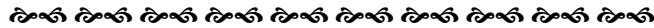
Laurie Haroutunian

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

EVIE MARO PILIBOSIAN, daughter of Vahan and Courtney Pilibosian, was baptized on September 28, 2014. The Godparents are Vahae Engeian and Melissa Rhodes.

We extend our congratulations to the parents and grandparents on the very happy occasion of the baptism of their children and grandchildren and welcome them into our Armenian Apostolic Faith.

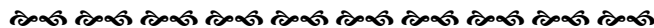


Weddings

MIKHAIL GAZARYAN and **MEGAN ROITMAN** were married on October 5, 2014. Best man was Ivan Balasanov, and Maid of Honor was Heather Dickow.

Our congratulations to the happy couple and their families. We wish them a long and fruitful life together.

«Մէկ բարձի վրայ ծերանաք» “*Meg partsi verah dzeranak.*” “May you grow old on one pillow.”



Funerals

Aram Vosgerchian
9/18/2014

Ardavast Avakian
10/24/2014

Don Diran Arslanian
11/3/2014

Lousazin Nazarian
9/30/2014

Suzan Sarkissian
11/4/2014

We extend our deepest condolences to those in our community who have lost loved ones.
May God Bless their memories.



SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH!

“God loves a cheerful giver.” (II Cor. 9:7)

There is no more satisfying a feeling than giving to the Church. Your generosity helps us to maintain our community outreach and ensures that many others will be affected by your kindness. Not sure how you can give? Let us give you some ideas and suggestions :

CASH DONATION: This is the most common form of charitable giving. All gifts mailed to the church by December 31st of the current year qualify for tax deduction in the same year. Please be as generous as you can and give according to your ability.

SECURITIES: Stocks, bonds, and mutual funds are gifts that just keep giving! You will not only enjoy a tax deduction for the fair market value of the gift, but will save on capital gains tax that would be due if you sold your security differently.

THROUGH A WILL OR A LIVING TRUST: Leave a lasting legacy by remembering the church in your will, in a living trust, in an insurance policy, or a retirement account. It is never too late, or a bad time, to review long term financial planning.

ENDOWMENT: Gifts can be directed to our endowment fund. If you would like to honor a special someone or make a donation in the name of a loved one, this is the right place to invest. These funds are invested by the church and will continue to grow so that we may become more inclusive in our goal to enhance our spiritual outreach.

COMMUNITY NEWS

AYF Senior Olympics Held in Dearborn

This year's AYF-YOARF Senior Olympics were hosted by the Detroit "Kopernik Tandourjian" Senior AYF Chapter at the Adoba Hotel during the Labor Day weekend. Family and friends from all over the United States and Canada came to watch the games and celebrate the victories.

The various competitions included golf, tennis, swimming, track and field and even softball. The athletes demonstrated their skills as they gave their all trying to win the gold. However, this year the



Detroit Chapter brought over 60 athletes, and through their efforts led them to victory. The hustle and dedication from the Detroit athletes was the strongest seen in years.

The Detroit "KT" Senior AYF Chapter hopes you can join them in celebrating their victory at the Annual November Dance at The Renaissance Baronne in Novi on Friday, November 28th.

Armenian School Teacher's Seminar

On October 18, ARS Mid-Council of Greater Detroit organized a special seminar for Detroit Zavarian and Chicago Taniel Varoujan Armenian one day school teachers. More than twenty teachers and ARS *ungeroohis* participated. After having lunch and being introduced to each other, Der Hrant Kevorkian officially opened the seminar by a prayer and his blessings. The guest speaker was Kevork Bedikian, the Principle of ARS Taline chapter's one day Armenian school in La Crescenta, California. *Ungerooohi* Sirvart Telbelian delivered the welcoming remarks and thanked all the teachers who sacrifice their time and ability to teach Armenian language, culture, history and religion. The guest speaker, Kevork Bedikian, mentioned in his comments the importance of the Armenian language and the significant roles of Armenian schools and Armenian teachers especially in the diaspora. He also mentioned how Armenian textbooks should be updated and meet the needs of one day Armenian school students. After the short

break, Mr. Bedikian presented the curriculum that he has prepared for one day school classes. He has also prepared textbooks for elementary classes that teach Armenian as a second language. Teachers were excited to see new resources that meet the needs of their students.

After sharing experiences among teachers and having a long question and answer time, teachers were grateful for ARS Mid-Council for organizing such an enlightening educational event.



ARF Azadamard Gomideh Celebrates ARF's 124th Anniversary

Over 400 members and supporters of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation attended the Detroit ARF Azadamard Gomideh's celebration of the Federation's 124th anniversary.

Those who were at Burton Manor, Livonia, Michigan, heard an important anniversary message from former ARF Bureau member Unger Hayg Oshagan, witnessed ARF Azadamard Gomideh chair Unger Raffi Ourlian's heartfelt appreciation for three ARF *hamagirs* (supporters), danced to the music of Shiraz Yeghiazarian, and sang patriotic and revolutionary songs with Karnig Sarkissian.

All proceeds from the event were earmarked for the Syrian-Armenian Fund. The emcees for the event were Adi Asadoorian (AYF and ANC of MI) and Sanan Malkadjian (AYF and Homenetmen). The organizing committee consisted of the following: Krista Tossounian, Sossi Palanjian, Adi Asadoorian, Araxie Tossounian, Sanan Malkadjian, Alidz Oshagan, Arakel Chopjian and Shant Jamgotchian.

The evening opened with the singing of the American and Armenian national anthems by Araxie Tossounian, who is also an active member of the Armenian National Committee of Michigan. The Armenian, American, Artsakh and ARF flags were presented and posted by the Detroit Homenetmen Scouts.

Rev. Hrant Kevorkian of St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church and Rev. Dr. Vahan Tootikian of the Armenian Congregational Church offered prayers and personal congratulations to the ARF on the occasion of its 124th anniversary.

In his keynote remarks, Unger Oshagan observed, "There is no other organization that does what the ARF does. No organization takes on this challenge, and the ARF has been doing it for 124 years."

About the ARF's responsibilities in Armenia, Unger Oshagan noted, "We work every day to try to improve civil society and we are trying to improve the political system." In Artsakh, the ARF continues to advance a "peaceful resolution and international recognition and security, with Armenia as a guarantor of Artsakh's security through a military pact between Artsakh and Armenia. Artsakh must be as an equal partner in negotiations for its self-determination."

In Javakhk, Unger Oshagan remarked on the continued deliberate campaign by Georgian authorities to drive Armenians from the area through "fear and oppression." He noted the ARF's efforts to stabilize the population through various social programs, including the building of youth centers that serve as havens for hundreds of young people. "Work is also being done to target USAID economic assistance to the region."

Closer to home, Unger Oshagan recalled the ARF's mission to build the communities of the Eastern United States after the 1915 Armenian Genocide, recognizing Lowell as the home of the oldest ARF Gomideh, established in 1894. Today, there are more than 15 Gomidehs located east of the Mississippi River.



In Detroit, the ARF has served to guide and lead the community for decades, with the participation and partnership of its family of organizations: ARS, AYF, Hamazkayin and Homenetmen. With planning underway for a new Armenian Community Center to be built in Novi, Michigan, the organization continues to prepare for the community's future, security and growth.

"ARF Day is a day to look back and think of what we have and have not done," Unger Oshagan concluded. "We have not succeeded in every endeavor, but our biggest success has been the survival of the Armenian nation, not only in Armenia, but also across our vast global nation without borders." "We can all be proud," he said, raising a glass and inviting the crowd to join him in a toast.

Unger Ourlian continued the program by calling each of the three ARF *hamagirs* to the stage after a brief introduction. Hagop Dakessian, Raffi Kuredjian, and Shakeh Basmajian were awarded plaques and a standing ovation in appreciation for their support of the ARF and its affiliated organizations.

“The hamagir award is one of the best awards that one can receive,” Unger Ourlian said before inviting the recipients to the stage. “*Hamagir* means the following: one who supports, one who loves the organization, one who shares the same vision, one who is ready to make a difference.”

Dakessian was recognized for his ongoing financial and moral support of the AYP, Hamazkayin, Homenetmen and other organizations. Unger Ourlian gave an example of Dakessian’s generosity by sharing a story that occurred at the recent 2014 AYP Olympics, hosted by the Detroit AYP Chapter.

“He approached me and said that 10 to 15 kids were turned away from the dance because they didn’t have the admission. He said he wanted those kids in the dance so they could meet other Armenian kids, and he gave a donation to pay for the kids to get in.”

Kuredjian was recognized for his active

delivered when asked for anything,” Ourlian said.

Basmajian was recognized for her years of service on all levels of the Armenian Relief Society. Ourlian highlighted Basmajian’s support for the



ARF’s projects involving Artsakh’s self-determination and her years of work on the ACAA Heritage Cruise steering committee.

“Locally, she helped raise significant money for the Syrian Armenian Relief Fund by setting up phone banks and making calls,” Unger Ourlian added. “Most recently, she helped raise money for the Detroit ARS Zavarian Armenian One Day School.”

Ourlian concluded his presentation by urging the crowd to recognize the spouses of the awardees: Aida Dakessian, Patricia Kuredjian and George Basmajian. They were also thanked for their part in supporting the ARF with loud applause.

A concert by popular troubadour Karnig Sarkissian ended the evening. Young people stood by the stage singing every word of the revolutionary and patriotic songs while three young men took the Armenian, Artsakh and ARF flags from their stands and waved them on the dance

floor in time to the music.

All proceeds from the event were donated to the Syrian Armenian Relief Fund. We thank all of the volunteers and the attendees for making the event a success!



financial and moral support of the AYP, Hamazkayin, Hamazkayin Arax Dance Group, Homenetmen, and St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church. Kuredjian leads the St. Sarkis Church Long-Term Strategic Committee and “he’s always

ARS Detroit Chapters Celebrate ARS 104th Anniversary with “Dohmig Or”

The ARS Mid-Council of Greater Detroit held its annual ARS anniversary celebration on September 20 with a tribute to the food, music and culture of Kessab and Mousa Ler. Nearly 300 people attended the “*Dohmig Or*” (“Heritage Day”) at the Armenian Community Center, Dearborn.

The ARS Mid-Council – comprised of Detroit’s Maro, Shakeh, Sybille, Tzolg and Zabel chapters – commemorates the ARS’s anniversary every year to benefit the ARS Zavarian Armenian One Day School. Along with the 104th anniversary of the ARS, the Mid-Council celebrated its own 71st anniversary to honor its good work in greater Detroit and its continuing sponsorship of the Zavarian Armenian School.

Attendees entered the hall to a warm and welcoming atmosphere, greeted by young Armenian women who wore beautifully detailed traditional Armenian dress and served Armenian brandy and chocolate. St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church Yeretgin Tamar Kevorkian, also a member of the ARS Shakeh Chapter, supervised a committee of volunteers who are expert in recreating the dishes of Kessab and Mousa Ler.

ARS Mid-Council representative Shakeh Basmajian welcomed guests and thanked them for supporting the ARS and the Armenian school with their attendance and generous donations. Dinner was served following an invocation by Rev. Fr. Hrant Kevorian of St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church.

An endless supply of *tzitoun peggigh* (Kessab *zeytov keghkeh*), *hovivi salat* (Armenian salad), *kelour* (potato kufteh), *terakh* (meat kufteh), *baniron hatz* (cheese bread), olive *boureg*, *sarma*, *basterma*, and *chir ou chamich* (dried fruit and nuts) graced the tables. A grand *harissa* of *bulgur pilaf* and *ghavourma* was also served after a special prayer by Rev. Fr. Kevorkian, who was assisted by Rev. Dr. Vahan Tootikian and Rev. Shant Barsoumian of the Armenian Congregational Church.

During the meal, a video prepared by Vazken Haroutunian played showing life in prior and present-day Kessab and Anjar, home to those

whose forefathers and foremothers migrated from Mousa Ler. Attendees received a keepsake booklet of the evening containing congratulatory letters to



the ARS, commemorative advertisements, and short renditions of the history, culture and language of Kessab and Mousa Ler.

A short program followed the meal. ARS Mid-Council Chair Sirvart Telbelian delivered the ARS Mid-Council message in Armenian and Mid-Council Secretary Lara Nercessian delivered the message in English. A separate message about the meaning of “*Dohmig Or*” was provided by Shakeh Basmajian in Armenian and Lara Nercessian in English. Two members of the first ARS Zavarian Armenian School class were also present and recognized: Simon Javizian and Violet Gavoor.

Handmade sweets in the tradition of Kessab and Mousa Ler were served, including *sari burma*, *tzitov peggigh* and *ghourabieh*. Fresh and dried fruits rounded out the sweet table.

The evening ended in dance and live music provided by Martin Haroutunian of Boston, who played the *zourna*, and Boghos Jabrayan of Cambridge, Ontario, who played the *dehol*. DJ M-Kay added recorded music to keep the celebration going into the late hours of the evening.

For more information about the ARS Zavarian Armenian One-Day School or about joining one of the Detroit ARS Chapters, contact Sirvart Telbelian at stelbelian@comcast.net.

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In memory of Don Diran Arslanian

By Adi Asadoorian

A man of faith, love, family, hard work and laughter. My *Baboog*, Diran (Don) Arslanian was a class act. There is a difference between a grandfather and a *Baboog*. A grandfather is someone with biological relation, but no real emotional connection; you see him for a couple holidays and you give him a couple hugs. My *Baboog* is someone who was like a father to me, a best friend, a role model, a comedian, the most loving and caring person, an angel living on earth who dedicated his entire life to faith, hope and love.

He embodied the true meaning of an *Unger* with his philanthropic contributions to all Armenian organizations, leadership, dedication and genuine love for all things Armenian.

He also embodied the true meaning of a grandfather who went above and beyond for all of his children and grandchildren, as if they were his own children.

However, those we love do not go away; they walk beside us every single day. They may be unseen to the naked human eye, unheard to the human ear, but always so near, so loved and so missed.



In memory of my sister, Seta Margo Dilanian

By Rita Dilanian

We were different from each other, yet we enjoyed many of the same activities and had the same tastes in many things. We were sisters after all.

We didn't always agree about everything. We were sisters after all.

We shared a love of American history and visited over 20 presidential sights. We were sisters after all.

We both loved the arts. She played the piano since she was seven years old. I loved art and made my living as an art director. We were sisters after all.

We loved the Armenian Church and held on to our faith always. We were sisters after all.

We shared a love of two wonderful people, our beloved parents. We were sisters after all.

Now as I think about the person who was always there for me, since my birth. She was my teacher, travel pal and best friend. I will miss her for the rest of my life. She was my sister after all.



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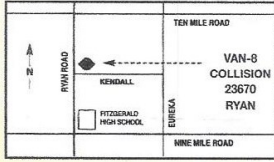
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