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# TRUSTEE NEWS

# St. Stephen's Church & Homenetmen Commemorate Armenian Independence Day

Our pastoral intern, Rev. Fr. Torkom Chorbajian, was the celebrant & preacher on Sunday, May 25. After Holy *Badarak*, parishioners gathered outside at the Khatchkar along with the clergy and an Honor Guard of the Homenetmen to bless the Armenian flag.

After the Thanksgiving Prayers for the Republic of Armenia were read by Der Torkom Chorbajian, special blessings were performed on the flag which was hoisted to the top of the flag pole by Homenetmen Scouts while the entire crowd sang Mer Hayrenik.



# LADIES GUILD NEWS

Secretary, Lucy Guzelian

The theme of our April meeting was how to renew, reinvent and recycle your pantry bottles and jars by painting with plain old school glue and food coloring. Mary Derderian was the instructor for the evening for 27 members and guests who learned how to mix the glue and coloring to make a temporary and washable splash of color to enhance their next dinner party table setting. The ladies rolled up their sleeves and started painting. Once the bottles were painted and dried, they looked like sea glass. The fun of it was discovering the creativity of the ladies. After a short business meeting, we all wished each other "pari jampa" and see you at the next meeting!

Our May meeting was preceded by a casual "hot dogs and beans" supper with coffee and dessert, followed by a short meeting and the re-election of four incumbents for the Executive.

It was announced that on June 1st we will sponsor a requiem service (Hokehankist) for all deceased members of the Ladies' Guild followed by a coffee hour reception in the church hall.

The next Armenian Cooking Class will be "Cheese Boregs" by Cerise Jelalian, date and time to be announced.

Our next meeting will be a Kheyma and Pot Luck Supper for our members on Monday evening, June 9th.



Three generations of Yeretzgins making fancy jars at the Ladies Guild meeting in the church hall. Yn, Lucy Daghlian, Yn. Arpineh Baljian & Yn. Shogher Chorbajian

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# ՄԱՅԻՍ 28-Ի ՏԵՍԼԱԿԱՆՈՎ



96 տարիներ անցան այն ձակատագրական պահէն, երբ Հայ ժողովուրդը իր ղեկավարութեան շուրջը բոլորած իր հաւաքական պատասխանը տուաւ զինք պատմութեան յիշողութենէն բնաջնջել ուզող թշնամիին, երբ իր վձռորոշ կամքով մաքառեցաւ զինք ուրիշին ենթարկելու իրականութեան դէմ եւ մերժեց ամէն տեսակի ստրկութիւն եւ անկախութեան կորուստ։

Պատկերը ինքնին ահաւոր է։ Այդ թուականէն երեք տարիներ առաջ, մեր ժողովուրդը Արեւմտահայաստանի մէջ ցեղասպանութիւն էր տեսաւ, տարագրութեան դժխեմ հովերուն յանձնուեցաւ եւ սարսափ, արիւն ու աւեր ունեցաւ։ Տակաւին, Արեւելահայաստանի մէջ Համաշխարհային առաջին պատերազմին մէջ ըլլալով հազարաւոր երիտասարդներ զոհուած էին արեւելեան մակատին մէջ կռուելով։ Կարծէք ամէն լոյս կորսուած էր եւ դրական ելքր անկարելի էր։ Հայ ազգին իր պապերէն հսկալ հայրենիքին մասնիկը մնացած նոյնիսկ վտանգուած էր, ուր կր բնակէին հազարաւոր որբեր, վիրաւորներ, գաղթականներ ու ջարդէն մազապուրծ ազատողներ։ Վտանգր շատ մեծ էր՝ անըմբռնելի ըլլալու աստիճան։ Մէկ կողմէ թուրքը չէր կշտացած հայ ժողովուրդին դէմ գործած անմարդկային նախձիրէն, իսկ միւս կողմէ իր ատելութեան իբր նոր արտայալտութիւն՝ կ'ուզէր այդ մնացորդն ալ խլել ու հայ ժողովուրդը յաւիտենապէս ստրկացնել։

Այս խառնաշփոթ վիձակին մէջ, Եկեղեցի եւ Ազգ,

հոգեւորականն ու աշխարհականը ձեռք ձեռքի տուած, օրուան դեկավարութեան առաջնորդութեամբ Նոր Աւարայր մր կերտեցին։ Պատմութիւնը ինքզինք կր կրկնէ, կ'րսեն։ Այդ օրերուն ալ ինքզինք կրկնեց տալով նոր Վարդաններ, Ղեւոնդ Երէցներ, որոնք ուխտած էին ի դիմաց պատմութեան, թէ որքան ալ թշնամիին բանակները խոշոր րլյան, զէնքերը՝ արդիական կր կարողութիւնները, գերազանցեն իրենց ժողովուրդին իր հայրենիքին հանդէպ ունեցած արեան կապուածութիւնը աւելի հուժկու է քան որեւէ բանակ ու մեծութիւն։ Անոնք մէկ բռունցք եղած՝ Բաշապարանի, Ղարաքիլիսէի եւ Մարդարապատի ձակատամարտներով լետս մղեցին թշնամիին բանակները եւ նոր սխրագործութիւններով վձռեցին իրենց հայրենական իրաւունքներուն անձեռնմխելիութիւնը։ Եւ այսպէս, Հայ ժողովուրդի առնական նկարագիրն ու հայրենասիրութիւնը կրկին փորձաքարի հանդիպեցան եւ փաստեցին իրենց առողջ եւ ամրակուռ բնութիւնը։

...Յաղթանակն էր որ կերտուեցաւ։ Լացի, արիւնի եւ աւերի դիմաց նոր լոյս մը ծագեցաւ, նոր յոյս մը տրուեցաւ եւ անկախութինը Նոյան տապանի նման հանգչեցաւ հայ ժողովուրդի կեանքի գագաթին վրայ...։

Եթէ Ապրիլ 24ը մեր ժողովուրդը Գողգոթայ ու խաչ առաջնորդեց, Մայիս 28ով հայութեան մէջ անկախութեան երազն ու իրականութիւնը յարութիւն առին։ Եթէ ցեղասպանութեամբ կարելի եղաւ բնաջնջել մէկու կէս միլիոն հայութիւն եւ ազգի մը ձակատագիրը քայքայել, Մայիս 28ը զօրաւոր ապտակ մըն էր անոնց, որոնք կարծեցին թէ ջարդեր ու մահ կրնան սրբել ժողովուրդ մր աշխարհի երեսէն։

Եւ վերջապէս, Մայիս 28ը եղաւ ռահվիրայ մը նոր եւ տարբեր Սարդարապատներու, ինչպէս Արցախի հերոս -ամարտը եւ անոր յաղթանակը։ Անիկա փաստեց որ ժողովուրդի մը արդար երազը չի մեռնիր, այնքան ատեն որ անիկա իրաւացի է եւ իր յաւերժութեան աղբիւրը։ Եկէ՛ք, այս փառաւոր մարտի տարեդարձին առթիւ, անգամ մը եւս մեր երազները բիւրեղացնենք եւ մեր ջանքերը ի գործ դնենք կերտելու նոր Մայիս 28ը Արեւմտահայաստանի մեր պապենական հողերուն եւ իրաւունքներուն վրայ։ Երազը օր մը իրականութիւն կրնայ դառնալ, ամպայմա՛ն։

Արժ. Տ. Թորգոմ Քինյ. Չորպաճևան Օգնական Հովիւ Pastoral Intern's Message

# THE ABUNDANT LIFE

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly"

John 10:10



Who hasn't thought about life under different circumstances? Who ever ceased to answer some questions that usually life offers? Who never tried to do philosophy and never found himself/herself in a large dark cavern of various theories and assumptions? Well, I think every one of us has done all these things. Our Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnated Son of God, also thought about life like us and proclaimed "I am the way, the truth, the Life". But Jesus wasn't someone who liked to express his thoughts and teachings in abstract philosophical ways. He wasn't like the ancient philosophers who tried all their lives to solve the issue of life

and other details related to it by writing philosophical treatises and dialogues. He was a practical Son of God and gave examples and *lived* the life he wanted others to have.

The above verse is found in one of the Sundays of Hinounk (a period of fifty days, beginning from the Sunday of Easter to the Sunday of Pentecost). It's not an accident, but chosen by our church fathers' wise decision to be read because Easter is a channel of life. Jesus conquered death to give us life. In this biblical passage, we have the preceding story of the blind man, who never had the opportunity to see the marvelous creation of God. He couldn't see his friends, his mother and father, and even

himself.

Jesus saw this man and had compassion toward him. He wanted to give him abundant life. He wanted to change his point of view. And so he healed him and gave him a new vision, new sight, so he would be able to see everything in the lens of the new life granted to him.

This is how Jesus speaks about life! Often we think that this verse is related to something heavenly, something implemented in an imaginary paradise, a second life. But when we carefully discern that this verse is the natural conclusion of the healing event in the previous chapter, then we understand that the lifegiving promise is related to our every day life. Every one of us needs God's grace in his life. In this context, how many times have we felt that we desire healing like the blind man? Not necessarily physical healing, but emotional and spiritual healing? Who has never felt lonely like the blind man and never wanted to end his misery. For this reason, Jesus promised us abundant life. With it He can open our spiritual eyes to see everything by its new vision. As in the case of the blind man, He is merciful enough to change us and fill us with his divine love.

Let us bow in our souls to our Lord Jesus Christ, to the God who challenged death and conquered it to give us life worthy of His presence and abundance. Let us pray for receiving that grace with humility and submission and be vessels for praise and glory to the Holy Trinity. Amen.

Rev. Fr. Torkom Chorbajian

# BIOGRAPHY OF REV. FR. TORKOM CHORBAJIAN



Der Torkom Chorbajian was born in Aleppo, Syria on September 12, 1990. He was raised in a devoted family and served the Armenian Church from his very childhood. In 2004, he decided to enter the seminary of the Catholicossate of the Great House of Cilicia and become a clergyman. During the seven years of his education, he studied armenological and theological subjects and in 2011 graduated from the Seminary. While in Seminary, he was one

of the conductors of the choir in the Cathedral of Saint Gregory the Illuminator of the Holy See of Cilicia and served as one of the librarians of the seminary and helped to reorganize it.

After graduating the seminary, by the decision of the prelate of Lebanon, he was appointed as a choir conductor in

the Saint Mary Armenian Church in Nor Adana, Beirut, also serving in the department of Christian Education in the Armenian Prelacy in Lebanon. Following this, he worked for five months as a director (kordzavar) in the Regional Committee of Hamazkayin in Lebanon. In 2012-2013 as a candidate for the priesthood for the Eastern Prelacy, he continued his pastoral studies in Near East School of Theology.

Der Torkom and Yeretsgin Shogher were married on July 27, 2013, in Lebanon. That same year, on October 20 he was ordained to the rank of priesthood by His Eminence Archbishop Nareg Alyemezian. Before coming to the United States, he served in the Forty Martyrs Armenian Church in Bourj Hammoud. On March 20, 2014 the couple arrived to the States. Currently, he is a pastoral intern at Saint Stephen's Armenian Apostolic Church in Watertown, Massachusetts and is also serving as an outreach priest to the parishes of the Eastern Prelacy.

From the Prelacy:

# EASTERN PRELACY'S CLERGY CONFERENCE AND NRA CONVENE IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN



# US SENATOR CARL LEVIN, HONORED By Tom Vartabedian

Dearborn, MI --- As a veteran legislator, United States Senator Carl Levin has been most passionate about issues that have affected our ancestral homeland, whether it's been genocide recognition or foreign aid support. He co-sponsored every single genocide resolution and authored many of those movements himself.

Senator Levin was an early supporter of the Karabagh independence movement and worked on the passage of the Humanitarian Aid Corridor Act, which prohibits aid to countries blocking U.S. foreign assistance from reaching other countries.

He has received an "A" grade in the ANCA Congressional report card, attended commemorations on Capitol Hill, fought for justice among dissidents, and contributed heavily to the overall welfare of Armenians throughout the world.

For this and other qualities enhancing Homeland security and Senate Armed Services Committee, Senator Levin was presented the "Spirit of Armenia" Award by Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan at this year's NRA Assembly May 16, attended by nearly 300 guests.

The affable legislator was humbled by the award, joined at the podium by his wife to a standing ovation. He's been to Armenia and visited with world leaders of the Armenian Church at Etchmiadzin.

"Being Jewish, I've been haunted all my life by the words Hitler uttered as he planned the extinction of my people," said Senator Levin. "We must prove Hitler wrong and call genocide a genocide. Failure to speak out against it only encourages those who would seek power through the destruction of others."

In this year of the elderly as proclaimed by the Catholicos, two prominent individuals shared the Eagle Award, given periodically by the Prelacy. Accepting the honor were Onnig Hachigian and John Manoogian, two icons of the parish community.

Hachigian served nine years as a trustee executive; 12 years as an NRA delegate, and four years on the Prelacy's Executive Council with a focus on Armenian religious education. One of the original AYF pioneers, his wife and three sons have all been active components of St. Sarkis Church.

From the Prelacy:

# EASTERN PRELACY'S CLERGY CONFERENCE AND NRA CONVENE IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN (Cont.)

Manoogian's niche was building classrooms in his church to the tune of a \$250,000 addition, Together with his wife Rose, they have been generous benefactors to both the Prelacy and church. While chairing the trustees for six years, he presented plans for streamlining board procedures and getting the company's support to accelerate Armenian issues, while also mentoring several newcomers in the process. For 48 years, he spent every working day with Ford Motor Company --- a right hand to those like Lee Iacocca ---

"There is a wisdom to their lives which created a better Armenian-American community for all," Serpazan pointed out. "With their faith and love, they promoted a new lifestyle for generations that followed. They are the reason we are here."

Sunday School activist Diana Changelian was presented a certificate of merit for her years of dedicated service over the decades, starting from Granite City to Watertown, then Providence and finally Dearborn. Over that time, she directed school programs, worked tirelessly on NRA and ARS committees, bazaars and grasped every opportunity to serve the church. "She is motivated by the love of God and heritage," said Serpazan.

Youth awards were presented to five outstanding students: Karoun Cholakian, Vahan Cholakian, Sanan Malkedjian, Chris Kourtjian and Araxie Tossounian. Karoun is a star performer for Hamazkayin dance group, Sunday school teacher, AYF member and active volunteer. Vahan counseled orphans in Armenia and served as a Camp Hayastan counselor. He's helped the elders of his committee as well as the needy. Sanan is an active HMEM member, dances with Hamazkayin, serves on AYF executive and works her own cake pop business. Her poem at the Friday banquet received loud applause. Chris has held many leadership positions, served on the altar and remains active in AYF leadership roles. He also dances with the Hamazkayin ensemble. Araxie sings in the church choir. She's a member of the Armenian National Committee and AYF while also a member of the Alik Trio which entertained at the Friday banquet.

In keeping with the "elder" concept, retired Rev. Archpriest Vasken Bekiarian (Worcester) was proclaimed by Serpazan as "Man of the Year" for his distinguished service throughout the decades. Illness prevented him from attending the event.

Remarks were rendered by Chairman Stephen Hagopian, who served as MC, along with Rev. Fr. Hrant Kevorkian, pastor, and Michael Hagopian, vice-chairman, trustees.

In his message, Archbishop Choloyan emphasized the importance of organized leaders and called upon communities to mobilize themselves for next year's Armenian Genocide centennial. He commended the work performed by the Executive Council.

"The best road is being well-prepared and organized," he said, "not leaving our ecclesiastical-national life to chance. The NRA Assembly is one ring in our eternal quest and the task of turning it into gold falls upon all our shoulders." Oshagan Serpazan was reelected by unanimous acclamation as he enters a fifth term. Rev. Archpriest Gomidas Baghsarian was re-elected to the Religious Council. For Executive Council, those re-elected were Stephen Hagopian, Hagop Antranigian and Sarkis Ohanessian. John Aharonian from St. Stephen's church in Watertown, MA, was elected a new member, replacing Raffi Ourlian, who completed three terms of impeccable service as treasurer.

More than 50 delegates joined with clergy in promoting new inroads for the church. The National Guild met separately with close to 20 delegates. A tour of the Motown Music Museum was enjoyed by the ladies.

On the lighter side, the very last raffle ticket sold by raffleactivist Antranig Boudakian wound up being a winner. It belonged to Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, one lucky vicar!

The 2014 National Representative Assembly concluded last Saturday with the unanimous re-election by acclamation of the Prelate, His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, for his fifth term of office. Serving as co-chairs of the Assembly were Jack Mardoian (All Saints Church, Chicago) and Artin Dermenjian (All Saints Church, Chicago). Secretaries were Suzan Chitjian Erickson (All Saints Church, Chicago) and Rev. Fr. Stephan Baljian (St. Gregory Church, North Andover). The Prelate's Keynote Address to the Assembly emphasized three major themes, namely: the importance of organized leadership, the continuing needs of the Armenian community in Syria, and next year's 100th anniversary commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. Speaking of the vital need for prepared leaders, His Eminence said, "Without healthy, ample, thoughtful leaders, who love to serve, it is not possible to expect positive results, because the first concern of clergy and lay leaders must be their mission and their duty that must be selfless and truly dedicated.... The best road is being well prepared and organized, that is to say, not leaving our ecclesiastical-national life to chance. This requires a complete virtuous program—deep understanding, patience, mutual understanding, love, sacrifice, dedication, and even strategy—so that we can stand before history's judge with open heart, contentment, pride, and victory."

At the NRA, our Pastor, Rev. Fr. Antranig Baljian, extended an invitation on behalf of the congregation and Board of Trustees St. Stephen's Church to hold the 2015 National Representative Assembly in Watertown on the occasion of the centennial of the Armenian Genocide. The invitation was warmly received by the assembled delegates and we look forward to a very special assembly next year.

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# Մեկնութիւն Հայ Եկեղեցւոյ Հաւատամքի

Զարեհ արք. Ազնաւորեան, անգլերէնի թարգմանեց Շանթ սարկ. ԳազանՃեան, Նիւ Եորք, Առաջնորդարան Ամերիկայի Արեւելեան Թեմի, 2013. Գին՝ 15 տոյար (թղթակազմ)։

Այս երկլեզու հրատարակութիւնը կը ներկայացնէ լուսահոգի Զարեհ արք. Ազնաւորեանի դասախօս-

ութիւններուն ամփոփումը։ Հայ Եկեղեցւոյ Հաւատամքի տող առ տող, բառ առ բառ բացատրուած է, հիմնուած այն ուղղափառ դաւանութեան վրայ, որուն միշտ հաւատարիմ մնացած է Հայ Եկեղեցին։ Ան քրիստոնէական հաւատքի գիտելիքները կը ներկայացնէ ընթերցողին, ինչ որ անհրաժեշտ է որ գիտնալ իւրաքանչիւր հաւատացեալ։

# Commentary on the Nicene Creed

Archbishop Zareh Aznavorian, translated by Dn. Shant Kazanjian New York: Armenian Apostolic Church of America, 2013. Price: \$15 (softcover). This bilingual edition is the synopsis of lectures given by late Archbishop Zareh Aznavorian. The Nicene Creed is explained line by line, word by word, in accordance with the orthodox faith, to which the Armenian Church has always remained faithful. By way of explaining the creed, the book presents the beliefs of the Christian faith that are essential for every believer to know.



# Armenian Holiday Traditions: An Illustrated Guide for Children

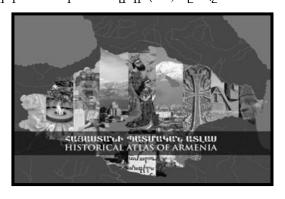
Annie Seropian (Author), Elize Bogossian (Illustrator), Montreal, Anne Seropian, 2012. Price: \$20 (softcover).

This delightful children's book describes traditional Armenian celebrations of various feast days and holidays such as New Years,

Christmas, Easter as well as Genocide Memorial Day, Independence Day and other special occasions. The book also relates the meaning and importance of why these days are celebrated.

# Հայաստանի Պատմական Ատլաս

Վարդան Մատթէոսեան (խմբագիր) Նիւ Եորք, Ազգային Ուսումնական Խորհուրդ, 2012. Գին՝ 40 տոյաո **(թղթակազմ)։** Ատլասը նախատեսուած է գործածուելու համար թէ՛ տան եւ թէ՛ դպրոցին մէջ, եւ նկատի ունի լատկապէս ընթերցողներու երեք խումբեր՝ ուսուցիչներ, ուսանողներ։ Երկլեզու բնագիրը ծնողներ եւ քարտէսները ամբողջովին վերամշակուած այժմէականացած են՝ բաղդատութիւն 1987h հրատարակութեան։ Գիրքը օժտուած է 175 գունաւոր եւ սեւ -Ճերմակ յուսանկարներով։ Քարտէսները նաեւ րնդգրկուած են խտասալիկի (CD) մր մէջ։



#### Historical Atlas of Armenia

Vartan Matiossian (editor) New York: Armenian National Education Committee, 2012. Price: \$40 (softcover). This atlas has been designed with the needs of three audiences in mind: teachers, families and, above all, a new generation of students. The bilingual text and maps have been fully revised and updated with regard to the 1987 edition. The visual attractiveness of the book is enhanced with 175 full color and monochrome picture. The atlas also includes a CD of maps.

Our Brothers' Keepers: The American National Committee to Aid Homeless Armenians (ANCHA) Prof. Hratch Zadoian, New York, Armenian Apostolic Church of America, 2012 Price: \$15 (softcover).

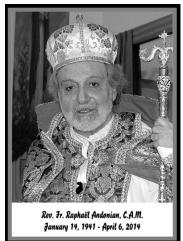
The book chronicles the work of this humanitarian organization in helping to bring thousands of refugees from Eastern Europe and the Middle East to America's



Վնրնւի նշուած բոլոր գիրքնրը կարնլի է ստանալ Եկնղնցւոյ Գրասնննակէն։ All of the above books are available in limited supply from the church office.

## **OBITUARY**

# Father Raphael Andonian Left No Stone Unturned



Like a utility player for his church, Very Rev. Father Raphael Andonian covered every base as pastor for two decades at Holy Cross Armenian Catholic Church in Belmont.

It was the church and parish center he helped construct, the one he manifested and nurtured. His death April 6 sent a pall of grief throughout his parish.

Next year would have been the 50th anniversary of his ordination in Rome.

Whether you attended his church or didn't, you were part of his religious family, popping

into places like the VFW and the Armenian newspaper offices to lend a cheerful hello. Quite often, he would be that ray of sunshine on a dark, somber day.

What was it that someone once said about death and dying? It's not the length of time that one lives but how that life was spent. With Father Raphael, it was a life worth living and sharing. He was 73 years young.

Our paths first crossed shortly upon his arrival here from Venice, a Mekhitarist Father entrusted to the care of a parish that was refined 30-plus years by the inimitable Father Luke Arakelian. We were an Armenian Catholic family living in Somerville and deep proponents of the faith.

It was Father Luke who sent me to Vienna to study with the priests—not to become a priest, only to be a better Armenian Catholic. His shoes would be filled by a young aspirant and Father Raphael withstood the challenge.

"We must invite him to dinner, get to know him," my mother suggested.

As a correspondent for the Armenian press, it was a story waiting to hatch. He appreciated the sudden exposure and a relationship grew from it.

Over the years, he shed his grace upon my family, always there in time of need. He was there at my mother's deathbed, holding on with the last gasp until he arrived to the nursing home from 40 miles away with the Sacrament of Extreme Unction or the last rites.

Somewhere in between those two decades were periodic stops at the house for dinner, a cup of coffee, or a simple poke through the door. Father Raphael catered to the elderly, much the same way he did with children, and everyone else. He was the master of his throne with no pretentions of grandeur.

Browsing through some copies of "Hye Undanik," his church publication, you'd find that proverbial smile in the photos. The very last issue contains a piece he wrote called "The Hidden Doubt."

It hit home!

"Often, I ask myself this question," he wrote. "Why do people

not live in harmony with each other? Why do they not see their future and imagine what is coming?"

He ends it with what appears to be a prophecy of death, given the cancer that ravaged his body during his final days on earth. "It is precisely in this afterlife that all the aspects and stages of human life achieve their full significance."

Maybe it's ironic that his funeral was planned for April 11, almost immediately following the Statehouse commemoration.

Had he been there Friday, he would have taken his rightful place among the clergy, offering prayers for our genocide victims and survivors alike. And then, like he always did, Father Raphael would have played the crowd, hand extended, a kind word ventured, a beloved hug.

He would have marveled at the presence of youth, whether they were from the Sisters' Academy or another school. The Hye Undaniks had him embracing every youngster in sight, particularly during their First Communion when they officially became members of his church.

During a recent ARS trip to the Mediterranean, one of the stops was to the Island of San Lazzaro, a sanctuary for Mekhitarists promoting our language and culture for nearly 300 years. On this visit, I was surprised to find less than a dozen priests inhabiting the monastery.

"Do you know Father Raphael?" I asked one of the priestly tour guides. "We're from the Boston area."

The cleric stopped in his tracks. Had I mentioned Pope Benedict, the impact would not have been any greater.

Father Raphael made annual calls here, leaving his Belmont parish behind in the best interests of spirituality, keeping the books and preserving the faith that so nurtured the man. Suffice it to say, he lived the best of both worlds, here and Italy—but under one God.

And now, he's returning home to Venice where his body will be interred, following services here. It was his final wish.

May he always rest in eternal peace.

By Tom Vartabedian, Armenian Weekly



Condolences were received on Wednesday April 9 and Thursday April 10 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Holy Cross Armenian Catholic Church (200 Lexington St., Belmont, MA 02478.) Funeral Mass was held on Friday April 11, 2014, at 6:00 PM at Holy Cross Armenian Catholic Church (200 Lexington St., Belmont, MA 02478.) Our pastor, Rev. Fr. Antranig Baljian participated in all the services and conveyed the condolences of the parish at Fr. Raphael's Hokejash.

Respecting the wish of Fr. Raphael, his body was transported to St. Lazarus, Mother Monastery of the Mekhitarist Order in Venice, where funeral and burial services took place.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy were made to Holy Cross Armenian Catholic Church. Contributions were dedicated to benefit the displaced Armenian families of Kessab.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

# ARTWORK OF THE LATE ABRAHAM MEGERDICHIAN ON DISPLAY IN ATTLEBORO MUSEUM



years ago Nearly Abraham Megerdichian displayed in St. Stephen's Church Hall metal miniatures that he had Parishioners were crafted. amazed at the detail and craftsmanship that Abe employed in his hand-sized objects domestic items. furniture. musical instruments. and vehicles. Now over three decades later and beginning in June 2014, Abe's artwork will be on display again at the Attleboro Area Industrial Museum in Attleboro, MA.

Abraham Megerdichian was born in 1923 in Franklin, Massachusetts to Hagop and Mary Megerdichian, immigrants from Malatia and Gesaria in central Turkey. Abe spoke only Armenian until he started school as a youngster in Cambridge, where he lived till his death in 1983. Upon graduation from Rindge Technical High School in Cambridge Abe enlisted in the Navy, serving in the Pacific as ship's cook and occasional gunner. Honorably discharged, Abe returned to Cambridge and was employed as a machinist in a factory. The machine skills he learned at school and in the military guided him as a machinist throughout his career.

Abe married Jenny Babigian of Lynn, MA in 1951 and raised his family – Robert, June and Janet - in Cambridge. Abe was a humble and devout man, committed father and husband, avid gardener, bicyclist, stamp collector, amateur photographer,

and tinkerer. He served for years as a member of the Board of Trustees at St. Stephen's and as an executive member of the Saturday School. Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian honored Abe for his service to St. Stephen's Church.

In the 1960's Abe began, making simple, utilitarian, metal objects for use at home – pans, knives, candle holders, and flower vases, and then more complicated, motorized woodworking and metalworking machines for sanding, sawing, and grinding. He also created a rotisserie shish kebab barbeque device complete with skewers, and a host of replacement parts for broken objects. As he became a more skilled machinist Abe began milling from blocks of brass, aluminum, copper and stainless steel easily recognizable and often intricately detailed everyday objects which he presented to his family as gifts for holidays. His hobby became a passion as the level of detail and craftsmanship grew.

Abe's creative output numbers scores of pieces including jewelry. One stainless steel, milled ring is included in the exhibit. It features the letter J and was made as a gift for Jenny. Others received crafted gifts from Abe too. For his decades old friend, the late George Hazerjian, Abe created the gas light shown in the exhibit. George owned Sturdy Lantern Company, originally of South Boston and later of North Attleboro. He lacquered many of Abe's pieces, including many on view.

Prior to this exhibit Abe's metal miniatures were exhibited only three times, at St. Stephen's and at a couple of local public libraries. The pieces have been stored since Abe's death in 1983 until now.

Following Abe's passing the Megerdichian family donated many of his machinist's tools to the Bray Mechanical Lab at Tufts University. Abe's legacy remains for mechanical engineering students at Tufts use his tools to this day.



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Դպրոցական տարեշրջանը կը հասնի իր աւարտին։ Այս տարի 27 աշակերտներ վկայական պիտի ստանան Մանկապարտէզէն, իսկ 10 աշակերտներ շրջանաւարտ պիտի ըլլան նախակրթարանէն, շրջանաւարտներու թիւը հասցնելով 259ի։

# ՊԱՇՏՕՆԱկԱՆ ՔՆՆՈՒԹՒՒՆՆԵՐ

Մայիս 12ի շաբաթը Բ. եւ Ե. կարգերու աշակերտները մասնակցեցան Պաշտօնական Քննութիւններու լեզուի, ընթերցանութեան, թուաբանութեան, գիտութեան եւ պատմութեան մէջ։ Արդիւնքները պիտի ստանանք Յունիսի կէսերուն։

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- Մայիս 7-ին Մանկամսուրի աշակերտները այցելեցին Տրամլին Ագարակը, Լինքընի մէջ։
- -Մայիս 14-ին Մանկապարտէզի, Ա. եւ Բ. կարգերու աշակերտները այցելեցին Ֆրանքլին Կենդանաբանական Պարտէզը Բնագիտութեան Թանգարանը։
- -Մայիս 16-ին Աւարտական Դասարանի աշակերտները Տասնըմէկերորդ տարին ըլլալով երկու շաբաթով Հայաստան մեկնեցան։

#### ԱԾՐԻԻ ՄՆՐՐԵ

Դ. Կարգի աշակերտները ներշնչուելով հայերէնի պահուն վերամշակման դասէ մը 230 տոլար գոյացուցին։ Իսկ դպրոցի Տօնավաճառին, իրենց ձեռային աշխատանքները վաճառելով 200 տոլար մէջտեղ բերին։ Անոնք այս 200 տոլարը յատկացուցին Հայաստանի մէջ որբի մը ուսումնական պիտոյքներուն, իսկ մնացեալը Սուրիոյ Հայկական վարժարաններէն մէկուն։

# ԱՐՏԱԴԱՍԱՐԱՆԱՅՒՆ ԴԱՍԸՆԹԱՅՔՆԵՐ

Գարնան հետեւեալ դասընթացքները տեղի ունեցան դպրոցէն վերջ, Ճատրակ,Գիտութիւն, Արուեստ, Դաշնակ, Քարաթի եւ Եոկա.

# ՁԱՏՒԿ

Ապրիլ 16-ին Մանկամսուրի եւ Մանկապարտէզի աշակերտները դպրոցի խաղավայրին մէջ պահուած Զատկուայ հաւկիթները որոնեցին, ապա անոնք ուրախացան Զատկուայ նապաստակի այցելութիւնով։

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Շաբաթ, Ապրիլ 19ին, առաւօտնան ժամը 9։30ին մեր աշակերտները, Շաբաթօրեայ եւ կիրակնօրեայ վարժարաններու աշակերտութեանց հետ միասին Ս. Հաղորդութիւն ստացան Ս. Ստեփանոս Եկեղեցւոյ մէջ, ապա նախաճաշ եկեղեցւոյ ներքնասրահին մէջ, կիրակնօրեայ վարժարանին կողմէ։

# ՄեԾ ԵՂԵՌՆԻ ՈԳԵԿՈՉՈՒՄ

Ապրիլ 11ին, Դ. եւ Ե. Կարգերու աշակերտները, Ծիծեռնակաբոյն Հայ Քոյրերու Վարժարանի աշակերտներուն հետ միասին, Մասաչուսէցի Նահանգային Տան մէջ մասնակցեցան Մեծ Եղեռնի 99րդ Տարեդարձի Հանդիսութեան։

### ԳԻՏՈՒԹԵԱՆ ՇԱԲԱԹ

Մեր տարեկան գիտութեան ցուցահանդէսը տեղի ունեցաւ Ապրիլ 10ին, Յովնանեան Սրահին մէջ, մասնակցութեամբ Մանկապարտէզէն մենչեւ Ե. Կարգի աշակերտներուն։ Այդ օր ցուցահանդէսին հրաւիրած էինք Մանկապարտէզէն մենչեւ Ե. Կարգի Ծնողները օրուայ վերջաւորութեան։ Իսկ Ապրիլ 7-11, լման շաբաթ մը տեղի ունեցան Գիտնական Ձեռնարկներ (Տեսնել Անգլերէն Մամլոյ Հաղորդագրութիւնը):

# 11-ՐԴ ՏԱՐԵԿԱՆ ՀԱՅԱՍՏԱՆ ԱՅՑԵԼՈՒԹՒՒՆ

Մայիս16ին, Աւարտական դասարանի աշակերտները ընկերակցութեամբ իրենց ծնողներուն եւ առաջնորդութեամբ հայերէնի դասատու Տիկին Արտեմիս Մկրտիչեանին կատարեցին Հայաստան իրենց այցելութիւնը։ Մայիս 30ին Բարի Վերադարձի Հաւաք մը կազմակեպուած էր Ե. Կարգի աշակերտներու ի պատիւ, որուն ընթացքին անոնք նախակրթարանի միւս աշակերտներուն խօսեցան իրենց այցելութեան մասին։

# ՄԱՅՒՍ 28Ւ ՈԳԵԿՈՉՈՒՄ

Մայիս 28ի առիթով մասնաւոր ծրագիր մը պատրաստած էինք տօնելու մեր Առաջին Հանրապետութեան ստեղծումը։

Երերշաբթի, Մայիս 27ին, Առաւօտեան հաւաքին, տնօրէնը աշակերտներուն եւ ուսուցիչներուն խօսեցաւ այս պատմական թուականի կարեւոր անդրադարձի մասին։

Իսկ փոքրերը ձեռային աշխատանքներ կատարեցին պատրաստելով եռագոյն դրօշակներ եւ վզնոցներ։

Մայիսին, Պր. Խաժակ Մկրտիչնանը Ե. Կարգի աշակնրտննրուն խսսնցաւ Մայիս 28ի նախորդող գլխաւոր հնրոսամարտնրու մասին, որոնց շնորհիւ Հայաստանը ուննցաւ իր անկախութիւնը նւ հաստատեց իր առաջին հանրապետութիւնը։

Մայիս 30-ին առաւօտնան Ժամը 9։30ին նախակրթարանի աշակնրտննրը ընկնրակցութնամբ իրննց ուսուցիչննրուն ուղղունցան դէպի Ֆիլիբնլլօ բարք, ուր Մարզանքի դասատուն Ռիչրրտ Սամարիան մարզական խաղնր վարնց :

#### ԱՄԱՌՆԱՑՒՆ ՃԱՄԲԱՐ

Այս տարի Ամառնային Ճամբարը տեղի պիտի ունենայ Յուլիս 7էն - Օգոստոս 8։ (Տեսնել Անգլերէն Տեղեկատուն)

#### ՀԱՆԳՍՏԵԱՆ ԵՈՉՈՒՄ

Տիկ. Արաքսի Փօլատևանը մեզ տեղեկացուց, որ 44 տարիներ Հայ Վարժարաններէ ներս ծառայելէ ետք (որոնցմէ 21 տարիները Սբ. Ստեփանոս Ազգ. Վարժարանէն ներս) պիտի հանգստեան կոչէ ինքզինքը։

Այս առիթով վարժարանս կազմակերպեց երկու ձեռնարկներ պատուելու համար Տիկին Արաքսիի երկար տարիներու նուիրական աշխատանքը։

Առաջինին հրաւիրելով վարժարանի Ուսուցչական կազմը, Խնամակալութիւնը եւ բոլոր Յանձնախումբերը։

Երկրորդին հրաւիրելով իր աշակերտները եւ ծնողները իսկ Ամավերջի երկու Հանդէսներուն Տիկ. Պոյամեան վեր առաւ Տիկին Արաքսիի օգտաւէտ ծառալութիւնը ի նպաստ հայեցի կրթութեան։

# ՇՆՈՐՀԱԿԱԼՈՒԹՒՒՆ

Մեր խոր շնորհակալութիւնը կը յայտնենք Տօնավաճառի Յանձնախումբին իրենց անխոնջ աշխատանքին համար։

# ST. STEPHEN'S ARMENIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Newsletter – Spring 2014 By Houry Boyamian, Principal



In June, 27 students graduated from our Kindergarten and 10 students from our Elementary School, bringing the number of our Alumni students to 259.

## Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills

Grades 2 and 4 took the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills in all subjects, Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies the week of May 12. We will receive the results by mid-June.

#### **Enrichment Programs/Field Trips**

- -May 14: Grades K, 1 & 2 visited the Franklin Park Zoo
- -May7: Our preschoolers visited the Drumlin Farm
- -May 16: The Graduating Class departed to Armenia for two weeks

#### Good Gesture

During Armenian class, Grade 4 students raised \$200 by making arts and crafts and selling them at the school's Annual Bazaar and \$230 by recycling. They will dedicate the \$200 to the educational needs of an orphan in Armenia and the \$230 to the Armenian Schools in Syria, via the Armenian Relief Society (ARS) Eastern Region.

## After School Programs

The following after school classes were offered during the Spring Session: Chess (K-4), Mad Science (K-3), Art (Preschool), Karate (K-5), Kids Yoga (Preschool), and Piano (Grades 1-5).

#### Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt

April 16, Nursery and Kindergarten students participated in an Easter Egg Hunt followed by a visit from the Easter Bunny.

## **Holy Communion**

On Saturday, April 19, at 9:30 AM, our K-5 students along with Sunday and Saturday School students received Holy Communion at the St. Stephen's Church. After the church service students were served breakfast at the Church Hall by Sunday School.

## 99th Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide

On Friday, April 11, Grades 4 and 5 students along with the Armenian Sister's Academy students participated in the 99<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide at the Massachusetts State House. They took part in the program by singing the American and Armenian national anthems.

# STEM Week and Science Fair

This year the School expanded its one day Science Fair into a weeklong STEM Expo, (April 7-10), as part of its STEM Initiative. The mission of this initiative is to increase the focus and emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) throughout the school, in order to create and support a deep and sustainable culture of inquiry-based teaching and learning that excites and inspires the students. During the week, the students enjoyed STEM activities planned by the school's STEM Committee. Some of these activities and presentations included the entire school, others were geared towards the upper elementary grades or the primary grades. April 10 was dedicated to the school's Science Fair. (see the Press Release on the next page).

# Eleventh Graduating Class Trip to Armenia

On May 16, the graduating class departed to Armenia. They were accompanied by their Armenian teacher, Mrs. Ardemis Megerdichian and one parent from each family. On their return, on May 30 an assembly was organized in their honor, Then they were treated to a special breakfast.

### May 28 Celebrations

-On May 28, at the preschool, students did special art activities related to this major holiday and learned poems dedicated to Armenia.

-The Principal addressed Grades 1-4 students at the Morning Assembly focusing on the importance of this major date in our history.

-Mr. Khajag Megerdichian spoke about the historical events preceding the Independence of Armenia and the Establishment of the First Republic to our Grade 5 students, prior to their class trip to Armenia.

-On May 30, at 9:00 am, K-4 students accompanied by their teachers headed to the Filipello Park, where Mr. Richard Samaria, our physical education teacher, conducted various athletic games.

#### "Mayrig and Me"

We offered again "Mayrig and Me, the Music and Movement Program, for children 18 months – 2yrs. 9 months. This very popular program is held on Mondays and Wednesday mornings from 10:00am-10:45am, in the Music room, at the new building.

## "Manoug and Mayrig" Playgroup

This informal playgroup for children 9 months to 17months was held on Fridays, 9:30 am-10:30 am, in the Music room at the new building.

#### Annual Bazaar

The PTO organized a very successful Annual Bazaar/Carnival which was held on May 2.

Summer Program – 5 weeks (July 7 – August 8)-The Summer Program is open to preschool students who are 2 years 9 months or older, including those who will enter Kindergarten in September. Nursery students who do not currently attend St. Stephen's Preschool are also welcome. The Program will include Thematic Units Science Experiments, Computer, Arts and Crafts, Story Time, Music & Movement, Indoor and Outdoor Activities. These Thematic Units are chosen carefully to help develop the whole child in all areas of development.

- July 7 – July 11	SUMMER ACTIVITIES
- July 14 – July18	SUMMER ANIMALS
- July 21 – July 25	FLOWERS and PLANTS
- July 28 – August 1	CAMPING
- August 4-August 8	SUMMER FOOD

For registration, please contact the preschool director, Mrs. Maral Orchanian at 617-923-0501. The cost for one week is \$250.

# Many Thanks

We would like to extend our deepest thanks to the Bazaar Committee for their tireless efforts to make the bazaar a successful event. Heartfelt thanks to those parents and friends of the school who donated items or who donated long hours of their time to this major fund-raising event.

# **Annual Fund Donations**

ARS Watertown Leola Sassouni Chapter	\$1,200
Union of Marash Armenians Watertown Chapter	\$1,000

#### On the Happy Occasion of Digin Araxie Poladian's Retirement

John & Krista Aftandilian \$25

#### **General Donations**

Mr. & Mrs. William Mullin \$40

# SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATH (STEM) EXPO LAUNCHED AT ST. STEPHEN'S ARMENIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



This year St. Stephen's Armenian Elementary School (SSAES) expanded its one day Science Fair to a week long STEM Expo (April 7-10) as part of it's ongoing STEM program. The STEM program, which was launched in 2011, creates and supports a deep and sustainable culture of inquiry-based teaching and learning that excites and inspires SSAES students in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math. "The STEM Expo focuses our students on a particular STEM topic and allows for collaborative learning which is key to developing highly desirable 21st century skills such as creativity, critical thinking, communication and collaboration." said Mrs. Houry Boyamian, principal at SSAES.

Leading up to the STEM Expo, students worked on group STEM projects grounded in everyday life. These real-life applications of math and the sciences were framed by SSAES teachers such that students had an opportunity to explore and reason about different options rather than look for 'one right answer'. "Our goal is to inspire students, stimulate their imagination and curiosity, and encourage them to become life-long learners." said Dr. Ficici, SSAES STEM committee chair since 2011. The week-long STEM Expo agenda included:

#### MONDAY

## **Bacterial Growth Experiment:**

Yelena Bisharyan, PhD, senior scientist at Tetragenics, led a week-long student experiment on Growing Bacterial Culture with Grades 3, 4 and 5. At the end of the experiment, each class gathered and presented their data, comparing results to their preliminary prediction.

## **Healthy Eating Habits Presentation:**

Alissia Apinian Margios, from the Institute for Integrative Nutrition, led an interactive presentation for K-5 students allowing students to differentiate and make eating choices that promote good health.

## **TUESDAY**

## **Live Animal Exhibit:**

Curious Creatures, Inc. delivered an interactive presentation featuring exotic animals from around the globe that encouraged respect and appreciation for animals and their habitats.

# WEDNESDAY

#### Joint Biomechanics

Dr. Ara Nazarian, PhD, Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at Harvard Medical School delivered a hands-on teaching session of joint motion and biomechanics to students in Grades K-5 students.

### Microscopes 4 1

Ms. Alik Apelian, Sales Engineer at Keyence Corporation presented an interactive program, for Grades 3-5, on microscopes, their use, and how they are evolving.



# THURSDAY

#### Student Science Fair:

Students in Grades K-5 presented their Science Fair projects and Grades 3 -5 were interviewed by the STEM committee on their projects. Topics presented included Sound Energy, Electricity, Life Cycles, Plant Growth, and Buoyancy.



# FRIDAY

<u>Hand Washing Presentation:</u> Dr. Sally Vanerian-Gengozian, Internist, affiliated with Brigham and Women's Hospital and VA Boston Healthcare System, delivered an interactive presentation on germs and hand washing for Preschool and Kindergarten students.

<u>Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA):</u> Dr. Hagop Youssoufian, Executive Vice President at Progenics Pharmaceuticals led an experiment with Grades 4 and 5 that isolated DNA in the context of cancer research.

# ST. STEPHEN'S ARMENIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ESTABLISHES ARAXIE POLADIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

St. Stephen's Armenian Elementary School (SSAES) announces that Mrs. Araxie Poladian will be retiring at the end of 2013-2014 academic year, after twenty one years of dedicated service at SSAES and a total of forty four years of teaching. Mrs. Poladian will be remembered as an outstanding preschool teacher. Her dedication to her students, her commitment to SSAES mission and her example as a role model to fellow teachers will be greatly missed.

To honor Mrs. Poladian, the school has established the Araxie Poladian Scholarship Fund. Those who would like to express their appreciation to Mrs. Poladian may send their contribution to: St. Stephen's Armenian Elementary School, Att: Araxie Poladian Scholarship Fund, 47 Nichols Ave, Watertown, MA 02472.

After 21 years of dedicated service at St. Stephen's Armenian Elementary School, Mrs. Araxie Poladian will be retiring at the end of 2013 -2014 school year. To honor Digin Araxie, the school organized two receptions. The first reception was held at 6:30 pm, on Thursday, May 8, 2014, at the Church Hall, attended by the School Board, the School Committees and the Faculty. On this occasion, Rev. Archpriest Antranig Baljian, the Principal, Mrs. Houry Boyamian and the Preschool Director, Mrs. Maral Orchanian. In their speeches, they all expressed their appreciation and gratitude to Digin Araxie who has donated 44 years of her life to Armenian Education. The second reception was held at 3:00 pm, right after school, on June 6, attended by NIIA –Gr. 5 students and parents who presented a symbolic gift to Digin Araxie.











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Տեղի կ՜ունենայ

**Կիրակի, Օգոստոս 3, 2014ին** 

ձաշը պիտի սպասարկուի ժամը 12:00-էն սկսնալ Համեղ խորոված եւ գովացուցիչներ։

> Իսկ ԱՆԴԱՍՏԱՆԻ եւ ՄԱՏԱՂԻ ՕՐՎՆՈՒԹԻՒՆ կէսօրէ ետք ժամը 3ին

> > Հայկական Նուագախումբ

Միրով կը հրաւիրենք Մեծ. Պոսթընի եւ համայն Նիւ Ինկլընտի հայութիւնը, ներկայ գտնուելու աւանդական այս ձեռնարկին եւ Խաղողօրհնէքի արարողութեանց։ Դաշտահանդէսը պիտի կատարուի նոյնիսկ անձրեւի պարագային։

> Մի´ մոռնաք նաև ձևր Մատաղի և։ Խաղողի նուէրները

# ANNUAL PICNIC

ST. STEPHEN'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

Sunday, August 3, 2014

Lunch beginning at 12:00 Noon, includes delicious shish kebab and refreshments.

Blessing of Madagh at 3 P.M.

Live Armenian Music

We cordially invite the Greater Boston Community and neighboring New England Communities to attend our Annual Church Picnic, spend an enjoyable day with family, relatives and friends.

Don't forget to send your Madagh Donation!

# GREAT LENT, PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER





























# ԼՈՒՐԵՐ Ս. ՍՏԵՓԱՆՈՍ ՇԱԲԱԹՕՐԵԱՅ ՀԱՅ ԴՊՐՈՑԷՆ Մարտ – Մայիս 2014 Տնօրէնուհի՜ Մայտա Մելքոնեան

U. Ստեփանոս Շաբաթօրեայ Հայ Դպրոցը յաջողութեամբ բոլորեց իր 77-րդ տարեշրջանը, միշտ լաւ յոյսերով եւ ձգտումներով վերստին դռները բանալու յառաջիկայ Մեպտեմբերին։ Այս տարեշրջանին աշակերտութեան թիւն էր 159 ։

Հակիրձ կերպով պիտի անդրադառնամ վերոյիշեալ ամիսներու ընթացքին տարուած գործունէութիւններուն։

Մարտ 1ին տեղի ունեցան երկրորդ եռամսեայ քննութիւնները եւ Մարտ 15ին՝ ծնողական հանդիպում։

Շաբաթ, Ապրիլ 19ի առաւօտուն աշակերտները, ուսուցչական կազմը, Ս. Ստեփանոս Ամենօրեայ եւ Կիրակնօրեայ վարժարաններու աշակերտները եւ ուսուցիչները Սուրբ Հաղորդութիւն ստացան եկեղեցւոյ մեջ, ապա հաւաքուեցանք եկեղեցւոյ ներքնասրահը, ուր նախաձաշով հիւրասիրուեցան Կիրակնօրեայ վարժարանի կողմէ։ Սրտագին շնորհակալութեան եւ գնահատանքի խօսք ունինք կազմակերպող անձնակազմին։

Ապրիլ 19ի երեկոյեան, Սուրբ Գրոց ընթերցումներ կատարեցին խումբ մը աշակերտ- աշակերտուհիներ։

Մարտ 5 - Ապրիլ 9 ամէն Չորեքշաբթի երեկոյեան խումբ մը աշակերտներ մասնակցեցան եկեղեցւոյ հսկումի արարողութիւններուն։

Ապրիլ ամսուան ընթացքին երրորդէն ութերորդ դասարաններու աշակերտները մասնակցեցան ՀՕՄի Միացեալ Նահանգներու Արեւելեան շրջանի Շրջանային Վարչութեան կազմակերպած շարադրութեան մրցումին։ Ցաջորդին կուտանք արդիւնքները։

Մայիս 24ին տեղի ունեցաւ ամավերջի քննութիւն։

Տասներկրորդ տարին է որ «Շողեր» տարեգիրքը լոյս կը տեսնէ։ Այս տարեգիրքը կ'ընդգրկէ աշակերտներու գրութիւններ, դասարանային նկարներ եւյլն. եւ կը բաժնուի աշակերտութեան՝ հանդէսի օրը։

Շարունակելով Հայաստանի որբերու հովանա- Յատուկ շնորհակալութե ւորութիւնը, այս տարի եւս Հայ Օգնութեան Միութեան ունիմ ուսուցչական կազմին։

Շրջանային Վարչութեան գրասենեակ յանձնեցինք մէկ որբի խնամատարութեան եւ մէկ որբի բարձրագոյն ուսման նպաստող գումարները. Ընդհանուր գումար \$520.00:

Յունիս 7ին, դպրոցէն ետք, եկեղեցւոյ ներքնասրահին մէջ, ծնողական յանձնախումբը ի պատիւ շրջանաւարտներուն հիւրասիրութիւն մը պատրաստեց, որուն ներկայ նղան Տէր Անդրանիկ Աւագ Քինյ. Պալձեան, խնամակալ մարմինի անդամները եւ ուսուցչական կազմը։ Կը գնահատենք ծնողական յանձնախումբի նուիրումը եւ տարած աշխատանքը։

Դպրոցի ամավերջի հանդէսը տեղի ունենացաւ Յունիս 7, 2014 Շաբաթ երեկոյեան ժամը 6:30ին, Հայ Մշակութային եւ Կրթական Կեդրոնի Յովնանեան սրահին մէջ, հովանաւորութեամբ Տէր Անդրանիկ Աւագ Քինյ. Պալձեանին։

Այս տարուան Տասներկրորդ դասարանի մեր շրջանաւարտներն էին.-Դալար Գայա, Պարգեւ Չաղլասեան, Արէն Թորիկեան, Արլին Չիմէն, Մարգիս Թուխմանեան, Այտա Պարսումեան, Անի Խաչատրեան, Պէրէմիքյեան, Գառնի Ալէք Կոտիկեան, Ռաֆֆի Պիլանեան, Անէթ Չալրշրը, Թալին Մաղրեան։

Դպրոցի Վերամուտի թուականն է Սեպտեմբեր 13, 2014, Շաբաթ առաւօտ ժամը 9ին։

Կ՚ուզեմ շնորհակալութիւն յայտնել հոգեւոր հովիւ Տէր Անդրանիկ Աւագ Քինյ. Պալձեանին, դպրոցի խնամակալ մարմինին, ծնողական յանձնախումբին, եկեղեցւոյ հոգաբարձութեան, ՀՕՄի մասնաձիւղերուն, եւ Կիրակնօրեայ վարժարանի անձնակազմին, Կեդրոնի վարչութեան, Համազգայինին, Սարդարապատ կոմիտէին եւ բոլոր անոնց, որոնք կը նպաստեն դպրոցի բարօրութեան եւ վերելքին։

Յատուկ շնորհակալութեան եւ գնահատանքի խօսք ունիմ ուսուցչական կազմին։



# ST. STEPHEN'S SATURDAY SCHOOL March - May 2014 Principal, Mayda Melkonian

St. Stephen's Armenian Saturday School resumed its 77<sup>th</sup> academic year on Sept. 7, 2013, with the enrollment of 159 students. A year-end closing ceremony on June 7, 2014 at A.C.E.C. will mark the conclusion of a very successful year.

During these months, the students participated in different programs and activities in church and in the school.

On March 1, second term exams were administered and on March 15 parent- teacher conference was held.

On April 19, our students along with St. Stephen's Elementary and Sunday schools and the parents received Holy Communion at the church. After the services breakfast was served at the church hall by the Sunday school. Please accept our heartfelt thanks.

On April 19, Easter Eve, a selected group of students contributed to the church services by reading from The Holy Bible.

During Lent, March 5 – April 9, every Wednesday, a group of students participated in the evening services at St. Stephen's church. They read "In faith I confess" and sang "Nayatz Secrov".

During April, the students from Third through Eighth Grades wrote essays and participated in ARSEUSA Regional Board's essay contest. We will announce the winners in the next issue.

The final exams was administered on May 24, 2014.

This is the twelfth year that the yearbook "SHOGHER" is being published, and will be distributed to the students at the end of the hantes.

We continued sponsoring orphans from Armenia and Artsakh through ARS Eastern USA. We paid one orphan's sponsorship and one orphan's education expenses totaling \$520.00.

On June 7 after school, the Parents' Committee prepared a luncheon in honor of the graduates and the teachers. It was held at the church hall. Heartfelt thanks to all of them.

Our 12<sup>th</sup> grade graduates this year were: Talar Kaya, Barkev Chaghlasian, Aren Torigian, Arlene Cimen, Sarkis Toukhmanian, Aida Barsoumian, Ani Khachadrian, Karni Berejiklian, Alek Kotikian, Raffi Bilanian, Anette Calisir, Taleen Saghrian.

Year end hantes and graduation was held on June 7, 2014 at 6:30pm at the ACEC Hovnanian Hall.

The first day of classes for the year 2014-2015 is September 13 at 9 a.m. Registrations will be done the same day.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to Rev. Fr. Antranig Baljian, the School Board, the Parents' committee, the church Board of Trustees, ARS local chapters, ACEC board, Hamazkayin, Sardarabad Gomideh, Sunday School, and to every individual and organization that contributes to the success of the school.

# SPECIAL THANKS

In April the St. Stephen's Armenian Saturday School put an order of 50 new padded diploma covers with BBC Printing, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Vasken Basmajian.

The whole order was generously donated to the school based on Vasken Basmajian Jr.'s request to his parents. Vasken Jr. is a 2002 graduate of St. Stephen's Armenian Saturday School.

St. Stephen's Armenian Saturday School is very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Vasken Basmajian and Vasken Jr. for their very generous & nice gift.

We like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the donors.

ARS Leola Sassouni Chapter \$1200.00
ARS Cambridge Shoushi Chapter \$1000.00
Mr. & Mrs. Toros & Silva Markarian \$200.00
(In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Missak & Lily
Barsoumian's 40th Wedding Anniversary)

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS SEMINAR IN WATERTOWN



Dn. Shant Kazanjian, Director of the Prelacy's Armenian Religious Education Council (AREC), conducted a 4-hour seminar on the Nicene Creed (Havadamk) for the New England Sunday School teachers on Saturday, April 5. The event was hosted by the St. Stephen's Armenian Apostolic Church of Watertown, Massachusetts. The seminar sought to give the teachers an opportunity to enhance their understanding of the Nicene Creed, the confession of faith that has been endorsed by the church universal since the 4th century and later integrated into the liturgy of the Church.

Dn. Shant spoke in broad strokes about the development of creeds in general and the Nicene Creed in particular, highlighting the various functions of the creeds in the life of the church. Creeds today, as in the past, also function as a symbol or a badge of membership in the church, as summaries of faith in an outline form, as tests of orthodoxy, as a basic rule of faith for reading the Bible, and as a syllabus for Christian instruction. While recognizing the importance of these functions in the life of the Church, Dn. Shant stressed that the creeds have to be expounded scripturally and that the Bible is and remains the bedrock and the ultimate source of our faith. In addition to a host

of related issues, the participants engaged in discussing the function of the Nicene Creed in the faith development and formation of the believer, young and old.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Principal, Audrey Guzelian

Our academic school year ended May 18, 2014. Parents were invited along with the students to attend a brief session in the church hall at 10 am. Preschool students received their "Cross" pins. Each student was honored with the presentation of their certificates. The students went to their classrooms for their lesson and good-byes. The graduation ceremony started at 12 noon in the church. Der Hayr gave a special message to the children.

Students were then acknowledged for good attendance. We had two students who had perfect attendance: Christian Manjikian Grade Four and Raffi Manjikian Grade Eight. Other students with good attendance were: (PS1, age 3) Celina Papazian; (Preschool 2, age 4) Avo Bell; Grade one John Diran Gengozian, Mark Guzelian, Hagop Papazian, Armen Vartanian and Isabella Vetrano; Grade Two: Andre Monteiro; Grade Three: Isabella DeMarco, Tia Farah, Steffen Manjikian and Sophia Vetrano; Grade Four: Sarineh Cunningham, Christian Manjikian, Kathleen Najarian, Michael Najarian 3<sup>rd</sup> and Aram Stepanian; Grade Five: Ani Ourfalian; Grade Six: Anthony Vetrano; Grade Seven: Arsen Cunningham, Adrineh Guzelian and Moushegh Monteiro; Grade Eight: Raffi Manjikian; Grade Nine: Taline Guzelian, Sara Manjikian and Natalie Ourfalian; Grade Ten: Antranig Kechejian. Congratulations to the parents of all the good attendance students.

Grade one students who received their Children's Bibles were: Lori Avakian, Jake Antriasian, Jenna Baccari, John Diran Gengozian, Haig Guzelian, Mark Guzelian, Saro Iskenderian, Zaven Kouchakdjian, Zareh Mikalelian, Avedis Najarian, Hagop Papazian, Joey Sahagian, Karina Smith, Armen Vartanian and Isabella Vetrano.

Grade Three students who received their Holy Bibles were: Taline Antoine, Isabella DeMarco, Elita Eskanian, Tia Farah, Vanessa Geobel, Sophia Goulopoulos, Alique Haserjian, Laurel LaCasse, Steffen Manjikian, Sevan Soukiasian and Sophia Vetrano.

Students who will enter the internship program for the school year 2014-2015 are: Edward Krikorian and Sarah Markarian.

The closing program included: Grades one, two and three for singing, Grade four recited some verses pertaining about the importance of the "CROSS".

We no longer have a Parent's Council but we did have some parents who did step forth and, we were able to have some of our yearly events.

We would like to thank Steve Kechejian and his crew who made the picnic possible. Sona Gevorkian and Sonia Vartanian planned a wonderful Christmas party to our enjoyment. Esther Chakmakjian and Lori Krikorian prepared a wonderful Poon Paregentan party again.

These activities do require funds and Krista Aftandilian and Susan Guzelian graciously organized some successful bake sales.

We usually give geranium plants to each student and teacher. We decided this year to collect for the Syrian Relief and also use the money that we would spend for geranium plants. A check was presented to Der Hayr at the ceremony, that will be forwarded to the Prelacy as our donation.

AREC had a Sunday School teacher's conference for the New England area on April 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Stephen's church. The theme was on the "CREED" taught by Deacon Shant Kazanjian. It was very informative and so the teachers would like Deacon Shant to return in the fall and continue the teaching. They realize that you cannot cover the Creed in one day. Thank you to Krista Aftandilian and Susan Guzelian for preparing the luncheon while the teachers were in the seminar. Thanks also to Mary Mooradian for the aesthetics.

We were pleased to participate in one service during Holy Week. The Ten Virgins who participated on Holy Tuesday were: Araz Dulgarian, Natalie Markarian, Sarah Markarian, Ani Chobanian, Anoush Krafian, Melanie Aftandilian, Jacqueline Smith, Karnee Berejiklian, Ida Barsoumian and Tina Barsoumian. Many thanks to the girls.

The Sunday School hosted Communion Breakfast for the three schools at the church hall. We thank the two schools for helping with their students and the Sunday School parents for the cleanup.

Once again we did the Lenten Food drive during the Lenten period. The Watertown pantry is very appreciative of this endeavor as the pantry does not receive food at this time as they do during Thanksgiving and Christmas. John Aftandilian spent a lot of time to make this a successful project.

Coffee hour was hosted by the Sunday School on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The theme was once again "Biblical Foods". These foods were prepared by the students in the kitchen that morning under the capable direction of Mary Mooradian with teachers and some parents assisting. It was a beautiful looking table. This year we had a special slide presentation. The slides showed different areas in Armenia where the student's ancestors were from. The idea was to show the students where they might be receiving Communion if history had been different. The students of the families who participated were very excited about this. The presentation was created by Ed and Mary Ann Kazanjian. It was evident that it took many hours of hard work to accomplish this great piece of work.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS (Cont.)

The Sunday School thanks the many individuals that make the year possible. We thank the students without whom there would not be a Sunday School. We also thank the parents for their children. We appreciate their special efforts when they are called upon for assistance. Some of our projects were: a collection for the children of Syria, coat drive for Watertown Middle School, readings and participation in the Christmas Eve Service, collecting food for the Watertown pantry during Lent, helping at the bazaar, participation in our "Adopted Children" program, visitation to the Nursing Home, the Ten Virgins service and during Holy Week and the annual church cleaning. We also thank the parents who take the time and effort to bring their children, for their encouragement and support and their help in the enrichment of many programs. Additional thanks to our teachers without whom the Sunday School would not succeed. We also would like to thank John Aftandilian for his hard work in all the collection projects. We thank the Board of Trustees and Church Office. A thank goes to Mr. Nazaret Aroyan for donating the carnations that the students give out on Mothers' Day.

# **Sunday School Donations:**

John & Alice Karnikyan

(For the outstanding presentation made by the Board of
Trustees on March 23, 2014 "Bring Your Parents to Church")

Mr. & Mrs. Nazaret & Anahid Nalbandian

(On the happy occasion of the upcoming marriage of
their daughter Alina Nalbandian to Darren Brown)

Mary Mooradian

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(Donated the food prepared for the Bible Food Coffee Hour)

Heartfelt thanks to the above donors.





Congratulations to our graduates: Lia Aftandilian, Ida Barsoumian, Karnee Berejiklian, Nairi Krafian and Taline Megerdichian. It was good to have them serve their church throughout the school year. Good wishes go with these students as they head off to college to pursue a higher education. We hope they will continue to be active participants in the church community.

# St. Stephen's Armenian Apostolic Church

First Day of Sunday School / Registration Day Sunday, September 14, 2014, 10:00 am Church Hall

- -Meet to register at 10:00 am in the Church Hall. For all students, interns, teachers and parents.
- -Students and teachers will meet by class. Parents are encouraged and welcomed to join.
- -September 14, 2014, Sunday School Picnic will be held after church at Filippello Park. Everyone is invited!!

All returning students will receive pre-printed Registration Forms in early September. Remember to bring these on Registration Day, indicating any changes on the forms. Blank forms will be available for new students.

If you have any questions, please contact us:

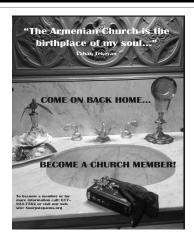
Audrey Guzelian, Principal 617-731-6051 audrey.vartkes@verizon.net

Silva Bahlavouni, Church Office 617-924-7562 office@soorpstepanos.org



# WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

In order to optimize communication with our parishioners, St. Stephen's Trustees have instituted an E-Bulletin which will be sent out to our e-mail list on a weekly basis Friday. The Bulletin contains liturgical information, such as readings and requiems as well as a schedule of church events. If you have not received a copy of this new publication, and wish to do so, website please to our go www.soorpstepanos.org to add your email



# GOD'S HOUSE, YOUR HOME

The Board of Trustees launched a comprehensive initiative to welcome new members to our St. Stephen's family and bring back to the fold those who have let their membership lapse. If you are not currently a dues-paying member of our church, we invite you to consider becoming one. Annual dues are \$125.00 (less than 35 cents a day) payable weekly, monthly or in a lump sum. God depends on you to keep His church strong and viable in order to continue its ministry of service in meeting the spiritual, sacramental and educational needs of all of our parishioners.

# 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 to maintain community outreach and ensure that many others will be affected by your kindness. Not sure how you can give? Let us give you some ideas:

<u>CASH DONATIONS</u>: This is the most common form of charitable giving. All gifts mailed to the Church by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year qualify for tax deduction in that same year. Please be as generous as you can and give in relation to your ability.

<u>SECURITIES:</u> Stocks, bond, & 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 securities differently.

<u>THROUGH A WILL OR A LIVING TRUST:</u> 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 used to add 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.

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# **BAPTISMS**

CHRISTA LINA KETCHEDJIAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Serge & Nancy Ketchedjian, was baptized on April 19, 2014. Her Godparents were Samer Dahdouh & Sabine Rached.

ALEXANDER HACHO BOHOSSIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. Hacho & Brigitte Bohossian, was baptized on April 30, 2014. His Godparents were Robert Dino Davis & Lori Davis.

DAVID ROBERT BOHOSSIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. Hacho & Brigitte Bohossian, was baptized on April 30, 2014. His Godparents were Robert Dino Davis & Lori Davis.

SHAHEN PAUL ATTARIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. Levon & Lala Attarian, was baptized on May 3, 2014. His Godparents were Vicken & Ani Khatchadourian.

AVERI TAYVIAN VEGA, son of Mr. & Mrs. Clemente & Noelle Vega, was baptized on May 10, 2014. His Godparents were Jorge Rodriguez & Taylesse Donahue.

KEVIN PAPAZIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bedros & Nairy Kasparian, was baptized on May 25, 2014. His Godparents were Krikor & Mireille Papazian.

GREGORY PAUL FROUNJIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. Hagop & Nancy Frounjian, was baptized on June 1, 2014. His Godparents were Levon & Zepure Belekian.

DECLAN SEVAN NAZARIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. Raffi & Kathryn, was baptized on June 1, 2014. His Godparents were Andres & Laryn Dorronsoro.

SEAN RAFAEL ELANJIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. Rafael & Julie Elanjian, was baptized on June 8, 2014. His Godparents were Kevin Shinnick & Janine Gregory & Loren Baccari.

We extend our congratulations to the newly baptized, their parents and godparents. Pastor & Board of Trustees

ALINA ASHJIAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Abraham & Arlet Ashjian was wed to SEVAG PALANJIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. Hagop & Shaghig Palanjian, on May 31, 2014. Best Man and Maid of Honor were Hovan Piranosian & Garine Ashjian.

CHRISTINA ANI BASTAJIAN, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Leon & Deanna Bastajian was wed to GREGORY HAGOP AKARAZ, son of Mr. & Mrs. Vahe & Annie Akaraz, on June 7, 2014. Best Man and Maid of Honor were Ara Avedissian & Karina Bastajian Krikorian.

On this happy occasion, we wholeheartedly congratulate the newly married couple, wishing them a happy and healthy life together. Pastor & Board of Trustees

WEDDINGS



NAIRI GEMA DEMIRCHIAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Garen & Norma Demirchian, was engaged to EDWARD MICHAEL GAZARIAN, JR., son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward & Berjouhi Gazarian, on April 12, 2014

On this happy occasion, we wholeheartedly congratulate the newly engaged couple and their parents. Pastor & Board of Trustees



ARDEMIS DEGIACOMO March 9, 2014

**GEORGE A. SHAHIAN** March 21, 2014

> **ELSIE MURRAY** March 28, 2014

VIVIAN (KULUDJIAN) KARAIAN April 4, 2014

> ZABEL KALANDJIAN April 7, 2014

LEON JACK PROODIAN (Funeral Home Service)

April 8, 2014

SETA MASSE April 18, 2014

KENNETH K. KAZANJIAN, JR. May 2, 2014

> **ROSE LALAZARIAN** May 5, 2014

May the comfort of the Holy Spirit be with the families of all the deceased. Pastor and Board of Trustees



The "Buy a Shingle" campaign to retire the mortgage on the "Green House" by the end 2013 is underway. Thus far close to 14% of the target amount has been raised from the generosity of those who have donated to this worthwhile project. Contributions to this ongoing campaign may be made to St. Stephen's and sent to:

# "BUY A SHINGLE"

Contribution Form

Yes, I want to help St. Stephen's Church retire the debt on the Green House. My contribution amount is checked off below.

	\$1,000 to buy 2 pallets
	\$500 to buy a pallet
	\$250 to buy a half pallet
	\$100 to buy a pair of shingles
	\$50 to buy a shingle
	\$ ——— hammer & nails (other)
Nan	ne:

Please send checks to St. Stephen's Armenian Apostolic Church, Attn: "Buy a Shingle". Contributions are Tax deductible

# PEW DEDICATION

Dear Friends -

Our 50th Golden Jubilee Celebration "A Time To Look Back, To Give Back, To Come Back" has been filled with memorable events and sharing with friends both old and new. Our campaign to dedicate pews has met with a strong response and we are grateful for all those gifts.

The committee invites you to consider dedicating a portion of a pew as part of your year-end charitable gift. A brass dedication plaque will be placed at each location on a pew; the gift for each plaque has been set at \$500.

Please contact Raffi Manjikian 617-932-1854 or email him at rmmpesc@earthlink.net. Raffi will guide you through the process to fulfill your dedication.

Once again, we thank you for your consideration and support for such a warm and heart-felt commemoration of our 50th Golden Jubilee Celebration.

The Committee

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Total \$ 415.00

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Total \$ 3,180.00

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Total \$ 270.00

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# In Memory of ARAM MINASSIAN Grand Total \$6,765.00

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Albert Savadian, Sr. Albert & Ruth Savadian, Jr. Alexis (Savadian) Shaw Michael Savadian

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Mr. & Mrs. Jack Keumurian
(In "Loving" Memory of Keumurian
& Afarian deceased loved ones)
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Varjini Tazian & Ogenie Abradjian Mr. & Mrs. Armen Tekneyan

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Mr. & Mrs. Garbis Zerdelian

# EASTER LILIES Total \$ 800.00

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Mrs. Queenie Aykanian
(IMO Vahram & Alice Der
Parseghian)
Steven & Nyeri Azablar Ceragno
(IMO Varoujan Azablar)
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Azizian
(IMO grandson, Royce Whitaker)
Rev. & Mrs. Antranig Baljian
(IMO Baljian & Depoian Families
Dorothy Esperian
(IMO Leo & Mary Esperian)
Ruth Hagopian
(IMO Dr. Varant Hagopian)
Dickran & Marilyn Haroian
Mr. & Mrs. Ohan & Sonia Iradian
Cerise Jalelian-Keim
(IMO Lincoln Z. Jalelian &
Albert V. Jelalian)

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# **GENERAL DONATIONS**

Sarah Sahagian

DONATIONS TO CHURCH		MONTHLY TITHE	
Zabelle Hajian Azablar	25	Mr. & Mrs. James & Nayiri Bell	250
(Christmas Poinsettias)			
Mihran & Natalie Chaprazian	25	DONATIONS TO JRAK	
Houry Daghlian	400	Lucy Almasian	30
(Donated back the NRA delegate expense)		Marie Bazarian	30
Christopher Hajian	250	Harry & Norma Megerdichian	50
Kachadurian Children	400	John & Helene Meghrian	25
(Palm Sunday Tulips In Loving Memory of		Alice Setian	100
their parents Lucine & Ghazaros Kachadurian)			
Nadia Ann Karnik	250	WASHING OF THE FEET ON MAUNDY	
(Donated for the Easter Eggs in memory		THURSDAY	
of her parents Harry & Anahid Karnik)		Mr. & Mrs. Harout & Mari Arabian	100
Mr. & Mrs. George & Alin Keomurjian	400	Mr. & Mrs. Sarkis & Elizabeth Badrikian	100
Rosemary Khachadoorian	200	Mr. & Mrs. Leo & Mary Derderian	100
(Donation for the Palm branches in memory of		Mr. & Mrs. Walter & Deanne Nahabedian	100
her parents Ohannes And Nazan Khachadoorian)		Mr. & Mrs. Melkon & Arpi Yessaillian	100
George & Zepour Kouyoumjian	200		
Ankeene Merzikian	50		
(Prayer for good health)			

# SPECIAL ANNOUNEMENTS



On Palm Sunday, the palms were donated by Rosemary Khachadoorian & Mr. & Mrs. Vahan Khachadoorian, in loving memory of their parents, Ohannes & Nazan Khachadoorian.



On Palm Sunday, the tulips were donated by The Khachadurian Children, in loving memory of their parents, Ghazaros & Lucine Khachadurian, on the occasion of the Resurrection of Lazarus and Palm Sunday.



Altar flowers were donated by Vartan & Louisa Kheremian on the happy occasion of the birth of their grandson, Alex Kheremian, son of Djano & Kristina Kheremian.



On Maundy Thursday, the butter that was used for the washing of the feet service was donated by Anahid Najarian in loving memory of her brother, Haroutiun Artinian.



On Easter Sunday, the Easter eggs were donated by Nadia Ann Karnik, in loving memory of her parents, Harry & Anahid Karnik.



Charles & Sona Aslanian & Varoujan & Armineh Koundakjian wish to announce the birth of their granddaughter Alik Armine Aslanian. Proud parents are, Aram & Lalig Aslanian from Los Angeles, California.

# ՇՐՋԱՆԱՒԱՐՏՆԵՐ

Կը խնդրուի բոլոր 2014 տարեշրջանի շրջանաւարտ աշակերտներէն որ իրենց անունները, դպրոցի անունները ու մասնագիտութիւնները մանրամասնութիւններով գրաւոր, եկեղեցւոյ գրասենեակ ուղղարկեն, յառաջիկայ Սեպտեմբեր ամսուան Ճրագին մէջ հրատարակուելու համար։



# **GRADUATES**

Please send the names of all 2014 Graduates (high schools, colleges and universities), to the Church Office to be printed in the September issue of our quarterly bulletin "JRAK."

Please include the names of the schools and degrees.

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Other Hours by Appointment

## CHURCH SCHEDULE

9:30 A.M. Morning Service 10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy 11:00 A.M. Sermon

11:30 A.M. Holy Communion 11:50 A.M. Requiem Service

Noon Dismissal

## ADDRESS CHANGES

In order to keep our records up to date and your receipt of JRAK on time and accurate, kindly inform us of corrections, changes of address, etc. Please send all corrections, along with the old address and incorrect names, to: St. Stephen's Armenian Apostolic Church, 38 Elton Avenue, Watertown, MA 02472.

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Հոգնհանգիստի համար հաճնցէք հնռաձայննլ նկնղնցւոյ գրասնննակ մինչնւ Հինգշաբթի կ.ն. ժամը 3:00, որպէսզի կարննանք անունննրը հրատարակնլ կիրակնօրնայ թնրթիկին մէջ։ Նուիրատուութիւնննրը կարնլի է կատարնլ հնտնւնալ ձնւնրով, Գարթով, նամակով, անձամբ նկնղնցւոյ գրասնննակը կամ ալ կիրակի օրը՝ նկնղնցւոյ մէջ, Հոգաբարձութնան գրասնննակը։

## **REQUIEM**

For Requiem Service, please call the church office at (617) 924 -7562 by 3 P.M. by the Thursday prior to the Sunday that the requiem is to be held, so we can include the names in the Sunday Bulletin. Donations may be made in several ways: by Credit Card, mailing to the office, paying at the church office or on Sunday in church.

#### **LADIES GUILD**

Women of all ages who desire to serve their church are invited to join the Ladies Guild. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, beginning with a social period from 6:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Meetings run from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.

# CHILDREN'S SERMON

Last Sunday of each month at 11:30, during School year.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL CHURCH CHAT

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at noon, during School year.

# HALL RENTALS

If you are interested in renting the Church Hall for a private function, please contact the Church office.

## **SACRAMENTS**

For Sacraments please call the Church office

#### NEW WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

In order to optimize communication with our parishioners, St. Stephen's Church have instituted an E-Bulletin which will be sent out to our e-mail list on a weekly basis every Friday. The Bulletin contains liturgical information, such as readings and requiems as well as a schedule of church events. If you wish to receive a copy of this new publication, please go to our website at www.soorpstepanos.org to add your email address to our list.

#### **OBSERVED HOLIDAYS**

The office will be closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, January 6 (Armenian Christmas), Vartanantz Day, April 24, Armenian Independence Day (May 28), Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day After Thanksgiving, Christmas Day.

#### HOME VISITS

Der Hayr and the Board of Trustees understand that sometimes it is difficult for all of our parishioners to participate in Sunday services. If you are in failing health, or are unable to get to Church because of a disability please call the Church office to arrange for a home visit. Please call the Church office today at (617) 924-7562.

# HOME BLESSINGS (SCHEDULED)

Traditionally, home blessings are done yearly – after Armenian Christmas and before Paregentan (Lent). But, if you would like to schedule a home blessing after Easter Sunday, please call the Church office today at (617) 924-7562.

# **HOSPITAL VISITS**

Եթէ հիւանդ մը ունիք ձեր տան մէջ կամ հիւանդանոցը եւ կը փափաքիք հովիւին այցելութիւնը, հաձեցէք հեռաձայնել եկեղեցւոյ գրասենեակ։

Der Hayr and the Board of Trustees encourage all parishioners to inform us of any relative, immediate family member, or Church member who is in the hospital and wishes to be visited by Der Hayr. These visits can help to lift the spirit of the patient and offer support and guidance. Please call the Church office for more information at (617) 924-7562.

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# **EDITORIAL BOARD**

Although we try our best in preparing this newsletter, errors occasionally do slip by. Please accept our apologies and inform the church office so the information can be printed correctly in the next issue of The Jrak.

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# St. Stephens Armenian Elementary School & Armenian Cultural and Educational Center 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament



Framingham Country Club

Monday, September 15, 2014

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\$175 Includes Golf, Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Contests

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