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NATURAL LEGACY



Again at the risk of sounding like my dad, that aside from being first in many scientific, literary and artistic endeavors, Armenians can also be proud of the fact that many species of animals and plants either originated in Armenia or are indigenous and only found there. Some of these products of nature even have the word "Armenia" as part of their scientific classification or their popular name. Here are some examples in order perhaps of their notoriety, the most famous being **PRUNUS ARMENIACA** which is the botanical name for Apricot, and which originated in Armenia. We also have: **RUBUS ARMENIACUS**, a perennial shrub, native to Eurasia and the **ARMENIAN CUCUMBER** a type of long, slender fruit which tastes like a cucumber and looks somewhat like a cucumber inside. It is actually a variety of muskmelon, a species closely related to the cucumber.



Among the various types of animals native to Armenia are the following: **ARMENIAN GAMPR** (Գամփր), a livestock guardian dog native to the Armenian Highlands. It is not recognized by major kennel clubs or fancier organizations as a dog breed because it is a landrace.

ARMENIAN MOUFLON, also known as the Armenian sheep, Armenian wild sheep, Armenian red sheep, or Trans-Caucasian sheep is an endangered subspecies of mouflon endemic to Iran, Armenia, and Nakhichevan. The Iranian red sheep lives mostly in open rough terrain at medium or high altitudes, where they inhabit rocky hill country, lowland and highland steppes, and rocky semi-deserts, and grass-covered slopes and alpine meadows.



ARMENIAN MOUNTAIN VIPER *Vipera (Montivipera) raddei* Boettger (Հայկական իծ) is a venomous species of snakes. The colour of Armenian vipers is mostly dark grey, but also grey-brown or black individuals do occur. The back of the animal is covered with numerous blotches that can be yellow, yellow-orange, brown-orange, or red.

SICISTA ARMENICA or Armenian Birch Mouse is a small rodent that has similarities with the common mouse and is only found in Armenia, which moves primarily along ground by jumping. The Armenian birch mouse is currently classed as critically endangered due to habitat loss through deforestation.



The famous **VAN CAT** (Վանի Կատու) originally part of our homeland and intertwined with our Armenian history and heritage, has been co-opted by the Turks, as with our heritage. The Van Cat is an amazing animal. For instance, you may think that all cats hate water but the gorgeous Van Cat, or swimming cat as it is sometimes nicknamed, is an

athletic, muscular and highly active cat which has a natural affinity for water. The Van Cat is a naturally occurring breed and one of the oldest domesticated cats on the planet. It is said to have originated in the Lake Van region of Armenia, and according to tradition, was a successful ratter on Noah's Ark. Vans are white with distinctive reddish/auburn markings on their tails and ears. Variations with darker markings or no markings at all are now common but Vans originally only had auburn markings. They have either blue or amber eyes, or quite strikingly, often one of each. The Van's fluffy cashmere-like coat is naturally water resistant as a result of its silky texture and the fact it has no undercoat.

ARMENIAN GULL (*Larus armenicus*), below, left is a large gull found in the Caucasus and Middle East. It was formerly classified as a subspecies of the herring gull, but is now generally considered to be a separate species.

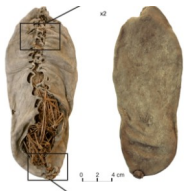


ARMENIAN ROCK LIZARD (*Darevskia Armeniaca*), above right, commonly known as the Armenian lizard or the Armenian rock lizard, is a parthenogenetic (unisexually breeding) species of *Darevskia*, a genus of lizards and is native to the Armenian Highland.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

ARMENIA'S LEGACY - (Cont.)

There is no doubt that the Armenians have left an enduring legacy as a people. Aside from their innovations in the arts and sciences as well as the wealth of animal and plant life that originated in or are native to Armenia, there are several other "firsts" which are credited to our ancient and proud people. For instance, according to the Bible, wine was first produced at the foot of Mt. Ararat after the flood. The Anabasis (March) written around 470 BC by one of the foremost historians of his day and one of the greatest generals of all time, Xenophon of Athens, describes in detail the beer they drank in Western Armenia: "Here were also wheat, barley, and beans, and barleywine [beer] in large bowls. Floating on the top of this drink were the barley-grains and in it were straws, some larger and others smaller, without joints; and when one was thirsty, he had to take these straws into his mouth and suck. It was an extremely strong drink unless one diluted it with water, and extremely good when one was used to it." (Xen. Anab. 4.5.26-27)



And of course, there is the discovery in 2008 of a 5,500-year-old leather shoe in excellent condition at the Areni-1 cave complex located in the Vayots Dzor province of Armenia. It is a one-piece leather-hide shoe, the oldest piece of leather footwear in the world known to contemporary researchers.

SPIRITUAL LEGACY

But the most important legacy of the Armenians comes through their faith in Christ. We are the first people to accept the Lordship of Jesus Christ as the official religion of the country; builders of the first and oldest Christian cathedral in the world at Vagharshabad (Etchmiadzin), Armenia, and one of the first Christian churches to send out missionaries to preach the Gospel to the people. History tells us that Armenians converted the Georgian and Caucasian Albanian people to Christianity. Many of today's universally accepted saints were from the Armenian Church. And many clergy from Armenia proselytized in the Middle East and Europe. Here is a partial list of those whom we know and are still remembered as Saints.

SAINT MINAS (Minias, Miniatus) (Italian: Miniato, Armenian: Մինաս) (3rd century) is venerated as the first Christian martyr of Florence. The church of San Miniato al Monte is dedicated to him. According to legend, he was an Armenian prince serving in the Roman Army, who then decided to become a hermit near Florence. He was denounced as a Christian and in 250 AD brought before Emperor Decius, who was persecuting Christians. Minas refused to sacrifice to the Roman gods, and was put through numerous torments: he was thrown into a furnace; stoned; thrown to a lion or a panther in an amphitheater (from which he emerged unharmed), and finally, was beheaded, but his legend states that he picked up his own head. Minas then crossed the Arno and returned to his hermitage.



SAINT PARTHENIUS (died 3rd century) was an early Christian saint and martyr from Rome of Armenian origin. He is venerated in both the Catholic and Orthodox churches. His brother was **SAINT CALOCERUS**. He is the patron of Galicia and included in their list of Orthodox saints.



SAINT CHRYSOLIUS the Armenian (French: Chrysole) is the patron saint of Komen/Comines, today in Belgium and France. According to tradition, he was a native of Armenia who fled to Rome during the persecution of Christians by Diocletian, was received by Pope Marcellus I and sent to northeast Gaul, where he evangelized at Verlenghem. According to his legend, he then became a spiritual student of Saint Denis, the Patron Saint of France, and was sent to evangelize in western and northern portions of France. Chrysolius then became a bishop and was subsequently stopped by Roman soldiers and condemned to be decapitated; the top of his skull was sliced off. According to his legend, the piece of his skull broke into three smaller pieces, and where each piece fell, a miraculous spring gushed out. Chrysolius, after recovering the top of his cranium, walked to Komen and died there, after crossing the ford at the Deule River that now bears his name.



companions.

SAINT EMILIANUS of Trevi (Italian: Emiliano di Trevi), was a 4th-century bishop of Trevi, martyred under Diocletian. Emilianus came to Spoleto from Armenia at the end of the 3rd century. He was consecrated bishop by Pope Marcellinus and sent to Trevi. Under the Persecution of Diocletian he was subjected to innumerable tortures and was eventually put to death on 28 January 304 together with three companions.

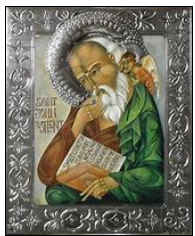
SAINT MELETIUS of Antioch (Μελέτιος) (died 381) was a Christian bishop, or Patriarch of Antioch, from 360 until his death. There were contrasting views about his theological position: on the one hand, he was exiled three times under Arian emperors; on the other, he was strongly opposed by those faithful to the memory of the staunchly pro-Nicene Eustathius of Antioch, whom the synod of Melitene deposed for his Homousianism (Nicene trinitarianism), which they considered a heresy, and by Saint Athanasius of Alexandria, the firm opponent of Arianism. One of his last acts was to preside over the First Council of Constantinople in 381.



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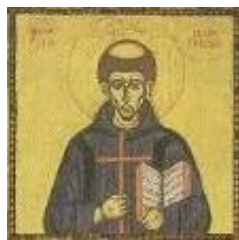
ARMENIA'S LEGACY - (Cont.)

SAINT SERVATIUS (Dutch: Sint Servaas; French: Saint Servais, Armenian: Սուրբ Սերվատիոս) was born in Armenia and died in Maastricht, in the Netherlands, traditionally on May 13, 384. He was bishop of Tongeren in Belgium and is also patron saint of the city of Maastricht and the town of Schijndel in the Netherlands as well as the town Grimbergen in Belgium. His feast day is May 13.



SAINT JOHN the Silent (January 8, 454 – 558) also known as St John the Hesychast (Greek: Ἅγιος Ἰωάννης ὁ Ἡσυχαστής), was a Christian saint known for living alone for seventy-six years. He was given the surname because he loved recollection and silence. St. John's feast day is May 13 in the Latin Rite of the Roman Catholic Church, and December 3 in the Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches.[2] John was born in 454 AD in Nicopolis, Armenia.

LAZARUS ZOGRAPHOS He is also known as Lazarus the Painter and Lazarus the Iconographer. Born in Armenia on November 17, 810, he lived before and during the second period of Byzantine Iconoclasm. Lazarus is the first saint to be canonized specifically as an iconographer. He was later followed by Saint Catherine of Bologna.



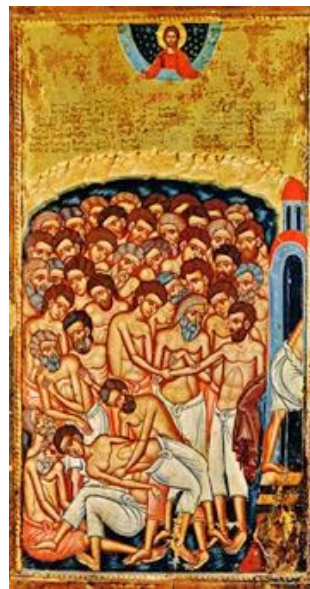
SAINT SIMEON of Mantua (9??–1016) was a Benedictine monk of Armenian origin who was canonized as a saint in the late 11th century. Little is known of Simeon's early life, but at some time he left his homeland and spent some years living as a hermit in Palestine. After this, he is known to have visited Rome, where his exoticism led to his harassment by a

Roman mob. Papal intervention calmed this situation. In the following period Simeon traveled across Italy, France, and Spain before returning to northern Italy, joining a Benedictine monastery at Mantua, where he became known for his kindness and generosity. He died in Mantua in 1016.

SAINT BLAISE (Armenian: Սուրբ Վղաս), who had studied philosophy in his youth, was a doctor in Sepastia in Armenia, the city of his birth, who exercised his art with miraculous ability, good-will, and piety. When the bishop of the city died, he was chosen to succeed him, with the acclamation of all the people. His holiness was manifest through many miracles: from all around, people came to him to find cures for their spirit and their body;



even wild animals came in herds to receive his blessing. In 316, Agricola, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, having arrived in Sepastia at the order of the emperor Licinius to kill the Christians, arrested the bishop. As he was being led to jail, a mother set her only son, choking to death of a fish-bone, at his feet, and the child was cured straight away. Regardless, the governor, unable to make Blaise renounce his faith, beat him with a stick, ripped his flesh with iron combs, and beheaded him. In the Latin Church his feast falls on 3 February, when a special blessing of throats ceremony is held; and in the Eastern Churches on February 11.



THE FORTY HOLY MARTYRS OF SEPASTIA (Armenian: Սեբաստիա), were soldiers in the Roman 12th Legion called "Fulminata," "The Lightning or Thundering Legion." According to St. Basil's Homily on The Forty Martyrs delivered 50 years after their martyrdom: "These holy martyrs suffered at Sebaste, in the Lesser Armenia, under the Emperor Licinius in 320. They were of different countries, but enrolled in the same troop. According to Basil, forty soldiers who had openly confessed themselves Christians were condemned by the prefect to be exposed naked in a frozen pond near Sebaste on a bitterly cold night, that they might freeze to

death. Among the confessors, one yielded and, leaving his companions, sought the warm baths near the lake which had been prepared for any who might prove inconstant. One of the guards, Aglaius, was set to keep watch over the martyrs and beheld at this moment a supernatural brilliancy overshadowing them. He at once proclaimed himself a Christian, threw off his garments, and joined the remaining thirty-nine. At daybreak, the stiffened bodies of the confessors, which still showed signs of life, were burned and the ashes cast into a river. Christians, however, collected the precious remains, and the relics were distributed throughout many cities; in this way, veneration of the Forty Martyrs became widespread, and numerous churches were erected in their honour.

SAINT EXPEDITUS (died 303) is said to have been a Roman centurion in Armenia who was martyred around April 303 in what is now Turkey, for converting to Christianity. Considered the patron saint of speedy cases, he is commemorated by the Roman Catholic Church on April 19, Expeditus was probably born in Armenia. Not much else is known about him.



TRUSTEE CORNER



On June 2, 2019, prayers of thanksgiving were offered on the occasion of the independence of the first Armenian Republic on May 28, 1918. Assisted by members of the *Homenetmen* Scouts of Greater Boston, Der Hayr blessed the Armenian Tricolor in church at the end of Holy *Badarak* and then processed out to the Memorial Khatchkar where the flag was hoisted to the singing of *Mer Hairenik* by the church choir and congregation



This year our Der Hayr served as the Eastern Prelacy's representative and observer at the Annual Assembly of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church that convened last week in Burlington, Massachusetts. Der Antranig was greeted with warmth by the Assembly where he delivered the following message:

"Words cannot express my joy and the honor I feel to have been chosen to represent His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan Tanielian and the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America. Our newly-elected Prelate extends to our newly-elected Primate his most sincere and heartfelt greetings, along with his prayers for a successful and productive Assembly, as well as for the continuation of the cordial interpersonal relationship which was established by their wonderful predecessors, Archbishop Khajag and Archbishop Oshagan.

"Those of my clergy brothers who know me—as well as some of the older delegates—know that I have always been and will continue to be a firm advocate for our healing as a Church, both here in the United States and throughout the world. As a priest of 43 years, I strongly believe that true salvation as a nation, as a church and as a people lies in our togetherness: our oneness of spirit and our unity of will to be one family, one church, one people, healed and made whole by God's grace and love."

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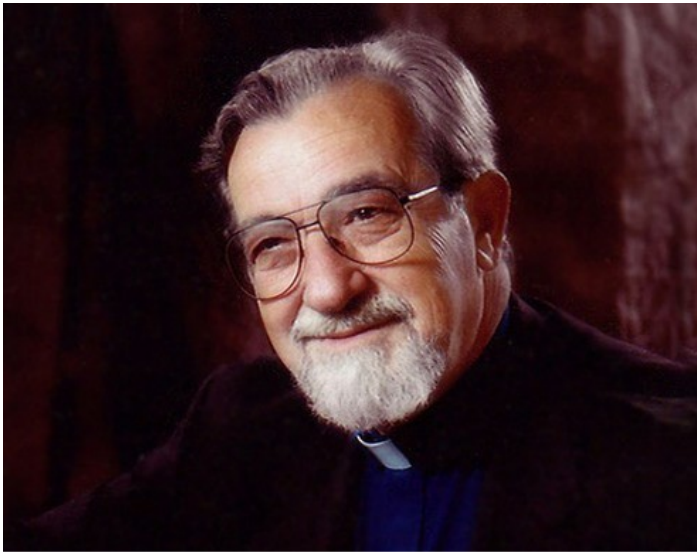


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IN MEMORIAM: REV. FR. ARCHPRIEST MOUSHEGH DER KALOUSTIAN



The passing of Archpriest Fr. Moushegh Der Kaloustian (1932—2019) on May 24, was received with heartfelt sorrow by the entire Prelacy family. Born with the Baptismal name Yenovk, Der Hayr was the son of Nishan and Satenig Der Kaloustian. He leaves behind his devoted wife of 64 years, Yeretzgin Vartouhi (nee Sarkissian); his children, Garo, Nareg, and Shoghig Hunt; his loving grandchildren, Justina Spoolstra, Taleen and Sona Der Kaloustian, Adam and Ani Hunt, and his treasured great grandchildren, Caden, Brynn, Landon, and Zabelle. He was the loving brother of Isgouhi Bedrossian (Antranig), Shake Nashalian, Asdghig Kazanjian, Marilouise Mahdasian (Parsegh), and loving uncle to his many nieces and nephews.

Der Moushegh was ordained in 1956 along with Rev. Frs. Sempad Der Meksian and Goriun Shirikian and began his service to the Prelacy in 1959. He served as pastor of St. Illuminator's Cathedral for 30 years until his retirement, at which time he continued to serve the Eastern Prelacy as an outreach priest. Previously he served as pastor of St. Hagop Armenian Church in Racine, Wisconsin, and Holy Trinity Church in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Funeral services took place at the Cathedral on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 28 and 29. Interment followed at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Flushing, New York, and a Memorial Luncheon took place at St. Sarkis Church in Douglaston, New York.

His gregarious and witty personality was a magnet that attracted people, young and old, Armenians and non-Armenians. The neighborhood children along the Cathedral's 27th Street affectionately called him "Father Mike."

May the Lord illuminate his soul in everlasting, heavenly light and may his family receive consolation and comfort from His Holy Spirit.

In-lieu-of-flowers donations may be made to St. Illuminator's Armenian Cathedral, 221 East 27th Street, New York, NY 10016. Indicate "Rev. Moushegh Orphan Fund" in the memo area.

Personal Reflection

As adolescents of 13 or 14 years old Yeretzgin and I remember the day our church in Worcester got a new Der Hayr. His name was Fr. Moushegh, but everyone began calling him Father Mike. We had heard he was young and very "cool", with a beautiful and warm Yeretzgin and a wonderful young family. He was the first Armenian Priest we had seen with black hair and beard. But what really impressed us was his ability to relate to us kids. One vivid memory we share is when at an Armenian School picnic, Der Hayr took off his shirt and joined the boys in a baseball game. He would also referee the AYF basketball games, even though he didn't always get the calls right.

He was an excellent teacher and really encouraged me to serve on the Holy Altar and learn the Holy Badarak. He was one of the people who inspired me to follow in their footsteps and become an Armenian Priest.

He also had a family whom we all got to know well. I hadn't seen them for many years but had that privilege to meet them again at his funeral in New York's St. Illuminator's Cathedral.

Der Hayr was also noted for his sense of humor. One story he used to tell was when, newly arrived, he went to the hospital to visit a parishioner who was about to give birth. When he inquired about seeing her, the nurse told him she was in labor. Astonished, Der Hayr responded: "she's going to have a baby, she shouldn't be working!"

About a dozen years after he left our Worcester community to become the Pastor of the Cathedral in New York, I was ordained to the priesthood. So while he had been my spiritual father during the years he was my pastor, he now became my brother in Christ and a colleague, whom we will dearly miss.

On behalf of Yeretzgin and my family, I would like to offer our sincere and deepest condolences to his family

—Der Antranig



IN MEMORIAM: ARSEN CUNNINGHAM



People don't usually remember the exact date and time they met someone. But I know exactly when I first met Arsen Cunningham. It was on June 2, 2001 at 10:AM. He was just shy of four months old – a tiny little thing and cute too. His parents had brought him to church to be Christened and welcomed into God's family. A couple of years later, I met his sister Sarineh in the same way. Thus I became both Arsen's and Sarineh's spiritual father as they were reborn at my hand by the regenerative waters of the Baptismal font.

I watched Arsen grow up through his early years as a student at our preschool and Kindergarten; and in our Sunday School. Most recently, as a Sunday School intern he served on the altar during Mass on Sunday mornings or sang in the choir with his sweet voice, following in his mother Naro's footsteps. The members of our church choir loved him very much indeed. I don't know if anyone noticed the special pin on his lapel. It was a G Clef overlaid with a cross. It was a gift from our choir to Arsen in appreciation of his wonderful voice and his indomitable spirit; a token of their love and respect.

A pastor never expects to perform the funeral of someone he has baptized, but unfortunately it happens. When I think of Arsen, especially in his last few weeks of life, I can't help but hear the words of St. Paul – as he was also nearing the end of his life –echoing in my mind. He wrote: *"As for me, I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing."* (2 Timothy 4:6-8)

Those of us who saw Arsen during these final weeks, whether with the chamber choir in Disneyworld or at a recent school concert; at Fenway Park or the Prom; at his graduation or the wonderful party mom threw for him in Winchester, perceived that Arsen was invincible! By sheer strength of will, this physically frail, yet determined young man accomplished what he wanted to do, be where he wanted to be; see whom he wanted to see and managed to enjoy himself while doing it! Truly, Arsen fiercely fought the good fight; he ran the race on his own terms, and he finished that race with dignity, grace and an abundance of love.

We all knew Arsen in very different ways. Yet together, through our common bond with him, we gather as one community to offer him our last respects; to honor his memory; to applaud his courage; to remember his life and to say thank you for his love. Each of those who knew him share a special history; a unique story; a distinct memory with Arsen. He was involved in a variety of circles: and is remembered by his classmates and teachers from elementary school, Winchester High, and St. Stephen's Sunday School; by fellow choir members who sang

with Arsen in the WHS Chamber Choir or here at Church; by those who served with him on the holy Altar; by fellow students of the St. Gregory of Datev summer youth program in Pennsylvania; by fellow members of the Armenian Youth Federation; by those who worked with him at Market Basket, cared for him at the hospital and, of course, all who faithfully held him up in prayer. I can tell you with 100% certainty that Arsen appreciated each and every one of you and thanks you for your kindness, your friendships, your love and, especially, your prayers.

Naturally, when a tragedy like Arsen's passing overwhelms our sense of how the world should work, many of us become confused and frightened. Naturally we question: "Why did this happen? Why did Arsen have to die?" "How can it be fair that someone so wonderful, someone who had so much to live for and such a bright future ahead of him, was taken from us so young?" "Why was someone who was so loved by so many people, snatched away like this?" First, let me assure you that it's okay to be confused, frightened and even angry when you lose someone as close to you and as precious as Arsen was. But you also need to work beyond the grief and the anger, and seek answers to your questions; not through personal revelation or wisdom, but from the word of God where we find true comfort and consolation through the promises that He has made to all of us.

The Book of the Wisdom of Solomon (4:7-15) tells us about those who die young. Solomon writes that those who are righteous, even though they die at a young age, will be at rest. He goes on to explain that the maturity of "old age" is not honored for the length of time someone is alive, nor is it measured by age; understanding life, he says, is a person's gray hair, and a blameless life is ripe old age. Thus, some, who especially pleased God and were loved by Him, were taken up while living among sinners. He says that they were caught up so that evil might not change their understanding of life or guile (treachery) deceive their souls. For, he states, "the fascination of wickedness obscures what is good, and roving desire perverts the innocent mind. Being perfected in a short time, they fulfilled long years; for their souls were pleasing to the Lord, therefore he took them quickly from the midst of wickedness. Yet people saw this and did not understand, or comprehend that God's grace and mercy are with his chosen ones, and that He watches over his holy ones."

Too often we look upon death as evil; as tragic; as a punishment; as something to be abhorred, feared and somehow avoided at all costs because we perceive death to be an end to life. We try to deny its reality, even while knowing that death will eventually come to us all.

When someone we know is sick, dying, we naturally pray fervently for them and hope that God will heal them. And sometimes they are healed. We prayed for Arsen with that same hope and expectation that God would deliver him from death. Yet Arsen was not physically healed and did indeed die. But what many may have forgotten in their grief at Arsen's passing, is that God had already delivered him from death even as he has done for us all, for, at the moment of baptism, we are reborn to eternal life.

IN MEMORIAM: ARSEN CUNNINGHAM (Cont.)

But it still hurts. Naro and Paul, God knows your pain. After all, He too lost His Son and was extremely saddened by the suffering that Jesus experienced on the Cross, even where Jesus voluntarily embraced death to take away the sins of the world and offer each of us the promise of eternal life.

In the victorious introit of Easter Sunday, the deacon proclaims: “Christ rose from the dead. By death He trampled death and through His resurrection granted us life! To Him be Glory forever, Amen.”

I want to conclude by reminding you of the story of Lazarus, Jesus’s close friend who had two sisters Mary and Martha who were likewise Jesus’s friends. They just adored and loved their brother. Needless to say, when he died they were heartbroken. Four days after he was buried, Jesus arrived to pay his respects.

One of his sisters, Martha, moved perhaps by her own profound grief and the pain of losing her brother, chided Jesus for not getting there sooner, saying: “Lord, where were you? if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” Jesus turned and said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe

in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” He then asked her: “Do you believe this?” And she replied “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” Today I ask you to believe this as well with all your heart as Martha did, even before Jesus went to the tomb, called Lazarus out and proved His words to be true. As in Martha’s case, let this promise of eternal life and the hope of resurrection wipe away your tears, lighten the burden of your pain and give you peace in your heart knowing that Arsen also believed this with his whole heart and soul. Let us grieve for Arsen today, for he has been taken from us, but also let us rejoice for he has gone to be with his Heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus Christ who love Arsen unconditionally and welcome him with open arms to a place where, as it says in our prayers, there is no more pain; no more suffering; no more mourning; only light... sacred...eternal...light. We will truly miss him, until our own turn comes and we join him and all our loved ones for eternity.

REV. FR. ANTRANIG BALJIAN

Join us for Bible Study!

Connect with your faith and your church

New session starts September 10



This fall we'll start a series of mini-sessions designed to help us better understand God and his plans for us.

Adults of all ages and levels are welcome!

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

in the St. Stephen's Church Hall.

If you're interested please email gerardbarsoum@gmail.com

LADIES GUILD NEWS

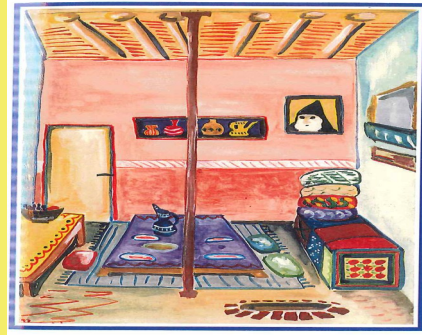
Becky Megerdichian, Chairlady

ARMENIAN VILLAGE FESTIVAL (DEGHATSI DINNER)

The Ladies Guild is planning to have an Armenian Village Festival in the spring of 2020. Our culture is rich in foods and arts from different villages and towns throughout Armenia, Turkey, Syria and Lebanon. Never before in the history of our St. Stephen's Church have we had a festival that highlights the places of origin of our church community. What we, as the Ladies Guild, envision is setting up booths around the perimeter of our Church Hall, with each booth featuring food, crafts and other items from a particular village or area. In addition, we plan to have live Armenian music on stage. We need your help to prepare for this major event. Each booth will need a group leader who will be responsible for getting members of that village to cook food and gather art items indigenous to that area. We will also need a committee to steer the entire festival. A kick-off meeting will be held on October 20, 2019 and we welcome your ideas! Please call Ladies Guild chairperson Becky Megerdichian at 617-576-3398. Armenian Village Festival will be on Saturday, May 2, 2020.

The Perfect Gift for any Occasion!

The Armenian Kitchen



The Armenian Kitchen Cookbook

Our Ladies Guild Cookbook is \$18 and can be purchased from the Church Office. If you wish to have the cookbook mailed to you please mail a \$22 check payable to St. Stephen's Ladies Guild.

THANK YOU, LADIES

We would like to thank our vibrant and active Ladies' Guild for their stalwart support of our Church and its mission. On June 10, 2019, the Guild held its last meeting before the summer break with the annual Pot Luck Supper. On that evening chairlady Becky Megerdichian presented a check in the amount of \$8,000.00 as part of the guild's yearly pledge to church's budget.

Words cannot express the deep appreciation that we, as the leaders of St. Stephen's, and all our parishioners feel toward this extraordinary group of dedicated, faith-filled and loving women, not only for the financial help they provide, but also for their moral and logistical support. We ask Almighty God to continue to bless their special ministry to the church and community and crown all their endeavors with success.

May God Bless you all!
Der Hayr and Board of Trustees



REPORT OF THE 2019 NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY



Clergy Conference:

The Clergy Conference of the Eastern Prelacy was called to order at Soorp Adsvadzadzin, at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 16, 2019 by His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Prelate. After welcoming remarks by the Pastor, Rev. Fr. Mikayel Der Khosroffian, the conference voted Very Rev. Frs. Sahag Yemishian and Ghevont Pentezian as Chairman and Secretary respectively. The Assembly then heard and approved the report of the Religious Council. In conjunction with 2019 being proclaimed the year of the Armenian Press, two presentations were given about the “Louys” periodical published for two years from 1905-1906 by the Armenian Patriarchate of Constantinople. The presentations were based on articles concerning problems which were taking place at the time regarding church attendance, renewal and spiritual growth demonstrating that many of the issues facing us as a church today, have long existed. There was an election of three Clergy Delegates. Other topics discussed were diocesan and parochial issues and unforeseen questions, after which His Eminence closed the Assembly with his benediction.



National Representative Assembly:

Opening Remarks and election of Tivan:

The Assembly was called to order on Thursday afternoon, May 16, by Jack Mardoian, chairman of the Executive Council, and began after the opening prayer by the Prelate Archbishop Anoushavan, followed by words of welcome from Rev. Fr. Mikael Der Kosroffian, pastor of the host parish Whitinsville and Raffi Samkaranian, chairman of their Board of Trustees. Representing Bishop Daniel Findikyan, the Primate of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern), Reverend Father Aved Terzian read a message from the Primate offering warm greetings on behalf of the Eastern Diocese. Elected to serve as co-chairmen of the Assembly were Aram Sarafian, from Soorp Khatch Church in Bethesda, Maryland, and Simone Topouzian from St. Sarkis Church, Dearborn, Michigan. Elected as the secretaries were: Andrew Asadourian (English), from St. Gregory Church, Granite City, Illinois, and Rev. Fr. Torkom Chorbajian (Armenian), pastor of St. Gregory Church, Granite City, Illinois.



REPORT OF THE 2019 NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY (Cont.)

Prelate's message:



In his keynote address Archbishop Anoushavan thanked the host community for undertaking the responsibility of hosting this year's Assembly. He also thanked the Primate of the Eastern Diocese, His Grace Bishop Daniel Findikyan for collaboration who was represented by Reverend Father Aved Terzian of Worcester as the diocesan representative. Archbishop Anoushavan touched upon many themes about national identity, ecclesiastical mission, and the future. His Eminence spoke about the Great House of Cilicia describing it as a great House and great Family. His Eminence spoke at length about the community, identity, faith, and the younger generations. The Prelate emphasized that the primary mission of the Church is to spread the message of the Holy Gospel of the faith which we received from our Lord Jesus Christ, through the Apostles and Church Fathers, and then to implement the Gospel message in our daily lives. Archbishop Anoushavan told the Assembly that we need to serve the Youth, who are the guarantors of the continued existence of our people in addition to their physical and intellectual development, spiritual formation is not only important but imperative.

The Prelate's entire message to the Assembly can be found at www.armenianprelacy.org/nra2019message.html.

Sunday School Report:

Last year the Executive Council took the initiative to reevaluate the Sunday School program, with a committee led by Hayr Sahag. A Prelacy-wide survey of all Sunday Schools was conducted and reviewed. The survey found that curricula used for several years were not well accepted in some parishes. It was noted that "We Believe," a curriculum that we use from the Diocese Curriculum has a place in the Sunday School classroom but can't be the focal point of the materials, and is better for younger students than older students, who were less engaged. Also used as supplementary curriculum is material from the David C. Cooke Company. Both of these have been staples of our Prelacy for decades. The ultimate conclusion was to continue the use of these two curricula in churches where they work,

and develop a curriculum based on 20-25 "Core Topics" for parishes with limited resources. It was also suggested to put a new emphasis on teacher training and using other platforms such as websites and apps to make the material easily accessible to everyone.

Youth Ministry Report:

The Youth Ministry is responsible for the Salt and Light program, the new outreach program for our youth. The presenter discussed the successes in some of the seed parishes that have implemented the program. An effort is being made to begin new ministries in other parishes including our own.

Parish Engagement Panels:

Renewed Communication: The "Renewed Communications" panel focused on both external and internal communications of the Prelacy and how to strengthen and further the mission of the Prelacy as a whole. This includes standardizing practices amongst prelacy churches, improving current communications procedures, and implementing new print and electronic methods of information.

The panel provided many recommendations to the Executive Council and the Assembly one of which is asking that a Board of Trustees and NRA workshop be held that would encourage the exchange of ideas as well as review standard church operating guidelines and best practices in various areas of church life, and issues of concern.

The panel also recommended that each parish appoint a communications officer to work with the Prelacy Communications Office to help develop, implement, and support broad-based Prelacy communications efforts, programs and initiative, with the emphasis that this should be a younger member of the parish.

Most notably, the panel recommended the EC explore the development of mobile platform to reach a wider audience and make information more accessible to parishioners in a modern way. And finally, the panel recommended that a committee be formed to work exclusively with the Prelacy Communications Office on overarching communications strategy, policy, implementation and serves as a support system to current communications staff.

Religious Education

This effort was renamed by the subpanel participants to "Discover Your Church and Engage Spiritually". The intent was to inspire commitment and bring people closer. The panel posited that there are mainly two types of parishioners: The Thirsty – those who want to engage and The Unengaged – those who don't know how to engage or don't want to engage. The recommendation was for each parish to create a Christian Education Committee which covered the following areas: administration of Bible studies, small group discussions, establish an adult curriculum, all programs must emphasize Christian education with a goal of spiritual awakening, -Parishes should adapt existing CEC guidelines for best practices.

REPORT OF THE 2019 NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY (Cont.)

Membership

The Parishioner Engagement Panel recommendation to the Executive Council is to begin a targeted outreach program tailored to specific generations to attract new members and engage/re-engage current members of each parish. The generations this recommendation will focus on include college, young adult, Gen X, and baby boomer generations. Further details of the panel's recommendations can be found in the full report which focuses on things for each age group. The panel recommends that a Membership Committee be formed at the parish level to spearhead the recommendations below and be responsible for the health of the parish membership by targeting demographic specific changes. As a side recommendation and to get more boots on the ground the Membership Committee should utilize Deacons in the efforts mentioned above as a help to Der Hayr and other coordinators. Deacons have traditionally been the leaders of the community and can have a role beyond the altar.

Budget

Budget: The Finance, Budget and Audit Panel presented the executive council's proposed budget, which seemed reasonable and the Panel only proposed and made minor changes to it. The Panel did not agree to the proposed increase to parish quota. A proposal was made called the Prelacy Parish Partnership. Each parish will hold a fundraising event of their choosing as each community is different. The Surpazan or Vicar would support the event, maybe along with someone from the Executive Council. Profits from the event would be shared 50/50 with the Prelacy. This was accepted. Our delegation also made some friendly amendments to a motion to restart of the campaign to recruit Pillars, the main motion and amendments were accepted.

Election Results

The nominating committee was invited to hold elections for Executive (lay) and Religious Council(s). The results were as follows:

Executive Council were Karen Jehanian, Chris Parnagian, Andre Markarian, Danny Gulbankian and Houry Daghljan

Elected to serve on the Religious Council were Der Hrant Kevorkian, Der Nerses Manoogian, Der Kapriel Nazarian, Der Antranig Baljian (1- year term)

The nominating committee was also asked to prepare a slate of thirty candidates for World Assembly Delegate. These are delegates who are elected to participate in the General Assembly of the Catholicosate of Cilicia held every four years in Antelias, Lebanon. The election of 15 World Assembly Delegates to a four-year term took place. The following were elected after three ballots: Ara Barsoumian, Veh Bzdikian, Houry Daghljan, John Daghljan, Michael Gosdanian, Michael Guzelian, Lucy Hoosian, Aram Hovagimian, Karen Jehanian, Sossy Juknavorian, Tamar Kanarian, Steven Mesrobian, Richard Sarajian, Simone' Topouzian and Nayda Voskerijian.

National Association of Ladies Guilds Conference

The conference of the National Association of Ladies Guilds met concurrently with the Assembly. Yeretzgin Maggie Kouyoumdjian presented the NALG report to the Assembly. During their deliberations the NALG delegates examined ways of getting more



involvement into the NALG ranks. "The Power of Prayer," was explored by the main speaker Nayiri Baljian. Based on her own personal experience, she talked about why we pray and putting everything in God's hands. Her personal story touched the overflow audience. The NALG executive members for the 2019-2020 fiscal year are: Marion Boudakian, chairlady; Yn. Nectar Manoogian, vice-chairlady; Yn. Maggie Kouyoumdjian, corresponding secretary; Rosemary Khachadoorian, recording secretary; Madonna Kzirian, treasurer; Joyce Bagdasarian, advisor.



Dinner and Awards:

Delegates and local parishioners enjoyed mezze and dinner together Friday evening at the Armenian Museum of America in Watertown. Before the 2019 NRA was officially adjourned, the Philadelphia delegation invited the delegates to Philadelphia next year for the 2020 Assembly hosted by St. Gregory Church in Philadelphia.

The annual Prelacy raffle drawing took place at the conclusion of the Friday evening dinner. The money raised by the raffle campaign is the source of funds for many of the Prelacy programs.

The Winners of the 2019 raffle:

First Prize.....Liberty Contracting Corp.
Second Prize.....Anita Masoian
Third Prize.....Tamar Kanarian
Fourth Prize.....Nayda Voskerijian
Fifth Prize.....Zabelle Hajian Azablar

Compiled by: Armen Chakmakjian

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այս առիթով մասնաւորաբար եկած էր Նիւ Եորքէն:

Երկու հանդէսները նուիրուած էին դպրոցի 35-ամեակին:
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Մարալին նուիրուած երգ մը երգեցին:

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Տնօրենին միացան Տէր Անդրանիկ Աւագ Քահանան, Տոքթ.
Մատթէոսեանը և կրթական մարմնէն Քրիսթա Աֆթանտիլ-
եանը պատուելու համար Տիկին Արտեմիսը, որ ստացաւ
երկու Գնահատագիրներ, մէկը Հայաստանի Հանրապե-
տութեան Սփիւռքի Նախարարութենէն, իսկ միւսն ալ
Ամերիկայի Արեւելեան Թեմի Առաջնորդ Սրբազան,
Անուշաւան Արքեպիսկոպոս Դանիէլեանէն, ինչպէս նաև
խորհրդանշական նուէր մը դպրոցի կողմէ: Տիկին Արտեմիս
երկու անակնկալներ ունեցաւ: Շրջանաւարտներէն Մեղրի
Տէր Վարդանեան մեծ համարումով խօսեցաւ Իր հինգ
տարիներու ուսուցչուհիին մասին, իսկ նախակրթարանի
աշակերտներն ալ գեղեցիկ երգ մը նուիրեցին իրեն:

Բոլոր ելոյթէն վերջ Տէր Անդրանիկ և Տոքթ. Մատթէոսեան
իրենց գնահատանքը յայտնեցին ուսուցիչներուն և
տնօրենութեան իրենց արդիւնաբեր աշխատանքին համար,
իսկ աշակերտներուն իրենց գեղեցիկ ելոյթին համար:

Տնօրենը և Եկեղեցւոյ Հովիւը կատարեցին վկայականներու
բաշխումը: Յունիս 14ին մրցանակներու բաշխման ժամանակ
իրենց ընկերացաւ Տոքթ. Մատթէոսեանը, որ Հայերէնի մէջ
գերազանց աշակերտներուն ներկայացուց Ազգային
Առաջնորդարանի Հայերէնի Մրցանակը Լեւոն Ա.-ի
արծաթեայ դրամը: Զուգադիպօրէն այս տարի Լեւոն Ա.-ի
մահուան 800-ամեակն է:

Յունիս 13ին, Մանկապարտէզէն վկայական ստացան 15
աշակերտներ՝ Մերի Ալճալեան, Քամի Արզումանեան,
Արիանա Պատրիկեան, Ատրիանա Պէշիրեան, Արմէն
Կէպէեան, Ռոմըն Ղազարեան, Աւօ Յակոբեան, Ալիք
Իսկէնտէրեան, Էվրլին Մանճըլըքլեան, Նայիրա
Մինասեան, Փաթրիք Մալվի, Լեւոն Ներկարեան,
Քաթալինա Սալիպեան, Յովեր Սերայտարեան և Հրակ
Թոքաճեան:

Յունիս 14ին, Նախակրթարանէն վկայական ստացան 20
աշակերտներ՝ Վարդան Առաքելեան, Վիգէն Բանեան,
Անայիս Գահվէճեան, Նշան Եագուպեան, Սոֆիա
Թինքճեան, Սարօ Իսկէնտէրեան, Սոնիա Հալէպլեան,
Կասիա Հասրճեան, Սարին Մարգարեան, Նարինէ
Մարտիրոս, Զուլալ Մերտինեան, Կասիա Մինասեան,
Նարեկ Մինասեան, Նիքըլըս Նալպանտեան, Ճուլիա
Չափեան, Լարա Չէքիճեան, Անտրէ Պէշիրեան, Ալլա
Պետրոսեան, Լէա Կարապետեան և Արին Ստեփանեան:



Ս. ՍՏԵՓԱՆՈՍ ԱԶԳԱՅԻՆ ՎԱՐԺԱՐԱՆ 2018-2019 ՏԱՐԵՆԴՁԱՆԻ ԱՄՍՎԵՐՁԻ ՀԱՆԴԷՄՆԵՐ Տնօրենուհի՝ Հուրի Պոյամնան

2019ի ՄՐՑԱՆԱԿՆԵՐ:

Թուաբանության Բացառիկ և Աննախընթաց Սրցանակ՝ Վարդան Առաքելեանին Թուաբանության Միջազգային Մրցոյթներուն իր գերազանց յաջողութիւններուն համար:

Հայերէնի Դասընթացներու Սրցանակներ-Ե. Դասարան

-Ազգային Առաջնորդարանի Սրցանակ՝ Վարդան Առաքելեան, Սարո Իսկէնտերեան, Ալլա Պետրոսնան, Արին Ստեփանեան, Անտրէ Պէշիրեանս, Լարա Չէքիճեան, Կասիա Մինասեան, Նարինէ Մարտիրոս, Լէա Կարապետեան և Նարէկ Մինասեան:

-Հայ Օգնության Միության Սրցանակ՝ Վարդան Առաքելեան

-Դպրոցի Կրթական Մարմնի Սրցանակ՝ Հայերէն Սահուն Արտայայտութեան համար՝ Անայիս Գահվէճեան և Սոֆիա Թինքճեան

Հայերէնի Դասընթացներու Վերաբերեալ Այլ Յիշատակութիւններ -Ե. Դասարան

-Սահուն Ընթերցանութեան: Ճուլիա Զափեան, Կասիա Հասրճեան

-Հայոց Պատմութեան Հանդէպ Հետաքրքրութեան՝ Նշան Եագուպեան, Զուլալ Մերտինեան, Սարին Մարգարեան

-Հայկական Սովորութիւններու Հանդէպ Հետաքրքրութեան՝ Սոնիա Հալէպլեան

-Հայերէնի Հանդէպ Դրական Կեցուածքի՝ Վիգէն Բանեան, Նիքըլլա Նալպանտեան

Նախագահական Սրցանակներ- Ե. Դասարան

-Գերազանցութեան Սրցանակ՝ (կը վերաբերի բոլոր նիւթերու) Վարդան Առաքելեան, Լարա Չէքիճեան, Լէա Կարապետեան, Սարին Մարգարեան

-Ուշագրաւ Յառաջդիմութեան Սրցանակ՝ (կը վերաբերի բոլոր նիւթերու) Անայիս Գահվէճեան, Ճուլիա Զափեան

-Օրինակելի Քաղաքացիի Սրցանակ՝ - Ե. Դասարան Նարինէ Մարտիրոս, Նիքըլլա Նալպանտեան, Սոֆիա Թինքճեան

Մասնաւոր Յիշատակութիւններ - Ե. Դասարան

-Զանաւորութեան՝ Ալլա Պետրոսնան

-Զանաւորութեան և Ստեղծագործութեան՝ Կասիա Մինասեան

-Հետեւողականութեան՝ Կասիա Հասրճեան, Վիգէն Բանեան

-Բարձրորակ Աշխատելաձեւի՝ Զուլալ Մերտինեան և Սոնիա Հալէպլեան

-Կարեկից Առաջնորդի և Գեղարուեստական Արտայայտութեան՝ Սարո Իսկէնտերեան

-Ստեղծագործ և Վերլուծող Մտածողութեան՝ Նարէկ Մինասեան

-Շարադրութեան և Պատմութեան՝ Նշան Եագուպեան

-Թուաբանութեան՝ Անտրէ Պէշիրեանս

-Գրականութեան և Գիտութեան Արին Ստեփանեան

Նշան և Արշալոյս Նաճարեան Կրթաթոշակ- (150 տոլար իւրաքանչիւրին)

-Երաժշտութեան Սրցանակ՝ Գաբրիէլ Ալճալեան, Վանեսա Աթաբեան, Փաթիլ Մարտիրոս

-Արուեստի Սրցանակ՝ Մանէ Արգունեան, Կարո Կէպէեան, Արմէն Պարսումեան

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ST. STEPHEN'S ARMENIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2018 - 2019 Graduation Ceremonies

By Houry Boyamian, Principal



In June 2019, St. Stephen's Armenian Elementary School (SSAES) successfully completed its 35th academic year. The Graduation Ceremonies were held on June 13 (K) and June 14 (Elementary), in the presence of enthusiastic parents and the clergy of the local Armenian churches. On June 14, Dr. Vartan Matiossian, executive director of the Armenian National Education Committee (ANEC) came especially from New York to attend the Elementary Graduation.

The Kindergarten and the Elementary programs were both dedicated to honor the 35th Anniversary of the school. Students celebrated this anniversary through song, poem and dance. The Elementary program was also dedicated to the 150th Anniversaries of Gomidas Vartabed and of our great poet, Hovanness Toumanian, as well as to the Armenian Press, as Aram Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia announced that this year, is the Year of the Press.

In her address, Principal Boyamian presented the theme of both June 13 and 14 events and thanked the faculty, the administrative staff, the PTO, the parent volunteers, the school board and committees, the St. Stephen's Church Board of Trustees, Rev. Fr. Archpriest Antranig Baljian, as well as all the organizations and individuals that contribute to the advancement of the school. School Board Chair, Levon Barsoumian also thanked the school committees and parent volunteers. At the Kindergarten graduation night, on June 13, Preschool Director Maral Orchanian spoke about the work they do to accomplish the Preschool goals and objectives.

On June 13, Mrs. Boyamian honored with great gratitude three preschool teachers, Mrs. Laura Terzian and Mrs. Vicky Ashjian for their 10 years of service with the silver logo of the school, and Mrs. Anna Kupelian for her 20 years of service with a special gift from the school.

Mrs. Boyamian also honored the preschool director, Mrs. Maral Orchanian for her 20 years of service (10 years as a preschool teacher and 10 years as the preschool director). After highlighting the distinct attributes of Mrs. Orchanian and her deep commitment to the well-being of her students and teachers, the principal presented her with awards joined by Rev. Archpriest Antranig Baljian, pastor of the St. Stephen's Church and the co-chair of the education committee, Mrs. Heather Krafian. Mrs. Orchanian Received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Ministry of Diaspora of the Republic of Armenia, a Certificate of Appreciation from His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy, and a special gift from the school, brought from Armenia. In addition to these, Mrs. Orchanian was presented with two surprises: One of our alumni students, Isabella Balian (Class of 2014) spoke eloquently about her experience being a student of Mrs. Orchanian, followed by a song performed by the preschool students.

On June 14, Mrs. Boyamian recognized the 20 years of dedicated service of Mrs. Ardemis Megerdichian (Grades 1-5 Armenian Teacher). She focused on the fact that Mrs. Megerdichian not only teaches the Armenian language and

history, but also instills in her students the Armenian spirit and immense love for Armenia. She mentioned that in addition to teaching, Mrs. Megerdichian prepares the program of the Graduation Night, the program of the Graduating Class Trip to Armenia and encourages her fifth graders to write and illustrate books, that they later present to the younger grades.

Rev. Archpriest Antranig Baljian, Mrs. Krista Aftandilian (co-chair of the education committee) and Dr. Matiossian joined the Principal in presenting the awards to Mrs. Megerdichian who received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Ministry of Diaspora of the Republic of Armenia, a Certificate of Appreciation from His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy, and a special gift from the school, brought from Armenia. In addition to these, Mrs. Megerdichian was presented with two surprises. One of our alumni students, Meghri DerVartanian (Class of 2008) spoke eloquently about her experience as a student of Mrs. Megerdichian, followed by a song performed by Grades 2 and 3 students dedicated to her.

After the performance of all the grades, Archpriest Antranig Baljian, as well as Dr. Vartan Mateossian expressed their appreciation to the administration and faculty for their dedication and effort, in providing an excellent education to all students.

Rev. Archpriest Antranig Baljian and Principal Boyamian presented the diplomas. Dr. Vartan Mateossian joined them on June 14 during the presentation of the awards. This year, the Prelacy Award for Excellence in Armenian Studies was the silver coin of Levon the 1st. Coincidentally this year is the 800th Anniversary of the passing of Levon I.

On June 13, 15 students graduated from Kindergarten. They are: Mary Aljalian, Kami Arzoumanian, Arianna Badrikian, Adriana Bechirian, Armen Gebeyan, Roman Ghazaryan, Avo Hacobian, Alique Iskenderian, Evelyn Mancilikli, Naira Minassian, Patrick Mulvey, Leon Nergaryan, Catalina Salibian, Tsolaire Seraderian, and Hrag Tokadjian.

On June 14, 20 students graduated from our Elementary School bringing the number of our graduates up to 328. They are: Vartan Arakelian, Andre Bashirians, Julia Chapien, Lara Chekijian, Sonya Haleblan, Gacia Haserjian, Saro Iskenderian, Anais Kahvejian, Lea Karapetian, Sarine Markarian, Narineh Mardiros, Zulal Mardinian, Gassia Minassian, Nareg Minassian, Nicholas Nalbandyan, Vicken Panian, Alla Petrosyan, Arinne Stepanian, Sophia Tinkjian and Nshaun Yacoubian.

2019 SSAES Awards

Special and Unprecedented Award in Mathematics awarded by the school to Vartan Arakelian, Gr.5

-3rd Nationwide and 2nd Statewide in Math Kangaroo International Competition, in 2017.

-1st Nationwide and 1st Statewide in Math Kangaroo International Competition, in 2018.

- Recipient of George Lenchner Award for a Perfect Score at the International Mathematical Olympiad (with over 100,000 participants), receiving the Gold Pin for the 5th grade level and the Silver Pin for the 7th and 8th grade level, in 2019.

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Awards for Armenian Studies-Gr. 5

- **Prelacy Award for Excellence in Armenian Studies:** Vartan Arakelian, Saro Iskenderian, Alla Petrossyan, Arinne Stepanian, Andre Bashirians, Lara Chekijian, Gassia Minassian, Narinch Mardiros, Lea Karapetian and Nareg Minassian
- **Armenian Relief Society Award for Excellence in Armenian Studies:** Vartan Arakelian

SSAES Education Committee Award: Anais Kahvejian, Sophia Tinkjian for Fluency in Oral Expression

Certificate of Recognition for their Special Strength in Armenian Studies

- **Fluency in Reading:** Julia Chapian, Gacia Haserjian
- **Interest in Armenian History:** Nshaun Yacubian, Zulal Merdinian, Sarine Markarian
- **Interest in Armenian Traditions and Customs:** Sonya Haleblan

For Positive Attitude Toward Armenian: Vicken Panian, Nicholas Nalbandyan

President's Education Award – Gr. 5

- **Presidential Award for Academic Excellence:** Vartan Arakelian, Lara Chekijian, Lea Karapetian, Sarine Markarian
- **Presidential Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement:** Anais Kahvejian, Julia Chapian,
- **American Citizenship Award – Gr. 5:** Narinch Mardiros, Nicholas Nalbandyan, Sophia Tinkjian

Certificate of Recognition for Special Strength - Gr. 5

- **Consistent Effort:** Alla Petrossyan
- **Consistent Effort and Creativity:** Gassia Minassian
- **Academic Perseverance:** Gacia Haserjian and Vicken Panian
- **Superior Work Ethics:** Zulal Merdinian and Sonya Haleblan
- **Compassionate Leadership & Artistic Expression:** Saro Iskenderian
- **Creative and Critical Thinking:** Nareg Minassian
- **Creative Writing and Social Studies:** Nshaun Yacubian
- **Excellence in Math:** Andre Bashirians
- **Literature and Science:** Arinne Stepanian

Nishan and Arshalouys Najarian Scholarship Fund for Music & Art: (\$150 each)

Art: Mane Arzunyan, Garo Gebeyan, Armen Barsoumian

Music: Gabriel Aljalian, Vanessa Atakian, Patil Mardiros

Presidential Award for Educational Excellence: The purpose of this award is to recognize the academic success of students who have excelled in their studies and who have earned high scores in the Standardized Tests.

Presidential Award for Educational Achievement: The purpose of this award is to reward students who work hard and give their best effort in school.

The American Citizenship Award Recognizes students who:

- . Show a positive attitude toward classmates, school and community
- . Display an understanding and appreciation of civic responsibility
- Possess strength of character and the courage to do what is right



St. Stephen's Armenian Elementary School is very proud to announce that new graduate Vartan Arakelian (11 years old) participated in the 2019 International Mathematical Olympiad and became the recipient of the **George Lenchner Award for a Perfect Score** as well as the winner of **Gold Pin** in the Elementary Division.

He also participated in the optional Middle School Division contest (designed for Seventh and Eighth graders) and won the **Silver Pin**.

Vartan was among 108,723 students worldwide to participate in this International Mathematical Olympiad.

As a result of the generosity and support of the Armenian Youth Foundation, St. Stephen's Armenian Elementary School (SSAES) has upgraded its wireless, or Wi-Fi, infrastructure during this past school year.

The use of mobile devices in the classroom as an educational tool has been increasing in recent years. Teachers and students frequently use Chromebooks and iPads for research, project-based learning, and peer collaboration. These devices typically run productivity-based applications such as Google Docs for Education, or grade appropriate educational applications in English and Armenian.

"The Wi-Fi network has become an integral part of the schools' information technology (IT) infrastructure. The new network is Enterprise-class, providing faster speeds and reliable connectivity that our teachers depend on to do their job effectively", said IT Manager Victor Ganjian.

The Armenian Youth Foundation has been supportive of SSAES' technology needs since 1988, when it first provided funds for a student computer lab. Since then it has funded iPads, laptops, document cameras, and newer computers for the lab on multiple occasions.

"We are very grateful to the Armenian Youth Foundation for understanding the benefits of the use of technology to improve student learning and accepting our grant request," stated Principal Houry Boyamian.



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(617) 923-0501 or morchanian@ssaes.org. Registration Fee: \$100



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For Children 9 to 17 months.

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Fall Session Begins on October 4, 2019

Meeting Dates: October 4, 11, 18, 25,
November 1, 8, 15, 22, December 6, 13.
Classes are held on Friday mornings 9:30-10:30 a.m.

To register please call the Preschool office
at (617) 923-0501 or email morchanian@ssaes.org.
Registration Fee: \$100

St. Stephen's Armenian Preschool, 46 Elton Ave., Watertown, Massachusetts

ST. STEPHEN'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATION PICTURES 2018– 2019 Academic Year



SSAES Graduates with Principal Houry Boyamian, Clergy Rev. Fr. Antranig Baljian, and teachers, Ardemis Megerdichian, Elaine Joyce, and Mireille O'Connor



Kindergarten Graduates with L-R Alik Arzoumanian, Principal Houry Boyamian, Reverend Avedis Boynerian, Rev. Fr. Antranig Baljian, Rev. Fr. Arakel Aljalian and Diane Chiappinelli

SCENES FROM ST. STEPHEN'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATION 2018 – 2019 Academic Year



Mrs. Boyamian also honored the preschool director, Mrs. Maral Orchanian for her 20 years of service (10 years as a preschool teacher and 10 years as the preschool director). L-R Rev. Archpriest Antranig Baljian, Principal Houry Boyamian, Preschool director Maral Orchanian, Education Committee Co-Chair Heather Krafian.



Mrs. Boyamian honored with great gratitude Mrs. Ardemis Megerdichian (Grades 1-5 Armenian Teacher) for her 20 years of dedicated service. L-R ANEC Director, Dr. Vartan Mateosian, Principal Houry Boyamian, Mrs. Ardemis Megerdichian, Rev. Archpriest Antranig Baljian, Education Committee Co-Chair Krista Aftandilian.



L-R Mrs. Boyamian, alumni students, Meghri DerVartanian (Class of 2008) & Mrs. Ardemis Megerdichian.



Mrs. Boyamian honored with great gratitude Mrs. Anna Kupelian for her 20 years of service with a special gift from the school.



Mrs. Boyamian honored with great gratitude Mrs. Laura Terzian for her 10 years of service with the silver logo of the school.



Mrs. Boyamian honored with great gratitude Mrs. Vicky Ashjian for her 10 years of service with the silver logo of the school.



SCENES FROM ST. STEPHEN'S SCHOOL GRADUATION 2018 - 2019 Academic Year



ST. STEPHEN'S ARMENIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DONATIONS

In Memory of Angel Demirgian

Total Donations – \$200

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Mari Gralyan
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Zaruhi Mkrtchian

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In Memory of Avedis Najarian

Total Donations – \$3,375

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Araxi Poladian Scholarship Fund

Total Donations - \$500

Araxi Poladian

Albert & Lena Sarkissian Scholarship Fund

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Raymond & Susan Bagdasarian
Robert Bagdasarian
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General Donations

Aurelian & Anahid Mardiros	\$10,000
AYF Foundation Grant	\$4,238
Arpie Chapter Daughters of Vartan	\$500

ST. GREGORY OF DATEV 33rd ANNUAL SUMMER PROGRAM IN ELVERSON, PA

The Prelacy's 33rd annual St. Gregory of Datev Institute Summer Program started on Sunday, June 30, 2019, with the participation of 41 students from eleven parishes, under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan, Prelate. Sponsored and organized by the Prelacy's Armenian Religious Education Council (AREC), the Institute offers a unique Christian educational program for our youth ages 13-18 in a wholesome and nurturing environment, with three-pronged objectives: Christian education, prayer/worship, and fellowship and recreational activities. The program is being directed by Very Rev. Fr. Sahag Yemishian, vicar general of the Prelacy, and pastor of Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church of Ridgefield, New Jersey.

The Eastern Prelacy's St. Gregory of Datev Institute held its 33rd annual Summer Christian educational Program for youth ages 13-18 at St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson, Pennsylvania, from June 30-July 7, 2019, with the participation of 40 students from 12

parishes and 16 clergy and lay instructors and counselors.

This year, three students graduated from the Datev Program, having completed four weeklong programs, one week each summer. The graduates are: Peter Agopian from St. Sarkis Armenian Church (Douglaston, New York), Lianna Isakhanian from Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church (Ridgefield, New Jersey), and Garo Minassian from Holy Cross Armenian Church (Troy, New York).

There were five students this year from St. Stephen's: Ani Chobanian, Post-graduate; Sarineh Cunningham, Mary Achbahian, Aram Stepanian, second year, and Katrina Arvestian, first year. A memorial service was held for third-year Datevatsi Arsen Cunningham, who passed away in June after a long battle with cancer. His fellow Datevatsis, while saddened by his passing, were consoled by the memories of his gentle demeanor and kind personality.



DATEVATSIES IN THEIR OWN WORDS

I really enjoyed my second year at Datev. I made new friends. I learned a lot of new things this year about church history and about Soorp Badarak. I also learned valuable life lessons that I will apply to my daily life. I can't wait for next year.

— Aram Stepanian (second year student)

I love Datev. I love the classes, but my favorite part is the reflections in the chapel because I get to speak to God and my brother. I will definitely come back next year because I love seeing all my friends.

— Sarineh Cunningham (second year student)

Datev was a nice experience. I learned a lot of new stuff that I haven't learned in Sunday School. I met Armenian Christians from all over the country. But most importantly, this week has strengthened my faith.

— Mary Ashbahian (second year student)

My first year of being a Datevatsi has been a really fun and enjoyable experience. I made new friends and learned many important things from the Bible. I also learned Armenian dances, as well as creating new designs of friendship bracelets. Playing group games like kickball and volleyball was also a great time. I definitely enjoyed attending Datev Summer Program. It was a great pleasure to meet

everyone.

— Katrina Arvestian (first year student)

Going to Datev has changed my life and has made me want to open my heart to God. The classes are very inspirational, and learning about virtues and vices makes you realize what kind of vices or virtues you have and what kind of person you are.

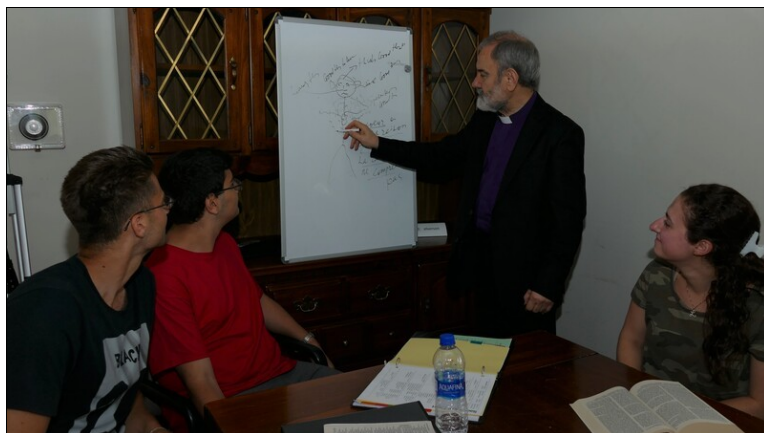
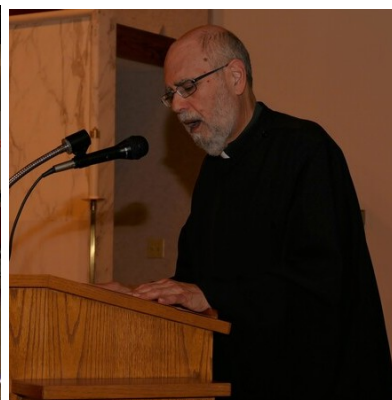
— Garo Minassian (fourth year student)

I have made amazing friends and lifelong memories that I truly will never forget. The balance between the study of faith and extracurricular activities is intriguing. The lessons are very interesting and informative, with topics I often wonder about. The whole experience is sure worthwhile and I cannot wait until next year.

— Maral Zorian (second year student)

I have been coming to Datev for 4 years and every year just gets better and better. We are all like a small family that never gets annoyed by each other. I have learned so much about God and what kind of impact that he has had on the world and my life. Datev makes me feel at home and has taught me a lot of lessons. Graduating from Datev feels like I have presented myself to God in becom-

LEARNING, PRAYER AND FUN: SCENES FROM DATEV



DATEV ANNUAL TALENT SHOW AND GRADUATION



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Nayiri Baljian Bell, Principal



Congrats to our 2019 Graduates!

Our sincerest congratulations to our super Sunday School graduates and to their families! Special thanks to this year's 12th-grade students for their faithful service as interns. We have enjoyed watching you grow throughout your years in Sunday School and we congratulate you and your families on your successful completion of the St. Stephen's Sunday School program. We wish you nothing but God's grace and blessings. We are so proud of you!

Sheerag Berejiklian, Arsen Cunningham, Adrineh Guzelian, Alex Markarian, Mousegh Monteiro & Jacqueline Smith. Not in this photo is Arsen Cunningham. Arsen passed from this world a few weeks after graduation ceremonies and we all mourn his passing. We pray for Arsen's soul and we thank him for showing us all what it meant to have faith in the face of great adversity. Arsen was a model of faith and courage for his peers and his teachers alike.

Congrats to our 2018-2019 Good Attendance Award Recipients

Nursery

Ellen Boyamian
Peter Boyamian

Grade K/1

Zaven Bell
Josephine Keumurian
Diran Kouchakdjian

Grade 2/3

Avedis Bell
Celina Papazian
Maral Kouchakdjian

Grade 4/5

Zaven Kouchakdjian
Hagop Papazian

Grade 6/7

Karina Smith
Nora Vartanian

Grade 8/9

Steffen Manjikian
Mary Ashbahian
Christian Manjikian -
perfect attendance!
Aram Stepanian (altar)

High School

Nora Dourounian
Ani Ourfalian
Adi Guzelian
Jackie Smith

Back to School!

The first day of Sunday School is September 15, 2019. Please join us and stay for our welcome-back picnic. All students, age 3 through 12th grade are welcome!

For questions, please contact:
Nayiri Baljian Bell, Principal 617-470-8435
ststephensundayschool@gmail.com

Make sure your kids stay connected to their faith heritage – bring them to Sunday School!

Fun and relaxed environment to promote learning and fellowship
Thoughtful curriculum focused Armenian Christian formation
Community service activities throughout the year

If you wish to learn more about the St. Stephen's Sunday School program, please email ststephensundayschool@gmail.com.

Staying Connected to Faith Over the Summer

The Sunday School staff hope that all of our families are having a great summer. We also encourage you to keep that faith connection strong even when Sunday School is on hiatus. Remember, in the midst of trying to squeeze in beach days and vacations and get-togethers, "Seek first God's kingdom and God will take care of everything else" (paraphrased from Matt 6:33).

Here are some ideas to support your children's Christian formation throughout the summer:

1. Read the Bible – You can find the calendar of daily Bible readings on the Prelacy website (www.armenianprelacy.org)
2. Pray regularly – Before meals, before bed, first thing in the morning. Just a few times a day will remind your kids to keep God front and center.
3. Attend church – Your rambunctious kids are more than welcome and my rambunctious kids will be happy to see them!
4. Memorize scripture – Find a list of Bible memory verses online and pick a few for your kids to learn.
5. Listen to Christian music – Recently during Badarak, my daughter Dalita started singing the Hallelujah song from our "Sunday School Songs" playlist when she heard all the Alleluia's in one of our sharagans. It was a great connection moment for her...even if she was singing at the top of her lungs in church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION DAY PHOTOS





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Մայիս - Օգոստոս 2018

2018-2019 Տարեշրջանը և Ամավերջի Հանդեսը
Տնօրենուհի՝ Մայրա Մելքոնյան

Սբ. Ստեփանոս Շաբաթօրեայ Հայ Դպրոցը յաջողությամբ բոլորեց իր 82-րդ տարեշրջանը շնորհիվ իր ուսուցիչ-ուսուցչուհիներու տարած անխոնջ աշխատանքին: Ձեր վարձքը կատար սիրելի ուսուցիչներ:

Դպրոցիս 82րդ տարեշրջանը, 2018-2019, սկսաւ Սեպտեմբեր 8ին, 112 աշակերտներով եւ աւարտին հասաւ Յունիս 8-ին: Ինչպէս գիտեք, ունինք Մանկամտրէն Տասներկրորդ դասարան: Դպրոցի ուսուցչական կազմին կողքին ունինք փոխ-ուսուցչուհիներ՝ Տիկին՝ Վերա Իսկէնտերեան եւ Տիկին Նարդուհի Ապրիմեան: Ձեր բոլորին վարձքը կատար սիրելիներ:

Դպրոցի դասընթացքը շաբաթը միայն երեք ժամ է: Կը դասաւանդուին Հայերէն, գրականութիւն, հայոց պատմութիւն, հայկական պարն ու երգը: Կ'օգտագործենք արդի դասագիրքեր եւ աշխատանքային տետրակներ: Տարուան ընթացքին յատկապէս կը նշենք Սեպտեմբեր 21՝ Հայաստանի անկախութեան օրը, Մշակոյթի ամիսը, Ամանորը, Վարդանանցը, Մայիս 28ը ինչպէս նաեւ Մեծ Եղեռնը:

Ինչպէս ամէն տարի, այս տարի եւս դպրոցը իր մասնակցութիւնը բերաւ եկեղեցական արարողութիւններուն: Ճրագալոյցի եւ Խթման երեկոներուն Սուրբ Գիրքէն ընթերցումներ կատարեցին ընտրուած խումբ մը աշակերտ-աշակերտուհիներ: Մեծ Պահքի շրջանին հսկումի արարողութիւններուն դարձեալ մասնակցեցան զանազան դասարաններէ ընտրուած խումբ մը աշակերտներ: Սրբոց Վարդանանցի Օրը երեկոյեան պատարագէն ետք աշակերտութիւնը օրուան պատշաճ յայտագիր մը ներկայացուց եկեղեցւոյ մէջ, արժանանալով ներկաներու գնահատանքին:

Չորրորդէն ութերորդ դասարաններու կարգ մը աշակերտներ մասնակցեցան Հայ Օգնութեան Միութեան Արեւելեան ԱՄՆ-ի Շրջանային Վարչութեան կազմակերպած շարադրութեան մրցումին: ԱՄՆ-ի Արեւելեան Շրջանի միօրեայ վարժարաններու հայերէն ներկայացուած շարադրութիւններու բաժնէն երրորդ, չորրորդ եւ հինգերորդ դասարաններու խմբակէն երրորդ հանդիսացաւ Ալէքս Պըլլքեան, իսկ վեցերորդ, եօթներորդ եւ ութերորդ դասարաններու խմբակէն երրորդ հանդիսացան Վարդինէ Քէչեճեան եւ Յովհաննէս Արոյեան:

Սրտի մեծ գոհունակութեամբ կ'ըսեմ որ «Շողեր» տարեգիրքի Ա. թիւը լոյս տեսած էր 16 տարիներ առաջ, 2002– 2003 տարեշրջանին:

Այս տարեշրջանին վեցերորդէն տասներկրորդ դասարաններու աշակերտները, ուսուցիչներու եւ կարգ մը ծնողներու ընկերակցութեամբ մեկնեցան Նիւ Եորք Մերթոնիլիթըն Թանգարան տեսնելու Հայաստան ցուցահանդէսը:

Դպրոցի ամանորի տօնակատարութեան օրը մեզի համար մեծ ուրախութիւն էր հիւրընկալել Բարձրաշնորհ Սրբազան Անուշաւան Արքեպիսկոպոս Դանիէլեանը: Սրբազան հայրը նախ հանդիպեցաւ բարձրագոյն կարգերու աշակերտներուն հետ, ապա ներկայ գտնուեցաւ տօնակատարութեան եւ վայելեց աշակերտներուն ելոյթը Ձմեռ Պապիկի ներկայութեամբ:

Ինչպէս գիտեք ունեցանք մարզական խաղերու օր, աշակերտները մեծ հաճոյքով հետեւեցան եւ շատ հաճելի օր մը անցուցին: Կը ծրագրենք յառաջիկայ տարուան ընթացքին գոնէ երկու անգամ կազմակերպել նոյնը:

Այս տարուան Տասներկրորդ դասարանի մեր շրջանաւարտներն են Գարիլ Աշճեան, Նշան Կոռիկեան, Նորա Մարգարեան եւ Շիրակ Պերճիքեան: Սիրելի շրջանաւարտներ, կը շնորհաւորեմ ձեզ եւ ձեր ծնողքը, կը մաղթեմ նորանոր յաջողութիւններ եւ իրականացում ձեր երազներուն: Մի՛ մոռնաք մեր մայրենի լեզուն եւ հպարտ եղէք ձեր հայութեամբ:

Հանդէսը նուիրուած էր **Յովհաննէս Թումանեանի ծննդեան 150- ամեակին:**

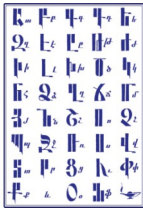
Հանդէսի բացումը կատարեցին առաջին, երկրորդ եւ երրորդ դասարաններու աշակերտները հպարտօրէն հնչեցնելով Հայաստանի Օրհներգը՝ Մեր Հայրենիք:

Խնամակալ Մարմինի ատենապետ՝ պրն. Մանուէլ Բարսեղեանի բացման խօսքէն ետք, բեմ հրաւիրեց վեցերորդ դասարանի դասատու՝ Տիկ. Շաքէ Յակոբեանը, որ 45 տարիներէ ի վեր նուիրումով ծառայած է դպրոցէն ներս:

Բեմ բարձրացաւ նաեւ դպրոցի տնօրենուհին եւ Դպրոցիս կողմէ Տիկ. Շաքէ Յակոբեանին նուիրեց դպրոցի ոսկեայ զարդասեղը առ ի գնահատանք իր երկարատեւ ծառայութեան:

Ապա, Մանկամտրի եւ Մանկապարտեզի սիրասուն փոքրիկները բեմ բարձրացան եւ յաջորդաբար ներկայացուցին մանկական սիրուն երգեր ինչպէս՝ «Ուլիկը», «Կաքաւիկ», «Արեւ– Արեւ» եւ «Արագիլ» արտասանութիւնը, խանդավառելով ներկաները:

Անոնց յաջորդեցին առաջին, երկրորդ եւ երրորդ դասարաններու աշակերտները, որոնք ներկայացուցին «ՕՒՏԻԿԸ» եւ «Ուսուցիչ» երգը, ինչպէս նաեւ առաջին եւ



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Մայիս - Օգոստոս 2018

2018-2019 Տարեշրջանը եւ Ամավերջի Հանդեսը
Տնօրէնուհի՝ Մայտա Մելքոնեան

երկրորդ դասարանները՝ «Դպրոցի ճամբան», իսկ երրորդ դասարանը՝ «Գրիչ» ուսանաւորները:

Առաջինին իններորդ կարգերու աշակերտները մեծ խանդավառութեամբ յաջորդական խումբերով ներկայացուցին «Իմ Անունը Հայաստան է», «Փափուրի», «Լորքէ» եւ «Ֆնջանի» պարերը, պարուսոյց՝ Արման Մնացականեանի ղեկավարութեամբ:

Ապա 9րդ դասարանի աշակերտները ներկայացուցին Յովհաննէս Թումանեանի կենսագրութիւնը, որմէ ետք բեմ բարձրացան չորրորդէն իններորդ դասարաններու աշակերտները: Եօթներորդ դասարանը ներկայացուց «ՍՈՒՏԱՍԱՆԸ», իսկ խումբը՝ դարձեալ Թումանեանէն, խմբային երգեր եւ «Մենք Ապրում ենք» քերթուածը: Յաջորդաբար հնչեցին «Ամպի Տակից», «Համբարձում Եայլա», «Այն Բնչ Լաւ Են» եւ «Հայրենիքիս Հետ» երգերը: Վերջին երկու երգերուն խումբին միացան առաջինէն երրորդ դասարաններու աշակերտները: Տասնմէկերորդ դասարանէն Անի Մանճիկեան եւ Նարին Պերէճիքեան Համբարձում Եայլա երգի ընթացքին վիճակ բաժնեցին հանդիսատէսներուն:

Տարեկան զեկոյցը տուաւ տեսչուհին՝ Տիկ. Մայտա Մելքոնեան, որ շեշտեց ծնողներու համագործակցութեան անհրաժեշտութիւնը եւ Շաբաթօրեայ դպրոցի կարելոյթիւնը այս օտար ափերուն: Տեսչուհին իր զեկոյցէն ետք բեմ հրաւիրեց ՀՕՄԻ շարադրութեան մրցումի մրցանակակիրներ եւ իրենց յանձնեց մրցանակները: Բեմ բարձրացան նաեւ ներկայութեան գնահատագրեր ստանալու համար խումբ մը աշակերտներ:

Տասնմէկերորդ դասարանի աշակերտուհի Ռօզալին Սարգիսեան սքանչելի կատարողութեամբ մեներգեց «Մարերի Հովին Մեռնեմ» երգը նուիրելով մեր շրջանաւարտներուն:

Ապա սրահ մուտք գործեցին տասներկրորդ կարգի շրջանաւարտները: Անոնք ուղերձի ընթերցումը կատարելէ ետք ստացան իրենց վկայականները:

Վկայականները շրջանաւարտներուն յանձնելէ ետք, Խնամակալ Մարմինը իւրաքանչիւր շրջանաւարտի նուիրեց յուշատախտակ մը, իսկ Տէր Անդրանիկ Աւագ Քինյ. Պալճեան գնահատելով աշակերտները, իւրաքանչիւրին յանձնեց Արամ Ա. Վեհահափառ Հայրապետի հեղինակած «Հայկական Եկեղեցին» գիրքը եւ Գարիլ Աշճեանին «Հաւատով Խոստովանիմ» աղօթագիրքը:

ՀՕՄԻ Լեւոյա Սասունի եւ Շուշի մասնաճիւղերու կրթանպաստ մրցանակը ստացաւ Նշան Կլորիկեան:

Գնահատելով Շիրակ Պերէճիքեանի երկար տարիներու յարատեւութիւնը Տնօրէնուհին իրեն նուիրեց Հայաստանի Պատմութիւնը գիրքը:

Խնամակալ մարմինի կողմէ Տիկին Պրենտա Պարսումեան ծաղկեփունջ նուիրեց Տնօրէնուհիին, իսկ խնամակալ Մարմինը ուսուցչական կազմին եւ ծնողական յանձնախումբին նուիրեց մէկական ծաղկեկողով, որոնք կը զարդարէին բեմը: Հանդեսը փակուեցաւ տէր հօր աղօթքով:

Հանդէսէն ետք, խնամակալ մարմինի նախաձեռնութեամբ, դպրոցի ծնողական յանձնախումբը այս տարի հիւրասիրութիւն պատրաստած էր ի պատիւ շրջանաւարտներուն: Ներկայ գտնուեցան Տէր Հայրը, խնամակալ մարմինի եւ ծնողական յանձնախումբի անդամները, ուսուցչական կազմը եւ շրջանաւարտներու ծնողները: Բարձր կը գնահատենք տարուած աշխատանքը:

Դպրոցի ուսուցչական կազմին, աշակերտութեան եւ իմ կողմէս կ'ուզեմ յատուկ շնորհակալական խօսք ուղղել Խնամակալ Մարմինի անդամներուն, որոնք ամբողջ տարուան ընթացքին մեծ նուիրումով աշխատանք կը տանին դպրոցի յառաջացման եւ վերելքին ի խնդիր: Ձեր վարձքը կատար:

Մեր սրտագին շնորհակալութիւնները կը յայտնենք Սբ. Ստեփանոս եկեղեցւոյ հոգեւոր հովիւ Տէր Անդրանիկ Աւագ Քինյ. Պալճեանին:

Շնորհակալութեան խօսք ունինք նաեւ դպրոցի Ծնողական Յանձնախումբին, Եկեղեցւոյ Հոգաբարձութեան, ՀՕՄԻ մասնաճիւղերուն եւ Կիրակնօրեայ վարժարանի անձնակազմին, Կեդրոնի վարչութեան, Համագայինին, Մարդարապատ կոմիտէին, ՀՄԸՄԻն եւ բոլոր անոնց, որոնք կը նպաստեն դպրոցի բարօրութեան եւ վերելքին:

Յատուկ շնորհակալութեան եւ գնահատանքի խօսք ունիմ նաեւ ուսուցչական կազմին, նախկին պարուսոյց՝ Պրն. Յակոբ Քէսիսեանին, որ սիրայօժար կ'օգնէ մեզի երբ որ պէտք ունինք:

Դպրոցի վերամուտի թուականն է Սեպտ. 7, 2019, Շաբաթ առաւօտ ժամը 9ին:



ST.ST. STEPHEN'S SATURDAY SCHOOL

May - August 2019, 2018 – 2019 Academic Year & Year End Hantes

Mayda Melkonian, Principal

St. Stephen's Armenian Saturday School resumed its 82nd academic year on Sept. 8, 2018, with the enrollment of 112 students. A year-end closing ceremony on June 8, 2019 at A.C.E.C. marked the conclusion of a very successful year.

The school sponsored students, whose parents were not able to pay their tuition.

Classes range from Nursery to Twelfth grade. The school hours are 9:30 am. – 12:30 pm. for Nursery to 9th grade, and 9:30 am. – 12:00 for classes 10, 11 and 12.

Saturday School curriculum consists of Armenian language, history, as well as Armenian songs and dances. The students are learning their forefathers' language, history, culture and traditions through newly published textbooks and workbooks. Every year we replace the used old books with new ones. The school also provides notebooks, folders and other school supplies to each student.

Middle and High school students, during feasts, are prepared to participate in the church ceremonies.

Once again this year we offered special class for English speaking students who needed individual help in learning the Armenian language.

We continued sponsoring 2 orphans in Armenia through ARS Eastern USA.

During April our students from grades 4 through 8 participated in the essay contest organized by ARS Eastern USA Regional Board. From one day schools/Armenian essays, grades 3, 4, and 5, 3rd place was awarded to Alex Belekian. Grades 6, 7, and 8, 3rd place was awarded to Vartine Kechejian and Hovhannes Aroyan.

Being this is the 16th year that the "SHOGHER" year book is published, and distributed to the students on the day of the hantes.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Nartouhi Abrimian for making copies of the yearbook to save the school extra expenses.

On December 1, 2018, Our students in grades 6 through 12, along with their teachers and some parents went to New York to visit The MET museum and see exhibition. It was a memorable day for all and a good chance to learn more about our beautiful culture.

On December 22, His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan Serpazan Tanielian visited our school. He was greeted by all the students, teachers and the parents. He addressed them and gave his blessings to all. Then he spent time with 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students and answered all their questions. We then gathered in ACEC Hovnanian hall to celebrate New Year.

We organized a field day for our school students on Saturday March 23. The Parents' committee hosted a coffee hour for the parents who attended the event to encourage their children. We praise and thank the parents' committee for their hospitality.

Our 12th grade graduates are Karyl Ashjian, Nishan Glorikian, Nora Markarian, and Shirag Berejiklian. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the graduates and their parents.

The year-end graduation exercises held on June 8, 2019 at the ACEC at 6:00 pm under the auspices of Fr. Antranig Baljian were very successful.

This year the hantes program was dedicated to the 150th Birth Anniversary of Hovhannes Toumanian.

The first part of the hantes proceeded as follows: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students sang the national anthem "Mer Hairenik" followed by opening remarks delivered by Board Chair Mr. Manuel Parseghian. At the end of his remarks, Mr. Manuel Parseghian invited 6th grade teacher Mrs. Shake Hagopian to the stage. Then the principal Mrs. Mayda Melkonian presented school's golden pin to Mrs. Hagopian for her 45 years of dedicated service to the school.

Nursery and Kindergarten students enthusiastically sang "Oulige", "Gakavig", and "Arev-Arev" and recited the poem "Arakil". They were followed by 1st through 3rd grade students, who presented the songs "Dzidige" and "Ousoutsich". 1st and 2nd graders the poem "Tebrotsi Jampan" and 3rd graders recited the poem "Krich".

1st through 9th grade students in four groups consequently presented beautiful Armenian dances "Im Anoune Hayasane", "Papouri", "Lorke" and "Fenchani".

For the second part of the hantes, 9th grade students presented Hovhannes Toumanian's biography followed by 7th grade students presentation of "Soudasane". 4th through 9th grade students presented beautiful Armenian songs from "Anoush" Opera such as "Ambi Dagits" and "Hampartsoum Yayla". They recited the poem "Menk Abroom Enk" followed by "Akh Inch Lav En" and "Hayrenikis Hed" Songs, which were presented by 1st through 9th grade students.

The whole program was greatly appreciated and praised by all present.

The principal after delivering her speech invited ARS Essay contest winners to the stage and presented them their awards. She also presented awards to the students who were present every Saturday throughout the academic year. Congratulations to all.



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11th grade student Rosalyn Sarkisian with her amazing voice sang the beautiful Armenian song “Sarerı Hovın Mernem” and dedicated it to her friends, who were graduating this year.

Finally The Graduates walked down the aisle to take their places on the stage, while music teacher Mrs. Marine Markarian played “Verchin Zanke”. After reading their graduation speeches they received their diplomas.

The following awards were presented at the graduation:

- On behalf of The School Board, the chairperson awarded an honorary plaque to each graduate.

- On behalf of the school the principal presented Shirag Berejiklian an award for his years of continuous attendance.

- ARS Leola Sassouni and Shoushi chapters' \$500. scholarship was awarded to Nshan Glorikian.

- Rev. Fr. Antranig Baljian presented each graduate with the book “The Armenian Church”, written by His Eminence Aram I, Catholicos of Cilicia. He also presented the prayer book “Havadov Khosdovanım” to Karil Ashjian.

On behalf of The Board Mrs. Brenda Barsoumian, presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers to the principal.

At the end of the program Fr. Antranig Baljian addressed the graduates and the audience and gave his blessings to all.

After the hantes was over, Rev. Fr. Antranig Baljian, the graduates, their parents, the teachers, Board Members as well as the Parents' Committee members gathered at the back of the hall for a reception organized by the School Board and the Parents' Committee in honor of our graduates. It was a joyful time. Congratulations and Best Wishes to All. Heartfelt thanks to the organizers.

On behalf of the teachers, students and myself, I would like to thank the school Board members for their support, dedication and hard work during the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and heartfelt thanks to Rev. Antranig Baljian, the Church Board of Trustees, Armenian Relief Society, ANEC Board members, A.C.E.C. Board, Sardarabad Gomideh, The Parents' Committee, Armenian Radio Hour, Sunday School staff, Hamazkayin, HMEM, and to every individual and organization that contributed to the success of the school.

Special Thanks to our wonderful and dedicated teachers as well as Mr. Hagop Kessissian, our previous dance instructor, for his continuous help and dedication to the school.

The first day of classes for the year 2019-2020 is September 7, 2019 at 9 A.M. Registrations will be administered the same day.



ST. STEPHEN'S SATURDAY SCHOOL YEAR END CEREMONY PICTURES



SACRAMENTS



BAPTISMS

SOPHIE TALAR CADESHIAN, Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Artur & Raquelle (Panian) Cadesian, was baptized on April 28, 2019. Her Godparents were Mayk Cimen & Roubina Panian.

LIANNA DEESE, Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony & Anny (Deirmenjian) Deese, was baptized on May 4, 2019. Her Godparents were Harout Deirmenjian & Tanya Badrikian.

JULIAN ELIAS SOOKIKIAN, Son of Mr. & Mrs. Julian & Ana (Acuna) Sookikian, was baptized on May 5, 2019. His Godparents were Chris Eckersley & Norma Acuna.

PIERCE CURTIS BOYAJIAN, Son of Mr. & Mrs. Alex & Evelyn (Hall) Boyajian, was baptized on June 2, 2019. His Godfather was Garabed Mardigyan.

CECILIA ARAXY LEA, Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ora & Tatiana (Marcussian) Lea, was baptized on June 22, 2019. Her Godparents were Max Lea & Maralle Marcussian.

SHANT BABB-MIKAELIAN, Son of Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan & Tsoline (Mikaelian) Babb, was baptized on July 7, 2019. His Godparents were Zare & Shoghig Mikaelian.

WESLEY MINEKIME, Son of Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan & Ashley (Bouchard) Minekime, was baptized on July 13, 2019. His Godparents were Gregory Liddy & Nicole Vetrano.

NATHAN SEVAN MORSE, Son of Mr. & Mrs. Christopher & Nounce (Tahmassian) Morse, was baptized on July 20, 2019. His Godparents were Shahan Nercessian & Ani Tahmassian.

NAZARETH AROYIAN, Son of Mr. & Mrs. Hovannes & Leza (Gasparian) Aroyian, was baptized on July 21, 2019. His Godparents were Ohanes Arouyan & Talin Danayan.

We extend our congratulations to the newly baptized,
their parents and godparents.

Pastor & Board of Trustees



WEDDINGS

ASHLYN BRIDGET MCDONAGH, Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jared & Kathleen (Kennedy) McDonagh was wed to **DANIEL ANTRANIG MARKARIAN**, Son of Mr. Hagop Markarian & Mrs. Cheryl Marra, on June 8, 2019. Best Man and Matron of Honor were Eric Markarian & Michaela Mcfeely.

ADRIANA SIROUN KECHECHIAN, Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kevork & Sirvard (Manoukian) Kechechian was wed to **HERAYRE DONOYAN**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Raffi & Susan (Boynarian) Donoyan, on June 29, 2019. Best Man and Maid of Honor were Azat & Talin Faryan.

On this happy occasion, we wholeheartedly congratulate the newly married couples, wishing them a happy and healthy life together.

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April 17, 2019

MARION TATEOSIAN
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May 23, 2019

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June 8, 2019

AVEDIS NAJARIAN
June 18, 2019

ARSEN CUNNINGHAM
June 19, 2019

ALISHAN GARABEDIAN
June 20, 2019

SARAH "SALLY" NAJARIAN
(Funeral Home Service)
June 24, 2019

OVSANNA S. (PAMBOOKIAN) KARAGEUZIAN
July 8, 2019

TAKUSH AFTANDILIAN
July 30, 2019

LORETTA GREGORIAN
(Funeral Home Service)
August 3, 2019

May the comfort of the Holy Spirit be with the
families of all the deceased.

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**"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:

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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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Total \$2,815.00

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Total \$575.00

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IN MEMORY OF ANGEL DEMIRGIAN

Total \$300.00

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In Memory of KANARE BABAYAN

Total \$1,000.00

Babayan, Hajian & Petrossian Families

In Memory of ANNE MELIKIAN

Total \$325.00

John & Krista Aftandilian
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In Memory of JASMIN PALANDJIAN

Total \$200.00

The Palandjian Family

In Memory of VICTORIA FROUNDJIAN

Grand Total \$855.00

Mark & Jean Keljikian

GENERAL DONATIONS

DONATIONS TO CHURCH:

St. Stephen's Ladies Guild	\$8,000
Vasken & Shoghig Basmajian	\$100
<i>(On the occasion of April 24)</i>	
Benevity Community Impact Fund	\$14.28
Stephanie D'Agness	\$50
<i>(In Memory of Karen Kalajian)</i>	
Dr. & Mrs. David & Nora Hackett	\$50
<i>(On the happy occasion of their Daughter, Mari's engagement and blessing of the ring to Jonathan Fraser)</i>	
Mrs. Mary Ishkanian	\$10
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Kasparian	\$100
Miridjan & Nevart Manavian	\$100
<i>(In Loving Memory of Dihanian, Moughalian & Manavian, on the occasion of April 24)</i>	
Sarah Sahagian	\$100
<i>(On the happy occasion of her nephew's, Michael Joseph Sahagian's college graduation from University of Penn Veterinary School)</i>	
Mary John & Dorothy John	\$2,500
<i>(In Loving Memory of their parents, Vartan & Acaby (John) Antreassian)</i>	

CHURCH SUPPLIES:

Alice Setian	
Candles	\$6,000
Candle Oil	\$500
Char-Lite Charcoal	\$500
Maas Bags	\$500

DONATIONS TO JRAK

Mrs. Hripsime Badrikian	\$10
Sarah Janigian	\$25
Arsen & Margo Kozelian	\$50
Alice Setian	\$1,500
Barkev Siroonian	\$25

BUY A SHINGLE:

Sossie Terlemezian Robinson	\$100
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ENDOWMENT:

Estate of Mary Mooradian	\$192,500
Estate of George Setian	\$500,000

HOLY WEEK

- Kachadurian Children	\$300
<i>(Palm Sunday Tulips In Loving Memory of their parents Lucine & Ghazaros Kachadurian)</i>	
- Rosemary Khachadoorian	\$200
<i>(Palm branches In Memory of her parents Ohannes and Nazan Khachadoorian)</i>	
- Nadia Ann Karnik	\$250
<i>(Easter Eggs In Memory of her parents Harry & Anahid Karnik)</i>	
- Anahid Najarian	\$30
<i>(Butter used on Maundy Thursday In Memory of her brother Haroutiun Artinian)</i>	
-Hratch & Anni Belekian	\$350
<i>(In kind donation for Grandson, Alexander Belekian's Washing of the feet on Maundy Thursday)</i>	

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Total \$3,400.00

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ON THE OCCASION OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

-Mr. & Mrs. Adour & Nancy Tutunjian donated all the grapes for our Annual Picnic at Camp Haiastan, on August 11 and also for August 18, The Feast of Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God.

-The Aroyan Brothers donated the Madagh and related expenses for blessing at the Church's Annual Picnic in loving memory of their mother, Manoush Arpinch Aroyan.

-The Palandjian Family donated this needlepoint framed picture in loving memory of their mother, Jasmin Palandjian. It is displayed in our Baptismal Room.



WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL OUR DONORS

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GOD'S HOUSE. YOUR HOME

If you are not currently a dues-paying member of our church, we invite you to consider becoming one. Annual dues are \$150.00 (less than 42 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.



The *"Buy a Shingle"* campaign to retire the mortgage on the "Green House" has ended with the payment in full of the outstanding balance. The Board of Trustees has decided to continue this campaign to retire the mortgage on the church's newest acquisition at 56-58 Elton Ave., popularly known as "The Pink House."

Stephen's Church retire the debt on the Pink House.

Tax deductible contributions to this ongoing campaign may be made to St. Stephen's:

- * \$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)

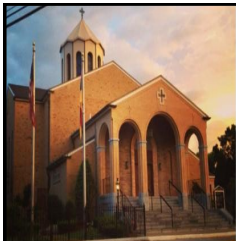
Please send checks to St. Stephen's Armenian Apostolic Church, Attn: "Buy a Shingle"



PEW DEDICATION

Since the church's 50th Anniversary, the ongoing pew dedication project has been met with strong response, for which we are grateful. As the 65th Anniversary (2021), another great milestone in our Church's life, is approaching, please consider dedicating a portion of a pew in memory of a loved one. A brass dedication plaque will be placed at each location on a pew; the gift for each plaque has been set at \$500. There are a limited number of spaces left.

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



St. Stephen's Armenian
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9:30 AM: Morning Service
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy
11:30 AM: Sermon (Armenian and English)
11:45 AM: Requiem Service

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WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

St. Stephen's Trustees have instituted an E-Bulletin in order to optimize communication with our parishioners, 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 have not received a copy of this new publication, and wish to do so, please go to our website at www.soorpstepanos.org to add your email address to our list.



SUPPORT THE JRAK

Enclosed is my donation to help keep this important link to the
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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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Հոգևորականության համար հաճախելու հնարավորությունը եկեղեցու գրասենյակ մինչև Հինգշաբթի կ.ն. ժամը 3:00, որպեսզի կարենանք անունները հրատարակել կիրակնօրեայ թերթիկին մեջ: Նուիրատուությունները կարելի է կատարել հետևյալ ձևերով, Գարթոյ, Նամակով, անձամբ եկեղեցու գրասենյակը կամ ալ կիրակի օրը՝ եկեղեցու մեջ, Հոգաբարձության գրասենյակը:

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.

NEW WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

In order to optimize communication with our parishioners, St. Stephen's Church has 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.

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

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 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 at (617) 924-7562.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Եթե հիւանդ մը ունիք ձեր տան մէջ կամ հիւանդանոցը եւ կը փափաքիք հովիւին այցելութիւնը, հաճախելու եկեղեցու գրասենյակ:

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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Խմբագրական կազմը կը ջանայ իր լաւագոյնը կատարել, սակայն մոռացում կամ սխալ արձանագրություններ կրնան պատահիլ, այդ պարագային հաճախելու եկեղեցու գրասենյակը տեղեկակ պահել որպեսզի սրբագրեն յաջորդ ձրագի թիւին մէջ:

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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 Irak.

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Առաւօտեան ժամը 10-էն մինչեւ երեկոյեան 9:30

Հայ Սշակութային եւ Կրթական Կեդրոնի Սրահին մէջ
47 Նիքոլզ Էվընհիւ, Ուոթըրթաուն, ՄԵԱ.

*Ջաշ՝ժամը 11:30-էն սկսեալ մինչեւ
երեկոյեան ժամը 8:30*

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Ուրբաթ եւ Ըաբաթ երեկոյեան ժամը 7էն սկսեալ
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եկեղեցւոյ գրասենեակ (617) 924-7562

Եկէ՛ք ձեր հարազատներով եւ քաջալերեցէ՛ք
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ST. STEPHEN'S ARMENIAN
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63rd ANNUAL BAZAAR

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For more information please contact the
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