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# Church Services, Fees, Community Center Rental Information

## Every Sunday

9:30 AM Morning Service  
10 AM Divine Liturgy

Special announcements will be made for any additional services held

Sunday School: 10:30 AM - 11:30 PM

**Children of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend!**

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### House Blessings

Services of the Priest(s)		Honorarium
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### Memorial Days Grave Blessings

Services of the Priest(s)		Honorarium
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### Annual Membership Fee

Per Person		\$125
Dues-paying members have the right to vote during membership meetings and receive discounts on church services and community center rental costs.		

### Community Center Rental

Full Hall	Member	\$500
	Non-Member	\$700
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# Building Our New Normalcy in 2021

*'When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.'* ~ Matthew 6:7-8

Normalcy, a word that so many people don't think about until they lack it. A word that describes our daily routines, our preferred meals, our focuses of conversations, the kinds of music we listen to, or television we watch, along with many other aspects of our life. Another way we describe normal/normalcy is habit/habitual. Where does prayer fall into our normal habits? Every Sunday morning for two hours, before meals, before bed, or perhaps during times of illness, or despair? I say to you now that it should be all of those times, but not limited only to them. Prayer is the best routine we can have, every single day we should ask God to fulfill our needs, and thank Him for His continued blessings.

In Matthew, we read that we should pray in a meaningful manner, to pray deliberately as opposed to turgidly. The chapter goes on to give us the basis of the Lord's Prayer. I know not what others have experienced or been taught, but I have heard time and again that should a person have time enough for only one prayer a day, the Lord's Prayer is the best one to recite. It is simple, yet eloquent; recited, yet realized. We can all find time in our day to say this prayer, at least once.

Once we construct and enact a plan for daily prayer for ourself, and with and for our families, our lives will change for the better. During individual prayer, or as some might say, "one-on-one time with Jesus", we can focus on intentional living and ask for further guidance. When we gather together as a family, we can express our love and appreciation by way of reading Psalms, singing hymns, or simply offering Thanksgiving for the ability to come together through and in His love.

Each and every one of us needs prayer. It is a powerful tool and weapon against evil and fear. It can make us secure in the knowledge that we are forgiven of our sins by the Father almighty, and it can energize us to live more Christian lives each day. The best way to start living that more Christian life is to pray each and every day. I challenge you as you read this to pause here, and say the Lord's Prayer wherever you are, and see how easy it can be to start the habit and build your new normalcy.

May God help us all as we strive to reach Him, one day at a time, one prayer at a time.

Amen

## Հուրեր Հոգարարձութեանէն – Board of Trustees News Stephen Hagopian

Since our last issue of the Pari Loor a lot has changed: the explosion in Lebanon, followed by the struggles we have seen, and continue to see due to the war in Artsakh and Armenia present us all with significant challenges that we as Armenians are all too familiar with. Our Board of Trustees has had many conversations about how to best help our struggling brothers and sisters overseas, not only in an efficient and practical manner, but also in the best way as Christians. Therefore, we organized virtual candle lighting services, to encourage prayerful and tangible financial support, and have also diverted portions of our other larger church fundraisers to support rebuilding efforts in Lebanon, Armenia, and Artsakh. We must continue to support them through prayer, and through charity as often as possible. And, we must continue to expose people to the truth, even shouting it when necessary, so injustices like those seen in Artsakh, don't go ignored across the world again.

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected our regular parish operations as well. While we have been fortunate to have visits from our Prelate, Archbishop Anoushavan Tanielian, as well as Der Taniel Manjikian, our parish has mostly relied on technology this past year to stay connected. Whether through the sharing of the Sunday Badarak from different parishes all across our Prelacy, daily reflections from Prelacy Clergy, we have tried to ensure our parishioners can receive Jesus as often as possible during these difficult times. Locally, we have held occasional Virtual Fellowship Hour gatherings, as well as our weekly Sunday morning live-streaming of Morning Services and Virtual Candle Lightings conducted by our Deacons and Choir members.

We were blessed to be able to hold a few of our annual events this past year, with some modifications to ensure safety and adherence to social distancing requirements. After the initial stay at home order in March and April, our parish gathered together for our Annual Membership Meeting which was held in July. Der Taniel Manjikian visited that weekend, celebrated Badarak, then presided over our socially distanced and masked Membership Meeting. Eighteen members attended and participated in the meeting last year, and we are thankful to have had their participation. We elected four board members, new members Andy Asadorian, Chelsea Asadorian, and Jake Varadian, with John Varadian having been re-elected to the Board. We thanked Art Asadorian, Eddie Asadorian, and Henry Ohanian for their service on the board during this last term.

In August, we held our annual Blessing of Grapes picnic and Ladies Guild bake sale, with curbside service being the name of the game. Though different, the event went off without any hiccups, and we sold out of all meals. We cannot thank our fellow community members enough for volunteering their time, and offering support to make the event the success it was. Our parish partnered for the fourth consecutive year with the Granite City "Hrayr" ARF chapter for our annual golf tournament. We were thankful to have had the most players the tournament has had yet. We thank all those who participated in the tournament, as well as our numerous volunteers and those who provided hole sponsors. Both events have fantastic committees and volunteers that couldn't happen without our community.

We were extremely fortunate to have our Prelate, Archbishop Anoushavan Tanielian join us for our 66th Church Anniversary in December. Though we were not able to have our normal banquet on Sunday after Badarak, we were blessed to have Srpazan Hayr conduct a Vesper Service on Saturday night. We shared messages from Srpazan Hayr, and Board Chairman Stephen Hagopian Sunday after church, wherein all parishioners were encouraged to continue to show our Granite will, and continue to practice the love we received from Jesus.

Thank you to all of our parishioners for their continued attendance and support for all of church activities.

We are beyond excited to share, for those who have not already heard or read elsewhere, that Der Taniel Manjikian has been assigned as the Pastor of our parish. He, Yerestgeen Vana and their son, Datev, will be joining us in mid-March, with his first official Badarak as our Pastor to be held on Sunday March 21st 2021. We want to thank our Prelate Anoushavan Tanielian, as well as the Executive and Religious Councils of the Eastern Prelacy, for working tirelessly towards the end goal we have recently achieved. Whether sharing messages specifically targeted towards our parish/parishioners, or sending visiting clergy whenever requested, they have increased their already tremendous support for us over these past 20 months.

We are very excited to have a permanent Der Hayr in our community again, and have already discussed some goals to not only maintain our traditions, but also expand them where possible. Regularly occurring Church services, Armenian Schools, Bible Studies, Deacon and Choir training, are all things to look forward to in the future. We are also laying the ground work in order to help organically get the youth involved in church life, and expand our social gatherings and events as the pandemic fades and it is safer. We look forward with great anticipation to this new chapter in our Church life.

# Church Organization News

## Հուրեր «Սրբոց Սերովբէից» Երգչախումբէն – Holy Seraphim Choir News Melanie Keeney

The past several months were relatively inactive ones for the Holy Seraphim Choir. We assisted with Deacon Services and/or Badarak (when Der Taniel was with us). We donated \$500 to the church on the occasion of its 66th anniversary and continued our support of two orphans through the Eastern Prelacy.

The Choir is very pleased with the announcement that Der Taniel Manjikian and Yeretsgin Vana have been permanently assigned to our parish. We are eager to work with them both and we look forward to welcoming them, and their son Datev, to our community. We will, once again, conduct our Spring Retreat on Saturday, March 27. The day will start with the annual church cleaning, followed by rehearsing the hymns for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday.

Please consider joining the choir and lending your voice in the weekly Badarak; we could always use a fresh voice or two. Contact any choir member if you are interested. Those interested should contact either Melanie Keeney at [mrkeeney@yahoo.com](mailto:mrkeeney@yahoo.com).



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## Հուրեր Կիրակնօրեայ Վարժարանէն - Sunday School News Andrea Giovando

St. Gregory Sunday School has had a different set up this year. We continue to learn the word of God virtually. Although we were not able to do all our regular festivities we were able to take part in Armenian Christmas Eve. During this time several of our students read bible versus.

We welcome children from preschool age through 8th grade (4-13). If you are interested in joining us virtually, or in person once we are able to gather together again, please let us know.

Come play and pray with us!



**Հուրեր Տիկնանց Միութենէն - Ladies' Guild News**  
**Stephanie Hagopian**

Although the Ladies Guild members haven't had the opportunity to enjoy working together this year, we've still been working distantly to raise funds and help out where we can.

In March of 2020 a donation of \$1000 was made to help Der Taniel and Yeretsgin Vana with their move to Granite City. We are excited to hear that they will officially be joining us later in March and are eager to help in any other ways we can.

Through our drive up Blessing of the Grapes and Christmas Bake Sales the Ladies Guild was able to raise enough funds to make a donation of \$1500 to the church.

We look forward to a return to normalcy this year and hope to resume our Easter Egg and Choreg Sale in the spring.

We are always looking for new members to join our guild. If you are interested in joining, please contact our chairlady, Takouhie Kakligian.

**Հուրեր Եղբայրասիրական Միութենէն - Fellowship Club News**  
**Connie Ohanian**

The objectives of the Fellowship Club are to (1) foster friendships, (2) have fun, and (3) serve our Church. It was a special time when we had a Zoom Coffee-Happy Hour after the Armenian Christmas Service, after everyone got home from church and signed on. We had a go around with each other with a little bit of teasing about our various zoom settings. We caught up on who was working from home, who was going to classes in person and virtually. We had a chance to see Andy and Chelsea's new home with fireplaces, see Zaven and Jean and family including Zaven III, home from Mizzou and Miranoush, who is already a junior at Parkway. Wally Hagopian kept his Dad, Andrew, busy trying to keep him on screen, which kept the other participants entertained. Stephen and Susie in their kitchen, Susie trying to cook a little as usual.

Lynne had a fun and casual Christmas Movie trivia game which we all jumped in on with the answers, NO score, NO prizes. Yeah, Boo. Janet was missing Stephen who took off to Mexico with friends for the holidays; something about "not wanting to risk" exposing his mother with something from the airport! She reported that Melanie was doing well as full-time substitute teaching allowed her to be more active, having logged 1,000 miles of walking/running on her Garmin since spring 2020. We got the report that Liz and Paul drove straight through on their way back to New Jersey after the holidays home in Illinois, thank goodness for video screens for the kids. Stephen Suren was enjoying his role as Uncle with all the kids at Christmas.

As you can see from this report, Fellowship in any form is so important and missed in our community and we and you know you can't wait to get back to in-person Fellowship Club sponsored fun in the near future. Hope to see you all at another Zoom Coffee Hour soon and even better for a real cup of coffee at the church hall.

# Community Organization News

## Հուրեր Հայ Օգնութեան Միութենէն - Armenian Relief Society News

Susie Hagopian

2020 is such an historic year that we will remember forever!

Our organization, just like many others has had a challenge in getting together. We could not hold in person meetings or any activities throughout last year. We persevered and kept going and did the best we could in keeping our mission alive. Since its founding in 1910 the ARS has helped the most vulnerable Armenian communities in the world, especially during tragic times. This is largely due to the humanitarian characters of our members who have continued to devote themselves to the ARS mission and always step up to help those around them. Our executive members continued to participate in Zoom meetings with our Regional Board to keep updated on ARS current programs and activities.

In September we were shocked with the armed attacks of the Azeri government's armed forces on the Republic of Artsakh which targeted innocent civilians in cities and villages. The Armenian people have been living peacefully in the homeland for centuries while their peaceful lives have been continuously subjected to unrest due to the constant targeting and attacks by the Azeri government. We stand in solidarity with our people as ONE NATION. The ARS Artsakh and the ARS Armenia have worked around the clock to provide much needed assistance to the children and the families affected by this conflict. The ARS of Eastern USA is asking community members to donate to the ARS Artsakh Relief Fund so we can continue to provide assistance to our compatriots. Our chapter has requested funds from our community throughout the conflict and many have been generous in their donations. Anyone who still wants to donate to the ARS Artsakh Relief Fund can do so by sending a check to ARS of Eastern USA – 80 Bigelow Avenue, Suite 200, Watertown, MA 02472.

Some of our ungerouhies participated with the ANCA of Missouri & Southern Illinois in a peaceful protest in downtown Clayton, Missouri. It was important that the broader St Louis community heard our call for justice and peace for the Armenians of Artsakh. As the crisis continues, the ARS and its members will continue to work for the good of their Armenian communities locally and internationally.

In October, a few of our ungerouhies assisted the church and the local ARF in their annual golf outing! It was a beautiful Saturday and we were glad to help with making the boxed lunches for the golfers. FORE!

We finally made it to 2021, lets hope it brings us good health, happiness and a return to somewhat normalcy!

In February, our local Reubena Chapter held its annual Souper Bowl luncheon as a drive thru/pick up activity because of the COVID restrictions. Our community members were able to go online and order 6 different varieties of soups to take home to be enjoyed with family & friends. On Sunday, February 7th, all those who purchased soups were able to pick up their orders after church on their way to their cars in the parking lot. The weather helped us out in keeping the soups cold as it was a chilly 21\* outside that day! Thank you to all who purchased soups and supported this annual fundraiser for the ARS Sponsor A Child Program! Thank you to our ungerouhies who made lots of soup to fill the online orders:

Janet Haroian, Leslie Lovett, Stephanie Hagopian, Lori Saucier and Susie Hagopian. We have heard many compliments to the chefs! Thank you to our local church Board of Trustees in getting out our information electronically and on the church's Facebook page – especially Andy Asadorian and Stephen S. Hagopian! Thank you to those of you who could not pick up or order the soups but still made a financial donation to our fundraiser! We appreciate all of you and your kindness!

The Armenian Relief Society Eastern USA Board of Regional Directors announced that the Undergraduate and Lazarian Graduate Scholarship Applications are now available. Specific scholarship information and application materials may be downloaded from the scholarship page on the ARS Eastern USA website at <http://arseastus.org/scholarship> The deadline for submitting all materials is April 1, 2021.

As a final note, the ARS Board and all of its chapters would like to thank all of the nurses, doctors, and front-line workers for risking their lives to keep us safe!

If you have any questions about the ARS and its programs or our local Reubena Chapter - please do not hesitate to contact Chairperson: Janet Haroian or Secretary: Susie Hagopian.

## ՀուրերՀայ Երիտասարդաց - Armenian Youth Federation

**Stephen Hagopian**

The Granite City "Antranig" AYF chapter had a very low key year in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The chapter was unfortunately unable to send our juniors to AYF-YOARF Junior Seminar during Memorial Day weekend as it was cancelled because of the pandemic. The organization also cancelled the annual Mid-West Junior Olympics, Camp Haiastan and Senior Olympics last year for the first time in recent memory. The Eastern Region held numerous raffles to make up for a lot of the cancelled fundraisers with the Artsakh border villages being the recipients of the funds raised until the war started and going to the veterans after the Artsakh war started.

The AYF held virtual educational weekends and seminars to keep our base active and we joined in on weekly and monthly update conference calls about what was going on at the front lines. Locally we've had a few meetings on Zoom and have kept our chapter going in the right direction and had multiple members present at the protest in Clayton, Missouri in October of 2020 to protest the Azeri and Turkish aggression against Armenians and Artsakh. We unfortunately were not able to hold our AYF annual November dance but the kids thought of a great fundraiser to be able to help out our brothers and sisters in Armenia. We held a 50/50 virtual raffle with all proceeds going towards the orphan program in Armenia. We appreciate everyone who participated and for the 2 winners Lori Saucier and Graham and Melanie Keeney for donating the prize money back as we were able to donate \$940 towards Armenian and Artsakh orphans from the recent war. Thank you again to everyone who participated and we look forward to continuing to help our homeland and keep our cultural alive!

We look forward to having zoom/virtual meetings and encouraging as much local learning of Armenian history over the next few months for our membership. As AYF members we are proud as ever and are excited to see what 2021 holds for our chapter!

## Հուրեր Դաշնակցութենէն - Armenian Revolutionary Federation

**Stephen Hagopian**

The Granite City "Hrayr" ARF Chapter had a very busy end to 2020. We focused a great deal of effort in support of the Armenians of Artsakh and Armenia in response to the war which was launched by Azerbaijan on September 27, 2020.

The war was tragic for the people of Artsakh and Armenia, as they battled troops from Azerbaijan, Turkey, Pakistan, as well as Jihadist mercenaries who all were allied against our people. Locally we focused our work with the ANC of Missouri and Southern Illinois, in seeking support from our local Congressional Representatives and Senators.

We were also able to work with the community at large in organizing an informational demonstration in downtown Clayton, Missouri. It was very well attended by community members young and old. We are all very proud of our community and their participation in this event.

Additionally, the ARF along with the AYF also sponsored digital billboards in St Louis on highway 170, and highway fabric signs on 270, calling out Azeri and Turkish aggression.

The war in Artsakh was very destructive and rebuilding and relief work continues to be the priority at the current time, as we focus on helping our people.

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Thank you to all those who supported the Yooghakin and Lily appeal this past Easter. Your generosity brought the parish \$1,200 in donations. This was especially helpful considering the extraordinary circumstances we found ourselves in due to the pandemic.

May God continue to bless us all with His love and mercy, and allow us to do that which is pleasing in His sight.

# Blessing of Grapes Picnic 2020

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Thank you to everyone who volunteered for, and/or supported the 2020 Golf Outing, we were fortunate to raise \$4,850 in Sponsorships. Your support helped to make this event the best by par!

We look forward to another tee-riffic Golf Outing later this year, see you all on the links!

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Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Georgette Kevorkian  
Ms. Daisy Kevorkian

**Thank you to everyone for their financial support of this anniversary.  
Through your generosity we were able to raise over \$19,000.**

## Christmas Yooghakin & Advent Appeal 2021

Steve and Susan Hagopian  
Jeff and Lynne Hagopian  
Stephen Hagopian  
Jake Varadian  
Clara Takmajian and Russell Waterson  
Andy and Chelsea Asadorian  
Ed and Laura Haroian  
Graham and Melanie Keeney  
Hagop and Barbara Varadian

Thank you all for your generous support of our annual Yooghakin and new Wishlist Advent Appeal program. Through your generosity, over \$1,600 worth of donations were received.

The directed donations, helped us to cover costs related to: Lawn Care, Lodging for Visiting Clergy, 3 Month of Alarm Monitoring, and Church Cleaning Expenses.



## Խնդրուածս Աղօթից - Prayer Requests

### July 19, 2020

Susie Hagopian  
By: Raffi Ovian

Joe Saucier

By: Barbara and Hagop Varadian

### November 8, 2020

Andrew & Stephanie Hagopian & Family,  
Bob

Billman, Joey Lee, Susan Hagopian  
By: Stephen S. Hagopian

### December 6, 2020

Dr. Bassam Hadi - for speedy recovery,  
Sue Renaud  
By: John & Colleen Varadian and Family

### December 6, 2020 cont.

Liz Shirian, Hagop Varadian  
By: Stephen S. Hagopian

### December 20, 2020

Arman Festigian  
By: Dcn. Ed and Laura Haroian and Family

Bob Billman

By: Hagopian Families

### January 10, 2021

Robert Billman  
By: Jeff & Lynne Hagopian & Family, Steve  
& Susie Hagopian, Graham & Melanie  
Keeney

Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan

By: St. Gregory Parish Board of Trustees

Dispel the pain and heal the sickness of thy people, Lord our God and grant to all perfect health by the sign of thine all-conquering cross through which thou removed the weakness of mankind and condemned the enemy of our life and salvation. Thou art our life and salvation, beneficent and all merciful God, who alone can forgive us our sins and remove diseases and sickness from us, to whom are known our needs and necessities. Bestower of gifts, grant thy bounteous mercy to thy creatures according to their individual needs, through whom thy Holy Trinity is always glorified and praised, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

**Paradya uztzavs yev pzhshgya uz-  
hivantootyoons i zhoghovrtyene  
koomme, der asdvadz mer. Yev shnorhya  
amenetsoon uzgadaryal  
arrogheetoon nshanav amenahaght  
khachiv kov, vorov partzer  
uzdgarootyon azki martgan, yev  
tadabardetzer uztshnamin genatz yev  
prgootyan mero: Too yes gyank mer yev  
prgootyon, parerar yev pazoomoghorm  
asdvadz, vor miayn garogh yes toghool  
uzmeghs' yev merzhel zakhds yev  
uzhivantootyoons i mench. Voroom  
haydni yen bedk garyatz merotz,  
barkevicht paryatz, barkevya zarrad  
voghormootyon ko i vera araradzotz  
kotz' usd yiurakanchiur bidoitz. Horotz  
hanabaz parravoryal kovi amenasoorp  
yerrortootyoont. Ayzhm yev mishd yev  
havidyans havidenitz. Amen:**

Խնդրուած Հոգեհանգստեան - Requiem Requests

**November 8, 2020**

George Simonian  
By: Takouhie Kakligian

Andrew, Angeline, and Michael  
Hagopian  
Kathy Ovian, Lawrence and Mildred  
Geisendorff, Wallace Lee  
By: Stephen S. Hagopian

Mary Asadorian  
By: Asadorian & Keeney Families

**December 6th, 2020**

All deceased clergy, Board of Trustee  
Members, NRA Delegates, Altar  
Servers, Choir Members, Sunday  
School Teachers, Ladies Guild  
Members, and Fellowship Club  
Members, who served St. Gregory the  
Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church  
of Granite City; Those who lost their  
lives in the war against Artsakh;  
Victims of the 1988 Armenian  
Earthquake  
By: St. Gregory Parish Board of  
Trustees

**December 6th, 2020 cont.**

Andrew, Angeline, and Michael  
Hagopian  
By: Jeff & Lynne Hagopian, Megan and  
Robert Smith and Michelle and  
Gabrielle Fiorenza-Hagopian

Taniel Garabedian  
By: Daniel Garabedian

Louisa Dolbashian  
By: The Dolbashian Family

Andrew Hagopian  
By: Asadorian and Keeney Families

**December 6th, 2020 cont.**

Andrew Hagopian  
By: Steve & Susie Hagopian, Andrew &  
Stephanie Hagopian and Family, Paul &  
Liz Shirinian and Family and Stephen S.  
Hagopian

**December 20th, 2020**

Mary Haroian on the occasion of her  
Karasoonk (40 days after passing)  
By: Michael, Rosemary, Melanie, and  
Stephen Haroian

Andrew, Angeline, and Michael  
Hagopian  
By: Stephen Hagopian

**O Christ God, grant eternal rest and have mercy upon the souls of our departed and to us sinners grant forgiveness of our transgressions.**

**Հոգևոցն հանգուցելոց, Քրիստոս Աստուած, արա հանգիստ և ողորմութիւն և մեզ մեղաւորացս շնորհեա զթողութիւն յանցանաց:**

## Եկեղեցւոյ Նուիրատուութիւն - Gifts to the Church

**April 19, 2020**

Ms. Sharon Krist

**May 3, 2020**

Rita Garabedian

**July 19, 2020**

Eddie and Norma Asadorian

**January 24, 2021**

Mrs. Marian Krist

Thank you for your generous support of our parish and its endeavors.

All donations to our parish are greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who has over the past year, and continues to currently support our parish community. Your selflessness, and generosity can not be overstated. There is never a bad time to give, whether it is during Badarak, during Fellowship Hour, after watching and/or listening to a rousing sermon, or even now as you read the Pari Loor. Every donation helps, and recurring donations are just as easy to start as one-time donations are to make. Simply click [here](#), select "make this a monthly donation" and follow the prompts. Thank you in advance!



# Community News

## Awards & Recognitions



Our community was thrilled to see one of our own, Steve Hagopian presented with the Vahan Cardashian award from the ANCA-ER. Steve has been a leader in our community for years, and active in not only our community, but in the Armenian American community across the Eastern Prelacy and Eastern Region of the ANCA. During his introduction, his son Stephen said it best, "His efforts have paved the way for generations of activists".

Congratulations to Steve, and the entire Hagopian family for this wonderful honor and recognition. The award ceremony can be seen [here](#), with Steve's section beginning at about 52:40. You have made our community proud.

## Funerals

For over 50 years, our parish knew consistency, dedication, and selfless service. For over 50 years we had one constant during Badarak, she kept the Choir and Deacons, and even sometimes Der Hayrs on pitch. She was in our Ladies Guild and Mr. and Mrs. Club. Mary Haroian was all this, and much more. For many, including the composer of this article and tribute, she was an inspiration in terms of dedication. She is missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

May God continue to provide comfort to her family, and illuminate her soul. Asdvads Hokin Loosavore.



Varsenig Haroian Throne led a long, and interesting life. Vee grew up in a family with four other siblings (all of whom interestingly had a name starting with V, yet she was the only one to retain it as a nickname), and she eventually raised four children of her own, all while moving around the world with her husband Tom. Vee loved learning, as was evidenced by her lifelong education. Her love for everyone was known in an instant, and her larger than life personality continues to be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

May God continue to provide comfort to her family, and illuminate her soul. Asdvads Hokin Loosavore.

Mary Lee Matoesian-Sanasarian was a kind woman. A lover of animals, golf, and games of chance, Mary Lee knew how to express love, and how to love and live life to the fullest. She is missed by all her had the pleasure of knowing her.

May God continue to provide comfort to her family, and illuminate her soul. Asdvads Hokin Loosavore.



# In Lieu of Flowers Donations

## Mary Haroian

Deneb Karentz	Sam and Sue Spataro	The Giovando Family
Rita Garabedian	Rose Kehetian	Garry and Patti Javizian
Grace Kehetian	Karen Kehetian	Karen Goulasarian
Raffi Ovian	Bob and Lisa Kurtz	Donna Diak
The Nersesian Family	Stephen Hagopian	Zaven and Jean Nalbandian
Henry and Connie Ohanian	Keeney Family	Sona Karentz Andrews
Holy Seraphim Choir	Mike Torosian	Takouhie Kakligian
Lori Saucier	Karo and Leslie Mikaelian	Richard and Pamela Asadorian and Family
Jeff and Lynne Hagopian	Edward and Denise Dolbashian	Leo and MarLean Manoogian
Janet Haroian	Deacon Ed and Mrs. Laura Haroian, Ani Haroian, and Mr. and Mrs. Zachary and Allison Stauder and Family	Steve and Susan Hagopian
Jake and Barbara Varadian	John and Colleen Varadian	Nancy Lochmann
Deborah Bertinetti and Deborah Meehan	Arthur and Pamela Asadorian	Helen Derderian and Pamela Zabell
Judith Bartel and Jana Gerstenecker	Carl and Pamela Collignon	Mary Haroian Family
Fran DeLaney, Maudi Dodsun, Irene Krokowlecki	Rick and Rose Lesko	Edward and Asdghig Tutelian
Gayle Eckert and Pat O'Connell	Jeff and Mamie Prosser	Annette Hagopian
Rita Russell	Manny and Sonya Ohanesian	Richard and Nancy Avdoian
Paul, Michelle and Olivia Nersesian	Richard and Nancy (Haroian) Tashjian; Keith and Chrstina (Tashkian) Homan; Alexandra and Maxwell Holman; Nicholas Tashjian; Christopher Tashian and Brianne Killoran	Charles Merzian

**Total Given In Lieu of Flowers for Mary Haroian: \$7,760**

## Varsenig Throne

Paul, Michelle and Olivia Nersesian	Charles Merzian	Rosemary, Michael, Melanie, Stephen Haroian
Bob and Lisa Kurtz	Raffi Ovian	Charles Vartan
David and Janet Matoesian	Janet, Melanie and Stephen Haroian	Mark and Donna Yehling
Casper Nighohossian	Jeff and Lynne Hagopian	David Throne and Family
Hagop and Barbara Varadian	Graham and Melanie Keeney	Art and Pam Asadorian
Mike Torosian	Stephen S. Hagopian	Rita Garabedian
Lroi Saucier	Armenian Relief Society	Henry and Connie Ohanian
Steve and Susie Hagopian	Takouhie Kakligian	Sona Karentz Andrews
Deneb Karentz	Sam and Sue Spataro	Leo and MarLean Manoogian
George and Katherine Gregus		

**Total Given In Lieu of Flowers for Varsenig Throne: \$2,340.00**

## Mary Matoesian-Sanasarian

Raffi Ovian
Takouhie Kakligian
Depigian Family

**Total Given In Lieu of Flowers of Mary Matoesian-Sanasarian: \$550**

## George Simonian

Takouhie Kakligian
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**Total Given In Lieu of Flowers for George Simonian: \$100**



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