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Church Services, Fees, Community Center Rental Information

Every Sunday

9:00 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!

Baptism

Usage of Church and Priest for Service	Members (Parents)	\$100
	Non-Members	\$150
Services of the Priest(s)		Honorarium

Wedding

Usage of Church and Priest for Service	Members (Bride or Groom)	\$150
	Non-Members	\$300
Services of the Priest(s)/Organist/Soloist		Honorarium

Funeral

Usage of Church and Priest for Service	Member (Deceased)	\$100*
	Non-Member	\$250
Services of the Priest(s)/Organist/Soloist		Honorarium

*Usage of Church for Service fee is waived when 100% of the In Lieu of Flowers donations are directed/made to St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church. This service is not available to non-members.

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
Half Hall	Member	\$375
	Non-Member	\$450

Changes, Challenges, and Consistency

Since the creation of the world, human life has been constantly evolving and changing.

Sometimes the changes that happen around us are against our will. This often annoys us, frustrates us, and at times leaves us unhappy. Sometimes we desperately desire and even try to do something that will create a change in our lives.

Living in this temporal world, our lives constantly undergo changes in one way or another.

A very rich and wise ruler, King Solomon, once wrote about change. He penned, "***There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven***" (Ecclesiastes 3.1).

What collective or social changes have we witnessed?

For example, are the vehicles of the 1930s and the vehicles of today the same? Does the level of education, science, or medicine in the 1900s remain the same these days?

Just as there are changes in communal or social life, so our individual lives are subject to change too.

Perhaps our family relationships, our intimacy with our friends, our place of residence, our natural habits, mentality, bodies, and even our health can change; All of these changes occur during the course of our earthly life.

However, as true followers of Jesus Christ, we also need to realize that all kinds of changes, difficulties, or even illnesses on this earth, are temporary. They exist just for a season and for a time.

Consequently, life, nature, and everything in this world will be subject to change, but God's infinite love and covenant of peace will continue to be the same because God is unchanging.

As Paul the apostle affirms, "***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever***" (Hebrews 13:8).

Our Heavenly Father understands how changes can be so difficult for us, that's why He has given us a promise to help us handle the unexpected and journey through changes. "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you" (Isaiah 54:10).

Have you ever experienced an event, a change that you did not like, even worried about at the beginning, but later contributed to your good?

It is told that, a man in his sixties was put in a nursing home after having a heart attack. This man was so upset about his losses that he told the chaplain that he no longer wanted to live and that he was looking for a way to end his life. But after attending a Bible study for a few months, he began to look at his life from a different perspective and gave his heart to the will of God. Later, this man told the priest that "Moving into this place was one of the best things that ever happened to me... because this is where I found God".

Therefore, the changes or difficulties we face in our lives do not mean that God is punishing us or being indifferent to us, as some of us think.

As mortal beings, with our human weakness and faulty judgment in general, when we meet difficulties, tribulations, changes, many of us blame God and ask why do these things happen to me. What did I do wrong? How will I end up from the situation I am in?

Remember, even the Apostle Paul, who experienced many losses, trials, and changes encourages us with these words in his letter to the second Corinthians, saying, "***For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal***" (2 Corinthians 4.17-18).

Therefore, as we face unpleasant changes, trials, sicknesses, and losses during our lives, we remember these encouraging words of the apostle Paul, "***Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...***" (Hebrews 12:2) and in prayer to Him, in the course of this transient life, we may better recognize God and be empowered by His words to have the hope of being glorified in His glory forever and ever. Christ does not forsake us as our lives changes: He promises "Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock" (Matthew 7:24-25).

May the whole of humanity remain safe and secure under the protection of God, and with the miraculous resurrection of Christ, may the life and high spirits of each of us also be resurrected, and with God's help and blessing overcome these days. Amen.

Հուրեր Հոգարարժեքներ - Board of Trustees News

Chelsea McCoy Asadorian

Since our last Pari Loor in January, our community has begun to see many positive changes and a return to normalcy and a more connected church life that we have all prayed diligently for. After receiving word of Der Taniel's assignment to our parish, many members of our community came together to prepare to welcome Der Hayr, Yeretsgin, and Datev to Granite City. We worked with the Manjikian family to help them find a home and secure household items ahead of their arrival. The day before they arrived, several community members gathered to move and assemble their furniture and some basic supplies into their home. It was a wonderful example of community and fellowship that holds our church together.

We were then overjoyed to welcome Der Taniel, Yerestgin Vana and their then 6 month old son, Datev, into our community. Many of our community members couldn't wait to see and spend just a bit of time with the newest family and brought them some of their favorite dishes as a way to welcome them. Just one week after their arrival, it was time for Holy Week. First, we started with the annual church cleaning on Lazarus Saturday. We are very grateful for the help of the Fellowship Club and Holy Seraphim Choir to prepare our church for Holy Week and Easter. This year, we were happy to be able to celebrate with full Holy Week services: Palm Sunday and Opening of the Portals, the Service of the Ten Maidens, the Washing of the Feet and the Betrayal of Lord, the Burial of the Lord, Easter Eve, and finally Easter Sunday with our resurrected Lord. Thanks to all that participated in these services. Even baby Datev got his foot washed, our youngest participant this year!

On April 19, we held our church membership meeting with 24 of 49 dues paying members present. We are grateful for the discussion and participation in this year's meeting. During this meeting, we thanked Andrea Giovando and Jeff Hagopian for their service on the Board of Trustees and to our community during their term. They will be missed, and when they are ready and able, welcomed back. Our parish elected three members, Art Asadorian and Steve Hagopian as new members and Stephen Hagopian as a re-elected member.

Our community was able to bring people together more safely as our parishioners were able to receive vaccinations. While still working to keep our community safe, we were able to come together more freely. On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrated with an Agoomp during which we played "minute to win it" games and had coffee, snacks and fellowship. We were once again able to hold Fellowship Hour regularly after church allowing for much needed social time together after our long isolation. A number of events were held over the summer by different church groups. The board hosted a Men's Night as a gathering of men of all ages in the community for pizza, games, and fellowship. After Transfiguration, the church held our Vartavar celebration of water games this year with a special thanks to Lily and Serjik for bringing Lily's food truck to our event for some savory and sweet treats while we played, and for their generous donation after the event. Finally, we held our annual Blessing of Grapes picnic this year with food and games to share with the local community. Thank you to everyone who helped plan, and participated in these events for and within our parish.

While we still remain under certain restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Trustees is working hard to find ways to continue to bring our community closer together. We are passionate about our church and community and long for a full return to normalcy. We appreciate all the work that our parishioners and other community members are doing to keep the community active. We are grateful for the prayerful leadership of Der Taniel and thank God, and our Prelate Archbishop Anoushavan Tanielian for his placement within our community.

We hope that if you haven't had a chance to join us for many services or events recently that you will soon; we would love to have you. Thank you all for your dedication and devotion.

Church Organization News

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

The Holy Seraphim Choir thanks God for our continued ability to sing praises to Him. We are thankful to Der Taniel for his willingness, leadership, and unwavering support.

This past period of reporting has seen fluctuations in the number of regularly participating Choir members. We have been overjoyed to have Narine and Gasya Berberian, and Sarah Varadian join our ranks on Sundays they are in church, and look forward to having them with us again in the future. It is wonderful to see parents allowing the next generation to take part in Badarak in this manner!

We look forward to co-sponsoring a Trivia Night with the Board of Trustees in the near future, and will once again host our annual Hokehankisd for all deceased Choir members in November.

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.

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Հուրեր Կիրակնօրեայ Վարժարանէն - Sunday School News Andrea Giovando

St. Gregory Sunday School had a fun Spring and Summer! We continue learning the word of God through crafts, stories, songs, Bible readings, and discussions. We have enjoyed and are blessed to have Yeretsgin Vana join and be so active in the continuing education of our youth. We continue to enjoy creative and fun children's sermons, and thank Der Taniel for his continued willingness and creativity in their presentation. We hope to be able to return to some of our regular holiday events later this year.

We welcome children of all ages to come and be a part of our program. If you are interested in joining us virtually, or in person once we are able to gather together again, please let us know.

Come join the fun and pray with us!



Հուրեր Տիկնանց Միութենէն - Ladies' Guild News

Stephanie Hagopian

The Ladies Guild enjoyed being able to spend more time working together this summer!

In April, we offered Madagh sandwiches after Badarak on April 25th for when we recognized the Genocide Saints. In June we hosted a Father's Day Luncheon for the Fathers in our community. The Ladies put together a sloppy joe luncheon complete with a beer tasting and games. We were happy to have a good showing and appreciate all the support from the community.

In August the Ladies Guild hosted their annual bake sale at the Blessing of the Grapes Picnic. This year's sale was a HUGE success. Unfortunately for some, the goodies sold out very quickly. In the future we plan to make and will hope for another sell out!

Հուրեր Եղբայրասիրական Միութենէն - Fellowship Club News

Connie Ohanian

We're back! And doing the fun things that the Fellowship Club is known for. On Friday, June 25 we sponsored an Agoomp game night and potluck dinner. Fried chicken, piaz, eech, fresh garden salad and more filled our attendees bellies and the games and fun filled our hearts. We were so happy to have families with kids, big and small. We played a Left, Center, Right nickel game and then a few more games of card skills and got to know each other a little better.

On July 11th we had our annual Ice Cream Social after Badarak and the celebration of Transfiguration. Everyone brought a topping for the delicious ice cream and like good stewards, we did not waste any goodies, ice cream or toppings!

We're looking forward to our fall Speaker's Luncheon, a date will be announced soon, watch your emails!! We hope to gather together for a tour of the St. Louis Cardinals Hall of Fame. This too will be announced via email. Regardless of when these events occur, you can be sure everyone will be glad they came.

Community Organization News

Լուրերի Հայ Օգնութեան Միութենէն - Armenian Relief Society News Susie Hagopian

While the pandemic continues to affect our daily lives, the Armenian Relief Society keeps its mission alive. The ARS, since its founding in 1910, has helped the most vulnerable Armenian communities throughout the world. This is due largely 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 local ARS Reubena Chapter traditionally holds its Annual Anniversary Dinner on Palm Sunday. We canceled our dinner in 2020 because of COVID-19. In 2021, we got creative and came up with a new idea! In lieu of the annual Palm Sunday dinner, the Reubena Chapter put together Large Lenten Mezza Platters to go. Patrons ordered the mezza platters online through the church's website and all orders were picked up on Palm Sunday after Bardarak. The Lenten Platters included a delicious variety of the following items: Cheese Boreg, Eech, Tabouleh, String Cheese, Sarma, Feta & Olives, Surrón, Hummus, Piaz, and Pita Bread. This new activity was a big success and we sold out all of the 20 platters that we made! Many thanks to our ungerouhies who made items for the mezza platters: Norma Asadorian, Connie Ohanian, Lesile Mikaelian, Janet Haroian, Susie Hagopian, Melanie Haroian, Stephanie Hagopian, Lori Saucier and one non-member Colleen Varadian. We appreciate your culinary expertise!! Many thanks to those who purchased the Lenten Mezza Platters and made this event a hit in our community!

Our local chapter is in the midst of planning a Blood Drive, along with the Church Board of Trustees in the near future. Watch for details on the church's Facebook page.

On October 9th, our ungerouhies will once again assist the church Board of Trustees in the church's annual Golf Outing. We make and provide the losh kebob sandwiches on the turn for the many golfers and help cook & organize the awards dinner after the golfers return to the clubhouse – while still adhering to the State of Illinois COVID-19 guidelines. Fingers crossed that we have another beautiful fall Saturday for the outing!

The ARS of Eastern US has transferred \$5,000 to the Bird's Nest Armenian Orphanage (Թչնոց Բնոց) in Jbeil, Lebanon through the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church. The donation was collected by family and friends of Vatche Darakdjian, who passed away earlier in May. The institution was first established to serve as a safe haven to those surviving the Armenian Genocide. Today, it continues its noble purpose, providing safety, security, and stability to some of Lebanon's most vulnerable children. You can read more about it by clicking the link below!

Birds Nest Armenian Orphanage - Trchnots Pouyn

August 19, was World Humanitarian Day. A day where we honor humanitarian workers and volunteers around the world for their courage, idealism, and dedication to provide support for all those in need. Since 1910, the ARS has responded to the events that negatively impacted our nation and people. The Armenian Genocide, world wars, armed conflicts, natural disasters, the first and second Artsakh Wars, and political repression in all corners of the world have placed our people in jeopardy. Yet, even faced with the unprecedented scope and scale of the challenges, we have continued to remain steadfast in our mission to extend our healing hands. Today, many communities around the world, like Artsakh, Lebanon, Syria, and others, still need us. Our emergency efforts and assistance aren't possible without your support. Donate today and stand up for humanity. [#WorldHumanitarianDay](#)

[Donate to the ARS Here!](#)

Please contact Susie Hagopian (618) 978-2069 or Janet Haroian (618) 530-7401 with any questions or information about our local ARS Reubena Chapter.

The Granite City “Antranig” AYF chapter has had a rough time adjusting to COVID-19 with our meetings and social being very sporadic throughout 2020 and the beginning of 2021. The summer of 2021 saw us finally be able to go to a regional event with some of our other AYFers from across the Midwest at the annual Mid-west AYF-YOARF Junior Olympic games in Chicago, IL. We had 3 participants, Ryan, Sarah, and Nick Varadian. Sarah came away from the weekend with a high scorer trophy, while Ryan and Nick both had multiple medals in other events as well. After not having the event last year for the first time in over 50 years it was great to get the Chicago, Detroit, Racine and Granite City chapters together for the event and an outside dinner and dance that night at the All-Saints Church. We’re so excited to be able to host the games next summer and keep this fantastic tradition alive!

This Labor Day weekend we had 2 of our members participate at the AYF-YOARF Senior Olympics in Providence, Rhode Island after the event had to be moved from Worcester. Gabby and Elle Krikorian competed for our Senior Antranig Chapter and it was the first time we had participants in several years, Elle brought home a 3rd place medal in women’s tennis. The weekend saw one of the highest turnouts in recent memory with over 300 total athletes coming to Rhode Island from across the country. We’re excited to send even more members to next year’s Olympics in Worcester, MA.

The AYF has finally started to have a few of our meetings in person and are beginning plans for the end of 2021 and into 2022! We’re hoping to send members to the National Athletic Tournament this coming February. We’re very excited to host our Annual AYF November Dance in almost a month and a half! The dance will be held on November 20th and we will have the Nigosian band from Detroit coming into town for the event! We’re so excited to be able to have this cultural event, and are grateful for the support from the community. Come out and have some fun! See the flyer in our save the dates section!!

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well wishes here!**

**Find out how by contacting
Andy Asadorian at
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Easter Youghakin 2021

Jake Varadian	Janet Haroian
Jeff & Lynne Hagopian	Stephen S. Hagopian
Steve & Susie Hagopian	John & Colleen Varadian and Family
Hagop & Barbara Varadian	Garo & Leslie Mikaelian
Deacon & Mrs. Edward Haroian	Takouhie Kaklian
Sam & Sue Spataro	Andy & Chelsea Asadorian

Easter Lilies 2021

Janet Haroian	Hagop & Barbara Varadian
Steve & Susie Hagopian	Paul & Elizabeth Shirinian and Family
Sam & Sue Spataro (IMO Sam's & Sue's parents and Sue's brother and Zakar Mouradian)	

Thank you to all those who supported the Youghakin and Lily appeal this past Easter. Your generosity brought the parish \$995 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 2021

Corporate Sponsors

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Datev Manjikian	Hayk Yepiskoposyan	Takouhie Kakligian	Garo & Leslie Mikaelian
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Pam Asadorian	Jake Varadian	George & Lindsey Schweitzer	Vince & Andrea Giovando
Raffi Ovian	Stephen S. Hagopian	Henry & Connie Ohanian	Janet Haroian
Melanie Haroian			

Thank you so very much to all of our Patrons and Corporate Sponsors. Through your continued generosity, we were able to raise \$4,000 before this year's Blessing of Grapes Picnic.

Blessing of Grapes 2021 Recap

On August 15th, our church celebrated the Assumption of Mary and annual Blessing of the Grapes. After Badarak, we went to the community center for the annual festival; it was a huge success. We are thankful to have been together again after the events of last year caused us to change the 2020 Festival to a take-out only event.

People from within our parish and the St. Louis metro community at large came together to enjoy Armenian food, music, and fellowship, and as always, the food was excellent. The main courses were Lamb and Pork Kebabs, Chicken Breast, and grilled Portobello mushroom. The sides were Rice and Bulgur Pilaf, and Salad. The Ladies' Guild baked many of their Armenian pastries and they sold out in record time! The Armenian store had a full menu of treats, books, shirts, and other Armenian-themed merchandise. Attendees of all ages enjoyed games and other fun activities in and around the kids' area, with many children having left the event with both arms covered in temporary tattoos.

As always, we couldn't put on this event without all of the volunteers that gave freely of their time, talent, and treasure. We thank everyone that volunteered to make this event so successful, whether in preparation and execution of, or cleaning up afterwards. Many people contributed in all three ways!

We are already looking forward to next year's event and plan on making it even bigger and better!

Thank you again,

**Art Asadorian, Melanie Keeney, Jake Varadian
2021 Blessing of Grapes Picnic Tri-Chairs**

Խնդրուածս Աղօթից - Prayer Requests May 21, 2021 - July 11, 2021

March 21, 2021

Kathy Mordarski, Sister Margaret Munch
By: Deacon Ed & Laura Haroian and Family

Bob Billman, Karen Hagopian
By: Steve & Susan Hagopian

April 4, 2021

Alique Topalian, Karen Hagopian, Bob Billman
By: Steve & Susie Hagopian

Nancy Tashjian
By: Deacon Ed & Laura Haroian

Raffi Ovian
By: Stephen Hagopian

Lori Saucier (Happy Birthday!)
By: Stephen Hagopian

April 11, 2021

Mary Ann Braun
By: Deacon Ed & Laura Haroian

April 18, 2021

Bob Jung, Bob Billman
By: Steve & Susie Hagopian

Bob Jung, Bob Billman
By: Jeff & Lynne Hagopian

April 25, 2021

All wounded soldiers, civilian, ARF/AYF
volunteers who were injured in the Artsakh War
By: Granite City AYF Antranig Chapter

May 2, 2021

Virginia Torosian
By: Takouhie Kakligian

May 16, 2021

Susie Hagopian
By: Steve Hagopian

Susie Hagopian
By: Janet Haroian

May 23, 2021

Alice Solakian
By: Janet, Melanie, & Stephen Haroian

Sam Spataro, Susan Hagopian
By: Jeff & Lynne Hagopian

Susie Hagopian
By: Raffi Ovian

May 30, 2021

Health and unity of the people of Armenia and
the world
By: Der Taniel and the Board of Trustees

May 30, 2021 cont.

Susie Hagopian
By: Asadorian & Keeney Families

June 6, 2021

Susie Hagopian
By: Deacon Ed & Laura Haroian and Family

June 13, 2021

Susie Hagopian, Bob Billman
By: Stephen Hagopian

June 20, 2021

Sam Spataro
By: Stephen S. Hagopian

July 11, 2021

Bernadette Marshall
By: Janet Haroian

Stephen Haroian (Safe Travels!)
By: Janet Haroian

Խնդրուածս Աղօթից - Prayer Requests July 11, 2021 - August 22, 2021

July 11, 2021 cont.

Chelsea Guemple
By: Stephen Hagopian

July 18, 2021

Dave Weede, Virginia (Jeanie) Torosian, Dan
Kachaturoff
By: Matt & Angela Torosian & Family

July 25, 2021

Sam Spataro
By: Jeff & Lynne Hagopian

August 1, 2021

Bob Jung
By: Hagop & Barbara Varadian

Armenian Soldiers
By: Granite City ARF Hrayr Chapter

August 8, 2021

Bob Jung
By: Hagop & Barbara Varadian

August 15, 2021

Mike Fahrner
By: Raffi Ovian

Bob Jung
By: The Varadians

Colleen Catalano
By: Deacon Ed & Laura Haroian

August 22, 2021

Sam Spataro
By: Sue Spataro and Family

Janet Bogosian, Sam Spataro, Bob Jung, Bob
Billman, Jude Bozada
By: Jeff & Lynne Hagopian

Laura Haroian
By: Deacon Ed Haroian

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 arroghehootyoon nshanav
amenahaght khachiv kov, vorov partzer
uzdgarootyoon azki martgan, yev
fadabardetzer uztshnamin genatz yev
prgootyan mero: Too yes gyank mer yev
prgootyoon, 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 voghormootyoon
ko i vera araradzotz kotz' usd yiurakanchiur
bidoitz. Horotz hanabaz parravoryal kovi
amenasoorp yerrortootyoont. Ayzhm yev
mishd yev havidyans havidenitz. Amen:**

Խնդրուած Հոգեհանդստեան - Requiem Requests February 7, 2021 - May 9, 2021

February 7, 2021

Michael, Andrew, & Angeline Hagopian

By: Karen Hagopian, Hrag & Taline Chalian and Family,
Aram & Sosi Hovagimian and Family, Rich & Ani Florka and
Family, Stephen & Susie Hagopian

Raimondo & Sabella Spatro, Michael, Verkin, & Krikor
Donian

By: Sam & Sue Spataro

Karnick & Grace Ohanian, Richard Boyajian

By: Henry & Connie Ohanian

Michael Hagopian

By: Jeff & Lynne Hagopian, Robert & Megan Smith, Michelle
& Gabrielle Fiorenza-Hagopian

All deceased ARS Reubena Chapter members & ARS
Benefactors

By: Granite City ARS Reubena Chapter members

Kathy Ovian, Marian & John Varadian, Soghomon, Armenag,
& Helen Ovian, Ano & Cal Candisky, Andrew & Angeline
Hagopian, Wallace Lee, Vivian Mengersen

By: Raffi Ovian

April 18, 2021 cont.

Zakar Mouradian

By: Olga Mouradian and Family

Kathy Ovian

By: Raffi Ovian

April 25, 2021

All martyred soldiers who lost their lives in Artsakh
defending their lands and faith, Kevork Hadjian, Harout
Panoyan, Hagop Astarjian, and Mosig Seklemian
By: Der Taniel, Yeretsgin Vana, and Datev Majikian

Martyred soldiers who lost their lives in Artsakh

By: Jeff & Lynne Hagopian

Martyred soldiers who lost their lives in Artsakh and Vartan
Gregorian

By: Stephen & Susie Hagopian

Martyred soldiers and ARF/AYF volunteers who lost their
lives in the Artsakh war

By: Granite City Antranig AYF Chapter

Family members lost in the 1915 Genocide

By: Deacon Ed and Mrs. Laura Haroian

February 7, 2021 cont.

Mitch Kehetian - 1 Year Anniversary

By: Janet, Melanie, & Stephen Haroian

February 21, 2021

Edward Asadorian

By: The Asadorian, Keeney, & Potter Families

March 21, 2021

Der Vartan Kassabian, Richard McClintock

By: Asadorian & Keeney Families

Mitch Kehetian

By: Janet Haroian

Archdeacon Vahan Haroian, Agnes Haroian

By: Deacon & Mrs. Ed Haroian and Family

April 11, 2021

Andrew, Angeline, & Michael Hagopian, Kathy Ovian, Wallace
Lee

By: Stephen Hagopian

April 18, 2021

Zakar Mouradian

By: Sam & Sue Spataro

May 9, 2021

Mariam Varadian, Mary Koch

By: The Varadian Family

Pileg & Zavart Kakligian, Lucy Avdoian, Rose Meharian,
Anahid Maghakian, Satenig Geragosian, Marquerite
Manoogian, Mary Siuramy

By: Takouhie Kakligian

Angeline Hagopian, Mary Bedian, Nevarte Hagopian and
Khanum Manoogian

By: Jeffrey & Lynne Hagopian

Mary K. Asadorian, Hermine Kambarian, Mary A. Asadorian,
Varsenig Throne, Alice McClintock, Ann Keeney, Megan
McClintock, Angeline Hagopian

By: Asadorian & Keeney Families

Angeline Hagopian, Kathy Ovian, Mildred Geisendorff
By: Stephen S. Hagopian, Andrew & Stephanie Hagopian and
Family, Paul & Liz Shirinian and Family

Alice Saucier, Nevart Hagopian, Beulah Saucier

By: Lori Saucier

Parentzem Manoogian

By: Yervant Manoogian

Agnes Haroian, Parantstem Haroian, Khassig Haroian,
Dzaghigh Asadourian, Shamiram Stepanian, JoAnn Mullen

By: Deacon Ed & Laura Haroian

Խնդրուած շնորհակալութեան - Requiem Requests May 16, 2021 - August 29, 2021

May 16, 2021

Grandmothers - Mariam Guirdjikian, Ozig Sermerdjian;
Mothers - Mentouhi Ohanesian, Zabel Astorian;
Godmothers - Beatrice Kilindjian, Angeline Hagopian
By: Sonya & Manny Ohanesian

May 30, 2021

Deceased Varadians & Pilibosians
By:Hagop & Barbara Varadian

All deceased Armenian service men and women from our
community
By:Asadorian & Keeney Families

Fallen heroes of Sardarabed, Posh Abaran, and Gharakilise
By: Der Taniel Manjikian and the Board of Trustees

June 13, 2021

Soghomon Ovoian
By: Raffi Ovian

June 20, 2021

Mitch Kehetian
By: Janet, Melanie, & Stephen Haroian

June 20, 2021 cont.

Andrew Hagopian, Melvin Krist, Arthur Bedian, Michael
Hagopian, Sooren Hagopian, and Ohanes Manoogian
By: Jeff & Lynne Hagopian

Edward Asadorian, Richard McClintock, Abraham Kambarian,
Hagop Asadorian, Arsen Haroian, Bernard Keeney, Andrew
Hagopian
By: Asadorian & Keeney Families

Herant Smerdjian, Garabed Ohanesian, Hampar Astorian,
Tatios Kilindjian, Andrew Hagopian
By: Manny & Sonya Ohanesian

Mamigon Kakligian, Setrag Maghakian
By:Takouhie Kakligian

Wallace Lee Sr., Wallace Lee, Lawrence Geisendorff, Art
Bedian, Andrew Hagopian, Michael Hagopian, Sooren
Hagopian, Ohanes Manoogian
By: Stephen & Susie Hagopian

Armenag Ovoian
By: Raffi Ovian

June 20, 2021 cont.

Avak Karibian, Garabed Karibian, Pierre Kabbendjian, Sarkis
Mouradian, Hachaour Karibian
By:Stanley Karibian

Archdeacon Vahan Haroian, Robert Mullen, Arsen Haroian,
Mesrob Safarian, Khachig Der Stepanian, Hovsep
Stepanian, Vahram Haroian, Vasken Haroian, Neshan
Haroian, Armenag Asadourian
By: Deacon Ed & Laura Haroian and Family

Arakel Manoogian, Nazar Manoogian, Paro Manoogian,
Sarkis Manoogian, Ohanes Manoogian, Moushegh
Manoogian, Hougas Manoogian
By: Yervant Manoogian

July 18, 2021

Rose Torosian, Andrew (Tange) Torosian, Rosemary
Kachaturoff, Anita (Anno) Hassler, Matilda (Tilly) Swanson
By: Matt & Angela Torosian and Family

August 29, 2021

Hajag Hedeshian
By:Dr. George & Sosseh Berberian and Family

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

**Հոգւոցն հանգուցելոց,
Քրիստոս Աստուած, արա
հանգիստ և ողորմութիւն և մեզ
մեղաւորացս շնորհեա
լթողութիւն յանցանաց:**

Gifts to the Church

March 14, 2021

Clara & Russ Waterson - \$30

April 11, 2021

Richard & Nora Sarajian (Happy occasion of Der Taniel being assigned to St. Gregory in Granite City) - \$100

Zabelle Hajian Azablar - \$25

April 25, 2021

Gunes Ercal - Armenian Genocide Commemoration - \$106

June 20, 2021

Kathleen Boley - \$50

Steve & Susie Hagopian - \$110

Gifts to the Bulletin

May 16, 2021

Iris Donjoian - \$30

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!



Fellowship Hour Sponsors

May

- 2 - Lori Saucier, Leslie & Garo Mikaelian
- 9 - Board of Trustees for Mother's Day
- 16 - Deacon Ed Haroian & Family
- 23 & 30 - Board of Trustees

June

- 6 - Board of Trustees
- 13 - Ladies' Guild
- 20 - Father's Day Luncheon - Ladies' Guild
- 27 - Der Taniel & Yerestgin Vana

July

- 4 - Board of Trustees
- 11 - Fellowship Club Ice Cream Social
- 18 - BOT for Vartavar
- 25 - Board of Trustees

August

- 1 & 8 - Board of Trustees
- 15 - Blessing of Grapes Picnic
- 22 & 29 - Board of Trustees

Notice of Omission & Correction

Apologies to Henry and Connie Ohanian, as well as Stephen S. Hagopian for the omission of their names in publications pertaining to this year's Blessing of Grapes Festival. They were generous enough to be Patron-level sponsors of the festival. We appreciate their continued support and apologize for the inadvertent oversight during promotional publications.

The Pari Loor staff requests community input. Your ideas and suggestions are welcome as we strive to update the format and information in our newsletter. Volunteers are needed to assist with the publication, assembly, and mailing of our newsletter. Contributions of interesting news events about our community members are encouraged. We value your input, we need your input. Please contact the editorial staff with your name and/or contribution to Pari Loor.

Community News

Presentations to the Church

August 22, 2021

Natalie Balapekian

Baptisms

January 2, 2021

Thomas James Wilkins

Parents: Justin & Tiffany Wilkins

Cole Steven Craft

Parents: Jace & Allison Craft

Congratulations to the presented, and baptized individuals and their families. We hope to pray with you all soon, know that we're praying for you already.

Funerals

Marian Wright passed away March 13th, 2021 after having lived a life full of love and joy. Her family was the light in her eye. She was dedicated to her craft, and the children for whom she served as a bus aide for years. Her love for our church community was remarkable, and she will be missed terribly by her family and friends. We receive solace and peace in the knowledge that she is with our risen Lord in Heaven, watching over us all.



Arthur Tatoian passed away June 8th, 2021 after a life lived in service, out of love. As a Marine, he fought in the Korean War, being able to call himself a member from Frozen Chosin, a title not easily earned, but absolutely deserved. He was a longtime advocate for Genocide recognition, speaking frequently about the events of 1915. His family was the most important thing in his life, and he loved spending evenings enjoying Armenian food and fellowship with his loved ones and friends. An avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and Green Bay Packers, as well as his local Bettendorf High School sports teams, he will truly be missed by many. His service to the country, and dedication to the Armenian cause will not be forgotten, nor will his memory be lost. We gain peace knowing that he is resting in Heaven with our Lord Jesus.

Asdvads Hokinner Loosavore

In Lieu of Flowers Donations

Marian Wright

Steve & Susie Hagopian	Amy & Jim McKechan	Jim & Erin Thurmond and Linda McKechan
Steve & Vicki Avedisian	Hagop & Barbara Varadian	Charles Merzian
Mike Torosian	Yervant Manoogian	Bob & Lisa Bedian Kurtz
Vivian Vaughn	Beverley, Tom, and John Manoogian	Jeff & Lynne Hagopian
Graham & Melanie Keeney	Leo & MarLean Manoogian	Diana Petrosian
Zabelle Vartanian	Class Luncheon Group of 1960	Sam & Sue Spataro
Raffi Ovian	Iris Donjoian	

Total Given In Lieu of Flowers of Marian Wright: \$780

Arthur Tatoian

Helen Dadian Parnagian	The Ohaesian Family	Vahan & Vicki Bedian
Patrick & Judy Tray	Mary Hylsop	Kathleen Wolfe
Bruce & Chris Mayer	Cindy Duckworth	Scott & Krystal Resetich
Judy Simonson	Rick & Kim Miers	Paul & Pam Hughes
Kip & Jamie Kula/Gearys	The Kehetian & Haroian Families	Lovenia Gopoian
Grace Baradet		

Total Given In Lieu of Flowers of Arthur Tatoian: \$1,075

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Join us Sunday October 24th for Trunk-or-Treat!

When: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (Or Until We Run Out Of Candy)

Where: St. Gregory Community Center * 3501 Century Drive * Granite City IL * 62040

The Pastor and the Board of Trustees invites you to join us after Fellowship Hour for some safe Halloween fun, and a costume parade to celebrate everyone's creativity!

Please contact us at stgregorychurchgranitecity@gmail.com for any questions and to let us know you're coming!!!

We can't wait to see you!



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GRANITE CITY ANTRANIG
AYF CHAPTER PRESENTS

ANNUAL NOVEMBER DANCE

FEATURING THE NIGOSIAN BAND

TICKETS \$25
KIDS (6-16) \$20
5 AND UNDER FREE
*INCLUDES MEZZA

NOVEMBER 20
DOORS OPEN
AT 7:00 PM

ST. GREGORY ARMENIAN
COMMUNITY CENTER
3501 CENTURY DRIVE
GRANITE CITY, IL 62040

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St. Gregory Parish
67th Anniversary Celebration

We are honored to welcome our Prelate,
Archbishop Anoushavan Tanielian to celebrate this
joyous occasion with us!

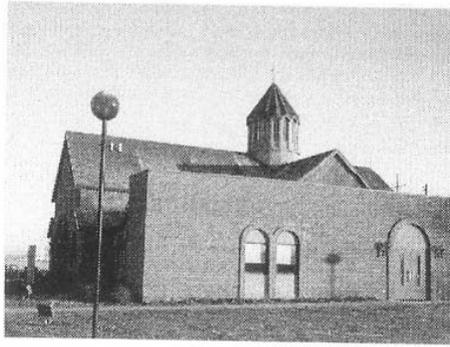


Sunday, December 5th, 2021

Morning Service - 9:00 AM

Badarak - 10:00 AM

Banquet and Program to follow at the Community
Center with a catered meal.



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