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CHURCH SERVICES

DIVINE LITURGY:

Morning services start at 9:30 A.M. and the Divine Liturgy (*Badarak*) starts at 10:00 A.M. every Sunday
Every Saturday Great Vespers at 5:00 P.M.

Other Services by Special Announcement

ARMENIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Every Saturday at 3:00 P.M. in church classroom or via Skype

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Year round, for all children. 10:30 – 12:00 every Sunday morning.
Children’s Sermon first Sunday of every month.

BAPTISM

Church Service	Members (Parents only)	\$100
	Non-Member	\$150
Services of the Priest		Honorarium

WEDDING

Church Service	Members (Bride or Groom)	\$150
	Non-Member	\$300
Services of the Priest		Honorarium
Services of the Organist		Honorarium
Services of the Soloist		Honorarium

FUNERAL

Church Service	Member (Deceased)	\$100*
	Non-Member	\$250
Services of the Priest		Honorarium

*Fee waived when 100% in lieu of flowers goes to St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church. This service is not available to non-members.

CHRISTMAS & EASTER HOUSE BLESSINGS

Services of the Priest	Honorarium
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MEMORIAL DAY GRAVE BLESSING

Services of the Priest	Honorarium
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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

Per Person	\$100
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The dues-paying member has voting rights in the Annual Church membership meeting and can get discounts for church services or community center rentals.

COMMUNITY CENTER HALL RENTAL

Full Hall	Member	\$500
	Non-Member	\$700
Half Hall	Member	\$375
	Non-Member	\$450

Նո՞ր Տարի՝ թե՞ Նոր Հոգի

Տարի մը եւս փակեցինք ու նոր մը սկսանք: Հինը գնաց, նորը եկաւ:

Միթէ ամէն տարեվերջին այս չէ՞ որ կը պատահի: Կերուխումէն անպակաս մնացինք (ինչպէս միշտ): Բաժակները վերցուցինք, նոր տարուան կենաց խմեցինք: Կէս գիշերին իրար համբուրեցինք, ոմանք աղօթք մը բարձրացուին (այս գեղեցիկ սովորութիւնը քանի՞ տան մէջ դեռ կը պահուի), յաջորդ օրը քանի մը հեռաձայն, քանի մը շնորհաւորական խօսք ու Յունուար երկուքին՝ նոյն աշխատանքին:

Ինձի կը թուի թէ նոր տարին մեր մեծագոյն խաբկանքն է: Թիւի փոփոխութեան մէջ ո՞ւր է նորութիւնը: Տին տեղ Զը պիտի գրենք: Յետո՞յ: Նոյն մտահոգութիւնները (հաւանաբար կրկնապատկուած): Նոյն հիւանդութիւնները (թերեւս վատացած): Նոյն հարցերը (անպայման խորացած): Խաբկանք է այս նոր տարի հասկացողութիւնը. սուտ մը որ կամովին եւ ուրախութեամբ կուլ կու տանք իւրաքանչիւր տարեվերջին:

Հարագատ նորը հոգիին մէջ յառաջացածն է: Այս մէկը կարիք ալ չունի տարեվերջի կամ տարեսկիզբի զանգակներուն: Կրնայ միեւնոյն տարուան մէջ պատահիլ: Կրնայ տարիներու վրայ տարածուիլ: Նորութիւնը հոգիին մէջ կը պատահի իբրեւ տրամադրութիւն, կամք, նպատակի յստակացում, առաջնահերթութիւններու դասաւորում, նոր բան մը սորվելու պատրաստակամութիւն եւայլն: Նորը կ'ըլլայ տեւական, դանդաղ բայց հաստատ ընթացող, գոհունակութիւն պատճառող ու վերանորոգութիւն պարգեւող:

Եկէ՛ք, ա՛յս նորութիւնը փնտռենք ու անոր հետամուտ ըլլանք:

Ա՛յս նորութեամբ լեցնենք մեր կեանքերը:

Ա՛յս թող ըլլայ մեր ակնկալելիքը:

Շնորհաւոր Նոր Տարի եւ Ս. Ծնունդ:

BADARAK IS NOT A CONCERT¹

The Armenian Apostolic Church's Badarak (Divine Liturgy) is one of the wonders of the world. Besides its heavenly words, its music takes the participant into the unknown and the limitless boundaries of heavenly realm. With Badarak, our worldly minds get transformed, our physical eyesight is transfigured, and our spiritual eyes are opened to see and to enjoy the heavenly manna, our souls' food, which is found on God's table.

Unfortunately, today, many of our beloved faithful and Church members have a wrong idea and understanding of our Church's services in general and Badarak in particular. For many, Badarak is that place that creates an atmosphere of a concert, where we go to satisfy our musical taste and to marvel at the genius of the Armenian mind that created Badarak. But Badarak is not a musical concert! It was not "written" to become part of a large musical program or a concert. It is correct that Badarak's music uplifts the human soul and puts us in the communion of the Armenian exceptional love and taste. We should feel blessed that we have such a beautiful Badarak. But Badarak is more than this. It is more than an aesthetical beauty or a great musical accomplishment.

The Badarak (Divine Liturgy) is a thanksgiving and praise raised to the God the Father through the Son Jesus Christ. During Badarak the choir sings: "Mercy and praise and a sacrifice of praise." The Badarak is the concrete reality of the promise that Christ is with us. Badarak is the spiritual nourishment to the Christian, who was born from the Baptismal font and has been adopted by God the Father. Badarak is that moment when we remember what Christ did for us on the Cross, relive it and open our lives to be filled with the grace & blessings pouring out of it.

We all hear about how singing our Church's Badarak gives an inner peace and joy to many people, especially the choir members of our Churches. Those who are experts in music or have gone and studied music marvel at the quality of the music of Badarak and its different versions. This is a good step in loving our Badarak and deepening our knowledge. But what a pity if we stop at this level. Most people do. Badarak becomes that time of the week, where they come and enjoy as if they are enjoying a classic music concert, in a purely aesthetic or artistic way. Unfortunately, this is what I have noticed. For most people, Badarak has become a good time to enjoy good quality music and for many, to sing it and talk about this "great achievement."

Badarak is more than what I mentioned in the last paragraph. Badarak is the Sacrament of Holy Communion, where we accept the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This means that those of us who participate in Badarak with deep awareness of what is happening receive the life of the Lord in us, his holy presence, with its fullness. To participate in Badarak means to participate in the life of our Lord, freely given to us as a gift. To participate in Badarak means to be drunk by the love of the presence of our Lord in us and to live our lives with the full awareness, that the Lord is present in our daily struggles. Through participating in Badarak, repenting and receiving Holy Communion our sins are forgiven and our baptismal covenant is renewed. To participate in Badarak means to have the foretaste of the Kingdom of

¹This article appeared last year in "Hairenik" weekly in Armenian. This is not a literal translation of that article.

God and the presence of the Holy Trinity, because as a contemporary Church father says, Badarak is the sacrament of the eternal life, that life, which we will have and enjoy after the day of the resurrection. We enjoy the presence and the actuality of that life every time we participate in Badarak.



HOW DO CHRISTIANS FIT INTO THE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM? THEY DON'T

By Tim Keller

What should the role of Christians in politics be? More people than ever are asking that question. Christians cannot pretend they can transcend politics and simply “*preach the Gospel.*” Those who avoid all political discussions and engagement are essentially casting a vote for the social status quo. American churches in the early 19th century that did not speak out against slavery because that was what we would now call “*getting political*” were actually supporting slavery by doing so. To not be political is to be political.

The Bible shows believers as holding important posts in pagan governments — think of Joseph and Daniel in the Old Testament. Christians should be involved politically as a way of loving our neighbors, whether they believe as we do or not. To work for better public schools or for a justice system not weighted against the poor or to end racial segregation requires political engagement. Christians have done these things in the past and should continue to do so. Nevertheless, while believers can register under a party affiliation and be active in politics, they should not identify the Christian church or faith with a political party as the only Christian one. There are a number of reasons to insist on this.

One is that it gives those considering the Christian faith the strong impression that to be converted, they need not only to believe in Jesus but also to become members of the (fill in the blank) Party. It confirms what many skeptics want to believe about religion — that it is merely one more voting bloc aiming for power.

Another reason not to align the Christian faith with one party is that most political positions are not matters of biblical command but of practical wisdom. This does not mean that the church can never speak on social, economic and political realities, because the Bible often does. Racism is a sin, violating the second of the two great commandments of Jesus, to “*love your neighbor.*” The biblical commands to lift up the poor and to defend the rights of the oppressed are moral imperatives for believers. For individual Christians to speak out against egregious violations of these moral requirements is not optional. However, there are many possible ways to help the poor. Should we shrink government and let private capital markets allocate resources, or should we expand the government and give the state more of the power to redistribute wealth? Or is the

right path one of the many possibilities in between? The Bible does not give exact answers to these questions for every time, place and culture. I know of a man from Mississippi who was a conservative Republican and a traditional Presbyterian. He visited the Scottish Highlands and found the churches there as strict and as orthodox as he had hoped. No one so much as turned on a television on a Sunday. Everyone memorized catechisms and Scripture. But one day he discovered that the Scottish Christian friends he admired were (in his view) socialists. Their understanding of government economic policy and the state's responsibilities was by his lights very left-wing, yet also grounded in their Christian convictions. He returned to the United States not more politically liberal but, in his words, "*humbled and chastened.*" He realized that thoughtful Christians, all trying to obey God's call, could reasonably appear at different places on the political spectrum, with loyalties to different political strategies.

Another reason Christians these days cannot allow the church to be fully identified with any particular party is the problem of what the British ethicist James Mumford calls "*package-deal ethics.*" Increasingly, political parties insist that you cannot work on one issue with them if you don't embrace all of their approved positions. This emphasis on package deals puts pressure on Christians in politics. For example, following both the Bible and the early church, Christians should be committed to racial justice and the poor, but also to the understanding that sex is only for marriage and for nurturing family. One of those views seems liberal and the other looks oppressively conservative. The historical Christian positions on social issues do not fit into contemporary political alignments.

SOURCE: NEW YORK TIMES

Լուրեր Հոգաբարձուրենէն – Board of Trustees News

Stephen Hagopian

The Board of Trustees (BOT), with the guidance of Der Torkom Chorbajian (*Der Hayr*), had a very busy final few months of 2018, leading into Christmas, the New Year, and Armenian Christmas in early 2019.

In October, we held our Annual Golf outing. This year, we experienced our largest outing to date; as approximately one hundred (100) individuals participated in a wonderful day of golf and fellowship. This event has become a wonderful and profitable experience for our parish. This year was our most successful golf event since beginning this wonderful activity. Some of our parishioners played that day, and many others supported the event by sponsoring a “hole.” We wish to thank everyone who supported this successful venture.

On Sunday, December 9, 2018, we celebrated our church’s sixty-fourth (64th) anniversary. We were blessed to have Very Reverend Father (*Hayr Soorp*) Sahag Yemishian celebrate Badarak with us that day. Hayr Sahag is now the Eastern Prelacy Vicar General. In commemoration of the anniversary, we had a luncheon at the community center following the Badarak. Der Hayr and Yeretsgin organized a wonderful program for the day, as we enjoyed performances by several of our Armenian youth. Our Sunday School and Armenian School students performed musical numbers and read poetry. Our hearts burst with pride as we watched the next generation continue our Armenian heritage. We thank everyone who donated to the church in honor of our Anniversary as this event has become the largest fund raiser in our calendar year, and critically important in maintaining our parish life.

After Vesper Services, on American Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, 2018, we celebrated with our normal Christmas Carols sing along. We had a very good crowd attend this year as we shared in the carols celebrating the birth of Christ.

Following the New Year, we celebrated Armenian Christmas, with Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services. We had outstanding attendance for both Services. Armenian Christmas Day Badarak was a wonderful experience. Where we have normally celebrated Armenian Christmas with a luncheon at a local restaurant, since Armenian Christmas fell on a Sunday, we held a celebration luncheon at the community center where we enjoyed Gyros and Shawarma from Olgas.

Since last spring, Der Torkom and the BOT have strengthened our focus on Outreach and Community Events. We have pushed for our community to attend the New Year’s Day event held in West County, where twelve (12) of our local parishioners attended to celebrate the New Year with our Armenian friends from West County. We have held several Agoomps, as well as other events focusing on fellowship, education, and furthering Armenian Culture in our community. One recent event held this past January, 2019, was the showing of the movie “*Kyanq U Kriv*” at our community center. The film was in Armenian with English subtitles. The event was well received by all who attended, as our parishioners really enjoyed the movie about the Artsakh war and its affect on the people in Armenia. We look forward to conducting more Outreach events in the future. If anyone has any ideas for activities and events, please share them with Der Hayr or a BOT member.

We are off to a very good start for 2019. We hope you will continue to support the parish by giving of your time, treasure, and talent as we work to spread the message of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and the Armenian Apostolic Church.

Լուրեր Սրբոց Սերափիմեան Երգչախումբէն – Holy Seraphim Choir News

Rose Lesko

The Holy Seraphim Choir continues to improve upon the hymns of the Divine Liturgy through our practices, while also focusing on improving the hymns we sing only on feast days. We have been practicing more using the multi-functions of the organ.

At the churches 64th anniversary, the choir was able to contribute a \$1,000 toward the overall goal of the church. We continue to sponsor our two orphans in Armenia.

Since the last edition of the Pari Loor, a key member of our, Sam Spataro, has been incapacitated and not been able to join our ranks. We wish him the very best and hope to have him back in the upcoming months.

Since our numbers are down, we are always in need of additional voices. If you are interested in joining the Choir, please reach out to one of us. Finally, the Choir wishes to extend a special thank you to Der Torkom for his continued guidance and support.

Լուրեր Կիրակնօրեայ Վարժարանէն – Sunday School News

Jean Nalbandian

Our Sunday School Students have been busy as usual. You may have noticed the construction paper lanterns hanging through the hallways. These represent the Light of God, and how He shines blessings into our lives. This is just one of the creative lessons and fun crafts we do in Sunday School to bring the message of God's love to our little ones. The kids had so much fun this Christmas Season decorating the trees, making Christmas treats at the Agoomp, collecting hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves for our brothers and sisters in Armenian orphanages, taking down the tree (oops, Miss Jean broke an ornament!) and attending Christmas services and functions. Several students read and participated in Holy Day Services. Our kids are active each Sunday collect Communion Veils, passing the Collection Plates, and taking care of the candles after Badarak. The older children often help by serving on the altar or singing in the choir. Soon we will be preparing for Great Lent. Come play and pray with us!

Լուրեր Տիկնանց Միութենէն – Ladies' Guild News

Lynne Hagopian

In December 2018, thanks to the hard work of our Ladies Guild members, delicious Pakhlava, Choreg, Khurabia, Bereg, Simit, Khadayif, Kata, Loosnags, and assorted cookies resulted in a successful Bake Sale.

The Guild donated three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to the church on the occasion of its sixty-fourth (64th) anniversary. Our donation resulted from the bake sales and dinners we hosted.

We are beginning preparations for our Easter Choreg and Egg Sale on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019.

As always, we are seeking new members to join our guild. If you are interested, please contact our chairlady, Colleen Varadian.

Լուրեր 2.3.7.Է- Armenian Revolutionary Federation

Stephen S. Hagopian

The Granite City “Hrayr” Gomideh had an eventful end to the 2018 calendar year and start to the 2019 calendar year. In the fall of 2018, we hosted, with the church, our annual golf outing. We experienced our highest turnout in years. In addition, the fall of 2018 brought us our first new member in over three (3) years, as Unger Jeff Hagopian joined the ranks; thereby returning our local Armenian revolutionary Federation (ARF) Gomideh to five (5) Ungers. We look forward to a busy spring and to sending our first delegate to the ARF convention. Chicago, Illinois is hosting this year’s convention the third (3rd) weekend in February.

The ARF continued its work with Armenian National Committee (ANC) Chapters for Southern Illinois and Missouri, as we met with the members of the Illinois and Missouri Congressional delegations to follow up on key issues; issues centering around Genocide Recognition, improving increased United States (US) investment in Armenia, and encouraging direct US support to Artsakh, travel, and communication.

We wish to thank all who have supported us in the past and want to thank those who work with and support the work of the ARF and ANC in Illinois and Missouri. Lastly, for those interested in joining the local Chapters of the ARF or the ANC, please contact Unger Stephen Hagopian for further information. He is available at your convenience by calling him at (314) – 392 – 3835.

Լուրեր 2.0.Մ.Է - Armenian Relief Society News

Janet Haroian

Happy New Year from the Reubena Ungerouhies!

Since the last newsletter, our members helped with the annual AYF November Dance by providing mezza and working as needed in the kitchen. We also assisted the AYF Antranig Chapter in late December when they hosted the AYF Eastern USA Convention in St. Louis. Ungerouhie Janet Haroian spoke on behalf of the ARS Regional Board at the convention about her participation in the ARS organization over the years and how it introduced her to experiences she would likely not have had cross her path. The ARS also assisted with the organization and preparation of a St. Louis/Metro East Illinois theme dinner for the convention delegates on Friday, December 28, 2018. They enjoyed the meal and dessert!

Also since the last newsletter, we supported the ARS Region projects by sending in funds collected for UNICEF, donating towards the Armenian Telethon at Thanksgiving and our annual donation for Amanor, to provide Christmas and New Year gifts to those in need at the Bird’s Nest Orphanage in Lebanon, the old age home and shelters in Lebanon, Syria and South America, the Zvartnots School for disabled children in Lebanon, Soseh Kindergartens in Artsakh and Bulgaria, orphanages in Armenia and needy children in Javakhk. By the time you read this,

our annual Souper Bowl Luncheon will have come and gone. Thanks to all ARS members and community members that prepared the delicious variety of soups for consumption. No matter who wins the “big game” on February 3rd, the ARS is the winning team thanks to all who continue to support this fun-fundraiser every year so we can provide funds for the ARS orphan sponsorship program.

We will have ARS raffle tickets available for purchase starting at the luncheon. Tickets are \$10 each and the drawing for prizes will take place at the ARS East USA 99th Convention banquet set for July 20, 2019 in Waltham, MA.

Coming soon will be a Lehmejune fundraiser to support the ARS Vision 2020 program, which is a long-term endowment that will help support the organization into the future. Chapters have been tasked with establishing a special fundraiser to help build the base funds for the endowment per an ARS convention resolution. Watch for news and opportunities for placing orders in advance.

Sunday, February 24, 2019 has been set as the date for requiem for our ARS deceased members and benefactors. The chapter will host coffee hour after church services in their memory. Contact Janet Haroian if you wish to donate for this.

Monday, April 1, 2019 is the deadline for ARS Scholarship Applications, both Graduate and Undergraduate scholarships. Details and the respective applications can be found on the ARS website: arseastusa.org. Please share this information with family and friends that have students in need of financial support.

See the message below about the YCP and share this info as well.

Please join us at: **ARS Norian Youth Connect Program at Columbia University on March 2, 2019**

Join leading scientists, artists, intellectuals, and university students from across the country for a day filled with stimulating discussions and networking opportunities

Armenian students ages 18-27 are encouraged to register for this exciting opportunity at **Columbia University in New York on March 2nd, 2019!**

A **\$50 registration fee** covers:

- Program participation
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Overnight hotel accommodations for out-of-town students

RSVP deadline: Friday, February 15, 2019

The 109th Armenian Relief Society Anniversary dinner and program has been set for Palm Sunday, April 14th after church services. Please mark your calendars now to attend and help us celebrate this special day. We look forward to seeing you!



Attendees at the Armenian Youth Federation Convention Dinner. The Ungers and Ungerouhies in attendance had a fun evening with good food and fellowship. Der Torkom Chorbajian provided an interesting and informative tour of the church.

Լուրեր Հ.Ե.Մ. Ին - Armenian Youth Federation

Stephen Hagopian

The Granite City “Antranig” Chapter has had a very exciting few months. We had our Annual Armenian Youth Federation (AYF) November Dance on Saturday, November 17, 2019 at the St. Gregory Community Center. It was a great night, filled with music and dancing. For the second (2nd) consecutive year, we had Shant and Raffi Massoyan, along with Aram Hovagimian, doing a wonderful job of playing different genres of Armenian music; past and present. We appreciate all the support we received from AYF parents, alumni, members, and volunteers in making this such a great community event every year!

After the dance we concentrated our time and effort on hosting the Eighty-Fifth (85th) Annual AYF Senior Convention; held this year in Clayton, Missouri from Wednesday, December 26, 2019 through Sunday, December 30, 2019. We had over twenty-five (25) seniors representing thirteen (13) different AYF Eastern Region Chapters. Janet Haroian, one of our local ARS Ungerouhis, spoke on behalf of the ARS Eastern Region during the four-day event. Gabby Krikorian represented the local chapter. Other members sat in on different sessions and helped the night of our community dinner. On Friday, December 28, 2019, we hosted the community dinner at the hall and served a variety of St. Louis unique foods; including, but not limited to, toasted ravioli, pulled pork, and fried chicken. The kids thoroughly enjoyed the meal. Thanks to Susan Hagopian and Janet Haroian for helping coordinate the meal. Der Torkom provided the attendees with a tour of the church.

Future events include having our members attend the Junior AYF Winter Olympics in Detroit, the Junior AYF Seminar in Pennsylvania, the Junior AYF Olympics in Racine, and for Senior AYF Olympics to make its way back to the Midwest, when the Chicago “Ararat” Chapter hosts the event this coming Labor Day Weekend.

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<p><u>OCTOBER 7</u> MARY GAGOSIAN KOOBATIAN By Sam and Sue Spataro GEORGE JACOBS By Janet Haroian CHRISTAPOR OKNAYAN By Der Torkom, Yn Shogher and Gareen <u>OCTOBER 14</u> DR. BRENT LEH By Steve, Susie, and Stephen Hagopian PATTY DAGHLEY By Jeff & Lynne Hagopian <u>OCTOBER 21</u> ANDREW & ANGELINE HAGOPIAN, MICHAEL HAGOPIAN, ART & MARY BEDIAN, WALLACE LEE, LAWRENCE & MILDRED GEISENDORFF, MARK ALASHAIAN, KATHY OVIAN By Stephen S. Hagopian <u>NOVEMBER 4</u> LOUIS AND ALICE SAUCIER By Garo and Leslie Mikaelian, Lori Saucier, Pam and Rich Asadorian <u>NOVEMBER 11</u> LOUISE DOLBASHIAN By Edward and Denise Dolbashian ANGELINE AND ANDREW HAGOPIAN, MICHAEL HAGOPIAN, WALLACE LEE, KATHY OVIAN Stephen S. Hagopian <u>NOVEMBER 18</u> MARIAM ASADORIAN, ZADOUR KAMBARIAN By Asadorian and Keeney Families DZAGHIG ASADOURIAN</p>	<p>ANDREW HAGOPIAN By Lynne and Jeff Hagopian DECEASED CHOIR MEMBERS By Holy Seraphim Choir ZAVART & MESAG MEGRDICHIAN, HAIGHUI & BEDROS MEGRDICHIAN, ALICE & JACK DAVUDIAN, MARY ASADORIAN By Mary Megrdochian Dugan <u>DECEMBER 09</u> ALL DECEASED CLERGY, DEACONS, NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE DELEGATES, BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS, CHOIR MEMBERS AND LADIES GUILD MEMBERS WHO SERVED ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS By Pastor and Board of Trustees ANDREW HAGOPIAN, JERRY KAMBARIAN, CHARLOTTE KAMBARIAN McMILLAN By Asadorian and Keeney Families <u>DECEMBER 16</u> ANDREW HAGOPIAN By Stephen and Susie Hagopian, Andrew and Stephanie Hagopian and Family, Annette Hagopian, Stephen S. Hagopian ALICE McCLINTOCK By Asadorian & Keeney Families HELEN OVIAN, KATHY OVIAN By Raffi Ovian <u>DECEMBER 23</u> ANDREW & MICHAEL HAGOPIAN By Karen Hagopian</p>
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By Deacon and Mrs Ed Haroian and Family

NOVEMBER 25

GOHAR MARGARIAN

By Lyudmila Grigorian

HAROUTYOON & SARKIS HADIKIAN

By Mary Hatikian

DECEMBER 02

LARRY SANASARIAN

By Mary Matoesian-Sanasarian

ARSEN HAROIAN

PARANTZEM HAROIAN

VASKEN HAROIAN

VAHAN HAROIAN

VAHRAM HAROIAN

PAMELA ATKINSON

HAIG HAROIAN

HASMIG HAROIAN

IDA HAROIAN FOLKERS

EDWARD AND MARY ASADOIAN

By Varsenig Haroian Throne

JEANNIE FUSDIGIAN AND NEVART KACHIGIAN

By Annette Hagopian

DECEMBER 30

MARY ASADORIAN

By Asadorian and Keeney Families,
Yervant Manoogian

JANUARY 20

MICHAEL HAGOPIAN

By Stephen S. Hagopian,
Steve & Susan Hagopian, Andrew & Stephanie
and Family,

Jeff and Lynne Hagopian, Megan and Rob Smith,
Michelle Hagopian and Gabrielle Fiorenza,
Annette Hagopian

KARNICK AND GRACE OHANIAN

By Henry & Connie Ohanian

ZHORA ANTONYAN

By Janet Haroian

**SOGHOMON OVOIAN, ARMENAG OVOIAN,
HELEN OVIAN, KATHY OVIAN, NISHAN &
MARIAM VARADIAN, CALVIN AND MARY ALICE
CANDISKY, MICHAEL HAGOPIAN**

By Raffi Ovian

JANUARY 27

**ANDREW, ANGELINE, MICHAEL HAGOPIAN,
WALLACE LEE, LAWRENCE AND MILDRED
GEISENDORF, KATHY OVIAN**

By Stephen S. Hagopian

Խնորհաբան Մոզիք-Prayer Request

OCTOBER 7

STEPHANIE HAGOPIAN

By Stephen and Susie Hagopian

Stephen S Hagopian

Elizabeth and Paul Shirinian

DAN DEMARCO

By John and Colleen Varadian and Family

October 14

STEPHANIE AND WALLACE ROBERT HAGOPIAN

By Steve, Susie, & Stephen Hagopian

Paul, Liz & Andie Shirinian

RANDY BROGLIN

By Janet, Melanie & Stephen Haroian

OCTOBER 21

AMERIK KACHIGIAN

By Sam and Sue Spataro

OCTOBER 28

DARREL MCMAHON, AMERIK KACHIGIAN

By Mike Torosian

GUSSIE GLASPER

By Art & Pam Asadorian

AGNES HAROIAN

By Deacon Edward and Laura Haroian

November 4

ASADORIAN AND KEENEY FAMILIES

By Stephen S. Hagopian,

Steve and Susie Hagopian

NOVEMBER 11

PATTY NAVIN

By Janet Haroian

DECEMBER 02

SAM SPATARO

By Holy Seraphim Choir

Community News

BIRTH

Andrew and Stephanie Hagopian, son and daughter in law of Mr. & Mrs. Steve and Susan Hagopian, gave birth to their first son and third child, **WALLACE ROBERT HAGOPIAN**, on October 9, 2018. Congratulations to Andrew and Stephanie Hagopian and to the entire Hagopian and Billman Families.

FUNERAL

WITH GREAT SORROW: MARY ASADORIAN passed on Saturday, November 3, 2018. The Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 10, 2018, at St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church of Granite City, IL. We want to extend our condolences to the Asadorian, Kambarian, Keeney and McClintock Families and to their friends. We ask God to accept Mary into his heavenly kingdom and grant her family the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

WITH GREAT SORROW: TANIEL GARABEDIAN passed on Wednesday, November 7, 2018. The funeral services were held on Friday, November 16, 2018, at St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church of Granite City, IL. We want to extend our condolences to the Garabedian and Coyle Families and to their friends. We ask God to accept Taniel into his heavenly kingdom and grant his family the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

In Lieu of Flowers for Mary Asadorian

<p>The Bedian Family Michael, Rosemary & Mary Haroian Jeff & Lynne Hagopian Sharon Smith-McMillan Casper Nighohossian Kimberly Hand Rita Garabedian Leo & MarLean Manoogian Stephen S. Hagopian Drs. James & Barbara Keim Lesko and Giovando Families Lisa & Bob Kurtz Hagop & Barbara Varadian Wilbert & Gussie Glasper Schweitzer Family Margaret, Fred and Jacob Colliflower Friends / Coworkers of Eddie Asadorian Takouhie Kakligian Virgina Bohigian Paul & Janet Bogosian Perdue Family Mary Matoesian-Sanasarian Dick & Zabelle Vartanian Steve & Vicki Avedisian Gary, Rebecca and Michelle Chase Rose, Doreen, Paul, Michelle & Olivia Nersesian Vartanian & Heifner Family Emmanuel & Sonya Ohanesian Susan and Michael Asadorian Sam & Sue Spataro David & Janet Matoesian Charles Vartan Ed and Denise Dolbashian Richard & Pam Asadorian Raffi Ovia Debra Flaughner Mike Torosian Henry & Amie Nersesian</p>	<p>George and Nina Marifian Debbie Brittin Betty Meszaros Nancy and Rick Avdoian Wendy & Phil Miller Margaret Darakjian & Patrick Rieck Andy & Jo Ann Yurko Tom and Evelyn Wiggins Mary Vartanian Robin Maine Garo & Leslie Mikaelian Lori Saucier Alexandre & Malgorzata Dinsenmeyer Zaven and Jean Nalbandian & Family Asadorian & Keeney Families Bryan Fadem Mary Parsaghian Garry and Patti Javizian Annette Hagopian Beverley Manoogian Rod and Nancy Bauder Russell and Clara Waterson Stephen and Susie Hagopian Pat and Bill Mcamish Deacon and Mrs Ed Haroian and Family Greg & Debbie Hightaian Marguerite & Bill Seaton Aris and Satenig Donjoian Bogosian Mr. / Mrs. Dan and Shammy Patoyian Chris Fink M/M Henry Ohanian Nancy Kaprelian & Bill Dusenbery Judge Andy, Julie Matoesian; Jane Matoesian and Al Van Amburg Mark Buschman Richard Norsigian</p> <p>TOTAL \$ 3,865</p>
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In Lieu of Flowers for Taniel Garabedian

John & Christine Schweitzer
Hagop & Barbara Varadian
Annette Hagopian
Graham and Melanie Keeney
James and Dolores Coyle
Ron and Jodi Rauh
Raffi Ovia
Charles Merzian
George and Nina Marifian
Gene Sims
Art and Pam Asadorian
Leo & Marlean Manoogian
Mike Torosian
Villas of Knights Bridge Association
Jeff and Lynne Hagopian
Dr. Vatche Ayvazian
Stephen and Susie Hagopian
Cheryl Grayson
Sue Depigian and Family
M/M Henry Ohanian
2002 & 2003 JB Marine Soccer
Teams
Joseph & Joyce Stumph
Sam & Sue Spataro
Ed & Laura Haroian
Richard & Nancy Avdoian

TOTAL \$910

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS

<p>Nov. 4 - Saucier, Mikaelian & Asadorian Families</p> <p>11 - Asadorian & Keeney Families</p> <p>18 - BOT</p> <p>25 - Andrew & Stephanie Hagopian</p> <p>Dec. 2 - Choir</p> <p>9 - Church Anniversary</p> <p>16 - BOT Christmas Agoomp</p> <p>23 - Ladies Guild Christmas Bake Sale</p> <p>30 - Asadorian & Keeney Families</p>	<p>Jan. 6 - Armenian Christmas Luncheon – BOT</p> <p>13 - Church cancelled due to weather</p> <p>20 - Hagopian Families</p> <p>27 - BOT</p> <p>Feb. 3 - ARS Souper Bowl Luncheon</p> <p>10 - Church cancelled due to weather</p> <p>17 - BOT</p> <p>24 - ARS</p>
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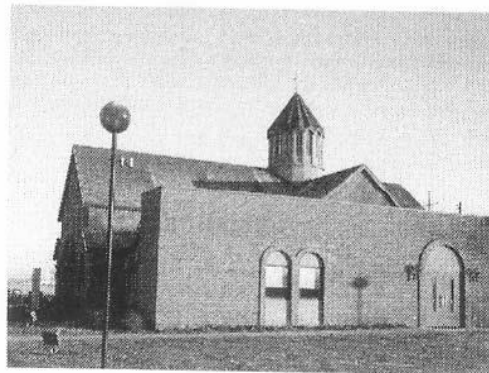
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY	15	Diyarentarach Service, Bonfire & Agoomp
MARCH	17	Annual Church Membership Meeting
APRIL	13	Annual Church Cleaning day & “Holy Seraphim” Choir’s Spring retreat
	14	Palm Sunday & ARS “Reubena” Chapter’s 109 th Anniversary Luncheon
	21	Easter Sunday & Ladies Guild Easter Bake Sale
	28	Joint Badarak at St. Gregory - Feast of the Armenian Holy Martyrs
MAY	12	Mother’s Day Luncheon
	26	Independence Day of the First Republic of Armenian & Blessing of the flags
	27	Memorial Day & Blessing of the graves

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ԱՊՐԻԼ	13	Տարեկան եկեղեցւոյ մաքրութեան օր եւ «Սրբոց Սերովբէից» երգչախումբի զարնանային համագումար
	14	Ծաղկազարդ եւ Հ.Օ.Մ.ի տարեդարձի նաշկերոյթ
	21	Չատիկ եւ Տիկնանց Միութեան անուշավանառ
	28	Միացեալ Պարտարագ-Տօն Հայկական Ցեղասպանութեան Սուրբերու
ՄԱՅԻՍ	12	Մայրերու Օրուան նուրիում նաշկերոյթ
	26	Հայաս.ի Ա. Հանր. Անկախութեան Օր եւ Դրօշակօրհներ
	27	Մեռելոց Օր եւ գերեզմանօրհներ

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