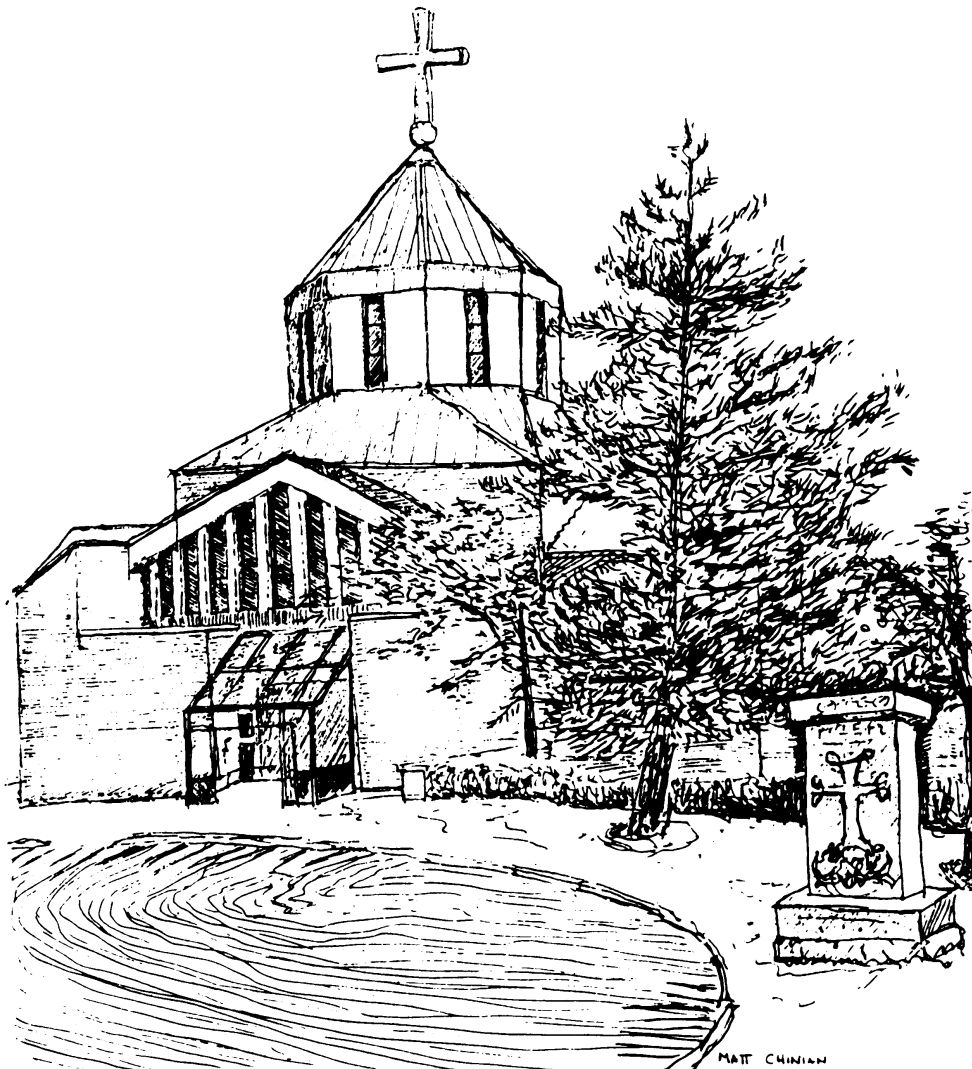


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Diocesan News

His Holiness Karekin II Visit to the U.S.

His Holiness Karekin II, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, visited the United States this fall to preside over several important events.

The primates of the Armenian Church dioceses of North America—Archbishop Khajag Barsamian (Eastern U.S.), Archbishop Hovnan Derderian (Western U.S.), and Bishop Abgar Hovakimian (Canada)—and the president of the Armenian General Benevolent Union, Berge Setrakian, invited His Holiness Karekin II to convene the meeting of the Supreme Spiritual Council in New York. This marks the first time the Supreme Spiritual Council has convened outside of Armenia.

In a separate meeting, His Holiness led a joint meeting of the Supreme Spiritual Council, the three executive councils of the North American dioceses, and the executive board of the AGBU.

On Sunday, October 30, a Divine Liturgy honoring the 17th anniversary of His Holiness' enthronement as Catholicos of All Armenians was held at St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral in New York. A banquet followed services in Haik and Alice Kavookjian Auditorium.

On Saturday, November 12, His Holiness Karekin II presided over the official opening of the new campus of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary in Armonk, NY: the consecration of the seminary's St. Hagop Chapel, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Karekin I Theological Center. For information on this St. Nersess event, visit www.stnersess.edu.

Also during his visit, the Catholicos presided over the 89th General Assembly of the AGBU and the celebration of AGBU's 110th anniversary.

Reflections on Pope Francis's Visit to Armenia

After returning from Armenia, where he took part in Pope Francis's visit this past June, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese, offered a series of reflections on the moving events.

Pope Francis's visit nourished the seed of spirituality embedded so deeply in our homeland," Archbishop Barsamian writes. "I witnessed the effect it had on our faithful people, on our clergy, on all who watched the trip in person or at home. It is in our power now to make that seed grow, blossom, and bear fruit. With our Lord's help and blessing, we will do so."

Visit <https://gallery.mailchimp.com/727aaae8ea56658ecf4a092d5/files/ReflectionPopeVisit.pdf> to download Archbishop Barsamian's reflection.



A Word from the PASTOR . . . Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian

My Loosaper article this month is a recycled message I wrote 20 years ago. It appeared in the October 1996 issue of the Loosaper. The article is called "2 Hours." How appropriate 20 years later! How do you use 2 hours?

2 HOURS

Looking back 20 years! Early this year was the 20th anniversary of my ordination into the Holy Priesthood. Where did the time go? With that in mind, I decided to (re)share my Loosaper message from 20 years ago, from the October 1996 issue — ***What is 2 Hours?***

Two hours = 120 minutes; 120 minutes = 7,200 seconds. Wow! There are plenty of minutes and seconds found in two hours. Our society places such an importance on time. We have watches and clocks, day-timers and calendar books; all to remind us of time — our previous time. Time to be found or time to be lost. In a matter of two hours much can be wasted or much can be gained. Let us look at a random two hours in our lives. Remember, you can achieve a great deal in that short period of time.

For example:

- ✓ You can engage in a two-hour, wonderful dialogue with your spouse.
- ✓ You can spend two hours of quality time with your child or children.
- ✓ If you are a child, you can play outside for two hours after school before it gets dark.
- ✓ You can study for two hours for a test or do homework.
- ✓ As a family, you can take a short two-hour trip or go to a vacation spot via a two-hour flight.
- ✓ If you are single, you can spend two hours on a date.
- ✓ If you're a movie buff, you can go to a theater and (hopefully) watch a four-star movie in two hours.
- ✓ You can read a good book in two hours.

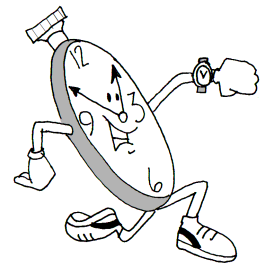
What else can you do with two hours?

- ✓ You can spend two hours doing social service work or volunteer work.
- ✓ Spend two hours in a hospital, nursing home, library or school.
- ✓ You can spend two hours visiting an elderly friend.
- ✓ You can visit a friend you haven't seen in awhile for two hours.
- ✓ You can spend two hours helping a friend or a neighbor.
- ✓ If you were given an extra two hours today what would you do?

How about two hours for God, for church, for your faith community? Is that on your list of things you can do in two hours? Did you know that you can come to church, participate in Divine Liturgy, and be part of a worshipping community on Sunday mornings in just two hours.

Consider what there is to gain in those two hours . . .

- ✓ Engage in a relationship with God
- ✓ Meet your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
- ✓ Be one with God
- ✓ Be one with your faith community
- ✓ Reconcile yourself with your sins



- ✓ Be forgiven of your wrong doings and sins
- ✓ Receive Holy Communion
- ✓ Be challenged in a sermon
- ✓ Receive the Word of God
- ✓ Receive inspiration
- ✓ Pray
- ✓ Have people pray for you
- ✓ You pray for others
- ✓ Receive fulfillment
- ✓ Hear the Armenian language
- ✓ Speak Armenian
- ✓ Listen to good music
- ✓ Receive a blue-colored Sunday bulletin
- ✓ Meet new friends
- ✓ Have good coffee
- ✓ Have a good snack (sometimes cheoreg) during fellowship hour



Why don't you try coming this Sunday and spending two hours with God during the Divine Liturgy at St. Peter Armenian Church? You may be surprised what you will find during those two hours See you soon!

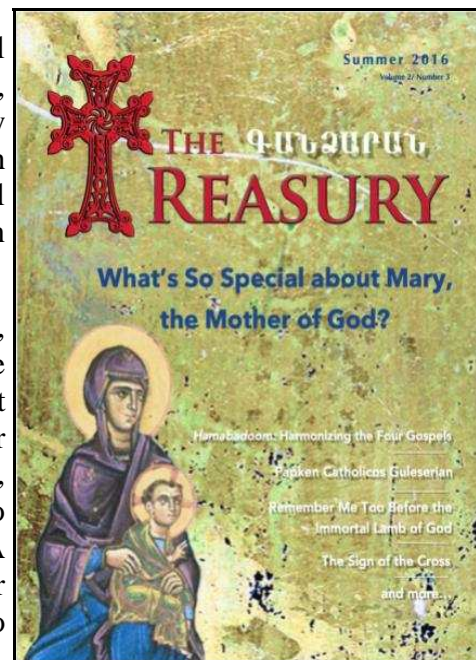
*God bless you,
Fr. Stepanos*

Who and what is the Fellowship of St. Voski?

In the spirit of the St. Voski and his companions (a group of Christian martyrs and monastics from the first century), "Nor Voskiank" is a fellowship of men and women working toward the revival and restoration of Armenian Orthodox theology and life within the Armenian Church at large. We seek to support the cultivation of a thriving, united, worldwide Armenian Christian community through prayer, fellowship, and the publication of practical educational resources covering the entire breadth of Christian life as lived, interpreted, and testified by the Armenian Church since ancient times.

Our first and primary educational resource is our official publication, **The Treasury**, a scholarly yet practical, user-friendly educational and devotional tool for study and spiritual growth. The Treasury seeks to offer a fresh presentation of instructive and inspirational material drawn from the well-spring of historic Armenian Orthodox faith and tradition.

If you share our vision, please support us through prayer, spreading the word, and subscribe to The Treasury. We are a tax-exempt not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that depends entirely on the generous support of donors for our ministry. For a one-year subscription to The Treasury, please send a tax-deductible gift of \$30.00 payable to Fellowship of St. Voski, P.O. Box 377, Sutton MA 01590. Every issue of The Treasury is also available for free on our website at www.stvoski.org. You can also visit us on Facebook.



Submitted by Eric Vozzy

The St. Peter Armenian Church parish welcomed Eric Vozzy, son of Guy & Elsie Vozzy and student of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, as guest preacher on Sunday, October 16. Below is his message:

The Year of Jubilee

Let's be honest! We all sin, we all carry pain. Right now, all of us are experiencing suffering on some level and I believe it's safe to assume we want healing from it. Furthermore, we want others to believe and pray for us. We don't want to go through our pain alone. We can retreat from it, but it just makes us more alone, more broken, and we seek to be free from it. But how can we truly be healed from pain that can be so paralyzing, oppressing, and binding?

In today's Gospel reading, we find Jesus in a Synagogue in Nazareth, the town of His birth, on the Sabbath Day. Similar to when we read designated Scriptures during Badarak, He took up the scroll and read from the prophet Isaiah, "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.*" Then he sat down and said, "*Today, this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.*"

To the Jewish ear, this one is easy. In the Old Testament, the Sabbath cycle included a year of smoothing everything out. It was called the *Year of Jubilee*, and mostly had to do with land and property rights. Slaves and prisoners would be freed, debts would be forgiven, property would be returned to its rightful owner, and the mercies of God would be demonstrated.

That sounds great, right? I'm not so sure about releasing prisoners, but the rest of it is appealing. But we don't live in a system that operates remotely close to that. So what does it have to do with us, and who are the captives, the blind, and the oppressed? How did Jesus fulfill it?

In today's Epistle reading, St. Paul writes, "*When we were children, we were **slaves** to the elemental spirits of the universe. When you did not know God, you were in **bondage**...*" Also, Jesus said in the Gospel of John, "*...everyone who commits sin is a **slave** to sin.*"

So, without knowing God, we are in bondage, *slaves* to sin. And if it's sin that binds and enslaves, then perhaps understanding what sin *is* will help us make more sense of the good news that Jesus claimed to fulfill that Sabbath Day in the Synagogue.

Sin is popularly understood as breaking God's rules. So when someone asks, "Is it a sin to do X, Y, or Z?" they're asking, "Is it against God's rules to do X, Y, or Z?" This is a legal way of understanding sin, in the context of guilt and punishment, which is not necessarily the Armenian Orthodox way of understanding it.

Simply put, sin is broken communion with God and with one another. It is anything that gets in the way or distracts us from undivided devotion to the Lord. Sin is what we deny God and the Church. So, as we read the confession together, what should concern us is not broken *rules*, but broken *communion*.

What is the result? We are *bound*, broken, *oppressed*, paralyzed, moving toward death. Sin is a process of corruption, like rust to a car. This voluntary movement away from God, who is Life, reveals itself in the many broken things in our lives. We hurt and kill each other. We hurt and destroy creation. We are weak and easily *enslaved* to powerful things such as drugs, alcohol, money, careers, and even technology. We are *dominated* and *oppressed* by greed, envy, lust, and anger. We become blind to the presence of God in the world, in our lives, and in the lives of others.

So what about forgiveness? Forgiveness is not the righting of a legal wrong or a rule broken. Forgiveness is the restoration or healing of the broken communion we have with God and with one another. Forgiveness is that which *unbinds* us and sets us *free* from all of the things which prevent from knowing God and being in communion with Him. In fact - and remember this - the Armenian the word for salvation is *prgootyoon*, which means to *liberate*, to set *free*.

So back to the *Year of Jubilee* that Jesus has fulfilled...Jesus is not referencing the “acceptable year of the Lord” as an earthly economic system. Instead, He is raising it to a cosmic level. And when does that “year” take place? He said, “**Today** this is fulfilled in your hearing.” He is present *now* in the world to release the captives.

So what does the *Year of Jubilee* look like on a cosmic level? Our sins are forgiven – through Christ, our sin is healed, washed, and destroyed! It ceases to have power over those who know Him. There is always forgiveness, and He will always call us back into communion with Him.

He cancelled death! You know that thing we’re afraid of? Dying? Well it’s not a thing anymore. We sing in our Badarak, “O Christ our God, and you trampled down death by death.” Which hero, world leader, or presidential candidate has ‘canceling death’ on their agenda?

He makes the blind see – despite our distractions, He opens our eyes to His presence in the world. He smooths our suffering, like applying oil that fills the cracks with His love and mercy. In essence, because of the arrival of the Son of God, we are raised us from citizens of this world to citizens of Heaven. That’s freedom! The kind of freedom from being slaves to that which binds and enslaves – Fear, Shame, Doubt, Hopelessness, Frustration, Sickness, Rejection, Loss – is found in Christ alone. And it’s found here, in the presence of a loving church body, with Christ as our Head. And we, as baptized Christians, have the privilege to receive the very medicine, which heals and frees us in the form of His body and blood!

The second part of today’s Epistle reading is this - “*Through God you are no longer a slave but a son. Formerly, **when you did not know God**, you were in bondage to beings that by nature are no gods; but **now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God**, how can you turn back again to the weak and beggarly elemental spirits, whose slaves you want to be once more?*”

The mystery of the Gospel is a person to be known, loved and, celebrated. Coming to the knowledge of God begins at our Baptism, which Armenian Church fathers have made clear, centers on “turning to the Light of the knowledge of God.” That’s why St. Gregory the Enlightener is named as such. It wasn’t that he enlightened people with ideas of the mind. He baptized! Enlightenment, or illumination, begins at baptism.

As we come to know God and experience the *Year of Jubilee* – the compassion, healing, and freedom – we can then share that with others. It’s never only about us as individuals. Through our forgiven wounds, if you see someone in our community, pick them up and carry them. If you can’t believe, let others believe for you. The mission of the Church is to stand side by side with the poor and the downtrodden, those suffering with pain, and to lift them up. We are responsible for each other. That’s what it means to be a *community*.

In faith, carry them to Jesus to hear the good news that He is fulfilling - to be released, to recover sight, and to be set free. Because wherever Jesus walks, wherever Jesus is present, the Jubilee has come.

Today is the Year of Jubilee. So let’s give thanks and celebrate. We are free!

Parish Council Message

Congratulations to **Thomas Berj Nevins**, winner of the St. Peter Armenian Church college scholarship of \$250 to aid one selected Armenian student entering into an accredited college or university. Thomas Berj is now attending Hudson Valley Community College in the Honor Scholar Business Administration program. Below is his essay submitted in consideration for the scholarship that was awarded to him.

Throughout my 18 plus years, I have been involved in the Armenian Church. Shortly after I was born, my parents had me baptized and that was the greatest thing that could ever happen to me. Being Armenian-Christian has been a blessing for me that has helped me develop to what I am today.

Ever since I was little, I have attended the Armenian Church and I began serving on the altar when I was six. Before I served on the altar, I remember going to Sunday School. Before that, I remember sitting in church next to my grandmother (Medzmydek) and eating cheerios from a baggy in her purse. Then, when I got a little taller and older, I started holding candles on the altar. When I first started, I could not see over the ledge of the candle holder. As I have grown older, I have taken on more roles in serving on the altar. When I serve on the altar, I participate in a variety of roles for the preparation of Holy Communion in the Divine Liturgy. I don't always know what I am saying when I chant in Armenian, but I understand the meaning and overall goal. Serving on the altar brings me much joy and spiritual happiness.

When I was younger, I went to church and served on the altar because that is what I was told to do. My father and my grandmother went to church, so I went to church. As I became older, I began to understand what it meant to be a Christian and what God can do. After I lost my grandmother, I was devastated. I took my grief and prayed to God and I found an internal spiritual peace. This has propelled me to driving my brother and myself to church almost every Sunday and serving on the altar to aid other members of our Armenian-Christian society in celebrating their faith.

My Armenian-Christian identity has helped me in a variety of ways. When I travel to sports weekends with other youth from our church, and from the whole northeast, we get to go to fun places like Philadelphia, Boston, and New York City. When we are together, we can enjoy each other's company and friendly competition unified by our common Armenian-Christian identity.

The identity that I possess energizes me when I think about our past. The genocide was detrimental to Armenians everywhere, but the church has made the Martyrs we cried about Saints. The saints of the genocide stood firm in their faith and believed in God with their lives.

Throughout my life, my Armenian-Christianity has helped me become who I am today, through a plethora of different activities such as sports weekends and recognizing the genocide. Serving on the altar has taught me many lessons in life and brings me spiritual bliss. My faith has evolved as I have grown older. I look forward to continuing to commemorate my Armenian-Christian identity and to continue to model my faith around the St. Peter Armenian Church.

Dear Parish Council,

Thank you for making me the 2016 St. Peter Armenian Church of Watervliet Scholarship recipient. Your leadership of the church has helped me grow into who I am today. Thank you for your generosity.

*Sincerely,
Thomas Berj Nevins*

Church Organization News

Sunday School & Adult Christian Education

Co-Superintendents, Paulette Doudoukjian and Breann Parseghian, put together a new creative and educational program for the 2016-17 school year. The new school year kicked off on Sunday, September 11 with registration and a student assembly, plus other surprises for families and students.

Throughout the year, classes start at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings, followed by family worship at 10:00 a.m. However, a new component is a monthly 30-minute assembly for all ages. During this time, we sing songs, have an educational component, celebrate birthdays, and more! Also, approximately once a month, we conduct special art projects during coffee hour after church services.

Of course, our popular Adult Christian Education class continues on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Stay tuned for information on special guest instructors!

We encourage family participation in both Sunday School and Adult Christian Education as our format of "Think Orange" continues to shape the future of our Church.

A new informative format of the "Orange Review" was launched in September. If you are interested in being on the Sunday School e-mail list to receive the monthly newsletter, please contact Paulette at (518) 505-9893 or spacsundayschool@gmail.com. Stay tuned and stay connected!

Paulette & Breann

Women's Guild

The St. Peter Women's Guild held its **Annual Mother's Day Brunch** on May 22 at Prime at Saratoga National. The event was chaired by Sonya Moroukian who saw to every last perfect detail for over 60 attendees. Guests enjoyed a delicious brunch menu and wonderful fellowship. Entertainment included a wine tasting presentation by Marion Kehrner of Cork & Bottle Wines & Spirits (501 New Karner Road, Albany). Beautiful Armenian poems about mothers were recited by Gayane Dadian. Guests tried their luck at winning some of the many raffle gifts donated by the executive committee members. The highlight of the brunch was honoring our Grandmother-of-the-Year, Lucy Krikorian, and our Mother-of-the-Year, Carol Tutunjian. Congratulations to both women who were accompanied by several family members to help them celebrate this honor.

The **Annual Armenian Festival**, held on June 4 & 5, was a huge success due in part to our wonderful Women's Guild members and the many other volunteers who came together to prepare all the foods for the Hye Bake Shop. This year we sold a record-breaking 97 dessert medleys on the first day alone. We also sold out of cream khadaif on the first day and had to make three more trays that evening. The Women's Guild executive committee offers their sincere thanks to those who chaired a baking day and to those who agreed to help when approached with the many tasks needed to make this event another success. With everyone working together as a team, we managed to accomplish all that needed to be done and had fun doing it.

The Women's Guild hosted a **Hye Tea** held in conjunction with Women's Guild Day on Sunday, September 18 following church services. The event was held for fellowship and an afternoon of fun as well as showing special appreciation for all those women who volunteer their time and talents for the Armenian Festival, the Holiday Bazaar, and other events throughout the year. Special thanks to Dolly Shamlian for coordinating this event.

Additionally, the **Annual Membership Meeting** was held on Sunday, November 6 immediately following church services. The women were treated to a delicious lunch of pork roast, beef sirloin, an autumn vegetable medley, and mashed potatoes, with paklava, and apple and pumpkin pies for desert. The luncheon was provided by the Parish Council and has become a tradition looked forward to by our members each year. We thank the Parish Council for this wonderful treat. Following the lunch, a workshop was held where attendees broke out into smaller groups for discussion on what they envision for today's Women's Guild and what they would like to see it become in the future as well as discussion of ideas on how to improve our Guild. A follow-up report of responses to the workshop will be shared with members in the near future. The current executive board consists of Sonya Moroukian and Charlotte Sevazlian as co-chairs, Lucy Morton and Claudia Suppa as co-treasurers, Phyllis Jevanian as secretary, and Winnie Kutchukian as an advisor. We are pleased to announce that the current members will be staying on for an additional term and are excited to have two new members join the executive body, Sue Dickinson and Linda Kazanjian.

The **Annual Holiday Bazaar** is scheduled for the first weekend in December (*see flyer in this issue for details*). We look forward to seeing all of you there! Special thanks to all who chaired a baking/cooking task. Without you, we would not be able to hold this annual event which is looked forward to by so many.

If you are not a member of the Guild, and would like to become one, please see any member of the executive committee who will gladly answer any questions you may have. Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

Charlotte Sevazlian

Photo Gallery



AM Prayer Group
Led by Rhonda Boyajian & Winnie Kutchukian
Alternating Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m.



St. Vartan Camp 2016, Session C
St. Peter ACYOA Juniors with Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian



Zumba / Soorch Bar Dance Class, Fall 2016
Participants with class instructor Maria Derian

Parish Community News

Sacraments and Rites

Baptism

Perla Mary Tournayan, daughter Antwan & Nayiri (Chohamlian) Tournayan, on October 9, 2016. Godfather, Garo Chohamlian; Godmother, Melanie Nalbandian; Celebrant, Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian.

Ksenia Rose Underwood, daughter of Henry & Mallory (Sawyer) Underwood, on November 5, 2016. Godfather, Nathaniel Hawes; Godmother, Emily Gaeta; Celebrant, Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian. Ksenia is the great granddaughter of Gertrude and the late Robert Nazarian.

Marriage

Anahid Talar Minassian, daughter of Sarkis & Betty (Tervizian) Minassian, and **Khachadour Sarkis Karayan**, son of Vartan & Setta (Krikorian) Karayan were married on September 4, 2016. Best Man, Thomas DelCogliano III; Maid of Honor, Lucy Abdo; Celebrant, Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian.

Funerals

Tervanda Karagozian entered her eternal rest on September 7, 2016. She is survived by her six children, Marie Karayan, Kevork (Taqoush) Karayan, Lucine (Levon) Baghdasarian, Vartan (Elza) Karayan, Buzant Karayan, and Anita Karayan; 21 grandchildren; and several great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The funeral service was conducted by Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian on September 12, 2016.

John Mardigian entered his eternal rest on September 29, 2016. He is survived by his companion, Marie DiLillo; three sons, Johnny (Mimi) Mardigian, Aram (Grace) Mardigian, and Gregory Mardigian; four grandchildren; and two nephews. The funeral service was conducted Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian on October 3, 2016.

Karasonk (40-Day Memorial)

August 7, 2016

Armenak Y. Kutchukian - requested by Winnie Kutchukian; Dan & Joy Walsh & Family; Yervant Kutchukian; Peter Kutchukian; Sylvia Kutchukian; Sam & Petty Kutchukian & Family.

September 25, 2016

Rev. Fr. Vertanes Avak Kahana Kalayjian - requested by Archbishop Khajag Barsamian.

October 16, 2016

Tervanda Karagozian - requested by the Karayan Family; Antranig & Rita Karageozian; Steve & Lusine Karageozian & Family; Lousin Karageozian; Hagop & Nectar Derian & Family.

Dareleetz (First Anniversary)

July 17, 2016

Rev. Fr. Khatchig Megerdichian - requested by Vartan & Liza Karayan.

September 25, 2016

Alis Acemoglu - requested by Ida & Sarkis Mihranian; Murat Acemoglu; Krikor & Angel Agopyan; William Agopyan.

Hokehankist

June 26, 2016

Harry T. Shamlian (Tenth Anniversary) - requested by Lucille Shamlian; Craig & Karin Shamlian & Family; David & Kathi Shamlian & Family; Harry & Kate Shamlian & Family; Toros Shamlian; Doris Kasarjian Kavoukian. *(Reprinted to correct list of requestors.)*

Toros & Mary Shamlian; Seth & Victoria Chichakian; Alice & Hygus Torosian; Sam & Peggy Chichakian; Ronald & Mary Chichakian - requested by Lucille Shamlian; Craig & Karin Shamlian & Family; David & Kathi Shamlian & Family; Harry & Kate Shamlian & Family; Toros Shamlian. *(Reprinted to correct list of requestors.)*

Hokehankist *(continued)*

- July 24, 2016 **Bishop Papken Varjabedian** (Sixteenth Anniversary) - requested by the estate of Bishop Varjabedian.
- Albert V. Paparian** (Third Anniversary); **Natalie Kachougian** - requested by Florence Paparian.
- August 7, 2016 **Kenneth Chorbajian** - requested by Alice & Charles Chorbajian; Debbie & John Ekmalian; Linda & Herb Chorbajian; Virginia Mahserjian.
- September 25, 2016 **John & Virginia Barsamian** - requested by James & Mary Kelteux.
- Ceroun Chetgean** (Eighteenth Anniversary) - requested by Vartan & Leeza Karayan & Family.
- Michael, Mary, George & Rosemary Koshgarian; Khachig & Sadie Koshgarian; Krikor & Zechia Kerkunian** - requested by Arthur Koshkorian (VA).
- October 30, 2016 **Paul DerOhannesian; Arsen DerOhannesian; Makrouhi DerOhannesian; Frances Vliet** - requested by Paul & Melissa DerOhannesian; Paul V. DerOhannesian; Danielle V. DerOhannesian.
- Shahe Panjarjian; Aznive Hamalian; All Members of the Panjarjian, Hamalian, and Belemjian Families** - requested by Mary & Ara Panjarjian; Mr. & Mrs. Hagop Bilanian & Family (MA); Mr. & Mrs. Sarkis Khatcherian & Family (FL).
- Adam & Jennifer Simonian; Simonian Family Members** - requested by Brian & Barbara (Simonian) Olesen.

Altar Flowers

- July 10, 2016 **The Kutchukian Family** *in memory of Armenak Kutchukian.*
- August 7, 2016 **The Kutchukian Family** *in memory of Armenak Kutchukian.*
- August 14, 2016 **The Asador & Sarah Kenosian Endowment Fund** *on the occasion of the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God.*
- September 11, 2016 **The Asador & Sarah Kenosian Endowment Fund** *on the occasion of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.*
- October 30, 2016 **Linda & Herb Chorbajian** in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Altar Candles

- September 25, 2016 **James & Mary Kalteux** *in memory of John Barsamian on the occasion of his birthday; Arthur Koshkorian (VA) in memory of loved ones.*

Fellowship Hour

If you, or a member of your family, are celebrating a special event (birthday, anniversary, promotion, retirement, etc.), why not share the joy with your church family by donating refreshments for the fellowship hour. You might also wish to do this in memory of a loved one, as a thanksgiving, or just in "fellowship." Please contact the church office to make the necessary arrangements and to reserve the date of your choice.

- August 7, 2016 **The Kutchukian Family** *in memory of Armenak Kutchukian.*
- October 16, 2016 **The Karayan Family** *in memory of Tervanda Karagozian.*
- October 30, 2016 **Sunday School Staff**

Gift of Prayer Ministry

"You shall be remembered before the immortal Lamb of God." Special prayers may be requested for healing, remembrance (in memory of), or special recognition by contacting the church office. Both the person making the prayer request, as well as the one being prayed for, will be remembered. A beautiful "Gift of Prayer" card will be sent as an acknowledgment of the prayer request. Please continue to keep those for whom prayers have been requested in your personal prayers.

- July 10, 2016 **Armenak Kutchukian**† - prayers of remembrance as requested by Isabel Derian & Yn. Zabelle Gdanian.
- July 24, 2016 **Carol Rathgeb**† - prayers of remembrance as requested by Barbara Derian & Richard DeMartino and Isabel Derian.
Una McGarvey† - prayers of remembrance as requested by Barbara Derian.
- August 7, 2016 **Shirley A. Palmisano**† - prayers of remembrance as requested by Barbara Derian & Richard DeMartino.
- September 11, 2016 **Elaine Bollow**† - prayers of remembrance as requested by Barbara Derian & Richard DeMartino.
- October 2, 2016 **John Mardigian**† - prayers of remembrance as requested by Carol & Pete Firth & Family.
- November 6, 2016 **Charles Donian**† - prayers of remembrance as requested by Barbara Derian & Richard DeMartino and Isabel Derian.

Special Donations

General donations to the church's General Fund totaling \$1,825 were made by the following: **The Doudoukjian Family** in honor of Yn. Zabelle Gdanian's 90th birthday on June 28; **Gerald Arzoumanian, Isabel Krempa, and Sonia Hachigian** in honor of Beatrice Arzoumanian's 98th birthday on July 26; **Berjouhi & Fouad Shamounian (Nora's Grocery); Mary P. Minassian & Family** in honor of Suren Hrachian's 100th birthday on October 8; **Capitaland Motors, Inc; Charles & Alice Chorbajian, Rev. & Mrs. Stepanos Doudoukjian, Debbie & John Ekmalian, and Dominic Rappazzo** in honor of Herb & Linda Chorbajian's 50th wedding anniversary on October 20.

Donations totaling \$1,050 were received in special plate collections held on July 10 & July 17 for **Houry Gebeshian** to aid her in her journey as the first female gymnast to represent the Republic of Armenia at the summer Olympic games.

Grapes for the Blessing of the Grapes service on the occasion of the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God on Sunday, August 14 were donated by: **Anononymous; Robert & Holly Dadekian** in memory of their grandparents; **Sonia Hachigian & Isabel Krempa** in memory of Sarkis Hachigian, John Krempa, Michael & Berdjouhie Stepanian, and John & Dorothy Tamamian; **Mary Hartunian & Joanne Scaringe & Family** in memory of loved ones; **Shamounian & Derian Family** in memory of Malak, George & Marin Chamoun, Farhah Chamoun Sahdo, Mr. & Mrs. Aboud Sahdo, Dikran Aposhian, and Nazar Nalbandian.

Donations totaling \$481 were received in special plate collections held on August 21 & September 11 for the victims of the widespread damage and loss as a result of severe flooding in Louisiana, most critically affecting the Baton Rouge area, home to one of our Diocesan mission parishes, **St. Garabed Armenian Church**.

Basil for the decoration of the Holy Cross on Sunday, September 11 was donated by **Violet Dadekian** in memory of her grandparents and uncles; **Sarkis & Ida Mihranian and Murat Acemoglu** in memory of Alis Acemoglu; **Linda Simidian** in memory of the Simidian Family.

Special Donations *(continued)*

Flowers distributed on Sunday, September 18 on the occasion of Women's Guild Day, were donated by **Toros Shamlian** *in memory of his mother, Mary Shamlian*.

Donations totaling \$656 were received in special plate collections held on September 25 & October 2 for **Maestro Khoren Mekanejian's Badarak recording project**.

General donations to the church's Building Fund totaling \$350 were made by the following: **Toros Shamlian** *in honor of Suren Hrachian's 100th birthday on October 8*; **Winnie Kutchukian**; **Toros Shamlian** *in honor of Herb & Linda Chorbajian's 50th wedding anniversary on October 20*; **John Khederian**.

Contributions totaling \$700 for dance classes, led by Maria Derian September 27 through November 15, were donated to the church's Building Fund for the ongoing **Hall Renovation Project**. Thank you to Maria and all the participants for making money for the church while getting fit and having fun.

Announcements

Congratulations to:

Suren & Sarah Hrachian who observed their 77th wedding anniversary on September 3. They were married at St. Peter Armenian Church in Troy in 1939. Congratulations also to Sarah on her 96th birthday on August 5 and to Suren on his 100th birthday on October 8. They are currently residing together at the Eddy Memorial Geriatric Center in Troy, NY.

Nishan & Gayane Dadian on the birth of a daughter, Talene Dadian, on September 6, 2016.

Daniel & Alison Khachadourian on the birth of a daughter, Lindsey Lee Khachadourian, on September 9, 2016. Congratulations also to big brother Mark Samuel Khachadourian, to grandparents Andrew & Patricia Marron and Levon & Karen Khachadourian, and to great-grandparents Marjorie Hotaling and Rosine Kazanjian.

Richard Hartunian for his appointment in August 2016 to Chairman of the US Attorney General's Advisory Committee. Border security is and has been Mr. Hartunian's main focus since joining the committee. While developing relationships with law enforcement agencies and prosecutors in Canada to combat the issues of the US-Canada border, he also shares his knowledge of border issues to the more troublesome southwest border.

Thank yous

Dear Fr. Stepanos,

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$481.00 dated 9/18/2016 to our effort to aid those who are suffering from the flood in Baton Rouge

In times like this, it is important that we stand beside those afflicted, offer our prayers and give financial support. May the Lord watch over all those who were devastated by the earthquake, and may His hand guide and rebuilding of communities, homes, and churches.

All the proceeds collected - 100 percent - will be distributed through the St. Garabed Armenian Church of Baton Rouge.

With prayers, Archbishop Khazag Barsamian, Primate

St. Peter Armenian Church,

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity! This community is truly remarkable and I appreciate all of your support! The future of Armenian Gymnastics is strengthened by your gift. Please keep me in mind for a visit in the springtime. It would be my pleasure to meet all of you!

In kindness, Houry Gebeshian

In Lieu of Flowers Donations

IN MEMORY OF JANICE KALASHIAN

Linda Kazanjian

Total: \$10

IN MEMORY OF TERVANDA KARAGOZIAN

Rosemary Ammian
Mr/Mrs Donald Boyajian
Levon & Nayeri Eleyjian
Mr/Mrs Steve Karageozian
Anahid Minassian
Mr/Mrs Ohan Ohanian
Berj & Lusine Topalian

Anonymous
Mr/Mrs Garo Derian
Sarkis & Heidi Guleserian
Greg & Ayda Karian
Mr/Mrs Necess Minassian
Lucille Shamlian

Raffi & Leeza Bardakjian
Mr/Mrs Hagop Derian
Mr/Mrs Vartan Jerian
Violet & Bedros Karian
Mr/Mrs R. Paul Moroukian
Fouad & Berjouhi Shamounian

Total: \$590

IN MEMORY OF ARMENAK KUTCHUKIAN

Annie & Zareh Altounian
Mr/Mrs Donald Boyajian
Harold & Mary Curley
Timothy & Anne Dell-Hartman (CO)
Debbie & John Ekmalian
Roswita Fragomeni
Mary Hartunian
Ara & Kerri Kayayan
Isabel Krempa
Elizabeth Melkonian (CAN)
Lucy Morton
Toros Shamlian
Rose Tedesco & Anne Marie Simon

Beatrice Arzoumanian
Mr/Mrs Charles Chorbajian
Michael & Rae-Marie Cydylo
Mr/Mrs Garo Derian
Levon & Nayeri Eleyjian
Sonia Hachigian
Lena & Tim Heglund
Bertha Kazanjian
Virginia Mahserjian
Sam Melkonian (CAN)
Mary Panjarjian
Catherine Anna Snyder
Mr/Mrs Berj Topalian

Nazar Bakerian
Herb & Linda Chorbajian
Robert & Holly Dadekian
Mr/Mrs Hagop Derian
Ralph & Elizabeth Enokian
Joanne Hartunian
Leon & Susan Kaiser
Mr/Mrs Martin Kenosian
Aida Melkonian (CAN)
Mr/Mrs R. Paul Moroukian & Family
Mr/Mrs George Scaringe
Susan Sogoian
Patricia Youmans

Total: \$1,695

IN MEMORY OF JOHN MARDIGIAN

Robert & Carol Carlson
Mike Doyle
Lucy Krikorian
Virginia Mahserjian
Trudy Nazarian
Rita Roberti
Tom & Dawn Valenti & Family (LF)

Robert G. Carlson
George & Anne Ide
Joe Lenegar
Beverly & George Mardigian
Patti O'Brien
Toros Shamlian

Francesca Corcione
George & Anastasia Kazarian (MA)
Anthony & Linda Magnetto
Elsie Mardigian
Carol Padula
Stacey (Mardigian) Sterner (VA)

Total: \$1,100

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT NAZARIAN

Susan Sogoian

New Total: \$2,125

Sincere appreciation and acknowledgment is extended to the above-named individuals for their generous memorial donations.

GENERAL FUND OR BUILDING FUND?

Most contributions made to St. Peter Armenian Church are placed in the church's general fund for the general operating expenses of the church. However, there is also a Building Fund account. These funds are reserved for larger projects of repair or renovation, such as blacktop repair, water damage, sidewalk/concrete repair, cleaning and resealing brickwork, etc. Another project in the planning stage is renovating/updating the church hall. When considering your contributions to St. Peter Armenian Church, please also remember the Building Fund – the savings account for our future. Donations to the Building Fund specifically for the **Hall Renovation Project** will also be graciously accepted.

Community News

2016 MISS FESTIVAL OF NATIONS CROWNED: Congratulations to Miss Renee Dearstyne, who represented the local Armenian community, and was crowned Miss Festival of Nations 2016 at this year's cultural event held at The Egg in Albany on Sunday, October 23. There were 17 contestants representing various international communities in the Capital Region. As well as having a talent for music, Renee is an honor student in her junior year of high school and is a Sunday School student at St. Peter Armenian Church in Watervliet. She is the daughter of Mike and Becky Dearstyne and the granddaughter of Victor Khachikian.



KNIGHTS and DAUGHTERS OF VARTAN CHRISTMAS PARTY, December 11: All are invited to a Christmas Party at The Country Club of Troy (100 Troy Country Club Road, Troy) on Sunday, December 11 hosted by the Knights and Daughters of Vartan. The festivities will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a Cheese Crudite table and cash bar, then dinner will include an entrée choice of Sliced Sirloin, Salmon with Dill Cream Sauce, or Chicken Piccata. All dinners include tossed salad, seasonal vegetable, potato, chocolate strawberry cake, coffee, tea, and soft drinks. Bring you family and friends for good food, fun, and games. Cost is \$35 per person. Reservations are required by December 5 by contacting Eddie Kebabjian at (518) 438-1105 or ekebabjian@verizon.net.

BABY CARE PROJECT: One of the pleasures of being part of a church family is that we can band together for the greater good! We would like to help parents provide diapers for their children. If you haven't bought diapers in a while, you might be surprised at the cost. As hard as parents try, sometimes they need help. If you would like to participate, you can bring diapers and/or baby wipes to St. Peter Armenian Church where a donation box will be provided. (Monetary gifts can also be sent to purchase items on your behalf.) These donated items will be delivered to those in need during the holidays.

CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL CONCERT DVDs/CDs AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE: DVDs and CDs are now available of the rare multi-ethnic Centennial Memorial Concert held on October 11, 2015 at Our Lady of Victory Church in Troy, NY. Music from the concert includes Jewish (Neimah) choral songs, joint Greek choirs, NY Catholic Chorale, Opera soloists including Armenian and Italian, piano solo by our very own Miss Renee Dearstyne, and so much more. Cost for the DVD is \$15 and \$10 for the CD. Contact Rafi Topalian at (518) 272-2000, (518) 810-5018, or rafitop@aol.com to obtain your copy.

2017 SUMMER YOUTH CONFERENCES DATES ANNOUNCED: St. Nersess Armenian Seminary is proud to continue its long history of hosting summer conferences for high school and post-high school students. The conferences in 2017 will be held on the newly consecrated campus in Armonk, New York. **Deacon's Training Program**, June 23-July 2; **High School Conference A**, July 7-16; **High School Summer Conference B**, July 21-30; **Post High School Conference**, August 1-6. For more information and registration, visit www.stnersess.edu or contact the seminary at (914) 273-0200 or info@stnersess.edu.



SAVE THE DATE!!

The St. Peter Women's Guild Christmas Party
will be held on Saturday, January 21

The Stockade Inn

1 North Church Street, Schenectady

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Նախանձը չար խորհուրդ մըն է: Անհկա է նաեւ Ժամագիրքին մէջ յիշուած եօթը մահացու մեղքերուն երկրորդը: Կայէն չար նախանձի պատճառաւ էր որ եղբայրասպան եղաւ: Յակոբ նահապետ նախանձով կուրացած իր եղբօր անդրանկութիւնը գողցաւ եւ իր հայրը խաբէց: Իսկ Յովսէփ գեղեցիկի եղբայրները նախանձով թունաւորուած՝ զինք եգիպտացիներուն ծախեցին: Համաձայն Սուրբ Գիրքին, նախանձը պարզագոյն մարդը գայլի կը վերածէ: Նախանձը անգութ է եւ մարդոց միջեւ հակառակութիւն եւ ատելութիւն կը սերմանէ: Ս. Պօղոս Առաքեալ կը խրատէ. «Ո՛վ մարդ, մարդասպան եւ մեղաւոր մարդոց նախանձող մի՛ ըլլար ... Հեռո՛ւ կեցիր չար նախանձէ»:

Ամէն նախանձ չար եւ մեղաւոր չէ սակայն: Կայ նաեւ բարի կամ աստուածային նախանձ: Տասնաբանեայ Պատուիրաններուն մէջ Տէր Աստուած շատ յստակ կերպով կ'ըսէ. «Ես եմ ձեր Տէր Աստուածը: Ուրիշ աստուածներու երկրպագութիւն մի՛ ընէք: Որովհետեւ ես նախանձոտ Աստուած մըն եմ: Եթէ ինծի հաւատարիմ ըլլաք՝ ձեզ յաւիտեանս կը սիրեմ: Բայց եթէ ուրիշ աստուածներու ետեւէն երթաք, կը բարկանամ եւ ձեզ կը պատժեմ»:

Հակառակ անոր որ Իսրայէլ Աստուծոյ ընտրեալ ժողովուրդն էր, եւ սակայն ան միաժամանակ ապստամբ ազգ մըն էր: Ան հանապազ իր Աստուածը կը լքէր եւ օտար աստուածներու կը հետեւէր: Այս անօրինութեան արդիւնքը եղաւ աստուածային նախանձ, անեղ զայրոյթ եւ կրականման պատիժ:

Եղիա մարգարէի օրով Իսրայէլի թագաւորներուն անօրինութիւնը չափ ու սահմանը անցուց: Ծշմարիտ Աստուծոյ մարգարէները հալածուեցան եւ սպանուեցան: Սուտ մարգարէներ եւ աստուածներ լեցուցին ամբողջ Հրէաստանը: Եհովայի անունը կարծէք աներեւութացած էր: Եղիա մարգարէ անապատ ու լեռ բախաւ եւ հոն թափառեցաւ անյոյս եւ ողբագին վիճակի մը մէջ:

Տէր Աստուած գտաւ զինք եւ հարցուց անոր. «Եղիա՛, հոս ի՞նչ կ'ընես»: Եղիա լացաւ ու պատասխանեց. «Նախանձեցայ, նախանձը Ամենակալի: Իմ Աստուածս կարօտցայ: Իմ Աստուածս կը փնտռեմ եւ չեմ գտներ»: Եւ Տէր Աստուած անապատի հովերուն մէջէն Եղիայի երեւցաւ եւ մխիթարեց զինք:

Եսայի, Երեմիա եւ Զաքարիա մարգարէներու օրով Աստուծոյ զայրոյթը իր լրումին հասաւ: Իսրայէլ իր անօրինութիւններուն պատճառաւ Նաբուգոթոնոսորի ձեռքը մատնուեցաւ եւ 70 տարիներ Բաբելոնի գերութիւնը ժառանգեց: Եսայի, Երեմիա եւ Զաքարիա այս ընտրեալ բայց անկեալ ժողովուրդի սրտանմիկ աղաղակները առ Աստուած մատուցին եւ գոչեցին. «Ո՛վ Աստուած, ինչո՞ւ մեզ լքած ես, եւ ինչո՞ւ մեզ կը մոռնաս: Ո՞ր է Սիոնի եւ Երուսաղէմի հանդէպ քու ունեցած նախանձը: Ո՛վ Տէր, նորէն արթնցոր նախանձը, նորէն սիրէ մեզ»:

Սուրբ Պօղոս Առաքեալ սոյն կրօնական նախանձին կ'ակնարկէ երբ կը գրէ. «Ո՛վ ժողովուրդ, դուք իմս էք, դուք իմ նախանձիս առարկան էք: Դուք իմ պարտեզիս պտուղներն էք: Դուք իմ քրտինքիս արդիւնքն էք»: Թէ՛ սաղմոսներու եւ թէ՛ Յովհաննոս Աւետարանի մէջ հետեւեալ խօսքը կայ. «Նախանձ տան քո կերիցէ զիս»: Սուրբեր, կրօնաւորներ եւ նահատակներ՝ Աստուծոյ եւ հաւատքի սիրոյն կրակներու մէջ նետուեցան, որովհետեւ Տէր Աստուծոյ նախանձոտները դարձած էին: Աստուծոյ սէրը կրակի մը նման կ'ուտէր զիրենք:

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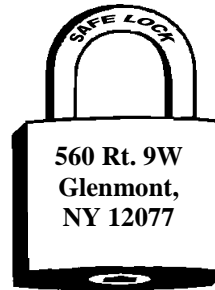
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Sunday, December 4	Annual Holiday Bazaar Day 2: Gdanian Auditorium ~ 12:00noon - 4:00pm
Monday, December 5	Young Adult Bible Study: Home of the Doudoukians ~ 7:00pm
Tuesday, December 6	Parish Council Meeting: Conference Room ~ 6:30pm
Friday, December 9	Adult Bible Study: Conference Room ~ 10:15am
Sunday, December 11	Knights & Daughters of Vartan Christmas Party: The Country Club of Troy ~ 1:00pm
Monday, December 12	Young Adult Bible Study: Home of the Doudoukians ~ 7:00pm
Friday, December 16	AM Prayer Group: Conference Room ~ 10:30am
Wednesday, December 21	Choir / Deacons Rehearsal: Sanctuary ~ 6:30pm
Friday, December 23	<u>NO</u> Adult Bible Study
Saturday, December 24	Western Christmas Eve Service & Sunday School Program: 6:00pm
Saturday, January 21	Women's Guild Christmas Party: Stockade Inn, Schenectady (details to follow)