



ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH

Annual Journal 2021







## ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH ANNUAL JOURNAL – JANUARY 2021

### Feast of Nativity and Theophany Celebrated at St. Mary



St. Mary Church Celebrated the Feast of Nativity and Theophany of our Lord with Nativity Eve and Day Badaraks. On January 5th the Jragalouits Badarak began with the Evening Service, recalling and celebrating the glorious event of the Nativity of our Lord.

On the Feast of the Birth and Baptism of our Lord, January 6th, the Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Der Hovsep Karapetyan and the

Blessing of the Water Service was officiated by Apb. Vicken Aykazian. We congratulate Barkev Kalayjian, the son of Zaven and Edita Kalayjian, who served as the Godfather for the Blessing of the Water ceremony.

### Armenian Christmas Luncheon Carry-out Edition

Armenian Christmas Luncheon Carry-Out was organized and held on Sunday, January 10 by the diligent committee members of our gift shop.

It was an overwhelming success due to the hard work and dedication of all the volunteers as well as our generous church community who placed their orders in support of our church. We thank you all!

We would also like to extend our special gratitude to the two passionate brothers Aret and Raffi Sahakyan who with their joint effort spearheaded this event and volunteered their time and cooking talents preparing extraordinary dishes and making this fundraising event possible.



### Anniversary of Hrant Dink Assassination



Tuesday, January 19th marked the 14th anniversary of Turkish-Armenian journalist Hrant Dink's murder. Hrant Dink was assassinated in Istanbul on January 19, 2007, in front of the Agos newspaper office. The murderer, Ogün Samast, was a 17-year-old Turkish nationalist who shot Dink three times. This year due to the pandemic, instead of the commemorative program, a special memorial requiem service was held in Hrant

Dink's memory on January 24th, at St. Mary Armenian Church.

## St. Mary DC Virtual Coffee Hour



Although our church has been reopened for the faithful, yet until further notice, there has been no coffee hour after Badarak.

No food or drink is permitted downstairs. However, a coffee hour took place on Sunday, January 31st at 1 pm, over the Zoom platform. Parishioners joined and enjoyed the virtual coffee hour that was organized by Becky Baghdasarian, one of our faithful and diligent parishioners.

## Daughters of Vartan and St. Mary Gift Store Carry-Out Luncheon

Congratulations to Daughters of Vartan for their overwhelmingly successful luncheon which benefited our soldiers and their families in Armenia.

Even in the face of adversity (major snowstorm prediction ) everyone rolled up their sleeves and got into gear, upped the date, and cooked up a storm of delicious dishes to delight everyone's palate. We were blessed to have wonderful volunteers and the dynamic duo - Aret and Raffi Sahakyan at the helm.



Aret, a multiple award-winning Chef, was the creator of a fabulous menu that was executed at the highest level by the kitchen staff. Chairlady/hostess, Margie Satian worked tirelessly to bring this all about. Sincerest thanks to all who supported this event. You made it all happen! Kudos everyone "Tzerkernut Talar"!





## ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH ANNUAL JOURNAL – FEBRUARY 2021

### ACYOA Juniors' Social Event



On Saturday, February 6th the ACYOA Juniors teen youth group met at St Mary for an outdoor SMOREs social event. Fire pits were set up outside the church and the teens were able to roast marshmallows and hot dogs. They also decided to spread some holiday joy to the Senior Citizens of St Mary by writing out 30 Valentine cards.

### Shnorhali School Second Semester Parent-Teacher Zoom Meeting

On Sunday, February 7, Ter Hovsep, Yeretskin Jennifer, and the faculty/administration of Shnorhali School met with parents of enrolled students to kick off the start of the second semester of Shnorhali's Virtual Program. Following a collective prayer led by Ter Hovsep, Yeretskin Jennifer and religion teacher Eric Ashbahian discussed the religious studies curriculum for the second semester, which will seek to incorporate novel online teaching methods in support of the Diocesan-approved curriculum, to spark the students' interest and excitement towards the study of their religion and faith.



As Yeretskin noted, the aim is to cement among the students a love for and devotion to the Armenian Church. In turn, the language teachers from Yerevan presented the Armenian language course of study, which in the second semester will include greater attention to written work and the study of "Armenian greats" - women and men who have made a strong, positive impact on the advancement of Armenian statehood, culture, and identity. The Shnorhali School Virtual Program second semester began on January 13 and will run through the end of May 21. The Western Armenian language, first, and second-grade classes meet on Saturdays; while the third-fifth grade classes meet on Sundays. The program can accommodate additional students. As Ter Hovsep noted in his closing remarks during the meeting, Shnorhali School is a central pillar of our community's attempt to educate and build a sense of Armenian-ness within our youth. Though ongoing COVID-19 restrictions prevent us from holding in-person Shnorhali School classes at Church, we have an excellent opportunity to support our children's religious and linguistic development through an impactful, proven virtual program. We encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunity!

## Paregentan Dinner



After a one-week postponement due to inclement weather, the Women's Guild Paregentan Dinner Carry Out took place on Saturday, February 20th. Thanks to the great teamwork of the Women's Guild and its volunteers, the event went off without a hitch.

The wonderfully appetizing menu of boreg, beef brisket, roasted vegetables, green beans almondine, and the generously donated finikia grabbed the attention of many supporters and resulted in a sold-out event. The success of the event was not only evident in the number of meals sold, but also in the positive emails that followed. The Women's Guild Executive Committee

wishes to thank all of its members, volunteers, donors, and community for their continued support. The Executive Committee would also like to express its gratitude to Mr. Kirkor Bolat for shoveling the snow and ice in front of the side kitchen entrance to ensure everyone's safety, and to Mr. Harry Derderian for helping trim over 75 pounds of brisket.

## Annual Parish Assembly

On Sunday, February 21st St. Mary held the annual Parish Assembly after Badarak. Given the COVID situation, the Diocese allowed each parish to decide how to convene the meeting, in person, or via the Internet. The St. Mary Parish Council decided to hold a hybrid meeting, where some members would be in the sanctuary and some would attend virtually (via Zoom software). The Nominating Committee, Auditing Committee, Parish Council, and Audio Visual staff worked together to make this new meeting format possible. About 35 dues-paying members came in person, making social distancing possible, and the other 35 joined online, .



Annual statements and reports of all of the organizations were presented and approved. The budget for the upcoming year was also approved. The following individuals were elected and reelected to fill parish leadership and other positions:

Parish Council: Robert George, Jack Guiragossian, Catherine Sahakian, Artur Sivaslian, Alternate: Bagrat Bayburtian. Nominating Committee: Sara Arabian, Ani Armani, Eric Ashbahian, Alternate: Catherine Sahakian. Auditing Committee: George Guiragossian, Alternate: Greg Manougian. Diocesan Delegates: Eric Ashbahian, Onnik Sivaslian, Sarine Zenian, Alternate: Zaven Kalayjian. Investment Committee: David Sayian, Alternate: Raffi Karahisar WED Scholarship Committee: Anna Seferian, Alternate: Tamar Sivaslian.



## ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH ANNUAL JOURNAL – MARCH 2021

### Lenten Services and Discussions



St. Mary Lenten Services and Presentations begun in March. This year's theme was "Seven Deadly Sins". During our Badarak when we read the confession text in order to receive absolution, we mention the Seven Deadly Sins naming them one by one. We admit and say the following words: "I have sinned by the seven transgressions of the deadly sins and all their forms, namely by pride, envy, anger, laziness, covetousness, gluttony and lust. I have sinned against God". This one verse is a quote from the Confession text used in our church. The roots of this text go to the early church eastern monastic tradition of asceti-

cism. The uncompromising battle of desert monks against sin involved them in extensive contemplation of its nature: its origins, the process of its influences, its strange characteristics, and consequences that sin may have in our lives.

Der Hovsep spoke about the sin of pride. St. Mary's parishioners Eric Ashbaihian, Maggie Avedisian, Shoghik Sahakian, Ara Stepanyan, Dn. Mark Krikorian and Yn. Jennifer talked about Seven Deadly Sins during their presentations, they explained their effects and dangers on the life of the faithful and gave some helpful tips on how to resist those sins.

### Women's Guild Mid Lenten Luncheon

On Sunday, March 14th, the Women's Guild held its annual Mid-Lenten Luncheon in carry-out style. The vegetarian menu offered a delicious variety that appealed to many and proved to be a favorite. Once again, the event's success would not have been possible without our generous donors, supporters and volunteers. The Women's Guild is so very grateful for each and every individual who was involved in this luncheon. Whether you were a donor, a supporter, a volunteer, or perhaps all three, we THANK YOU!



## ACYOA Church Clean-up and Smores Event



The ACYOA Juniors participated in a Lenten Service Project on March 21. About 15 teens gathered to clean and beautify the Church, picking up trash, raking leaves, doing gardening work around the Church, and doing general cleanup. Teens also made beautiful bracelets which they sold on Palm & Easter Sundays to raise money for Artsakh. The teens also participated in an enlightening devotional message led by Patricia Yeghissian and then ended the day by making delicious smores. Special appreciation to Monica Em-

merson and Lori Ann Madhok who organized this event and to Patricia Yeghissian for delivering her edifying message to our teens.

## Palm Sunday: The Doorway to Holy Week

On March 28, St. Mary Armenian Church celebrated Palm Sunday, the feast of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week - the sacred commemoration of the dramatic events leading to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, His victory over death, and the redemption of humanity and the fallen world. The Armenian Church re-enacts these episodes in the days leading up to Easter.



After a long absence due to the pandemic, it was nice to see a lot of parishioners coming back to church in person to worship.

## Women's Guild Palm Sunday Bake Sale



The Women's Guild held its annual Choreg and Bake Sale event on Palm Sunday, March 28th. Orders were purchased through the St. Mary Food Festival website through Saturday, March 27th. Anyone who missed the online ordering deadline was able to purchase the delicious baked goods in the church hall after church services. Thanks to the many talented bakers of the Women's Guild, the event was nearly sold out by the end of the day. Once again, the Women's Guild is very grateful to all who volunteered and donated to this very successful event. The Women's Guild would also like to acknowledge and thank Classic Bakery for its very

generous donation of the delicious Gata for this event. Classic Bakery has been donating to the Women's Guild for years and we are so very thankful for their unending support.



## ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH ANNUAL JOURNAL – APRIL 2021

### Holy Week and Easter Sunday



This year's Holy Week was celebrated at St. Mary Church under strict observance of local safety regulations, with provisions being made for both in-person worships as well as online broadcasts of the various services via St. Mary YouTube Channel.

On April 1, Great and Holy Thursday, the Holy Badarak and Washing of the Feet took place commemorating the Last Supper of our Lord. It was followed by a moving service of the Betrayal and Passion of our Lord (Khavaroom) that took place in the evening.

The Order of the Crucifixion of Christ and the Order of the Entombment of the Lord were held on Great and Holy Friday, April 2. On Easter Eve, Saturday, April 3, the Vespers and Scriptural readings were followed by the celebration of the Jragalouits Badarak. Easter Sunday, the Feast of Glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ was on April 4. It began with a Morning Service and Badarak celebrated by H. E. Archbishop Vicken Aykazian with the participation of the choir members and deacons.

St. Mary Parish Council and Der Hayr thank all those who contributed towards the Easter Lilies and Yughakin Donations, supporting our church during this difficult time.

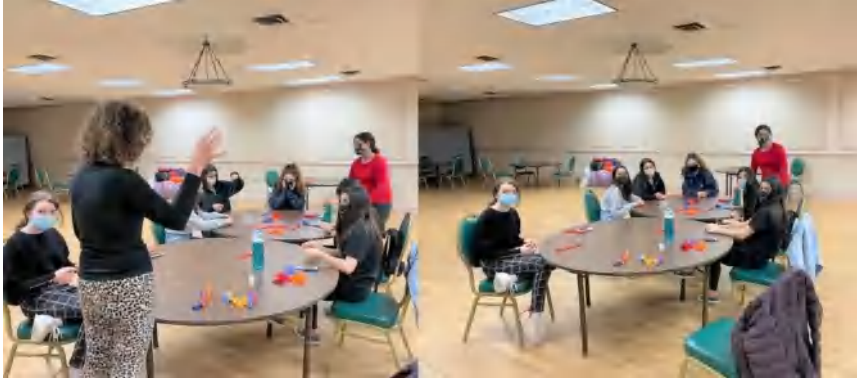
### AVAK Society Easter Sunday Carry-Out Luncheon

This year Easter Sunday, April 4, was extra special seeing many parishioners who came to celebrate our Lord's resurrection. It was also heartwarming to witness once more the generous support of our community. Traditional colored eggs brought smiles to many faces and the donations collected supported families in Artsakh. We would like to take this opportunity to thank AVAK Society Committee members, St. Mary Gift Store Committee members, and all the volunteers for the scrumptious meals and bake goods they had prepared. Moreover, the event could not have been possible without the tireless efforts of Mr. Daryush Valizadeh and the energy brought by our returning volunteers Levon Yacoubian and Aram Sahakyan.



We would like to extend our gratitude to Mr. Dean Shahinian for his generous donation, Mrs. Ani Dilanian for her time and effort preparing the scrumptious multi-seed cookies and Baklava pouches, Mrs. Mari Shafakian for preparing and donating the savory choregs and Mrs. Takuhi Hallajian for donating Easter eggs to raise funds in support of Artsakh families. May God bless you all.

### ACYOA Juniors' Bracelet Making Workshop



The ACYOA Juniors came together the weekend before Easter to learn and make Bracelets with threads following the instructions of their tutor.

They not only enjoyed learning new skills and the basics of how to make bracelets but also used their newly learned trade to raise much-needed

funds for Artsakh. The raised funds were sent to Artsakh to benefit FAR projects there.

We hope that this undertaking helped our Juniors to be more creative and taught them to always have the empathy and willingness to help our homeland.

### Commemoration of the Holy Martyrs

A solemn commemoration of April 24 took place at St. Mary Church. The day began with the Holy Badarak, which was followed by a special service commemorating the Holy Martyrs who gave their lives during the Armenian genocide for their faith and for their homeland in front of the Khatchkar on the church plaza.

Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day this year was rather a celebration of the truth and the honest recognition of history, as president Biden, with honor, dignity and courage used the accurate terminology in describing the Ottoman Empire's killing of more than 1.5 million Armenians a century ago and called the Armenian Genocide by its name.





## ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH ANNUAL JOURNAL – MAY 2021

### Ararat Avak Society & St. Mary Gift Shop Joint Event



The two organizations joined forces and produced a food extravaganza featuring dishes influenced by Middle East cuisine on May 2nd, 2021. Yn. Jennifer's Special Falafel was the highlight of the event.

We would like to extend our utmost gratitude to Yeretzgin for her unconditional support and generosity. She took it upon herself to produce the Falafel dish from start to finish. We would also like to thank our volunteers who worked tirelessly and answered the call to service; Mrs. Clara Andonian, Mrs. Seta Sivaslian, Ms. Talin Habibian, Ms. Anie Jamgochian, and Ms. Arda Kanderian-Hebert. A great deal of success was also due to the popularity of Armenian products purchased through St. Mary's gift shop.

As always, our appreciation goes beyond words could express to our community's relentless support whose expressions of love were materialized in their responses to this event.

This marked the first affair of its kind and we declared it our 1st Annual Diaspora Influence Event featuring cuisines from around the globe where the Armenian Diaspora has flourished.

### Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord was celebrated at St. Mary on Thursday, May 13, with a special service and message delivered by Fr. Hovsep.

This beautiful feast is sometimes forgotten because it always falls on Thursday (40 days after Easter). The Feast of Ascension celebrates the bodily ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ into heaven. We are told that the disciples who witnessed the ascension of our Lord did not leave the scene broken-hearted.

They had a definite promise of the soon-to-be-given Holy Spirit. Ascension marks a new beginning to live our lives anew and outwardly, becoming witnesses of our Lord Jesus Christ.



## New Parish Council Officers

The Parish Council during the meeting on May 11th elected new officers for 2021.



With great joy, we announced the new officers:

Ms. Shoghig Sahakyan - Chair

Mr. Artur Sivaslian - Vice Chair

Mr. Jack Guiragossian - Treasurer

Mr. Robert George - Vice Treasurer

Dn. Mark Krikorian - Recording Secretary

Dr. Hratch Semerjian - Correspondence Secretary

We would like to take this opportunity to express our utmost gratitude to the outgoing members for their dedicated service Mr. Onnik Sivaslian, Treasurer, Mr. Bagrat Bayburtian, Vice Treasurer, and Mr. Ara Stepanyan, Advisor. We look forward to seeing them serve our parish in other capacities.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to Dr. Ara Avedissian for his leadership role during the past year with its unprecedented challenges. We are blessed to have dedicated individuals such as Dr. Avedissian who will remain an integral part of our church family and continue to serve our community.

Last but not least, we congratulate and welcome our newly elected council members as well as continuing members wishing them a rewarding experience serving our parish and community at large. We pray they will flourish, serve, and enjoy their new parish roles.

## Lawn Games and Sr. High Grad Party Social

On May 15th, the ACY-OA Juniors youth group gathered at nearby Ft Reno Park, for a lawn game/graduation party. The teens signed graduation cards for the students who are graduating from High School. In addition to enjoying lawn games, the students played some party games; and everyone enjoyed cake and watermelon.

Each graduating senior was given a card, balloons, and an Icon. The event was closed out with a time of prayer. Despite this less than typical senior year, our 12th graders have completed their coursework and are heading out into the world of adulthood.

We are proud of you all and look forward to seeing our ACYOA Juniors again - as ACYOA Seniors!





## Shnorhali School Year End Hantes



On May 29 the Shnorhali School held its year-end Virtual Hantess. Students from grades 1-5 celebrated the end of the school year by holding a special Zoom Virtual session where students, families, and loved ones joined together one last time in fellowship.

After an opening prayer from Der Hovsep and a special message from Lower School principal Ruben Harutunian, the Armenian teachers shared their thoughts and congratulations to the students and families. Armenian Teachers Tatevik Mkrtchyan, Hranush Gyurjinyan, Tsoler Shkhrdmian then shared a special video presentation of students reciting poems and singing songs.

Special appreciation goes to the Armenian teachers, who despite the extreme conditions and difficult circumstances in Armenia this past year, were able to build a community of parents and students for this successful virtual program. Deep appreciation also goes to Ruben Harutunian for spear-heading and implementing this incredible program and leading us through this last year of virtual learning.

## Shnorhali School Graduation Hantes



The Shnorhali School commemorated the Graduation ceremony of Digin Julia's Armenian class on Sunday, May 30. The students received a special Graduation Blessing from Der Hayr at the conclusion of Badarak and then families and parishioners gathered together downstairs for the Hantes and ceremony.

Students recited Armenian poetry and expressed thanks to those who helped them through their studies. Welcoming remarks were made by Parish Council chailady Shoghig Sahakyan. Yeretskin Jennifer presented gifts of appreciation to Digin Julia and Becky Bagdasarian for their role in the development of the children over the past ten years.

Finally, a slide show, prepared and led by Yervand Khoranian, was presented. It was a celebration of many years of hard work by students, parents, and teachers. The students were presented with the Armenian Language School graduation certificates by Der Hovsep and Digin Julia. A small pizza party followed the ceremony, where the families were able to visit, many for the first time since COVID 19.

We congratulate all of the students and their families for this amazing accomplishment! Congrats to Alek Tekeyan, Anahit Harutyunyan, Angela Shekoyan, Ani Grigorian, Hayasa Khoranian, Madeleine Movsessian, Mariam Karapetyan, Monika Mkrtchyan, Rafayel Sargsyan, Tagouhi Gomtsyan, Varick Mikayelyan, Yeva Grigorian. May God bless you as you continue on this next stage of your journey in life!

## ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH ANNUAL JOURNAL – JUNE - JULY 2021

### Armenian Food Festival



The Spring 2021 Food Festival, although held as a carry-out event, was a 3-day Affair. Its success was the result of the hard labor of numerous individuals. Women's Guild members once more came together and prepared multiple dishes and desserts. The grill station was yet again the gathering place for the master grillers and up-and-coming master grillers. It was heartwarming to see old and new volunteers answering the call to service. The highlight of the weekend was the presence of our vendors, accompanied by St. Mary Gift Shop, who were set up alongside the church. Unfortunately, due to continued COVID restrictions, we were able to accommodate only 5 vendors.

We extend a special Thank You to the Jr. ACYOA members who came to help even though it was short notice. Additionally, we would like to recognize our sponsors who have contributed generously. Last but certainly not least, we have much gratitude for our parishioners and community members who really supported the food festival.

### Book Signing and Presentation by Tatul Hakobyan

An Armenian journalist, reporter, independent political analyst, and author, specializing in the Karabakh issue and Armenia-Turkey relations Tatul Hakobyan, was the guest speaker at St. Mary Armenian Church on Sunday, July 11. Parishioners and friends have gathered to hear first-hand news about the current situation in Armenia and Artsakh. Mr. Hakobyan shared views about the recent election and what awaits Armenia and Artsakh in the future.

The speech was followed by a question and answer session and presentation of Mr. Hakobyan's books: Karabakh Diary: Black and Green, Armenians and Turks, The Valley of Death: 44-day catastrophe.





## 2nd Annual Father's Day Celebration



This year Father's Day was celebrated on June 20th with a feeling of somewhat relief from COVID 19 restrictions. The outpouring of support was heartwarming being provided by many volunteers who dedicated their time and shared their talents and skills. We came together as a family and body of Christ to lift our prayers to our Heavenly Father for continuously pouring his blessings upon us.

We celebrated Father Hovsep and his graceful leadership. A profound gratitude to our dedicated and loving parishioners and supportive community. The scrumptious meals were prepared by our very own Raffi Sahakyan and the team of seasoned chefs Takuhi Hallajian, Mari Shafakian, Margie Satian, Eva Shafakian, and Arda Kanderian-Hebert. We were fortunate to have our youngest volunteer in the group of senior chefs, Alexandra Kaloogian-Olson who meticulously and with much care prepared the colorful vegetables to be roasted to perfection. Preparing the meals was one aspect of the event. We couldn't have done it without the expertise brought by Arlin Diratsuyan who ensured every order was filled and handed over to our returning volunteer Levon Yacoubian to the hands of our loyal supporters. In addition to the kitchen and the delivery operation, it was heartwarming to see our youthful parishioners Taleen Satian and Nicole Satian who answered the call to service.

This event could not have been possible without the hard work of Berj Kalayjian who responded without any hesitation to offer his helping hands. Additionally, it was heartening to see our long-time parishioners John and Roxanne (Kumkumian) Schweitzer joining hands to put the final and most important touch to the day leaving the kitchen spotless and thoroughly organized. Likewise, we are indebted to Kevork and Varti Marachelians for their continued support. Last but not least, we extended our appreciation to the members of the St. Mary Gift Shop committee Aline Guiragossian and Ani Armani for overseeing the needs of our congregations perusing the array of products delivered directly from Armenia.

## Homemade Armenian-Lahmajun Carry-Out Meal



On Sunday, July 18, St. Mary Ararat AVAK Society Committee prepared Homemade Armenian-Lahmajun Carry-Out Meal.

Once again we extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated parishioners, friends, numerous volunteers, and especially The Avak Society Committee members who had done an incredible job to make this event possible and successful. Your continuous support of our church is very much appreciated. God bless you all.

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ANNUAL JOURNAL – AUGUST 2021

Feast Of The Assumption Of The Holy Mother-Of-God And Name Day Of Our Church



The feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God was observed at St. Mary on August 15. Bishop Daniel Findikyan celebrated the Badarak assisted by Fr. Hovsep Karapetyan. Following the Badarak a special service of the Blessing of Grapes, Madagh, and Consecration of the New Icons took place.

Later that afternoon a luncheon hosted by the St. Mary Parish Council took place in the church hall. During the luncheon, Der Hovsep Karapetyan acknowledged all the sponsors of the newly painted Icons and expressed gratitude to the artist Vartan Gasparyan, who for the past year and a half beautified our church for the glory of God. Attendees enjoyed a special Musical Performance by the talented Chahmasyan sisters who played selected pieces by the Armenian composers.

Special thanks to St. Mary Parish Council under the leadership of chairwoman Mrs. Shoghig Sahakyan for hosting the event and Avak Yepremian for preparing the Madagh, part of which was donated by Yn. Anahid Kalayjian in memory of Der Vertanes Kalayjian. We would like to extend our utmost appreciation to the volunteers who stepped in to make this event a memorable one; namely, Clara Anonian, Malvina Brown, Margie Satian, Takuhi Hallajian, Berj Kalayjian, and Raffi Sahakyan. The scrumptious meals were prepared with much care by Sevada and his crew from Nora's Catering. Many thanks to Rubik Movsesian of Classic Bakery for providing the delicious cake for the event. We would also like to express our gratitude to all of our parishioners and friends who brought their heartfelt contributions towards the Grape and Madagh Blessing.



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Rev. Father Hovsep Karapetyan, Pastor

On August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm Shnorhali School administration and staff held a Virtual Open House, Orientation, and Information meeting for all interested parents in our community and discussed the changes the School Board is implementing for the coming academic year. School teachers presented the academic program, and comprehensive curriculum guided by students' needs and language proficiency. In-person parents meeting took place on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm.

School administration and teachers worked hard to ensure a safe and successful school year as we returned strong to in-person learning on September 12th.



## ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH ANNUAL JOURNAL – SEPTEMBER 2021

### Shnorhali School



Shnorhali School was very excited to welcome our children back to school. We were thrilled to see the children return with their sweet smiles, witnessing their learning inside the classrooms, and listening to their lively chattering and delightful laughter in corridors.

Safety for our children is top of mind and we continue to enhance the health and safety of our students and teachers. We have equipped each of our class-

rooms with individual air purifiers. The air purifiers helped to further sanitize and reduce pollutants, allergens, and harmful chemicals, and reduced the chances of airborne diseases, while at the same time keeping the air in our classrooms both fresher and healthier for our students and teachers.

Thank you to all our teachers and volunteers who have made our first day back amazing! We encourage all parents to take advantage of Shnorhali School's teachings as we celebrate our Armenian legacy and traditions that uphold our religious and national heritage.

### St. Mary's Avak Society Carry Out Event

On September 12, on the occasion of the Festive Day of Khatchveratz (Exaltation of the Holy Cross), St. Mary's Avak Society hosted a Carry Out Event featuring authentic Armenian dishes.

Our appreciation goes to the dedicated ladies of Avak Society, Mrs. Takuhi Halajian, Mrs. Mari Shafakian, and Mrs. Eva Shafakian for making this event a huge success exceeding expectations. It was a labor of love and St. Mary is blessed to have such a collaborative group!

Our sincere thank you to the volunteers, especially Mrs. Aline Guiragossian and Mr. Raffi Sahakyan, and to all who donated monetarily as well to make this event a memorable one!





## 1st Annual Garden Wine and Cheese



A group of parishioners came together on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the beautiful grounds of our serene church. The rich, dark stone paved the way for the attendees and the sun cast a warm glow on the property.

Continuing the legacy of Jeanette Torokhanian, devoted volunteers worked tirelessly throughout spring and summer. They carefully transported plants and herbs from their own gardens and planted them, with love and generosity, deep in the vitamin and mineral-filled soil of the church. We extend our appreciation to all those who made this event a success, offering their time and energy towards the beautification of our church's landscape.

Our heartfelt appreciation to Arda Kanderian Hebert, Karine Sahagian, Maro Nalbandian, Monica Emmerson, Takuhi Hallajian and Raffi Sahakyan. These light-hearted souls have been instrumental in nurturing the church's surroundings. Our luscious garden now serves as a safe haven for anyone seeking solace in nature. We will be enhancing the Prayer Garden. It will be a healthy sanctuary where the fruits of contribution from our surrounding community grow full and ripe. A generous donor provided 100 tulip bulbs that were planted end of fall and expected to bloom next spring. The participants in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Garden Wine and Cheese Reception enjoyed each other's company well after dusk, when stars pierced the sky and we gathered around the crackling fire pit, brought by Yn. Jennifer. We welcome all who have a passion to "get their hands dirty." This event was possible with the support of St. Mary Parish Council.

## Making Mahs

On Thursday, September 9th, our dedicated "Mahs Bakers", Mrs. Takuhi Ozbenian, Mrs. Gulbahar Ozkayan, and Mrs. Lola Pickering were hard at work making Mahs in the church kitchen.

We thank them all for their hard work and commitment to doing this as many times as needed every year. May God bless them all.





Students, teachers, parents, and other parishioners got together for the Back-to-School socializing event focusing on the Armenian language, heritage, and culture as well as arts, crafts, and dance skills building. It was a great opportunity for parents to engage with school activities, students to mingle together and compete on how fast they can guess the answers to the multiple-choice “jeopardy” style “Me, My Homeland and My Church” quick knowledge capture game, and for teachers to exchange tips and ideas on learning methods and the like.

Students seemed to share a feeling of being part of a larger community and an appreciation for the Armenian language. It is especially important for some of our students who may be shy to engage or may not speak Armenian so well to share that sense of belonging, and hopefully develop more interest in learning Armenian and making Armenian arts and crafts.





## ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH ANNUAL JOURNAL – OCTOBER 2021

### Meet Your Parish Council Members at Work



**Front Row**, left to right: Rick-Vazrik Neshanian (Advisor), Shoghig M. Sahakyan (Chair), Der Hovsep Karapetyan (President), Catherine Sahakian (Advisor), Artur Sivaslian (Co-Chair)

**Back Row**, left to right: Jack Guiragossian (Treasurer), Robert George (Co-Treasurer), Ara Avedisian (Advisor).

Missing from photo: Hratch Semerjian (Corresponding Secretary), Mark Krikorian (Secretary)

With God's grace and the dedication of Parish Council members, 2020-2021 has been a fruitful year on many levels despite the many challenges. We are blessed with a supportive parish and community who have been instrumental in overcoming the financial shortages by their generosity. We are grateful to all and in particular, Mr. Varouj Varoujanian who took the initiative to sponsor the installation of the handrails at the side entrance of the church. Furthermore, a group of lady garden-lovers came forward to care for and beautify the landscape of our church. In addition, new equipment was purchased for the kitchen so that we are able to continue providing scrumptious meals with the latest fall food festival.

Our Heavenly Father has graced us each with unique skills and it is our responsibility to share those skills to enrich our community. All are welcome to make a difference. There's more to be done and the work never ends. We give thanks to our God who is always faithful to those who continue to bring glory to His name.

### ACYOA Juniors Fall Kick-Off Event



The ACYOA Juniors gathered on Saturday, October 2, at Fort Reno Park in DC for an afternoon of fellowship. Teens played sports, enjoyed a picnic lunch of pizza and snacks, and then shared a Devotional time when they discussed the Miracle of Jesus' Healing of a Paralytic man. The teens also came together in prayer to ask for God's healing for those in our community who are sick and in need.

## 73rd Annual Armenian Food Festival



73rd Annual Food Festival, on October 1, 2 & 3, although carry-out edition, was well attended by returning parishioners and community members to pick up their orders. The workshops were led by members of the Women's Guild and volunteers during which the many dishes were prepared. The Grillmasters were once again at their station from the early hours of Friday morning until the end of the 3-day festival. The highlight of this event was a musical performance by lead singer Mihran Kochyan and company; Nasim on Guitar and Cindy on dumb-

eg. The group entertained the crowd by playing an array of Armenian folk songs. We are grateful to Mihran for offering his services to our community. Moreover, the vendor exhibit over Saturday and Sunday added the feeling of a festival to the event. Shoppers perused the vendors' tables and were pleased to purchase goodies from olives to hand-creams to personalized house goods to hand-woven baby clothes and beyond.

We extend our utmost gratitude to our Business Sponsors: Classic Bakery, Yerevan Market & Café, Asadur Market, Nora's Kabob & Catering, Westwood Cleaners, Shahverdi's Foreign Cars, Inc., Mihran Kochyan Armenian Music, Sintia Petrosian of Fleisher Arrowood, Midiya Jewelry Design and Repair, East Coast Collision, Armenian Youth Center Golf Fore Kids, and Dimitrios Komninos Greek Super Foods. Volunteering during food festivals is key to its success. Bring your skills and your big smile to the next event. We guarantee you it will be a rewarding experience.

We are grateful to all who have made this event truly a festival to celebrate our community and give thanks to our Heavenly Father who continues to bless us in many ways. Last but not least, we are indebted to the leadership of our Der Hayr Hovsep Karapetyan who remains to be the faithful shepherd of his flock. May God bless you all and may his face always shine upon you.

## Shnorhali Armenian School receives a Grant from The Armenian Youth Center

We were happy to announce that Shnorhali Armenian School has received a \$2,000 cash grant from The Armenian Youth Center ("AYC").

On October 4th, The AYC held its annual "Golf Fore Kids Charity Fundraiser" at Norbeck Country Club in Rockville, MD to raise funds in support of its charitable mission. As part of its mission, AYC raises funds through charitable events to fund various American-Armenian youth organizations in the Washington DC area whose missions serve to inspire and develop camaraderie through cultural, social, educational, and athletic endeavors.

As a token of our appreciation, Shnorhali School students and their parents handmade Armenian theme pins during their Back to School Fun event. These pins were gifted to the AYC golf participants. A couple of Shnorhali students participated in the event to represent the School and to help spread awareness of the Armenian culture.





## IFS visit to Washington DC



IFS; Insurance Foundation for Servicemen representatives, Narine Galstyan & Sona Baghdasaryan met with the church congregation on Sunday, October 17th, immediately after Badarak during fellowship hour and presented the foundation activity and mission elaborately. The presentation was followed by Q & A. The aim of this visit was to build and raise awareness about IFS, its mission, and purpose, to highlight the tremendous work IFS carried out after September 27 war, as well as to show their gratitude to the Armenian communities who supported them with their donations.

The response of our parishioners was great, hence they all appreciated and valued the IFS operations, transparency, and accountability by getting to know it

from the source. We hope these meetings will strengthen the ties between IFS and Diaspora communities. For more information visit [www.1000plus.am/en/compensation](http://www.1000plus.am/en/compensation)

## Pumpkin & Mums Drive Fundraising



Saturday, October 16, and Sunday, October 17, our Garden Committee held its first fall fundraiser selling mums, organic apples, and pumpkins.

We express our utmost gratitude to all those who showed support by their generous donations and purchases.

## Armenian Arts & Food Festival in Alexandria, VA



On October 23-24, a large number of the Armenian community in the DMV area attended the Armenian Arts & Food Festival in Alexandria, VA, organized by two young, hardworking, and passionate women, Marianna Agekyan & Marina Sarukhanyan. The event was very successful as the attendees enjoyed a rich program full of music and dance performances, including Kevork Artinian Entertainment, Shushi Armenian Dance Ensemble, Gevorg Chakmanyany, Marc 2Ray, and others. And, of course, plenty of delicious Armenian food during the entire weekend

was prepared by the one and only Silkapron Catering.

Our Church Gift Shop also took part in The vendors' market thanks to our dedicated Gift Shop Committee members, Raffi Sahakyan, Malvina Brown, Takouhi Shafakian, and Arlin Diratsuyan, we were able to sell our Armenian products available at the store. Moreover, the Shnorhali School also participated in the Festival. With the help of Armine Khachatryan, our students prepared and performed a program, which included Armenian dance, music, and poetry recitals. Our students Levon and Elona Zanyan, Hayk Avetisyan, Ani, and Lucy Nishanian, and Taguhi Gomtsyan captivated the audience with their patriotic songs, beautiful dance performances, and poems.

We thank all of our Shnorhali School participants, and we look forward to future opportunities and events to further showcase our talented students.

## ACYOA Juniors Update



The ACYOA Juniors teen youth group has been on the move in October, holding a general meeting, electing new officers, and participating in a Fall fire pit and pumpkin decorating party. A special thank you goes out to Patricia Yeghissian for providing an interactive thought-provoking devotional, at the Fall fire pit event. Other adult advisors who made the Fall fire pit party possible include: Yn Jennifer Karapetyan, Becky Bagdasarian, Lori Madock, and Catherine Sahakian.

Congratulations to the new ACYOA Juniors teen officers: Chairperson: Julie Tilimian; Vice Chairperson: Hovsep Seferian; Secretary: Shant Festekjian; Treasurer: Andre Alexandrian; At-Large Member: Ani Mkrtchyan.



## An Evening on Armenian Life in Istanbul



On Saturday evening, October 30<sup>th</sup>, as part of the Cultural Month activities, an “Evening on Armenian Life in Istanbul” (ՊՈԼՍՍՆՆԱՅ ԳԻՇԵՐ) was organized by the Parish Council, under the leadership of Shoghig Sahakyan and Artur Sivasliyan. Dr. Hratch Semerjian made a presentation on the Armenian Life in Istanbul, the churches (33 of them), and the schools (18 of them) that are still going strong. Church choirs continue the traditions from the days of Gomidas Vartabed. Dr. Semerjian also spoke about some of the history of Armenian presence in Istanbul that goes back to the

5<sup>th</sup> century. He also talked about some of the “Amira” class of Armenians, who were the benefactors of the Armenian community but also important personalities in the Ottoman government (Duzians, Dadyans, Bezciyans, etc.) and were the Imperial architects (the Balian family) who built many of the important buildings in Istanbul, including palaces. Dr. Semerjian concluded his remarks with some reminiscences about his days in Istanbul, where he attended Getronagan Varjarian and Robert college, and how this beautiful city has changed over the years.

The guests were treated with Armenian delicacies unique to Istanbul Armenians, including “Midye Dolma” (stuffed mussels) and many other food items prepared by our very own skilled chefs. Our heartfelt appreciation is extended to the impromptu committee members who brought their expertise to make the evening a memorable one; Eva Shafakian, Mari Shafakian, Nadia Koseian, Seta Sevaslian, Takuhi Hallajian, Zivart Bolat, and Raffi Sahakyan. We express our deepest gratitude for the parishioners’ generosity as well as participation. Last but not least, this event could not have been possible without the initiative taken by Dr. Hratch Semerjian and Mr. Onnik Sevaslian who had come up with the idea of sharing the rich history and culture of the Bolsahay community a while back and became a reality at a time when our parishioners and their guests were eager to get together for the first time in a long time; a great time was had by all and a chance to reminisce about their childhood memories!



## ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH

### ANNUAL JOURNAL – NOVEMBER 2021

#### Report of November Events and Activities



On Veteran's Day, Thursday, November 12th our "Veteran" parishioners were hard at work. We would like to extend our utmost appreciation particularly to Anna Seferian, Arda Kanderian-Hebert, Arlin Diratsuyan, Hripsime Sivaslian, Jermen Hallajian, Malvina Brown, Nadya Koseian, Roxanne Kumkumian Schweitzer, and Zivart Bolat. The ladies took upon themselves the challenging task of reorganizing the church's kitchen in preparation for the much-anticipated renovation. The determined group

moved accumulated articles from various areas of the church to the cultural hall where a Mega White Elephant event was going to take place on Saturday, November 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We hope to see you all. Bring along family and friends. Proceeds from this event went towards the Kitchen Renovation fund. St. Mary Gift Shop had its share of reorganization. Takuhi Hallajian was busy sorting through the books and trinkets ready for Saturday's big event. Furthermore, on the same day, Karine Sahagian single-handedly planted 100 bulbs of tulips on the church grounds to beautify our landscape next spring right in front of the church sign, which had been possible to build by the generous donation of the Kumkumian family in memory of their parents our longtime devoted parishioners the late Dr. Charles and Arousiag Kumkumian.

The church office was also busy with a group of volunteers who came to assist with the bulk mailing of our upcoming 89th church anniversary event taking place on December 12, 2021, with a special requiem service remembering our past devoted parishioners and celebrating their lives. Many thanks to Ani Armani our church office Executive Assistant for her diligence, patience, and great efforts. She had mobilized a group of volunteers for the day's task. We are grateful to Clara Andonian, Hasmig Ghazarian, Kevork, and Varti Marashlian, and Paula Khederian who answered the call to service without any hesitation. In addition, we would like to acknowledge the efforts of Eric Ashbahian who took the initiative to be available on Sundays during fellowship hour to answer questions regarding the many opportunities of service available for each and everyone who answers the calling to share their God-given talents with our community.

All above and beyond could not be possible without the tireless efforts of the Parish Council devoted members, Ara Avedissian, Artur Sivaslian, Catherine Sahakian, Hratch Semerjian, Jack Guiragosian, Mark Krikorian Robert George, and Vazrik Nishanian. It goes without saying Der Hovsep's spiritual leadership has been the driving force behind the Parish Council and the various organizations of our church.



## A Special Prayer for His Holiness Karekin II



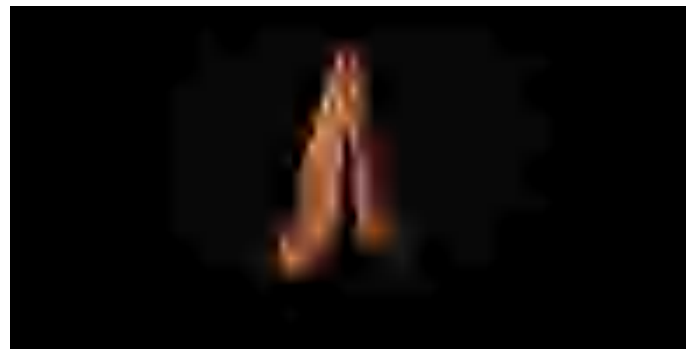
On Sunday, November 7 “Special Prayer for the Catholicos” was offered at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and Hokehankist to mark the 22nd anniversary of the enthronement of His Holiness Karekin II, as well as offered prayers for the health and prosperity of the Catholicos.

## Special Memorial Service in Honor of Our Homeland's Fallen Soldiers

It was one year ago, on November 9, 2020, that the Artsakh war ended, after 44 days of brutal conflict, initiated by an unprovoked, surprise attack on our homeland.

Dozens of members from the Armenian community in the DMV area came together on Sunday, November 7th that marked a solemn milestone in the modern history of the Armenian people, to commemorate the martyrs who sacrificed their lives protecting the homeland during the 2020 Artsakh War.

Father Hovsep emphasized the notion of strength in unity during his memorial service and the importance of the persistence of the Armenian people to not just survive but to thrive in the midst of all the challenges that we face. “It’s about light and hope. It’s about our future.”



## Shnorhali School Communion



On Nov, 14, the Shnorhali school participated in Holy Badarak and Communion. Over the course of the fall semester, the students have been learning about Badarak during the 9:30 Badarak Education Services. The opportunity to worship and participate in the Liturgy was enthusiastically welcomed by students and parents alike. Special thanks goes to the parents who helped by worshipping with their child's class.

The Shnorhali school would also like to extend special appreciation to Mark Krikorian, Hratch Seamerjian, Edita Kalayjian, Becky Bagdasarian, and Fr. Hovsep, for spearheading the 9:30 Badarak Education services and devoting their time and effort to helping our children learn about their faith through the Holy Badarak.

## Farewell to Our Longtime Parishioner Ara Avedissian



On Sunday, November 28th, parishioners and friends came together to bid farewell and wish our beloved parishioner and longtime Parish Council member Ara Avedissian and his family all the best in the new chapter of their lives. May Ara and his family have success, prosperity, and good health.

We are grateful for his many years of service to our community and we will miss seeing him in church.

## Thanksgiving Smoked Brisket Fundraiser

It goes without saying that the famous Ghazarian Smoked Brisket at your Thanksgiving fiesta this year was a showcase.

We are deeply moved by the generosity continuously offered by Boris Ghazarian and his family. Berj, his son, took it upon himself to carry out Smoked Brisket Fund Raiser; proceeds went towards the Kitchen Renovation fund.





## ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH

### ANNUAL JOURNAL – DECEMBER 2021

#### St. Mary Church's 89th Anniversary



On Sunday, December 12, St. Mary Armenian Church in Washington, DC celebrated its 89<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. As a part of the celebration, the parishioners and friends gathered to honor the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the priestly ordination of His Eminence Abp. Vicken Aykazian.

The day began with the Divine Liturgy celebrated by Abp. Aykazian. It was followed by an extravagant luncheon and eloquent program organized by the St. Mary Parish Council. Mr. Avedis Seferian served as the master of ceremonies. Parish Council Chair Ms. Shoghig Sahakian welcomed everyone. Attendees enjoyed a beautiful performance, songs, and poetry by St. Mary Shnorhali School Students. Her Excellency Lilit Makunts, Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia to the United States, in her address expressed gratitude and appreciation to Abp. Aykazian for many years of dedication and service to the Armenian Church and people. Mr. James Winkler, President and General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, served as the keynote speaker. In his address, he underlined the great role that Abp. Aykazian played in the ecumenical movement in global and Armenian causes, and as a past president and current member of the Executive Board of the NCC and the Board member of the World Council of Churches.

Other distinguished guests spoke of their respected friendship with the honoree, and of his many contributions to Christian ecumenism. Among the speakers were Rev. Mark Morozowich, Dean and Associate Professor of Liturgical Studies/Sacramental Theology at the Catholic University of America; Rev. Stefanos Alexopoulos, Associate Professor of Liturgical Studies/Sacramental Theology, CUA; Robin Darling Young, Associate Professor of Church History, CUA, and Bryan Ardouny, executive director of the Armenian Assembly. A congratulatory letter from Robert Avetisyan, Permanent Representative of the Nagorno-Karabagh Republic in the U.S.A., was also read.

Fr. Hovsep Karapetyan in his remarks emphasized Abp. Aykazian's humility, love, and service to the church and people. At the conclusion of the celebration, St. Mary Parish Council Chair Shoghig Sahakian, on behalf of the Parish Council and St. Mary parishioners, presented the archbishop with a special gift of a Blessing Cross.

Our gratitude to Margie Satian, Kumkumian, and Kodjanian families for sponsoring the luncheon in memory of their loved ones. Special appreciations to the Bark BBQ and Ghazarian family for providing the barbecue for the luncheon, as well as Classic Bakery and Movssesian family for providing the Anniversary cake. The attendees enjoyed Armenian wine provided by the Armenian Embassy. Special thanks to our media specialist Haykaram Nahapetyan. Our appreciation goes to Raffi Sahakian and the many unnamed volunteers who worked so tirelessly behind the scenes.

## ACYOA Juniors Christmas Party



On Saturday, December 11th the teens gathered together for a Christmas party. The event included a pot luck meal and a devotional about Jesus's title as our Wonderful Counselor. The teens finished up the evening with a very lively white elephant gift exchange. Special thanks go out to the Sahakian family (Mike, Catherine, Elaina, David) for hosting the party in their lovely home.

### ACYOA Juniors Volunteer Efforts

The ACYOA Juniors teen youth group has been busy at work serving Armenians, locally and in the homeland. The group sponsored a Winter Coat drive in November, making a video to promote the effort. Many thanks to the congregation members who brought in a total of 38 winter coats! The coats benefited adults and children in the DC Metro area, via the Salvation Army Share the Warmth Coat Drive. During December the teens collected \$110 to benefit the FAR AYO Christmas Wishlist, which funds projects in Armenia. The juniors also volunteered as servers, at the St Mary Anniversary dinner.

## December 18, Annual Christmas Bake Sale

Annual Christmas Bake Sale and Christmas Market ended our year on a high note. We are deeply touched and grateful for the outpouring of support and generosity from our community and parishioners. Namely, members of our Women's Guild who have once again answered the call and provided their specialty baked goods, Classic Bakery, and beyond. Words can never do justice and missing to mention the name of all the dedicated individuals will also be unfair. However, our strength lies in the unity of our efforts, and this we have witnessed time and time again throughout the past year.



The highlight of the event was a special visit from Santa Claus with the beautiful backdrop provided by team Manoug and Talin Habibian. A rare opportunity to have pictures taken with our humorous Santa Claus, Mark Krikorian, was provided by our infamous photographer; team Joyce and Armen Boghossian.

In addition, the Christmas Market, which was attended by various vendors provided many unique gifts for our attendees.

Last but not least, St. Mary Garden Guild's display of beautiful Poinsettias and Christmas Cacti contributed to the special feel of Christmas festivities.

All proceeds from the bake sale went to the renovation of the church kitchen.

Let us rejoice and be glad in Him; Christ is Born!









## HOKEHANKISTS – REQUIEM SERVICES

### JANUARY 2021

**January 10**

**For the Soul of: Sahag Seraydarian (40th Day)**

**Requested by:** Mr. and Mrs. David and Leda Zenian; Ms. Sarine Zenian; Mr. and Mrs. Nathalie and Armen McOmber and family

**January 17**

**For the Soul of: Arto Satian (40th Day)**

**Requested by:** Suleima Satian; Sylva Satian; three Daughters, Taleen, Nicole, and Allisson; his Mother, Margie Satian; Father, Sarkis Satian; his Step-Mother, Mary Satian; his Sister, Rosemary; and his Best Friend Varouj; his Step-Siblings Heather, Holly and Heath

**For the Soul of: Ovsanna Nazarian-Tsarev**

**Requested by:** Ashot and Karine Nazarian, for beloved Sister and Sister-in-Law

**For the Soul of: Sona Kohar Semerjian (38th Anniversary)**

**Requested by:** Dr. Hratch Semerjian, Tamar, and Ara

**For the Soul of: Garo Yeghissian (23rd Year Anniversary)**

**Requested by:** Patricia Yeghissian and family

**January 24**

**For the Soul of: Hrant Dink (14th Anniversary)**

**Requested by:** Rev. Fr. Hovsep Karapetyan and St. Mary Parish Council

**For the Soul of: Alfred Babayan**

**Requested by:** Naira, Ella, Joann, Mariam, Arthur, Ani, and Lilit Babayan's family

### FEBRUARY 2021

**February 28**

**For the Soul of: Verjin Bolat (40th Day)**

**Requested by:** Eva and Ohaness Shafakian and family,

Arto and Ilda Bolat and family, Manug and Janet Arabian and family

### MARCH 2021

**March 7**

**For the Soul of: Robert J. Riley (1st Anniversary)**

**Requested by:** Sandra Markarian Riley, and Mike and Amy Johnson, and Katie Riley, and grandchildren, Riley, Zachary, and Sophia Isabel.

**For the Soul of: Araksi Tunc (40th Day) Passed away in Vienna, Austria**

**Requested by:** Arto and Takouhi Haladjian and family

**For the Souls of: Matavous Shahverdian (40th Day), Ratevous Shahverdian, Antanes Shahverdian, Tatevous Shahverdian, Nxshun Shahverdian, and Saghatel Shahverdian**

**Requested by:** Shahverdian Family

**March 14**

**For the Soul of: Ohanes (Vanik) Gorjian (40th Day)**

**Requested by:** his Wife Hermineh Seghmonian, Son Sarmen Gorjian, Daughter in Law Meghrik (Yenoki) Gorjian, Daughter Sevana (Owens) Gorjian, Son in Law Ronald Owens, Son Sarkis Gorjian.

**For the Soul of: Jack Andonian (29th Anniversary)**

**Requested by:** Clara Andonian and family

**For the Soul of: Robert George (15th Anniversary)**

**Requested by:** Doris George and family

**For the Soul of: Vagharshak Vartanian (1st Anniversary)**

**Requested by:** Vartan Vartanian and family

**March 28**

**For the Soul of: Arsen Kirakosian**

**Requested by:** Larisa Avetisyan and Hasmik Avetisyan



## APRIL 2021

**April 11**

**For the Soul of: Susanna Hovhanessian**

**Requested by:** Jamgochian Family

**April 18**

**For the Soul of: Anahid "Ani" Hagopian**

**Requested by:** Haig Hagopian and Raffi Hagopian and Rita and Krikor Deurdulian

**For the Soul of: Karlen and Roza Hovsepyan**

**Requested by:** Dn.Karen Hovsepyan

**April 25**

**For the Soul of: Horen Panosyan ( 4th Anniversary)**

**Requested by:** Panosyan, Cubuk and Chubukian Families.

## MAY 2021

**May 7**

**For the Soul of: Aida Kechichian Najarian**

**Requested by:** Nevart and Khajag Tahmazian, Nyrie Tahmazian and Garine Tahmazian

**May 16**

**For the Soul of: Col. Andre J Kevork**

**Requested by:** Mitch and Annie Hammond and family & Jackie Kevork( mother)

**May 23**

**For the Soul of: Roy Cory Webster (3<sup>rd</sup> Week Anniversary)**

**Requested by:** Dr. Ara Anthony Avedissian and Family

**For the Soul of: Sossy N. Zenian (7th Anniversary)**

**Requested by:** Mr. & Mrs. Vartan & Eva Zenian, Mrs. Arda Z. Belt, Mr. & Mrs. Steve and Zarmine Everklian and Families

**May 30**

**For the Soul of: His Beatitute Krikor Bedros XX Gabroyan, Catholicos-Patriarch of the Armenian Catholic Church**

**For the Soul of: Viola Davitian (40th Day)**

**Requested by:** Her only child and daughter, Artemis Davitian-Derk, and son-in-law Darryl E. Derk

**For the Soul of: Mary Pashayani (40<sup>th</sup> Day)**

**Requested by:** Renee Nalbandian(daughter), Hagop Nalbandian, Harout Nalbandian, Zohrab Nal-

bandian (sons) and Family

**For the Soul of: Elmas Ozkanian( 40<sup>th</sup> Day)**

**Requested by:** Ozkanian Family

## JUNE 2021

**June 6**

**For the Soul of: Soghomon Bezik**

**Requested by:** Mrs. Toranj Khichadowr and daughter Jaklin Bezik & Family ,Sons; Rafik & Razmik Bazikian and families

**June 20**

**For the Souls of: Mrs. Mary (Sarafian) Kooyoomjian and Mr. Thomas Vincent Smith (12th Anniversary)**

**Requested by:** Kachig Jack and Geraldine A. (Smith) Kooyoomjian, and family (Daughters) Jennifer (Anand), Melissa (Vinny), Jessica (Travis), and Kooyoomjian Family

**For the Souls of: Mr. Hovhanness Moosakhanian and daughter Mrs. Alvart Khatchatourian( 15th Year Anniversary)**

**Requested by:** Armik Khatchatourians (husband), son Aris Khatchatourians (fiance Brandy Terry), and daughter Ani (Raffie) Kehyaian and families, Alfred (Jenel) Moosakhanian and Medik (Ara) Georgian and families

**June 27**

**For the Souls of: Vahe and Keghouhi Aghabekian and Sylva Kapterian**

**Requested by:** Ara and Suzanne Kapterian, Andrew, Christine, George and Taylor Kapterian, Alex Moore and Nick Lord

**For the Souls of: Mrs. Arousiag (Alice) Kumkumian, Dr. Charles Kumkumian and Ms.Linda Kumkumian**

**Requested by:** Greg Kumkumian, Simon Kumkumian, and Roxanne Schweitzer

**For the Soul of: Avag Akopov (40 th Day )**

**Requested by:** Mrs. Aida Akopov and daughter Laoura and son Albert, Mr. Valeri Akopov and family Asmik, Sima, and Kristina

## JULY 2021

July 18

For the soul of: Raphael Assadour Missirian (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

Requested by: Missirian, Topjian, and Sarafian families

July 25

For the soul of: Grace Jelalian Shahinian (40<sup>th</sup> Day)

Requested by: Dean Vahan Shahinian (son)

## AUGUST 2021

August 8

For the souls of: The Victims of the Deadly Explosion in Beirut, Lebanon (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

Requested by: Der Hovsep and St. Mary Parish Council

For the soul of: Ani Attarian (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Argentina

Requested by: Kevork, Vartiter & Alis Marashlian

For the soul of: Mikael Alikhanyan (40<sup>th</sup> Day)

Requested by: Nelli Harutyunyan, Dikranouhi Alikhanyan (sisters) & families

For the soul of: Agavni Alexanian (40<sup>th</sup> day)

Requested by: Ayda, Vazken, Arin and Arameh Teymourians & Anchal Khosla

August 22

For the Soul of: Mikhail Ayrumyan

Requested by: The Airumian Family

For the Souls of: Makruhi Semerjyan (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) and Grigory Baghdasarian (11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Requested by: Bayburtian, Baghdasarian, and Harutunian families

August 29

For the Soul of : Ani Bagdasaryan Keshishian (40<sup>th</sup> Day)

Requested by: Vartkes Keshishian, Daughters: Talar (Yeprem) Festekjian and Lilian (Peter) Festekjian & families

For the Souls of: Kohar Avedisian & Araxie Prodromidis

Requested by: Dr. Ara & Maggie Avedisian & family

For the Souls of: Armenak Boyajian, Keghanoush Boyajian & Sograd Boyajian

Requested by: Molly Boyajian

For the Soul of: Dr. Nigahus (Nigoghos) Karabulut

(from New Jersey)

Requested by: Setrak Derian & extended family

For the Souls of: Yervant Bahadurian (62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) George Bahadurian (54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), Rose Sirvart Yeghissian (17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Requested by: Patricia Yeghissian & family

## SEPTEMBER 2021

September 17

For the Souls of: Haroutioun Bardizbanian (22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) & Angela Bardizbanian (7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Requested by: Son & Daughter-in-law & Grandchildren Raffie, Maureen, Arthur & Raffie Jr. Bardizbanian

For the Soul of: Hagop Shafakian

Requested by: Eva Shafakian

For the Soul of: Marina Kiryakova (40<sup>th</sup> Day)

Requested by: Anna Kiryakova and Vilen Khlgatyan

For the Soul of: Natela Avakyan

Requested by: Susanna Avakyan and Sergey Unanyan

September 24

For the Soul of: Berjouhi Kazanjian

Requested by: The Kazanjian-Law Family (Ani, Larry, Jennie & Peter)

## OCTOBER 2021

October 3

For the Soul of: His Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Patriarch of Jerusalem (9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Requested by: Bishop Daniel Findikyan, Der Hovsep Karapetyan, St. Mary Parish Council

For the Souls of: Hamayak Ghazarian (40<sup>th</sup> Day), Khachatour Pirijanian (40<sup>th</sup> Day), Asatour Pirijanian, Matevos Shahverdian

Requested by: Tamar, Klarice, Boris, Karmen; Carmen, Robert, Agop; grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Leudvig, Leonar, Emily, Vivi, Berj, Zabelle, Leah, Osana, Sebastian, Christian, Zoe, and Stella

October 31

For the soul of: Qajik Stepanyan (40<sup>th</sup> Day)

Requested by: Mr. & Mrs. Artur & Erna Zanyan



## **NOVEMBER 2021**

### **November 7**

**For the Souls of: All the fallen soldiers who sacrificed their lives protecting the borders of Artsakh and Armenia (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)**

**David Apresyan, Lyuba Mamunts, Armen Harutyunyan, Edik Grigoryan, Mher Sargsyan, Grigory Gabrielyan, Grisha Mirzabekyan, Ashot Abrahamyan, Marat Gharayan, Nairi Baghdasaryan, Arman Harutyunyan, Narek Mesropyan, Hrant Khachatryan**

**Requested by:** Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Elvina Avetisyan, Fr. Hovsep Karapetyan and St. Mary Parish Council

**For the Soul of: Maisa Popova (40<sup>th</sup> Day)**

**Requested by:** Mr. & Mrs. Avedis & Anna Seferian

### **November 14**

**For the Souls of: Mr. & Mrs. Onnig Halajian, Mr. & Mrs. Karnig Halajian, Mr. & Mrs. John Cherishian, Steve Cherishian, Araxe Cherishian, and Maryann Kinoian**

**Requested by:** Nancy Kolenick

**For the Souls of: Asadur Tufekgian (40<sup>th</sup> Day)**

**Senekerim Tufekgian, Nazli Tufekgian, Sona Tufekgian & Gulbahar Tufekgian**

**Requested by:** Tufekgian families

**For the souls of: Emma Baldjian, Garabed Diratsuyan and Jirair Baldjian**

**Requested by:** Arlin and Mary Diratsuyan

### **November 21**

**For the Soul of: General Albert J. Kaehn, Jr.**

**Requested by:** Rev. Fr. Hovsep Karapetyan and St. Mary Parish Council

**For the Souls of: Anna Loloyan ( 40<sup>th</sup> Day) and her husband Ohannes Loloyan ( 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**

**Requested by:** Loloyan and Carrington families

## **DECEMBER 2021**

### **December 5**

**For the Souls of: All the victims of the 1988 earthquake in Armenia, Tomyan family, Vardanian, Shakhbekyan, Avoyan, Kofman, Kazarian, and Serqueira**

**Requested by:** David Tomyan, Hovsep Karapetyan, Parish Council.

**For the Soul of: Arto Satian (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)**

**Requested by:** Margie Satian and family

**For the Souls of: Souny Kodjanian (40<sup>th</sup> Day)**

**Requested by:** Mr. and Mrs. Eric Kodjanian and Mr. and Mrs. Karina & Mike Stouffer

**For the Soul of: Haikouhi Koudoussian**

**Requested by:** Rita Koudoussian and Lena (Edvik) Alexandrian, her sister Marie Balian, her grandson André Alexandrian, her sister-in-law Rita Balian, and her nephews Raffi Balian and Sevag (Nairi) Balian

**For the Souls of: Sarkis Pakoyan (40<sup>th</sup> Day ) & Zepiur Bozajian (22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)**

**Requested by:** Nairy Pakoyan, daughter Kohar & son -in-law Harutyun Apel

**For the Soul of: Alfred Khachatryan**

**Requested by:** Armine Khachatryan, Arshak Avetisyan & Hayk Avetisyan

**For the Souls of: Hegine Kizilian (12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), Harutyun Kizilian, Mihran Bahceli, Sahak and Hripsime Simon**

**Requested by:** Arsaluys Bahceli & Lusin Simon

**For the Soul of: Mary Leon Banous**

**Requested by:** Robert Shukri Istepanian, Rita Shukri Istepanian & Harootyun Shukri Istepanian & their families

**For the Souls of : Anna Bolek (40<sup>th</sup> Day), Kiryakos Bolek, Alexan Hasar, Mayram Hasar & Akop Hasar**

**Requested by:** Janet Tufekgian and family

**For the Soul of: Andranik Tovmasyan (40<sup>th</sup> Day)**

**Requested by:** Bayburtian, Bagdasarian and Harutunian families

### **December 19**

**For the Soul of: Eva Asoryan (40<sup>th</sup> Day)**

**Requested By:** Talin Saraydaroglu (Daughter) Kirkor Saraydaroglu (Son in law) and Grandkids Bettina and Raffi

**For the Soul of: Mary Banous (40<sup>th</sup> Day)**

**Requested By:** Rita, Harootyun, and Robert Istepanian

**For the Soul of: Anita Badalian Morgan (1st Anniversary)**

**Requested By:** Serouj, Rozik and Aylin Badalian  
**December 26**

**For the Soul of: Alice Baker(40th Day)**

**Requested By:** David Terzian, ken Terzian, Alison Papazian, Bonnie Hollands & Richard Baker

**For the Soul of: Hartoun Varoujanian(40th Day)**

**Requested By:** Varoujan & Leeza Varoujanian and family, Krikor & Alenoush Khatchadourian and family

**For the Souls of: Araxi Bostanian Kobrin( 2nd Anniversary); Sarkis and Esther Bostanian; Dikran and Armina Bostanian; John, Elizabeth, and Joyce Shanlian; Avedis and Kohar Shanlian; and Kerop and Sarah Arsenian**

**Requested By:** Melanie Kobrin (daughter of Araxi Bostanian Kobrin); and Dennis Shanlian and Cynthia Shanlian Reid (second cousins)







## FUNERALS

### **VERJIN BOLAT**

January 13, 2021

She is survived by her three children, Eva Shafakian and her Husband Ohannes, Janet Arabian and her Husband Maung, Arto Bolat and his Wife Ilda; her six Grandchildren, Sara Arabian, Lerna Chaglassian and her husband Edward and their Son Luke John, Nora Shafakian-Llerena and her Husband German and their Son Mathias Aram, Adriana Iskandarian and her Husband Antranik, Ara Arabian and his Wife Jessica, and Tatiana Kasbarian and her Husband Harout. She also is survived by her late Brother Avedis Ozkayan's family, Gulbahar, Atam, Kamer, and families. As well as Kirkor and Horen Bolat and their families.

### **MATAVOUS SHAHVERDIAN**

January 22, 2021

He is survived by his beloved Wife, Takoosh Shahverdian, their 4 sons, Robert, Urik, Armond, and Raymond Shahverdian; Karmen, Anahit, Yoghitha, Nicole, and Anna, and their 8 grandchildren: Osana, Taylor, Emin, Arden, Isabella, Sophia, Dilahn, and Nshan.

### **MUGERDEECH "MICKEY" KERNEKLIAN**

January 22, 2021

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Clara (Kazarian) Kerneklian; three children, Laura Turner and her husband, Stephen of Herndon, VA, Elisa Kerneklian of Silver Spring, MD and Steven Kerneklian and his wife, Sarah of Lewes, DE; four grandchildren, Stephanie Turner, Nicholas Turner, Benjamin Kerneklian and Samuel

Kerneklian and brother, Murad Kerneklian of Richmond, VA

### **OHANES (VANIK) GORJIAN**

January 24, 2021

He is survived by his wife Hermineh Seghmonian, son Sarmen Gorjian, daughter Sevana (Owens) Gorjian, son Sarkis Gorjian and sister Haiganoush (Aghaian) Gorjian.

### **DR. TOM VAHIK THOMASIAN**

February 24, 2021

He is survived by his beloved wife, Monique, and his four Children Julie, Robert, Armen, Helen; predeceased by his Brother Vazgen; also survived by his Sisters Helga & Haikouhi.

A prominent Surgeon who served The Washington Metropolitan community for over 40 years.

### **ANAHID (ANI) HAGOPIAN NEE TABIBIAN**

March 3, 2021

She is survived by her loving and adoring husband of 52 years, Haig Hagopian, and her two children, Raffi Hagopian and Rita Deurdulian and her husband Krikor and their two daughters Arev and Stephanie (Northern Virginia); her sister Olympia Jebejian nee Tabibian and her husband Shahe (NJ), her niece Maria Stepanian and husband Bryan and their children Robby and Arto (Connecticut) and nephew Sarkis Jebejian and wife Maral and their children Shahe and Katia (NJ). She was preceded in death by her brother Jivan Tabibian and will join him eternally in Khor Virap, Armenia.

**VIOLA M. DAVITIAN**

April 1, 2021

She is survived by her only child and daughter, Artemis Davitian-Derk, and son-in-law Darryl E. Derk, Sr. of Peoria, Arizona. Viola is also survived by her niece, Rosette Pyne, nephew's, Charles M. Sarajian (Ginger), Armen Sahagian (Karine), great-nephews, John Pyne (Colleen, Katie & Johnny), Robert Pyne (Kristin, Evelyn & Bobby), and Edward Pyne (Kerry, Eddie & Martin), great-niece, Summer Sarajian-Davis (Evan, Chase & Allie). Viola is also survived by her cousins, Agnes Caroglanian & Family, Jack Der Moushegian & Family, Rosemary Winters & Family, Richard Moushegian & Family along with her cousins in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Margareth; Jose Paulo Kharmandaian & Family, and brother-in-law, Ara Sahagian.

**MARIE PASHAYANI**

April 24, 2021

She is survived by her loving family; daughter Renee, sons Hagop, Harut, Zohrab, and daughters-in-law Maro and Seda Nalbandians; Dr. Arsham & Mrs. Gilbert Nalbandian; her 8 grandchildren Paul, Marie, Garo, Christopher, Taleen, Nanig, Anita, Mimig; and 9 great-grandchildren; her sisters Angele Nersesian & Elizabeth Manache, also nieces and nephews.

**AVAK AKOPOV**

May 16, 2021

A loving husband to his wife Aida and the most wonderful father to daughter Laoura and son Albert. He is survived by his brother Valeri along with his family Asmik, Sima, and Kristina. His cousin Gregory and his family Nadia, Victoria, and Vladimir.

**GRACE JELALIAN SHAHINIAN**

May 20, 2021

Grace Jelalian Shahinian was the daughter of Rev. Fr. Vahan Jelalian and Yeretzgin Zarouhi Berberian Jelalian. She was the wonderful wife of Dr. Paul Shahinian and devoted mother of Dean Vahan Shahinian, Esq.

**DOROTHY MARGARET VARTABEDIAN SMALL**

July 10, 2021

She was born on January 16, 1929, in Brooklyn, New York to Elise and Jack Vartabedian. She was the oldest of four children. Her siblings are Mihran, Mary, and Joseph.

She was a loving and devoted Mother to her five children, Linda, Laura, Luise, Allen, and to her precious daughter, Lauretta, who predeceased her in 2005.

**ANI BAGDASARYAN KESHISHIAN**

July 20, 2021

Ani Hera Keshishian was born in Istanbul, Turkey, on October 26, 1949, to Dr. Ara and Alis Bagdasaryan. She was the oldest of two siblings.

Ani is survived by her husband of fifty-three years: Vartkes Keshishian, her Daughters: Talar (Yeprem) Festekjian and Lilian (Peter) Festekjian. Grandchildren: Arlene, Alexander, Shaunt, and Christina.

**HAMAYAK GHAZARIAN**

August 25, 2021

He is survived by his beloved Wife, Tamar, their three Children (two daughters and one son), daughter-in-law, and two sons-in-law; Klarice, Boris, Karen; Carmen, Robert, Agop, Their grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Leudvig, Leonar, Emily, Vivi, Berj, Zabelle, Leah, Osana, Sebastian, Christian, Zoe, and Stella.

**MAISA POPOVA**

September 25, 2021

Beloved Mother and Grandmother

Survived by her Daughter Anna, Son-in-Law Avedis, Grandsons Hovsep and Alek Seferian, and the many Loving Members of her extended Family.

**ASADUR TUFECKGIAN**

October 2, 2021

Beloved Husband and Loving Father.

Survived by his Wife Janet, Son's Asadur & Dave, and Daughters Sona & Tatev.

He was the brother of Aghajan & Anna. Uncle to Juliyet, Denchali, Sahak & Jbeed.



**ANNA LOLOYAN**

October 11, 2021

Beloved Mother, Grandmother, Sister, and Aunt.

Survived by Daughter Juliyet, Son Sahak, Son-in-law Chris, Daughter-in-law Melina, Grandchildren Christopher, Sean, Johnathan, Isabelle, and Brother Aghajan.

Aunt to Denchali, Jbeed, Sona, and Asadur.

**ANNA BOLEK**

October 20, 2021

Beloved Mother, Grandmother, Sister, and Aunt.

Survived by Daughter Janet & late Son-in-law Asadur.

Grandchildren Asadur & Sona.

**SARKIS PAKOYAN**

October 24, 2021

Beloved husband, father, father-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, and uncle.

Survived by his wife Nairy, daughter Kohar, son-in-law Harutyun, sister Marie, brothers-in-law Nicolas and George, and nephews Lukas and Stephanos and their families.

**SOUNY KODJANIAN**

October 25, 2021

Beloved husband to the late Silvia Kodjanian. Loving father & grandfather.

Survived by his son Erik (Alida) Kodjanian & daughter Karina (Mike) Stouffer.

Grandchildren Conrad, Abigail, Alexander & Caroline.

**HAIKOUHI KOUDOSSIAN**

October 29, 2021

Beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, and grandmother.

Survived by her daughters Rita Koudoussian and Lena (Edvik) Alexandrian, her sister Marie Balian, her grandson André Alexandrian, her sister-in-law Rita Balian, and her nephews Raffi Balian and Sevag (Nairi) Balian.

**AVAKIM MIRZAIANS**

October 30, 2021

Survived by Son Ashot Mirzainas and his wife Marina; Grandson Masis Mirzaian: and Wife Anahid Marootherkanyan

**GENERAL ALBERT J. KAEHN, JR.**

November 8, 2021

Loving husband, father, grandfather, father-in-law, brother-in-law, uncle.

Survived by his wife Melina, son Albert John, III, daughter Susan, son-in-law David; brother-in-law Woodrow (Gloria), grandchildren Zachary, Sydney, and Riley, and many nieces and nephews.

**ALICE D. BAKER**

November 10, 2021

Alice is survived by her five children and their families; David and Marilyn Terzian, and their children Brian and Chase; Kenneth and Denise Terzian, and their child Polly; Alison and David Papazian, and their children Alyssa and Sierra; Bonnie and Brian Hollands, and their child Eli; and Richard Baker and his children, Harrison and Claire. And two great-grandchildren, Grace and Henry.

**HARTOUN VAROUJANIAN**

November 17, 2021

Hartoun is predeceased by his beloved wife Alice Varoujanian and brother Jorjik Varoujanian. Devoted father of Alenoush Khatchadourian and her husband Krikor, and Varoujan Varoujanian and his wife Leeza. Cherished grandfather of Natalie and Shant Khatchadourian, and Emily and Sophia Varoujanian. Loving brother of Seta Meshkanbarian and her late husband Sarkis, and Jemma Sarkissian and her husband John.

**MARY LEON BANOUS**

November 21, 2021

Mary is survived by her three children, Robert Shukri Istepanian, Rita Shukri Istepanian, and Harooutyun Shukri Istepanian and their families.

**BERC CAPKAN**

November 30, 2021

Survived by Mari Kokkalou (Apla)







## BAPTISMS AND CHRISMATIONS

### JANUARY 2021

**January 17**

**Stella Antonia Sardarian**

Daughter of Leudvig Sardarian and Vivi Sardarian  
Godparents: Leo Sardarian and Emily Ohanian

**January 17**

**Anthony Michael Antoniadis**

Son of Maky Antoniadis and Lena Antoniadis  
Godparents: Leudvig Sardarian and Vivi Sardarian

**January 23**

**Areg Tahmasian**

Son of Dodik Tahmasian and Noelia Rodriguez  
Godparents: Raffi Kehyaian and Ani Kehyaian  
nlian Reid (second cousins)

### APRIL 2021

**April 10**

**Grayson Eugene Staudenmaier**

Son of Louis Eugene Staudenmaier and Tamar Sarian Staudenmaier  
Godparents: Adam Bedrossian and Leona Bedrossian

**April 18**

**Naya Majlaton**

Daughter of Fadi Majlaton and Nina Khachadorian  
Godparents: Nareg Khachadorian and N/A

### MAY 2021

**May 22**

**Liam Ash Tahmassian**

Son of Vahe Tahmassian and Kelly Tahmassian  
Godparents: Robert Shallcross , Nadia Chopitea and Taline Morais

### JUNE 2021

**June 19, 2021**

**Mathias Aram Llerena**

Son of German E Llerena and Nora Eva Shafakian  
Godparents: Daniel A Llerena and Lerna Chaglassian

### AUGUST 2021

**August 21**

**Benjamin Shapiro**

Son of Mitchell Shapiro and Laurie Gamliel  
Godparents: Norvik Voskanian

### SEPTEMBER 2021

**September 4**

**Mark Topalyan**

Son of Hratchya Topalyan and Diana Khachaturyan  
Godparents: Mushegh and Meri Manukyan

**September 19**

**Henry Louis Boggio**

Son of Robert and Lauren Boggio  
Godparents: Victor and Christy Jaramillo

### NOVEMBER 2021

**November 21**

**Lily Armstrong**

Daughter of Jonathan and Ani Armstrong  
Godparents: Avo and Maria Aghguiguan

### DECEMBER 2021

**December 27**

**Francesca Strylowski & Colette Strylowski**

Daughters of Michael & Laura Strylowski  
Godparents: Todd Strylowski & Selin Gocer



*Երկուքը պիտի ըլլան մէկ մարմին:  
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## WEDDINGS

### MAY 2021

May 15, 2021

**Ara Sardarbegian and Lillian Assatourian**

Parents: Hamazasb Sardarbegian and Armine Mounjian , Vazgen Assatourian and Ofelya Har-tonyan

Best Man: Nigol Keurkunan

Maid of Honor: Catherine Barbosa

### JUNE 2021

June 4, 2021

**Nubar Atam and Ava Manokian**

Parents: Hrayr Atam and Akabi Tomaskesis, Caro Manokian and Diane White

Best Man: Adam Atam

Maid of Honor: Mannik Manokian

### JULY 2021

July 8, 2021

**Areg Bagdasarian and Janna Mosinyan**

Parents: George and Armine Bagdasarians, Aram Mosinyan and Karine Mkrtchyan

Best Man: Davit Avagyan

Maid of Honor: Lilit Sargsyan

### SEPTEMBER 2021

September 25, 2021

**Arda Christine Dilanian & Mitchell Aram Mouradjian Jr.**

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Hayrabet Dilanian and Rev. Fr. and Mrs. Kapriel Mouradjian

Best Man: Andres Virgen

Maid of Honor: Christine Nguyen

### OCTOBER 2021

October 10, 2021

**Christopher J. Tyson & Sarine Zenian**

Parents: Joseph Tyson and Jean Berdan Cherne, David Zenian and Leda Seraydarian

Best Man: Andrew Tyson

Maid of Honor: Nathalie Z McOmber

October 16, 2021

**John Michael Walsh IV & Talyne Margaret Derderian**

Parents: John Michael Walsh III and Denise Schreiber, Harry Derderian and Ani Jindian

Best Man: Nika Barbakadze and

Maid of Honor: Vana Derderian

October 23, 2021

**Amanda Hess & Peter Vlazakis**

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. David & Mary Hess and Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel & Paula Vlazakis

Best Man: Dean Paul Vlazakis

Maid of Honor: Ashley Koontz





# CHRISTMAS YUGHAKIN DONATIONS 2021

## Donated by:

Aghazarian Sarkis and Susan  
 Anbarjian Kegham  
 Andonian Clara  
 Arabian Lawrence and Janet  
 Azzam Ritaa and Nabil  
 Balian Margaret  
 Balian Rita  
 Balian Mary  
 Berberian Brenda  
 Bodurian Edward and Ellen  
 Harry and Ani  
 Dedeian-Smith Margaret  
  
 Ellian Sue  
 Ghazarian Kevork and Maria  
 Greene Anahit Vanoushi  
 ossyanHadjian, Asadour and Nvart  
 Hagopian Haig and Anahid  
 Kalayjian Anahid  
 Karahisar Raffi & Kathy  
 Khachaturian Zaven and Alidz  
 Krikorian Helen  
 Krzysztofowicz Roman and Liana  
 fowiczKumkumian, John & Kathleen  
 Khrimian Ashot and Susanna  
 Leko Joan  
 LekoMatikian Hagop and Rober Krikor  
 Melikian Armenak and Helga  
 Mulvihill Christina  
 Najarian Mary and Vrege  
 Nazarian Ashot  
 Nicogossian Arnould and Barbara  
 copianNorian Sue Ann  
 Ozbenian Janser and Jacqueline  
 Roxanne Nersesian Paul

## In Loving Memory of:

Loved Ones  
 Loved Ones  
 Anthony Guida (brother in law)  
 Manug Arabian and Yerchanik Bolat (father)  
 Loved Ones  
 Charles Balian  
 Balian Vartkess, Simonian and Keshishian families  
 Balian Family members  
 Loved Ones  
 Abraham and Elise Bodurian, Dr. Ohannes Sahakian Derderian  
 Derderian and Jindian Families  
 John and Siranoush Dedeian, Shoushan and Vartan Kaprielian;  
 Zavart Bogosian  
 Ellian Haig  
 Vahan and Vartouhie Ghazarian  
 Vanoush and Araksya Tatevossyan and Karine Tatev-  
 Loved Ones  
 Hagopian and Tabibian Families  
 Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian  
 Berj Attarian  
 Loved Ones  
 Loved Ones  
 Janusz and Irena Krzyszto-  
 Loved Ones  
 Parents  
 Karekin and Aroosyag Najarian, Joan Najarian  
 Azniv Matikian  
 Loved Ones  
 Haig Ellian, Jack and Barbara Tellalian  
 Loved Ones  
 Ovsanna Nazarian  
 Lala and Garen Ha-  
 Loved Ones  
 Hariknaz Ozbenian and Albert Jirikdjian  
 Ann Nersesian

Sakaryan Rita and Antranik  
Sayan Chatherine  
Shahinian, Grace and Dean  
Tashjian, Mike & Naira  
Tatarian Hrant and Zarmine  
Ter-Minassian Viguen and Teresa  
Witherspoon Robert and Eric

Yeni-Komshian Grace  
Zarookian Tirtad and Anita  
Ziver Marianne  
Zulik Nurhan and Lisa

Donated by:

Balian Mary  
Balian Rita  
Sahakian Diane and Ara  
Yeghissia patricia

Loved Ones  
Arsen Sayan  
Ms. Lily E. Jelatian  
Kevork Megerdich Tashjian, Khatchadur Hakobyan  
Loved Ones  
Hermine and Rouben Ter- Minassian  
Hilda Rustherspoon, Ekmekjian & Witherspoon  
Loved Oned  
Loved Ones  
Loved Ones  
Mary, Bogos and Yeranuhi

In Honor of:

Haikouhi Koudoussian  
Haikouhie Balian Koudoussian  
Esther Ekizian  
Loved Ones

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

Donated by:

Hekimian A Markrid  
Shahinian, Grace and Dean  
Nicogossian Arnauld and Barbara  
  
Ziver Marianne

In Loving Memory of:

M Jerry Hekimian  
Dr. Paul Shahinian  
Armenian Genocide Martyrs  
Loved Ones



**CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWER**

Donated by:

Naltchayan Neshan  
Naltchayan Elizabeth and Family

In Loving Memory of:

Haroutun Naltchayan  
Haroutun Naltchayan

**IN LIEU OF CHRISTMAS CARD DONATIONS**

Hacopian Sombat; Krikorian Helen; Nishanian Mariam ;Sahakian Michael and Catherine;  
Shahinian, Grace and Dean Shahinian Esq



**We thank all our Devoted Parishioners  
and wish them a Happiest New Year and a Merry Christmas Full of  
God's Grace and Blessings.**



## EASTER LILIES & YUGHAKIN DONATIONS 2021

### Donated by:

Abarchian Rozik  
Albright (Kachadourian) Bruce & Carolyn  
Asadourian Paul  
Arkoian Rosemary  
Alexandrian Edvik & Lena  
Andonian Clara & Family  
Baldadian Dolores  
Balian Margaret  
Balian Marie  
Balian Rita  
Bandazian Bedros  
Barsoumian Vergine

Baker D Alice  
Berberian Brenda  
Bezdikian Leon  
Bodurian Family  
Boyajian Molly  
Classic Bakery  
Derderian George & Anna  
Derkazarian Robert  
Delikahya Melkon & Yercanik  
Demirji Sarkis & Siran  
Festekjian Peter & Family  
Garabedian Elizabeth  
Ghazarian Kevork & Maria  
Gueriguian John & Ida & Family  
Gulan Liliane

Hadjian Asadour & Nvart  
Hanessian Bruce & Julia  
Hebert Paul and Arda  
Hekimian Margo  
Hovhannisyan Armen  
Ignatius Paul  
Jamgochian Dicran

### In Loving Memory of:

Loved Ones  
Harry & Queenie Kachadourian  
Diana & John Asadourian  
Moses Arkoian  
Loved Ones  
Jack Andonian & Haroutuin and Payloun Najarian  
George & Flossie Baldadian, Jack & Jean Babashanian  
Charles Balian  
Vartkess Balian  
Vartkess Balian  
Loved Ones  
Yenovk Barsoumian, Araxie Barsoumian & Elissa  
Barsoumian Diratzouian  
Mary Terzian  
Stephen & Jean Berberian  
Mr. & Mrs. Levon Bezdikian  
Abraham & Elise Bodurian  
Armenak, Keghanoush & Sograd Boyajian  
Loved Ones  
Azniv & John Attarian, Mary & Mike Petryk  
Loved Ones  
Loved Ones  
Albert Jirikdjian  
Alice Sahakyan  
Loved Ones  
Vahan & Vartouhi Ghazarian  
Loved Ones  
Simon, Zepur, Manoug and Sophie Mahdessian,  
& Sveto Gulan  
Loved Ones  
John & Haigoohie Hanessian  
Selma & Sirop Kanderian  
Anna Ziver & T.V. Tomassian  
Rosa & Artashes Hovhannisyan  
Loved Ones  
Hrant, Sirarpi and Zevart Jamgochian; Zaven,  
Jenya, Levon and Arshalous Sarafian

Jamgochian Levon & Arec

Jelalian Karekin & Esperanza

Kaehn Albert & Melina

Kapikian Catherine

Kazanjian Casey & Bella

Kavookian Eva June

Karahisar Raffi & Kathy

Khoranian Linet

Khrimian Ashot & Susanna

Koudoussian Rita

Dr. Krikorian Jacqueline & Stephen Hutchinson

Kumkumian John & Kathleen

Levonian Jack & Siran

Melikian Armenak & Helga

Movsessian Rubic & Knarik

Muller Arvid

Nersesian Roxanne Paul

Ozbenian Janser & Jacqueline

Parsons Sylvia

Pickering Lola

Poladian Aharon & Family

Polissedjian Andre & Mary

Sahakian Ara and Diane

Sahakian Verjin

Sayan Catherine

Shahinian Dean, Esq. & Grace

Seferian Nareg

Sivaslian Seta & Bogos

Tahmazian Hnazant

Tahmasian Onik & Amik

Tashjian Mike & Naira

Tashjian Silva

Taymoorian Hovsep

Terminassian Viguen & Teresa

Turza Dale Chakarian

Xakellis Theodore

Yeghissian Patricia

Ziver Marilyn

Ziver Magdalen

**Donated by:**

Balian Rita

Dilanian Hayro H. Ani

Hrant, Sirarpi and Zevart Jamgochian, &

Arshalous Sarafian

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Dr. Albert Z Kapikian

Menas Aghavny Kazanjian

Ann & John Kavookian

Hermine & Vahan Karahisar

Seda & Mihran Khoranian

Parents

Hagop Koudoussian & Vartkess Balian

George & Margaret Krikorian

Loved Ones

Bedros & Anush Levonian, & Cholakian Family

Shmavon & Hripsimeh Melikian

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Mourad & Anne Nersesian

Hariknaz Ozbenian & Albert Jirikdjian

Loved Ones

Yazmajian, Kechyan & Pickering Families

Loved Ones

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**Will Attend:** Towson University, Towson, MD



**Name:** Nadya Sivaslian  
**Graduating From:** Thomas S. Wootton High School, Rockville, MD  
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**Will Attend:** James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA



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**Graduating From:** Quince Orchard H.S Gaithersburg, MD  
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**Name:** Mary Kristasatryan  
**Graduating From:** McLean High School, McLean, VA, Advanced Studies Diploma  
**Will Attend:** University of California



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**Graduating From:** Wheaton High School, Wheaton, MD  
**Will Attend:** Montgomery College, Rockville, MD



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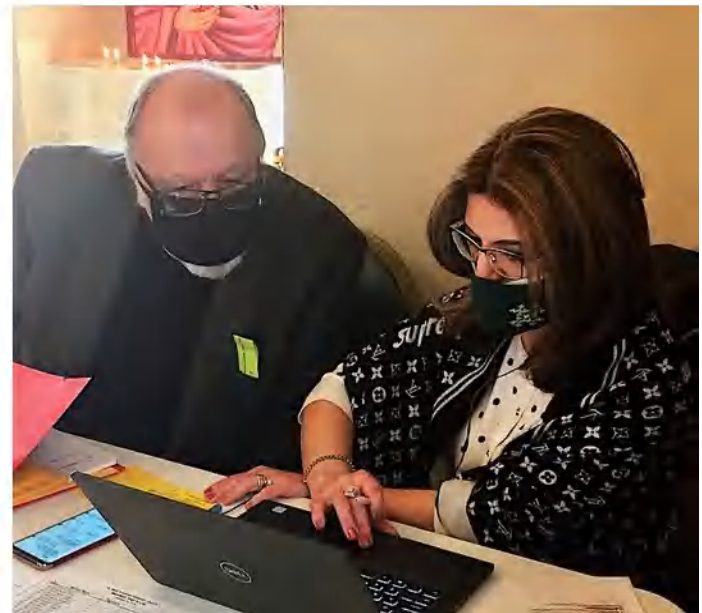
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note: when asked about your religion at a hospital, patients should list themselves as "Armenian Orthodox" or "Armenian" not "other."

#### REQUIEM/HOKEHANKIST

Arrangements for Requiem Service, Altar Flowers and Candles should be made through the church office by Thursday at noon. In accordance with the canons of the Armenian Church, Requiem Services may not be performed on the five major feast days: Armenian Christmas, Easter, The Feast of the Transfiguration, The Feast of the Assumption of the Mother of God, and The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

#### BAPTISMS AND CHRISMATIONS

All Baptisms must be scheduled at least three months in advance by calling the church office. According to the Armenian Church canons, a Baptism may only be performed once in a person's lifetime, provided such Baptism has been performed in a Christian Church and in the name of the Holy Trinity. At least one of the godparents must be a member of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church.

#### WEDDINGS

Parishioners should contact the church office at least six months in advance. A couple must contact St. Mary to confirm the availability of the Pastor and sanctuary prior to making any other arrangements.

#### FUNERALS

Families should make arrangements with the funeral director of their choice, who will then contact the church office to arrange the funeral service. Funerals may not be performed on religious holidays, major feast days, Saturdays after 3:00 p.m., or on Sundays.