



St. Marks Armenian Catholic Church

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Why Did God Allow That to Happen?

Tragedy can strike so quickly and capriciously. While going about our everyday lives, in a moment, in the blink of an eye, the world can be changed. As a nation we have been living with the awful reality since 1915 such a crime committed by human beings, or we can recall the situation in motherland in 1989 when the earthquake left behind a big tragedy. We cannot also forget that since 9-11. Thousands killed for no reason by complete strangers, who assumed, somehow in their mind, they were doing some good for this world. Or take the tsunami in Asia. A quarter of a million killed by a freak wave from an ocean floor earthquake. In Haiti this week a poor country experienced an absolutely gut wrenching tragedy. This country was destroyed by a killer earthquake.

In our private lives we have all experienced tragedy. And if you have avoided tragedy at this point in your life thank God that you have been spared, but consider yourself lucky as well. Recognize it is only a matter of time.

For we all ask this question at one time or another in one form or another:

why did God allow that to happen? Most of us know that God does not CAUSE tragedy. The Bible states clearly that God does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men (Lamentations 3:33) .The greater problem for most believers is this: Why does God ALLOW such awful things to happen?

Jesus' disciples asked our Lord this thorny question more than 2000 years ago. They met a man one day who had been born blind. In the first century, most people believed that all suffering was the result of sin. So the disciples asked Jesus, "Who sinned in this case, this blind man or his parents?"

There was even one school of thought that believed that a person could sin prior to birth, while still in the mother's womb. Imagine that! "Tell us, Jesus," they begged, "why was this man born blind?" Jesus did not respond with a neat, simple answer to the problem of human suffering. And I am not going to serve you a simplistic batch of biblical stew that will cause you to declare, "Aha, finally I have solved the mystery of evil and suffering in this world." Notice that Jesus does not answer the first question: Why was this man born blind?

I am suspicious of anyone who talks too glibly about this age-old mystery. I recall a humbling episode from a British movie entitled, "Whistle in the Wind." A group of kids had experienced the death of their pet kitten. They had prayed fervently that the cat would get well, but instead it died. They couldn't understand this. So, they went in search of the local vicar or pastor. They found him in a teashop, taking a morning break, enjoying his tea and newspaper. They asked him, "Why did God let our cat die?" The good pastor was not delighted to be interrupted with the matter of a deceased cat. But out of duty he laid aside his paper and launched into a long, complex, theological response to this question. The children stood and listened intently. When he finished he wished them well and went back to his newspaper. The children walked away somewhat bewildered. One little boy, holding his older sister's hand, looked up at her and said, "He doesn't know, does he?" How perceptive children can be.

Notice that Jesus answers this question: What good can this tragedy produce? (John 9:1-41). God never punishes us like somebody declared on TV, that the people of Haiti were punished for their evil acts! Never in this world will we understand all the mystery surrounding suffering. But with God's help we can gain some helpful insights. From this tragedy and others we can learn How to Love, Help and care. Because the God we worship, is the God of Love! Please Pray and Help.



Hayr Armenag Bedrossian

January—February
2010



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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 30: Comedy Night.

January 31: Memorial Mass for devoted parishioners who passed away in 2009.

February 11: Vartanantz Commemoration

March 13: Lenten Dinner

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Parish Council – The elections were held in October, Michael Scutti was re-elected Parish Council Treasurer and Marlene Vosgorian was elected to Social Delegate position, Gary Bezdikian "Member at Large" ; they will take office in January 2010. Our sincere "Thank you" to the newly elected officers for serving on the Parish Council.

We also like to "Thank" the outgoing Social Delegate: Ginny Garabedian for serving on the Parish Council.

Our Thanks To:

Joe & Sona Hoplamazian for their donation of the beautiful pointesettas and greens for the church Christmas decorations & to Ed & Maria Hovsepan in memory of Al Hagopian

Thank You To:

Our Parish Organizations, which have turned over to the Church \$11,000.00. We owe our sincere gratitude to all who worked so hard during the year and to those who supported their works

Children's Christmas Party:

The party that was to be held on the Sunday the 20th was postpone because of the Snow storm was held on Sunday the 27th. Our thanks to Rosa Zeibari for chairing this year's event and all who helped to make this a memorable event for our children.



Brunch – Jan 3rd-

Our thanks to Ani Kechian (chairing), Social committee and all those who supported the event. Our sincere thanks to Joe & Sona Hoplamazian for their continued support, which they did in memory of Joe's father, Joseph Hoplamazian.

Your Christmas gift to your parish ...will, we know, reflect your appreciation of God's goodness to you. We thank you for your generous sacrifice both a Christmas and all year through.

Our Condolences to the Hagopian family:

Albert Hagopian entered his eternal reward on December 8th, he is survived by his wife, Helen, and his children, Albert Mark (Erica) and Lisa (Aaron Mark) . Albert's Memorial Mass was held at St. Marks on December 12th. Please pray for his soul and that his family will find consolation in the Lord.

Our Condolences to the Hoplamazian family:

St. Marks Parish extends its sympathies and prayers to Joe & Sona Hoplamazian on the passing of Joe's father, Joseph Hoplamazian, Sr.

Men's Club Drawing 2009– 2010

Winner: November Paul Sarkissian

December Jean Sarkissian

The next Drawing is scheduled for January 17. If you have not purchased your tickets there is still time. Your ticket has eight (have to check the #) more chances to win \$100.00. Once you win, your ticket still goes back in the drawing for the next one. To purchase your ticket you can see Mike Scutti or Jean Sarkissian. To all who have purchase tickets, we thank you for your support.

Baptism of Jesus – January 3rs:

The God Father of the Cross for the baptism of our Lord was Kevork Zeibari, son of Andre & Rosa Zeibari. We congratulate the Zeibari family and specially Kevork.

The Baptism of our Lord ceremony, should remind us of our own Baptism. Take this ceremony to reflect on how you have lived out your baptismal promises

2010 Eparchy Calendar:

Have arrived and will be distributed at church or mailed out in the near future. We do ask that you make a donation for the calendar. An envelope is enclosed with the calendar for your donation.

2009 Contributions Statements:

Will be mailed out at the end of January. If you do not receive a statement and you should, please notify Father Armenag. All parishioners are urged to use their envelopes, which are mailed to them. It is to our benefit and is a good audit procedure for the parish office.

House Blessing:

If you would like to have your home blessed during this Christmas season, please make the necessary arrangements with Hayr Armenag.

Flowers:

Donate \$20 to place flowers on the altar for Sunday Badarak. Please see Patrick for details.

HAITI

As we read and hear of the devastating earthquake in Haiti, we can recall the situation in Armenia in 1989. I ask that you pray for the dead, the survivors and the relief workers.

There will be a 2nd collection on Sundays for Haiti, which will be forward to the Catholic Relief Service for Haiti. If you would like to make a contribution, you can mail your check to St. Marks and mark it "Haiti". Thank you for your generosity.

Wishing you a Holy & Merry Christmas

Rosemary Vosbikian



**Philadelphia Armenian
Inter-Communal Committee**

VARTANANTZ COMMEMORATION

Service

to commemorate the Battle of Avarayr
(A.D. 451)

Thursday, February 11 at 7 p.m.

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We Remember YOU

St. Mark's Parish will offer special Memorial (Hokehankisd) Mass for devoted parishioners who passed away in 2009. Sunday January 31th. The Hokehankisd will be offered for the souls of:

Marie Vosgorian, Gladys Zarzatian, Kegham Shama-
mian, Diran Arslanian, Joseph Piligian and Albert
Hagopian.

May God rest their souls in peace.



Via E-mail

Dear Father Armenag,

After I read your E-mail to pray and help our brothers and sisters in **Haiti!** I just thought you would find this interesting.

My friend's mother is a nurse and she was traveling to Haiti for volunteer work. My friend was devastated to hear that the earthquake hit while she was there. Just this morning he got an email from a poor, still- standing hospital that his mother sent saying she arrived a few hours after the catastrophe. She arrived just in time to assist the overwhelmed staff of one of the only hospitals left.

Aram Mourdian



Thank You

To strengthen the ministry of our church and to help nurture faith, we thank the following donors' for their donations:

Betty Koutras

Alice Tudor

Albert & Patrice Keshegegian.

Andre & Rosa Zeibari for underwriting the expenses of the Christmas Party.

Hovhaness & Therese Voskeridjian for their donation in memory of Sister Alberta Bayan.

The Bohdjelian family for their donation in memory of Peter Bohdjelian.

John von Terzian for his donation in memory of Archbishop Nerses Der Nersessian.

Ani Kechian and Joe & Sona Hoplamazian for underwriting the expenses for the January brunch.



Father Armenag and the Parish Council gratefully acknowledge your contributions for Christmas, which amounted to \$6,562.00

Mrs. Assia Aboyan	Dr. & Mrs. Albert Keshgegian	Mr. & Mrs. Andre Zeibari
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BE TENDER-HEARTED FOR HIS GLORY
A CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

Not always in braying trumpets or in loud clashing cymbals nor in blazing light do we see His glory. Sometimes it is in the smallest tenderness: we see it in a lock of hair fluttering in the wind, in the smooth hollow of a baby's cheek or in the smile of a young mother Mary as she tells us her story.

God delights in our little ways, and love is often seen in the littlest way, as St. Therese said. God spoke to Elijah His prophet in a still small voice, not in the rushing winds, nor in the loud claps of the thunderhead.

Why are we anxious about impressing ourselves with the grand things of glory which we may do once in a lifetime? Why not in the small kindnesses of every day for which we have a full cup of time?

God laughs with us when we stoop down to little acts, because He is the God of littleness as well as grandeur: just take a look at Him in a manger.



Karl John Kalfaian



Lenten Schedule for 2010

ASHES

Wednesday- February 17

After Mass at

7:30 P.M

DAILY MASS

Monday- Saturday 8:00 A.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

It has been a Catholic tradition through the centuries to meditate on the Way of the Cross, so that it becomes our way of life. Here at St. Mark's, we pray the Stations every Friday during Lent at 7:00 P.M.

LENTEN DINNER

Saturday, March 13 at 7 P.M.

PARISH SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Friday, March 26 7.00 P.M.

Stations of the Cross, Homily

Veneration of the Cross,

Sacrament of Reconciliation

RECONCILIATION

One hour before Masses or Devotions

Penance is the Sacrament by which we receive God's healing forgiveness for sins committed after Baptism.

MARCH 28 Palm Sunday -Bake Sale

APRIL 4 Easter Sunday Brunch



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Երիտասարդը երբ խոր փունի մէջ էր, տեսիլք մը ունեցաւ, թէ ինք կը նեմէր քնուքեան շատ գեղեցիկ տեսարաններով վայրի մը մէջ եւ յանկարծ կը նշմարէ առիծ մը, որ զինք կը հետապնդէր:

Երիտասարդը կ'արագացնէ իր ֆայլերը, սակայն առիծը աւելի՛ արագ ըլլալով՝ գրեթէ կը մօտենայ իր անօթութիւնը յագեցնելու, բայց երիտասարդը այդ պահուն ինքզինք կը նետէ մօտիկ ջրհորին մէջ ու կախուելով դռլներուն չուանէն կը փօփ աջ ու ձախ: Կարճ ժամանակ մը չանցած՝ կը դադրի առիծին մոնչիւնը, եւ երիտասարդը շունչ մը պիտի ֆաշէր, եթէ ջրհորին խորերէն չհասնէր խոշոր գլուխով օձին Ֆշշոցը:

Օձէն ալ երբ ազատեցաւ՝ յանկարծ ինքզինք գտաւ երկու մուկերու դիմաց, մէկը սեւ, իսկ երկրորդը՝ ներմակ, որոնք կը կրծէին չուանին վերի մասը եւ որպէսզի զանոնք հեռացնէ, ուժեղ մը շարժեց չուանը ու ինք ալ զարնուեցաւ ջրհորի պատին ու զգաց լարծուն հեղուկի մը բակչիլը իր կողին, նայեցաւ որ մեղրի փեթակ էր, լեցուն մեղրով. համին նայեցաւ, ախորժակը բացուեցաւ ու շարունակեց մեղրը ուտել, մոռնալով առիծն ալ, օձն ալ:

Ուտելու մէջ էր, երբ յանկարծ արթնցաւ եւ շուրջը գտաւ միայն գետին ինկած իր վերմակը եւ բարձր, որ դրան մօտն էր: Երիտասարդը շատ նեղացած՝ դիմեց ձերունի երագ մեկնողի մը: Ծերունին ըսաւ. »Տղա՛ս, քեզ հալածող առիծը մահն է:

Ջրհորը եւ մէջի օձը՝ գերեզմանդ, իսկ չուանը, որմէ կախուեցար՝ կեանքդ եւ մնասնեքն են, զորս Տէրը տուաւ քեզի: Սեւ ու ներմակ մուկերը, գիշերն ու ցերեկն են, որոնք կեանքդ կը կարնեցնեն: Ապա երիտասարդը հարցուց. Ինչպ՞ս կը մեկնէք:

- Տղա՛ս, ըսաւ ձերունին հայրական շեշտով մը, մեղրը աշխարհն է, որ իր ֆաղցրութեամբ մեզի մոռցնել կու տայ, թէ անխուսափելի մահը եւ հաշուետուութիւնը մեր ետին են:

Շնորհակալ եմ Տէ՛ր, որովհետեւ ինծի առիթը ներկայացուցիր կարդալու վերոյիշեալ երագի մեկնութիւնը եւ ձայնդ իմանալու ու խիղճս արթնցնելու, նախֆան վերջին դատաստան, ուր այլեւս ի գուր է զոջալը...: Այժմ, Տէ՛ր, Դուն որ եկար մեղաւորները փրկելու ե՛ւ զիս, որ առաջինն եմ, ընդունէ՛ գոջումս ու ներէ՛ մեղքերս:



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 This Guy says, "be prepared to laugh buster!"

 King says, "ROYALLY FUNNY"

 Strong Arm says, "Strong Performance!"

NOTE: DAVID 'THE NDF' HASSELHOFF, GUY IN SPACE HELMUT, AND MICKEY MOUSE WILL NOT BE PERFORMING.

Happy Birthday to:

	Date	Age
January		
Zabelle Minasian	3	11
Sareen Minasian	9	6
Liam O'Brien	21	2
Ariana Palma	30	16
		
February		
Andre Ewing	2	10
Vasken Sarkahian	6	20
Nicole Naegele	8	8
David Chiavoni	11	21
Timothy Philiposian	14	18
Raffi Minasian	18	14
Garine Mouradian	19	15
Gassia Minassian	22	2
Alexander Melikian	27	20
Madeline Margulies	27	15



Ո՞Վ Է ՔԱՀԱՆԱՆ

Քահանան, ընտրեալ Քրիստոսի կողմէ, համապատասխանելով կոչին տհմաջան աշխատանքով, Փրկչին առաքելութեան իր նպատակին քաջ հասնող մըն է: Այս պատճառով, ան կրնայ նախախնամութեամբ իրեն յանձնուած հոգիները հասցնել իրենց էութեան ձգտումին:

Քահանան համապատասխանող մըն է Աստուծոյ շնորհին, որ զինք հրաւիրեց կատարելութեան ու երջանկութեան: Ան է որ փոխեց իր ընթացքն ու մտածելակերպը, որպէսզի արտացոլայ միայն հեզ ու խոնարհ Քրիստոսը, տիպար դառնալու, որուն օրինակը պիտի ընդօրինակէ ժողովուրդը ու ինքը եւս ընթանայ բարեփոխումի նամբուն վրայէն, Ս. Պօղոսի ըսածին համաձայն. »Քայց դուք այսպէս չնանչցաք Քրիստոսը, քանի որ ընդունեցաք զինք վարդապետութեամբ եւ քարոզութեամբ, որոնք համաձայն են Յիսուսի նշմարտութեան, այսինքն մերժել ձեր նախկին կենցաղը, մերկանալ հին մարդը, որ կ'ապականի նուաստացնող ցանկութիւններով, եւ վերանորոգուիլ ձեր դատողութեան գերբնական կերպարանափոխումով, զգենուլ Նոր Մարդը որ ստեղծուած է ըստ Աստուծոյ՝ նշմարտութեան, արդարութեան եւ սրբութեան մէջ«)Եփես. 4, 21-24(:

Քահանան ուսուցիչ, սրբացուցիչ ու առաջնորդ, ան չի՛ կրնար ուսուցանել, եթէ նախ ինքը սրբացած ու բիրեղացած չըլլայ Ս. Հաղորդութեան Սիրոյ հուրին մէջ: Ան չի՛ կրնար առաջնորդ ըլլալ, եթէ նախ ինքը նանչցած չըլլայ հոգեւոր ուղեւորութեան նանապարհներն ու միջոցները: Քահանան քրիստոնեան է որ նանչցար Քրիստոսը, սիրեց, հետեւեցար Անոր ու յանձն առաւ ապրիլ Անոր վարդապետութիւնը, նաշակեց աստուածային սէրը ու եղաւ քահանայ, որպէսզի ժողովուրդը առաջնորդէ Աստուծոյ:

Wedding Anniversaries

	Date	Years
January		
Joe & Sona Hoplamazian	28	32
February		
Barkev & Isgouhi Sarkahian	13	55
Vartan & Zava Aklian	17	36
Garabed & Norma Terzian	23	48
Vasken & Suzannah Sarkahian	25	21
John & Natalie Azarian	28	45



SANCTUARY CANDLES

	Sponsored by	In Memory of / In honor of
January I	Sajonian family	For the intention of Marie Koulaksezian
January II	Open Intention	
February I &	February II	Open Intentions
March I &	March II	Open Intention

Sanctuary Light - This candle is blended from pure beeswax and other fine grades of quality wax. The flame is steady and bright and fulfills the very dignified purpose of the Sanctuary Light. This candle burns day and night.

ALTAR CANDLES

January	Greg & Cookie Vosbikian	In memory of Charles & ClaireMardigian
February	Zerounian family	In memory of Albert Zerounian
March	Sajonian Family	In memory of the decd members Sajonian family

HOLY CROSS CANDLES

January	Open Intention	
February	Dr. Hasmik Saribekyan & family	For a special intention
March	Sajonian Family	In memory of decd members of Koulaksezian fam

MARIAN CANDLES

January	Dr. Hasmik Saribekyan & family	Special Intention
February	Open Intention	
March	Sajonian family	In memory of Elyse Sajonian

SACRED HEART CANDLES

January	Zerounian family	In memory of Araxie Sinanian
February	Open Intention	
March	Open Intention	

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

January	Helen Hagopian	Special Intention
February	Open Intention	
March	Open Intention	

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

January	Mike & Liz Scutti	In memory of Albert Hagopian
February	Open Intention	
March	Naz & Dottie Sookiasian	In memory of Sarkis & Takouhi Sookiasian

The candles are on a first come basis. There may be open intentions when the Newsletter goes to the printer. But there could be a two-week period before the Newsletter is in your mailbox.

The requested donation for the Holy Cross, Marian & Sacred Heart candles is \$30.00. For the Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp, the requested donation is \$35.00.



Maintenance Fund

The following 53 individuals/families have paid the full amount for the year 2008 - \$240.00 towards the Maintenance Fund:

Ara & Aline Bederjikian	Alice Bohdjelian	Aram & Linda Bohdjelian
Ernest & Sophia Darian	Christine Davidian	Zaven & Jo Davidian
Patrick & Theresa Dempsey	Ken & Sibelle Ewing	Nathan & Pauline Frey
Andre & Ginny Garabedian	Garo & Elizabeth Ghazarian	Roseanne Ghazarian
Dave & Regine Glarner	Helen Hagopian	Victor & Kristine Hagopian
Edward Harootunian	Paul & Susan Harootunian	Joe & Sona Hoplamazian
Sona & Harry Jeitner	John & Adrienne Juskalian	Avedis & Shake Kazandjian
Albert & Patrice Keshgegian	Marie Koulaksezian	Roman & Liana Krzysztofowicz
Rose Manteghian	Anthony & Janis Mazzone	Paul & Rosalie Mirzayam
Rita Odabashian	Mike & Malena Palma	Sajonian family
Jean & Alice Sarkissian	Mike & Liz Scutti	Michele Scutti
Hosmig Sherian	Greg & Karen Sookiasian	James & Lisa Sookiasian
Naz & Dottie Sookiasian	Ted Sookiasian	Roxie Sudjian
Garabed & Norma Terzian	Joe & Vickie Vosbikian	Paul & Shirley Vosbikian
Peter & Irene Vosbikian	Rosemary Vosbikian	Hovhaness & Theresa Voskeridjian
Mark & Judy Zarzatian	Andre & Rosa Zeibari	Edward & Marie Zeibari
Gregory & Arlet Zeibari	Marjan Zeibari	Noel Zeibari
Zohrab & Inge Zeibari	Takuhi Zorayan	



If you have made a monthly contribution to the Maintenance Fund, January – December (\$20.00), four quarterly payments of (\$60.00) or a lump sum amount (\$280.00), your name should appear above. If not, we have made a mistake. Please notify the church office.

**HOKEHANKISDS**

Following are the Hokehankisds requested to be offered at St. Mark's Church. To request a Hokehankisd, please contact Father Armenag.

January 17: for the soul of Albert Hagopian (40 days). Req. by Helen Hagopian and family.

January 31: for the souls of: Marie Vosgorian, Gladys Zarzatian, Kegham Shamamian, Diran Arslanian, Joseph Piligian and Albert Hagopian.
Req. by the parish.

February 7: for the soul of: Albert Zerounian. Req. by the Zerounian family.



If you would like to have flowers on the Altar for your Hokehankisd, notify the Church office at least one week in advance. The stipend for the Hokehankisd should be made payable to the priest. If you are also making a donation to the church in the deceased's memory, a separate check made payable to the Church would be appreciated.

Remember that there are certain dates that a Hokehankisd cannot be offered. We ask for your understanding in this matter. The Sunday Bulletin is prepared on Friday nights. If you want the Hokehankisd listed in the Bulletin, it must be called in to the Rectory by 7 P.M.

God's Answer!

I cried to God
 I beat upon the Door
 Until my knuckles bled;
 God made no answer,
 Gave me no sign
 "There is no God" I said.
 I stopped my clamor
 And lay spent
 A channel at ebb tide
 And slowly in the silence
 The door swung wide.

Christina Rainsford

**Armenian Language****Travel = Chanabarthoutyoun**

Where is ...? = Our eh..?
 How much is the fare? = Vorkan eh djampou dzaghkeh
 Ticket = Gedron - Doms
 One ticket to ..., please. = Gedron meh..., Hadjiss
 Where are you going? = Our gertass?
 Where do you live? = Our gabriss?



Train = Shokegark
 Bus = Otobus
 Subway, Underground = getini daki tramva
 Airport = Otagayan
 Train station = Shokegarki Gayan
 Bus station = Otobusi gayan
 Subway station, Underground station = stantsi
 Departure = Djamportelik Jameh
 Arrival = Hassnelik Jameh
 Car rental agency = Inknasharj vartselik krasenyag
 Parking = parking
 Hotel = Bantog
 Room = Senyag
 Reservation = Abahovel
 Are there any vacancies for tonight? = Barab degh ga ayss kisher?
 No vacancies = Barab degh tchegah
 Passport = passport

Time and Dates = Zhama yev Oruh

What time is it? = Jameh kani eh?
 7:13, Seven thirteen = 7:13, Yoteh Dassneh yerek gantsni
 3:15, Three fifteen = 3:15, Yerekeh Dassneh hink gantsni
 3:15, A quarter past three = 3:15, Yerekeh karrort gantsni
 11:30, Eleven thirty = 11:30, Dassneh meg ou gess
 11:30, Half past eleven = 11:30, Dassneh megeh yeressoun gantsni
 1:45, One forty-five = 1:45, Dassneh megeh karassoun hink gantsni
 1:45, A quarter till two = 1:45, Yergoukin karrort gah

Day = Ohr
 Week = Shapat
 Month = Amiss
 Year = Dari

Monday = Yergou shapti
 Tuesday = Yerek shapti
 Wednesday = Tchorek shapti
 Thursday = Hink shapti
 Friday = Ourpat
 Saturday = Shapat
 Sunday = Guiragui



January = Hounvar
 February = Pedervar
 March = Mart
 April = Abril
 May = Mayiss
 June = Houniss
 July = Houliiss
 August = Okosdos
 September = Sebdemper
 October = Hogdemper
 November = Noyemper
 December = Tegdemper



Spring = Karoun
 Summer = Amar
 Fall, Autumn = Ashoun
 Winter = Tsemer

Today = Ayss or
 Yesterday = Yereg
 Tomorrow = Vagheh



Birthday = dzenentyan ohr
 Happy Birthday! = Shenorhavor Dzenentyan Ohr!

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All interested parishioners are encouraged to attend the meetings. Please notify the chairman if you would like to bring up a particular subject so that it can added to the agenda.



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Saturday, March 13-Time: 7 P.M

LENTEN DINNER

Come and join us for delicious Armenian Lenten Foods

Please RSV your table by calling:

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