



St. Marks Armenian Catholic Church

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I am leaving you with a Gift—Peace of mind and heart.

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. Remember what I told you: 'I am going away, but I will come back to you again.'" John 14:27-28

Any good dictionary will define "peace" as freedom from war, harmony, concord, agreement, calm, tranquility, serenity, quiet, undisturbed state of mind, absence of mental conflict, contentment, and acceptance of one's state and the absence of anxiety. It will list its antonyms as war, anxiety, disorder, disturbance, disruption, conflict and commotion.

I must confess that when I was a child, I was afraid of the dark. At the end of the day, when it was time to turn out the lights and go to bed, I wanted to know that I was not alone in the darkness. Somehow, the darkness was not so frightening with "Teddy" in the bed with me.

God's peace is a deep, spiritual peace unaffected by the world (Romans 8:6-9). We can have this peace, if we truly trust in God's redemptive plan for mankind, are striving to produce His character and are obedient to His Word.

Have you ever been afraid? Of course you have. We are all afraid at times. It is nothing to be ashamed of -- even adults are sometimes afraid. Some of us may be afraid of the dark. Some may be afraid of the thunder and lightning that comes with a storm. Here are just a few of the things that people are afraid of: bugs, bees, snakes, heights, dentists, doctors, dogs, cats, mice, and germs.

When Jesus told his disciples that he was going to return to his Father, they were afraid. What would happen to them? Would the enemies recognize them as his followers and try to harm them? Jesus knew that his disciples were afraid and he offered these words to comfort them.

"I am leaving you with a gift -- peace of mind and heart, Author, Tanya A. Moore once said: (A person's world is only as big as their heart). Don't be troubled or afraid. Remember what I have told you: 'I am going away, but I will come back to you again. I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me.'"

We no longer have anything to fear. Whenever we find ourselves in the dark or in the storms of life, Jesus is with us.

Hayr Armenag Bedrossian



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 8:** Mother's Day Dinner.
- May 23:** Pentecost
- May 31:** St. Hripsimeh.
- June 20:** Father's Day Picnic

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First Holy Communion May 2nd:

On May 2nd, 4 of our children received their First Holy Communion. We would like to congratulate them on this big day:

Armand Zeibari

Lilia Zeibari

Sara Terzian

Vahe Minasian

We would like to thank the Sisters and specially sister Louisa for preparing the children for this most important day.



Easter Flowers – our thanks to Joe & Sona Hoplamazian for donating the Holy Week, and Easter flowers and the Easter Brunch centerpieces..

Thank you – to all those who made Holy Week and Easter Sunday a prayerful, reverent and beautiful experience for our parish, the 12 Apostles, the Altar Servers, the Choir, the ushers, those who provided the flowers, those who helped at the Easter Brunch and all those who joined us for our services. God Bless you all!

To our Women's Guild and everyone who helped to make the Palm Sunday Bake Sale a successful one.

Attention all Families of or 2010 Graduates!!

Please send your graduate's information for our July-August issue, by June 15th to the church, either by mail, email or in person.

**Our Condolences**

Father Armenag and St. Marks Parish extend its sympathies and prayers to:

Terzian family:

Garabed "Carlos" Terzian, died on March 16, 2010. Beloved husband to Ahavni "Norma" (nee Peshdimaldjian), devoted father of Carlos "Paul" (Suzanne), Asadour "Ted" (Kim), Raffi Vahan (Rosanne), and Armen G, 13 Grandchildren, brother to Levon Terzian and Margarita Kuyoomjian both of CA.

Sookiasian family:

Seta (Dorothy) Sookiasian, died on March 14, 2010. Seta is survived by her husband, Nazareth Sookiasian and her son James (Lisa) Sookiasian. May her soul rest in peace and may her family find consolation with the Lord.

Djabrayan (Canada) and Voskerdjian families:

Alex Djabrayan, died on April 19, 2010 Canada "Montreal". Alex brother of Therese Voskerdjian (Hovannes) of Broomall, PA.

Please pray for their souls and that her families will find consolation in the Lord.

Men's Club Drawing 2009– 2010

Winner: November Paul Sarkissian December Jean Sarkissian
January: Dr. Albert Keshgegian February: Zarmine Soltanian
March: Elizabeth Scutti April: Mike Vosbikian

If you have not purchased your tickets there is still time. 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.

**It's Baby BOY:**

Congratulations to Andre & Beth Garabedian's new baby boy (Joseph Andre) and to both families.

Mid Lenten Dinner:

Our thanks: Mid Lenten Dinner which was held on Saturday, March 13. It was hosted by Anto and Sara Kechian. The audience enjoyed a night filled with a delicious meal prepared by Sara Kechian, Vartene, Serpohen Ghazarian and the Kechian family. And special Thank to our guest speaker Very Rev. Father Oshagan Gulgulian for his wonderful spiritual words.

House Blessing:

If you would like to have your home blessed during this Easter 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.

PAND :

Our heartfelt thanks to the PAND organization for their donation of \$2000.00 to St. Mark's from a portion of the net proceeds of the 2009 New Year's Eve celebration.

Our Sincere Thank to PAND (NOR DAREE)

Since PAND's inception, St. Marks Armenian Catholic Church has received \$46,295 and a total contribution to all five Philadelphia Armenian Churches has totaled \$231,475. With GREATER Support and participation from the local Philadelphia Armenian Community we Hope to continue these contributions in the FUTURE.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

St. Marks wishes to thank the following individuals for their donation to the Church:

Dr. & Mrs. Gabriel Tatarian and Roxie Sudjian for their donation in memory of John Sudjian

Edward & Marie Zeibari and Arpy & Asadur Minasian for their donation in memory of Alex Djabrayan

Naz Sookiasian for his donation for the 40 day Hokehandkisd for Dottie Sookiasian

Donations in memory of Carlos Terzian

Father Armenag & the Parish Council would like to gratefully acknowledge the donations made in memory of Carlos Terzian, who entered his eternal reward on March 16, 2010. Please pray for his soul and that his family finds comfort and peace in the Lord.

Assia Aboyan	Armenak & Azniv Andrikian
Dickrane Arznavorian	Vrej & Lucine Bedrossian
Matt & Vivian Bouloutian	Albert & Helen Chavooshian
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Ken & Sibelle Ewing	Garabedian Family
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Georgette Kazanjian & Jack	Grace Keshgegian
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Mr. Naz Sookiasian	Ted Sookiasian
Statewide Marine Services	Andre' & Rosa Zeibari
Ed & Marie Zeibari	Mr. & Mrs. Greg Zeibari
Nevart Zeibari	Noel Zeibari
Zerounian Family	

Total donations \$1,539.00

Donations in memory of Dorothy Sookiasian

Father Armenag & the Parish Council would like to gratefully acknowledge the donations made in memory of Dorothy Sookiasian, who entered her eternal reward on March 14, 2010. Please pray for her soul and that her family finds comfort and peace in the Lord.

Dorothy Arakelian	Bert Ashekian
Albert Bagian	Rev & Mrs. Antranig Baljian
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Mr. & Mrs. Aram Ghazarian	Mr. & Mrs. David Glarner
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Hosmig Sherian	Viola Sookasian
Jim & Lisa Sookiasian	Nazareth Sookiasian
Ted Sookiasian	Mr. & Mrs. Ted Sookiasian
Roxie Sudjian	Dianne Sudjian & Carmen Ranalli
Dr. & Mrs. Gabariel Tatarian	Mr. & Mrs. George Terhanian
Ms Marion & Patty Tootelian	Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Vosbikian
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Vosbikian	Andre' & Rosa Zeibari
Ed & Marie Zeibari	Noel & Ara Zeibari
Zerounian Family	Esther Zorzopian

Total Donations \$3,170.00

Join us on
Saturday, May 8th
For
Mother's Day Eve Dinner
At St. Mark's Church
Piano Concert!

by Dr. Andre Garabedian

Come and enjoy a GREAT meal!
prepared by our parishioners

Fondue Station

by "Dove chocolate at Home"

Raffles for all ages

Tickets: \$15 for Adults and \$8(children under 12)

Tickets at the DOOR: \$18 for Adults and \$10(children under 12)



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Անժամանակ տարիներու Աստուած՝ Հայրը բոլոր բարիքներու, մեր փրկութեան արշալոյս՝ Իր Որդին որկեց մեզի: Անբաւելին մեզի նման եղաւ. ո՛չ միայն նման, այլ՝ մտորի մը մէջ ծնաւ: Մենք իր ժողովուրդը՝ կոչուած ենք արթուն մնալ եւ աշալորջ՝ Աստուծոյ Յայտնութեան որ միշտ մեզի հետ է:

Տօնեցի՛նք Քրիստոսի Ս. Ծնունդը որ մեզի տրուած է Յիսուսի Աստուծոյ Որդւոյն Յայտնութեամբ: Քրիստոս Բանն է որ մարմին առաւ. եկաւ պատմութեան մէջ առանձնատկութեամբ եւ առանձնայատուկ ժամանակին մէջ. . .:

Սակայն դիւրին է նաեւ մխրճուիլ ո՛չ աշալորջ հաճոյքներու մէջ. առաջին՝ կերուխումը որ կը թմբեցնէ մեզ. երկրորդ՝ ճոխութիւն եւ ազդեցութիւն: -Իմ տունս, լոյսերս, սեղանս եւ հագուստներս բոլորէն լաւ պէտք են ըլլալ, բոլոր լոյսերէն աւելի շողշողուն . . . կարծես՝ երջանկութեան աղբիւրը անոնք ըլլային: Աստուածային սիրոյ դէմ մեր անզգայնութիւնը ցոյց կու տայ թէ մենք կը վրիպի՛նք իրաւ կեանքին իմաստը հասկնալէ: Հայեցողութիւնը կեանքի մեծաշուք ճանապարհն է . . . իսկ ճշմարիտ ու վաւերական ուղին՝ Ապրիլ Քրիստոսի կեանքը, Քրիստոսի սէրն ու Քրիստոսի գոհաբերումը:

Մեր մարտահրաւերն է շրջահայեաց ըլլալ ո՛չ միայն Ս. Ծննդեան տօնական օրերուն կամ Մեծ Պահքի միջոցին՝ այլ շրջահայեաց ըլլալ երբ մեր Փրկիչը կը յայտնուի մեզի իր թելադրութիւններով կեանքի սովորական օրերուն: Եթէ արթուն ենք պիտի նշմարենք զինք աղբատի լուռ ճիշին մէջ: Օտարականին հայեացքին՝ որ տուն չունի. Ուսուցչի խրատին՝ մեծ մօր սիրոյն, մեծ հօր գորգորանքներուն եւ այո՛, տառապանքի, ցափի եւ փորձութիւններու ժամանակ: Քրիստոսի ներկայութիւնը ամէն տեղ է. Ան ամէն տեղ կը յայտնէ Իր սէրը եւ ներումը Հօր:

Այս սրբագոյն օրերու ընթացքին յատուկ երգեր կ'երգենք «Խորհուրդ Մեծ եւ Սքանչելի» «Փառք ի Բարձունս» «Լուռ Գիշեր»: Ինչպէս կրնանք չերգել երբ մեր Փրկիչը մեզի հետ է, լոյսը աշխարհին, թէեւ աշխարհը խաւարի մէջ է դեռ. արդեօք մենք կը զգա՞նք Արշալոյսի մօտիկութիւնը: Լոյսէն աւելի բան մը կայ փապտղիէն ետք: Աշխարհի լոյսը Քրիստոս է կը ցրուէ մեղքի ու մահուան խաւարը: Ան մեզ ազատ կ'արձակէ:

Քրիստոս՝ Իշխանը խաղաղութեան մեր մէջ եկաւ Հօր յարաբերութիւնը վերականգնելու. մեզ ազատեց մահուան երկիւղէն, մեղքի հետեւանքներէն: Աստուածաշունչին մէջ կը կարդանք. հրեշտակները կը հանդարտեցնեն հովիւները. »Մի՛ վախնաք, ահաւասիկ կ'աւետենք ձեզի մեծ ուրախութեան բարի լուրը որ բոլոր ժողովուրդներունը պիտի ըլլայ (Դուկաս 2:10): Որեւէ ժամանակ երբ փորձառութիւնը կ'ունենանք անձանօթի մը ներկայութեան կամ կը լսենք շշու՜նք մը անսպասելի. մեր մարդկային սիրտը կը սարսափի ըլլայ ան ձմրան փոթորիկ կամ լուրը հիւանդութեան, պատերազմի կամ արկածի. մեր խաղաղութիւնը կը սահի հեռուն: Ինչ որ կանոնատր էր ու շիտակ, այնու կը վերածուի քառասային ու սխալ. կը վախնանք, մղձաւանջը կը ճնշէ մեր կեանքը. կը սեղմուի՛նք, կը ծծկուի՛նք, կը վրդովի՛նք, ներքին խաղաղութիւնը կորստուած է:

Յիսուս եկաւ մեր մարդկային կեցութեան մէջ: Ան եկաւ բարելաւելու մեր յարաբերութիւնը Հօր եւ մեր միջեւ որպէս խաղաղութեան Իշխան: Յիսուս կը կանչէ մեզ եղբայրսիրութեան, ճշմարտութեան, արդարութեան եւ ազատութեան: Միայն երբ մենք գործակալները կ'ըլլանք այս չորս բարեմասնութիւններուն՝ խաղաղութիւնը այն ատեն կը տիրէ մեր սրտերուն մէջ եւ աշխարհի վրայ:

Շատ մը ընտանիքներու համար Ս. Ծնունդը խաղաղութեան ժամանակ է. ընտանիքներ որ ցիրուցան էին, ճաշի սեղանին շուրջ եւ պաշտամունքի ընթացքին կը միանան տօնելու: Մարդեղութեան Խորհուրդը, նուէրներ կը փոխանակեն: Սակայն նոյնքան շատ ընտանիքներու եւ առանձին ապրողներու համար Ս. Ծնունդը դժուար ժամանակ է: Թէեւ Յիսուս եկաւ խաղաղութիւնը հաստատելու, շատեր փորձառութիւնը կ'ունենան սիրոյ բեկումին, լուռ առանձնութեան կամ յուսահատութեան: Ասոնց համար Ծնունդը տարօրինակօրէն դժուար է:

Մենք պէտք ունինք Աստուծոյ օրհնութեան ամէնուս համար. երբ Բանը մարդացաւ, երկիրը երկնքին միացաւ: Եւ ինչ որ սիրտը կը լսէ բառ չունի բացատրութեան: Ապահովաբար լեզու կամ բառ չեն կրնար պարփակել խորհրդալի կեանքը մեր սրտին: Եւ տակաւին բառեր կը գտնենք որ կը փորձեն յուզականօրէն արտայայտել մեր ցգացողութիւնը, Աստուած սքանչելիքներ կատարեց մեզի համար. Մարիամի »Մեծացուցէն« Անոր մեծագոյն երգը փառաբանութեան, կը փաստէ զայն որ կ'երգուի այսօր եւ զալիք ժամանակներուն մէջ:

Քրիստոս Բանն է մարդացած, տալով տեսութեան լիութիւնը Աստուծոյ ճշմարտութեան եւ սիրոյն: Քրիստոս ծնած Մարիամէ, ի սկզբանէ էր. ամէն ինչ եղած էր Իրմով: Մարդեղութիւնը՝ մարդուն բերկրութեան ժպիտն է, հիմնաբարը մեր հասարակին: Աստուծոյ Որդին մեր մէջն է. մեզ ստեղծողը եղաւ մեր Փրկիչը: Քրիստոսի մարդեղութիւնը կը շարունակուի Սրբազործման միջոցաւ Ս. Հաղորդութեան մէջ: Ծնունդ է ամբողջ տարին. ամէն օր, ամէն ժամ, ամէն վայրկեան:

Երբ տօնական օրերը կ'ապրինք մեր ներքին աշխարհին մէջ, ուր՝ չկայ ինքնաշարժ, երթեւեկ, վարիչ, վառելանիւթ . . . կրնանք սենտուիլ Սիրոյ Խորհուրդին, Ս. Հաղորդութեան մէջ. որով կը մղուինք խաղաղ վիճակի սր մէջ երբեք վերջ չունեցող ներկայութեան մը՝ ներկայ պահը յաիտենականութեան:

Յաիտենականութիւնը կարճ է շնորհակալ ըլլալու Աստուածորդոյն Ծնունդին, որով ունեցանք Ս. Հաղորդութեան հաստատումը՝ յաիտենական Ծնունդը: Ս. Հաղորդութիւնը յաւերժական զարունն է ցուրտ ու սառած մեր կեանքին մէջ:

Իսկ ո՞վ եմ ես որ Քրիստոս կու գայ ինձի, իմ սրտին մէջ բնակելու:



Թերեզ Ոսկերիչեան

DO YOU HAVE A GIFT FOR YOUR FATHER ?

Since we are holding the picnic on Father’s Day, we are taking requests from individuals and families who would like to sponsor a table in memory of their Father, Grandfather, or that special man in their life (living or deceased). Please see the form at the bottom. The funds raised by the sponsors will underwrite the picnic expenses. An appropriate sign will be placed on the tables. The deadline for sponsors is Sunday is June 10th.

We are hoping this year’s picnic will be enjoyable. We need your support and attendance to make this one pleasantly enjoyable gathering. **So DO NOT BE LEFT OUT** and honor your Father by sponsoring a table.

Yes, I / we would like to sponsor a table at the picnic

In Memory of: _____ (Write clear please)

Sponsored By: _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____



(We are asking for a donation of at least \$ 50)

_____ I / We cannot sponsor a table, but enclosed is a donation to cover part of the expenses.



FATHER’S DAY PICNIC

JUNE 20 NOON TO 4 P.M. (Lunch served 12:00 - 2:00PM)

Easter Donations

Father Armenag and the Parish Council gratefully acknowledge your contributions for Easter, which amounted to \$4,842.00

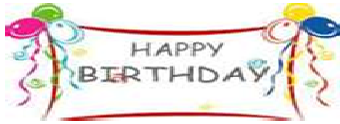
Assia Aboyan
 Mr. & Mrs. John Azarian (NJ)
 Mary Balian
 Lynne Boghossian
 Mr. & Mrs. Antoine Constantinian
 Anita Davidian
 Mr. & Mrs. Patrick J. Dempsey
 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Ewing
 Assadour Garmirian
 Mr. & Mrs. Garo Ghazarian
 Helen Hagopian (NJ)
 Joseph Ivazian (FL)
 Mr. & Mrs. John Juskalian, Jr
 Ray Kaelin
 Nevert Kaprielian
 Mr. & Mrs. Avedis Kazandjian
 Dr. & Mrs Albert Keshgegian
 Dr. & Mrs. Roman Krzystofowicz (VA)
 Mr. & Mrs. Hovsep Melkonian (VA)
 Mr. & Mrs. Aret Minasian
 Mr. & Mrs. Bedros Minasian
 Paul Mirzayan
 Stuart Mirzayan
 Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Ohanyan
 Sajonian Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Mardy Sarkahian
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Sarkissian
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Scutti
 Mr. & Mrs. James Sookiasian
 Ted Sookiasian
 Marion Tootelian
 Dr. & Mrs. Simon Topalian (NJ)
 Mr. & Mrs. Gino Vendittelli
 Mr. & Mrs. Peter Vosbikian (NJ)
 Mr. & Mrs. Andre Zeibari
 Mr. & Mr. Gregory Zeibari
 Noel Zeibari
 Mr. & Mrs. Zohrab Zeibari
 Zerounian family

Joan Aramian
 Dickran Aznavorian
 Gary Bezdikian
 Alice Bohdjelian
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Croy
 Christine Davidian
 Patrick Dempsey Jr.
 Dr. & Mrs. J. Andre Garabedian
 Dr. & Mrs. Bohgos Garmirian
 Angela Hagopian
 Edward Harootunian, Sr.
 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Jeitner
 Movses Kadyan
 Mr. & Mrs. Krikor Kaprielian
 Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Kasparian (DE)
 Mr. & Mrs. Antranik Kechian
 Mr. & Mrs. John Keulian (NJ)
 Rose Manteghian
 Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Meyer
 Mrs. & Mrs. Asadur Minasian
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Mirzayan
 Richard Mirayan
 Rita Odabashian
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Palma
 Mr. & Mrs. Barkev Sarkahian
 Mr. & Mrs. Jean Sarkissian
 Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Scharpf (VA)
 Micky Sherian
 Nazareth Sookiasian
 Roxie Sudjian
 Patty Tootelian
 Mrs. Elena Vanieva
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Vosbikian (NJ)
 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Zarzatian (NJ)
 Mr. & Mrs. Edward Zeibari
 Marjan Zeibari
 Mr. & Mrs. Toros Zeibari
 Ara Zeibarian
 Takuhi D Zorayan (AZ)



Happy Birthday to:

<u>MAY</u>	Date	Age
Olivia Vosbikian	6	10
Simon Oulouhojian, III	11	16
Anna Maria Terzian	12	11
Armen Melikian	24	17



<u>JUNE</u>	Date	Age
Gabrielle Testa	3	6
Daniel Campbell	5	19
Joseph Ninness	5	2
Jason Clarici	6	1
Dominic Sarkissian	7	5
Emily Sarkissian	7	5
Vahe Minasian	8	9
Matthew Naegele	8	6
Gabrielle Constanatine	12	16
Sophie Yacoubian	12	2
Kyle Meyer	15	15
Evan McDonnell	17	14
Alexander Testa	17	11
Aram Ghazarian	18	3
Chadwick Allison	21	11
Angelo Canavati	23	8
Christine Keshishian	27	18
Araxie Sarkahian	27	14
Nare Minassian	30	5

Wedding Anniversaries

<u>MAY</u>	Date	Years
Mike & Meline Palma	3	23
Peter & Louise Kashishian	8	56
Hagop & Rose Marie Bezdikian	11	35
Greg & Arlet Zeibari	15	16
Mike & Nina McClearnon	19	17
Andre & Beth Garabedian	19	3
Fred & Giana Manteghian	22	29
Pierre & Tamar Mouradian	24	25
Adam & Sarah Selverian	24	13
Patrick & Theresa Dempsey	25	25
Roman & Liana Krzysztofowicz	27	15
Raffi & Rosanne Terzian	27	15
Ken & Sibelle Ewing	29	17
Ernest & Sophia Darian	30	40

<u>JUNE</u>	Date	Years
Zohrab & Ing Zeibari	1	41
Ted & Beth Sookiasian	3	31
Patrick & Nathalie Van Mulken	9	9
Andre & Ginny Garabedian	11	33
Michelle & Ludwig Naroyan	14	13
Paul & Cynthia Ajemian	15	19
Albert & Carol Azarian	19	31
Chris & Miray Barber	19	11
Greg & Karen Sookiasian	20	28
Mike & Theresa Testa	20	18
Matthew & Vivian Bouloutian	20	11
Krikor & Annie Kaprielian	21	22

Proverbs

Thunder clouds do not always give rain.

Source: *(Armenian)*

You are as many a person as languages you know.

Source: *(Armenian)*

A man is as big as the things that made him mad.

Source: *(American)*

Don't close the barn door after the horse runs away.

Source: *(American)*

Gold is where you find it.

Source: *(American)*

In God we trust; all others pay cash.

Source: *(American)*

Men that have much business must have much pardon.

Source: *(American)*

Poets are born, not made. Source: *(American)*

Necessity knows no law.

Source: *(Danish, Dutch, Irish)*

A cabin with plenty of food is better than a hungry castle.

Source: *(Irish)*

A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the doctor's book. Source: *(Irish)*

A good servant makes a good master. Source: *(Irish)*

A quiet tongue shows a wise head. Source: *(Irish)*

A silent mouth is sweet to hear. Source: *(Irish)*

SANCTUARY CANDLES

	Sponsored by	In Memory of / In honor of
May I May II	Open Intention	
June I & II	Open Intention	
July I & 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

May	Open Intention	
June	Open Intention	
July	Patrick & Theresa Dempsey	In memory of Ed & Honora Battista

HOLY CROSS CANDLES

May	Open Intention	
June	John, Adrienne & Christina Juskalian	In memory of Gladyz Zarzatan
July	Open Intention	

MARIAN CANDLES

May	Open intention
June	Open Intention
July	Open Intention

SACRED HEART CANDLES

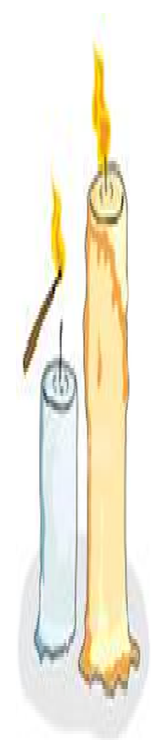
May	Open intention
June	Open Intention
July	Open Intention

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

May	Open intention
June	Open Intention
July	Open Intention

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

May	Open intention
June	Open Intention
July	Open Intention



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.

2010 Maintenance Fund

The following 36 individuals/families have paid the full amount for the first 4 months of 2010 (at least \$80.00) towards the Maintenance Fund:

Joan Aramian	Alice Bohdjelian *	Matt & Vivian Bouloutian
Zaven & Jo Davidian	Patrick & Theresa Dempsey	Nathan & Pauline Frey
Andre & Ginny Garabedian *	Garo & Eliz Ghazarian*	Caroline Gibbone
Helen Hagopian	Victor & Kristine Hagopian	Edward Harootunian *
Harry & Sona Jeitner	John & Adrienne Juskalian	Avedis & Chakeh Kazandjian
Albert & Patrice Keshgegian *	Roman & Liana Krzysztofowicz *	Anthony & Janis Mazzone
Paul & Rosalie Mirzayan	Rita Odabashian *	Sajonian family *
Barkev & Isgouhi Sarkahian	Jean & Alice Sarkissian	Mike & Liz Scutti *
Michele Scutti	Hosmig Sherian*	Greg & Karen Sookiasian *
James & Lisa Sookiasian *	Naz Sookiasian *	Ted Sookiasian *
Joseph & Victoria Vosbikian*	Paul & Shirley Vosbikian *	Rosemary Vosbikian*
Edward & Marie Zeibari	Greg & Arlet Zeibari *	Marjan Zeibari



* Denotes that the individual has paid in full for the year 2010

If you have made a monthly contribution to the Maintenance Fund, January – April (\$80.00), two quarterly payments (\$160.00) or a lump sum amount in the amount of \$240.00 or more, your name should appear above. If not, we have made a mistake. Please notify the parish office.

HOKEHANKISDS

Following are the Hokehankids requested to be offered at St. Marks Church. To request a Hokehankid, please contact Father Armenag.

May 9: For the souls of: Hovsep Tcheftelian (1st Ann). Req. by sister Hripsime

May 23: For the souls of: Allen & Lily Manteghian and all deceased members of Aghamal & Manteghian families.

Req. by Fred & Rsoe Menteghian and family.

June 20: For the soul of: Gladys Zarzatian (1 year).

Reg. by Jack and Linda Zarzatian, Mark and Judy Zarzatian, John, Adrienne and Christina Juskalian,
Harry and Sona Jeitner.



If you would like to have flowers on the Altar for your Hokehankid, notify the Church office at least one week in advance. The stipend for the Hokehankid 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 Hokehankid cannot be offered. We ask for your understanding in this matter. The Sunday Bulletin is prepared on Friday nights. If you want the Hokehankid listed in the Bulletin, it must be called in to the Rectory by 7 P.M.

THE WAGONS OF DEATH (part 2)

By Karl John Kalfaian

After Mother had stayed for a while with the Turkish family who rescued her, she heard rumors about an Armenian merchant who would come in disguise into the city of Diyarbakir to rescue Armenian Christian girls abducted by the Turks. She and the older Armenian girl in the family contacted the conspirators allied with the man and arranged for him to come by with a haywagon where they hid themselves and were taken to an orphanage in Urfa [the ancient Edessa] run by missionaries. My mother remembered a Mrs. Homes, spelled just so, who took care of the children. Mother said that she suffered more at the orphanage, because the Turkish family provided her with abundant food, but at the orphanage they had barely enough to keep body and soul together. At one point a Turkish officer blockaded the orphanage to try to get at the children. Mrs. Homes wrapped herself up and rode out on a horse to the officer carrying an American flag. She told the Turk that the full weight and authority of America were symbolized by the flag. If anyone harmed the children he was attacking America and would suffer the consequences. Of course, she was bluffing, because America was not at war with Turkey but the officer lifted the blockade. Mother said they were reduced to eating one graham cracker a day during the blockade. She was bemused by my liking for graham crackers, because they were reminders of her starvation. One day I threw a piece of bread onto the floor in a tantrum as a little boy. She scared me out of the tantrum by kneeling and kissing the bread. She said, "Do you realize we used to fight over pieces of bread like this in the orphanage?". Again, the dark mirror was out for me to see. I kissed the bread and ate it. She remembered mystical experiences in the orphanage: she had a fever one night and she believed that Christ Himself attended her sick bed and told her to announce that He was going to return. This was another side of my mother that upset me and fascinated me: she was prone to visions and dreams that seemed to be precognitive and fantastic. Once she dreamed of her cousin Haiganoush's second husband sitting at the feet of Satan. He cried out to her "Leave this place. You don't belong here." The next week we received news that he committed suicide. Unlucky Haiganoush! Her first husband was murdered by the Turks; her only child her son Deran died on a death march and her second husband Vahan went mad because of his intolerable memories of the massacres and hanged himself. She found him hanging in their house. Haiganoush had been with my Mother during her emigration to America.

My mother's aunt, her mother's sister Gadar, and her two daughters Victoria and Haiganoush had escaped to Urfa and as chance would have it they lived in a building overlooking the orphanage. Haiganoush's husband had been killed by the Turks and she and her baby Deran had been sent on a death march during which her baby died. A Turkish man took her in, and she told me they had horses she would ride. As soon as she could she ran away from this man and found her mother and her sister. One day she was looking down at the orphanage and happened to see my mother. She cried out "Maritza!" and my mother looked up at her. Her Aunt Gadar and her cousins rescued her from the orphanage. They lived in Urfa until they could contact my mother's sister in America. Aunt Lucy had come to America before the massacres with her husband. They financed the immigration to Paterson, NJ. My mother's sister Victoria who had been old enough to be forced into a harem had managed to get into the same orphanage in Urfa. Aunt Gadar and her two daughters took in my mother and Victoria. While they were waiting for their passage to America, a rumor arose that the Turks were going to resume the massacres. My mother went up to the roof and paced back and forth weeping. A refined Turkish physician was walking by the building and he said "Little girl why are you crying?" She answered that the Turks were going to kill her and her aunt and her sister and her two cousins. He promised to save my mother, but my mother's heroism appeared again. She said "I will not be rescued by you unless you also rescue my sister and my aunt and my two cousins." The man promised, and he shielded them.

Eventually the immigration to America was arranged by my Aunt Lucy. Mother told me of traveling to Marseilles in France then to Paris then to Le Havre then on a ship to New York. Mother was proud of the fact that she was never sea-sick even though her little family were all sick. She remembered skipping rope and running on the deck and having the good luck to eat the abundant food the others could not eat because of their sea-sickness. She became the pet of the crew.

When she arrived in Paterson NJ she was amazed at the number of Christian churches she saw and that their bells were ringing and that no mullahs were heard calling Muslims to prayer. She was registered in the 6th grade at the elementary school where she learned English. She told me that the comedian Lou Costello was her classmate there. She loved school, but as soon as she was old enough she dropped out of school to take a job as a presser in a dry cleaning plant. Mother told me that she never wanted to see the old country again. "My heart is American. A dirty slum in America is better than the finest street in the old country."

Her immediate supervisor at the dry cleaning plant was my father. He was astonished to learn that Mother was born and had lived only a couple of blocks from the house where he had been born. He was eleven years older and when he heard her story he decided that he would be her protector for the rest of her life. She in turn loved him. He went to my mother's sister and her husband to ask permission to marry her. They consented. Unfortunately, my mother's "American" heart caused problems. My father's sister wanted a humble obedient wife for her brother. Mother had a spirit of independence which offended her. My father's mother and brother were still in Aleppo, Syria where my grandfather had died. It was not proper for my father to marry without an introduction of the girl to my grandmother, but Father was not willing to wait, and they were married. My grandmother never got over the dishonor. When she came to America there was an immediate dislike for this "American" girl. Grandmother was class-conscious, and Mother belonged to a lower class and in addition she was an orphan without status. Mother learned that her husband and his parents and sister and brother had saved their lives by pretending to convert to Islam. She tried to forgive this, but she really could not, and in her dark times she said "They are Turks. I've married a Turk." She could not understand why her father was willing to sacrifice the family for Christ, but my paternal grandfather was not willing to do the same.

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Parish Council meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Church Conference room. 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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NOON TO 4 P.M. (Lunch served 12:00 - 2:00PM)

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