

## 2017 GRADUATES' BREAKFAST



St. Gregory's parish celebrated the academic achievements of its 16 graduates on Sunday, June 11, 2017. For the record, this was the 49th year of Graduates Sunday, founded and continued to be planned and managed by Sandra Selverian.

All graduates were invited to church to receive communion and listen to a special graduation sermon delivered by our pastor, Archpriest Fr. Nerses Manoogian.

After Badarak the graduates and their families converged to our Founders Hall to share a sumptuous brunch prepared by our dynamic Ladies Guild members. After the brunch, Bill Arthin, chairman of the

Board, welcomed all and introduced the speakers of the day, Allan Arpajian and Susan Arpajian Jolley, the co-authors of the book called "Out of My Great Sorrows," to give their message to the graduates.

After the message, the following graduates received a signed copy of their book: **High School** - Vahan Kazandjian, Shant Kazandjian, Eric Papazian, Jessica Selverian, Matthew Selverian, Kelly Marie Zartarian. **College** - Alec Arakelian, Vahe Frounjian, Lindsey Aleen Santerian, Ani Alyce Schug, David Selverian, Melanie Karine Sookiasian.

**Advanced degrees** - Nora Kzirian and Katrina Maritza Selverian.

See the CV of the graduates on page 14-18

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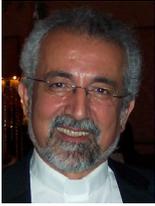
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# GRADUATES, LIVE YOUR PENTECOST

On our church calendar today is the feast of Pentecost, which is the story of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other believers who, according to the Book of Acts, were congregated in the upper room, praying and experiencing a Christian fellowship. (Acts 2:1-3)

This event, I would say, was a life changing experience for the Apostles. As history testifies, suddenly they were filled with an extraordinary audacity to do what they were afraid to do, to proclaim freely the Gospel despite the imminent danger of persecution. From that moment on, they came out of hiding and within a short period of time spread Christianity all over the Mediterranean basin.

In this season of graduations, I consider Pentecost the graduation of the Apostles. I will call them the "Class of Pentecost" as we call our recent college graduates the class of 2017. The graduates of the class of Pentecost did not receive a diploma per se, but were infused with special power which transcends all kinds of diplomas. Yes, they all passed their tests with flying colors, and Peter was their valedictorian, who gave the speech of his life which we find in the Book of Acts 2:14-36.

After graduation they did not go after high paying jobs, but pursued jobs which paid nothing but moral rewards. They were not graduated as engineers or portfolio managers, nor as doctors or architects, but as "Fishers of Men" who were trained to change the hearts of the people. They were commissioned with one simple command: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations," (Matt. 28:19) and they took that command to heart and ran with it to the end. They were not given any seed money to fund their missionary work. All they were given was very valuable advice from their teacher: "You will have tribulations in this world, take heart, I have conquered the world." (John 16:33)

This was the profile of the class of Pentecost. Almost 2000 years later, dear class of 2017, I am sure you too graduated with good grades, and most probably one of you was the valedictorian of your class. Now you are ready to enter into the employment market and leave your own legacy. Before taking your step, though, please look back and hear what the graduates of the Class of Pentecost have to say to you.

They would tell you, "Go after higher paying jobs, aim high, you deserve it, but do not compromise your Christian identity and character. Do not let your salary define you but

rather your good character, civility and benevolence."

As you prepare to be a member of our society, they would advise you to not get caught up in the vortex of hedonism. Do not ever adopt this empty mantra which says "Don't worry, be happy," because happiness in life does not consist only of what you receive from the world but rather what you give.

They would challenge you to consider your employment as an opportunity to change the world more than an opportunity to amass great wealth for yourself. Read the biographies of the great inventors to be inspired in your career, but do read as well the Gospel to learn how to grow and mature as human beings.

They would tell you, our society has always advanced because of selfless leaders. Follow their lead. Follow the lead of St. James, who said: "Blessed is the man who perseveres under the trial" (James 1:12), or follow the lead of St. Paul and say with him: "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

Congratulations to you, the class of 2017. May you experience your own Pentecost; may you speak the language of decency and be a healer and problem solver in this world.



# Շրջանաւարտներ, Ապրեցէք Ձեր Հոգեգալուստը



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Այսօր Հոգեգալուստ է կամ Պենտեկոստէ, որ մեզի կը բերէ յիշատակը Սուրբ Հոգւոյ իջման Առաքեալներու եւ ուրիշ հաւատացեալներուն վրայ երբ անոնք հաւաքուած էին վերնատան մէջ եւ աղօթելով զբաղուած: (Տեա. Գործք 2:1-3)

Այս դէպքը պէտք է ըսել որ, արտակարգ փորձառութիւն մը եղաւ Առաքեալներուն համար: Ինչպէս պատմութիւնը կը վկայէ, անոնք յանկարծ զրահաւորուեցան այնպիսի ուժով եւ համարձակութեամբ, որ սկսան կատարել այն ինչ որ կը վախնային կատարել, ազատօրէն քարոզել Քրիստոսի Աւետարանը հակառակ չարչարանքի եւ մահուան վերահաս վտանգին: Այդ օրունէ իսկ անոնք հրապարակ իջան եւ կարճ ժամանակուան մը ընթացքին սփռեցին Քրիստոնէութեան լոյսը Միջերկրականի աւագանին շուրջը:

Շրջանաւարտութեան այս եղանակին, Պենտեկոստէն եւ կը նկատեն Առաքեալներու շրջանաւարտութիւնը եւ թոյլ տուէք որ գանոնք կոչեն «Պենտեկոստէի Շրջանաւարտից Դասարան» ինչպէս այս տարուան համալսարանի շրջանաւարտները կը կոչենք «2017-ի Շրջանաւարտից դասարան»: Պենտեկոստէի Շրջանաւարտները որեւէ վկայական չստացան, այլ լեցուեցան այնպիսի երկնային ուժով մը որ կը գերադասէ որեւէ վկայական: Անոնք լաւ նիշերով աւարտեցին եւ Սուրբ Պետրոսն ալ եղաւ իր դասարանին պատգամախօսը որ տուաւ գեղեցիկ ճառ մը զոր կը կարդանք Գործք Առաքելոց գրքի 2:14-36-ին մէջ:

Շրջանաւարտութենէն ետք անոնք չի յետապնդեցին բարձր ռոճիկ տուող գործեր, այլ գացին այնպիսի գործի մը ետեւէն որ ոչինչ կը վճարէ բայց միայն բարոյական հատուցում: Անոնք չի վկայուեցան որպէս ճարտարապետ կամ ճարտարագետ կամ բժիշկ, այլ որպէս «**Մարդու Որսորդներ**» (Մատթ.4:8) որոնք մարգուած էին մարդոց հոգիները փոխելու: Անոնք գործի դրկուեցան սա պարզ հրամանով.- «**Գացէք այսուհետեւ եւ բոլորը ինձի աշակերտ դարձուցէք**»: (Մատթ. 28-19) Անոնց չի տրուեցաւ որեւէ գումար իրենց առաքելութիւնը ֆինանսաւորելու, բայց տրուեցաւ միան սա կարեւոր խրատը իրենց ուսուցչին կողմէ.- «**Աշխարհի վրայ նեղութիւն պիտի ունենաք, բայց քաջալերուեցէք, որովհետեւ եւ յաղթեցի աշխարհին**»: (Յովհ. 13:33)

2000 եւ աւելի տարիներ յետոյ, սիրելի շրջանաւարտներ 2017 դասարանի, վստահ եմ որ դուք ալ լաւ նիշերով աւարտեցիք եւ հաւանաբար ձեր մէջէն մէկը եղաւ ձեր պատգամախօսը շրջանաւարտից հանդէսին եւ այժմ պատրաստ էք նետուելու գործի անդաստանը եւ հոն

ձգելու ձեր անձնական կնիքն ու աւանդը: Այդ ընելէ առաջ սակայն, ետ նայեցէք եւ լսեցէք թէ ինչ պատգամ ունին ձեր տալիք Պենտեկոստէի շրջանաւարտները:

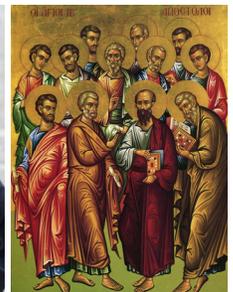
Անոնք ձեզի պիտի ըսեն.- գացէ՛ք բարձր ռոճիկ տուող գործերու ետեւէն որովհետեւ արժանին էք, բայց մի գիջիք ձեր քրիստոնէական ինքնութիւնը եւ նկարագիրը: Թոյլ մի տաք որ ձեր բարձր ռոճիկը վկայէ ձեր մասին, այլ ձեր լաւ նկարագիրը, քաղաքավարութիւնը եւ բարեգործութիւնը:

Երբ կը պատրաստուիք մտնալու մեր ընկերութենէն ներս, հեռու կեցէք հաճոյապաշտութենէ եւ երբեք մի որդեգրէք սա սին կեցուածքը որ կըսէ.- «Մի մտահոգուիք բայց միան ուրախ եղիք», որովհետեւ կեանքի մէջ ուրախ ըլլալը չի կայանար միայն այն ինչ որ աշխարհէն կ'առնէք, այլ նաեւ այն ինչ որ աշխարհին կու տաք:

Անոնք ձեզի կոչ պիտի ուղղեն ձեր ունեցած պաշտօնները նկատելու առիթ մը աշխարհը փոխելու եւ ոչ թէ միայն առիթ մը ձեզի համար հարստութիւն դիզելու: Պիտի քաջալերեն ձեզ կարդալու գիտարարներու կենսագրութիւնները որպէսզի յառաջանաք ձեր գործերուն մէջ, բայց պիտի կոչ ուղղեն ձեզի նաեւ կարդալու Աւետարանները որպէսզի կարենաք մեծնալ եւ ուճանալ որպէս մարդ արարածներ:

Անոնք ձեզի պիտի ըսեն որ մեր հասարակութիւնը միշտ ալ յառաջացան է շնորհիւ անձուրաց դեկավարներու: Հետեւեցէք անոնց օրինակին: Հետեւեցէք Յակոբոս Առաքեալին որ ըսած է.- «**Երանի այն մարդուն որ կը տոկայ փորձութեան**» (Յակոբ. 1:12) եւ կամ հետեւեցէք Սուրբ Պօղոսի օրինակին ըսելով անոր հետ.- «**Ամէն ինչ կրնամ տանիլ շնորհիւ Քրիստոսի, որ զիս զօրացուց**»: (Փիլ. 4:13)

Շնորհաւորութիւններս 2017-ի շրջանաւարտ Դասարանին: Գացէք դուք ալ փորձարկեցէք ձեր Պենտեկոստէն, միշտ խօսելով պարկեշտութեան լեզուն եւ աշխարհի վրայ միշտ ըլլալով հարցեր լուծողներ եւ բուժարարներ:



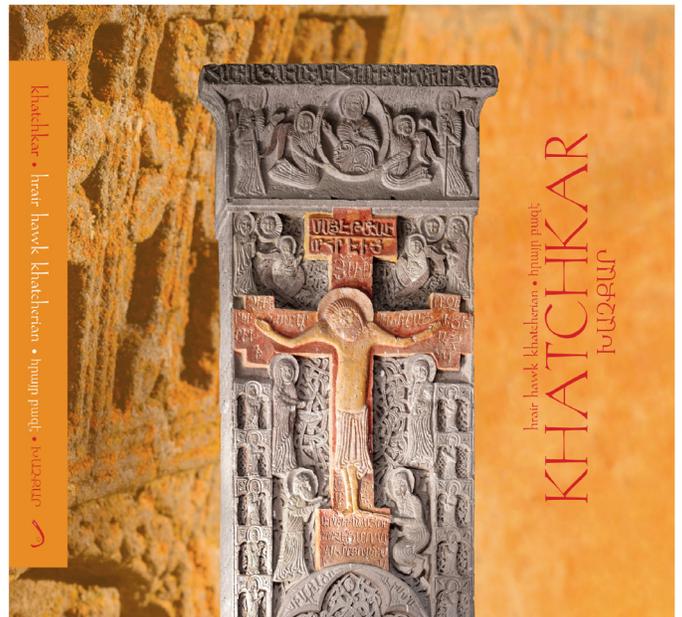
# LENTEN LECTURE SERIES

The fifth Lenten Husgoom ceremony and fellowship/lecture was held on Friday, March 31. Unfortunately, due to the rain storm the attendance was very low.

After the ceremony parishioners were treated to a delicious Lenten dinner, prepared and donated by the ARS Artemis chapter, after which Der Nerses introduced the speaker of the day, Hrair Hawk Khatcherian, the author of the book titled "Khatchkars."

We learned that this book is a product of Hrair's passion. While documenting the war in Karabagh in 1992, he saw an Armenian Khatchkar for the first time and decided to immortalize this unique Armenian art. He made numerous journeys to Armenia and Karabagh, trying to photograph every single khatchkar. He traveled as well to Jerusalem and other different Armenian communities where there happened to be another sample of this art.

This book is a must have book for every Armenian home. It is 11.5 x 11.5 and 2" thick, with 510 pages containing photographs of thousands of khatchkars in different sizes and shapes. I asked the author to leave a handful of copies to sell to interested parishioners. If you need one, see Der Nerses. The price of the book is \$120. Make the check payable to Hrair Hawk Khatcherian.

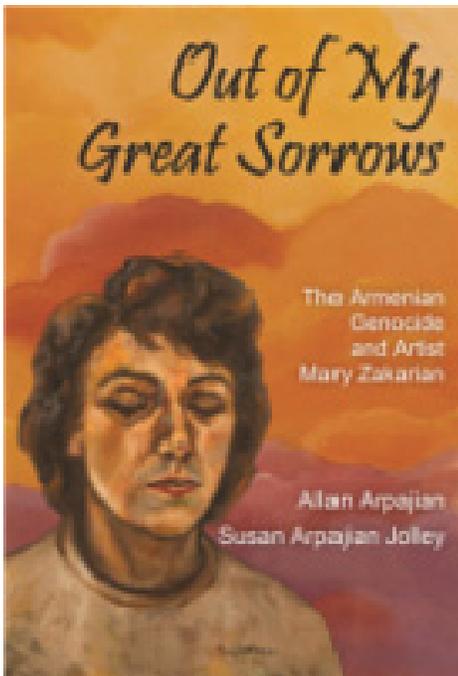


# LENTEN LECTURE SERIES

The last lecture of the 2017 Great Lent lecture series was held on Friday, April 7, 2017 after the husoom ceremony and Lenten dinner which was graciously donated by Asdghig Kazanjian, the owner of the Armenian Delight store.

Allan Arpajian and Susan Arpajian Jolley were invited to present their book called "Out of My Great Sorrows." Antranig Kzirian, a delegate of St. Gregory's, introduced the authors, after which Susan and Allan spoke eloquently about the genesis of the book, which is the reflection of the inner world of their aunt Mary Zakarian, a renown local artist whose paintings are decorating our sanctuary. Mary's mother Arek, a survivor of the Genocide, with her stories and lifelong sadness affected Mary very deeply and affected her art.

This book is a must read book for every Armenian, because we are all somehow are affected by the trauma of the survivors of the Armenian Genocide. We once again congratulate the authors for their great job, which is a product of their tedious research and their interaction in life with their Aunt Mary.



# HOLY WEEK IN OUR CHURCH



Our Parish closed the Lenten season with our parish youth, including Sunday School and, Haigazian School students and Youth Ministry members, participating in the Lenten Husgoom ceremony.

## PALM SUNDAY



Palm Sunday brought lots of energy to our church once again. The presence of children with colorful outfits is always a source of joy.

After Palm Sunday Badarak Der Nerses along with deacons and choir officiated the ceremony of the opening of the portals. This year's Godfather of the opening was Nishan Shamlan, son of Mr. & Mrs. Michael and Karine Shamlan.

# HOLY THURSDAY



On Holy Thursday, Der Nerses washed the feet of a handful of Sunday School and Haigazian School students as well as the Altar servers. The above picture shows Der Nerses with the servers and our Choir, who contributed greatly that day and also during the entire Holy Week.

# COMMUNION BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT



# CHOIR APPRECIATION DAY

On Thursday, April 20, the Pastor and the Board of Trustees of St. Gregory's Church thanked the members of the Choir and the Deacons, along with their spouses, for their dedicated service to the church every single Sunday. They were honored with a sumptuous dinner and desserts, catered by PTG Catering.

Der Nerses blessed the tables and thanked everyone for their continuous and selfless service throughout the

years. "You are all components of the engine which moves this Church forward," he said. Bill Arthin, chairman of the Board, seized the opportunity as well to thank everyone for their service and for accepting the invitation.

In a spirit of great camaraderie, all enjoyed the evening and left the hall with more resolve to carry on their mission.



*Ardiom Melkumyan, a long-time friend of Der Nerses, presented a very precious gift to church at the occasion of Easter. This icon of Mother and Child was woven with gold and silver threads in Moscow, Russia.*

*We thank Ardiom and wish him a healthy and prosperous life.*



# Youth Ministry News

Talene Artinian, Director



## *YOUTH MINISTRY'S ANNUAL RETREAT*

On May 20th, our Youth Group met for our first annual Youth Group Retreat, which was held at church. The topic of our retreat was "Love Your Selfie" and it focused on knowing our worth in Christ and that we were made for a purpose.

We started at 10 a.m. with an opening prayer and games. We played two games in particular called "Selfie" and "Tower of You." The "Selfie" game was a fun way to try and guess the emotions of your team member. This focused on teaching our youth to be more present and aware of the emotions of others. The other game, "Tower of You," was Jenga with paper glued on each block. As each youth picked a block, they had to answer questions about themselves. For example, "What do you think you are good at?" This

allowed our youth to learn more about one another and to think about their own skills and strengths. We then wrote down on a piece of paper things that we liked about ourselves and disliked. I encouraged the youth to be honest in their answers.

We then were about to play outside for our planned games and it started to rain. I prayed with the group and asked the Lord to please let there be sunshine! Well, to my surprise, just enough sunshine came and the rain stopped for us to do our fun outdoor activities. We played a potato sack game where the youth raced each other from one side of the field to the other. We also played a soccer, kickball, and volleyball game. Different activities were set up so that our young people could stay active and play outside.





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## *YOUTH MINISTRY'S ANNUAL RETREAT*

As we ate lunch and had snacks, I presented my lesson to our youth. I showed different videos, such as a Dove video that showed how beautiful we each truly are. The idea of the video was that even though we may see ourselves in a certain way, this does not mean it is true or that others see us in that way. The second video spoke about different issues that people, specifically youth, face today. In reality, a lot of our youth experience such tragedies and inner issues that are not expressed enough. I used different Bible verses to teach the youth about how valuable they are and precious in the eyes of God. I talked about Einstein's quote that "Everybody is a genius. But if you **judge a fish** by its **ability to climb** a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid." We all have a different skill and purpose. We all are valuable and wonderfully made by God! Since our young people love basketball, I even added a quote on Michael Jordan and how he even made mistakes but was able to succeed by learning from those mistakes. The idea was that we all are beautiful and important. We are all made with different skills that God uses to make us who we are!

After lunch and a few more fun activities, three speakers came to share their stories and testimonies. The first speaker, Saro Atamian, spoke about his struggles in Syria and his pursuit of Dental School and how God guided him. The second speaker, Mike Fenstermacher, shared his testimony on how God changed his heart and shaped his life. He spoke about his rough childhood, of his family being poor, not having a father, and his mother making bad decisions. He did not know where to turn. He tried to ignore God but God never let him go and always was there for him. Eventually, he realized that Jesus was the answer, and since he gave his life to the Lord, all has changed for the better. Mike also prayed for our youth specifically those who had pain that day (there were about 5). We gathered around those friends and prayed over them that they would be healed through Jesus. All four were healed and the fifth person's pain went from a 10 to a 4. The youth, though a little confused at first, saw how God gave us each the gift of the Holy Spirit to step out of our comfort zone and help those in need. Most were in awe of what God could do. It was a pleasure to have Mike speak to the kids and answer any questions they had.





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## *YOUTH MINISTRY'S ANNUAL RETREAT*

Our last speaker, Rachel Postevka, shared a beautiful story and her testimony of how saved her. She struggled with many different issues that sadly many people have experienced today but keep inside. Throughout high school and college she made some really bad decisions. She was trying to find love and acceptance in the wrong places and as a result ended up pregnant, having an abortion, experiencing life threatening anorexia and much more. She did not know where to turn because even though she knew about God and learned about Him as a child, she was too embarrassed and felt too far gone to ask Him for help. Her story was beautiful in that when she accepted Christ as her Savior, her life did a 360 degree turn. She not only married a wonderful Christian man, but she now has two beautiful children and dedicates her life to the Lord, serving Him and sharing her testimony specifically with

our young people, who were so amazed by her speech and told me later how much that inspired them. She also provided her phone and email so that the youth could contact her with any specific questions.

At the end of our retreat, we played a few more team-building and fun activities and ended in a prayer! It was a great day and I am so thankful and honored to be our Church's Youth Leader. My husband Kevork and I have enjoyed throughout the year getting to know each of our youth and look forward to next year! Though this was our last meeting of the year, we hope to have a few social events in the summer and then start back again next September! Thank you for your prayers and support.

Talene Artinian





# Youth Ministry News

Talene Artinian, Director



## *YOUTH MINISTRY'S ANNUAL RETREAT - SPEAKERS*



Saro Atamian



Mike Fenstermaker



Rachel Postevka

# 2017 GRADUATES'S CURRICULUM OF VITAE

## HIGH SCHOOL

*Full Name:* **Vahan Kazandjian**

*Parents:* Hairabed Kazandjian and Tamara C. Gureghian

*Name of High School:* Central Bucks High School South: Graduated Summa Cum Laude

*Activities:* Astrophotographer (2012-present) self-taught; Bucks-Mont Astronomical Association (2012-present) Selected as a featured speaker on astrophotography and equipment; Boy Scouts of America (2005-present) Positions included New Scout Patrol Leader and Teacher, Meetings Coordinator, Troop Secretary, Advancement Coordinator; Armenian Youth Federation (2009-present) Seminar counselor and LIT (Leadership in Training) counselor; Orchestra (2008-2014), Band (2009-present), Choir (2009-present); French Honors Society (2014-present) Treasurer, self-taught French 4 Honors; Robotics Club (2014-present) Team Build Captain and Head of 3D printing and computer software/systems; Musical Theatre (2008-present) Willy Wonka (Willy Wonka Jr.), Ching Ho and Clarinetist (Thoroughly Modern Millie--Spoke in Cantonese and soloed in Mandarin), Lord Capulet (Romeo and Juliet (Together and Alive at Last!)), The Purser and Tenor in the Sailor's Quartet (Anything Goes), The Constable (Music Man), The Monk (Pippin); National Honors Society (2015-present); Reading Olympics; Science Olympiad; National History Day; National Junior Honors Society; Chem Club; Math Club; LINK; Fire Department Fair Volunteer; Junior Ranger at over 20 National Parks; Freelance graphic designer, video editor, photographer, computer system builder, technology consultant, and physics tutor. Traveled to Armenia during the 100 year commemoration of the 1915 Genocide.

*Honors and Awards:* President's Award For Educational Excellence; AP Scholar; PHEAA Certificate of Merit; Academic Integrity Award; Science Department Award; BMAA astrophotography contest winner; Eagle Scout (Project: Solar System walk); Order of the Arrow a.k.a. National Honors Society of Scouting (Served two years as the youngest Lodge Treasurer and achieved the rank of brotherhood); CB South Logo contest finalist; Earned spots in several select music groups: District Choir, County Choir, Chamber Choir (Longest member of tenor section), Barbershop Quartet (Won second place in the Youth in Harmony competition), Men's Ensemble, Gold 'n' Blues Choir, Chieftain Choir, Symphonic Band (Lead clarinetist), and Swing-Ensemble.

*Further Education:* Penn State Schreyers Honors College and Leonhard Engineering Scholar studying Mechanical Engineering

*Full Name:* **Shant Kazandjian**

*Parent's Name:* Hakop Kazandjian and Janet Hsu

*Name of High School:* Lenape High School

*Activities:* Lenape District TV Station, Theatre, Track, Storm Robotics, SADD Club, Laurette Newspaper, GSA, Spanish Club

*Honors & Awards:* Smart Cookie Award, Best Student of the Month, Random Acts of Kindness, NSSS – National Society of Honors Students, Honorable Mentions at Ocean County Camden Club, Official Selection to the All American High School Film Festival

*Further Education:* Will be studying film at Savannah College of Art and Design

*Full Name:* **Eric Papazian**

*Parent's Name:* Carol & David Papazian

*Name of High School:* Wissahickon High School

*Activities:* Key Club, Manna on Main Street, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track

*Honors & Awards:* Honor Roll, All-District 2nd team-track, Provost (Merit) Scholarship and Track Scholarship to University of the Sciences

## 2017 GRADUATES'S CURRICULUM OF VITAE

**Full Name: Jessica Selverian**

*Name of High School:* Graduating from North Penn High School

*Activities:* North Penn Soccer & Lacrosse, French Club, Class Vice President, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, work at Brittney Pointe Estates (retirement home), Armenian Youth Federation

*Honors & Awards:* Recognition in Leader Ship Award Vice President of the Senior Class, National Honor Society Outstanding Contribution to school and society award

*Further Education:* James Madison University

**Full Name Matthew Stepan Selverian**

*Parents' Names:* Richard and Melissa Selverian

*Name of High School:* Wissahickon High School, Matthew graduated with honors.

*Activities:*

- Highly proficient in computer systems since he was very young, Matthew was selected in his junior year of high school to work as an intern for a technology company serving area businesses.
- Matt excelled in track and field. As a sprinter, he served as captain of his team and earned local, regional and state titles. Matthew also played travel soccer.
- A four-year student and graduate of the St. Gregory of Datev program, Matthew served as an acolyte and was a member of the Sunday School. He was a Boy Scout and was active in many Armenian youth organizations.
- Matthew was a leader of his school's Robotics Team, helping design winning machines and spreading a love for science, technology, engineering and math to other schools.
- Matt served as an Ambassador for his school, working to promote acceptance and respect among all students.
- A veteran member of his school district's cable TV team, Matt filmed and starred in films that earned him several recognitions.

*Honors and Awards:*

- Distinguished Scholarship Roll or Scholarship Roll throughout high school while taking many Advanced Placement courses
- Nomination to the National Honor Society
- The Track and Field Coaches' Award for Leadership in the Face of Adversity
- The Rotary Club Camp Neidig Leadership Program Award for leadership in school and community
- Selection as Student Representative at the first Pennsylvania 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Youth Leadership Summit
- Many scholarships in his senior year, including the Scholarship America Scholarship for academic achievement and community involvement and the Wissahickon Educational Opportunities Foundation Scholarship for community service

*Further Education:* Accepted an offer to attend Pennsylvania State University, University Park, to study Management Information Systems in the Smeal College of Business.



# 2017 GRADUATES'S CURRICULUM OF VITAE

## COLLEGE

**Full Name: Alec Arakelian**

*Parent's Name:* Lydia and Niki Arakelian

*Name of College (Major and degree):* Pennsylvania State University, BS Finance, Minor Entrepreneurship and Innovation

*Activities:* Treasurer, Penn State Sports Business Club, Vice President – Armenian Students Association at Penn State, Penn State Investment Association. *Internships:* Corporate Treasury Intern at Bank of America, Wealth Management Intern at Morgan Stanley, and Marketing Intern at Modern

*Honors & Awards:* Penn State Dean's List; 1<sup>st</sup> place – Umpires Media Case Competition

*Further Education (major) or Employment:* Interviewing for positions in New York and Philadelphia

**Full Name: Vahe Frounjan**

*Parent's Name:* Mary M. Frounjan

*Name of College (Major and degree):* Temple University, BS in Secondary Education and History

*Activities:* Armenian Students Association of Temple University, AYF Member since 13 years old (2006), current Junior Advisor in AYF Philadelphia chapter

*Honors & Awards:* Dean's List 3 semesters in a row

*Further Education (major) or Employment:* High School Social Studies Teacher. Graduate School starting 2018 for Master's in History, then Ph.D.

**Full Name: Lindsey Aleen Santerian**

*Parent's Name:* Mark and Silva Santerian

*Name of College (Major and degree):* The Pennsylvania State University - Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing with a focus on entrepreneurship

*Activities:* Alpha Phi, Gamma Rho Chapter, Armenian Students Association of Penn State, Penn State Marketing Association, Armenian Youth Federation

*Honors & Awards:* Dean's list Spring 2014 – Spring 2017, Alpha Phi Academic Achievement Award

*Employment:* Insight Global in the Philadelphia office

**Full Name: Ani Alyce Schug**

*Parent's Name:* Jonathan and Seran Schug

*Name of College (Major and Degree):* Pomona College, BS in Politics, Minor in Middle Eastern Studies

*Activities:* Student Coordinator at the Draper Center for Community Partnership, Co-President and Co-Founder of Claremont Armenian Students' Association, Arabic Language Teaching Assistant, Leadership Team Member for Refugee Advocacy Network

*Honors & Awards:* Phi Beta Kappa, John Vieg Prize in Politics

*Further Education or Employment:* Received a Davis Project for Peace Grant for the summer to compile Oral History Archive of Syrian Armenians relocated in America, will work as a paralegal at an immigration law firm in Boston.



# 2017 GRADUATES'S CURRICULUM OF VITAE

## COLLEGE

*Full Name:* **David Selverian**

*Parents' Names:* Laura and Mark Selverian

*Name of College (Major and Degree):* Carnegie Mellon University, B.S. Decision Science, Minor in Business Administration

*Activities:* Scottie Ventures; Alpha Sigma Phi - Founding Father of Alpha Gamma Chapter; Club Soccer; Club Lacrosse; Contrary Capital Student Partner; Fownders Social Impact Accelerator Mentor; Dietrich Peer Mentor; Empowering Entrepreneurs Volunteer; TEDx Speaker

*Honors & Awards:* Graduation Speaker, Outstanding Student Award, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Mortar Board Honor Society, Senior Leadership Award

*Employment:* Analyst at Bessemer Venture Partners (NYC)

*Full Name:* **Melanie Karine Sookiasian**

*Parent's Name:* Greg and Karen Sookiasian

*Name of College:* Cabrini University

*Degree:* BS in Exercise Science and Health Promotion with a concentration in Sports Science

*Activities:* National Wellness Institute Student Chapter; Completed internships at Penn Medicine Chester County Hospital Cardiopulmonary Rehab and Bryn Mawr Hospital Cardiac Rehab.

*Honors & Awards:* Exercise Science and Health Promotion Departmental Award, Sigma Zeta National Science and Mathematics Honor Society, Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society, President's List (2 semesters), Dean's List (6 semesters), graduated Cum Laude

*Further Education:* MS in Sport and Exercise Physiology at West Chester University.

## POST GRADUATES

*Full Name:* **Nora Kzirian**

*Name of College:* Drexel University with a Master's of Science degree in E-Learning Leadership

*Activities/Employment:* Married to Jim Kzirian, mother to two adorable sons, Tavit (2 years old) and Ara (2 months old), and employed at Comcast as a Senior Manager of Customer Communications and Marketing.

*Honors:* Graduating with summa cum laude honors

*Background:* Continuing my education has always been a personal goal. After I obtained my Bachelor's of Arts degree in Communications from Rutgers University, I worked as a Press Secretary for Congressman Steve Rothman from New Jersey and have held several roles in Marketing and Communications at Comcast over the years. While I progressed in my career, I was looking for a program that would provide me the flexibility to continue working full time, manage my responsibilities as a mother, and complement my undergraduate degree.

I started the E-Learning Leadership program at Drexel in 2012 and it was challenging in the beginning since I had not been a student for more than a decade. While it took me five years to reach my goal, I am most proud to be able to show my children that nothing is impossible when you set your mind to it. I believe there are three things to ensure a satisfying and rewarding academic experience: 1. take it slow and steady, 2. build relationships, and 3. look for synergies between life and school. The last focal point is particularly important because when a student can marry something he or she is learning in the classroom to a life event, the student learns more, and that learning experience will remain with him or her. For me, since I was already working in the field for which I was studying, I was able to think through real life situations and apply it to key learnings throughout the class. It was the moments of synergy where I really found value in pursuing this degree.

# 2017 GRADUATES'S CURRICULUM OF VITAE

## POST GRADUATES (Cont.)

*Full Name:* **Katrina Maritza Selverian**

*Parent's Name:* Richard and Melissa Selverian

*Name of College (Major and Degree):* University of Pennsylvania, Master of Clinical Social Work

*Activities:* Interned with psychologist Dr. Ani Kalayjian in NYC and presented on intergenerational trauma at the American Psychological Association's National Convention in Denver, CO; Research Assistant at University of Pennsylvania Psychology Department; Internships at Prevention Point Philadelphia and Penn Medicine's Outpatient Psychiatry Center, Worked three part-time jobs in Communications and Film; Served on board of the AGBU Young Professionals of Philadelphia; Volunteered on committees for multiple church events

*Honors & Awards:* summa cum laude

*Further Education:* Accepted to Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at Fordham University



*Our congratulations to  
all our graduates*



# Intercommunal's Genocide Rememberance

By Antranig Kzirian

The Armenian Inter-Communal Committee of Philadelphia commemorated the 102nd anniversary of the Armenian Genocide with a cultural program at St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church on April 23, 2017. A crowd of over 200 was present for the event. Antranig Kzirian, Chairperson of the Committee, made opening remarks and was Master of Ceremonies.

He strongly encouraged those present to attend the Armenian Genocide film, *The Promise*, and to take family, friends, and non-Armenians as well. He

Armenian interests in Washington D.C. and within our local communities. He focused on the need to continuously strengthen Armenia and Artsakh through economic support, political activism, and countering anti-Armenian propaganda. Lastly, he addressed how the Armenian National Committee has encouraged Congress to provide financial support that will help improve the Armenian Economy and its transition to an open market-based system. His presentation was very well received by attendees.

The Inter-Communal Committee was pleased



Committee members with the speakers of the day, Aram Hamparian, Susan Jolley and Allan Arpajian

also mentioned Turkish efforts directed against the film's success. Philadelphia Armenian Clergy then offered a special prayer in memory of the 1.5 million Armenian Saints who were lost during this heinous crime.

Allan Arpajian and Susan Arpajian Jolley then presented a discussion of their new book, *Out of my Great Sorrows*. The book is about how the genocide impacted their aunt, Mary Zakarian's paintings. Mary's mother, a Genocide survivor, strongly influenced Mary's psychological state and her art. Allan and Susan also presented three of Mary's paintings and discussed her background.

This was followed by a performance of songs and poetry by students from the Armenian Sisters Academy.

Aram Hamparian, Executive Director of the Armenian National Committee of America, followed the students. He spoke about how the Armenian National Committee and Armenian Assembly promote

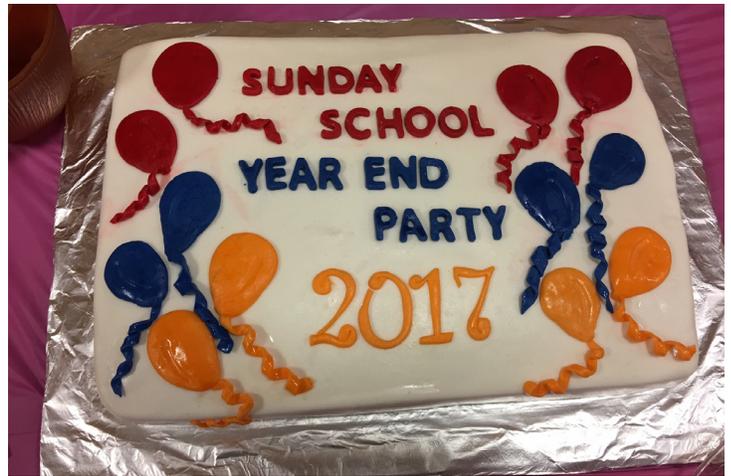
to receive a letter of support from Governor Tom Wolf of Pennsylvania, expressing his support of the event. Emily Movsesian of the Committee read the Governor's letter to attendees.

After the program, everyone enjoyed an exquisite dessert presentation prepared by the St. Gregory's Ladies Guild. The next Inter-Communal event is scheduled for October, focusing on Armenian Culture.



Students of the the Armenian Sisters Academy

# SUNDAY SCHOOL CLOSING



# HAIGAZIAN SCHOOL HANTES

Վերջապես հասա Հայկազեան Վարժարանի տարեշրջանի ամենէն սպասուած օրը՝ Ամավառեջի հանդէսի օրը: Մայիս 21, 2017-ին Թերհանեան սրահին մեջ տարբեր աշխուժութիւն մը կար: Հոն հաւաքուած էին վարժարանիս աշակերտներուն ծնողքները ու սիրելի բարեկամները: Անոնք եկած էին դիտելու մեր աշակերտներուն ամբողջ տարուան հունձքը: Նոյն օրը կը զուգադիպէր Եկեղեցիին կառուցման 50 ամեակին:

Հանդէսի բացման խօսքը կատարեց դպրոցի խնամակալ մարմնի ատենապետուհին: Բարձրագոյն դասարանի աշակերտուհի՝ Իզապէլ Էսենեանը կատարեց հանդիսավարի պաշտօնը: Ան շատ ինքնավստահ ու մեծ յաջողութեամբ ներկայացուց յայտագիրը: Յաջորդաբար աշակերտները երգեցին Ամերիկայի, Հայաստանի ու Դպրոցական քայլերգները: Փոքրիկ դասարանի աշակերտները իրենց անմեղ ու մանկական հայերէնով արտասանեցին քառեակներ: Խումբ մը աշակերտներ սքանչելի կերպով երգեցի «Կաքաւիկ» երգը ու «Ով Մեծաքանչ»ը: Կար նաեւ կարճ ներկայացում մը

«Պապիկն ու Շողգամը» որ մեծ հաճոյք պատճառեց հանդիսատեսներուն:

Շատ տպաւորիչ էին «Մօր Ձեռքերը», «Մայրենի Լեզու», «Հայկազեան Վարժարան», «Արարատին», «Հայու Ոգին» եւ «Եկեղեցին Հայկական» ասմունքները պատանի աշակերտներու կողմէ: Վերջապէս հանդէսի աւարտին փոքրիկները ներկայացուցին պար մը նաեւ Այր ու Բենի դասընթացքը շատ սիրուն երգելով:

Հանդէսի աւարտին ուսուցչուհիները յուշանուէրներ տուին իրենց աշակերտներուն որմէ ետք ծնողներն ալ իրենց կարգին պատուեցին ուսուցչուհիներուն գեղեցիկ ծաղկեփունջերով:

Հանդէսը աւարտեցաւ Տէր Հօր փակման խօսքով եւ աւանդական մոմավառութեամբ եւ հիւրասիրութիւնով: Բոլորը շատ բարձր տրամադրութեամբ բաժնուեցան իրարմէ, մաղթելով իրարու Ուրախ ամառ ու բարի վերամուտ:

Ուսուցչուհի՝  
Անուշ Յովսէփեան



# HAIGAZIAN SCHOOL HANTES



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As in the past, this year again three students from Haigazian Armenian School participated in an essay contest that was organized by the Armenian Relief Society of Eastern USA.

This year's essay topic was "What it means to be an Armenian: Past, Present, and Future? How did our ancestors keep their identity/religion? How is it different from what we do today to keep our identity? What can we do to keep our Armenian heritage in

America in the future?"

Eleven schools participated in the contest, nine One-day schools and two Day schools.

We are happy to report that Talar Hovsepian and Isabel Esenyan have won first place and Alex Esenyan third place.

Congratulations to all the winners.

Read the essays on pages 25-26



Talar Hovsepian



Isabel Esenyan



Alex Esenyan

# THE ESSAYS OF THE CONTESTANTS

The Armenian heritage and culture is none like any other. Our ancestors preserved our heritage, the Armenian heritage, for one reason – so their descendants will forever be Armenian. What it means to be an Armenian will not change from the past, present, or future. To be an Armenian means you are passionate about your fellow Armenians, religion and throughout the years have not forgotten about beloved Armenian traditions. No matter what happens to the Armenian people, we will always be united with our unlimited love for each other and our country.

Our ancestors preserved their, and our identities through culture, friends, food, music and books. Armenian food expressed the Armenian culture through savory tastes and lush flavors. Our music keeps our culture within its beautiful lyrics. Our songs that have been preserved for many years tell the tales of the hardships that the grief of the Armenians, but so did books. Numerous book about the genocide inform not only Armenians but people all around the world the grief's that our ancestors had to go through so we could have a beautiful life. We keep our religion through church and Sunday School. There is no better place to worship Jesus and God than in church. Every Sunday Armenians, no matter the age, go to church to pray for loved ones in the name of God.

The modern generation keeps their identity through technology. With the technology that we have nowadays, young Armenians can keep their culture by keeping in touch through social media. Not only that, Armenians can listen to music and stay with their roots all with a touch of a button. However, our ancestors were not able to do that, which is why the modern generation should have a stronger bond with fellow Armenians. Another way the young generation of Armenians keep in touch with their roots is through Youth Clubs. Many churches have Youth Clubs where Armenians can go to hang out with one another forming friendships and bonds that will last a lifetime.

The only thing we can do to preserve our culture for the future is to keep doing exactly what we are doing. Throughout the span of hundreds of years we have never strayed from our path, so the best thing we can do is to continue with our traditions. For instance, year after year the Armenians have brought attention to the genocide. This caused public awareness to the matter. We hope that the Turks will finally accept the

genocide, but that will only happen if we stay true to ourselves. Armenians will forever be Armenian and proud.

Isabel Esenyan, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Throughout the centuries in Armenian History, Armenian people have always strived for freedom and keeping the Armenian land free from enemies. Our ancestors kept their Armenian identity by first, speaking Armenian then, with the creation of the Armenian alphabet by Mesrob Mashdots, they wrote books to pass down stories and our culture from one generation to the next.

There are several factors that identify us as Armenians. First our genetic continuation by marrying from our culture and people. Second, by speaking Armenian with our Armenian friends and family. And third, being a part of the Armenian Christian Church.

There is no difference now and what we did before to keep our Armenian identity alive, because soldiers in Armenia are still fighting to keep our lands free from enemies. Our parents still want to teach us Armenian language, history, and religion here in the States. They sacrifice most of their Sundays to bring us to Church so we can learn Armenian language, history and religion.

Also, we should always fund our Mother Nation when we can and during fundraisers to help the Nation and its people. If every Armenian in America is aware and is willing to help, the Armenian people can continue their lives and can create more generations to come so we can keep the Nation alive. Most powerful nations from the past have perished because they lost their nation, and eventually their language, culture, and their identity.

In the future, in my opinion, to keep the Armenian identity in America, we should first, marry an Armenian family. Second, speak Armenian most of the time with our Armenian friends and family, and third, always help our Armenian Nation, stay in close ties with our Motherland, and fund the soldiers and the Army. After all, we need a strong Army to defend our lands and guarantee its continuity.

Talar Hovsepian, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



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The Armenian language, a truly ancient and primal way of diction beautifully crafted by the prominent Mesrop Mashtots. Mt. Ararat, the great escarpment overlooking the heavens of the Metaphysical world home to Noah's ark, truly an old and powerful symbol for the Armenian people. The Armenian people, a people of virtues and perseverance. We have fought through countless wars and genocide, however we are still standing together. The Armenian people shall live on forever, with the blessing and temperance of God's everlasting light.

The meaning of being an Armenian in the past, present, and future has and will always be the same. We will always keep our values and traditionalist views of the world, as well as our language, pride, and heritage. The Armenians will also always brawl for what we believe in and we will of course, always be given a fight, one way or another. We fought for Christianity 2000 years ago and now we fight for our land and denial of the malignant Genocide. Being an Armenian has been the same for thousands of years and it will always remain the same.

Our ancestors kept their identity and religion in intrepid ways and struggles. The Armenians over multiple millennia have gone through countless conquerings and persecution. There has been no group of people such as the Armenians that have been martyred, slaughtered, and butchered, that are still standing victorious today. From Ancient Armenia to the Artashisian Dynasty, Arshakuni Dynasty, Bagratuni Dynasty, Rubinian Dynasty, Ottoman Empire, and Soviet Union, our ancestors have fought strong and have kept their culture thriving for the next generation of our kind. The great Vartan Mamikonian, a saint who perished for our desire to evangelize, fought and lost, however his death strengthened and gave hope to the Armenian people to goad the light that could not be found. That is the belief of the Armenian people's creed. We find hope when there is none, we find strength where it cannot be found, and we find that light that we perilously procure and hanker to shine. Our Armenian ancestors also kept their culture by forming a society of patriotic people willing to die for their cause. Our ancestors were critically bound to one another due to their microsociology and geographical location. They constantly engaged with one another, creating a strong chain that could not be broken for thousands of years. Our ancestors created a strong community of Armenians for the next generations to prosper.

There are some differentiations between how we keep our heritage today, and how our ancestors kept their heritage. In the modern world, there are more Armenians outside of Armenia than inside of our homeland. Therefore, it is much harder to speak Armenian outside of Armenia.

We must make a drastic change that is vital to our people's survival. We must teach our children and youth Armenian, and we must send them to Armenian school and church to learn of our language, culture, and principles. We must also keep our holidays, and cook our foods. Intertwining them into the crossroads of the Armenian community is also of significance to keeping our men and women alive within our society. All these forms of survival must be applied to instill the future generations to be prideful of their race, and create a group of people that is adamant to defial of our ethnicity.

We can do a variety of practical ideas and concepts to assure the Armenian people's survival. We must hold our values, and principles. Also, the Armenian community within the youth must also remain strong and united. Our race has been a surviving people for thousands of years and we will live up to our name through the next generations of our people. Another topic that we must leave behind for our people is to remember the past. As stated by the late and great, George Santayana, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it". George's philosophical idea was correct and applied in multiple scenarios throughout history. An application of this scenario is what occurred to our inspiring freedom fighter, Hrant Dink. Dink was a journalist of the great newspaper, Agos. He was fatally assassinated on January 19, 2007, by the Turkish nationalist, Ogün Samast. This gave way to the denial and criticism of Article 301 of the Turkish Penal Code. It was later reported that the murderer was laughing and taking pictures with Turkish officers. However, we do not laugh at the fact that Hrant Dink was butchered in cold blood. This was a totalitarian view of the Turkish administration that boiled within this nationalist. Again, this is another case of Santayana's simple, yet complex principle. Our people will never secede from Turkey's denial of the Genocide, nor will we forget our past, so we may help our people remember who they are in the future. Armenia's time has come to stand up for what we believe in, and create a unified people ready to do so.

Alex Esenyan, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade





# BAPTISMS



**Corbin Scott Hoover**, son of Jarrod and Lisa (Injaian) Hoover, was baptized on April 2, 2017. Godfather Cameron Hoellrich.



**Lori Yeremian**, daughter of Krikor and Varty Yeremian, was baptized on April 8, 2017. Godfather Mouchekh "Mousho" Bedhoian.



**Sona Anahid Lascelle**, daughter of Christopher and Severina Lascelle, was baptized on June 3, 2017. Godparents Matthew Lascelle & Dr. Alexandra Horwitz

## BABY'S 40TH DAY BLESSING



Mr. & Mrs. Sevag and Dzovig Parsehian brought their newly born daughter, Lena, to church on March 19, 2017 to receive her 40th day special blessing. We welcome Lena to the family of St. Gregory's Church.



Mr. & Mrs. Armen and Gayane Sevag brought their newly born son, Tigran Aris, to church on April 30, 2017 to receive his fortieth day blessing in the presence of his "big" brother Aram and many family members.



Mr. & Mrs. Khajag and Carol Panosian brought their newly born daughter, Nina Elise, to church on April 30, 2017 to receive her fortieth day blessing. We welcome Nina to St. Gregory's Church.



## Weddings



**Michael Joseph Boyan and Stephanie Mariam Tashjian** were united in Holy Matrimony on April 22, 2017. Bestman William Boyan

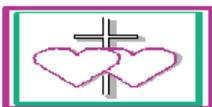


**Charles Martin Sarajian and Virginia Jane Trubek** were united in Holy Matrimony on June 10, 2017. Bestman John F. Pyne.

## BABY'S 40TH DAY BLESSING



Newly born Ara Kzirian was brought to church by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy and Nora Kzirian, to receive his fortieth day special blessing on May 21, 2017. We congratulate the parents and his "Big" brother Tavit and welcome baby Ara to the family of St. Gregory's Church.



## Engagement



**Talene Megerian and Dr. Joseph Carter** were engaged on Sunday, May 21, 2017 in St. Gregory's Church.

Our congratulations to the engaged couple and their respective parents, Mr. & Mrs Noubar and Ani Megerian and Dr. & Mrs. Robert and Antoinette Carter.



### Khan Sanam Madation



Khan Sanam Madation, age 91, of Glenmoore, PA, passed away on March 28, 2017. Born in Arak, Iran, she was the daughter of the late Alexander and Golnabat Khamali.

Khan loved crocheting and needlework, shopping and traveling.

Khan was predeceased by her beloved husband, Magar Madatian and her daughter, Mariam Zohrabian. She is survived by her children Seda Alexanderian, Lidia Traband, Noemik McIntyre, Eshkanouhe Zohrabian, Vartan Madatian, Anahid Damerau, Armina Madatian and Clara Andonian.

Her viewing and funeral was held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 10:00-11:00 AM St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church. Interment Philadelphia Memorial Park, Frazer, PA.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Khan's memory to the Armenian Sisters Academy, or to St. Gregory the Illuminator Apostolic Armenian Church.



### Theresa Reeves

She was born on July 10, 1928 in south Philadelphia to Krikor and Mary Ohanian Nercsian. She attended Barrett Jr. High and was a 1946 graduate of West Philadelphia High School.

She was married on April 29, 1951 to Alexander T Reeves and has one daughter Theresa Mary Reeves. She lived in Upper Darby for over 30 years and moved in Nov. 1987 to Broomall. She enjoyed watching TV, playing cards and bingo, but most of all being with family. An only child, she felt very close to her cousins. After her husband died in 2006, she spent much time playing scrabble with her daughter. She developed dementia and had a heart attack in March. she died in her sleep. she was the epitome of Armenian hospitality, very disappointed if friends declined refreshments.

Her viewing and funeral will be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at D'Anjolell Memorial Home of Broomall, PA. 2811 West Chester Pike. Viewing 10-11, funeral @ 11, officiated by Fr. Nerses Manoojian of St. Gregory's Church.

Memorial donations in her memory may be made to St. Gregory's Church, 8701 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128.

Dear Der Hayr;

Thank you for performing the most beautiful wedding ceremony. Friends and family cannot stop talking about its tradition and beauty. The Philadelphia community is extremely blessed to have you as their lives. We are lucky you are there for guidance and love, as well a God. Thank you again and we hope to see you soon!

Love,

Michael & Stephanie (Tashjian) Boyan



Dear Der Hayr,

Thank you for welcoming our daughter Lori into the church and God's kingdom. The day meant so much to Lori and us.

Thank you,

Krikor & Varty Yeremian



Dear Der Nerses;

We thank you for blessing Tigran Aris today for his 40 days. We appreciate your vital role in many of our family's special moments, from our wedding to Aram's christening. God willing there will be many more to come. Thank you and God Bless you.

Sincerely,

Armen, Gayane, Aram & Tigran Sevag

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