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ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION



Fall 2023



Weathering the Season of the Cross

Fr. Haroutiun Sabounjian

“The sea of my life ever tosses me about, the enemy rises up against me like violent waves; O Good Captain, be a refuge for my soul.”

- Penitential Hymn of Exodus 15, Mode 2

In the way that only the Orthodox Church’s hymnographic tradition is able, these opening words of the *Orhnootyoon Sharagan* entitled *Dzov Gensaghoos* thrust their listener into one of the most famous stories of the gospel, and transform the drama of that historical moment into personal prayer.

This hymn reflects upon the story of Jesus walking on the water, and more specifically the account in Matthew 14 where Peter comes into the waves of the stormy sea to meet him.

To set the scene, Jesus sends the disciples off ahead of him in a boat to travel to Gennesaret, the next stop in his ministerial journey. As they were rowing, they noticed that the wind picked up, and the waves were against them.

As the storm was becoming more and more tempestuous, what do they see, but Jesus walking on the water toward them.

After recognizing who he was and what he was doing, Peter boldly asks to join Jesus on the water, and Jesus agrees.

The pivot point of this story is not the miracle of Christ and Peter walking on the water, but rather the moment it all went wrong. Shockingly, Peter is able to walk on the water at first with no difficulty, “but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and [he began] to sink” (Mt 14:30).

Peter cries out for Jesus to save him, and Jesus does ultimately reach out his hand and save him, but the curious question the evangelist elicits in his retelling of the story is not how Peter was able to walk on the water, but why he sank in the first place.

By including the detail that, only when he saw the wind and became afraid did he sink, makes the reader see that taking his focus off of Christ is what led to his fall.

When he was looking at and walking toward Christ, the impossible became possible. But the moment his attention became redirected at the impossibility of the circumstances around him, he began to inhibit the miracle Christ was working in him. This is why Jesus ends the story by asking Peter “why did you doubt.” (Mt 14:31)

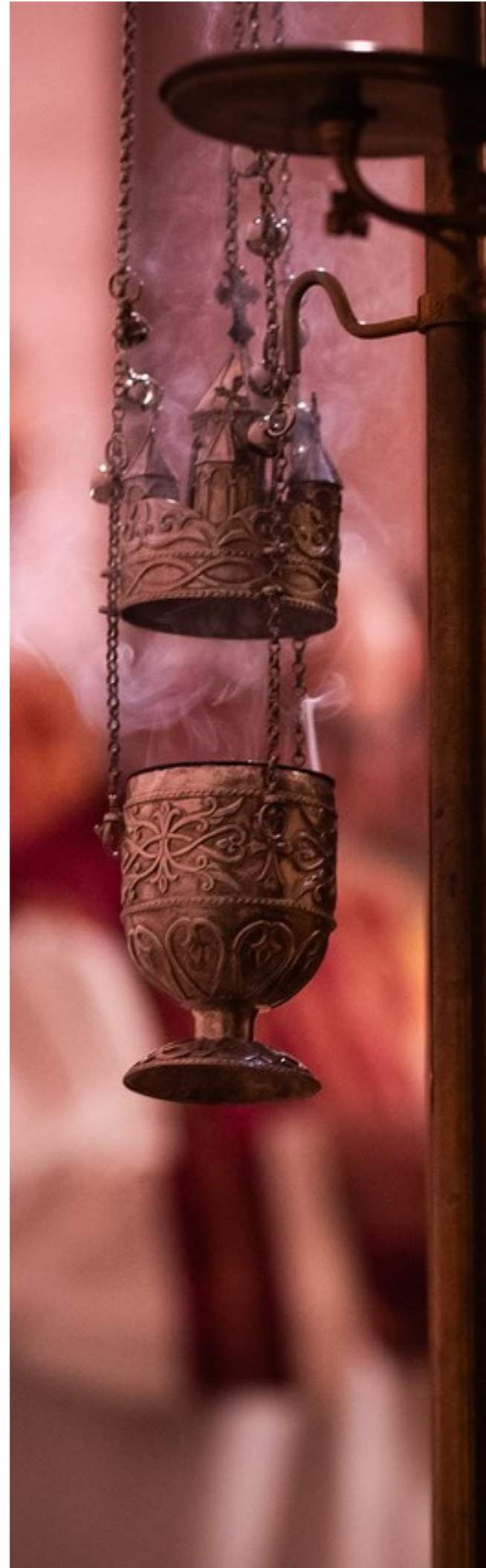
The hymn *Dzov Gensaghoos* inserts those who hear it into this story. This time, instead of Peter finding himself in the midst of the storm, it is we who are surrounded by the evil of the world and the brokenness within our souls. The hymn acknowledges that we have lost focus on the only one who can lift us out of the impossible circumstances around us, and so calls us to cry out like Peter to the Good Captain of our lives to save us.

Most religions of the world make the baselessly optimistic and clearly falsifiable promise that if you do the right things, say this prayer, offer this sacrifice, perform this act of kindness, that all storms will abate; that what goes around will come around, and that if I offer goodness into the world, goodness will be returned to me. This thought may seem nice on the surface, but it simply is out of touch with reality.

The concept of karma, that the good will receive good things and the evil will receive evil things, simply does not line up with the lived experience of any human being who has ever walked the earth.

Every day, innocent children are mercilessly slaughtered as tyrants continue to build their riches. Any religion which tries to sell such a simplistic and demonstrably inaccurate view of the world not only is based on the shakiest of ground, but is insulting to the suffering of the righteous at the hands of the wicked.

The gospel is truly good news only in as much as it is founded in reality. Unlike the common yet delusional system of good and bad brownie points that simply has never played out in human history, our Lord has offered his followers something truly shocking, infinitely profound, and uniquely worthy of being the basis of any real hope.





What he has offered is the sign of the cross. Rather than relying on our own goodness to receive good things in this world, we rely on Goodness himself.

We do not expect to avoid the stormy weather, but know that in him we will be brought through it. We do not brazenly expect to avoid the cross, since our Lord, the only perfect one, willingly accepted death on the cross. Instead, we put our completely trust in him who makes possible the impossible, in him who brought resurrection out of crucifixion; trusting his promise to also raise us who are dead in our sin into the vitality of eternal life.

We find ourselves in the season of the cross, both in our liturgical calendar, as well as in the contemporary politics of our Armenian nation. From all outside angles, it would appear that with the loss of Artsakh, and the ethnic cleansing of its indigenous Armenian population, we have been defeated as a people. It may even appear that God has abandoned us.

And yet, if our faith has any meaning at all, we are called at this moment to do as St. Peter did; to stop looking at the waves and the wind and refocus our attention back on our Lord, by boldly crying out “save us.”

The Armenian Church, more than any other church, has singularly focused her liturgical art on the cross, which serves as the foundational sign of her faith. Throughout our history, we have been forced as a nation to endure the cross as a normal matter of everyday life, imposed upon us by hostile powers wishing to wipe us off the face of the planet.

As we journey once again to the cross, will we allow ourselves to become its victims, or instead will we turn away from the blood, and the injustice, and the suffering around us, and replace our focus on the only one who can deliver us, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

In this cruciform season in the history of our ancestral homeland, may we as an Armenian people view this cross we are bearing, not with the despair of Good Friday, but with the hope of Easter Sunday. Glory to the God in whom all things are possible, and in whom even death can be transformed to life.



82nd Anniversary Celebration

Article written by Harry Mazadoorian | Photos taken by Paul Marottolo and Elisa Griego

Following the conclusion of Church services on October 22, the congregation of the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection of New Britain CT reconvened at the Shuttle Meadow Country Club for a joyous banquet celebrating the Parish’s 82nd anniversary.

During the Church services, His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate of the Eastern Diocese, had offered special blessings to many of our liturgical ministers. At the end of Church services, Bishop Mesrop conferred the four minor orders upon Leland Oxendine, and conferred the order of reader upon our reader ministers; namely Yn. Patricia Buttero, Hasmig Cannata, Mary Connors, Elisa Griego, Nancy Hintlian, Michelle Kalfayan, Harry Mazadoorian and Yn. Lucine Sabounjian.

Parishioners were proud to learn that this was His Grace’s first celebration of Holy Badarak in a parish of our diocese and his first ordination since he was recently ordained to the rank of Bishop in Etchmiadzin by His Holiness Karekin II.

At the banquet, head table guests included His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian, Rev. Fr. Sahak & Yn. Lana Kaishian, Rev. Fr. Haroutiun and Yn. Lucine Sabounjian, Yn. Patricia Buttero, Gary and Ellen Hovhanessian and Lee Abrahamian.

Fr. Mardiros’ opening prayer set the stage for the magnificent program which was to follow.

Lee Abrahamian did a marvelous job serving as MC, combining humor, poise, charm and warmth. She fully engaged the attendees by recounting many poignant recollections of prior banquets.

Gary Hovhanessian brought greetings from the Parish Council and sounded the theme that the core of our church was family and that we embodied one large extended family.



Parish Council member Paul Marottolo, with a surprise appearance, delighted those in attendance with his mastery of the art of magic and, ably assisted by Lee Abrahamian, amazed all with his skills

and wizardry. He utilized a puzzle, which was the centerpiece of his illusion, as a metaphor for how the members of ACHR comprise the various pieces of the Church which magically come together within the frame of the Church.



Samuel Sjostedt, an impressive Armenian American composer and multi instrumentalist from Worcester, followed with warm and moving performances of classical pieces on the duduk and oud, totally thrilling the audience.

Fr. Haroutiun, in his remarks, focused on words from Psalm 100 used in the Badarak beginning with “Make a shout to the Lord, all lands; serve the Lord with gladness.” (“Aghaghagetsek ar Der amenayn yergeer, dzarayetsek Dyarn oorakhootyamp.”); words which have been at the heart of our prayer services for centuries. He stressed the importance of these words, especially during the trying times we are undergoing and that the words are a command and not a request.

Fr. Haroutiun recognized with admiration the ordination of Leland and pointed to the compelling story of Leland’s entering service to the Church. He congratulated the eight lay readers who had received the order of reader from His Grace earlier in the day, acknowledged the significance of this ministry and thanked Elisa Griego for her tireless efforts in organizing and leading the reader ministry.

He thanked and commended all members of the congregation and the leaders of the various church organizations for all of their commendable efforts. He noted especially the extraordinary energy and efforts of the Women’s Guild.

The culminating highlight of the afternoon was an address by His Grace Bishop Mesrop. The Primate inspired the attendees with his comments about joy and hope and love. He praised both Fr. Haroutiun and Yn. Lucine for their effective and selfless leadership and pointed out that the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection and its growing activities are noted and admired throughout the Diocese.

He further expanded upon Fr. Haroutiun’s praise for Leland and the lay readers. All present were thrilled for the opportunity to hear his moving comments and to have the opportunity to warmly interact with him personally throughout the day.

All at the banquet agreed that it was a hugely meaningful and successful occasion. Clearly the committee, comprised of Darlene Simonian, Ellen Hovhanessian, Diane Roy and Jane Derasadourian, did a superlative job in both planning and executing the event.

Attendees were also appreciative to Guy and Darlen Simonian for donating complimentary wine and beverages for all present, to Siranoush Kalfayan of the ACYOA for creating the flowers for the head table, and to the ACYOA for creating and organizing the “Tree of Our Church” project.

Fr. Haroutiun and the parish council would like to thank all of those who contributed to last week’s anniversary commemoration and banquet, both those who volunteered their time as well as those who contributed financially as Godparents and Donors.

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Sunday School News

Written by Debbie Maljanian-Kerr

Our ACHR Sunday School is back in session as of September 17, when students were able to once again participate in the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in our sanctuary.

Many exciting changes have taken place as we continue to grow and involve students in a variety of aspects of church life.

We have added two new teachers, graduates Elizabeth Kalfayan and Emily Kallajian, responsible for the middle aged student group.

Christina Davootian and Lindsey Magarian continue to instruct the youngest class and Debra Maljanian-Kerr again has the oldest class.

On board as general assistant is Jane DerAsadourian, who is available to pitch in where and whenever needed. With student enrollment presently at 18, we are appreciative of all who contribute.

In collaboration with Der Hayr, we are developing lessons and opportunities where students may par-

ticipate in and become familiar with different parts of the Badarak.

They enjoyed being in the sanctuary following Tapor and were excited to sing along during “Soorp Asdvadz.”

Our Halloween celebration of “Trunk or Treat” organized by ACYOA was a success, despite being held indoors due to inclement weather. We had quite a crowd and many families volunteered to distribute goodies to the students. It was a lively event to say the least.

Looking ahead, we are planning our Christmas pageant for December 17. Details on the event will be forthcoming in the church newsletter.

We are thankful for the support of our parish families who have enabled our small Sunday School to accomplish great things and look forward to another joyful holiday season.

From the Parish Council Chairman

Written by Gary Hovhanessian

We are family! What a joyous occasion it was to celebrate the 82nd Anniversary of our church parish, presided over by our Beloved Primate, Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan and also other very special guests Father Mardiros Chevia, along with Father Sahak Kaishian and Yeretzgin Lana.

My brief words as Parish Council Chairman was a reference to the 1979 Pittsburgh Pirates World Series Championship team. The team took as their anthem the song (from the disco and funk music era of that time), WE ARE FAMILY (by the band Sister Sledge). The Pirates achieved great heights that year.

The week prior to the banquet, I mentioned that I "attended" four meetings in one night. Paul Marotollo represented our parish at the New England Regional Chairman's Meeting and because I was able to, I virtually joined at the start.

Then, I left and went on to our Five Churches Dance Committee meeting. The dance was postponed and the new date is now set for Saturday, January 27, 2024. Now that the dance is closer to Valentine's Day and our HEARTS go out to those suffering in our homeland, we have gone back to our HYE HEARTS dance theme.

After the short and sweet dance meeting, I circled back to the chairman's meeting. On that call, one bit of information I gave to those attending the Chairman's meeting (I'd say all between 50 and 75 years old) was that the Tampa church, St. Hagop's, had on their parish council four members who were under the age of 30, when our daughter, Hayley had first moved to Tampa (and she was one of the four). The chairmen in attendance were all impressed by that fact.

I had also said that earlier that day, I had met with two of my probable captains for the upcoming softball season at St. Paul Catholic High in Bristol where I am starting my 20th year as varsity coach.

The brief meeting (five months before our season even starts) was to make sure the seniors and upperclassmen now included the new freshmen in to our softball family and to start to prepare them with any pre-season conditioning and fundraising activities.

I had then mentioned that my wife, Ellen had just returned from an in person meeting with Darlene Simonian, Jane DerAsadourian and Diane Roy, sewing up the finishing touches on what obviously turned out to be a fantastic banquet.

The one other gathering I left out was my attendance (with Ellen) the night before our banquet of my 50th high school class reunion. I was also on that organizing committee with the planning started about 18 months before the actual event. And, at one of our class reunion committee meetings,

I commented (with 12 committee members in attendance), "I just have to say that of the 12 committee members in attendance at this meeting tonight, that five of us were in kindergarten together."

I thought that was amazing...that we had stayed in touch with our classmates and school family for more than 60 years.

We should be proud of serving and of how rewarding it can be. And, we are proud of what we have learned from those in our community who have served before us and the generations who served as the pillars in our wonderful New Britain church (of the Holy Resurrection) community.

We are family!





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Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God

Sunday, August 13

Fr. Haroutiun and the Parish Council would like to thank all who generously donated toward purchasing grapes for the blessing on this year’s Feast.

Lee Abrahamian
Deb Buttero
Hasmig & Joe Cannata
Janet DerAprahamian
Laurie George
Richard & Henrietta Kallajian
Fr. Haroutiun & Yn. Lucine Sabounjian
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In memory of Emil Mosey

Mary Abrahamian
*In memory of Mari Abrahamian and
Maryam Bedrosian*



Annual Church Festival

Fr. Haroutiun, the Parish Council, and our Festival Committee would like to thank all of the volunteers for this year's festival, as well as all of our festival sponsors listed below.

Ralph & Debra Anajian	Bob & Andrea Karanian
Mary Abrahamian	Lori & Mark Kashgegian
Richard Arzoomian	John Sr & Roxie Maljanian
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Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Fr. Haroutiun and the Parish Council would like to thank **Yn. Patricia Buttero** for beautifully adorning the Holy Cross with basil for this year's feast, as well as all who donated basil for our liturgy.

Peter Bagdigian	Griego/Marottolo Family
Yn. Patricia Buttero	Mazadoorian Family
Cannata Family	Sabounjian Family
Guy & Darlene Simonian	





A Message from Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan

October 2022

Sunday, October 8th was a transformative moment in my spiritual journey. As I stood in the heart of Etchmiadzin, surrounded by the prayers and blessings of generations past and present, I was humbled to be ordained as bishop of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

The weight of tradition, the urgency of the moment, and the gravity of the responsibilities ahead filled the atmosphere with indescribable energy.

The act of ordination is a beautiful paradox—a melding of individual and community, past and future, the temporal and the eternal.

At that sacred moment, I felt the hands of the Catholicos of All Armenians laying upon me, physically and spiritually, linking me to the unbroken chain that goes back to the Apostles themselves. In that instant, I realized I was a part of something much greater than myself.

Holy Etchmiadzin is more than a physical place: it is a spiritual epicenter that serves as the beating heart of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

It symbolizes our historical resilience, theological wisdom, and the unity of our faith. Being ordained there, I felt a powerful sense of alignment, as if every sermon preached, every rite performed, and every hymn sung had led me to this point.

But I am keenly aware that this isn't a conclusion; instead, it's a profound beginning. A bishop is not a solitary figure but a shepherd, a guide, a servant-leader in the truest sense. My task now is to nourish my people's spiritual well-being and advocate for love, justice, and understanding.

As I move forward in my journey, I carry with me the wisdom of those who came before me and the hopes of those who will come after.

I aim to serve with humility, lead with integrity, and love without conditions. I am deeply committed to being a servant-leader, following in the footsteps of Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve.

I am grateful for this calling and the countless blessings shaping my path so far. I ask for your prayers and support as I take this significant step, embracing the opportunities and challenges it brings.

May God guide us all in our endeavors to manifest His love in our world.

With love and blessings,
Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan
Primate





A Divine Homecoming

Written By Stephan S. Nigohosian

A most blessed and joyous homecoming took place on Saturday, October 14, when newly-ordained Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan returned to New York City’s St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral to celebrate his first episcopal Divine Liturgy as bishop of the Eastern Diocese.

The Primate, who had been consecrated as a bishop at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin a week earlier by His Holiness Karekin II, the Catholicos of All Armenians, presided over the special badarak before a large gathering of clergy and lay people from near and far.

In a time of heartrending events and hardship thrust upon Armenians around the world, embodied in the tragedies in Artsakh and Armenia, Bishop Mesrop’s message of unwavering faith and optimism for the fu-

ture of the Armenian Church and its faithful instilled feelings of hope and perseverance in all who heard his message. As the heavenly strains of Khorhoort Khoreen (O Mystery Deep) began the service, Bishop Mesrop, accompanied by a procession of clergy and altar servers, entered the sanctuary and bestowed his blessings among the faithful.

A gold processional cross, followed by colorful processional banners featuring images of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary, were held by the procession of clergy as they made their way through the cathedral.

As they reached the altar, angelic strains of the choir reached a crescendo, further adding to the sacred atmosphere of the event about to unfold.

Blessings on the Faithful

From the altar, with arms outstretched, Bishop Mesrop faced the congregation and chanted the centuries-old Armenian prayers. Multiple cameras placed throughout the sanctuary provided those participating in the service at home with immersive views, including an intimate, front-facing view of Bishop Mesrop praying on the holy altar.

Among the clergy and altar servers assisting him throughout the liturgy were Cathedral Vicar Fr. Davit Karamyan, and Diocesan pastors Fr. Armash Bagdasarian (Wynnewood, PA), Fr. Hakob Gevorgyan (Cheltenham, PA), Fr. Martiros Hakobyan (Houston, TX), and Fr. Avedis Kalaydjian (Racine, WI), along with a retinue of deacons from the cathedral and outlying parishes, as well as St. Nersess seminarians and other altar servers.

Members of the St. Vartan Cathedral Choir, who play such an essential role in aural aspect of the Divine Liturgy every Sunday, were conducted by Maestro Khoren Mekanejian.

On this occasion, the ensemble was further complemented by choristers from local parishes around the country, as well as by organist Deacon Ari Terjanian from St. Gregory of Narek Church in Cleveland, OH.

Among the dignitaries seated in the chancel at the foot of the altar, and in the front of the congregation, were Archbishop Vicken Aykazian and Archbishop Anoushavan Tanielian, as well as representatives of various sister churches and the diplomatic corps, clergy from throughout the Eastern Diocese, leaders of Armenian organizations, and members of the Diocesan Council.

A Homily from the Heart

Following the blessing and distribution of the Holy Eucharist, Bishop Mesrop delivered a heartfelt and uplifting homily.

“Today, I am overcome with a spirit of thanks to the Lord, who took my life in His hands, shaped my soul, inspired my heart, rescued me from the shadow of death and guided me step by step to this ministry in His service,” he said.

Bishop Mesrop continued by acknowledging the pivotal role his family, friends and colleagues have collectively played in nourishing his spiritual development throughout his life’s journey.

“Thank you to my clergy brothers and all our faithful who placed their trust in me, honored me, stood by me in my time of injury and triumph, and shared your strength and love with me,” he said.

He expressed special gratitude to Catholicos Karekin II, who the Primate said has encouraged and guided him throughout his ministry. And he thanked Berge Setrakian, the distinguished longtime president of AGBU, who stood as Bishop Mesrop’s godfather during his ordination.

Bishop Mesrop then directed attention to the tragic situation that befell our beloved homeland of Artsakh, likening his role to that of a father entrusted with consoling his family experiencing unfathomable loss.

“While suffering can sow the seeds of bitterness and resentment, that is not how a Christian should respond to it,” he explained. “God understands our pain and suffering, for He experienced it Himself through the sacrifice of His Son. We must trust that God is always with us, right beside us,” he said, adding, “God will see His justice done.”



Bishop Mesrop then looked toward the future and the challenging work ahead, imploring the faithful to assist our brethren fleeing Artsakh and to work together to strengthen our Diocese. Securing a bright future for the Armenian Church will enable future generations to know our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Primate then delineated his vision of three tasks, or “gifts,” that would be his focus for our Diocese: Evangelization (being a witness to the truth of the Holy Gospel); Spirituality (translating the invisible inner reality of the Spirit into the visible); and Love (our relationship with one another and the Heavenly Father).

“When I stepped up to the altar today, I was overwhelmed by the feeling of love,” he revealed. “I will rely on your prayers, my beautiful and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ.”

The viewing audience for Bishop Mesrop’s special Divine Liturgy included thousands of people from across the Diocese and around the world, sharing in the service as it was broadcast over the Internet.

The small, dedicated production team included Yervant Keshishian, who directed the program, Artur Petrosyan on the mobile floor camera, and narrator Christopher Zakian.

Following the splendid badarak, worshippers adjourned to a bounteous reception in the Diocesan Center’s Haik and Alice Kavookjian Auditorium, lovingly sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Berge and Vera Setrakian.

The occasion was a welcome opportunity for the large crowd of faithful to congratulate their new bishop, receive his blessing, and wish him well in his leadership of the Eastern Diocese.



ACHR Women’s Guild Christmas Party

Saturday, December 2, 2023 at Noon

Abrahamian Auditorium

1910 Stanley Street, New Britain, CT

Menu

- Cheese & Crackers/Veggies & Dip
- Tossed Salad
- Ziti with Marinara Sauce
- Roast Beef with Gravy
- Chicken Parmigiana
- Roasted Potatoes
- Rolls/Butter
- Coffee & Soda
- Dessert

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For those who wish to participate, please bring a Christmas grab bag (between \$10 and \$12); we will be playing games too!





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