This edition of the *Looys*

is dedicated to the unending love and devotion

offered by our church Godfather,

**Mr. Harootiun Azarigian,**

who now rests with our Lord.

For decades, "Uncle Harry" never refused God,
church or any member of our parish family.

Harry would happily lend a hand to anyone, and any cause; from going fishing to planting trees on the church grounds, always making time to beautify our perennial gardens, and being oh so eager to share his faith experiences with others.

Harry’s most recent gift, aside from sharing his faith, was his generous donation in 2007 of the five magnificent wooden doors that adorn and protect the entrances of our spiritual home.

His motto of living a simple life consisting of honest hard work, prayer and modest diet served Harry well, and gave him the strength well into his 90’s to help others.

**May Almighty God illumine the soul of his worthy son, Harootiun**
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- Gary Hovhanessian (Chairman)
- Arthur Simonian Jr. (Vice-Chairman)
- David Abrahamian (Treasurer)
- Sarkis Kalfayan (Asst. Treasurer)
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- Charles Hovsepian (Advisor)
- Gail Onanian (Advisor)

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- Matthew Cannata
- Emil Mosey

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- Gary Hovhanessian

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- Sylvia Simonian (Chair)

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- Adrienne Damian (Director)
- Yn. Patricia Buttero (Asst. Director)
- Susan Sagherian (Organist)

## Hye Angels
- Shannon Bagdigian (Chair)

## Sandwich Fund
- Henrietta Kallajian (Chair)

## Seniors Coordinators
- Queenie Hovhanessian (Chair)
- Yn. Patricia Buttero
- Gail Onanian

## Sons and Daughters
- John Paul Abrahamian

## Women’s Guild
- Adrienne Damian (Chair)
The mission of the Armenian Apostolic Church is to preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and to proclaim its message of salvation. This mission is realized through Worship, Education, Witness, Service, and common life in Christ as expressed in the distinctive faith-experience of the Armenian people. All members of the Armenian Church - both clergy and lay - are called to participate fully in this mission.

Parish Council

Still giving thanks, still celebrating...
Our Pastor and Parish council would like to recognize the following donors for their thoughtful Christmas Greetings that were inadvertently omitted from last month’s Looys:

Marottolo family, Eleanor Egazarian, Ed & Sheila Haddad, Wilson & Beth-Mazadoorian-Keithline and Margaret & Katherine, Christine Parnagian-Esposito and Angel Parnagian. We pray for and thank and all who strengthen His Holy church.

Century Club Dues
Century Club members - please note that dues for the coming year are due before March 1. We also encourage new members to support our church via this “club.” Payment of dues should be made out to the church and given to Charles Hovsepian. Don’t be caught off guard if your number comes up and you haven’t renewed...

Save your event dates!
We gently remind all church groups to be diligent in marking your event dates (including hall set up dates) on the church calendar ASAP. With our increase in hall rentals to meet our budget needs, your cooperation is greatly appreciated, and will ensure proper planning. Thank you.
Epiphany 2015
On Monday, January 5th, our pastor and faithful joined the St. George parish family for the celebration of Jrakalooyts (Candle-light) Liturgy on Christmas Eve, celebrated by Fr. Gomidas Zohrabian. A fellowship followed. The next day, on the Feast of the Nativity & Theophany of our Lord, St. George members joined our church family here in New Britain for Divine Liturgy and Service of the Blessing of the Waters. Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian celebrated this liturgy. Following church and Water Blessing by the two clergy, all faithful gathered in Abrahamian Auditorium for a very nice luncheon.

On Sunday, January 11, again the Service of the Blessing of the Waters was offered for all the faithful. Serving as Godfather of the Cross was Mr. Guy Simonian.

Altar Server Award
On Sunday, January 25, the Deacon Charles N. Mazadoorian Memorial Altar Servers Award was presented to and shared by brothers Matthew and David Marottolo. This award, rather, special recognition, was established in 2008 by Harry Mazadoorian, Esq. in memory of his late brother, Deacon Charles. It’s purpose is to recognize, strengthen and thank those who have the honor and calling to serve on God’s Holy Altar, in assisting the priest in sacraments and for their dedication in learning proper ways of serving during liturgy. An honorarium and Deacon’s Guide book to the Divine Liturgy were presented to both recipients. God bless them for their service and to their parents, Paul & Elise Griego-Marottolo for their parental encouragement and guidance.
After a three week vacation from Sunday School, it was gratifying to see most of our students back to welcome the new year and celebrate Armenian Christmas services on January 11. Most classes enjoyed watching the Christmas video and then attended short classes until it was time to attend Badarak.

Only the Senior class met for classes since their graduation being in May requires a number of activities to complete. Good luck to all of them!

Our thanks to Mrs. Melanie Goodin and family for remembering us at Christmas time and sending a donation to our Sunday School. We miss her and her two lovely children, Zachery and Lillian, and wish them well in the new year.

**St. Vartan Camp brochures** have arrived at our church and can be picked up at the grand piano in our vestibule. This beautiful camp site in the Catskill Mountains of New York, owned by our Diocese, is available to children ages 8 through 15 for three sessions beginning on June 28 and ending on August 8. Maybe this is the year your child or grandchild can take advantage of this very beneficial camp for one or two weeks. Lasting friendships have been made by many! A CIT program also is available for 16-17 year olds.

Most importantly, this month of February is our biennial Teacup Auction and Pizza Luncheon on Sunday, February 15 after Badarak. Poon Paregentan (Day of Happy Living) is our Armenian celebration before Lent, which begins on Monday, February 16. The parents’ committee making this year’s preparations are Sarah Kallajian and Diane Roy as co-chairmen. They are assisted by Melanie Kallajian, Karen LaPointe and Kimberly McLaurin. Than you for all auction donations in advance!
TEACUP AUCTION
AND PIZZA LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 12:15 PM
Come and celebrate Poon Paregentan
‘Day of Happy Living’

Sponsored by: Our Sunday School
Benefit: Sunday School Projects
Admission: $7 for Adults | $5 for children

FUN FOR ALL!
More birthday gifts for “Baggy” to God’s church
The following donations have recently been received on the occasion of Baggy Hovhanessian’s 90th birthday celebration:

Sue Der Margosian, Tom & Mary Lou Connors, Shannon Bagdigian, Dr. Jacob & Charlotte Ohanesian, and by the party’s bartenders :)

God bless all for their donations to God’s Holy church on such a joyful occasion.

Flower donations for our Holy Altar are always welcomed. Please speak to Der Hayr if you’d like to donate affordable floral arrangements.

It’s worth noting that most types of hearty flowers can last and be on our Holy Altar up to three weeks.

Thank you.
Harry Azarigian
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kallajian
Jack Krikorian
Nick and Betty Bagdasarian
Mary Omartian and Family
Ruth and Wil Swisher
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Simonian
Mark and Craig Simonian
Lena Czarry
John and Roxie Maljanian
Manusak Terdjanian
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Eleanor Egazarian
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Sagherian
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Simonian
Mr. and Mrs. Emil Mosey
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Gary and Ellen Hovhanessian and family
Mr. and Mrs. John Chiloyan
Shannon Bagdigian
Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Hovhanessian
Mr. and Mrs. Harry DerAsadourian
Harry and Carol Hougas
George and Lois Simonian
George Simonian III
Edward Kerekian
Charles Hovsepian
Alice Norsigian
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mazadoorian
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kerr
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Azarigian
Robert Azarigian
Dr. Gerard and Diane Roy
Sonia Ohanian
Total as of January 11, 2015: $1,560

Ann Sadoian
Sarah Sansone
Eleanor Conochalla
Elizabeth Kalagian
Ann Grano
Total as of December 21, 2014: $555

Mabel Sadoian
Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Norsigian
Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Hovhanessian
Rose Sadoian
Total as of January 11, 2015: $70
We know full well when our birthdays are, for we usually celebrate them with stress free days, cake, family and friends. Do we know the date in which we were born/ brought into the Christian faith by our parents and grandparents? Our Baptism date.

In each of the upcoming editions of the Looys, we’ll publish by month (not year) our Baptism records so that as many people as possible may now know or confirm when they were baptized a Christian and who their Godparents were. 

**Jack Roy, as a service to his church, compiled these records.**

Please bear in mind that some were not legible. We’ll provide as much as we can.

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**Order of Baptism according to the Armenian Apostolic Church**

“Our peace and our maker of peace Jesus Christ, anointed and worshipful and eternal priest, behold this thy servant (name) has received the unction of holiness from you; therefore, we pray to you ,Lord, may he/she never be blotted out of thy Book of Life. And may we also be worthy of thy heavenly glory, when you crown your saints and those that love your name. And we shall incessantly glorify you with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.”
Leaders of the Armenian Church in the United States have joined to plan a special remembrance of the Armenian Genocide. Commemorating the passage of 100 years since the start of the first genocide of the 20th century, a schedule of events including an ecumenical prayer service at the National Cathedral, a memorial concert, public exhibitions and a Pontifical Divine Liturgy will take place from May 7 to 10, 2015, in Washington, D.C.

His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, and His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, will both journey to the United States to lead and participate in the commemorative events.

A National Centennial Committee has been formed under the auspices of the Diocese and the Prelacy to oversee and guide the commemorative activities. The Committee, chaired by Dr. Noubar Afeyan, Boston-based entrepreneur and philanthropist, includes leaders from Armenian religious, political, and civic organizations from across the United States.

"We are organizing these events in the nation's capital in order to involve the country's political leaders, raise awareness in the non-Armenian community, and honor countries and individuals that have helped Armenians during and after the Genocide," said committee chair Dr. Afeyan. "We are honored that Catholicos Karekin II and Catholicos Aram I will be among us, blessing the occasion, as together we stand up for the Armenian presence in America and in the world," he added.

The National Centennial Committee has met several times and is working together with Washington D.C.-based sub-committees to plan the various events and activities. The Committee is working closely with the Central Commemorative Committees for the United States and Armenia to coordinate the activities.

Here in Connecticut, our Genocide committee is finalizing events being held statewide throughout 2015.

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The role of a Pastor is not to grow a big church...
The Pastor’s role is to grow mature disciples who make disciples....

Who’ll join me...?
Fr. Kapriel
Bring us your talents...

What does it mean when we say
“I am a member of and belong to the Armenian Church?”

Being a member of or belonging to the Armenian Church means that we are baptized, confirmed in the church. But the questions is, “What does it really mean to us?”

Does it mean that we want our Church vibrant, relevant and active to be there when we need her?…Or simply available for a wedding, funeral or baptism…?

Where do you come in?

Do you support your church? Do you participate in her services as often as you can? Have you ever served on Parish Council, Women’s Guild, Choir, helped ACYOA or Sunday School?

Most of us can easily fit into at least one of these categories.

As a parent, how often have you encouraged your children to participate in the life of the church to carry on your family legacy?

We’re blessed that some of our family members actively belong to and give of themselves to God via our church groups and activities. These are the ones who truly are pillars of the Church and are not members in name only. They do, and work for the Church to which they belong.

It’s because of the dedication of members such as these and those before us, that makes it possible to enjoy the fruits of their labor, love and service today.

We have a Christian obligation to use of God-given talents.

Bring your talents to your Church.
Share them, join in, volunteer, pitch in and help your family.

Your Church always needs you, but not nearly as much as you truly need your Church.
Everything we have comes from God

What exactly is Christian Stewardship?

Christian Stewardship is the faithful management of all that God gives us. Making a commitment according to our individual ability to be a faithful and wise steward of the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection begins with acknowledging that everything we have comes from God.

Stewardship then begins and takes root in our lives when we offer our gifts back to God with generosity and gratitude.

- Your annual membership commitment entitles you to fully benefit from the parish’s various pastoral and educational resources while supporting the work and volunteers of your parish.
- Membership in the parish is a wonderful way to make a commitment to be part of something larger than yourself...to be part of a Christian Community, united in our love of God and God’s love for us regardless of our different backgrounds.
- Your annual gifts will help your parish sustain and contribute towards our future, thus ensuring that our children, and your grandchildren and families will always have a place of worship to call their own home that you help build and sustain.

We appreciate all those who provide Stewardship to our spiritual home.

The ‘church’ has responded to the needs of her people for centuries. When the ‘church’ needs and looks to you for a helping hand, please be attentive to her needs. May all who respond in His name be blessed.
On January 19, 2007, the Armenian journalist Hrant Dink was assassinated on the street outside his newspaper offices in Istanbul. Dink’s prior writings on the Armenian Genocide had made him a well known figure in Turkey, and had prompted his prosecution under Turkey’s retrograde law forbidding anti-Turkish statements.

The murder of this brave and gentle man was later revealed to contain elements of state persecution along with what we in this country would call “hate crime.” It became a cause célèbre for Armenians the world over, but also for elements of Turkish society longing for a more open public discourse. At Hrant Dink’s funeral, more than 100,000 people, Armenians side-by-side with ethnic Turks, jammed the streets of Istanbul carrying placards reading, “We are all Hrant Dink.” Even after eight years, the demoralizing horror of that terrible January day still lingers; and the astonishing spectacle of the subsequent weeks is likewise unforgettable. Today we again offer prayers for the repose of Hrant Dink’s spirit, for the consolation of his loved ones, and for the light of Divine truth, which even the deepest darkness cannot extinguish.
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