



St. Marks Armenian Catholic Church

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Farewell

By Andre Zeiabri

Thank you for coming to honor Father Armenag today. I wanted to take a few moments to say a few words about Father Armenag and of his accomplishments while here at Saint Mark's over the past eight years; because there have been many.

Take a look above you at the sound dampening tiles, below you at the floor, around you, and through the building here. The lavatory, kitchen, conference room, expansion, and sacristy have all been renovated. The walkway outside, his living quarters, and one of his first projects: the new altar and side altars. There are so many projects that he completed that it's impossible to list them all.

But it's not just what he did, but how he got them done. He didn't just wait for others to do them; he found people, talked to contractors, met with government officials and often just rolled up his sleeves and got the job done.

I know we all have many personal experiences with Father Armenag; I'd like to share a couple of mine as I tell you of some of his work.

There was a time when he had planned to get some sod to cover a section of the ground behind the new kitchen. As usual, he made all of the arrangements and I met him at Lowe's with a cargo trailer to load and take to church. We bought a pallet of sod and were planning on loading it in directly, when we discovered that the 48" pallet would not fit into the 47" opening of the trailer. So, rolling up our sleeves, we carried over a hundred pieces of sod into that trailer and drove to church. When we arrived, we emptied it all and stacked it near the shed on a day when the temperature was well over 90 degrees. While we were there, our builder's father was there taking an assessment of the work that was underway on the new building. When he saw Father Armenag, after he had moved dozens of heavy and muddy pieces sod; now covered in mud, with grass clippings in his disheveled hair... he said (and I quote), "God bless you Father... not for nothing and honest to God... Father, you are the dirtiest priest I've ever seen!". Father Armenag is just that kind of person - never afraid of rolling up his sleeves and just doing what needs to be done.

All of these actions and accomplishments culminate in just one word: leadership.

Even with all of these projects completed - with all that you see - you may think that these were his best accomplishments. They were not. The best accomplishments lie in the relationships that he's built, the friendships that he has developed, the people he now knows, and the service he has given our community. He's always been available and always willing to help. His compassion for his friends and his parish is unparalleled. He has always been ready to pray for you, to pray with you, and often to take a place by your side. When you would call to ask him to pray for a loved one - he wouldn't just pray for them, he would immediately visit them at home or in the hospital, often past midnight and stay for as long as he was needed.

As most of you know, Rosa and I have been blessed with three children. To say that he has been a small part of our children's lives would be like saying that we are also occasionally part of their lives. He is part of my family, and always will be.

As with many of us in this room and in our community, he's walked with us in our darkest hours and brightest moments. He was there with Rosa and I when we went through our darkest hours in the many hospital s we visited as doctors frantically worked to save our son's life, and he was there at one of our brightest moments when our third son was born, who we named Mikael *Tavit*; his middle name not given by coincidence. I know many of us have similar stories of his compassion and love which have touched our lives in so many ways that simple words of thanks will never seem to be enough.

In his time here, he blessed many marriages and so many of our children through baptism. He blessed and helped us say farewell to so many of our elders. He constantly prayed for us, for our sick and for our children... One of his greatest accomplishments in this church was the ordination of his deacons: never before in the history of the Armenian Catholic Church have seven deacons been ordained to serve one church in one day. He is my Godfather, from that day when I, along with six of my brothers in Christ, stood before the altar and were ordained.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 11: Transfiguration.

August 15: Assumption Luncheon

September 12: Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Blessing of Students & Teachers

September 25: Family Night Dinner

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Re-Assignment – I have received the official document from Bishop Batakian in which he has assigned me to our parish in Glendale, CA, which will become effective as of July 15th.

I have been at St. Marks for nearly 8 years. I would like to say that my time at St. Marks has been one of my greatest assignments and you have made me feel this is my home. In English when we say goodbye it seems so final, In Italian, they say 'Arrivederci,' which means 'until we meet again.' From the bottom of my heart, I say, 'Arrivederci.'

New Pastor – Rev. Mikael Bassale has been assigned as our new Pastor. Father Mikael was born in Syria. Father was the founding pastor of our community in Moscow and has recently spent time in Glendale and Boston. Father Mikael visited St. Mark's in March 2008.

Grapes – August 15

If you would like to make a donation towards the grapes that will be blessed on the feast of the Assumption on August 15, please contact the church office or drop your donations in the collection basket on Sunday. Please mark the envelope "Grapes".

Church Picnic 2010:

In spite of the hot weather, we held a successful picnic. We would like to say thank you to all who came out in support of our picnic and a great big thank you to all those individuals who helped to make it a success.

Flowers:

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

Additional Easter Donations

Mr. & Mr. Gregory Zeibari	Marjan Zeibari
Noel Zeibari	Mr. & Mrs. Toros Zeibari
Mr. & Mrs. Zohrab Zeibari	Ara Zeibarian
Zerounian family	Takuhi D Zorayan (AZ)

Blessing of Students & Teachers – September 12

Traditions has been at St. Marks that on a Sunday in September, this year it will be on September 12, Father will offer a special prayer and blessing for our school children and teachers as they begin their new school year.

Our Condolences:

Father Armenag Bedrossian and the parishioners of St. Mark's Armenian Catholic Church express their sincere condolences to our Eparch, Bishop Manuel Batakian and the the Batakian family on the passing of his brother **Haroutuion Batakian** (California).

Our Condolences to the Koulaksezian and Sajonian families:

Father Armenag Bedrossian and the parishioners of St. Mark's Armenian Catholic Church express their sincere condolences to Sister Arousiag, Ovsanna and Therese Sajonian on the passing of their beloved aunt **MARIE B. KOULAKSEZIAN** who passed away on May 29, 2010.

Men's Club Drawing 2009– 2010

Winner: November Paul Sarkissian	December Jean Sarkissian
January Albert Keshgegian	February: Zarmine Soltanian
March: Elizabeth Scutti	April: Mike Vosbikian
May Albert Keshgegian	June Edward Zeibari

If you have not purchased your tickets there is still time. Once you win, your ticket still goes back in the drawing for the next one. To purchase your ticket you can see Mike Scutti or Jean Sarkissian. To all who have purchase tickets, we thank you for your support.

Graduates of 2010:

Hayr Armenag and the Parishioners of St. Mark's, like to CONGRATULATE our Graduates:

Eveleen Ghazarian
Armen Asadurian
Raffi Minasian
Gabrielle Margulies Davidian



It's a Baby GIRL:

Congratulations to Azad and Sue Kazanjian, on their newly born baby Madelyn Sue Kazanjian, and the Kazanjian family.

Congratulations to Aleni Voskeridjian primary winner 1st grade at Radnor Elementary School

"Bells"

Ding-a-ling-a-ling is the sound of bells
And you know it when you hear it.
Ding-a-ling-a-ling yells the ice-cream truck
And you know it when you hear it.
Ding-a-ling-a-ling sing the Christmas bells
And you know it when you hear it.
Ding-a-ling-a-ling welcomes the store doorbells
And you know it when you hear it.
Oh, the wonderful sounds
A bell can make and you know it when you hear them.



Inspiration for "Bells"

I wrote this poem because I like the sounds of bells and when I hear them I know I am somewhere. It is exciting to hear the bells and it feels fresh... like I am starting a new day.

Aleni

2010 Picnic Table Sponsors

Our thanks to everyone who gave of their time and effort to make this year's picnic a success. And, thanks to our Table Sponsors:

Zerounian Family	In memory of Albert Zerounian
Joan Aramian and Ara & Suzanne Bouloutian	In memory of Richard Aramian
Armen, Andre, Nikohos & Arsholous	In memory of our Grandfather Diran Arslanian
Alice Bohdjelian	In memory of Peter Bohdjelian
Patrick, Timothy & Jeanette Dempsey	In memory of Edward J. Battista, Sr. & Joseph P. Dempsey
Andre & Ginny Garabedian & family	In memory of Simon Garabedian
Victor & Kristen Hagopian	In memory of Norman Hagopian
Edward A. Harootunian	In memory of Rose Marie S. Harootunian
Joe & Sona Hoplamazian	In memory of John Sudjian & Joseph Hoplamazian, Sr.
Asadur & Arpy Minasian	In honor of our Dads
Rita Odabashian & Family	In memory of Dr. Arthur Odabashian
Ovsanna & Therese Sajonian	In memory of Antoine Sajonian
Mrs. Anna Shaloka	In memory of Paul Shurelian
Ted Sookiasian, Sr.'s family	In honor of Ted Sookiasian and Naz Sookiasian, with love Emily & Nicky
Mike & Liz Scutti	In memory of Albert Hagopian
Greg & Arlet Zeibari	In honor of all Zeibari Fathers living and deceased
Kevork, Matthew, Sarkis, Aleksander & Mikael – with Love	In memory of our grandfather Kevork Toros Zeibari

“Thank you for your support”

**Barkev Sarkahian**

Has been awarded second place in the 2009-2010 AIC creative writing contest

Good Things From Immigrants

The reason why I am glad America is a nation of immigrants is, my parents and grandparents are immigrants. They came from Lebanon, and still have good memories from their birth country. My grandparents once were all in Lebanon, but my father's parents, my parents and my dad's brothers and sisters came to the United states . My relatives are all in the United states, my aunt is in Maryland the rest are all in Pennsylvania .

Another reason for why I am glad America is a land of immigrants, is because Immigrants invented Yahoo, Google and Intel. These are all wonderful things that Immigrants created. Without immigrants this country wouldn't have unique traditions. All the immigrants came for hope and freedom. Many went through Ellis Island or Angel Island. Ellis Island and Angel Island act like gateways to the Americans. Long ago they traveled by ship and would sleep on bunk beds.

The people who came, all came for a purpose. Some were forced to leave their home country because of war, others had a choice to come or not. Some didn't even make it all the way to America. My family came to America in the 1900's. I couldn't imagine what would happen if they didn't. I wouldn't have such great friends! Life would be a whole lot different if they hadn't come to Pennsylvania in the United States.

Barkev Sarkahian

Ո՞վ է Սուրբ Հոգին

Քրիստոսի Յարութենէն մինչեւ Հոգեգալուստ եւ Ս. Երրորդութեան Տօն, եկեղեցին իր հաւատքին փառայեղութիւնը կ'ապրի:

Բայց ո՞վ է Ս. Հոգին. այնքան ծածուկ եւ այնքան փչ փարփուած:

Ան երրորդ անձն է Ամենասուրբ Երրորդութեան. Հայր, Որդի, Հոգին Սուրբ: Ան Հօր սէրն է Որդւոյն եւ սէրն է Հօր: Ան սէրն է որ մեզի դրկեց մեր Տէրը: Ան սէրն է որ մեր Տէրը բերաւ մեզի: Ան մեր Տիրոջ ներշնչումն է: Ամէն մտածում, ամէն բան որ արտասանեց, ամէն արարք ու մեծամեծ արդիւնքներ Իրմէ կը բխին: Եւ Ան Ս. Հոգին՝ մեզի եւ ինձի նոյն սէրը տուաւ. մեր Տիրոջ սէրը:

Ինչ որ մեզ եւ ինձ կը տպաւորէ այս մոլորակին վրայ, ո՛չ դասախօսութիւններն են, ո՛չ գրքերը, այլ՝ մարդուն առիմֆ-նու-թիւնը անոր անձնէն, կը դիւթուին կը հրապարտուին իրմով որ է մեր Տէրը Յիսուս Քրիստոս ամբողջ պայծառութիւն, լոյս: Ան մեզի կը յայտնէ մտերիմ, անձնական գաղտնիք. որ ինք պիտի ձուլուի, ձեւաւորուի, կազմուի, ըլլալու համար մեզի նման: Որպէսզի մեմ կենդանանք իր մէջ իբրեւ Աստուած եւ այս՝ Հայր Աստուած մտադրեց երբ մեզ դուրս հանեց մեր ոչնչութենէն ժամանակի կազմուածքէն առաջ:

Ս. Հոգին կենդանի է մեր մէջ իր եօթը պարզեմներով. իմաստութիւն, ըմբռնում, միտքարութիւն, զօրութիւն, գիտութիւն, ողորմածութիւն, եւ երկիւղ Տեսնոն: Աստուծոյ նման են նուագի մը եօթը ձայնանիշերուն, որոնք ամենագեղեցիկ մեղեդին պիտի արտադրեն մեր հոգիին ու մտքին մէջ. իսկ մեմ այնպիսի ձեւով պիտի կենդանանաք մեր տիրոջ մէջ, որ ո՛չ ոք աշխարհի վրայ ստեղծագործութենէն ի վեր չէ եղած այդպէս կենդանի: Մեմ սահմանուած ենք Քրիստոսի նման ըլլալու մեր Ս. Մկրտութեան Խորհուրդով ինչպէս ինք որոշած է իր գաղտնի երազին մեզ բաժնեկից ընելու:

Ս. Պետրոս առաքեալ Գաղտացիներու գրած թուղթին հինգերորդ գլխուն մէջ կը նկարագրէ Ս. Հոգւոյն պտուղները փրիստոնեայի հոգւոյն մէջ. «Սէր, ուրախութիւն, խաղաղութիւն, համբերութիւն, ազնուութիւն, առատաձեռնութիւն, զգուշաւորութիւն, փառասիրութիւն, հաւատք, հեղութիւն, ժուժկալութիւն, (չափաւոր, բարեհամբոյր ըլլալ) եւ ինքնագապում»: Ս. Պօղոս կ'ըսէ եւ ասոնց դէմ օրէնք չկայ: Եւ այս մեր նպատակն է. մեր սահմանումը նոյնիսկ երկրի վրայ որ ըլլանք շողարձակ ու կենդանի իբրեւ մարդ՝ լեցուած սիրով, ուրախութեամբ, խաղաղութեամբ, համբերութեամբ, հեղութեամբ եւ առատաձեռնութեամբ:

Երբ Հոգին Սուրբ՝ Առաքեալներու վրայ իջաւ. անոնք բոլորովին փոխուեցան, եղան կենդանի, խանդավառ, ուրախ, զեղուն եւ յորդուն, մարդասէր ու սիրալիր, այնքան որ մարդիկ կը խորհէին թէ գինով են նոր գինիով: Իսկ մեմ . դուն եւ ես, մեզմէ կ'ակնկալուի իր սիրով գինով-նալ, ուրախութեամբ, խաղաղութեամբ, համբերութեամբ, ազնուութեամբ, հեղութեամբ, առատաձեռնութեամբ սնանիլ, որ Քրիստոսի կենդանութիւնը ապրինք:

Քրիստոսի մէջ կենդանութիւնը սրբութիւն է. իսկ սրբութիւնը ամենահզօր գաղտնիքը այս երկրի վրայ: Մեմ ամէնքս մկրտութեամբ կոչուած ենք առ այդ. սրբութեան՝ որ ամէն փրիստոնէի նախապարհն է դէպի երկինք:

Պեղծագործի ծիրանաւոր Մէրսիէ կ'ըսէ իր ժողովուրդին. «Եթէ օրական հինգ վայրկեան առանձնանաք սրբավայրին մէջ ձեր մկրտուած հոգւոյն, ուր՝ Սիրոյ Հոգին կը բնակի եթէ լսէք զինք, եւ խոստանաք գործակցիլ իրեն հետ. կ'ապահովընեմ ձեզ՝ այս կեանքէն կատարեալ խաղաղութեամբ կ'անցնիք ու կը հասնիք արքայութեան դռներուն, լեցուն արդիւնքով»:

ԱՂՕԹՔ՝ Ե՛Վ ՍՈՒՐԲ ՀՈԳԻ

Աստուած իմ դուն որ սէր ես, կ'աղաչեմ Քեզի սիրովդ զիս լիացուր: Մտածումներս լեցո՛ւր սիրով, սէ՛ր դիր խօսքերուս մէջ, սէր՝ գաղտնի առանձնարանին մէջ սրտիս, սէր՝ ընկերներուս՝ մօտ թէ հեռու, սէր՝ անոնց հետ որ կ'աշխատիմ, սէր մտերմութիւններուս մէջ, սէր՝ անոնց հետ որ դժուարութիւններ ունին, սէր նաեւ անոնց համար որ դժուարութիւններ ունին զիս հանդուրժելու: Արդ կը թախանձեմ, լեցո՛ւր զիս բոլոր սիրով որ երբ մեռնիմ, արժանի ըլլամ յաւիտեանականութիւնը անցնիլ Քեզի հետ: Ե՛Վ Սուրբ Հոգի:

Ե՞ՐԲ ԵՒ Ի՞ՆՉՊԷՍ

Ե՞րբ եւ ի՞նչպէս սկսաւ Աստուածաշունչը կարդացուած միջոցին, ոտքի կանգնելու աւանդութիւնը:

Յիսուս 12 տարեկանին՝ նստած էր տանարի իմաստուններուն մէջ . . . Երբ իրեն տուին ոլորուն մագաղաթը, ուր գրուած էին Աստուծոյ խօսքերը մարգարէներու ձեռքով: Յիսուս առաւ մագաղաթը կանգնեցաւ. բարձրացուց գայն, ցոյց տուաւ հոն նստած վարդապետներուն՝ որոնք ամէնքը, անբացառ կայնեցան ու մտիկ ըրին մեծ յարգանքով ու երկիւղածութեամբ:

Մենք հոս կը կանգնինք երբ պատարագի ընթացքին կը լսենք »Պոստիումէ« բառը որ հրաւեր մըն է յունարէն, »կայնեցէ՛ք« կը թարգմանուի: Կը կայնինք. լուռ կը լսենք Աստուծոյ խօսքերը: Հին ժամանակներուն թագաւոր-թագուհի, իշխան իշխանուհի իրենց թագերը կը հանէին . . . այրերը իրենց գլխարկները, Աստուծոյ Տէրութիւնը ընդունելու:

Ի՞ՆՉՈՒ ԿԸ ԽՆԿԱՐՎԵՆՔ Ա. ԳԻՐՎԸ

Միակ գիրքն է, որ նախքան կարդալինս կը խնկարկենք. որովհետեւ Աստուծոյ խօսքերը հոն են . . . Աստուածաշունչն է ան. Բան Խօսք Աստուած: Եւ ի՞նչու կը համբուրենք: Մեր որդիութիւնը ցոյց տալու. կ'ընդունինք Իր խօսքերը: Ի՞նչու կը խնկարկենք. անուշաբոյր խունկը մեծարելու նշան է. կը մեծարենք մեր Տէրը ու խունկին նման իրեն կը ներկայացնենք մեր նուիրումները եւ գոհողութիւնները: Առարկողներ կան, թէ խունկը կը վնասէ իրենց առողջութեան: Եկեղեցական արարողութիւններու ընթացքին խունկը միշտ գործածուած է: Առաջին խունկ նուիրողները թագաւորները եղան, երբ Մանուկ Յիսուս մտորին մէջ էր տակաւին. ծնրադրեցին եւ իրեն նուիրեցին, ընդունելով զինք իրենց արքան:

Լաւ աւանդութիւնները պահել կը նշանակէ. սիրելիին ու յաւերժականին գեղեցկութիւնները եւ փառքը շարունակել, տարածել:

Թերէզ Ոսկերիչեան

Farewell. By: Andre Zeibari

There are only five of us now, though I often feel Jack and Diran singing with us – and occasionally telling us that we are singing off-key. As with most everyone else, he was with them in that last hours with us, holding their hands and guiding them to their eternal life in Christ.

At one time or another he's held all of our hands, stood at all of our backs, lifted us up from our daily grind and helped us toward piety. And I can tell you that the strength of my piety is because of this man, my brother, Father Armenag. Even though he's leaving Philadelphia, let's not forget that piety that he's inspired in us all; the selflessness that he's demonstrated and the leadership to which we should all aspire.

So what more can I say about this man? He's blessed our homes, blessed our children, and blessed our thoughts – but most of all; he's blessed us with his presence these last eight years.

For all of us in this church, he'll always be our father, our priest. For all of us in our community, he'll always be our friend. But for me... for me, he'll always be my brother. God bless you, Hayr Armenag.



Donations in memory of Marie Koulaksezian:

St. Marks and the Armenian Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (Armenia) would like to gratefully acknowledge the donations made in memory of Marie Koulaksezian. May she rest in Peace with the Lord.

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The Fence
By Author Unknown

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one."

As William Arthur Ward once said,
 "It is wise to direct your anger towards problems - not people;
 to focus your energies on answers - not excuses."

Happy Birthday to:

	Date	Age
<u>JULY</u>		
Joseph Paladino	2	3
Lena Campbell	3	15
Aleksander, Zeibari	10	5
Melanie Asdourian	14	18
Nayiri Krzysztofowicz	14	12
Christopher Mumejian	16	19
Joseph Frey	21	2
Eric Naegele (Kazandjian)	25	11
Hovan Voskeridjian	26	5
Michael Oulouhojian, Jr	30	17
<u>AUGUST</u>		
Paul Harootunian, Jr	2	12
Barkev Sarkahian	2	9
Vatche Kaprielian	6	19
Keira Clarici	6	4
Gregory Bohdjelian	10	12
Nadia Scharpf (Odabashian)	14	10
Joseph Ghazarian	15	16
Nikohos Naroyan (Arslanian)	16	10
Sarkis Zeibari	17	6
Theodore Sookiasian	18	21
Anayis Melikian	20	19
Jimmy Kaprielian	25	21
Peter Vosbikian, III	25	13
Alene Voskeridjian	26	7
Harrison Ajemian	28	14

July-August Wedding Anniversaries

	Date	Years
<u>JULY</u>		
Gar0 & Eliz Ghazarian	1	21
Paul & Susan Harootunian	5	13
Jim & Aida Ounjian	15	4
Jim & Lisa Sookiasian	21	20
Roger & Marlene Vosgorian	21	20
Ed & Marie Hovsepian	22	43
Edmund Scharpf & Tania (Odabashian)	24	17
Bryan & Meghann Bezdikian	25	1
Vincent & Rita Ohanyan	27	35
Albert & Erica Hagopian	29	10
Azad & Sue Kazanjian	29	4
Vatche & Nathalie Minassian	29	9
<u>AUGUST</u>		
Dave & Regine Glarner	5	37
Mark & Liza Locken	15	18
Mardy & Nora Sarkahian	16	12
Sandy & George Kitabjian	19	32
Andre & Rosa Zeibari	21	11
John & Norma Manazer	27	34
Asadur & Arpy Minasian	31	13

WORDS OF WISDOM

"I try to only worry about things I have control over " *Steve Nash*

"What's the use of worrying? It never was worth while, so pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag, and smile, smile, smile." *George Asaf*

"An easy life doesn't teach us anything. In the end it's learning that matters what we've learned and how we've grown." *Richard Bach*

"We design our lives through the power of choices." *Richard Bach*

"Any powerful idea is absolutely fascinating and absolutely useless until we choose to use it." *Richard Bach*



SANCTUARY CANDLES

	Sponsored by:	In Memory of / In honor of
July I—II	Open Intention	
August I– II	Open Intention	
September I-II	Open Intention	

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

ALTAR CANDLES

June	Alice Tudor	In memory of our parents Serope & Rapsime Baghdasarian
July	Dempsey family	In memory of Ed & Honora Battista
August	Zerounian Family	In memory of Artin Sinanian & Seghpos Zerounian
September	The Parish	In memory of Rev. Msgr. Sarkis Gabadian

HOLY CROSS CANDLES

June	John, Adrienne & Christina Juskalian	In memory of Gladys Zarzatian
July	Arslanian-Ewing & Naroyan families	In memory of Diran Arslanian
September	Open Intention	

MARIAN CANDLES

July	Ardo Besnilian	In memory of Marie Koulaksezian
August	Open Intention	
September	Open Intention	

SACRED HEART CANDLES

July	Andre & Anne Assalian	In memory of Ohannes & Marie Assalian and Joseph & Mary McCullough
August	Open Intention	
September	Open Intention	

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

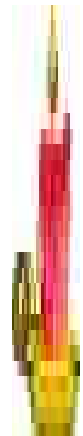
July	Garo Ghazarian	In memory of Karkine & Eveleen Ghazarian
August	Garo Ghazarian	In memory of Karkine & Eveleen Ghazarian
September	Garo Ghazarian	In memory of Karkine & Eveleen Ghazarian

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

July	Arslanian –Ewing family	In memory of Diran Arslanian
August	Open Intention	
September	Open Intention	

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

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



Maintenance Fund

The following 38 individuals/families have paid the full amount for the first 6 months of 2010 (at least \$120.00) towards the Maintenance Fund:

Garabed & Isabel Apoian	Alice Bohdjelian*	Matt & Vivian Bouloutian
Zaven & Jo Davidian	Patrick & Theresa Dempsey	Nathan & Pauline Frey
Andre & Ginny Garabedian *	Garo & Eliz Ghazarian*	Caroline Gibbone
Dave & Regine Glarner *	Helen Hagopian	Victor & Kristine Hagopian
Edward Harootunian *	John & Adrienne Juskalian	Avedis & Chakeh Kazandjian
Albert & Patrice Keshgegian *	Roman & Liana Krzysztofowicz *	Rose Manteghian
Anthony & Janis Mazzone	Paul & Rosalie Mirzayan	Rita Odabashian *
Sajonian family *	Jean & Alice Sarkissian	Mike & Liz Scutti
Michele Scutti	Micky Sherian*	Greg & Karen Sookiasian*
James & Lisa Sookiasian *	Naz Sookiasian *	Ted Sookiasian
Roxie Sudjian	Joseph & Victoria Vosbikian*	Paul & Shirley Vosbikian *
Rosemary Vosbikian*	Edward & Marie Zeibari *	Greg & Arlet Zeibari *
Marjan Zeibari	Zohrab & Inge Zeibari *	Ken & Sibelle Ewing
Harry & Sona Jeitner		



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

If you have made a monthly contribution to the Maintenance Fund, January – June (\$20.00), two quarterly payments (\$120.00) or a lump sum amount in the amount of \$240.00 or more, your name should appear above. If not, we have made a mistake. Please notify the Parish Office.

HOKEHANKISDS

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

July 4: for the soul of MARIE B. KOULAKSEZIAN

Req. by the Sajonian family.



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

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

THE WAGONS OF DEATH (part 3)

After they were married, unforeseen troubles arose. My mother could not conceive a child, and her mother-in-law and her sister-in-law were campaigning to make my father annul the marriage. Father, for all his hot temper and frustration, could not divorce this girl who needed his protection. They went to an Armenian doctor in New York City who had experience in helping Armenian women in my mother's condition. Mother also decided to go to St. Michael Monastery Church in Union City to make a novena to the Blessed Mother, because both she and father wanted a baby. One night during the novena, she dreamed of the Blessed Mother who said to her that she was going to have a son and that he would serve the church. Mother's independent streak showed in her going to a Roman Catholic church for her novena. Mother felt that they who serve Christ are acceptable to her. After the novena I was conceived and born.

When I was five we moved to Bergenline Avenue in Union City near Ohan Dai [great-uncle] and his wife Annig. Until we moved away again they were an island of light and love and peace in my life. Every day we would go over to see Dai who was a carpenter. They were poor, but very pious. Unlike my mother they had none of the spirit of dark memories; they had come to America before the massacres. I liked going to church with them and I liked the Bible stories and the simple history lessons Annig and Dai gave me. It was all simple but effective. First, they would have me go over the portrait of the Last Supper in which I had to learn the names of the apostles. Next we would pray and have bread and cheese. Then we would go into the living room where Dai drank his coffee and taught me the names of the Kings of Armenia in a portrait of all the kings on the wall. Then there were Bible stories and more prayers. I thoroughly enjoyed our visits and their cat Nunu and the turtle their neighbor would let me visit. Dai had a big handle-bar mustache. Their home was like a religious retreat run by a definite schedule: 5 AM their morning prayers and breakfast, Lunch and more prayers, supper and more prayers and to bed at 9 after an hour or more of chants and prayers. I wanted to live with them, but this was not possible. Dai had an aromatic pipe whose scent was pleasant. I have never known holier people. Later in my life Dai made a hand-made desk for me with a secret compartment and a dog house for my dog Skippy. Annig and Ohan Dai followed the old country custom of sitting apart in church. I would sit with Annig, because I was too little to sit with the men. They really did not care for this custom because they hated being apart. They would sneak little looks at each other during the service. Years after this interlude they grew older and died, but even their deaths were serene. Dai had his thick Turkish coffee, which he called Armenian coffee, and simply fell asleep. Annig said her night prayers crossed her arms over her breast and reposed into gentle sleep.

When I was 8 years old my parents moved to Wall Township to get me away from the air pollution that was affecting my lungs, but of course it was really my father's second-hand smoke that really hurt my lungs. Until we moved into the house by Shark River I had not known the life we encountered there. An eerie feeling affected my mother and me. The trees and moon and river were frightening at night since I had never lived outside a city until then. Even in the daytime there were sensations of despair and melancholy. I explored the large house, but when I went into the attic I felt a chill in my guts and froze while a multitude of eyes seemed to be staring at me like the eyes of wolves. I had night terrors in that house. Father could not believe I was so fearful.

After several months, the former owner of the house came to visit. She told my mother the story of the house. Her husband was having an affair with a young woman who was also having an affair with his son. When his son discovered this he shot himself in the attic where he died. His mother had a nervous breakdown. When Mother heard this story she wanted us out of the house since she believed it was haunted and that all of our odd experiences there could be explained by this. In a year or two we moved into the house by the road and left the melancholy house with its terrors.

Father and Mother did their best to prepare me for life, but I had endless trouble reconciling my American soul with the stories of the past. I was different in radical ways. I lived in two worlds. For a long time, I thought that serving the church meant the priesthood, but I learned that was not my vocation. Instead, I have served by trying to live for the Gospel in the midst of the world.

In all of her 59 years of life Mother continued her mystery-journey of darkness and light. Before she died she asked the Lord to take her "quick and clean" and that I would be by her side. It happened just so. The day she died she woke from a dream in which she was all-dressed in white and preparing to leave. She had read the prayers of the dying in her prayer book. That night I followed the ambulance to the hospital. I had left Father at home because he had become an invalid in the past 6 years. She died suddenly by my side.

Father wept every day until he too died, but he was satisfied that he had protected his sweet-strange Mary. So ends her story. My story continues while I travel life alone.

As I said at the end of my story In The Wilderness, let no one judge me until I am safely dead. **END**

Karl John Kalfaian

Monday March 3, 2008

The conclusion was re-written on Tuesday April 8, 2008



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



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**August 15: Assumption Luncheon held by our Women's Guild
(after Holy Badarak)**



September 12: Blessing of Students & Teachers



September 25: Family Night Dinner (Saturday at 7 P.M)