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"You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another." (John 15:16-17).

Yet another year is chronicled in the history and life of St. Mary Church and community. A year filled with precious memories, some positive and uplifting, and yet others less fortunate and sad. As a community we have accomplished what God has called upon us to do and we have moved in the direction of bearing a harvest for the Lord. We have used the time that God has given us to bear fruit.

Time is the greatest opportunity that has been given to each of us for bearing good fruit. When it is used prudently and advantageously, it will bear fruits of love and holiness. As such, it teaches us to receive it in love, use it in the choices that we make, and build an environment for holiness and happiness, not only for our own life, but for others around us as well. It is in this kind of life and this kind of community that the Lord can find a home and dwelling.

The Greek philosopher Seneca, almost twenty centuries ago, reflected on time, wrote: “It is not that we have so little time, but that we have wasted so much of it”. And St. Paul exhorts saying: “Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is”. (Eph. 5:15-17).

As we begin a New Year in the life of our community, let us count our blessings and use our time to beautify and refine our spiritual treasures and riches. We have been chosen by the Lord to bear fruit that will last, and as we move forward to 2017, let us continue planting the seeds of faith, hope and love so that we, and those who come after us, may harvest the sweet and precious fruit that will last forever.

May our Lord bless us with His eternal love, guide and direct us in the coming year.

Prayerfully,

Fr. Hovsep Karapetyan
Our Church celebrated the glorious Feast of the Birth and Baptism of our Lord with Jragalouits Badarak on January 5 and solemn Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the Water Service on January 6. Parishioners participated in the liturgy on both days and greeted each other with the renewing and joyous news of our Lord’s Revelation, “To you and us good news! Tzez yev mez Medz Avedis! Christ is born and revealed. Kreesdos Dzunav yev Haydnetsav. Blessed is the revelation of Christ. Orhneal e Haytnoutiounn Kristosee.”

On January 5 the Jragalouits Badarak began with readings form Old and New Testaments by our school students who read different passages from the scriptures pointing to the Nativity of Christ. After the Badarak, parishioners and friends enjoyed the traditional home blessing service in our church hall and reception sponsored by the Parish Council.

The Annual Badarak and Blessing of Water ceremony took place in the Baltimore Armenian Community on January 9 at St. Philip Nari Catholic Church of Linthicum, MD. The St. Mary Choir and Deacons joined Der Hovsep for this mission trip of celebrating and bringing the good news of our Lord’s revelation to the Baltimore community members. In attendance during the Divine Liturgy also were the Pastor of St. Philip Nari Catholic Church Fr. Michael DeAscanis and The Very Reverend Father Gregory Mathewes-Green, Pastor of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church of Linthicum Heights. Der Hovsep greeted the guest clergy and welcomed them to worship together.

The Godfather of Jrorhnek service this year was Abel Keshishian, the son of Andre and Maggie Keshishian of Baltimore. As in years past, this event was organized by the Armenian Association of Greater Baltimore, under the leadership of Mr. Zakar Shahverdian. A festive dinner was served after the Badarak and Blessing of the Water Service.
On January 8 our ACYOA Seniors held their annual Christmas Party, hosted by Armineh Ghazarian in her new home. Der Hovsep and Der Tatev lead the Home Blessing ceremony for Armineh as they all participated in prayer. The Seniors extended their invitation to the ACYOA Juniors and had a great turnout. Everyone celebrated the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner. Our ACYOA has transitioned the responsibilities to a new younger group of motivated leaders to take over the ACYOA Seniors.

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**A Reception for Armenia’s Outgoing Ambassador**

On January 14, St. Mary Church of Washington, DC, hosted a farewell reception for Ambassador Tigran Sargsyan, Armenia’s ambassador to the U.S. who would chair the Eurasian Economic Commission Board effective February 1. Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Diocesan Primate presided over the gathering, which was sponsored by the Parish Council of St. Mary Church. Rev. Fr. Hovsep Karapetyan welcomed all guests and thanked the Ambassador for his dedication and service.

**National Prayer Vigil For Life**

The National Prayer Vigil for Life was held on January 21 and 22 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, where His Holiness Karekin II celebrated Badarak on the occasion of the Centennial Remembrance of Genocide last May. Over 20,000 pilgrims from around the nation prayed for an end to abortion before the annual March for Life. The Vigil marked the 43rd anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s 1973 Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions legalizing abortion nationwide. Since those decisions, over 56 million abortions have been performed legally in the United States.

The principal celebrant and homilist at the Vigil Opening Mass was Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, Chairman of the U.S. Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities. It was concelebrated by his fellow Cardinals and many of the nation’s Bishops and Priests in the Basilica’s Great Upper Church.

Fr. Hovsep Karapetyan was among the Orthodox guests representing our Diocese.
On January 31 during the ACYOA meeting a new Executive Committee was appointed. The new members of the ACYOA Executive Committee are Aras Mermer - Chairman, Simon Shahinian - Vice-Chair, Seerun Chubuk - Recording Secretary, Sevan Yedigarian - Treasurer, and Sophia Yedigarian - Corresponding Secretary. The newly formed Executive Committee's first meeting took place on February 3. The members were officially installed on Palm Sunday.

We wish our ACYOA Members a great success in their future endeavors.
An afternoon of Great Barekendan and Valentine's Day fun, fellowship, and feasting was celebrated on February 6. More than 70 people came to enjoy time with friends and family at their beloved St. Mary Church. As always, our church is very grateful for the dedicated Ararat Avak Society women who give their time, energy, and talent to the St. Mary community.

St. Mary celebrated Great Barekendan on February 7. This feast is called "Great" because it is celebrated before the Great Lent, a time of abstinence and repentance for the faithful. The word "Barekendan" is derived from the word "bari" which means "good" and "kendan" which means "life".

To mark this occasion, the Shnorhali School students received copies of the 2016 Lenten Activity and Reflection Calendar plus a tutorial on the meaning of each of the weeks of Great Lent and Holy Week in the Armenian Church. They also participated in Badarak and received Holy Communion.

Throughout the month our church hall was filled with wonderful kitchen aromas from the preparation of the food for St. Mary’s upcoming Lenten Food Fair.

During the preoperational workshops for the food fair, there were over 30 Women's Guild members and friends who stepped up to the plate to create delicious foods from which the entire church community and neighborhood would enjoy.
Vartanantz Day Celebrated at St. Mary

Vartanantz Day was celebrated at St. Mary on February 14 with a luncheon and program. It was organized by the Knights of Vartan Ani Tahlj and the Daughters of Vartan Dikranouhi Otyag. Greg Manougian and Louiza Baghdasarian made opening remarks and introduced the guest speaker Dr. Levon Avdoyan who addressed the audience with a subject entitled "How Vartanantz and the Creation of the Armenian Alphabet were Attempts at Fighting Assimilation into the Persian Empire and Culture". Following the presentation Karen Israelyan, First Secretary of the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia to the United States, talked about the current situation in Armenia, especially the recent incidents on the borders of Armenia and Azerbaijan. Der Hovsep concluded the event with remarks and benediction. All donations went to support FAR Programs assisting Armenian Families at Armenian-Aizeri border villages.

Annual Parish Assembly

The Annual Parish Assembly took place on February 21 after Badarak with 56 dues paying members in attendance. Annual statements and reports of all of the organizations were presented and approved. The budget for the upcoming year was also approved. The following individuals were elected to fill parish leadership positions: Parish Council: Jack Guiragossian, Zakar Shaverdian, Mark Krikorian; Alternate: Paul Murad. Nominating Committee: Rebecca Baghdasarian, Sintia Petrosian Gusmao, Nadia Chubukian; Alternate: Onnik Sivaslian. WED Scholarship Committee: Anna Andriasova Seferian; Alternate: Paul Murad. Investment Committee: Robert George; Alternate: John Asadoorian. Auditing Committee: Edvik Alexandrian; Alternate: Patricia Shaverdian. We congratulate all the newly elected officers and wish them success in their ministry to our church. Our appreciation goes to all those who faithfully served in their various capacities to St. Mary Church in the past.
Saintly Women's Day Celebration took place at St. Mary on February 27. Some 40 members of our Women’s Guild came together for an afternoon of spiritual celebration and fellowship. This year’s woman saint was Mary, the Holy Mother-of-God (Asdvazadzin), Queen of Heaven. After the church service Der Hovsep contemplated on St. Mary’s life and lessons learned from her piety and humility. During the fellowship hour, after a delicious lunch, everyone enjoyed an insightful presentation by the guest speaker Lucia Seyranyan about St. Mary, her values, characteristics and beliefs and her impact on our everyday lives. A portion of the collected donations from Saintly Women's Day was sent to support CAPS and Vanadzor Old Age Home.

ACYOA General Meeting

On February 26, St Mary ACYOA members gathered for fellowship and discussion about their upcoming events and made plans for future activities, and the next Lenten dinner was hosted by the ACYOA organization. The mission of the St. Mary ACYOA is to bring young people to Christ through the teachings and traditions of the Armenian Church. We continued to thank all for their support of our youth by attending ACYOA sponsored events.
Lenten Worship Services, Presentations and Dinners

During the Lenten period, St. Mary parishioners and friends gathered for worship service, a spiritual presentation and dinner. The year's theme was "Living the Gospel of Christ: The Legacy of Our Martyrs." Along with enjoying a traditional worship service, attendees had a chance to discover the Armenian Church's age-old understanding of sanctity, of Christian martyrdom, and of the intercession of the saints in the light of the far-reaching implications of the canonization of the Genocide martyrs and its very tangible benefits for every Armenian and non-Armenian follower of Jesus Christ today.

Sunday School Bake Sale

St. Mary Sunday School 6th Grade Class held a Bake Sale on March 6. Under the leadership of Michael Sahakian and Greg Kumkumian, the children proudly displayed and sold their home baked goods to an eager crowd of parishioners who supported their efforts in observance of the Lenten period. All proceeds collected were donated to the Children's Hospital.

Lenten Food Fair

St. Mary is truly blessed with the ongoing love and support from our talented and tireless volunteers who once again made this year’s Lenten Food Fair a great success. The women and men had been working in the kitchen and church hall long before the launch of the March 11, 12, and 13 Food Fair to ensure that the tastiest eech, yalanchi, lentil soup, hummus, baklava, and more were awaiting the community when the doors opened. St. Mary Church thanks all of our wonderfully dedicated and energetic volunteers and all of our very loyal visitors to the Lenten Food Fair.
On March 20, St. Mary observed Palm Sunday which marked the beginning of Holy Week. After Badarak, St. Mary parishioners celebrated ACYOA Day. Held every Palm Sunday, the purpose of ACYOA Day is to bring attention to the vitality of the organization, its members, its accomplishments, and its role in the local parish community. This year's ACYOA Outstanding Service Award was presented to Robert George. The installation of New Officers and a deliciously prepared and hosted luncheon and program was given by the ACYOA.

This year Holy Week was fully celebrated at St. Mary through many moving and special services, which commemorated the dramatic events leading to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. On March 24, Great and Holy Thursday, the Divine Liturgy was celebrated in the evening, then the "Washing of the Feet" ceremony was held, which re-enacts Christ's humble service to his 12 disciples during the Last Supper. Der Hovsep celebrated Badarak followed by "Gark Vodnlvai" with the children at the altar of St. Mary Church. It was followed by a moving service of the Betrayal and Passion of our Lord (Khavaroom).

The Order of the Crucifixion of Christ and the Order of the Entombment of the Lord were held on Great and Holy Friday, March 25.
On Easter Eve, Saturday, March 26, the Badarak was preceded by the Reading of Holy Scripture by the Shnorhali School students. Der Hovsep celebrated the Divine Liturgy with the beautiful lilies donated by our many generous parishioners, followed by the traditional Home Blessing in the Church Hall, and a hospitality table hosted by the Parish Council.

On Easter Sunday, after a festive Badarak attended by hundreds of parishioners, Her Excellency Hranush Hakobyan, Minister of Diaspora, Republic of Armenia, was the special guest who addressed the congregation. She spoke of her mission to enhance relations between Armenia and the Diaspora and contribute to the unification of the nation around issues of national concern. She encouraged Armenians of all ages to participate in her program initiatives now and going forward.

We thanked everyone who contributed to the Easter Lilies & Yughakin Donations.
The ladies of St. Mary already began the preparation for the Spring Food Festival months in advance and worked very hard to prepare the fabulous Armenian dishes and desserts to be enjoyed by the St. Mary community. A number of workshops took place during that time as our men cut the meat and ladies gathered to prepare the yalanchi, khadayif, boreg, and hommus. The Food Festival took place on May 6, 7, and 8. Many attended and enjoyed the Armenian cuisine.

On April 10, the Armenian American Health Association of Greater Washington launched its 2016 season with a health fair at the St. Mary Church. The Armenian American Health Professionals provided counseling and health education on diabetes, high blood pressure, cholesterol, bone health, nutrition, age-specific cancer risks and its preventive measures. The event featured oral/dental check-up, glucose and blood pressure screenings, as well as culturally mindful education on healthier eating habits and proportions to the Washington, DC Armenian community. The health fair was also an opportunity to have one-on-one discussions with the participants on the organization’s work both in Armenia and Artsakh, which spans a period of about 25 years and currently concentrates mostly on Nagorno-Karabakh and the health needs of its people.
On Saturday, April 16, the Avak Ararat Society held a Manti Day Luncheon. The special meal was attended by over 70 guests who enjoyed a traditional Armenian dish and desserts. We thanked the ladies of the society for bringing their talents and love of Armenian cuisine to our beloved church.

As you know, Armenians throughout the world have been moved by the terrible news that border towns in Nagorno-Karabagh (Artsakh) were shelled by the Azerbaijani army. With them in mind, the Avak Ararat Society graciously devoted all proceeds collected from the luncheon and was sent to the Diocese for the "Artsakh Relief 2016", to support the Armenian families of Artsakh.

As we recognized and remembered our martyrs this year on the occasion of the 101st remembrance of the Armenian Genocide, our community participated in a number of commemorative events. The highlight of those events was the special Badarak celebrated on Sunday, April 24, on the occasion of the Remembrance of the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide. The Badarak was followed by a beautiful Intercessory Prayer Service to the Holy Martyrs who gave their lives during the Armenian Genocide for faith and for the homeland.

Parishioners and our Shnorhali School Students took part in this service. We also were honored by the presence of the H.E. Mr. Grigor Hovhannissian Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Armenia to the United States, as well as Mr. Robert Avetisyan, Permanent Representative of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic to the United States. Traditional Madagh Blessing Service took place at the church hall and was sponsored by St. Mary Parish Council and Woman's Guild. A wonderful presentation by St. Mary Shnorhali School Students followed during which students recited poetry from renowned Armenian authors. This touching and heartfelt performance was produced and directed by Gagik Ghazarian. The message of the entire day was for our younger generation to keep the spirit of our Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide alive.
The annual gathering of the Eastern Diocese convened April 28 through 30 in Cleveland, OH. The St. Gregory of Narek Church of Richmond Heights, OH, hosted the Assembly, which brought together several hundred Armenian Church leaders from throughout the Eastern Diocese. Diocesan Primate Archbishop Khajag Barsamian presided over all the events.

Prior to the Assembly, clergy from across the Diocese met for their annual Clergy Conference and retreat, April 25-28. The Diocesan Women's Guild General Assembly also convened during the week. A highlight of the gathering was the annual awards banquet, on the evening of April 29. The AGBU president Berge Setrakian was honored for his longtime leadership of the community as the Diocese's 2016 "Armenian Church Member of the Year." Honored as this year's "Friend of the Armenians" was scholar Taner Akçam, author of A Shameful Act: The Armenian Genocide and the Question of Turkish Responsibility.

On Sunday, April 17, 2016 after Badarak, the St. Mary Alter Service group enjoyed a lunch out together before making their way to the National Cathedral for an Ecumenical Service. This particular service was to honor the departure of the National Cathedral’s worship director Rev. Canon Gina Campbell. For some of our St. Mary participants, it was their first visit to this historic and majestic cathedral and the inclusion in the event was a memorable one.
On May 3, the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital, Washington, DC, visited St. Mary Church. Forty students, their teachers and chaperons wanted to deepen their understanding of Christianity by visiting our church and hear from our pastor. Der Hovsep greeted them inside the sanctuary and spoke to them for an hour about Armenian church history, the Armenian culture, icons, the baptismal font, holidays, the Bible, artifacts on the altar, paintings, Sunday school, and the special articles of clothing worn during the church service. The students had many and intriguing questions which demonstrated their interest and ambition to learn. The day school visitors left with an deeper appreciation of another culture and faith in our Washington DC region.

Spring Food Festival

St. Mary Church thanked all of our devoted hard working volunteers and loyal Armenian food lovers for making this year's Spring Food Festival a success. During the days and evenings of May 6, 7 and 8 crowds dined throughout our church hall feasting on kabob, pilaf, eech, yalanchi, boreg, hommus and pita. Our sumptuous homemade baked goods were a hit as the guests enjoyed kadayif, choreg, kourabis, baklava, burma, and so much more.
An interesting presentation took place at St. Mary on May 18. The presenter was Mr. Andrew Mooreby, HALO Trust Desk Officer for the Balkans and Caucasus. Mr. Moore talked about the work of the HALO Trust in Artsakh, primarily their endeavors of clearing land mines from agricultural land, as well as the danger because of the recent military escalation in Nagorno-Karabakh. The presentation was sponsored by the Knights and Daughters of Vartan and Hayastan Lodge of Freemasons. We were pleased to announce that all of those who gave their support made it a successful fundraiser by raising $7,000 for mine clearance work in Karabagh.

This year's Women's Guild Ascension Day Luncheon was pleasantly celebrated by 60 guests on May 21. The afternoon was filled with honoring members who had given many years of service to St. Mary Church, a cultural Armenian dance and music performance, and of course delicious food. Ann Andonian was recognized for her devotion to the church in many capacities and a family member was there to personally add a special tribute. Roxanne Paul was honored for her years of service to St. Mary Women's Guild and other roles, and her sons also attended to share some heartfelt words about their mother. The cultural highlights were by Arev Armenian Dance Performers and Hyetones Instrumental Ensemble directed by Carolyn Rapkievian.

On Saturday evening, May 21, the Tsirani Armenian Folk Ensemble performed at The Universities of Shady Grove in Rockville. The seven performers were on a 6 city tour of the United States as they arrived to perform in Armenian churches along the east coast. Under the artistic direction of Artak Asatryan the seven award winning artists presented Armenia’s musical heritage through the duduk, shri, tar, od, dhol, and vocals.
Ararat Avak Society Luncheon

Over 60 men and women enjoyed a fabulous luncheon get-together given by the St. Mary Ararat Avak Society in the church hall on Wednesday, June 1. It was pleasurable to bring good friends together on a sunny afternoon to share a menu of mushroom stuffed chicken with melted cheese, rice pilaf, eggplant tava, salads, and of course, baklava, halva, and fruit. The event was enriched by an uplifting presentation by Miss Alis Marashlian, who gave an interactive introduction to Life Coaching titled "What Are Your Super Powers?".

Shnorhali School Year-End Hantess

The Shnorhali School on Sunday, June 5, hosted its first of two year-end recitals. In total, 5 classes participated in last week's year-end celebration. The recital opened with Very Rev. Fr. Simeon Odabashian reciting the Lord's Prayer and offering words of encouragement to all attending. Soon followed Mrs. Kendra's Kindergarten class who took to the stage and gave everyone a very inspiring performance which included a song and a short play. Mrs. Aline's Western Armenian class followed next by reciting poems and playing their musical instruments to everyone's delight. The third act of the recital came from Mrs. Maro's second grade class who presented their own play in full costumes designed by Mrs. Edita Kalayjian. Mrs. Anushik's 3rd grade class followed next reciting well known Armenian poems. The final act was reserved for Mrs. Gemma's graduate literary class composed of our school's interns who recited excerpts from famous Armenian authors reflecting upon each author's unique contribution to Armenian literature and culture.

The Shnorhali School on Sunday, June 12, hosted its second year-end hantess. In total, 3 classes participated in last week's year-end celebration. The group consisted of Julia's (Sevak), Marta's (Shiraz), and Anna's (Kaputikyan) classes. All classes gave very inspiring performances which included songs, short plays and reciting well known Armenian poems. We thanked everyone who attended and helped organize two recitals.
A group of 30 youth leaders from 25 parishes throughout the Eastern Diocese returned from their pilgrimage to the Holy Land which was led by the Rev. Fr. Hovsep Karapetyan, pastor of St. Mary Church of Washington, DC. Fr. Karapetyan was assisted by St. Nersess Seminary graduate Arpi Nakashian. The young pilgrims visited the Church of the Nativity of Christ in Bethlehem, the Jordan River, Dead Sea, toured the sites of the public ministry of Jesus Christ around the Sea of Galilee and area of Nazareth, celebrated Badarak at St. Mary’s Tomb and the Holy Sepulcar, visited Garden of Gethsemane and Mt. of Ascension among other great sites of biblical history.

**Bartev Benefit Concert**

A Benefit concert took place at St. Mary Armenian Church on June 11. The proceeds from the concert benefited the Armenian community of Syria. During the beautiful evening the members of the community came together to enjoy the Armenian singer Bartev, from Turkey, and at the same time raised funds for the dwindling Armenian community in Syria. Special appreciation went to the organizers of the event and everyone who supported the important cause.

**Women’s Guild General Meeting**

St. Mary Women’s Guild had its year end general meeting at Trapezaria Mediterranean Kuzina Restaurant on June 18. About 26 women from our community gathered for their last meeting before the summer season to celebrate their accomplishments of a busy and productive year. Chairlady Ani Derderian summarized and highlighted the past activities of the Women’s Guild, the treasurer's report was presented by Zvart Bolat and Yn. Jennifer gave the report of the past Diocesan Assembly. Many thanks were expressed to our Women’s Guild members for their hard work and dedication.
On June 18 a beautiful Benefit Dinner and live Jazz concert took place at St. Mary Church to raise funds towards the purchase of an apartment for a family in Armenia's city of Gyumri. They lost their home in a massive earthquake in 1988. The initiative taken by organizers Gala Petrosian, Yulia Petrossian Boyle, Yana Gevorgyan proved to be a great success by raising funds and going beyond their goal. Entertainment was provided by the Levon Mikaelian Jazz Trio.

Similar benefit dinners took place in various parts of the world and led to the purchase of 16 apartments for families who, for the past 27 years, have lived in metal shipping containers installed after the earthquake as "temporary" housing. Proceeds from this event went directly towards the purchase of an apartment home, in the hope of changing destinies and giving hope to a desperate family with young children.

Father's Day in Baltimore

The Baltimore community's Annual Father's Day Picnic took place on June 19 at Piney Run Park in Carroll County. It was organized by the Armenian Association of Greater Baltimore. Families and friends came together to enjoy the beauty of nature and each other's company as well as pay tribute to Fathers. The lamb and chicken kabob, pilaf and salad, desserts and watermelon was followed by fishing, canoeing, hiking, volleyball, basketball, tennis and soccer games for the youth. As always, the Armenian music and dancing, and most importantly the Armenian spirit, was present throughout the entire day.

The Armenian Association of Greater Baltimore, under the leadership of Zakar Shahverdian, has been organizing different events, holding weekly Armenian School classes for the youth, organizing cultural programs, and the annual Nativity Badaraks for many years. Der Hovsep, in his remarks addressed those present, thanked Mr. Shahverdian for his leadership. Der Hayr said that his continuous dedication, his encouragement and his support to the Baltimore community emphasizes his love and zeal towards our Armenian culture and heritage.
Armenian Public Radio Concert

On July 8 the Armenian Public Radio Concert took place at Soorp Khach Church hall sponsored by the Armenian Community Event Planners (ACEP). Folk Guitar trio Mher Vahakn Ajamian, Ryan Demirjian and Saro Koujakian performed traditional cherished Armenian folk songs. The evening had great ambiance with a little bit of wine, beer and some free snacks - and it was another good occasion to meet-up with friends.

St. Mary Youth at St. Vartan Camp

On July 10, when 18 young members of our St. Mary Church departed for St. Vartan Camp, they had no idea of the fun, fellowship, and spiritual uplifting experience they would encounter. They developed a deeper understanding of their Armenian faith and culture, and established a life long friendship with other campers throughout our Diocese. The program at camp focused on a blend of Armenian religion, culture, language, history, dance, music, arts, and fellowship, together with a full sports program including soccer, basketball, softball, volleyball, tennis, and swimming. Special activities included dances, talent shows, camp Olympics, theme days, and campfires. Our campers surely took home fond memories.

Der Hovsep accompanied the youth and taught at the camp for one week. We expressed our gratitude to Yn. Jennifer for helping with the transportation of our campers and Talar Keshishian Festekjian for volunteering at the camp for one week.
On August 5, 2016, St. Mary Armenian Church mourned the loss of the Rev. Fr. Vertanes Avak Kahana Kalayjian, Pastor Emeritus, Beloved and Longtime Serving Priest of Our Church. Der Vertanes is survived by his Mother, Diramayr Zabel, his Wife, Yn. Anahid, his Family, Dr. and Mrs. Zaven and Edita, Berj, Fr. Avedis and Yn. Karen, his Grandchildren, Jirair, Hrak, Pargev, and Zorair, Aram and Arev and His Siblings, Zarmine Boghosian, Kevork Kalayjian, Dr. Ani Kalayjian and Vasken Kalayjian. The Dahn Gark, Viewing, Divine Liturgy, Funeral and Anointing Service took place on Friday, August 12 at St. Leon Armenian Apostolic Church in Fair Lawn, NJ, followed by an Interment Service at George Washington Cemetery Paramus, NJ on Saturday, August 13. The 40 Day Karasoonk Service took place at St. Mary Armenian Church on Sunday, September 18. May Our Lord grant rest to His Servant Der Vertanes Avak Kahana Kalayjian and remember him on the great day of His Judgment.

After a short summer break, the Women’s Guild members convened for their first meeting of the fall season. A short meeting was conducted with a discussion of the proposed calendar of events for the fall. The Executive Committee members prepared a hospitality table of wine and mezze. The meeting was followed by a CABI Fashion Experience with CABI stylist Karen Manougian, who presented the Fall 2016 Collection. Members had a wonderful time.
Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Diocesan Primate, visited St. Mary Church on Sunday, August 14, as the community observed the church's name day. During the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, Archbishop Barsamian blessed the veil of Mariam Karapetyan and ordained Andre Alexandrian, Ashot Hovhannisyan, Hovsep Seferian and Ruben Karapetyan to the rank of acolyte. Archbishop Barsamian and Fr. Hovsep Karapetyan performed the "Blessing of Grapes" service and blessed Madagh. Later that afternoon, the parish honored longtime member Annie Simonian Totah, who is a recent recipient of a pontifical encyclical issued by His Holiness Karekin II, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians. Mrs. Simonian Totah is widely recognized for her support of Armenian causes nationally and internationally. Parishioners Mr. and Mrs. Onnik and Hripsime Sivaslian, also longtime members of St. Mary Church, were honored with the Diocese's "St. Vartan Award." The day's program also included remarks by family members and a musical presentation by world-renowned pianist Natalia Kazaryan.
ACYOA Dinner and General Meeting

A St. Mary ACYOA Seniors meeting took place on September 10 at Meiwah Restaurant. Some 17 ACYOA members enjoyed an evening of delicious food, prayer, and fellowship. During the meeting they discussed future events, such as the Fall Food Festival in October, bowling on October 15, an Armenian-themed costume party for the ACYOA Juniors and Shnorhali School on October 29, and Advent Bible studies during November and December. The members committed to participate and help organize those events.

Shnorhali School Begins

The Shnorhali Armenian School opened its doors for the academic year 2016-2017 on September 11, with classes in Armenian language and culture and Christian education taught to K-12 students. The School offered an Eastern Armenian language and Cultural heritage curriculum to seven grade levels, as well as one Western Armenian class. The Christian education curriculum was extended to include post graduate/high school levels.

As of October 2, there were 67 officially registered students. The Shnorhali School thanked the families who sponsored the School’s pizza lunches: Avetisyan, Baloyan/Petrosyan, Boghosian, Bostan, Bowen/Evans, Capps/Hanessian, Gharakhanian, Gomtsyan, Griffin, Grigorian, Emmerson, Karapetian/Treff, Khoranian, Kazazian, Moeini, Nishanian, Sahakian, Sarkisian, Tchetchenian, Zanyan. The School was grateful for all in-kind donations and sponsorships made by the parents.
St. Mary Women’s Guild planned and scheduled ten workshops in support of the St. Mary's 68th Fall Food Festival which ran from Sept. 14 to October 4. We thanked all of our volunteers who participated and generously gave their time and talents to our beloved church, which always is appreciated by the crowds of people who came to enjoy the most anticipated Armenian cuisine.

**ACYOA Bowling Party**

The St. Mary ACYOA Juniors gathered for a fun filled night of Bowling on Sep. 29 at the Bowlmor Bowling Alley in Bethesda. With over 25 in attendance, teens bowled in friendly competition with each other, ate pizza and played games in the arcade. It was a great kick off to the Juniors calendar of events for the future.

ACYOA Juniors is a Christ-centered organization whose goal is to provide teens a greater sense of spiritual culture and tradition.

**Diplomatic Reception Marking Armenia’s 25th Independence Day**

On September 28, the Embassy of Armenia organized a diplomatic reception to mark Armenia’s 25th Independence Day at the Hall of Americas of the Organization of American States. With over 500 attendees, the guests included representatives from US government departments, members of the US Congress, representatives of the think-tank and academic communities as well as Armenian-American organizations.

Hosted by Armenia Fund and MC’d by Mrs. Maria Mehranian (President of Armenia Fund) the reception included special appearances and remarks by Congresswoman Jackie Speier, Congressman Xavier Becerra, Congressman Frank Pallone Jr. and Congressman Adam Schiff. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State of Europe and Eurasia, Mrs. Bridget Brink congratulated Armenia’s achievements in their 25 years of independence and friendly relations with the United States.
From October 6 to October 9 our dedicated and loyal volunteers worked tirelessly with boundless energy to help make this year’s 68th Armenian Fall Food Festival a success. We know that their commitment was not just about the 4 day weekend - they began giving long before the festival with planning, shopping, preparing, baking, and cooking. We can measure the success of their giving time, energy and talents by the rave reviews and positive comments from our attendees and, of course, by the contributions to our church to continue our mission in proudly presenting our Armenian culture and heritage to the DC Metro Region.

On Saturday night of the Fall Food Festival, we had the opportunity of enjoying a performance by the Arev Armenian Dance Group as they showcased authentic Armenian dances in the Church hall.

Additionally, the Women's Guild Cultural Event on Sunday, October 23, highlighted a guest speaker, Carolyn Rapkievian of the Arev Dance Group, who presented a half hour presentation of "The Culture of Armenian Dance" in the church hall.
Over Columbus Day weekend, 248 ACYOA Juniors from 16 parishes throughout the Eastern Diocese gathered for the annual ACYOA Juniors Fall Sports Weekend, hosted by St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Church of Wynnewood, PA. The weekend, themed "HyeWay to Philly," opened on Friday with an evening service led by the Very Rev. Fr. Oshagan Gulugulian, Parish Pastor.

On Saturday morning, the young athletes took part in sports competitions. Team sports included co-ed volleyball and boys' and girls' basketball, and also featured a variation on soccer called futsal. Individual competitions included chess, tavloo, Connect Four, and ping pong.

Fr. Gulugulian celebrated the Divine Liturgy on Sunday. The Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian, Dean of St. Nersess Seminary, took part in the service and gave the sermon. The weekend also included dances and other enjoyable activities.

On October 14, Der Hovsep participated as a guest speaker at the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation 18th International Conference at the Washington Marriott Georgetown Hotel in Washington DC. This year's theme, "Forging a New Bond of Solidarity for Equality, Prosperity, and Peace", supported the 3-day conference which featured panels and notable speakers highlighting the current circumstances of the Middle East, the implications of the elections, the tourism sector as a driver for the Palestinian economy, and the role spiritual leaders play in the promotion of intercultural dialogue, peace and prosperity. In particular, Der Hovsep's panel focused on the topic "Living Testimonies: Pilgrims and Local Communities as Peacemakers". He spoke about the Armenian presence in the Holy Land and shared his experiences leading pilgrimages to the Holy Land. Der Hovsep also told of the personal effect the pilgrims had throughout the journey, which they call a life changing and never to be forgotten experience.
On Saturday, October 15 the ACYOA Seniors enjoyed an evening of bowling, pizza, and fellowship. They discussed upcoming events, such as the ACYOA Juniors Costume Party, and Leadership Conference. They looked forward to seeing everyone at the Advent Bible studies planned for November and December. The next ACYOA event took place on October 29 at St. Mary Church hall, which brought together the ACYOA Jr. and Shnorhali School children for an Armenian-Themed Costume party.

Stewardship Workshop at St. Mary

On Saturday, October 15, church representatives from Charlotte, NC, Richmond, VA, and Washington, DC met at St. Mary Church to attend a Stewardship Workshop. At the direction of the Eastern Diocese, the stewardship consulting firm, James D. Klotte and Associates, and facilitator Mel Kalagian, presented a workshop with direction and guidance on how to more effectively and productively conduct fundraising drives. The collaborative effort was a great opportunity for all to learn and share experiences with other parishes in our Diocese. St. Mary was represented by Dee Rogers, Bagrat Bayburtian, Sarine Zenian and Zakar Shahverdian and Der Hovsep.

ACYOA Costume Party

On Saturday, October 29 St. Mary’s ACYOA Seniors organized an Armenian-Themed Costume Party at the Church Hall. ACYOA and Shnorhali School children and parents, joined together to have lots of fun by playing games, dancing to music, and winning prizes for their efforts. The colorful evening was topped off with food and drinks, and St. Mary expressed its gratitude to all of those who attended, supported, and enjoyed the fun.
On Sunday, October 30, a Divine Liturgy on the 17th Anniversary of His Holiness' Enthronement as Catholicos of All Armenians was held at St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral in New York. A banquet followed the services in the Haik and Alice Kavookjian Auditorium. Der Hayr and several members of St. Mary Church traveled to NYC to share in this auspicious occasion with several hundreds of Armenians. On Saturday, November 12, His Holiness Karekin II presided over the official opening of the new campus of the St. Nersess Armenian Seminary in Armonk, NY: the consecration of the seminary's St. Hagop Chapel, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Karekin I Theological Center. Also during his visit, the Catholicos presided over the 89th General Assembly of the AGBU and the celebration of AGBU’s 110th anniversary.
Food Festival Volunteers Appreciation Dinner

On Friday, November 11, St. Mary gave special thanks to all of its tireless Fall Food Festival volunteers. The gathering was to acknowledge the many energetic and tireless women and men who gave so much to serve and delight our church and community with wonderful and much sought after Armenian dishes and desserts. The significance of those who give of themselves is boundless, the impact of their efforts is enormous, and St. Mary is ever so grateful and appreciative.

Honoring Our Veterans

On Sunday, November 13, St. Mary Church held a special event recognizing the parish's Veterans. Nine Veterans received a blessing and recognition during the Divine Liturgy for their bravery, sacrifices, and service to their country. Afterwards, the parish Women's Guild hosted a Thanksgiving luncheon with the Veterans as the day's special guests. During the luncheon, each Veteran was presented with a handwritten personal card from the parish's Shnorhali School students, a certificate of honor, and an Armenian/American flag lapel pin.

Veterans recognized during the day included Edward Alexander, Steve Berberian, Oscar Asadour Caroglanian, Br. Gen. Albert Kaehn Jr., Albert Kassabian, Nancy Halajian Kolenick, Michael Kolenick, Paul Murad, and Hrant Yousoufian. Some of the honorees shared their personal stories of military service and the importance of being involved in the Armenian Church. Fr. Hovsep congratulated the Veterans and expressed his appreciation for their service.
Women's Guild Thanksgiving Luncheon

Women’s Guild of St. Mary Church hosted a well attended and festive Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 13. It took place after the Badarak at the Church hall during which our Veterans were honored. Attendees enjoyed tastefully decorated tables with fall and harvest themes as well as delicious food prepared by the Executive Committee members of our Women’s Guild. Special thanks to the committee for organizing and hosting this wonderful event.

Ararat Avak Society Thanksgiving Luncheon

On Saturday, November 19, the Ararat Avak Society served a lavish holiday meal to over 50 guests in the church hall. This year’s Thanksgiving Luncheon was sponsored by Alice Baker and Eva Shafakian in memory of their loved ones. There was also a fundraising raffle for altar candle sticks. Everyone enjoyed the affair with their St. Mary friends and family, expressed their appreciation and gratitude for the day, and for the Avak Society and St. Mary that brings them together in celebration.

St. Mary ACYOA Seniors Participate at Youth Leadership Conference

From November 18-20, St. Mary ACYOA Seniors Chairwoman Sophia Yedigarian and Corresponding Secretary Danielle Saroyan participated in an ACYOA Seniors Youth Leadership Conference in CT. They joined 65 participants from 24 different parishes throughout the Eastern Diocese for a packed weekend with various and interesting sessions. Archbishop Khajag Barsamian spoke about how our youth can get involved in the church and be leaders in their own community. On Saturday night, the Seniors combined talents by creating over 100 Christmas cards for hospitalized children. Danielle and Sophia had a wonderful time enhancing their leadership skills and making friends from other parishes.

On Nov. 15, 22, 29 and Dec. 6 St. Mary held its Advent Bible Study series, entitled "Living the Gospel of Christ: Journeying Through Advent". Gracious members of the church opened their homes so that parishioners could join in celebration of the season of Advent, and prepare their hearts and minds for Christmas. Special thanks were expressed to our church families and members for hosting this year's Bible Study.
St. Mary Church of Washington, DC, celebrated its 84th Anniversary on Sunday, December 11, with a special luncheon and program after the Divine Liturgy. More than 150 parishioners attended the event, including special guests Ambassador Grigor Hovhannissian, Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia to the United States; and Ambassador Robert Avetisyan, Permanent Representative of the Nagorno-Karabagh Republic to the United States.

Master of Ceremonies Avedis Seferian and Parish Council member Dr. Ara Avedisian spoke on upcoming church building projects, and parishioner Sophia Yedigarian recounted her experience as part of the Eastern Diocese’s youth pilgrimage to Jerusalem in June. Guitarist and vocalist Ernesto Bravo performed a number of Armenian and international songs as part of the program’s musical interlude. St. Mary Church Pastor Rev. Fr. Hovsep Karapetyan presented awards to parishioners Rosemary Arkoian and Arda Hebert for their longtime commitment to volunteering and supporting the parish.

What would the holidays be without the St. Mary Church Women’s Guild Bake Sale? Surely not as delectable! On Sunday, December 11 after services, the Women’s Guild presented and sold their specialties - baklava, bourma, choreg, simit, haskanouch, and other traditional Armenian baked goods. We thanked our Women’s Guild Executive Committee Members for donating such a fabulous variety of baked goods for this yearly successful sale.
On Saturday, December 10, the Women's Guild held a festive and joyous Christmas party celebration. Suzanne Harutunian, our Women's Guild Executive Committee Member, graciously opened her home for this year's celebration. The event was well attended in a lovely and festive atmosphere, where members enjoyed each other's company in Christmas spirit. A brief meeting summarized the accomplishments of the Women's Guild in 2016 and was followed by festive songs and fun games. Members thanked Suzanne Harutunian for opening her home and for her gracious hospitality.

On the afternoon of Sunday, December 4, a large crowd of admirers packed Armenia's Embassy in Washington, DC, for a tribute to the late Rev. Fr. Vertanes Avak Kahana Kalayjian. The Armenian Assembly of America organized and hosted the occasion, which included touching recollections and performances to honor the memory of the longtime spiritual leader of the community, who passed away on August 5. As pastor of St. Mary's Church for 32 years, Fr. Kalayjian was widely known in the nation's capital as the ever-smiling face of the Armenian-American community. Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, the Diocesan Legate and Ecumenical Director, offered an invocation to bless the gathering.

Dignitaries from the Assembly, the Embassy, and the diplomatic field attended alongside Fr. Kalayjian's friends, family, and former pastoral charges. They included Armenia's Ambassador Grigor Hovhannissian, Susan Billington Harper of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Diplomat Edward Alexander, Clara Andonian, Zarmine Boghosian, and Armenian Assembly Executive Director Bryan Ardouny. Especially affective were the musical tributes by Fr. Kalayjian's grandsons, Jirayr and Hrak, and his grand-nephews and niece, Nareg, Armen, and Aline Boghosian. His brother-in-law Missak Boghosian sang a setting of an Omar Khayyam poem which had been a favorite of the departed Pastor.

Assembly Board Member Annie Totah closed the program by presenting an award to Fr. Vertanes' widow, Yn. Anahid Kalayjian, honoring the couple for their many contributions. The reception that followed allowed the attendees to express their grateful remembrances of Fr. Kalayjian's good works, indomitable spirit, and optimism for the future of the Armenian people.
On December 18 the St. Mary Shnorhali School held its Annual Christmas Pageant. This year the Hantess centered around the true meaning of the Symbols of Christmas and included the participation of students from Preschool to High school, over 70 students in total. Christmas symbols such as Holly Wreaths, Bells, Angels, Stars and Presents were some of the items that through prose and song, students turned into something extraordinarily meaningful. Students recited Biblical verses in Armenian and enlightened everyone in attendance with Christmas carols in both Armenian and English.

Sincere appreciation went out to the talented Hantess Directors, Edvik Alexandrian and Avedis Seferian with the assistance of Rebecca Bagdasarian and the entire Sunday School staff, including Eric Ashbaian, Maro Hovhanissyan, Michael Sahakian, Greg Kumkumian and Armenian language teacher Svetlana Hovhannisyan. The Sunday School staff was especially grateful to all the parents who brought their creativity and efforts to help make the Hantess a success and lastly, but most important, to the beloved principal, Mr. Harry Tchetchenian for his leadership and tireless efforts to help make the Shnorhali School a welcome and loving place of learning for all children and families in our community.
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JANUARY 2016

January 17
For the Soul of: HRANT DINK
Requested by: St. Mary Parish Council In Loving Memory

January 31
For the Souls of: NELLI MARTIROSYAN (1 year), VILEN ATYAN (1 year)
Requested by: Ruben Kristosturyan (Son), Nune Atyan, Nonna & Bella Kristosturyan, Petros Hovhannisyan, Areg, Vahe, Tigran, Ervand, Lusine and Vahan, Silva Mekinyan (Wife), Nune Atyan, Ruben Kristosturyan, Zara Khanjian, Georgiy, Ervand, Vahan, Hakob & David & Great grandchildren

For the Souls of: BAGDASAR BAKIRCI (5 years), MARYEM BAKIRCI (3 years)
Requested by: Mr. & Mrs. Zaven (Son) & Sona Bakirci & Mr. & Mrs. Kirkor & Zivart (Daughter) Bolat and their Families

For the Soul of: MABEL HATCHER (14 years)
Requested by: Theodore Xakellis (Son)

For the Souls of: ROBERT NEVINS (12 years), ANNY NEVINS (2 years)
Requested by: Russell Nevins (Son)

For the Souls of: AROUSIAG BOURSALIAN (Mother), Peter Boursalian (Son)
Requested by: Noubar & Linda Boursalian

February 14
For the Soul of: BEDROS KOLANDJIAN
Requested by: Karina & Emad Kronfli (Daughter and Son-in-Law), Hasmig Bozadjian (Surviving Sister), Takouhi Yenovkian (Surviving Sister) and Their Families

February 28
For the Soul of: VAHE AGBABEKIAN (1 Year)
Requested by: Kaghouhi Aghabekian (Spouse), Suzanne & Ara Kapterian (Daughter & Son in Law), Andrew & Christine Kapterian, George & Taylor Kapterian (Grandchildren)

For the Soul of: HOURIG MARDIROSSIAN (40 Day)
Requested by: Vartiter, Kevork & Alis Marshlians (for their Sister and Aunt)

MARCH 2016

March 6
For the Soul of: ALBERT KAPIKIAN
Requested by: Catherine Kapikian, Albert, Thomas, and Gregory Kapikians and their Families

March 13
For the Soul of: JACK ANDONIAN
Requested by: Clara Andonian and Family

For the Soul of: ROBERT GEORGE
Requested by: Doris George, Robert, Marlene, & Lara

FEBRUARY 2016

February 7
For the Soul of: ARMINAK OZKANIAN
Requested by: Elmas Ozkanian (Wife) and Children

For the Souls of: Deceased Members of SHATVORYAN, KARAPETYAN AND VARDANYAN FAMILIES
Requested by: Karapetyan & Shatvoryan Families

MARCH 2016

March 6
For the Soul of: ALBERT KAPIKIAN
Requested by: Catherine Kapikian, Albert, Thomas, and Gregory Kapikians and their Families

March 13
For the Soul of: JACK ANDONIAN
Requested by: Clara Andonian and Family

For the Soul of: ROBERT GEORGE
Requested by: Doris George, Robert, Marlene, & Lara

APRIL 2016

April 3
For the Soul of: GRIGORY AYRAPETYANTS
Requested by: Anika Ayrapetyants Vartan (Daughter) and Gregory Ayrapetyants Vartan (Grandson)

April 10
For the Souls of: OUR DEPARTED COUNTRYMEN
For the Soul of: ANJEL HOVANNESIAN  
(40 days)  
Requested by: Bogos and Seta Sivaslian (Daughter)  
For the Souls of: VALERIK AND ERNEST DOLUNTS, LAURA SHKBAZYAN  
Requested by: Zaven and Edita Kalayjian (Daughter / Sister)  
For the Souls of: ANGELA BARDIZBANIAN  
(2 years)  
Requested by: Raffie, Maureen, Arthur & Raffie Jr. Bardizbanian (Son & Daughter-in-law & Grandchildren)  
April 17  
For the Soul of: GHAZAROS GHAZARIAN  
(40 Days)  
Requested by: Hasmig Ghazarian (Wife)  
For the Soul of: DANIEL MAGHRABLIAN  
(First Year Anniversary)  
Requested by: Mr. Levon Maghrablian (Son) and Mr. William Maghrablian (Brother)  
For the Soul of: EDWARD GHAHAKHANIAN (First Year Anniversary)  
Requested by: Flora Gharakhanian (Wife in California), Areg Gharakhanian (Son), Predita Rostomian (Daughter-in-Law), Audrey, Stella and Emalyn Gharakhanian (Granddaughters), Edite Gharakhanian Ghazarian (Daughter in California), Shahen Ghazarian (Son-in-Law in California), Colette and Eric Ghazarian (Grandchildren in California)  

May 2016  
May 8  
For the Soul of: KLAYDIS CHOUKHACHIAN  
Requested by: Carlin Choukhachian, Eric Calian, Edo Choukhachian, Grandchildren, Valdeci Choukhachian; Yulia Calian  
May 22  
For the Soul of: VALERI ANDRIYASOV  
Requested by: Maisa Popova, Anna and Avedis Seferian  
For the Soul of: WILLIAM ERVANT DOCTER  
Requested by: Der Hovsep Karapetyan, Parish Council and WED Fund Scholarship Committee  
JUNE 2016  
June 5  
For the Souls of: DEPARTED MEMBERS OF ST. MARY WOMEN'S GUILD  
Requested by: The Women's Guild  
For the Souls of: CARMEN TOLIDJIAN, SARKIS TOLIDJIAN, BEATRICE & TAVIT TOLIDJIAN, KEVORK, ARLINE & VALENTINA PILIBOSSIAN  
Requested by: Beatrice Tolidjian, Armand Tolidjian, Christo Marinov, Stephanie Marinova, Jennifer Tolidjian  
For the Soul of: BERC CUBUK  
Requested by: Mr. & Mrs. Artin & Rakel Cubuk, Mr. & Mrs. Aris & Alis Cubuk, Mr. & Mrs. Garbis & Nadya Chubukian, Mr. & Mrs. Onnik & Hripsime Sivaslian, Mr. & Mrs. Jake & Alin Ciuccio  
For the Soul of: CARRO NISHANIAN  
Requested by: Azad Nishanian, Vazrik and Nunik Nishanian, Artemis and George Calomiris  
June 12  
For the Soul of: ARDAVAZD HARUTUNIAN  
Requested by: David & Gilda Andonian & Family, Mrs. Yeghiabet Harutunian and Family  
June 19  
For the Soul of: HAKOP NERSESYAN  
Requested by: Neresyan & Tchetchenian families  
For the Souls of: MR. YERCHANIK BOLAT, BAHAR BOLAT, SAHAG BOLAT, GULBENK BOLAT, OVSANNA BOLAT, ABRAHAM BOLAT  
Requested by: Mrs. Vercin Bolat & Family  
June 26  
For the Souls of: MAYRAM ERDOGAN, ARMENAG AKTAR, ARSALUYS AKTAR  
Requested by: Harutyun Derderian, Melkon and Yercanik Delikahya, Setrak and Mari Derian, Simon and Erica Erdogan, Grandchildren and families  
For the Soul of: HOVHANESS MOOSAKHANIAN  
For the Soul of: ALVART KHATCHATOURIANS
By: Armik Khatchatourians, Aris Khatchatourians,
Raffie & Ani Kehyaian. Tagoosh Safari, Norik
Moosakhanian & Alfred Moosakhanian & Family
and Medik Grigorian & Family

JULY 2016
July 17
For the Soul of: OVHAGIM "OBIE" BAGDASARIAN (1 year)
Requested by: Mary Bagdasarian (Wife), Becky Bag-
dasarian, John Bagdasarian (Lana) (Children), Char-
ie, Matthew, Elianna, LileaRose (Grandchildren)
July 24
For the Soul of: TAVIT CHATALIAN (1 year)
Requested by: Mary Chatalian (Daughter)
and Nanor Khrimian (Granddaughter)
July 31
For the Souls of: KHACHADOUR TAHAMAZIAN (2 years) and NAZELI HOVSEPIAN (2 years)
Requested by: Hnazant Tahmazian (Wife, Sister); Khajak, Zareh & Vatche Tahmazian (Sons)
For the Souls of: TIGRAN DAVID AKOPIAN (5 years) and DAZY AZARYAN
Requested by: David B. Akopian and Anahit Azaryan (Parents, Daughter and Son-in-law)

AUGUST 2016
August 21
For the Soul of: LENA KARAPETYAN (40 DAYS)
Requested by: Der Hovsep (Brother-in-Law) and
Yn. Jennifer Karapetyan (Sister-in-Law)
Ruben, Mariam & Vartan Karapetyan
For the Soul of: STEVEN EMMERSON
Requested by: Monica (Daughter) and Seandor Em-
merson (Grandson), and Family
For the Soul of: BADRIK BOSTAN (3 Years)
Requested by: Bostan and Romero Families
August 28
For the Souls of: ARMENAK BOYAJIAN, KEGHA-
NOUSH BOYAJIAN & SOGRAD BOYAJIAN (8 years)
Requested by: Molly Boyajian
For the Souls of: SOUREN, MARIE, ASHOT, SIRVARD HADJI- AKOPYAN, &

SEPTEMBER 2016
September 4
For the Soul of: CAPTAIN EDWARD BASDE-KIAN (1 year)
Requested by: Alice Basdekian, Mary Bagdasarian,
Becky Bagdasarian, John Bagdasarian
For the Soul of: BAGHDASAR & AZNIV
Requested by: Hrant Yousoufian
September 18
For the Soul of: REV. FR. VERTANES AVAK KAHANA KALAYJIAN (40 Day)
Requested by: Der Hovsep Karapetyan, the Parish Council and St. Mary Church Community
For the Soul of: HAROUTUN BARDIZBANIAN (17 Years)
Requested by: Raffie, Maureen, Arthur & Raffie Jr.
Bardizbian
For the Souls of: NAZAR NERSSESSIAN, VAR-TOUHI NERSSESSIAN, ABRAHAM HOVSEPIAN
Requested by: Niever and Hovsep Hovsepian,
Abraham & Christine Hovsepian
September 25
For the Soul of: BERJOUHI KAZANJIAN
Requested by: Ani, Larry, Jennie & Peter Kazanjian
-Law family

OCTOBER 2016
October 2
For the Soul of: JASMAN AVADISIAN
Requested by: Aida and Edik Avadisian, Shan
Tanoli, Vazgen Karimian, Vahik and Vartan
Avadisian, Agnes Zoukh, Ani and Ana Avadisian,
Alis Attakhanian
October 9
For the Soul of: HAIG ELLIAN (40 days)
Requested by: Sue Ellian (Wife), Aghavni Ellian
(sister), Christina and Jason Mulvihill (Nephew)
For the Soul of: HASMIK GHAPLANYAN
Requested by: Mariya and Anna Ghaplanyan (Nieces)

For the Soul of: NAYIRI KREDIAN POOCHIKIAN (40 days)
Requested by: Roubina Poochikian (Daughter), Hoorig Poochikian (Father), Armine Kredian and Mane Kilajian (Sisters)

For the Soul of: ZEVART SERAYDARIAN (40 days) SHAKEH SERAYDARIAN (35 years)
Requested by: David and Leda Zenian, Armen and Dr. Nathalie Zenian McOmber and Family, Sarine Zenian

For the Soul of: HARIKNAZ OZBENIAN (40 days)
Requested by: Zadik Ozbenian (Husband), Maryam and Misak Mermer, Garo and Juliette Ozbenian, Canser and Jacqueline Ozbenian (Children), Aras, Anayis, John, Christina and Rita (Grandchildren)

For the Soul of: HASMIK MARTIROSYAN
Requested by: Alina Sargsyan and Family

For the Soul of: SEBUH USLAN, ADOM USLAN, ARAZ USLAN, SETA KARATEKE, ARSHAG USLAN, KAYANE USLAN, ZOHраб AKOPCAN
Requested by: Bercuhi Uslan, Zepur Uslan, Aras Uslanian, Armen Uslanian, Sean Uslanian

For the Soul of: YEGISAPET BOLAT (40 days)
Requested by: Bolat, Shafakian, Arabian Families for their beloved Horakuyr/Kergin who passed away in Istanbul

For the Soul of: ELMAS SANTOURIAN (Great Grandmother), HOVANESS AND NAZENIG CHERISHIAN (Grandparents), DIKRAN AND NEVART HALAJIAN (Grandparents), ONNIG AND SERARPE HALAJIAN (Parents), MARY ANN KINNOIAN (Sister), KARNIG AND BERJOUHI HALAJIAN (Uncle and Aunt), STEVE CHERISHIAN (Uncle 1 year).
Requested by: Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Nancy Kolenick

For the Souls of: AKOP HASAR (3 years), ALEXAN HASAR, MARIM HASAR
Requested by: Anna Bolek (Sister, Daughter), Asadur and Janet Toufekjian (Niece and Nephew)

For the Soul of: ELMAS SANTOURIAN (Great Grandmother), HOVANESS AND NAZENIG CHERISHIAN (Grandparents), DIKRAN AND NEVART HALAJIAN (Grandparents), ONNIG AND SERARPE HALAJIAN (Parents), MARY ANN KINNOIAN (Sister), KARNIG AND BERJOUHI HALAJIAN (Uncle and Aunt). STEVE CHERISHIAN (Uncle 1 year).
Requested by: Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Nancy Kolenick

For the Soul of: ARMENAK OZKANIAN (1 Year), HRIPSIME OZKANIAN
Requested by: Mrs. Elmas Ozkanian (Wife); Mr. Asadur Ozkanian (Son); Mr. & Mrs. Vartavar & Takuhi Ozbenian (Daughter & Son-in-law); Mr. & Mrs. Hagop & Sake Dilanian (Daughter & Son-in-law)
LILA TERZIAN CHORBAJIAN
January 25, 2016
Beloved Wife of Victor Chorbajian; Mother of Richard Jack Chorbajian and Victoria Lila Chorbajian; Sister of Flora Zeytoonian.

ZINAIDA VARDANYAN
January 26, 2016
Beloved Mother of Armen Vardanyan and Satenik Vardanyan; Grandmother of Nune Vartanyan, Aram Vartanyan, Maksim Vardanyan, Edward Vardanyan, Stephan Terzyan, Aram Mkhitaryan, Mariam Mkhitaryan; Great-Grandmother of Areg and Yana Terzyan, Davis and Nikolos Mikaelyan.

GOHARIK GYOKCHAKYAN
February 6, 2016
Beloved Mother of Nelli Petrosyan of Arlington, VA, Grandmother of Naira Abajyan and Gohar Abajyan, and Artash Hovsepyan, Great-Grandmother of Sona Martirosyan and her husband Ricardo Guerrero, Alexandra and Stephan, and Great-Great-Grandmother of Sona Martirosyan and her husband Ricardo Guerrero, and her nieces, Alexandra and Stephan, and Great-Great-Grandmother of Isabelle and Leo.

ANJEL HOVANNESIAN
February 23, 2016
Survived by her Son Arto Hovannesian; Daughter Seta Sivaslian; Daughter-in-law Teni Hovannesian; Son-in-law Boghos Sivaslian; as well as three Grand-Children Christina Martinez (Husband Alex), Karen Guiragossian (Husband George), Alex Hovannesian and four Great-Grandchildren Andres, Aidan, Vahe and Ella.

GHAZAROS V. GHAZARIAN
March 5, 2016

DANNY K. KOOJOOLIAN
April 6, 2016

REVEREND FR. VERTANES KALAYJIAN
August 5, 2016
He is survived by his Mother, Diramayr Zabel, his Wife, Yn. Anahid, his Family, Dr. and Mrs. Zaven and Edita, Berj, Fr. Avedis and Yn. Karen, his Grandchildren, Jirair, Hrak, Pargev, and Zorair, Aram and Arev and His Siblings, Zarmine Boghosian, Kevork Kalayjian, Dr. Ani Kalayjian and Vasken Kalayjian.

NAYIRI KREDIAN POOCHIKIAN
August 14, 2016
Beloved Mother of Roubina & Hoorig Poochikian, beloved Daughter of Albert Kredian, Beloved Sister of Armin Kredian and Mane Kilajian.

HAIG ELLIAN
August 23, 2016
He is survived by his beloved Wife of 50 years, Sue; his loving Son, Levon; devoted Sister Aghavni; Granddaughters Aimee Ellian and Alexis Malocha; Nieces, Bunny Wardlaw, Jacquie Tellalian, Christina Mulvihill; Nephew, Gary Tellalian; Great-nephew Peter Wardlaw, Great-niece, Sarah Wardlaw Jones.

BARKEV KIBARIAN
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PASTORAL CARE:
HOME AND HOSPITAL VISITS
The clergy are always available and can visit homebound and hospitalized parishioners. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized and would like to be visited, please call the church office at (202) 363-1923. Please note: when asked about your religion at a hospital, patients should list themselves as “Armenian Orthodox” or “Armenian” not “other.”

REQUIEM SERVICE/HOKEHANKIST
Arrangements for Requiem Service, Alter Flowers and Candles should be made through the church office by Thursday at noon. In accordance with the canons of the Armenian Church, Requiem Services may not be performed on the five major feast days: Armenian Christmas, Easter, The Feast of the Transfiguration, The Feast of the Assumption of the Mother of God, and The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

BAPTISMS AND CHRISMATIONS
All Baptisms must be scheduled at least three months in advance by calling the church office. According to the Armenian Church canons, a Baptism may only be performed once in a person’s lifetime, provided such Baptism has been performed in a Christian Church and in the name of the Holy Trinity. At least one of the godparents must be a member of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church.

WEDDINGS
Parishioners should contact the church office at least six months in advance. A couple must contact St. Mary to confirm the availability of the Pastor and sanctuary prior to making any other arrangements. All weddings must follow the Canons of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church and the laws of the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. In accordance with Diocesan discipline mandated by the Primate, all Sacraments must be performed in the church sanctuary. The couple must meet with the Pastor at least once for pre-marital preparation and counseling. Weddings cannot be performed during Great Lent or Holy Week, or on the five major feast days: Armenian Christmas, Holy Easter, The Feast of the Transfiguration, The Feast of the Assumption of the Mother of God, and The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

FUNERALS
Families should make arrangements with the funeral director of their choice, who will then contact the church office to arrange the funeral service. Funerals may not be performed on religious holidays, major feast days, Saturdays after 3:00 p.m., or on Sundays.

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