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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SEPTEMBER 16 - FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS  
SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING
- SEPTEMBER 30 - FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS OF VARAK
- OCTOBER 24 & OCTOBER 25 - VISIT OF HIS HOLINESS KAREKIN II TO CHICAGO
- DECEMBER 9 - ST. GREGORY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dear Reader,

We are very enthusiastic in bringing you a bulletin that will keep you informed on the various activities of our parish. The Loosavorich staff recognizes parishioners who make contributions to the newspaper. Those wishing to make donations or sponsor the cost of printing the newsletter, please send your donations to the attention of Dn. Artur Petrosyan or Pauline Nahabedian in care of the church. We also are open to your suggestions. Feel free to share your ideas and thoughts with us and make your newspaper more enjoyable for you. We appreciate your support and help.

Thank you.

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## PARIS HILTON, THE IPHONE AND TONY SOPRANO

I recall with great fondness sitting at my maternal grandfather's feet in the den of my grandparent's Bloomfield Hills, MI, home in the seventies. Late at night after having a bowl of ice cream, the Tonight Show, starring Johnny Carson would come on. My grandfather never missed an evening to watch as Johnny would entertain America.

One of his famous bits was to name three items or people with seemingly nothing in common with one-another. He would wear this very large hat which set the mood. Following the announcement, he would open an envelope containing the mysterious piece of paper which would reveal what it was that the three unrelated topics had in common.

There is no doubt that one would have to be living under the proverbial "rock" in order to have not heard of one of the three. I for one have even mentioned Tony Soprano recently in one of my sermons. As for the other two...the hype and news coverage that they received was almost unprecedented. A "public" figure who went to jail, so what? Does anyone really care if Paris Hilton paid her debt to society? I wonder how much she actually cares about what takes place in our society. Is she concerned with the plight of the homeless? Does she take any interest in the true social causes such as how to feed the hungry, offer affordable housing to those who are unable to live in a place they can be proud of?

I was recently watching television (my first mistake) and started to become nauseated by the coverage of Paris Hilton's incarceration. The photos, commentary and seemingly pure interest in this spoiled rotten woman were amazing. I could not believe how transfixed most of America must be in order to be starved of this type of story. She belongs to a population of America that is truly interested in seeing their name in the press...good or bad.

We all enjoy the gadgets of our modern world. I too am caught up in wanting the "latest and greatest" which is out there. I live in the modern age and have a cellular telephone, Palm Pilot (to keep track of my schedule) and carry around a digital tape recorder in order to capture telephone numbers and thoughts. Can I survive in the world without them? Of course I can.

The recent hype over the new iPhone was a little over the top. OK, it can do everything but your laundry, but enough is enough. The worst part is, is that society buys into the hype and gives this piece of technology the importance which the manufacturer wants us to give it. In many instances, we have become slaves to technology. How many

times does a cellular telephone ring, and twenty people jump! It's almost comical to see how people fumble and search for the telephone. I suppose people are simply paying homage to the Almighty Phone God! It's ridiculous to see how we have become slaves to an item as simple as a telephone. I have a telephone to serve me. I do not serve my telephone.

The Sopranos. Unquestionably one of the best written shows in the history of television. As much of a fan of the show as I was, I seem to be doing quite well since the series has concluded.

I have to admit, the hype over the final episode was not as much as I had anticipated, however, it was quite evident in the news for days and weeks following the series finale.

Gee, I wonder what the three of these very popular and newsworthy people or things have in common? Well, I can tell you that they don't have a lot to do with our Soteriology. In fact as I type these words, the spell check even tells me that it is spelled wrong (even though it is correctly spelled). Society and even technology does not even care about Soteriology.

What is it? The study of salvation. Our salvation and how we reconcile with God.

At times (sometimes most of the time) our lives are consumed with such frivolous things as celebrities, phones and TV characters. However I can promise you that on the day of Christ's Second Coming, none of these things will help us to reconcile with our Lord.

What do they have in common? Absolutely nothing in common with our salvation and everlasting life.

*Fr. Aren Jebejian  
Pastor*

*Dear St. Gregory Family,*

*At long last I can say I feel like my old self and I know all the prayers, phone calls and get well wishes helped. Thank you for the beautiful flowers. I took a picture of them and even after they wilted I would look at the photo and felt that all of you were with me as I was healing. Enclosed please find a small token of my appreciation for altar flowers. Thank you!*

*With sincere thanks and love,*

*Diramayr Aurora Jebejian*

## THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

Recently, I was flipping through the cable channels late one night and came across one of my favorite old movies – The Good, The Bad and The Ugly starring Clint Eastwood. A true classic spaghetti western. As I sat reflecting on ideas for this article, I came upon my own set of recent and upcoming events that aptly fit the description The Good, the Bad and The Ugly. Here they are:

### The Good

Part 1: In case you have not heard, this year His Holiness, Karekin II, is coming to the United States to visit. As it currently stands, His Holiness will be in the Chicago and Wisconsin areas from October 23 -25. Exact dates and time are to be determined, so stay tuned for more information.

Part 2. The St. Gregory the Illuminator 2007 Armenian Fest was set for August 11 and 12. We looked forward to seeing you there! We hope you enjoyed your weekend with us. Our thanks to all who attended. Thanks to Craig Koresian, Armen Zakarian and all the committee heads and volunteers for their hard work in what I am sure was another wonderful event.

### The Bad

I am sad to report that we have had a lot of funerals in the last few weeks. We mourn the losses of Arline Becker and Matthew Klujian Sr., long time parishioners of our Church, and the tragic murder of Kira Simonian of Minneapolis who was buried out of St. Gregory in early July. My deepest condolences go their families. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to everyone for their support of me and the warm wishes expressed over my own mother's passing in April.

### The Ugly

As some of you may recall, at the last Parish Assembly, the Parish Council was charged with repairing, replacing or removing the sign in front of the church. We have determined not to repair it and are making arrangements for its removal. We are also in the process of reviewing replacement options. If anyone has any pictures or ideas they want to submit as suggestions, feel free to forward them to me at [cdemirjian@tccimfg.com](mailto:cdemirjian@tccimfg.com).

Charles Demirjian  
Parish Council Chairman

Save the Date...



## Pontifical Visit of His Holiness Karekin II Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians to the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

Dates of Chicago Visit:  
October 24-25, 2007



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## Ո՞վ է Աղքատը

Յիսուս ի՞նչ ըսել կ'ուզէ երբ կ'ըսէ. «Երանի հոգիով աղքատներուն, որովհետեւ անոնց է երկնքի արքայութիւնը»:

Յիսուսի խօսքերը լաւ պիտի ըմբռնես՝ եթէ զայն առնես Մուրբ Գիրքի շրջանակին մէջ:

Խուրբ Գիրքին մէջ «աղքատ» բառը չունի այն իմաստը՝ որ այսօր մենք կու տանք անոր: Հոն աւելի ճոխ եւ գեղեցիկ իմաստ ունի «աղքատ» բառը:

Այսօր «աղքատ» ըսելով՝ կը հասկնանք մէկը որ դրամ չունի: Այսպէս կը մտածենք եւ կը խօսինք, որովհետեւ ներկայ քաղաքակրթութեան մէջ՝ դրամը շատ կարեւոր է, չըսելու համար որ ամէն բան է:

Մուրբ Գիրքը երբ կը խօսի աղքատին մասին, կը յայտնէ վիճակ մը, կացութիւն մը՝ Աստուծոյ առջեւ, վիճակ մը՝ ուր անհատը կ'ունենայ գիտակցութիւնը թէ Աստուած է տէրը ամէն բանի, տուողը բոլոր բարութիւններուն, իսկ մարդը՝ ան որ պէտք ունի այդ բարիին: Աղքատը նախ եւ առաջ Աստուծոյ աղքատն է, համոզուած թէ պէտք ունի Աստուծոյ:

Մարդու Աստուծմէ կախումնաւորութիւնը կը սկսի ստեղծագործութենէն: Մարդս Աստուծմէ ստեղծուած է: Աստուած ոչ միայն ստեղծած է զինքը՝ այլ դրամ է զայն ստեղծագործութեան կեդրոնը, ընելով զինքը գլուխ գործոց մը:

Աստուած ամէն բան ստեղծած է Իր փառքին համար: Ստեղծագործութեան կեդրոնը դրամ է մարդս՝ տալով անոր յատուկ դեր, այն է՝ տիրել երկրին, որպէսզի ժամանակի ընթացքին բացայայտէ Աստուծոյ սքանչելիքները՝ որոնք ծածկուած են ստեղծագործութեան մէջ: Եւ այս ընելով՝ մարդս պէտք է փառաբանէ Աստուած:

Մարդս քահանայական դեր մը ունի, այսինքն՝ փառաբանել Աստուած արարածներու ճամբով, դառնալով ձայնը եւ խիղճը ամբողջ ստեղծագործութեան:

Աստուծոյ աղքատը այն մարդն է՝ որ գիտէ իր ստեղծուած ըլլալը: Ես Աստուծոյ ստեղծուածն եմ. ինչ որ եմ եւ ինչ որ ունիմ՝ Իրմէ է որ ունիմ:

Այս վիճակը պէտք է ընդունի ոչ դառնութեամբ, ոչ ցատելով, ապստամբելու բնագողով: Ընդհակառակը՝ ընդունի՝ ուրախութեամբ, գրեթէ ճաշակելով:

Ճաշակել՝ աղօթքի պահուն, կեանքի ընթացքին: Ստանալ փորձառութիւն մը՝ որ օգնէ քեզի՝ Աստուծոյ հանդէպ մնալու ճմարտութեան մէջ, եւ միշտ աւելի ըմբռնես թէ ինչ կը նշանակէ «Ես եմ քու Տէր Աստուածդ»:

Այս գաղափարը հիմնական գաղափարն է, ասոր վրայ է որ պիտի շինուի հոգեւոր շէնքը, այն է՝ ինքզինքդ բնաւ չզգաս տէր՝ այլ Տիրոջ ծառան:

Աստուծոյ աղքատը, հոգիով աղքատը, երկրաւոր իրերուն կը նայի՝ յատուկ աչքով մը, յատուկ հոգեբանութեամբ:

Յիսուս մեզ հրաւիրելով հոգիով աղքատութեան՝ դիմացնիս կը բանայ նոր ճամբայ: Աղքատը ոչինչ ունի, իսկ ինչ որ կը ստանայ՝ կ'ընդունի իբր պարգեւ Աստուծոյ ձեռքէն: Կը ստանայ՝ ոչ իբր սեփականութիւն, այլ որպէսզի գործածէ իբր Աստուծոյ բարիքը, Աստուծոյ համար:

Այս հոգեբանութիւնը ունեցողը՝ իրերը եւ ստացուածքները չի գործածէր իր հանգստին կամ շահին, հպարտութեան կամ ունայնասիրութեան համար: Հոգիով աղքատը չի կապուիր ասրանքի կամ ոսկիի... Այն օրը որ փակագիծ մը բանաս եւ ուզես ունենալ՝ անձնական շահիդ համար՝ այլեւս ծառայ չես, աղքատ չես: Այդ օրը մահափորձ կ'ընես, կը դառնաս մրցողդ Աստուծոյ:

Աղքատութիւնը պէտք է տիրէ քեզի, թէ զգացումներուդ եւ թէ գործնական կեանքիդ մէջ:

Բայց ատետարանական աղքատութիւնը չէ կարելի վերածել բանաձեւի: Մեծ մայրիկէդ իբր յիշատակ առած փոքրիկ մետաղէ դրամը՝ կրնայ քեզ հեռացնել ատետարանական աղքատութենէն, ասոր հակառակ միլիոններ կրնաս մատակարարել՝ եւ մնալ ատետարանին աղքատը:

Էականը այն է՝ որ հոգիդ ուղղուած ըլլայ երկնքի, եւ ունեցածներդ ալ ուղղես անոր: Ունեցիր տրամադրութիւնը բնաւ երբեք չդառնալու տէր, այլ մնալու աղքատ, որպէսզի միակ հարուստը մնայ Աստուած, կամ աւելի շիտակ՝ միակ Տէրը:

Ս. Գիրքին մէջ յստակ է այս գաղափարը. ինչքերը՝ Աստուծոյ պարգեւներն են, Աստուծոյ ծառայութեան համար են, երբեմն նաեւ Աստուծոյ կողմէ վարձատրութիւն են:

Աղքատութիւնը հոգեկան վիճակ մըն է, եւ որով երջանիկ կը զգայ եւ Աստուծոյ պատկանիլը գիտէ իր ամէն բանին, հակառակ որ իր ճակտի քրտինքով շահած ըլլայ:

Հոգիով աղքատը անիկա է որ դռները լայն կը բանայ Տիրոջ, ընդունելով զինքը իր թագաւորը: Հոն ուր կայ Աստուած՝ հոն է նաեւ իր թագաւորութիւնը: Ուստի՝ ատետարանին աղքատը՝ տէր է ամէն բանի, որովհետեւ իր կողմ ունի հարստութեան տէրը՝ Աստուած: Աստուծոյ աղքատը ուրախ է միշտ. ան գիտակցութիւնը ունի որ ինքը ծառան է Աստուծոյ, Իրմէ յուսալով ամէն բարիք, նաեւ երկնքի արքայութիւնը:

Հ. Սահակ Վրդ. Նեմճեմեան

«Աւետարանական Երանութիւնները», Վենետիկ, 1995

## ACYOA NEWS

**By Talin Hitik**  
**Vice Chair of St. Gregory's ACYOA**

The ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend was held in Detroit over this past Memorial Day Weekend. 84 delegates gathered Thursday evening and all day Friday to deal with the business end of the ACYOA. During these meetings, the delegates and clergy joined in celebrating the significant growth of the ACYOA in the past year, marked by record attendance at national events such as the Leadership Conference and the formation of six new ACYOA chapters. Our parish was represented by Hayr Aren, Sam Mrofcza, and Karina Nikogosian, along with myself, serving as a member of Central Council.

In his remarks to the delegates, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian highlighted the importance of getting back to the basics of our Christian faith. Too many regard the Armenian Church as an institution, rather than the Body of Christ, he said. Our members see the Armenian Church as a cultural experience, influenced by religion. The Primate's remarks were followed by a question and answer session, at which time the assembly discussed keeping the youth inside the Armenian Church and making sure they stay connected throughout their college years.

The ACYOA Central Council said goodbye to its chairman, Greg Andonian, from St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church in Cleveland, who decided not to rerun to focus his attention on other ministry efforts in conjunction with his studies at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary. While we were sad to see Greg go, we are very excited to welcome our newest member, Danielle Der Asadourian, from St. James, Evanston. Danielle's participation in Central Council reaffirms our regional stronghold in the ACYOA, as 4 out of 7 council members are from the Midwest!

The weekend continued with sporting events on Saturday and Sunday. The Chicago-area team participated in the volleyball and dodgeball competitions. Much to our delight, we placed second in volleyball... and we thought it was miraculous that we placed at all a year ago in Providence! Next year is sure to be our year to claim that first place trophy!

All in all, the Detroit ACYOA created an enormously successful weekend that will not be soon forgotten. With the help and support of their parish and pastor throughout these past two years of planning, Detroit



has undoubtedly set the bar for Sports Weekends. They will surely be a tough act to follow, but Boca Raton is up to the challenge. See you next year for some in the sun!

## NOTEWORTHY NEWS FROM NAIRI CHOIR

**By Georgette L. Mrofcza**  
**Choir Director**

First you see it. Then you don't! The choir debuted their new choir robes on Easter Sunday. And while it took a little time to get used to the new fit...everyone agrees they are a welcome change. The robes have gone back for alterations and we hope to have them back soon. They were certainly inspiring...

### *Speaking of inspiration...*

A composer is inspired by a combination of notes he/she can actually hear in his/her head. I am convinced that music (good music, that is) is inspired by God. We know that to be true in the case of our Liturgical Music—who else would inspire such beautiful music. I am sure if anyone had the opportunity to ask someone who knows like Maestro Khoren Mekanejian, Coordinator of Music Ministry at the Diocese who recently was honored by the Diocese on the occasion of his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday!! and who is composer of the Khorenian Badarak, he would certainly confirm this to be so.

And so many beautiful things are inspired by God. For example, a couple of beautiful things happened (were inspired?) on Father's Day. First of all, our spirits were lifted and inspired by the participation of our own Deacon Artur Petrosyan, now on staff at the Stewardship and Development Department of the Diocese, who served with Hayr Aren on the altar for the first time in many, many months. We were thrilled that he was able to share this occasion with his St. Gregory family. And then, if that wasn't enough...Little by little, person by person the choir grew!! Every time I turned to lead the choir, I noticed there were more and more singers! What a joy! What an inspiration! You know, it sometimes is hard to give inspiring direction to the choir because so much of the music is repetitious week to week—but not that day. In fact, I was guilty of taking my time as I was enjoying the sound and strength of voices. In fact, one of those new singers sang with us last Father's Day in our all-male choir...and he has been singing with us regularly now. Craig Koresian told me that he is amazed how time flies now because he is actively participating in the Divine Liturgy. So for those of you who feel our services are a little long, try following in the Divine Liturgy Book and sing from the pew. **Everyone** is encouraged to sing. You may find it makes a big difference in the rest of your week! (Just follow Auntie Takhouhi!)

*Speaking of singing...* the choir has been discussing the need to start teaching the Sunday School children the Divine Liturgy and while we have discussed this for sometime the execution of the plan has been a difficult scheduling problem. While our hope was to have a couple of special summer sessions, that remains to be seen. But I can tell you that my hope is to be with the children one Sunday a month to introduce the music of the Badarak to them. We are certain there are some special children who might like to sing in church someday.

### *Speaking of special children...*

The Nairi Choir is happy and proud to be sponsoring the attendance to one of this year's St. Nersess Summer Study Program sessions by Ms. Kayla Karian, daughter of Arden and Tammy Karian and Ms. Nora Dulkadir daughter of Sammi and Madlen Dulkadir. The Summer Study Program has been sponsored by the Diocese for over forty years. The week-end long sessions are held at St. Nersess Seminary in New Rochelle, New York. The program offers Armenian youth an opportunity to learn about their faith and culture in a unique environment. How great is that!



**PEACE.** IT DOES NOT MEAN TO BE IN A PLACE WHERE THERE IS NO NOISE, TROUBLE OR HARD WORK. IT MEANS TO BE IN THE MIDST OF THOSE THINGS AND STILL BE CALM IN YOUR HEART.

## WOMEN'S GUILD

*By Pauline Nahabedian*

Once again our great ladies baked for a very successful Easter Bake Sale. Thanks to all who worked so hard under the leadership of Helen Babikian and Silva Karachorlu. Their stamina is amazing.

At our May 8 meeting, a delicious khema dinner was prepared by Rose Tootooian, along with other foods prepared and organized by Silva Karachorlu. A brief meeting was followed by an "Estate Planning" lecture given by one of our very own young adults - attorney Rudy Minasian. It was a very informative and enlightening evening. We can't thank Rudy enough for making us aware of how important this planning is.

### THANKS AGAIN!

On Tuesday, May 22, 16 guild members, along with Hayr Aren and Fr. Khoren Kirakosyan and our guests Harold and Faye Peponis, enjoyed a delightful lunch at Naha Restaurant. This was followed by a tour of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Peponis conducted this tour giving a wealth of information explaining in detail the history of the church. This is the oldest Greek Orthodox Church in the Chicagoland area. Our thanks to Carrie and Michael Nahabedian for a delicious lunch - it was so enjoyable to break bread with our fellow Guild members. We can't thank Hayr Soorp enough for making the tour arrangements.

On Father's Day, June 17 a great brunch was prepared by Guild members, Nancy Berberian and Ursula Bedrossian, along with their committee, following church services. The menu included basterma and eggs, creme brulee french toast, fruit, etc. It was a fun afternoon with door prizes for the fathers and fellowship with family and friends. Our thanks to Dorothy Koresian and Pauline Nahabedian for their donation of the



prizes and many thanks to the ladies for their delicious table.

The Guild is planning other "outings" including a trip to the Garfield Conservatory and an architectural tour of Chicago. More to follow.

On June 3, Dr. Vahe and Silva Karachorlu hosted a fund raising dinner

## DR. GAREN KOLOYAN

honoring Dr. Garen Koloyan the re-known pediatric orthopedic. The event was held at the St. Gregory Armenian Church Cultural Hall. Dr. Koloyan heads the Pediatric Orthopedic Department at the First Children's Hospital in Yerevan. Since the earthquake in 1988, Dr. Koloyan has been quite innovative in his treatment of severely injured children.



Dr. Koloyan is no stranger to the Armenian community in Chicago. After the earthquake, he arranged for four of the most severely injured children to be treated at The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. At that time, our parish hosted a dinner honoring the children.

Dr. Koloyan, in his presentation, expressed the need for financial support from the Armenians in the Diaspora. He was quite appreciative of Dr. Vahe and Silva for their generosity and support in hosting the dinner which raised in excess of \$28,000.00 for the Yerevan Children's Hospital.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGE

*By Mary Kazarian  
Sunday School Superintendent*

The Sunday School year came to a close on May 20<sup>th</sup>. In commemoration, children helped beautify the church grounds by planting flowers. They listened to Fr. Aren's Children's Sermon and then received certificates of participation. It was truly heartwarming to see the children walk up to Fr. Aren to receive the certificates and kiss the extended hand of Archbishop Viken Aikazian. This expression of honor was one of the many church protocols they have been learning throughout the year. Surely, their parents and their dedicated teachers beamed with pride.



With the year's closing, many thanks are due: to Fr. Aren for the love and dedication he shows the children; to the teachers of the Sunday School-- Guy Adami, Charles Demerjian, Edy Johns and Kenarr Chiodo, who faithfully give of their time and knowledge; and to the parents and members of the Congregation who participate in and support the activities of the School.

*A special note:* Thanks to everyone's generosity and help, the Sunday School raised \$500 in the Diocesan Lenten Drive for World Vision/ Smile and Darfur. Exceptional!

Summer brings additional, less formal activities for the Sunday School children, spending quality time with their families and friends. Many of our students looked forward to a week at Hye Camp with Fr. Aren, which was a great experience for them. They not only had a chance to learn about Christianity, but also were introduced to the Armenian tradition and culture.

Hope you had a great summer.

Plan on joining Sunday School in September!



*A Little Light Humor – Touching Words from the Mouths of Babes*

### What Does Love Mean?

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year olds. "What Does Love Mean?" The answers were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined!

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that you name is safe in their mouth."

**Billy, age 4**

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love."

**Rebecca, age 8**

Jesus, wisdom of the Father, give me the wisdom to think, to speak and to do what is good in your eyes; keep me away from evil



# Kids kormer

## THE DEATH OF KIKOS

Once upon a time there lived a poor peasant and his wife with three daughters. One day, as the father was working in his field, he felt very thirsty, and sent his eldest daughter to the spring for water. She took a jug and went out. Near the spring grew a large tree. When she came to the spring, the daughter looked at the tree pensively, and thought, "One day I'll get married, and have a son whom I'll call Kikos. Kikos will grow up, and one day he'll climb this tree. He'll fall down and hit his head on a stone, and be killed... Oh, alas, alas, poor little Kikos!"

She sat down beneath the tree and began to wail, chanting, "Some day I'll marry and have a son with hair of chestnut brown. One day, I know, he'll climb this tree and he'll come tumbling down. Alas, alas, Kikos dear! Alas, dear Kikos is dead!"



She sat there chanting and weeping, and meanwhile everyone at home was wondering why she had not returned. Her mother sent the second daughter to look for her. "Find out what's happened to your sister," she said.

When the eldest daughter saw her sister approaching, she began to wail louder. "Come quick, you poor unfortunate aunt. See what has happened to your little nephew Kikos!"

"What Kikos?"

"Why haven't you heard? Listen. Some day I'll marry and have a son with hair of chestnut brown. One day, I know, he'll climb this tree and he'll come tumbling down. Alas, alas, Kikos dear! Alas, dear Kikos is dead!"

The second daughter began to wail. She sat down next to her sister, and began to weep. Meanwhile the mother became still more anxious. She sent out her third daughter. "You'd better go see what has happened to your sisters," she said. The youngest daughter went to the spring, and found her sisters sitting there weeping bitterly.

"What has happened?" she cried anxiously.

"Don't you know?" answered her eldest sister. "Some day I'll marry and have a son with hair of chestnut brown. One day, I know, he'll climb this tree and he'll come tumbling down. Alas, alas, Kikos dear! Alas, dear

Kikos is dead!"

"Alas, dear Kikos! Why have you left your poor old aunt behind?" wailed the youngest sister and sat down with the other two. And she too began to weep.

Finally the mother couldn't bear the suspense any longer, and ran out to the spring herself. All three daughters ran to meet her.

"Come quick, you poor unfortunate grandmother! See what had happened to your dear little grandson."

"What grandson? Since when am I a grandmother?" cried the amazed woman.

"Why, don't you know yet, Mother?" wailed the eldest daughter. "Some day I'll marry and have a son with hair of chestnut brown. One day, I know, he'll climb this tree and he'll come tumbling down. Alas, alas, Kikos dear! Alas, dear Kikos is dead!"

"Alas, alas! Why am I still living, dear Kikos? It were better that your poor old grandmother should be dead herself, than to have this happen to you!" wailed the woman.

The peasant couldn't understand where they had all gone. He began to look for them, and finally found them at the spring. As soon as they saw him coming, they all ran to meet him crying, "Come, quick, you unfortunate grandfather! See what has happened to your favorite grandson Kikos."

"Who's a grandfather? Who's Kikos?" asked the astounded man. "What's this all about, anyway? I don't understand..."

"What! You don't understand? Haven't you heard? Some day I'll marry and have a son with hair of chestnut brown. One day, I know, he'll climb this tree and he'll come tumbling down. Alas, alas, Kikos dear! Alas, dear Kikos is dead!"

All four of them wailed in chorus, "Alas, dear Kikos is dead."

The peasant thought a bit, "Look here, you foolish women," he said. "Why are you crying? You know you can't bring poor little Kikos back to life with your tears. Let us go home instead, and invite the neighbors to a feast in Kikos' memory. Such is life, we come and we depart from it."

All they possessed was an ox and a hag of flour. They killed the ox, and baked bread, and invited the guests. Then they ordered a mass for Kikos soul, and held a feast in his memory. That calmed them all, and they went on living as peacefully as before.

## GRADUATING CLASS OF 2007

**MARTIN ABEZETIAN**, son of Garrick and Diane Abezetian, graduated from The School of Liberal Arts and Sciences of Columbia College, Chicago on Saturday, May 12, 2007 at Festival Hall, Navy Pier. Marty received his Bachelor of Arts Degree – Business Music Management. Marty also received a special award at a private dinner for family and friends on Friday, May 11 for Excellence in Music Producing. His parents are very proud of him and advised him that this would be the perfect time to ask them for money!

**LAURA ASHLEY BONO**, daughter of John and Lucy (Garabedian) Bono, graduated on June 6, 2007 from Plum Grove Jr. High School, Palatine, IL. Laura will be entering Fremd High School, Palatine, IL.

**ZACHARY HAGOPIAN**, son of Dr. John Hagopian and Barbara Stam, graduated on June 3, 2007 from James B. Conant High School, Schaumburg, IL. Zachary will attend University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

**SHAWN STEVEN HIERL**, son of Mark & Kari (Kuchukian) Hierl, graduated from Deerfield High School in June. Shawn will attend Colorado Mt. College, Steamboat, Colorado.

**ZACHARY THOMAS MILLER**, son of Cathy and George Miller, graduated on May 31, 2007 from Hinsdale Central High School, Hinsdale, IL. He will attend University of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

**TARYN ASHLEY PAHL**, daughter of Clifford and Karen Pahl, graduated from Neuqua Valley High School, Naperville, IL on Sunday, June 3, 2007. Taryn will attend University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

**CINDY PANTHIER**, graduated on Friday, June 1, 2007 from Ellis Middle School. Cindy received a certificate and was recognized for being on the Honor Roll for all 4 quarters. Cindy also received a special award for "Most improved Player" in 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball. Cindy will be attending Elgin High School in the fall.

**MARIA PANTHIER**, graduated on Friday, June 1, 2007 from Ellis Middle School. Maria received a certificate and was recognized for being on the Honor Roll for all 4 quarters. Maria also received a certificate and was recognized for being "Student of the Month: for December, 2006. Maria will be attending Elgin High School in the fall. Parents, Roy & Cynthia Panthier, are very proud of Cindy and Maria.

## NEWS! NEWS! NEWS!

Congratulations to Karin Movesian, former parishioner, who has been named news director at KENS-TV in Las Vegas.

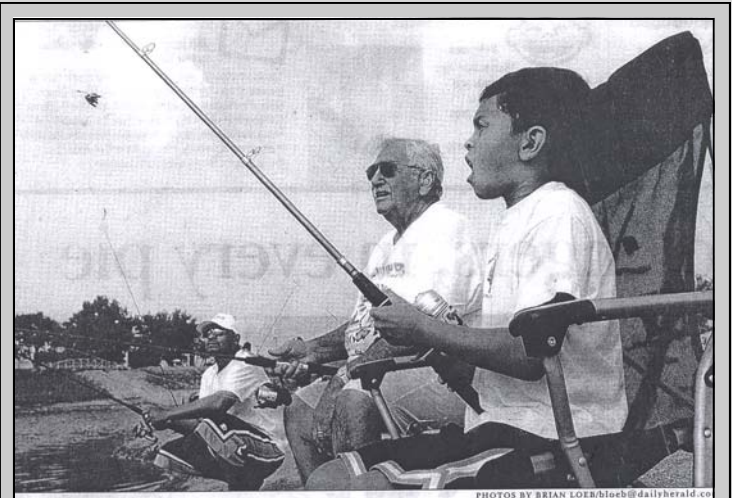
Many thanks to our David Weiss, son of Nancy Weiss, for having the ovens and fans in our kitchen cleaned "gratis". He was most helpful in our time of need!!

It was such a pleasure to have our editor, Artur Petrosyan, return to Chicago and assist Hayr Soorp on the altar on Sunday, June 17. All parishioners were happy to have him with us for the Father's Day brunch. Also, Artur, who a few weeks ago played his very first game of golf scored "A HOLE IN ONE"! Some people can play the game a lifetime and never be so fortunate. CONGRATULATIONS!

Our very best to Kelly Ipjian and Odisho Kako, who were married on Friday evening, July 6. Kelly has been such an important part of our festival for the past several years and we wish her and Odi much happiness.

We want to "WELCOME HOME" Nishan Babikian after a lengthy stay recuperating at a nursing home. We wish him nothing but good health!!

Last, but not least, mark your calendars for the Annual Christmas Party for Sunday, December 9 at Costa's Restaurant in Greektown. Yep, Vito's back!



**Tony Olea, one of our Sunday School students, looks on disappointedly as he reels in an empty line while fishing at a "Father's Day Fishing Derby" in Bensenville, Illinois along with his father Juan and grandfather Harry Paloian (pictured above).**

**This is an annual event and the second time Tony was featured in the local newspaper.**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**SARKIS GIRCİK**

1926-2007



*Sincere sympathy is extended by the Pastor and Parish Council to the family members of Sarkis Gircik. May God illuminate his soul and grant him eternal peace.*

*Grateful acknowledgement is expressed to those who made the following donations in loving memory of Sarkis.*

The death of Sarkis Gircik on April 22, 2007 left the Chicagoland community numb with sorrow. He is survived by his wife, Sella, son Hachig (Gilda), daughter Tilda (Aram) Agajanian and grandchildren, Stepanie and Isabella. Sarkis was a member of our church since arriving to Chicago from Istanbul with his family. After working for Jacobs Twin Buick for many years, Sarkis retired and spent many hours oil painting, tending to his garden and devoting many precious moments caring with his grandchildren. He was ever so proud teaching them prayers and songs of the Armenian Church.

He was a devoted member of the St. Gregory "Nairi Choir" for over 30 years. He will be missed but if there's a celestial choir, we know his voice is there glorifying our Lord. His hobby was painting and was very proud of his recent painting. He made so many plans for this painting and hopefully they will be fulfilled by his family and friends.

Funeral Services were held at St. Gregory the Illuminator Church on April 25 and conducted by Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian and Fr. Vahram Hazarian. Interment at Acacia Park Cemetery. In Lieu of Flower Donations were made to the Nairi Choir and to the Armenian Tree Project.

**The following donations were made to ST. GREGORY NAIRI CHOIR in loving memory of Sarkis Gircik**

Franck Muller USA, Inc., New York, NY; Dr. Vahe & Silva Karachorlu; Dr. Paul Ruestow, Dr. Rose Catchatourian; Nick & Nancy Berberian; Karney & Jill Boyajian; Jack & Glenna Cholakian; Ernest & Alice Gregorian; Dikran Kalayjian; Martin Abezetian; Charles & Seta Babikian; Philip and Mary Battle; Kay Berberian; Hagop & Ani Dirilen; Garo and Janette Evran; Mary & Shakee Hitik; Arden & Tammy Karian; Arda Koholamian; Arnold & Dorothy Koresian; Jirair & Elizabeth Krikorian; George & Pauline Nahabedian; Vartan & Hayganush Paylan; Hugo and Margie Sarkesian; Mariam Tatosian; Sarkis & Ani Tokat; Charles & Janet Paloian; Arthur Aznavoorian; Nishan & Helen Babikian; Michelle Babikian; Sammi & Madlen Dulkadir; Charles & Annette Frankian; Dr. Hrach & Sandra Hitik; Mrs. Josela Howell; Marge Kazarian; Mary Kazarian; Mathew & Sirarpi Klujian; Violet Koresian; John & Sadie Marcantonio, Marco Island, FL; John & Georgette Mrofcza; Naomi Nahabedian; Anna Marie Norehad; Agavni Yagci Topuzyan; John & Kenarr Chiodo; Craig Koresian; Martin & Gerri Paloian .

TOTAL: \$3,105.00

**Donations to the ARMENIAN TREE PROJECT in loving memory of Sarkis Gircik**

M/M Ohannes Boyajian, Southfield, MI; Gevik and Varya Anbarchain; Leon & Margorie Demerdjian; Kirkor & Angele Gosgaryan; Dr. Norayr & Alice Madanyan; Simon & Vartuyi Manoyan; Armand & Nadia Mirijanian; Vartan & Hayganush Paylan; Armand & Nadie Mirijanian; Vartan & Hayganush Paylan; Gary & Aylin Topalian; Rose Tootooian; Avedis & Anikine Yazicioglu; Raffi & Talin Hazarian; Artin Hitik; Francesco & Sona Vercillo; Shahan & Sibil Alexanian; Michelle Babikian; Nishan & Helen Babikian; Violet Koresian; Pamela J. Moroukian; Talin Topuzyan.

TOTAL: \$850.00



Sarkis will be missed sorely and while we all mourn his death, let us remind his grieving family and friends of the comforting words of our Lord: "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many rooms" (John 14:1-

## WEDDINGS

April 28, 2007

### **Kirsten A. Malek & John H. Kargenian**

Best Man: Peter Kargenian

Matron of Honor: Sara Gray

Parents of the Bride: Dr. Gerald Malek & Patricia Harrington

Parents of the Groom: Harold & Gloria Kargenian

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Chicago

Officiated by Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian assisted by Deacon Vahe

Caliskan

May 12, 2007

### **Kara Susan Demirjian & Mark Andrew Huss**

Best Man: Jeff Huss

Matron of Honor: Simone Demirjian Beazly

Parents of the Bride: J. Gerald & the late Mary Demirjian

Parents of the Groom: M. Stephen & Carol Huss

Officiated by Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian assisted by Nicholas Demirjian

May 19, 2007

### **Genevieve Irene Missirlian and Raffi Michael Vartian**

Best Man: Alexander Sarafian

Maid of Honor: Amber Bobin

Parents of the Bride: Harry and Jean Missirlian

Parents of the Groom: Ross and Judie Vartian

Officiated by: Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, Diocesan Legate, assisted by Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian.

July 22, 2007

### **Laura Lynn Reiff and Michael Peter Nahabedian**

Best Man: Thomas John Nahabedian

Matron of Honor: Lisa Reiff Lucas

Ring Bearer: George Culligan Nahabedian

Parents of the Bride: Janice Leroy

Parents of the Groom: George and Pauline Nahabedian

Officiated by: Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

*We wish the happy couples many years of wedded bliss together with God's blessings. May God be protector of their holy unity.*

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

“And all things, whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive.” - Matt 21:22

**DENISE ABEZETIAN**

**NISHAN BABIKIAN**

**MARTY HAMPARZOMIAN**

**MARY KERRIDAN**

**GRACE KLUJIAN**

**JOHN PAKLAIAN**

**HUGO SARKESIAN**

**MARY SOMMESE**

*May our Lord touch them with His healing hand and grant them good health and strong spirit.*

## FUNERALS

*Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.*

*- John 12:24*

March 22 - **Rev. Fr. Haik Donikian**

April 2 – **Arsen Harutyunyan**

April 25 - **Sarkis Gircik**

April 26 - **Khatoun Boyrazian**

May 3 - **Mary Demirjian**

June 23 - **Mathew Klujjian, Sr.**

July 3 - **Arline Becker**

July 6 - **Kira Simonian**

July 28 – **Mari Leylek**

*May their souls rest in eternal peace.*

## DONATIONS TO THE LOOSAVORICH

**Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ajemian (Mass.)**

**Mr. and Mrs. Paul Andrews**

**Mary Babagian**

**Michelle Babikian**

**Mary Hagopian**

**Maryanne Johnson (Iowa)**

**Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Koresian**

**(for good health of Hugo Sarkesian)**

**Craig Koresian**

**James Leylek (So. Carolina)**

**Mari Leylek**

**Beatrice Mossler**

**Mr. and Mrs. George Nahabedian**

**(in memory of Mary Demirjian)**

**Mr. and Mrs. Charles Paloian**

**TOTAL: \$ 375**

*May God grant you according to your hearts.*

## SANDY'S CORNER

Below is a listing of spices and their Armenian name. If anyone knows of more please let me know and we will print them (847-867-6793). Someone may give you a recipe and only knows the Armenian name for a particular spice. Now you have a guideline.

Allspice	Dahjegh, Darapaghpegh
Basil, Sweet Basil	Anookh, Anoosh Anookh
Cinnamon	Ginamon, Darijenik
Cloves	Mekhagi Guntas
Coriander	Gintz
Cumin Seed	Kimion
Currants	Hagharts
Dill	Samit
Fennel	Horon Chaman (Roman Chaman) Bultem, Hats-Hamen
Mint	Ananookh (slang, Nana)
Nutmeg	Mushgungouz
Ginger	Kodjapughpegh
Rosemary	Khungouni
Saffron	Kurkoum
Sesame Seed	Kunjit, Shoushma
Oil of Sesame	Shirik Dzet

The Armenian word for salad is aghsan and because summer is here I thought you might enjoy a recipe I made up to go with any grilled meats.



## Broccoli Aghsan

Broccoli heads, steamed and cut in medium size pieces

1 red bell pepper, med. diced

6 scallions, med. chopped

creamy blue cheese dressing (your favorite store bought)

3/4 cup toasted walnuts or pecans

I don't have an exact amount of broccoli listed because it is different each time. However much you buy determines the size of the salad and that depends on how many you are serving. Steam broccoli 5 minutes. Shock in bowl of ice water. Drain well and cut into bite size pieces. NOT TOO SMALL.

Add all ingredients except walnuts. Toss lightly with your hands to prevent breaking the broccoli. Give walnuts/pecans a rough chop and add to a heated fry pan turning constantly to toast. Salad can be made a day ahead of time, but stir in the nuts just before serving. Note: Chunky Blue Cheese Dressing such as Marie's is especially good I used Wish Bone Blue Cheese with Gorgonzola.

NOTE: You can substitute cauliflower for the broccoli. Say, what would happen if you used half broccoli and half cauliflower? I think I'll try that this week!



# Don't Quit

When things go wrong  
As they sometimes will,  
When the road your trudging  
Seems all uphill,  
When the funds are low  
And the debts are high,  
  
And you want to smile  
But you have to sigh,  
When life is pressing you down a bit-  
Rest if you must, bud don't you quit.

Success is failure turned inside out,  
It is the silver tint of the clouds of  
doubt.  
And you never can tell  
How close you are,  
It may be near when it seems afar.  
  
So, stick to the fight  
When you're hardest hit-  
It's when things go wrong  
That you must not quit!

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