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## SAINTS SAHAG & MESROB

### ARMENIAN CHURCH

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April/May/June 2022 – Second Quarter Spring Edition

#### Christ is revealed in the meeting of hearts!

#### Frs. Shnork and Hetum meet for the first time in person and heart to heart!!



On October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, following the tragic loss of life from my heart donor, who with the sacrificial gift of organ donation, became the perfect match for me, giving me a new lease on life with the gift of a “new and perfect heart” out of the tragedy of the loss of his life. Some of you may know the miraculous pledge of Fr. Hetum Terverdyan who told me that he along with his faithful in the remote town of Akht’ala Armenia would pray for me together with his entire congregation and by the intercession of All the Saints,

that God would grant me the gift of a “New and Perfect Heart.” It was only an hour and a half later, following the conclusion of Der Hayr’s prayer of the evening that I was called to Tufts Medical Center by Dr. Vest to come and receive as she called it “a new and perfect heart”!

A day later after I was awake and removed from a respirator, I spoke to my dear Fr. Hetum to tell me that a miracle happened. Der Hayr was not surprised but overjoyed saying he believed in Christ’s love and will to hear the prayer of God’s righteous people. I pledged to Der Hayr that if God gave me the strength and the health that I would make a pilgrimage to Akht’ala to visit him!

Through June 5 to June 18<sup>th</sup> four years later, I finally by God’s grace travelled to Akht’ala with 19 faithful and made this sacred pilgrimage where we were greeted by Der Hetum, his lovely Yn, Marian, their two beautiful children and the wonderful congregation of faithful along with the mayor. Their reception was so overwhelming and we even had a performance of the dance group, children’s choir and a visit to Der Hayr and Yeretskin’s home which our parish helped renovate three years ago. Again, we made a very sizable gift to Der Hayr’ parish and ministry by the faithful and loving contribution of so many of you. The Terverdyan’s even joined us for a lovely luncheon followed by a meal on the final day of our stay in the Alaverdi region of northern Armenia.

Der Hayr, on giving me a beautiful painting of Mt. Ararat, announced to his villagers that he was so delighted to have Sts. Sahag and Mesrob as a sister parish after our chairman, John Megrdichian presented the stewardship gift! While for me this was the fulfillment of a dream and my heart’s desire, our entire pilgrimage to Armenia was outstanding and I have determined that, God willing, we will visit Akht’ala again.

Fr. Shnork Souin, Pastor



#### IN A MESSAGE TO THE FAITHFUL OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA, CATHOLICOS KAREKIN II CONFIRMS THE ELECTION OF V. REV. FR. MESROP PARSAMYAN

From the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin



We were gratified to be informed in your letter of May 6, 2022, that the Very Reverend Father Mesrop *Vartabed* Parsamyan has been elected as Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, by a majority vote of the Diocesan Assembly, convened in New York on May 6-7.

With our pontifical blessing we hereby confirm Father Mesrop Parsamyan’s election as Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, and extend our congratulations and best wishes. We are most hopeful that with the help of

the Diocese’s administrative and parish bodies, and with the support of our faithful, the newly-elected Primate will enjoy a fruitful service for the greater splendor of the Eastern Diocese of the United States.

With prayers to God, we ask the Lord to always keep the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church bright and unshaken, granting you good health and success in your church-loving activities.

With blessings,

KAREKIN II ~ *Catholicos of All Armenians*



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The V. Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan



#### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

In the inaugural session of the 120th Assembly of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, on May 6, 2022, the clergy and delegates elected the **Very Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan** to the office of Diocesan Primate. Pending confirmation by His Holiness Karekin II, the Catholicos of All Armenians,

Fr. Mesrop will become the 13th Primate of the Eastern Diocese.

A native of Yerevan, Fr. Mesrop attended Gevorgian Theological Seminary of Holy Etchmiadzin, where he received his Bachelor's degree in Theology in 2003. He was ordained into the holy priesthood that same year, and thereafter served until 2004 as the staff-bearer for His Holiness Karekin II, the Catholicos of All Armenians.

He holds a Master's degree in Theology and Religious Sciences from the University of Strasbourg, France, and studied in Dublin, Ireland, at the International Study Centre. In 2011 he received his Archimandrite (*Vardapet*) rank: the Doctoral degree of the Armenian Church.

As a professor at Gevorgian Theological Seminary from 2007 to 2011, Fr. Mesrop taught Christian Ethics, and simultaneously served as deputy-chancellor of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin. During this period, he had two pastoral stays in Brussels, Belgium, and in Nice, France.

He went on to serve the Armenian Church Diocese in Geneva, Switzerland, as its Locum Tenens Primate. He was Vicar General of the Armenian Diocese in Marseille, France, from 2012 to 2013, and the following year served in Paris as Locum Tenens Primate of the Armenian Diocese of France. Throughout his ministry in Europe (2007-2014), Fr. Mesrop was member of the Church and Society Commission of the Conference of European Churches.

Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan came to the United States in 2015, and took up the pastorship of Holy Virgin Mary and *Shoghagat* Armenian Church in Belleville, IL, for a period of two years. In 2017 he took up a position at the Diocesan Center in New York City as its director of Ministries. He was appointed as Vicar of St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral in 2018.

In the autumn of 2019, Fr. Parsamyan answered the call of His Holiness Karekin II, to return to the Mother See and take up a new role as Dean of Gevorgian Seminary. He led the seminary through Armenia's ensuing years of trial and affliction, before completing his mission for His Holiness, returning to the U.S. in 2021, to take up the position of Director of Ministries of the Eastern Diocese, at the request of Primate Bishop Daniel Findikyan.

On May 6, 2022, clergy and lay delegates representing the parishes of the Eastern Diocese elected Fr. Parsamyan to the office of Diocesan Primate. The meeting took place in New York City, at the St. Vartan Cathedral Complex, with delegates participating both in person and online. Some 181 delegates took part in the election.

**NOTE: At this writing, we were informed of an automobile accident involving Fr. Mesrop, on his way to Camp Ararat. He is stable but, in the hospital, undergoing treatment for a broken hip and legs. Please keep Hayr Surp in your prayers.**

#### CHAIRMAN'S CORNER



It is my hope that you are all enjoying the warmth of Summer and are keeping busy. Needless to say, we continue to be busy at Church. After a very busy Easter season, the church has remained a beehive of activity. On Sunday, May 15, the members of the new Parish Council for the 2022-2023 year were installed at the conclusion of Badarak where Der Hayr also welcomed our new Communications Coordinator, Melissa Amershek. Later in the month, the Parish Council participated with Councils of Sts Vartanants and Armenian Euphrates Evangelical Church in the annual Tri Parish Dinner. It was great breaking bread with our fellow Councils. We shared the various programs and activities that are going on in our respective communities.

On June 5, Der Hayr led a group of pilgrims (my family included) on a trip of a lifetime to Armenia. We spent two-weeks in our homeland and visited many historic and religious sites. One of the many highlights was an audience with His Holiness Karekin II. Vehapar was engaging with the group and answered several questions. He told us that as the first post-pandemic group to visit with him, we should encourage others to follow in our footsteps. We enjoyed the nightlife in Yerevan and the people were so hospitable and welcoming that I cannot wait to go again. For those of you who have never been to Armenia should consider a trip. It was amazing.

On Sunday, June 26, we hosted the annual Church Festival (picnic). A great time was had by all, and the food was spectacular as always. The festival could not have been successful without the hard work of Chairman Jeff Boghossian, his team and a cast of thousands who helped. Job well done by Jeff and Company.

Also on Monday, July 18, we held our annual PK Golf Tournament at the Cranston Country Club. While our numbers were a little lighter this year, everyone had a great time. Kudos to Marc Janigian and his committee for another successful tournament.

I want to say that probably the most successful event that was held most recently was our Vacation Bible School. It took place the week of June 27 through July 1. Nearly 30 children participated in what was themed "**Great Big Beautiful World**."

They took part in classes from the bible, how to make *nshkhars*, field trips, singing hymns, planting herbs and vegetables and much more. Much thanks to Der Hayr, Debbie Onanian and many others who helped bring this to fruition. We look forward to seeing the results of the seeds that were sown that week. We were also very proud to host Bishop Daniel Findikyan on the occasion of the ordination to rank of Deacon of our own Anthony Maldonado. Congratulations to Anthony and his Mom, Maro and family who hosted a delicious luncheon in his honor!. Have a great rest of the Summer!!

Sincerely,

John Megrdechian Parish Council Chairman

## CALENDAR

### JULY

24 -Sunday July 24 – Transfiguration

Sunday August 14 – Assumption

### AUGUST

5 – Cultural Night- Armen Ajemyan, Trumpet

14 – Feast of the Assumption and Blessing of Grapes

– (*Donation form inside*)

19 - Cultural Night- Ruben Matevosyan

### SEPTEMBER

11 - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and

○ 1st Day of Sunday school

17 – Registration and first day Armenian School

### OCTOBER

23 – Spiritual Music Festival

NOTE: Mark Your Calendar

**Fall Bazaar-December 3 – 4.**

# News from the Pews

During the commemorations of Holy Martyrs and the Armenian Genocide, on April 24<sup>th</sup> and in the month of April generally, there were a number of commemorative events held in the State of Rhode Island many which were attended by members of our congregation and the pastor of which some were hosted by our congregation.

All of this saw its climax on Sunday April 24 following the Divine Liturgy where the entire community gathered at the North Burial Ground sponsored by the AMMC of RI with the participation of all Armenian churches, auxiliary, community and political groups of our state, attended by many political dignitaries with a rousing key note address by Stepan Piligian of Massachusetts. Of note, Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Cultural Committee hosted a concert by the RI Armenian Chorale, saw Leonard Arzoomanian, a devoted leader and servant of our parish identified as N. Providence Armenian of the Year at the flag raising by Mayor Lombardi. Fr. Shnork was invited to offer the opening prayer of the premier showing of Song of Solomon. He also went made a pilgrimage with the Armenian School to the NBG where he offered prayers of intercession to the Holy Martyrs along with the many students and their families on April 23.

Here are some other highlights from activities throughout the Spring where we see more and more people attending and enjoying the fellowship of a vibrant faith community here at Sts. Sahag and Mesrob following the days of pandemic.

In May we welcomed our new **Communications Coordinator, Melissa Masoian Amershek**. Melissa works 3 days a week and is responsible for communications, marketing, social media and Outreach and various other ministries relating to parish communications and mission under the direction of Der Hayr.



- Sunday April 17 – The **Junior Choir** sang during the Easter Badarak.
- Sunday May 15 – Fr. Shnork conducted an **Installation and blessing of the newly formed Parish Council** at the conclusion of Badarak and welcoming **Melissa our new Communications Coordinator**.



- May 19 – This year, The Armenian Evangelical Church hosted a well-attended **Tri-Church Dinner** of the three Armenian Church communities, where there were over 20 people enjoying fellowship and a lovely meal prepared by our hosts.

- Thursday May 26 – Fr. Shnork joined brother Clergy and faithful at **Ascension Day** Badarak/fellowship hosted by Ascension church in Trumbull Ct.



- June 5- 18 – **Armenia Trip** with Fr. Shnork – (see an article by Melissa Megrđichian)
- Thursday June 23 – Fr. Shnork hosted a **day-long retreat for the RI Orthodox Clergy Fellowship** attended by 14 guest clergy including Frs. Haroutium and Garabed (New Britain), Fr. Nigoghos (Springfield) and Dn. Gary Alexander. The guest speaker Fr. Demetrious a priest of the Greek Orthodox Church, spoke about addiction. The dinner was prepared by Fr. Shnork and Yn. Julie, Dn. Anthony Maldonado and Gary Dombrowski.

• Sunday June 26 – We held our very successful and memorable **SSMAC Armenian Festival** with the Mugrdichian band, performances of the Nazeli Dance Group, Jr. Choir and delicious foods. It was beautiful but very hot day under the tents, and most importantly a lot of fun. Thanks to Jeff Boghosian and the wonderful committee and volunteers for great work and a sacrifice of love for the good of our parish and building up of our community.



- Sunday July 10- How blessed we were at the celebration of the **Episcopal Badarak by Bp. DANIEL who ordained Dn. Anthony Maldonado** to the diaconate. The ordination and Divine Liturgy was followed by a delicious “VERY ARMENIAN” meal loving organized and prepared by Dn. Anthony’s mom, Maro Emdjian, family and many other volunteers and members of the Women’s Guild who also provided a beautiful cake, and Parish Council members. How blessed are we to have such wonderful young people who will serve our church armed with the orthodox faith and a passion for service and the witness of our risen Lord!! Congratulations to him and to us as we proclaim in unison “*arjhani e*” he is worthy!!



- July 11 -12 – Fr. Shnork attends and participates in the **funeral of our former parishioner Gagik Saribekyan** and visited with his family after his tragic loss in a fatal accident in Charlotte NC.

- Monday July 18 – **Golf Outing** (see article and pictures below).



# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

April 10 - Youth Palm Sunday Luncheon-Organized and prepared by our youth!!



April 17 – Easter- Junior Choir sang during the Badarak

April 23 - Friday May 13 – What a wonderful time we had at our Youth Outing Bowling followed by dinner at Maria’s Pizza!

Saturday June 4 – 7:30 Cultural Committee Annual Talent Show

Sunday June 5 – Pentecost - Sunday School Last Day

Sunday June 12 – Armenian School Hantess

June 27-July 1 VBS Vacation Bible School

ACYOA Sports Weekend and General Assembly- TEXAS-Attended by Dns. Anthony

and Garen and joined by others at Sports Weekend.

June 12 -Armenian School Hantess



In households where only the mother went to services every week, a minuscule 2-3 percent of children grew up to do the same. In households where both father and mother attended, that number jumped to 33 percent of their children, with a further 41 percent coming to church irregularly.-Swiss Study



**“So it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.” ~ (Romans 12:5)**

**PLEASE, SIGN YOUR CHILDREN UP FOR FALL ACTIVITIES AND ENCOURAGE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN ALL YOUTH ACTIVITIES!!**

# Sunday School



## Dear Friends,

We love to share stories that demonstrate the true heart of Ayo! When everyone pitches in to help at the level they can, beautiful things happen...

In January, we launched our [#SetTheTable](#) project to equip village school cafeterias with furniture and dishware. When the Sunday schoolers at Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church in Providence heard about it, they took action to help.

Together, the group made and sold chocolate bunnies and crosses throughout Lent, raising a total of \$2100! A local Armenian candy company donated the melting chocolate.

10-year-old Liana and her 8-year-old brother Nareg participated in the initiative. Liana shares: "It was fun ... I liked joining to help people that are in need [and] working as a team with my church family." Nareg adds: "Can we do it again?"

We received the beautiful donation in the middle of our [#CountdownToCamp](#) project. The children's heartwarming gift will send several kids like them to camp this summer.

We are sooo grateful! (And Nareg, you absolutely can do it again ;)

Helena & the Ayo! Team.

Here is the link to the registration form for this coming school year -

<https://forms.gle/A6J3XfnBgZEC7v157>

-Deborah A. Onanian, Superintendent



Dear Der Hayr and members of the Parish Council,  
I am writing to you to tell you about my time at St. Vartan camp! On July 3rd my parents took my brother John and I to St. Vartan camp! I had two roommates and they were very nice to me. Every day we woke up early in the morning or if you were still asleep then they would wake you up with music (NOT FUN!). We also had flagpole when we sang the national anthem for America and Armenia. We also did some exercises too! We had campfires, pool time, and sports. It was so much fun!!! At St. Vartan camp I made some new friends and so did my brother. We can't wait to see everyone next year! So, what I wanted to say was: THANK YOU FOR THE BEST TIME IN MY LIFE!!!!!!! It was an AWESOME experience too! Thank you, Sts. Sahag, and Mesrob!

From one of your supporters,  
Avedis George Stickler or otherwise known as good news

Dear Der Hayr and members of the Parish Council,  
I am writing to you because I wanted to share my experience from St. Vartan camp.

When my parents drove me there, I had no idea what to expect at such a beautiful place with amazing greenery. Everyone had a very friendly attitude to us when we got there and some of my Auntie's friends knew us. They made us feel very welcome there and I indeed did feel at home.

Every day was amazing in its own special way. I learned how to speak Armenian such as "Parev ench bes es". We had a religion class with Der Khatch and Der Mesrop. We had arts and crafts class where I was able to use my creativity. We learned Armenian songs and sharagans with Hayr Simeon. Our meals were more than delicious and tasted like a gift from heaven. The CIT's (Counselors in training) and counselors were phenomenal. They were super nice and they understood me. Every day at 2:30 to 3:30 the junior boys and girls would get to swim in the pool. It was beyond fun. The evening programs were always different and more fun than the last one. We had chapel in the morning and before we went to bed and one day, I was the deacon.

Every person at the camp was nice. I especially liked Nurse Adriene. We built an 80's restaurant themed puzzle. I never got to see it finished but I was a big help when building it. Kathryn made everything great and was always a good buddy and was always cheerful.

I was heartbroken when I had to leave the wonderful place called camp and next time, I will stay for two weeks! Thank you for the scholarship to go to St. Vartan camp. It was probably the best thing I did all summer.

Sincerely  
John Stickler

## 2022-2023 SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

1. **Email\***
  - a. Your email
2. **Student Name: \***
3. **Address: \***
4. **Phone Number(s):**
  - a. Your answer
5. **Parent Names: \***
  - a. Your answer
6. **Parent Email Address(es):**
  - a. Your answer
7. **Child's Date of Birth: \***
  - a. Date
8. **Grade in School: \***
  - a. Your answer
9. **Any Known Allergies? \***

If you answered yes to the above question, if you could please inform us of the allergy. This information will only be shared with the child's teacher.

  - a. Your answer
10. **Emergency Contact Name and Number: \***
  - a. Your answer
11. **Has your child been Baptized and or Confirmed in the Armenian Church? \***
12. **Do you give permission for your child to be photographed for use in church publications (newsletter/bulletin/website/church social media sites)? \***
13. **Comments:**



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Armenian School  
Open House

September 17, 2022  
11am



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## ARMENIA MISSION TRIP - June 5 - 18

**We were there as tourists, but in our hearts, we were home...**



That is the only way to perfectly sum up the feelings I had after our pilgrimage to Armenia. Being a first timer in Hayastan, I wasn't sure what to expect. We had our itineraries, a group orientation prior to the trip, anyone and everyone we spoke to before the adventure told us how wonderful it would be, the beauty of our land, the delicious food, the altogether different culture, but no words could do this country,

these people, this experience, the proper justice.

On June 5, 2022, Der Shnork led our group of Pilgrims from Cranston, to Logan Airport, eventually to Yerevan. John, Debra, Peter, and Melissa Megrđichian, accompanied by Tina Yaghjian, Anthony Maldonado, Rina Horenian, Scott Asadorian, Gary Nahabedian, Sema Parnagian, joined Der Shnork from the start. We



met Christine Hoogasian of MA at Logan Airport as well as Fabio Amirlian of Ohio at Charles De Gaulle. In Yerevan, after about 24 hours of travelling we met up with Jaime Kaloustian of New York City and Anita Desjardins of Vancouver, Canada. Additionally, Der Hayr's sisters Anita, Brigitte and brothers-in-law Zak and Kamer joined us for part of the trip as well. The wonderful Marina Khachatryan of Yerevan fearlessly lead our eclectic group of travelers all over Armenia. From the dry heat in the Erebouni Fortress, to the beautiful Canyon of Garni, the historic, long-lasting monasteries all over, the luscious greenery in Lori region, to the highly reverent Etchmiadzin, to the impressively developed city of Gyumri all the way back to the finest wineries and cognac factories you'll ever find. Every inch of this historic land had a story, had a purpose, and all was shared with us through the passionate descriptions by our wonderful Marina. In her words we could feel her love and respect for her country, and in her shared truths and tales, I can say we all came to feel that same love and respect for our country, our Armenia. Juxtaposed with the beauty, we also felt the hurt and solemnity in our time at the Genocide Memorial and Museum as well as the Yereblur Military Pantheon honoring our fallen heroes. These experiences were humbling and pulled at our heartstrings.

Our time touring Armenia was enriching and packed with must-see landmarks and experiences, but it was our "free time" where we became one with the Armenian people, culture and fully immersed as just other Armenians in the crowd. How many times did we say to each other "Isn't it just unreal to hear other people on the streets speaking Armenian?" It's a rarity when we're back in the states, but here it's the norm of course. One

aspect of our Armenia experience that I still can't seem to comprehend is just how safe and at peace we all felt walking the streets of Yerevan, even at night. If you ask them, crime (and COVID) "doesn't exist here," and you're made to feel safe and welcomed. Any request, whether it was at a restaurant, in a business, or in someone's home, they'd say "It's not a problem," further reinforcing the fact that Armenians are the most hospitable and accommodating people you'll meet. I'll never forget showing up to *Mer Taghe* (Our Village) on Tumanyan street with a group of 10 to find our eager-to-please waiter, Nareg who immediately assembled a row of tables just for us, his new American friends and shower us with the best *Lahmajun*, *Sou Boureg* and *Mante* we've ever tasted!

This warm and welcomed feeling we received made us all want to give back as much as possible. We were unbelievably



impressed by the AGBU Children's Center programs and wowed by the talents of their students, so much so that many of us bought their beautiful artwork. We were greeted with open arms by Der Hetum, his family and his parish in Akhtala so much so that we all felt compelled to donate to him and his church. *(With all contributions, we raised over \$3500 just for our mission and pilgrimage for Akhtala's Surp Asdvadsadsin Church -given to Fr. Hetum the pastor by Der Hayr and John Megrđichian while visiting his family home with the group)*

. Any tourist site with shops or vendors selling souvenirs, at least one if not all of us flocked to shop and support the locals. We even had an audience on Sunday before Diving Liturgy with His Holiness, Catholicos Karekin II, a surreal and humbling experience to say the least!

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention my favorite activities of this trip. Rushing down the river rapids of Debet River in the Lori region is certainly something I'll never forget, especially the expression on Der Shnork's face when after our raft cleared a large rock and he and Fabio almost fell all the way back and into the water! Luckily, they were pulled back in and we all stayed afloat, but I still feel that adrenaline rush every time I think back on it! Additionally, my memory of our group being welcomed into the home of a local family to not only serve us the best Dolma, but also to provide us with a *Gata*-making lesson is still one of my fondest. Our trip was perfectly wrapped up with the best view of Mount Ararat clearly seen from our seats on the plane as we boarded our flight back home. It was Armenia's way of not saying "Goodbye," but "See you soon". This experience has refreshed our faith, and the hunger for our Armenian culture. I'm filled with pride for our Armenia and feel how strong we are as a nation. We will not lose what is rightfully ours again. This nation has been through hell and back, but in the words of William Saroyan, "Then see if they

will not laugh, sing, and pray again. For when two of them meet anywhere in the world, see if they will not create a New Armenia.” I’m immensely grateful for this life-changing experience with our group, and still find myself gushing over this experience to anyone who will listen. Since we’ve been back, I’m already planning and praying for when we can go back to Armenia, back to our home. May our memories of Hayastan last as long as the finest Cognac’s age... which if you ask me, the 75-year-old Port Wine was incomparable!

--Melissa Megrđichian



On Father’s Day June 18, at the Oaklawn Cemetery in Edgewood, a crowd gathered at the gravesite of Aghabab Kalunian, a young man of just about 20 years of age who passed away close to a century ago. His gravestone stands proudly all alone at the very back of the Armenian section of the cemetery. A service was performed Fr. Kapriel Nazarian, with the participation of **Deacon Garen Megrđichian** of St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church as well as



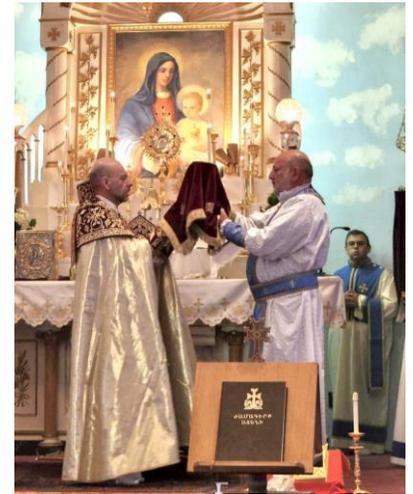
deacons from Sts. Vartanants Church.

**Leonard “Len” Arzoomanian** is honored as North Providence Armenian of the Year at Flag raising ceremony at N. Providence City Hall.

On **Holy Thursday** we returned to a full compliment of participants at a beautiful morning Badarak in celebration of the establishment of our Lord’s Supper, followed by the Washing of the Feet and a full Khavaroom.



## The Ordination of Dn. Anthony Maldonado





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#### SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

10:00 - 10:30 AM	Coffee and choreg reception
10:30 - 10:45 AM	Opening blessing and Symposium intro
10:45 - 12:00 PM	Keynote speaker
12:00 - 12:45 PM	Focus group/breakout session
12:45 - 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 - 2:00 PM	Presentation of an Armenian female Saint
2:00 - 3:15 PM	Keynote speaker
3:15 - 4:00 PM	Focus group/breakout session
4:15 - 4:45 PM	Guided meditation and closing prayer

## Cultural Committee Fall Programming

Cultural committee's upcoming events 2022:

- Sunday, October 23, at 5 pm - Spiritual Music Festival, Church Sanctuary
- Saturday, November 19, at 7 pm - Concert, in Egavian hall
- Friday, December 9 - Annual Christmas Concert, at 7 pm, Church Sanctuary



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***Rehearsals at the Egavian Cultural Center  
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For more information on the "Nazeli " dance group call to  
Mrs. Janna Guegamian, Chair of the Arts Education Program,  
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## ARTS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

### APPLICATION FORM FOR FIRST SEMESTER OF 2022 - 2023

The Saints Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church Cultural Committee offers art and cultural instruction in the following areas for a very modest fee. In which classes would your child (children) be interested?

*AGES 5-17*

CLASSES:	Number of Children	Ages
Drawing and Sculpture		
Nazeli Dance Group (ages 5-10)		
Nazeli Dance Group (ages 11-17)		
Piano		
Violin		
Guitar		
Voice training		

Are there any other classes you would like to see offered? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Registration for 2022 - 2023 First Semester is on Saturday, September 10 from 12 noon to 1 pm in school area of Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church, 70 Jefferson St. Providence, RI**

*Arts and Music classes begin on Saturday, September 24, 2022.*

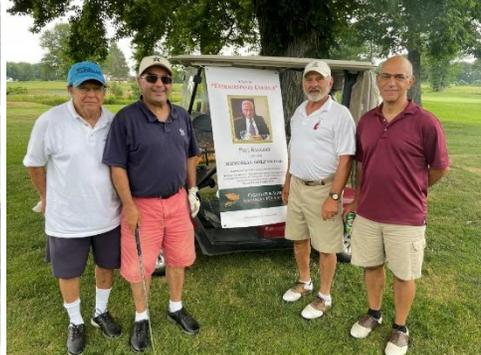
*Nazeli Dance group begin on Monday, September 12, 2022*

Please send application to: Cultural Committee Arts Education Program,  
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For more information, or questions about the Arts Education Program please contact Program's Chairperson Mrs. Janna Guegamian 401 861-3573, e-mail: Petroskon@aol.com

# Annual Golf Outing July 18, 2022 Cranston Country Club

Our Annual Golf Outing at Cranston Country Club was a grand success and was attended by many golfers and supported by a great many wonderful parishioners and friends and was named the PK Memorial Golf Outing! The big winner was Nick Ferrara for closest to the pin and longest drive! We had a wonderful day and special thanks to Dr. Martin Papazian and Gary Domrowski who prepared the on course lunch and watering hole where many of the above pictures were taken. The committee would like to you all and for your support and participation for this great event! Thanks to our sponsors!!!!





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AND ASSUMPTION OF ST.  
MARY MOTHER OF GOD  
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DONATIONS**

**Sunday August 14, 2022**

Please consider an in-kind donation for Grapes for this Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup>, on the Feast of Assumption. This will be a God pleasing and much needed offer of sacrifice for this most blessed feast and remembrance of our Heavenly Queen and Mother. It is also a great way to help your church in stewardship and if you'd like to, to honor or remember loved ones, especially mothers and those who may bear the name of Mary, Mariam, MaryAnne, etc.



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Bishop Daniel Findikyan, Primate

05/06/2022

Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church  
Rev. Fr. Shnork Souin  
70 Jefferson Street  
Providence, RI 02908-4923

Dear Fr. Shnork:

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,600.00 dated 04/25/2022 to the *Ukrainian Armenian Relief Fund*. We have all witnessed the heartbreaking images from Ukraine and are deeply grateful that you are answering our call to support our Armenian brethren.

As indicated by our Primate, we are sending money directly to Ukraine on a regular basis in support of the Armenian community.

We wish you and your loved ones the very best of health and to remain safe during these challenging times.

The Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) is dedicated to upholding our centuries-old faith and traditions. With your support, we are able to develop and implement ministries and programs to ensure that the Armenian Church remains vital in the lives of individuals, families, and communities.

Please note that no goods or services were received and that your contribution is tax-deductible (ID# 13-1628202) to the fullest extent of the law.

Thank you once again for your support.

Warm regards,

*Laurie Onanian*  
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**With love for the Mother of God  
Fr. Shnork Souin, Pastor**



***Transfiguration- JULY 24, 2022 – This is One of the Five Great Tabernacle Feasts of the Armenian Church. Three disciples come face-to-face with the mind-boggling nature of God. How do they react? And is there a lesson for us in their experience? That's the question the church poses in the Feast of the Transfiguration—which the Armenian Church will observe on Sunday, July 24.***

Please read the Article below by Chris Zakian

There is a mystery at the heart of Christianity. In our Divine Liturgy, we worship Jesus Christ as the Son of God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the Incarnate Word of the Lord, through whom the entire universe was created. As humble human beings, we might naturally ask, *where do we fit into all this?* Can such a cosmic being really care about creatures as small as us?

A clue to such questions is quietly offered in the Gospel story of the Transfiguration ([Matthew 17:1-13](#)).

Prior to the Transfiguration, Jesus had been very secretive about his true mission and identity, even to his twelve disciples. At one point, Jesus asked them who they thought he was. After a round of wrong answers from the others, Peter spoke up and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus blessed Peter for this insight, and then disclosed the prophecy of his own death and resurrection. Now, the disciples had always understood that Jesus was a unique and important figure—he was, after all, a riveting teacher, an inspiring leader, a powerful miracle-worker. But here, for the first time, they were being let in on the secret of *just how special* Jesus was.

With that disclosure, the groundwork was now prepared for the visual spectacle of the Transfiguration—which is the very next episode in Matthew’s gospel.

### **The Transfiguration**

Alone and Apart - The story begins: “After six days, Jesus took Peter and the brothers James and John, and brought them up into a high mountain apart.” Right from the start, we are given a subtle reminder of the mystery of Creation, in the seemingly unnecessary comment about “six days.” The mountaintop, too, is a place of mystery. The difficult climb, thin air and cold climate all make the high altitudes inhospitable to human beings: this is a world quite literally “apart” from normal human activities and concerns, where the heroes of the Bible met in solitude with God Himself.

In this strange, unearthly environment, Jesus suddenly appears physically changed and glorified—transfigured—to the three disciples: “his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.” Even more amazingly, Moses the lawgiver and Elijah the prophet emerge from the mists of Biblical history, and break into conversation with Jesus.

This fantastic scene unfolds as if the disciples were not there; the presence of Peter, James and John is either forgotten or ignored by the participants in the mystical proceedings. For their own part, the disciples must feel as though they have stumbled upon something they were not supposed to see. It is Peter who finally finds voice to speak, but his words are little more than a plea to be useful: “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you would like, let us build three tabernacles [shrines or shelters] here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

It is a kind and pious sentiment; but it seems woefully inadequate to the grand scale of the event. Imagine having three of the greatest figures of all time materialize right before your eyes, and all you can think to say in response is, “Can I get you a seat?” In such circumstances, it might be better simply to keep silent.

Jesus, Moses, and Elijah seem to take no notice of Peter’s remark; in fact, before Peter has a chance to finish, he is interrupted by the most astonishing apparition yet: “a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice out of the cloud said, *This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.*” The voice is so terrifying that the disciples—brave, tough men in normal situations—fall to the ground and hide their faces in fright.

Lifting Their Eyes- At this point, one feels compelled to ask: *Just what is going on here?*

Reading the story fills us with questions: What does Jesus’s transfiguration signify? Why are Moses and Elijah present—what do they represent? Are they supposed to be ghosts? Conjured spirits? Actual historical figures plucked from their own times? What are they talking about with Jesus? And what is the meaning of that cloud?

Unfortunately, none of these questions is answered for us in the story. We may speculate about them, or interpret them in various ways, but in the most profound sense, we are in the dark about the Transfiguration.

Yet this is a familiar situation for us. God’s ways are mysterious, and His infinite nature defies human understanding. The church’s theological teaching is our attempt to come to an understanding of God and the universe He created. But even *this* is just a peek into something we cannot fully comprehend.

The story of the Transfiguration illustrates a parallel situation, where the disciples get a rare glimpse of Christ’s full glory, and his central place in God’s scheme. By comparison to such things, the hopes and fears of human existence seem terribly small and meaningless. Perhaps this is the source of the disciples’ fright—just as the fear of human nothingness is the source of much confusion and misery in our own world.

But the key to the story is yet to come.

As they lie on the ground, their bodies trembling, their eyes shut, the disciples feel a gentle touch, and hear a reassuring voice: “Arise,” it says, “and be not afraid.” They look up, emerging from their self-imposed darkness—and what do they behold? The glorious Son of God? The culmination of Biblical history? The divine creator of the universe?

In the truest sense, *all of these things* are still standing before them.

But what the disciples *see* is much simpler, and in its own way much more wonderful:

“When they lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.”

One imagines that Peter, James and John must have greeted the calm, familiar sight of their master with a sigh of relief. They—and *we*—still have many questions about the Transfiguration and the mysterious universe it embodies—questions which may never be answered to our complete satisfaction.

But the gospel writer seems to be telling us that what we *really* need to look at, first and foremost, is Jesus Christ. Because he contains all of these mysteries within himself, Christ is our human point of contact with the gigantic questions about God, Creation, and man’s place in it. He is our familiar doorway onto the unimaginable.

Out of Darkness - We are like the disciples in the story of the Transfiguration. Christ has called us to walk with him. Why did he choose us? Where is he taking us? We cannot say for certain. All we know is that he is leading us upward. Our ascending path will be strenuous at times, and it will lead us to a place beyond our everyday lives. Some of the things we see during our climb may be too enormous, too confusing, too frightening for our human minds to grasp. At the same time, our human gestures of piety and reverence, however sincere they may be, are inadequate to the momentous thing we seek to honor—much as Peter’s remarks about building shrines seems ridiculous as a response to what he saw.

But Christ did not come among us just to show us how insignificant we are.

He came to show us that the infinite God Who created the universe, who transcends time and space, is not too big to concern Himself with human things.

With his hand on our shoulder, and his voice in our ear saying “Be not afraid,” Christ has come to lead us out of the darkness.

By Christopher H. Zakian



# VBS GOD'S GREAT BIG BEAUTIFUL WORLD IS A GREAT SUCCESS AT STS. SAHAG AND MESROB CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE



At long last and following the end of the pandemic, Fr. Shnork Souin and Sts. Sahag and Mesrob of Providence Church were so pleased to finally host Vacation Bible school from Monday June 27-July 1. Each day the program began at 10am. and lasted till 3 pm. and was joyfully Attended by 28 children.

The Director Debbie Onanian and a wonderful staff and crew offered a wonderful and happy week under the theme of “Gods Great Big Beautiful



World”. The children learned through presentation, singing, dance, arts and crafts, and practical application the wonders, gifts and responsibilities that come with his creation with mankind at its center created in his image and likeness. During the week, the children went on an excursion field trip to the local zoo, planted a beautiful garden with basil which will produce the crop for the feast of the exaltation, learned important Bible stories that show God’s love and care for his creation and established so many new friendships. We are thankful to Almighty God for this wonderful outreach and blessed youth ministry.

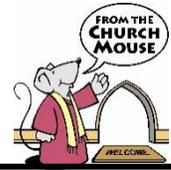
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Fr. Shnork Souin, pastor



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There are many parishioners who we have lost over the years and their memory has been forgotten in the continuing life and spiritual memory of this parish and sadly there is no one to continually pray for them and for their souls to be remembered. While some are fortunate enough to have family members remember them, even yearly, there may come a time that that too will be forgotten.

There is now a wonderful and pious way to ensure that the names of loved ones will be remembered annually in the prayers of Requiem at Saints Sahag and Mesrob Church. Membership in the PME.

Have your name and the names of loved ones forever embedded into the annual prayers of memorial as a member of the new PME at Saints Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church. [Perpetual Memory Endowment Application Form](#)

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Information about the Prayer Card Ministry of Saints Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church is available through the church office. If you would like to request a Healing Prayer Card, Memorial Prayer Card for a loved one, or some other special occasion Prayer Card, please call the office (272-7712).

The name of your loved one and the one requesting the card will be included in this bulletin on the Sunday of your request and the person will be remembered in prayer by the pastor during the Liturgy.

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**Baptism and Chrismation (GNUNK):** All baptisms must be scheduled at least two months in advance. Pre-baptismal preparation for the parents and godparents is strongly encouraged. At least one of the godparents must be a member of the Armenian Orthodox Faith.

**Regulations for Sacramental Services:**

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It only takes a few minutes to complete the Membership form and \$175.<sup>00</sup> (\$100.<sup>00</sup> for students and \$125.<sup>00</sup> senior citizens) to

become a dues paying member of Saints Sahag and Mesrob Church of Providence.

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While many churches of other faiths use the method of tithing, Saints Sahag and Mesrob Church simply asks a minimum fixed amount to be a due paying member of the church, and that amount is \$175.00. That's only \$3.37 a week! Membership for senior citizens and students is even less: \$125.00 a year or \$2.40 per week.

GO ON-LINE or Please print and fill out the form and mail it, along with a check (unless you choose to use your credit card), to the church office:

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The logo depicting a stylized Armenian Cross with the threefold elements of stewardship was created by Father Shnork Souin, showing that all three elements are required of the life in Christ.



Membership and Stewardship of Time and Talent and Treasure, are the building blocks of your commitment to the church. By your membership you are an architect in the life and building of the church and community

Your dues are not only essential, but facilitate the realization of the day-to-day operations of the mission of Saints Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church. In conjunction with your dues, your annual stewardship pledge is a way to express support of, involvement in and concern for the welfare and growth of our church with her many ministries offered.

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