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Happy Holiday Season

December 2011

From Der Hayi's Desk ...

Advent - The Joy of Anticipation

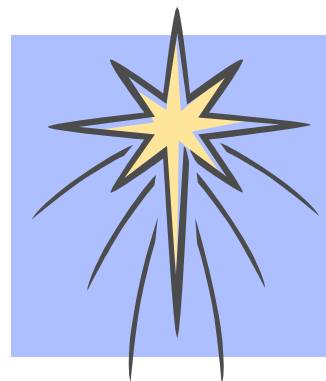
We all experience a certain joy as we anticipate important events in our lives. A bride and groom preparing for their wedding day; parents looking forward to the birth of their child; children impatiently waiting for a family vacation; a birthday party, Christmas presents etc. - all are occasions that are filled with the overwhelming joy of anticipation.

The Feast of Advent, as established by our Church Fathers is meant to accomplish the same joy of anticipation in the heart of the believer. The Armenian Apostolic Church begins her Advent "Hisnag" season 50 days before the celebration of the Birth and Baptism of Jesus which takes place on January 6th. The word "Hisnag" in Armenian refers to the 50 day period.

The scripture readings leading up to the Feast of Theophany are intended to prepare our hearts for the understanding of the true meaning of Christmas. In the midst of a materialistic world, we can, through these readings, prepare ourselves for the joy of anticipating and accepting the unconditional love of our heavenly Father which moved Him to send His only begotten Son for the salvation of mankind. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

May we all be filled with the overwhelming joy of spiritual anticipation to truly celebrate the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Especially during the Advent Season,
Please Join Us
on Monday Evenings at 7 pm
for
ADULT BIBLE STUDY**



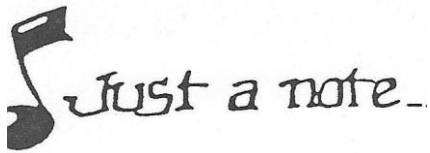
Annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant

"Follow the Star"

Sunday, December 11th

**immediately following the Divine Liturgy
in the Sanctuary**

**Annual Men's Club Children's Christmas Party
Aramian Auditorium
following the Christmas Pageant**



From
Yeretzgeen Joanna

THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE

This decade has indeed been the Age of Human Achievement, particularly in computer technology, medical discoveries and exploring the expanse of the universe.

But what about the Age of miracles? Have we achieved so much in the two thousand years since the birth of the Christ-child that we no longer look to God for guidance, wisdom, knowledge, protection and yes, even miracles?

Have we reached a point in our human existence when we pridefully say: "I can do all things myself" rather than prayerfully say: "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength?" Have we stifled the voice of the Holy Spirit within us whereby we no longer hear Him when He speaks to us?

There are intervals of time, however, when He catches our attention. That moment for me happened on December 22, 1995 – almost sixteen years ago.

I was in my office enjoying the festivities of the day. It was Friday and our company was giving us an early departure as a head-start on the Christmas weekend. Every year it was customary that I give each co-worker in my department a token gift of remembrance. The gift that year was a small picture frame ornament for the Christmas tree. The frames displayed carved figures in a colorful family room setting. No two settings were alike.

On this day, as I was preparing to leave, one of my co-workers, Michele, approached my desk to say: "Thank you for the gift, Joanna. I'll give to my brother who is expecting his first baby soon."

"That's nice", I answered. "But why don't you save it for *your* baby's picture someday?"

"Oh, that will never happen," she said. "It will take a miracle and miracles just don't happen today."

To which I boldly replied, "Oh, but miracles do happen, Michele. Expect your Christmas miracle! Next year that frame will hold your baby's picture." And again, I whispered, "Expect your Christmas miracle, Michelle," as we parted with a hug, some nervous laughter and good wishes for a Merry Christmas.

As she walked away, I scolded myself for being so presumptuous in making such an impulsive, foolish statement to someone who has been trying for years to have a child. Especially since I was aware that at one time Michelle had a tubular pregnancy. And because the fallopian tube was deteriorated, it was removed surgically and she was left with one remaining fallopian tube. Now conception was even more difficult. How could I have

dared to put false hope in the heart of a young woman having full knowledge that her medical condition would prevent her from possibly giving birth?

Weeks passed. Then, one morning, Michelle came to my desk.

"Joanna, I have good news! My doctor just confirmed that Jason and I are expecting our first child! He determined that the egg attached itself to the uterus on December 24th! Joanna, when I heard that, I remembered your words, 'Expect your Christmas miracle', and it blew me away! And I thought miracles didn't happen anymore!"

Needless to say, I was thrilled and thankful to God. I felt a sense of relief to know that what I thought to be my own presumption was, in fact, the working of the Holy Spirit from within. And Michelle recognized it as such.

"By the way, Michelle", I asked. "Just out of curiosity – describe the family scene on your picture frame."

"It shows a little boy on his knees in prayer in front of the Christmas tree," she replied.

In this Age of Human Achievement, God still speaks to our hearts, if only we will stop.....listen.....and dare to believe in miracles.

Michelle and her husband, Jason became parents of a beautiful baby boy – Aaron Jason who is now 15 years of age. His baby picture is proudly displayed in the tiny ceramic picture frame and hangs on their Christmas tree year after year as a gentle reminder that miracles still happen.

"I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracle of long ago." (Psalm 77:11)

Agapi!

Yn Joanna

ARMENIAN RELIEF SOCIETY SENIOR CITIZENS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

at
TWELVE ACRES
Smithfield, RI

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2011 12 noon

Cost \$10 Choice of Chicken or Scrod

R.S.V.P. by December 4th to
Joyce Yeremian at 354-8770

Music with Hagop Garabedian

Raffles, Door Prizes and a Visit by Santa

Come Join us for a Fun Filled Day

ARS "ANI" CHAPTER NEWS DECEMBER 2011

The ARS "ANI" Chapter is happy to announce that our member Pauline Getzoyan was elected to the ARS Central Executive Board at the elections held in Greece in October. It is a great honor to serve on this board and we wish Pauline much success in her endeavors during the next four years.

The new elected executive for the "ANI" Chapter is:

- Karen Pilla, Chairlady
- Joyce Yeremian, Vice-Chairlady
- Sosi Kelley, Recording Secretary
- Sofie Garabedian, Corresponding Secretary
- Sandra Bogosian, Treasurer

Our chapter wishes one and all a Merry Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year.

Please consider making a donation to the Sts. Vartanantz Church Outreach Program. The Program's purpose is to provide financial help for those parishioners who have fallen on hard times. All donations should be designated for "Outreach Program" and please note if you would like your donation to remain anonymous.

Recent Donations to our Outreach Program

- Anonymous \$ 100
- Ms. Almas Kalafian \$ 50
in loving memory of her father, Peter Kalafian
- Mr. and Mrs. Everett Marabian, Sr. \$ 100

NEWS from the BOARD ROOM

Cash Receipts	Sept 2011	2011 Total
Plate Donations	\$ 2,566	\$ 19,273
Church Dues	4,150	22,735
Requiem Services	3,516	30,187
Youghakin	0	27,201
Funerals: Service, In Lieu of Flowers & Hokejash	1,910	9,834
Stewardship	4,279	29,308
Other	7,568	49,874
Total Receipts	23,988	188,411
Total Disbursement	26,314	234,777
Excess Cash Receipts (Disbursements)	(2,326)	(46,366)

A gentle reminder regarding 2011 Membership Dues

***Annual Membership Dues for 2011 are now due.
\$75 per person over the age of 18
\$50 per Senior Citizen age 65 and older***

***Membership Dues must be paid by December 31st
Please mail your check or contact the Office (831-6399)
for a membership form.***

A Big Thank You

On behalf of the Armenian Fest 2011 Committee, and our community, I would like to extend my profound appreciation to all who helped make Armenian Fest 2011 such a great success. Whether you helped before, during or after, your devotion and conscientious commitment to this annual event is truly appreciated. A very special thank you also to all of our generous donors for their continuous support. Without all these efforts, Armenian Fest 2011 could not have been such a success. We look forward to seeing you next year.

***Hagop Khatchadourian
Chairman, Armenian Fest Committee***

Armenian Fest Donations 2011

Gift and In-Kind Donations

Al Jac's Inc.; Alex & Ani - Ms. Carolyn Rafaelian; Mrs. Cathy Albanese; Ani Salon; Ms. Yelena Antonyan; Ms. Martha Aramian; Mr. Anthony Avakian; Mr. & Mrs. Jasper Bedrosian; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Bogosian; Mr. & Mrs. Terry Charest; Christianson Dairy; Dave's Marketplace; Mr. & Mrs. George Demetrakas; Mrs. Mary DerManouelian; Mr. & Mrs. Armen Derderian; Mr. Hagop Donoyan - My Car, Inc.; Mr. John Eramian; Floral Designs by Li Rog; Frenchy's Popcorn, Inc.; Frey Florist; Gallery Belleau; Ms. Sofie Garabedian; Garelick Farms; Greylawn Food Co.; Rock Golf Club; Mr. Kevork Hovaginian; Mr. Varky Kaprielian; Mrs. Beatrice Kenderjian; Kodos Jewelry; Mrs. Hazel Kizirian; Ms. Shakay Kizirian; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kopoian; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Koosherian; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kushigian; La Camelia Restaurant; Mrs. Araxie Hairabedian Larkin; Lady K Charters; Legion Bowl; Mrs. Betty Manzo; Meridien Benefits, Inc.; Mr. & Mrs. Souren & Sally Mouradjian; McLaughlin & Moran; Mrs. Mariam Norigian; Mr. & Mrs. Garbis Parseghian-La Salle Jewelers; Pawtucket Red Sox; Mrs. Hasmig Phillips; Pomegranates; Providence Children's Museum; Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Rafaelian-Cinerama Jewelry; Roseberry-Wynn Pottery; Segregansett Country Club; Mr. & Mrs. Joyce & Victor Serabian; Mr. Tom Serabian; A. Siravo & Sons; Swansea Country Club; Sonia's Near East Market & Deli; Ms. Margaret Stepanian; Swansea Country Club; Mr. & Mrs. John Takian; Tally's; Mr. & Mrs. Mark and Nancy Tavitian; Mr. & Mrs. Armen & Martha Tenkarian; Mr. & Mrs. Peter & Ann Tikoian; Time Capsule Comics- Mr. Robert Yeremian; Tourtelott; Trinity Repertory Company; Triggs Memorial Golf Course; Twins Florist; Mr. & Mrs. Harry Toumasian; Town Hall Lanes; Virginia & Spanish Peanut Co.; M.S. Walker, RI; Woodlawn Gardens Florist; Mr. & Mrs. Sarkis Yepremian-Yepremian Jewelers; Mrs. Joyce Yeremian; Mr. Berge Zobian - Gallery Z

Monetary and Wish List Donations 2011

\$1000

The Feinstein Foundation

\$500

Mrs. Lillian Markarian; Anonymous

\$400

Hagopian Family; Ms. Rose-Marie Krikorian

\$300

Mr. & Mrs. Ara Nalbandian

\$250

Mr. & Mrs. Peter (Doc) Bedrosian,

\$200

Armenian Relief Society "Ani" Chapter; Mr. & Mrs. George Demetrakas; Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Fay; Mr. & Mrs. Aram Garabedian; Mr. Zaven Donabedian; Mr. Hagop Garabedian; Hamazkayin Providence Chapter; Ms. Shakay Kizirian; Mr. & Mrs. Azarig Kooloian Sr.; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Oulousian; Mr. & Mrs. John Takian; Mr. & Mrs. David Tikoian; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Tikoian; Mr. & Mrs. Peter Tikoian; Mrs. Joyce Yeremian

\$175

Christine Engustian, Esq.

\$160

Mr. & Mrs. Vahe Oharonian

\$150

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church; Providence ARF Kristapor Gomideh; Prov. Varantian AYP; Men's Club of Sts. Vartanantz Church; Mrs. Hazel Kizirian; Mr. & Mrs. Everett Marabian, Sr.

\$100

The Ararat Association; ARS "Arax" Chapter; American Foam Corp.; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Atamian, Mr. & Mrs. Karnig Bedrosian; Barry and Jean Bilzerian; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Bogosian; Ms. Diane DeLullo; Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Derderian; Mrs. Shirley Derderian; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Dolbashian, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Fellabaum; Mr. Paul Goshgarian and Family; Roseanne Haroian and Stu Rose; Mr. & Mrs. Hrant Jamjyan; Kaprielian Family; Mr. & Mrs. Stepan Kanarian; Mr. & Mrs. Varoujan Karentz; Dr. Janice Kizirian; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kopoian; Ladies' Guild of Sts. Vartanantz Church; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Magarian; Ms. Adrian Malikian; Mrs. Peter Mantaian; Mr. & Mrs. Antranig Mesrobian; Mr. John Mesrobian; Mr. Ardashes Nahabedian; National Velour Corp.; Mr. & Mrs. Armenag Palian; Aida and Sprecko Pogacar; Senior Ladies of Sts. Vartanantz Church; Mr. Simon A. Sarkisian; Ms. Melissa Simonian; Mr. & Mrs. Hayrapet Taraksian; Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Babigian - Wharf Seafood, Inc.; Mary and Dale Quam; Mr. Melkon Varadian; Mrs. Marlene Vichabian

\$75

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\$60

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\$50

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\$40

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\$30

Ms. Melina Akalarian; Mrs. Alice Bennett; Ms. Cynthia Shartzter; Mrs. Anita Vartanian

\$25

Mr. Anthony Bahian; Mrs. Lucille Dasdagulian; Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hajian, Sr.; Mrs. Margaret Rueb; Ms. Lisa Surmerian; Mrs. Sylvia Varadian; Anonymous

\$20

Mr. Stephen Ashukian; Mr. & Mrs. Sarkis Chamalian; The Mansion, Inc.; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Palian; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Paolino

\$10

Mrs. Ann Hatzpanian; Mr. Samuel Samuelian; Mr. Rafael Zorabedian

Armenian Fest 2010 Raffle Winners

First Prize -- \$1000	Alice Bennett
Second Prize -- I Pad	Donald Marshall
Third Prize -- Kid's Car	Ari Nalbandian
Fourth Prize - I Pod	Carolyn Costa

Jumbo Jackpot - Scratch Ticket

Ara Nalbandian

Donations

Mrs. Alice Bennett	\$ 100
Ms. Camille Gregorian <i>in honor of her mother, Virginia Gregorian</i>	\$ 100
Richard and Arpenig Hanoian <i>in appreciation of Der Hayr's visitations</i>	\$ 25
Nayiri and Grigor Odabashyan	\$ 25
<i>The following donations were made in appreciation for receiving the Gantegh</i>	
Mrs. Anne Atanossian <i>in Memory of Jake and Harry Atanossian</i>	\$ 100
Richard and Arpenig Hanoian	\$ 25

The Ararat Association
has kindly donated to the following organizations:

Sunday School	\$ 1,050
Mourad Armenian School	\$ 1,050
Senior Citizens	\$ 800
Christian Educational Committee	\$ 200
Gantegh	\$ 100
Homenetmen	\$ 250
AYF Seniors	\$ 250
AYF Juniors	\$ 250
Youth Basketball	\$ 200

Due to rising printing costs, donations to help off-set printing of the Gantegh would be greatly appreciated.

Parishioners

If you would like to receive your issue of the Gantegh electronically, please forward your email address to the Church Web Site:
info @ stsvartanantzchurch.org

Donation of Altar Candles

Mrs. Shirley Derderian, Nancy and Bella Potts, and
Gregory, Mar and Ani Derderian

In Loving Memory of Manoog and Nevart Atamian

Donation of Altar Flowers

The Bagdasarian Family

*In Loving Memory of their father, Bagdasar "Buddy"
Bagdasarian*

Mrs. Shirley Derderian, Nancy and Bella Potts and
Gregory, Mar and Ani Derderian

In Loving Memory of Manoog and Nevart Atamian

**Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available for
Prayers for Healing**

or

Prayers for the Deceased

**These cards are to be sent by you to the family
indicating your intentions. They may be obtained at
the Pongal or from the Church Office. Donation for the
cards is \$10 each. Please complete the appropriate
form with the requested information so that Der Hayr
may offer Silent Prayers for the individual(s) during the
appropriate time during the Divine Liturgy.**

***If you and your family would like to host the
Sunday Fellowship following Church Services,
please call the Church Office at 831-6399 to
reserve a specific Sunday in memory of a loved one
or in celebration of a special occasion.***

REQUIEM SERVICE

December 4

Artin & Satenik Bardizbanian, Ara & Vartanoosh Berberian,
Ara & Mida Berberian, and Armenoohi Najarian; Albera
Barmazian; Eliza Dedeian; Jouhar Engustian; Siranoush
Hagopian; Harry and Beverly Kashmanian; Aaron Kizirian;
Arthur Najarian; Vartig, Abraham and Charles Shiranian and
Sarkis Mardirosian

December 11

Dr. Samuel Barsamian and Rose Barsamian; John Basmajian;
Edward, Anna and Hagop Bohigian; Louise Boyajian; Sarkis
Danayan; Aram DerManouelian; Stephan, Gulbig and Gladys
Fermanian and Harry Haboian; Peter Hajian; Norire Kanarian;
Sarkis Khanishian; Siranoush Krikorian; Sarkis & Helen
Kroian and Martin & Berjoochi Kooyumjian; Harootune and
Antaram Markarian; Manoug Markarian; Sarkis Sarkisian;
Ovsanna, Victor Vahan, Mary Ann and Melanie Ann
Serabian; Zaven Tenkarian; Janneh, Hagop and Anahid
Torosian; Edward B. Woods

December 18

George K. Adoian; Jirair Aharonian; Priscilla Atamian; Susan
M. Avedisian; Alberta Bedigian; Kevork, Lucia, Sarah and
Michael Eghian and Asadoor and Takouhi Simonian; Zarouhy

December 18 continued

Garabedian; Baizar, Hagop and Garabed Kambourian and
Victoria Arnavoudian; Kevork, Hagop and Hripsema
Keshijian, Hagop Minassian and Arousiag Tashjian; John and
Katherine Magarian; David Marabian; Eva Sahagian; Kevork
Vichabian; Mary Zorabedian

December 25

Andrea Abate; Hagop and Mariam Akalarian and Nishan and
Berjoohi Tateosian; Oske Avakian; Elizabeth Adanalian
Boyajian; Susie Boyajian; Donabed Cheteyan, Satenig
Cheteyan Garabedian and Shnorick Cheteyan Aleksanian;
Shoshan Derderian; Warren G. Dolbashian; Manoog and
Araxie Elmasian; Mary Engustian; Nishan and Araxe
Kefeyan; Rosa and Frank Zorabedian Jr

January 1

Charles and Mary Apkarian; Anna and Hagop Baronian; Rose
O. Dolbashian; Mary Goshgarian; Paul Kanarian; Araxie
Kasparian; Elizabeth Kematjian; Anne M. Kimatian; KThomas
Krikorian; George Marashian; Vartanoush Melkonian and
Virginia Emerian; Karnick and Grace Ohanian; John
Panosian; Joseph Rafaelian; Margaret Sahagian; Mary Marie
Sarkisian; Rose Sarkisian; Kamyk Simonian; Steven
Stepanian; Sarah Surabian; Margaret Zorabedian

January 8

Ann and Jake Avakian; Margaret and John Donabedian;
Arousiag Garabedian; Mary Hajian; Partog and Mariam
Karolian and Krikor and Sulton Topalian; Sarkis Kibarian;
Esber, Zabel, Nellie and Popkin Krekorian; Dickran Manasian;
Yeghia Stepanian; Arthur Ardashes and Hovannes John
Takian; Elizabeth Tevekelian; Sarkis and Parnag Topalian,
Baidzar Samerjian, Paul Karamanjian and George Kachijian

January 15

Garabed Charles Arakelian; Vartouhie and Anthony
Donabedian; Penelope Ann Giragosian; Victoria Hagopian;
Marion Malian; Edward Malikian; Sherry Bedrosian
Micheletti

January 22

Satenig Donabedian; Isobel Harmaian; Vartanoush and
Manoog Kaprielian; Charles Kinoian; Alice Siranoosh and
Donabed Kinoian; Diane Adoian Michaud; Vartouhe Odian;
Sarkis Oundjian; Vahram Samuelian and John, Nevart and
Arshalouys Donabedian; Rupen Taraksian

January 29

Albert Avedissian; Ruben E. Krekorian; Haigouhe Madarentz;
Marie Masdanian; Sarkis Nahabedian; Sarkis Peligian; Sarkis
Polian; Agnes Sahagian

Eternal Rest

Charlotte Arakelian

Entered into Eternal Rest on October 30, 2011

Fortieth Day Requiem Service

The Fortieth Day Requiem Service for
Charlotte Arakelian
will be said on December 11, 2011

Sacramental Events

Matrimony

Edgardo Santiago

&

Dawn Moniz

Exchanged the vows of Holy Matrimony
on November 11, 2011

Best Man: Christian Munoz

Attention

Deadline for the submission of articles, pictures etc. to the *Gantegh* for publication is the 10th of the month prior to the issue. Please adhere to the deadline and email your submissions [alice@stsvartanantzchurch.org] as this facilitates the editing process. Thank you for your cooperation.

Der Hayr and the Board of Trustees

Attention

Please note that the Church's Email Address has changed to:

info@stsvartanantzchurch.org

ARS Third International Cruise

June 30 - July 14, 2012

Please contact Margaret Stepanian 272-3183
for further details.

Calendar of Events

Dec	9	ARS Senior Citizens' Christmas Party at Twelve Acres in Smithfield
Dec	11	Sunday School Christmas Pageant and Men's Club Children's Christmas Party (snow date for both events is Dec 18th)
Dec	24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 7 pm <i>2012</i>
Jan	5	Armenian Christmas Eve Services
Jan	6	Armenian Christmas Services
Jan	7	Holy Communion for Armenian and Sunday School Children and Adults 10 am
Jan	20	CEC Family Night -- details to follow
May	5	ARS "Arax" Chapter Annual Mother's Day Dinner Aramian Auditorium
May	9-12	NRA Convention at the Crowne Plaza
Jul	14	Ladies' Guild/ARS "Ami" Chapter present "A Hye Summer Night"

Note from the Men's Club

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 11th [*snow date is Dec 18th*], for one of the best days of the year at our Church when the Sunday School students perform their Annual Christmas Pageant following church services, which will be followed by the Men's Club hosting of the dinner with Santa as a special guest, who will have gifts for all of the kids. There will be raffles and Christmas music will be played throughout the day. The annual Peter "Doc" Bedrosian Athletic Achievement Award will be presented that day.

Everyone is welcome. Dinner is \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12.

Steve Elmasian

*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
Saturday, December 24th
7:00 PM*

The Ladies' Guild would like to wish all our church parishioners a Merry Christmas and A Healthy Happy 2012. Thank you for supporting our functions throughout the years.

Schedule for Armenian Christmas

Armenian Christmas Eve Services

Thursday, January 5, 2012

Beginning at 6:30 pm

Armenian Christmas Services

Friday, January 6, 2012

Beginning at 9:30 am

Godfather of the Cross

Armen Eghian

Holy Communion

for Armenian & Sunday School Children and Adults

Saturday, January 7, 2012 10am

**Providence AYF~YOARF
"Varantian" Ball**

January 28, 2012

**West Valley Inn
West Warwick, RI**

Entertainment provided by the
Harry Bedrosian Ensemble

for reservations please contact:
Annie Dairbi 401-854-6600
Talene Taraksian 401-230-0021
emails can be sent to:
varantianball@gmail.com

Thank You

I wish to thank Der Hayr, Ladies Guild, friends and relatives who wished me a speedy recovery recently. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

God Bless you all!

Lillian C. Markarian

**Homenetmen Executive
2012 Fiscal Year**

President - Y. Chris Krikorian
Vice President and Athletic Director -
Y. Hrant Khatchadurian
Treasurer- Y. Harout Taraksian
Secretary- K. Annie Dairbi
Scouts Director- Y. Garabed Tashian
Social Committee Director- K. Siran Krikorian
Advisor- Y. Mano Tavitian

**HOMENETMEN PROVIDENCE
CHAPTER**

30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Providence Homenetmen chapter recently celebrated its 30th anniversary on Saturday, October 22, 2011, at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick with a gala banquet and dance. Among the honored guests were the Homenetmen Central and Eastern Regional Executives, ARF Eastern Central Executive representative Unger Hrayr Baronian, Regional Homenetmen Executive representatives, ARF, ARS, Sts. Vartanantz Church and affiliated organization representatives, Archpriest Father Gomidas Baghsarian and King and Queen of the night, Mr. and Mrs. Ramon and Sonya Zorabedian.

There were over 200 people in attendance. Kooyr Lena Minassian sang the anthems "The Star Spangled Banner, Mer

Hairenik and Harach Nahadag". Kooyr Siran Krikorian and Yeghpayr Raffi Rachdouni were the emcees of the evening. During the dinner, a PowerPoint presentation prepared by Yeghpayr Ari Nalbandian was shown, displaying pictures from the past 30 years of the Providence Homenetmen chapter.



Then, Providence Homenetmen executive chairman, Yeghpayr Sarkis Tarpinian, presented awards to Kooyr Siran Krikorian and Yeghpayr Raffi Rachdouni, acknowledging their hard work as young leaders of the Providence Homenetmen and scouting program. Also, Yeghpayr Hagop Donoyan received an award, acknowledging his hard work and dedication to the scouting programs every Saturday. Pastor of Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church, Archpriest Father Gomidas Baghsarian, praised the founders, members, and all the supporters for their 30 years of efforts. Today, the Providence community benefits from Homenetmen and in particular the scouts participation in all community functions, especially on the altar.



The chairman of the 30th anniversary committee, Yeghpayr Hagop Khatchadourian, introduced the King and Queen of the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Ramon and Sonya Zorabedian. Ramon expressed his heartfelt gratitude for this honor and reflected the past, in 1981, when he was the chairman of the Board of Trustees when Homenetmen was founded here in Providence. Ramon also noted that the Homenetmen scouts are always ready to represent our youth on special occasions, such as the April 24th commemorations and the Veteran's Day commemorations at the Veterans Cemetery. After he spoke, Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Zorabedian were presented with a special plaque of appreciation.

Chairman of the Homenetmen Eastern Regional Executive, Yeghpayr Bedig Der Vartanian, congratulated the Providence

community for their unyielding dedication that resulted in successful accomplishments today and in past 30 years. Homenetmen Central Executive member, Yeghpayr Hratch Mesrobian, praised the young generation for their responsible involvement, and that their efforts today brightens our hope that they will pass the torch to the coming generation of Homenetmen.

After the program, singer Jaq Hagopian and his band entertained the crowd with great music and lively dancing. The evening ended with the singing of Heghapokhagan songs.

K. Talene Taraksian

Sts. Vartanantz Church Men's Club Dinner

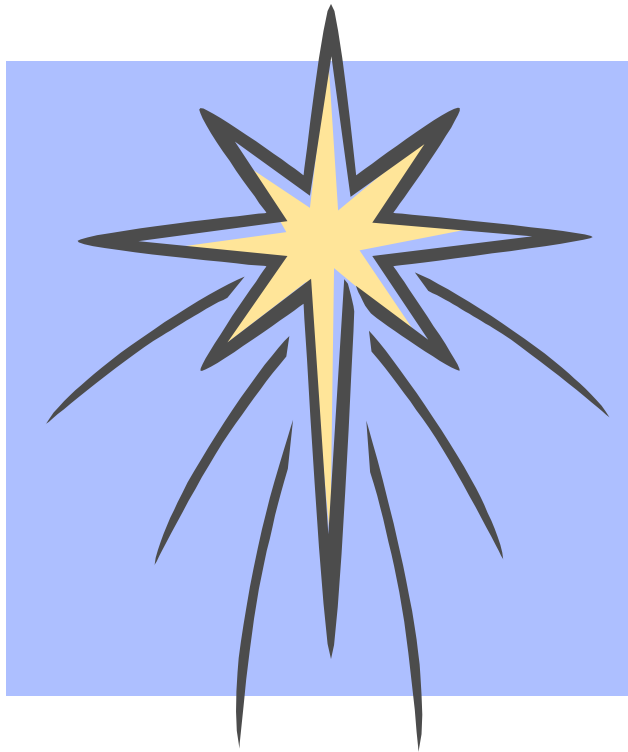
Our Men's Club recently gathered for dinner at the Agawan Club. Over forty people were in attendance. A wonderful time was had by all.



Scenes from Armenian Fest 2011







"FOLLOW THE STAR" is the title of this year's Christmas Concert scheduled to take place on Sunday, December 11, 2011 in the sanctuary immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

The program will present Armenian and English musical selections. Parishioners will be delighted as the Sunday School students take them on a journey through music with the three wise companions whose sights were set on heaven's brightest star.

This band of men studied the stars for many years before they embarked on their journey of faith and obedience to follow the star and find Jesus, the central figure of the human race. Two thousand years later, "the wise" still seek Him.....

We invite you to join us in God's home - Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church - to witness a very special program that will surely prepare your hearts for the coming of our Lord.

With Agapi!

Yeretzgeen Joanna
Music Director

*** *"snow date" is December 18th*

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Candlelight Service*

*Saturday, December 24, 2011
7:00 PM*