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From Der Hayr's Desk ...

Why Do Bad Things Happen To Good People?

The Book of Job belongs in the category of the wisdom books. At the same time, it is a dramatic dialogue challenging traditional wisdom. This traditional wisdom is represented by the three friends of Job – Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar.

The Jewish traditional wisdom in the days of Job proclaimed that God is all powerful and nothing happens apart from God willing it to happen. Poverty, sicknesses, catastrophic events are all punishments from God resulting from sin in a person's life. This was unacceptable traditional wisdom in the mind of Job, because he felt that he was innocent. In the very first verse of the book, God Himself describes Job as "blameless and upright" (Job 1:1). The prophet Ezekiel ranks Job with Noah and Daniel as a paradigm of righteousness (Ezekiel 14:14); yet, in spite of his righteousness, Job lost all his possessions, his family, his health and his dignity. The only option left for Job was to demand a day in court and ask God the question – why? The other option was death; that he may not suffer any longer.

Why do bad things happen to good people? This is a question that even until today, remains a mystery.

Although God does not give Job an answer regarding the suffering of the righteous, nevertheless, the Book of Job does challenge the traditional wisdom of the day by proving that even the righteous suffer in this world. The story of Job also teaches a great lesson on the value of

silence and compassion as precious tools that provide comfort to the suffering. The theological answers regarding the suffering of the righteous remain a mystery. They are truths that are presently seen only through a glass darkling, but hopefully one day will be understood clearly. God sees the lives of human beings in a much wider scope that is not limited to this physical life, but rather limitless in eternity. Job's test brought glory to God in the presence of divine beings and in eternity.

Perhaps the most powerful lesson found in the story is Job's attitude towards God. Yes, Job struggled with what he conceived as an unfair treatment of him by God; however, Job always believed in the goodness of God. He was never able to blaspheme God – even when prompted by his wife to do so. This is a book that contrasts divine wisdom with traditional wisdom. Job's friends demonstrate the danger of the so called traditional wisdom when misused and falsely presented as divine wisdom. Job, a good and righteous person, remains an example of patience, endurance and faithfulness even through the "bad things" happening in his life.

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Call Joyce Yeremian at 354-8770

ALL ARE WELCOME

ARS "ARAX" CHAPTER NEWS

The Executive is pleased to announce that Nora Simonian, Maral Kachadourian, Zephur Donoyan, and Rita Halajian have joined the *Arax* Chapter. We look forward to their participation in fulfilling the goals of the Armenian Relief Society on a local, regional and international basis.

Our Chairlady, Taline Mkrtshjan was elected by the Regional Convention held in Providence in July to attend the ARS International Convention to be held in Athens, Greece, October 9 thru the 13. We are all proud of her election and her first opportunity to participate on an international level.

Locally, the *Arax* Chapter members have scheduled a Bake Sale of Armenian pastries to be held following church services on Sunday, December 18, 2011 in anticipation of the Christmas Holidays. If anyone would like to place a special order, we ask that you contact Anoush Taraksian at 401-946-3987 prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

We extend an invitation to members of the community who would like to join the Armenian Relief Society and join us in our local, regional and international goals to contact one of the following Executive members – Taline Mkrtshjan, Margaret Stepanian, Maro Nadjarian, Van Karoghlianian. The *Arax* Chapter meets on a monthly basis on a Saturday afternoon in the Church Hall.

Margaret Stepanian

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

Mr. & Mrs. Levon Zaytounian \$ 200
in loving memory of his mother, Harbesima Karaoughlian

Men's Club Cleans Street in North Providence



On Saturday, September 17th, the Men's Club took on the task of cleaning a stretch of road along Fruit Hill Ave. in North Providence. 7 members took the time to help beautify the neighborhood in the town that was the first in our state to hold a flag raising ceremony in 1987 organized by the Armenian National Committee of RI in memory of the Armenian Martyrs of 1915. The town continues to hold flag raising ceremonies to this day.

The Men's Club is looking into having the Town of North Providence place an "Adopt A Mile" sign on the street noting that this stretch of land will be maintained with similar cleanups in the fall and spring. The sign will read as follows:

Adopt a Mile

Armenian National Committee-RI
Sts. Vartanantz Church Men's Club

The Men's Club will be taking on the task of finishing the storage areas in the basement of the church for all of the organizations. If you are interested in becoming part of the group, please contact Tom Kizirian at 401-316-2273.

ANC-RI Hosts Annual Meet the Elected Officials Picnic

On Sunday, September 25th, The Armenian National Committee of Rhode Island held its annual "Meet the Elected Officials Picnic" following services at Sts. Vartanantz Church. A crowd of 175 people gathered to meet and greet the elected officials who have fought for our causes and supported our issues, both locally in RI as well as nationally in Washington, DC.

The program began with a prayer from Arch Priest Gomidas Baghsarian, spiritual leader of the Sts. Vartanantz Church community. Those in attendance then received a message from the committee. Many of those in attendance sponsored an Armenian flag at one of the 39 city and town halls along with the State House this past April in memory of a loved one. This was the 6th year the committee has organized the "Flags Over RI Program" and each year the number of sponsors has increased. 70 individuals and organizations from the community served as 2011 flag sponsors. If you would like to be a flag sponsor for April, 2012, please reply and we will send you the paperwork.

Elected officials present included US Senator Jack Reed, US Congressmen David Cicilline and James Langevin, Secretary State A. Ralph Mollis, State Representatives Hanna Gallo and Frank Ciccone, Mayor Allan Fung of Cranston and School Committee Chair Andrea Iannazzi also of Cranston. Also present were two of our own, the Honorable Aram Garabedian

and Chief Judge of the Family Court Haiganush Bedrosian. Mayor Scott Avedisian of Warwick, who attends this event every year, was out of the country and unable to attend.

The event concluded with words of encouragement to the ANC-RI to continue its "just cause" and a closing prayer from Father Baghsarian.

ANC RI Reporter

NEWS from the BOARD ROOM

<u>Cash Receipts</u>	<u>August 2011</u>	<u>2011 Total</u>
Plate Donations	\$ 742	\$ 16,707
Church Dues	5,750	18,585
Requiem Services	1,420	26,671
Youghakin	0	27,201
Funerals: Service, In Lieu of Flowers & Hokejash	546	7,925
Stewardship	2,080	25,029
Other	1,288	42,305
Total Receipts	11,826	164,423
Total Disbursement	22,538	208,463
Excess Cash Receipts (Disbursements)	(10,712)	(44,040)

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 an membership form.*

Donations

Providence ARF "Kristapor" Gomideh	\$ 100
<i>for the use of the facilities for the "Meet the Elected Officials" Picnic</i>	
Jonathan and Paula Burke	\$ 50
<i>in honor of the Blessing of their home</i>	
Janette Gregorian	\$ 25
<i>in honor of the Blessing of her home</i>	
<i>The following donations were made in appreciation for receiving the Gantegh</i>	
Anonymous	\$ 100
Varoujan and Rose Karentz	\$ 25
Mrs. Rose Sherestanian	\$ 15

A Special Thank You

to Donald and Lillian Bedrosian for their recent donation of \$200 to the Sts. Vartanantz Church Sunday School in Loving Memory of Nancy Francazio.

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](mailto:info@stsvartanantzchurch.org)**

Donation of Altar Flowers

The Kinoian Family

In Loving Memory of Iris Kinoian

Lillian Markarian

In Loving Memory of Varkis Markarian

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

November 6

Raymond Aznavorian; Bagdasar "Buddy" Bagdasarian; Osgean and Ustian Barsoian; Susan Echmalian; Charles Jackson; Hreipsimay, Simon and Tsolag Keshigian; Misak, Zarouhi and George Manoogian; Verkene Manoogian; George Mesrobian; Ardachess Minassian and Lena Minassian Faraj; Parunag Ogasian; Gegham Panosyan; Harry, Manooshag, Kazaros and Hagop Parikian and Varouk Malekian; Hazel Portukalian; Alice Postoian; Fannie and John Riccitelli and Mary Surabian; Onnig, Bedros, Armenhoui Soghanyemezian, Mari Aprahamian, Hagop Kechijian and Yazadjian Family; Yervant D. Stepanian; Bagdasar Toumasian; Simon and Mark Vagshenian; Hamazasb, Vartouhi, Boghos, Zarouhi Edward and Sesak Vartian, Roupén Aramian and Margaret Voas

November 13

Gabriel Aharonian; Zarouhy and Giragos Basmajian and Vera Basmajian Lindo; Hagop Boyajian; Peter Kalafian; Yevkine and Mgrdich Seropian

November 20

Pasha and Charles Antonian and Krikor Karibian; Alla Arsenian; Arpineh Bagian; Armenouhe and Donabed Harootunian; Hovannes Kashmanian; John Hovhanes Killerjian; Kayajan Aram Kinonian; Mugurditch and Haiganoush Kushigian; Ronnie Malkasian; Michael Torigian

November 27

Manoog and Nevart Atamian; Giragos Der Manuelian; Vartkes Der Vartanian; Bessie Gladys, Richard and John Kolligian; Peter, Grace, Eva, Nshan and Charles "Garo" Mikaelian; Valerie Dawn Norbury; Peter M. Panosian; Victor Vahan, Mary Ann and Melanie Ann Serabian

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; 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; Aaron Kizirian; Biouzand Klian; Siranoush Krikorian; Sarkis & Helen Kroian and Martin & Berjoohi Kooyumjian; Harootune and Antaram Markarian; Manoug Markarian; Sarkis Sarkisian; Ovsanna 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 Garabedian; Baizar, Hagop and Garabed Kambourian and Victoria Arnavoudian; Kevork, Hagop and Hripsema Keshjian, 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; Diane Adoian Michaud; Rosa and Frank Zorabedian Jr

Eternal Rest

Charles Krikorian

Entered into Eternal Rest on September 16, 2011

Harbesima Karaoughlian

Entered into Eternal Rest on September 20, 2011

Anahid "Ani" Krikorian Jackson

Entered into Eternal Rest on September 16, 2011

Fortieth Day Requiem Service

The Fortieth Day Requiem Service for
Anahid "Ani" Krikorian Jackson
was said on November 6, 2011

The Fortieth Day Requiem Service for
Charles Krikorian
was said on November 6, 2011

The Fortieth Day Requiem Service for
Harbesima Karaoughlian
was said on November 6, 2011

The Fortieth Day Requiem Service for
Kara Mignano Alexanian
was said on November 6, 2011

The Fortieth Day Requiem Service for
James Zamiaara
was said on November 6, 2011

Sacramental Events

Matrimony

Omar Ajaj

&

Rachel Rafaelian

Exchanged the vows of Holy Matrimony
on October 1, 2011

Best Man: Jamail Ajaj

Baptisms

Layla Madlyn Gonsalves

Parents: Donald Gonsalves

Taleen Chobanian

Born: May 24, 2011

Baptized: October 16, 2011

Godparents: Paul Chobanian

Bridget Gonsalves

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

2011 Veterans Day Observance

Guest of Honor
Souren Mouradjian

November 11, 2011 at 10:00 am

Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery
Exeter, Rhode Island

Armenian - American Monument Site
(2nd monument at left side of main drive)

For more information, please call:
Ltc. Harry Aharonian 401-398-2729
Ramon Zorabedian 401-884-6626

Attention

Armenian Fest 2011 is Upon Us

We would appreciate your donations of items for the *Silent Auction, Hourly Raffles* and the *Flea Market*. Please remember that all of your donations including those from the *Wish List* as well as your return of the *Raffle Ticket Book* will help us to again have a successful Armenian Fest. These donations may qualify as a tax deduction. Please contact the Church Office (401-831-6399) for further information.

ARS Third International Cruise

June 30 - July 14, 2012

Please contact Margaret Stepanian 272-3183
for further details.

Calendar of Events

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| Nov | 11 | Veteran's Day Observance at the RI Veterans Cemetery at the Armenian-American Monument site at 10 am |
| Nov | 12 - 13 | Armenian Fest 2011 at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet 12 noon to 9 pm |
| 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 | 20 | CEC Family Night -- details to follow |
| Jul | 14 | Ladies' Guild/ARS " <i>Ani</i> " Chapter present "A Hye Summer Night" |

Sunday School Christmas Pageant

December 11th

followed by the

Men's Club Children's Christmas Party

[snow date for both events is December 18th]

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**ARMENIAN RELIEF SOCIETY
SENIOR CITIZENS
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**



**Twelve Acres Restaurant
445 Douglas Pike
Smithfield, Rhode Island Rt 7**

Friday, December 9, 2011 12 noon Cost \$9.00

Full Course Dinner: Choice of Chicken or Scrod

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

Music with Hagop Garabedian

Raffles, Door Prizes and a Visit by Santa

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Armenian Fest 2011

**November 12th and 13th
Rhodes on the Pawtuxet in Cranston**

12 noon to 9 pm