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From Der Hayr's Desk

Mirroring God's Generosity

St. John Chrysostom (347 -407 CE) was one of the most powerful and outspoken critics on the subject of wealth and poverty. The plight of the poor and the apathy towards them was so troubling to John that he gave homilies on the subject of *Wealth and Poverty* on seven separate occasions within a short span of time. He also wrote a treatise on *Almsgiving and Repentance*.

John's purpose was to focus Christians on the importance of the spiritual wealth of the soul, rather than the physical attachments to worldly wealth. The connection between repentance and almsgiving was strongly emphasized in the early Church. Almsgiving, along with prayer, fasting and even mourning, were all essential elements of repentance which was foundational to the Christian faith. According to St John, almsgiving was the way that the believer purified the intentions of his heart in preparation for true repentance. Therefore, it is understandable why almsgiving, eternal rewards and punishment are interwoven throughout John's writings on the subject as the main theme. The goal is to prompt Christians to become faithful stewards through the Godly attribute of generosity by becoming God's extended arms to the poor.

Almsgiving, as an act mirroring God's generosity, is a theme that is stressed throughout the Old and New Testaments. It represents the greatest

form of generosity – giving without expecting anything in return. For John Chrysostom, it is impossible to be a Christian and at the same time have no concern for the poor. He encourages a spirit of generosity, mirroring the generosity of God, simply because of the need and without judgment of character or worthiness, because all are in need of

The Long Range Planning Committee of Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church would like to express their deep appreciation to the Board of Trustees for hosting the recent Fundraiser for the Sts. Vartanantz Church Endowment Fund. Jason and Nora Simonian very graciously opened their home for this event which was held on September 17th. All in attendance had a wonderful time at what was a special evening of camaraderie for members of *our* Church family. Pledges in excess of \$40,000 were received, and we sincerely thank those parishioners who contributed to the success of this fundraiser.

Once again, we thank the Board of Trustees for hosting this very special and successful event. We also especially thank Jason and Nora Simonian for their unending hospitality.

Dr. Fotini Dionisopoulos, Long Range Planning
Committee Chairperson
Kristine Donabedian, Esq., Endowment Fund
Chairperson

Please Join Us
on Monday Evenings at 7 pm
for
ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**PROBLEMS – STRESS
PRESSURE – CONFUSION – DECISIONS, etc.**

People often seek medical advice (psychiatrist) to help solve the above. This can be costly, time consuming and you “may” succeed.

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You will relieve all of the above!

NO COST – NO TESTS – NO HOMEWORK

Ask any of the 50 members of our Bible Study group for verification of these facts. All it takes is 1 hour of your time on Monday evenings from 7 to 8pm.

JOIN US --- GREAT CAMARADERIE

Acts 2:42 The Fellowship of the Believers
“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

A Devoted Bible Study Student

**Continuation of the
Annual Membership Meeting
Sunday, October 2, 2011**

If attendance at the Opening of the Meeting at 9:30 am does not constitute a quorum, the meeting, will be called to order after Church Services.

In accordance with the Prelacy By-Laws, a parishioner must have paid his/her 2011 Membership Dues in order to be eligible to participate in the voting.

**Election of Trustees and
NRA Delegates
Sunday, October 2, 2011
9:30 am to 1 pm**

**ARMENIAN RELIEF SOCIETY
SENIOR CITIZENS BUS TRIP**

Tour of
**LIZZIE BORDEN'S HOME
BED AND BREAKFAST
FOLLOWED BY SHOPPING**
at
VANITY FAIR OUTLET IN FALL RIVER

Followed by Lunch at a local restaurant
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2011
Bus leaves Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church 9:30am
Cost \$14. R.S.V.P. by OCTOBER 16, 2011
Call Joyce Yeremian at 354-8770

ALL ARE WELCOME

*On behalf of the
Sts. Vartanantz Church Community,
Der Hayr and the Board of Trustees wish to
express their deepest appreciation to our
Ladies' Guild for initiating and
implementing the "Dinner/Dance
Extravaganza" which was held
on May 21, 2011.*

*Approximately 35 New England musicians
donated their time and efforts to help make
this event the major success that it was. As
a result of this Fundraiser, proceeds in
excess of \$7,300 was realized for our
Church. A wonderful time was had by all.*

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. Everett Marabian

\$ 100

Sts. Vartanantz Church wishes to acknowledge the Continuation of the Bequest from the Estate of the late Maria Dasdagulian in the amount of \$962.54. May the Lord continue to shine His perpetual light upon her.

NEWS from the BOARD ROOM

Cash Receipts	June 2011	2011 Total
Plate Donations	\$ 1,890	\$ 14,231
Church Dues	375	10,760
Requiem Services	3,425	22,731
Youghakin	0	27,201
Funerals: Service, In Lieu of Flowers & Hokejash	80	6,291
Stewardship	2,275	17,072
Other	3,588	35,660
Total Receipts	11,633	133,945
Total Disbursement	26,191	159,320
Excess Cash Receipts (Disbursements)	(14,558)	(25,374)

MADAGH DONATIONS

\$100

Mr. Edward Aprahamian; Mr. & Mrs. Peter "Doc" Bedrosian; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Chobanian; Mrs. Shirley Derderian; Mr. Aram Garabedian; Elyse, Louise & Rosette Garabedian; Varoujan and Rose Karentz; Mr. & Mrs. Azarig Kooloian, Sr.; Mr. & Mrs. Everett Marabian Sr.; Mr. & Mrs. Antranig Mesrobian; Ms. Joanne Mouradjian; Mr. & Mrs. Souren Mouradjian; Mr. Ardashes Nahabedian; Ms. Anahid & Maryam Nalbandian; Marjorie and David Sluter; Mr. Melkon Varadian; Mrs. Marlen Vichabian; Mrs. Joyce Yeremian

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\$15

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\$14

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\$10

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\$5

Mr. Barsam; Mr. Gary Comella; Ms. Mary DerManouelian; Mrs. Ann Hatzpanian; Kojolian Family; Lachinian Family; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Nazarian

A Special Thank You To

our Senior Ladies Auxiliary for taking the time to make the *Choreg*, the Hagopian Family for their donation of the Grapes and Harry and Agnes Toumasian for their donation of 50 lbs of bulgur.

We would also like to express our deep appreciation to all our workers before, during and after the Picnic for all their efforts.

Picnic Committee

Donations

A Bible Study Member \$ 100
for the use of the facilities for the Men's Club Picnic

Sam and Stephanie Donabedian \$ 50
in honor of the Presentation of Sophia Nyrle to our Lord

Correction from last month's Gantegh:

Mr. Aram Deradoorian \$ 100
in Loving Memory of his cousin, Mihran "Mimi" Sinanian

*The following donations were made in appreciation
for receiving the Gantegh*

Ms. Anahid Nalbandian \$ 50

Ms. Emma Petrosova \$ 40

Mrs. Nevart Vaughan \$ 25

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

October 2

Sarkis Bedrosian; Serarpi Bedrosian; Harry and Doris Donabedian; Polly Gallas; Levon Antranig Garabedian; Michael and Alice Markarian; John Menissian; Theresa Bedrosian Morin; Setrag Shahroozian; Avedis Albert and Yeranik Swajian; Yeprem and Victoria Yepremian, Aroussiag Jamgotchian, and Yepremian and Jamgotchian Families

October 9

Donig, Satenig, Paul, Eleanor and Dr. Peter Asadoorian; Mark Daniel Asadoorian; George and Mary Avakian, Michetar and Araxie Ohanian and Jiryf Mezdurian; Asadoohi DerManouelian; Anahid Elmasian; Lucy Hovanesian and Eugenia Stoian; Iris Kinoian; Araxie and Kheran Krikorian and Takouhie Tavitian; Maurice Legros; Vahan Manasian; Setrag, Vartoohe and Bedros Tatoian

October 16

Harry Alahverdian and Paula Serunian; Goulistan Nevart Aramian; Margaret Baligian and Gerald Murray; Peter Bedrosian; Simon, Verkin, Peter Edward and Victoria Bedrosian; Zakar Bogosian; Rev. Vram and Yeretzeen Zartar Hamamjian; Beverly Kashmanian; Kasper Manoian; Varkis Markarian; Siranoush Mesrobian; Anna Vartanian

October 23

Louise Barkley; Nshan, Rosa, Mary and Michael Bedrosian and Vincent Izzo; Takouhe, Mgerdich and Kevork Jamjian and Louise Cannavale; Takouhi and Garabed Koosherian; Asmik Sayadova; Haiganush and Megurdich Tashjian

October 30

Hovannes and Arousiag Antoyian; Siranoush Barsamian; Arthur Boornazian; Stanley S. and Ruth Ervanian; Isahag George Fashjian; Beatrice and Joseph Labee; Geraldine Najarian; Orzen and Krikor Topalian

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 Arahamian, Hagop Kechijian and

Due to rising printing costs, donations to help offset 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

Joyce Bagdasarian

In Loving Memory of Grace Bagdasarian

Kenneth and Rose Balemian and Helen Dayian

In Loving Memory of Yervant and Mary Dayian

**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.

November 6 continued

Yazadjian Family; Yervant D. Stepanian; Bagdasar Toumasian; Simon and Mark Vagshenian; Hamazasb, Vartouhi, Boghos, Zarouhi Edward and Sesak Vartian, Roupen 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 Hovhaness Killerjian; Kayajan Aram Kinonian; Mugurditch and Haiganoush Kushigian; Ronnie Malkasian; Michael Torigian

November 27

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

Eternal Rest

Shahen Kanarian

Entered into Eternal Rest on August 28, 2011

Fortieth Day Requiem Service

The Fortieth Day Requiem Service for
Shahen Kanarian
was said on October 9, 2011

Sacramental Events

Baptisms

Sophia Nyrie Donabedian
Parents: Samuel Donabedian
Stephanie Riesselmann
Born: July 15, 2011
Baptized: September 24, 2011
Godparents: Hagop Minassian
Miranda Nichols

A special thank you to Der Hayr and all friends and relatives who through visits, gifts, cards and phone calls have wished me a speedy recovery during my recent hospitalization. Thank you one and all.

Sincerely, Marie Nalbandian

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

Sts. Vartanantz Book Club

is starting the new season on Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30 pm at Panera's in Garden City. Please call Vicki Jamjyan at 401-885-1613 for additional information.

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

ARS Third International Cruise
June 30 - July 14, 2012
Please contact Margaret Stepanian 272-3183
for further details.

Calendar of Events

- Oct 7-9 "Linked In 2011" St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT
Oct 12 Sts. Vartanantz Book Club 6:30 pm at Panera's in Garden City
Oct 22 Providence Homenetmen Chapter 30th Anniversary Banquet @ the Crowne Plaza
Nov 11 Veterans 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
Dec 9 ARS Senior Citizens' Christmas Party at Twelve Acres
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services
- 2012
- Jan 20 CEC Family Night
July 14 Ladies" Guild/ ARS "Ani" Chapter presents "A Hye Summer Night

PROVIDENCE HOMENETMEN 30th ANNIVERSARY GALA CELEBRATION

The Homenetmen Providence Chapter will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary on October 22nd at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, in Warwick. On this auspicious occasion, it is our pleasure to announce that Ramon and Sonia Zorabedian will be our honored guests, as the King and the Queen of the 30th Anniversary Celebration Gala Banquet-Dinner Dance. The Chapter highly appreciates Mr. & Mrs. Zorabedian's continuous moral support of the Armenian youth and the Armenian cause at large. Come and enjoy this memorable evening and celebrate 30 years of dedicated service of educating our youth with "sound mind, in sound body". Please reserve your dinner tickets in advance.

Attention

2011 Armenian Fest is Upon Us

Items are needed for the "Silent Auction" and/or the "Flea Market". We need your treasures. Your donations will help our Church and may qualify as a tax deduction. We will even pick-up the items for free.

Please contact the Church Office (831-6399) for further information.

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- ARMENIAN BOOK AND TAPE SHOP
- SANDWICH SHOP AND FALAFEL
- HISTORICAL ARMENIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT
- A GREAT FLEA MARKET (New HYE FLEA)
- GREAT CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
- ARTS AND CRAFTS AND PAINTING SALES
- GIFT BASKETS ... and MORE!!

GRAND PRIZES:

\$1,000.00

CASH
1st PRIZE



IPAD
2nd PRIZE



Battery-Operated
Kid's Car
3rd PRIZE

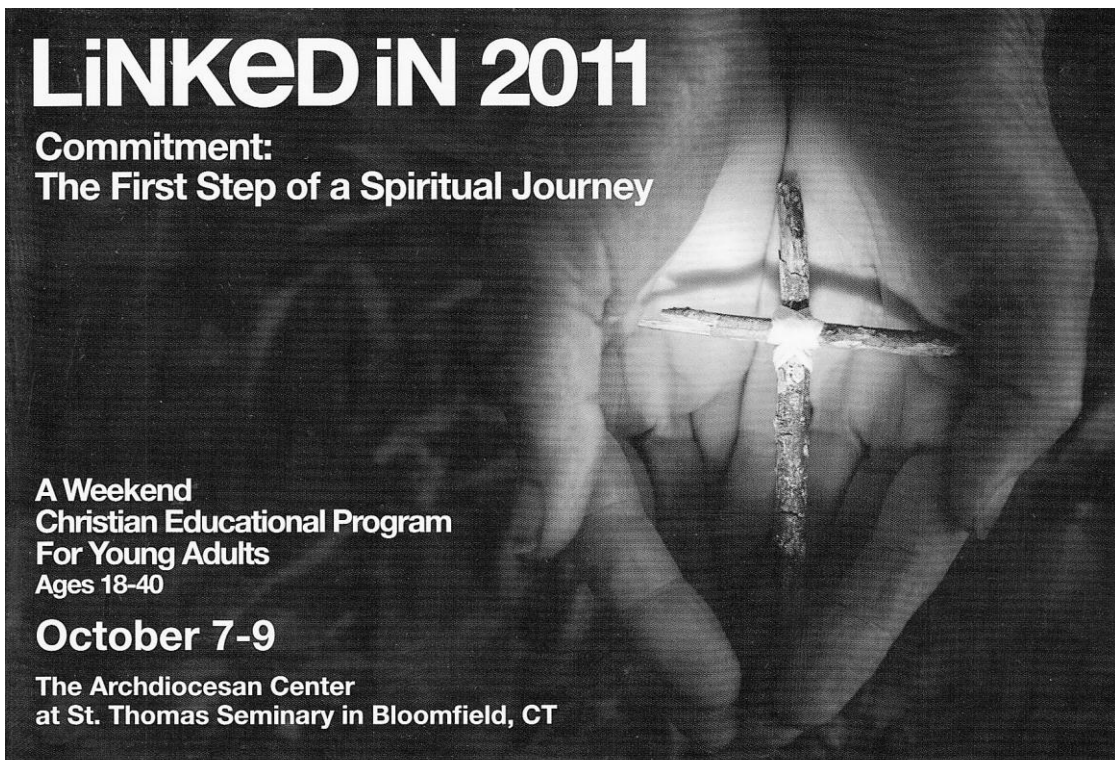


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**Commitment:
The First Step of a Spiritual Journey**

**A Weekend
Christian Educational Program
For Young Adults
Ages 18-40**

October 7-9

**The Archdiocesan Center
at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT**

For information and registration visit
www.armenianprelacy.org

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