



QUARTER CENTURY SERVING IN THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD

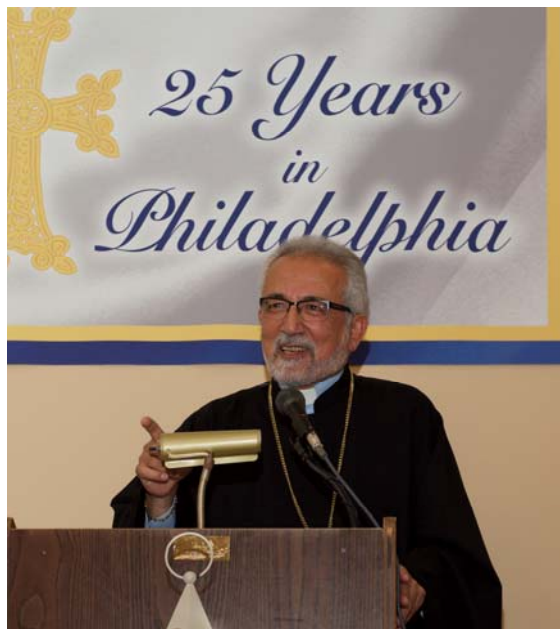
By Paul Sookiasian

The Philadelphia Armenian community gathered at St. Gregory's on Sunday, September 20, for a celebration of 25 years of service by Der Nerses Manoogian to our church. After badarak, a sell-out crowd of over 300 guests filed into Founders Hall to the melodious sounds of Armenian music played by Greg, Chris, and Steve Vosbikian. Those in attendance included the pastors of Philadelphia's other Armenian churches and delegations of their parishioners in a show of unity on this special day.

The banquet was opened by Master of Ceremonies Dr. Ara Chalian, who introduced Sunday School student Alicia Handian to sing the American and Armenian national anthems. The invocation was given by our Prelate, His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Cholyan, and the assembly prayed the Hayr Mer. The co-chairs of the banquet, Donna and Jim Walter, made a champagne toast to Der Hayr, Donna's in English and Jim's in Armenian. Board of Trustees Chairman Bearge Miller welcomed the guests and took a moment to remember all past Der Hayrs of the church by reading their names, and then thanked Der Nerses for his service, calling him "our illuminator." Bearge closed with the wish that Der Nerses light will continue to guide us for years to come.

Afterwards, the crowd was treated to the

first of multiple vocal selections by soprano Emily Movsesian. Emily beautifully performed Armenian songs throughout the program, including *Dzirani Dzar*, *Chinar Es*, and *Gakavi Yerke* all by Gomidas. Emily's father, Dr. Gregory Movsesian, a friend of Der Nerses for many years, was in attendance from Saginaw, Michigan and told the crowd about his memories of Der Hayr from his time at St. Sarkis Church of Dearborn. A delicious lunch was served as Armenian poems were recited by pupils from Haigazian School and tributes were read by Sunday School students. They also made a tree of notes expressing their love and respect which was on display. Der Hayr received commendations, not only from the



youngest members of the church but also its highest leadership. A pontifical blessing from Catholicos Aram I of the Great House of Cilicia was printed in the event's commemorative booklet. Oshagan Surpazan recounted how, from the very first day of seminary, he recognized in Der Nerses a deep love of the church and ceremonies. Surpazan noted how wonderful it is that so many had come to pay tribute to Der Hayr and the real sense of community he sees at St. Gregory's. He congratulated not only Der Hayr on this day, but also the entire community for being part of this backbone church of the Prelacy.

Board of Trustees Report

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As summer comes to a close, we reflect on the great times we had with friends and family during summer on the long, warm nights. We also remember all of the great times we had in our parish, including picnics like the Grape Blessing Picnic in August, and the welcoming of newly consecrated Holy Muron, which takes place once every 7 years. September brings the start of many things – the kids go back to school and many of our programs at St. Gregory's start up again. Our Sunday and Haigazian Schools began on September 13th. We welcome the students, parents, and teachers and wish them a productive and resourceful year! We also welcome the students and staff of our Adult Armenian Language program.

On September 20th, over 300 parishioners gathered to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Der Nerses's pastorate in St. Gregory's Church of Philadelphia. Our Prelate, His Eminence Archbishop Cholyan, celebrated the Holy Liturgy and delivered a beautiful sermon about our Der Hayr. The event was lovely, and the organizing committee created a meaningful celebration. There were musical and singing performances, as well gifts given and special speeches. Thank you Der Nerses for being with us for 25 years!

In Centennial news, on the occasion of the visit of Pope Francis in September, the Philadelphia Armenian Community lead by the Centennial Committee took the opportunity to publically raise awareness about the Genocide once again by releasing thank you messages on electric billboards throughout the city, the Philadelphia Inquirer in a full page color ad, and on philly.com. On April 12th, the Pope rightfully used the word "Genocide" in his statements on the Armenian massacres. This was important recognition that made global news.

The fall also brings many wonderful events! Many great events are still upcoming. On October 12 our Annual Golf Outing takes place. This year's event takes place at Waynesborough Country Club in Paoli, Pa. The event is one of the most important fundraisers for the church for the year, so make sure to come out, and consider a Sponsorship as well! On November 6-8 the annual Church Bazaar will take place. Come out to eat some amazing food prepared by our talented and dedicated Ladies' Guild. September also brings back regular Friday evening dinner at Seroonian Community Center, so come out to celebrate the beginning of the weekend with the community!

The Board of Trustees looks forward to all the great things to come this year. Thank you to the parishioners for the continued support and love of our Church!

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Reflection on My Twenty-fifth Anniversary

Archpriest Fr. Nerses Manoogian

Note: Herewith we publish Der Nerses' speech at occasion of his 25th anniversary.

My brothers and sisters,

I'd like to start by framing today's celebration with the words of our Lord Jesus addressed to his disciples: **"When you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"** (Luke 17:10) Working in the vineyard of our Lord is always a rewarding experience. Working in this vineyard of our Lord called St. Gregory's church for 25 years has definitely been a rewarding and enriching experience for me. I did what I was supposed to do. So all this honor and love you are extending to me today I share with you because without your goodness I would not have lasted this long.

I consider myself very fortunate in having been given the opportunity to serve you and this community. My treasure box is full of indelible memories.

I'd like to tell you a story that took place one early morning in a seminary. A teacher was strolling in the courtyard with his two students and trying to teach them a lesson. He posed this question to them: "When is there light in the world?" The first one said "when the rays of the sun hit the mountain tops", and the second "When we see light on the horizon". "No, the teacher said "When we see a friend in the eye of the person we meet, then there is light."

My brothers and sisters, for the last 25 years, I saw nothing but good friends in your eyes and I harvested bushels of light. My life is luminous today because I have you all as my friends.

In the last 25 years, I enjoyed the friendship and cooperation of scores of very dedicated Board members with whom I had the pleasure of partnering with to keep the St. Gregory's boat afloat.

Sunday after Sunday I have enjoyed immensely the closeness of our angelic Choir and devoted deacons and altar boys and girls. I have witnessed with pride the hard labor and the cooperation of many dedicated stewards of the Ladies Guild Altar Guild, Men's Club, Sunday School and Haiga-

Zian Armenian School staff and also all sister organizations, the ARF, ARS, Hamazkaine, AYF, and Homentmen. Their relentless passion has not only driven this community but also enriched me and propelled me forward. I have a special place in my heart for all the children of our parish who have been bringing joy and vitality to our church. I always look forward to interacting with their little spirits each Sunday which motivate and inspire me week after week. Last Sunday, the first week of Sunday school and Haigazian school classes, I had many high fives and memorable selfies (using my own personal selfie stick) with kids in the church hall.

Oh, I have so many good memories and they are all mine to keep.

Twenty-five years ago by providential coincidence I started my ministry in this parish on Father's Day. Since that day, I have not stopped being your spiritual father. Twenty-five years later, my heart is overflowing with gratitude for the gift of fatherhood, and my desire to father you has never diminished.

I do not know about the level of my achievement. Let God be the judge of that.

- ♦ Did I give enough of me for the betterment of this church? I don't know.
- ♦ Was I able to bring you all closer to God or ignite a spiritual fire in this parish? I don't know.
- ♦ Did I do enough for your children's spiritual formation? I don't know
- ♦ Did I inspire you to stay in the realm of Armenian spiritual and cultural values? I do not know.

All I know is, that day after day, I strive to give you my best with a deep conviction that even my best is not enough for the Lord and for a community such as this, which survived gallantly in Philly for almost a century weathering all kinds of storms. My dear brothers and sisters, to your success story, let my 25 years of service be a modest paragraph.

I am sure all of you, at some point in your lives have had a moment of epiphany, an incident or a saying that changed your life.

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I experienced my epiphany during my ordination. I remember my ordination day, February 23, 1987 in New York's St. Illuminator's Cathedral. I see the sweet face of my ordaining Bishop, His Eminence Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian, the blessed memory. I hear his peculiar low tonality and crackling voice reading to me from the Book of Ezekiel. I remember him looking directly at me and reading a little louder than normal this following line: "**Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel.**" (Ezek. 3:17). In the context, God was appointing Ezekiel as a watchman for the people of Israel who were in exile, to watch them and lead them. "I have made you a watchman" This sentence struck my soul like a bolt of lightning. By reading these words, it was as if Mesrob Surpazan was trying to tell me that he was commissioning me to be the watchman of the parishes under my care.

The word "Watchman" in particular really resonated with me. I have watched you closely over the years and have always been concerned about your spiritual health and welfare.

I did what I did for you by taking guidance from our Lord Jesus who said "**Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**" (Matt. 11:29)

I did what I did for you with absolute love; and my understanding of love is modeled on Christ's understanding. My brothers and sisters, Christ's understanding of love is written all over the crucifix. If the cross speaks it would say:

LOVE IS GIVING.
GIVING WITHOUT EXPECTATION.
GIVING NOT BECAUSE OTHERS ASK
BUT BECAUSE I WANT.
GIVING, BY BELIEVING THAT MY GIVING
WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN
THE WORLD.

This was Jesus' understanding of love and this is what I tried to replicate.

Apostle John says: "There is no fear in love." (1 John 4:18)

My beloved children,

- ♦ This father of yours never feared loving you.
- ♦ This father of yours who gave a quarter century of his adult life to you will not hesitate to love you fearlessly for another twenty-five, because you are one loving, caring, resourceful and endearing parish.

As I opened my address with a biblical quote, allow me to close with yet another guiding and luminous favorite biblical quote of mine from Book of Acts: "**But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.**" (Acts 20:24)

Thank you and Love you all. And may God bless you always and keep you in His care and love.

I would like to thank the Board of Trustees, the dynamic organizing committee members, donors, musicians and all those who were present to congratulate me.

I would like to thank as well those who reached out via email phone calls to congratulate me.

Names are many but the intentions are the same and I thank you all and tell you once more, that without your goodness I would not have lasted for 25 years.

Your names are numerous to put on this paper, but not that numerous to carry in my heart.



Տ. Ներսիս Ա. Քհնյ. Մանուկեան

Քսանիինգ տարիներ առաջ, նախախնամական գուգադիպությունամբ այս գաղութէն ներս իմ հովութեան պաշտօնին սկսայ Հայրերու Տօնին օրը եւ այն օրէն սկսեալ երբեք չի դադրեցայ ձեր հոգեւոր հայրը ըլլալին: 25 տարիներ ետք իմ սիրտս գոհութեամբ լեցուն է հայրութեան նուերին համար, եւ իմ փափաքս՝ ձեզի հայր ըլլալու երբեք չէ նուազած: Չեմ գիտեր թէ որքանով կրցայ իմ ծրագիրներս իրագործել: Թող Աստուած ըլլայ



Մտորումներ 25 Ամեական Առթիւ

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անոր դատաւորը:

- ◆ Արդեօք իմ կեանքէն բաւական տուի՞ այս գաղութի բարգաւաճման համար: Չեմ գիտեր:
- ◆ Արդեօք կրցա՞ւ ձեզ մօտեցնել Աստուծոյ եւ վառել հոգեւոր խաբոյկ մը այս գաղութին մէջ: Չեմ գիտեր:
- ◆ Արդեօք բաւական ջանացի՞ ձեր զաւակներու հոգեւոր կազմաւորման համար: Չեմ գիտեր:
- ◆ Արդեօք կրցա՞յ ձեզ բաւական ներշնչել՝ մնալու Հայ ժողովուրդի հոգեւոր եւ մշակութային ոլորտին մէջ: Չեմ գիտեր:

Մէկ բան լաւ գիտեմ, որ փորձեցի լաւագոյնս տալ ձեզի այն խոր գիտալցութեամբ, որ նոյնիսկ իմ լաւագոյնս բաւական չէր Աստուծոյ եւ այս գաղութին, որ մօտ մէկ դար հերոսաբար կրցաւ գոյատեւել Ֆիլատեկֆիոյ մէջ՝ տոկալով բազմաթիւ փոթորիկներու: Սիրելի եղբայրներ եւ քոյրեր: Ձեր հերոսական պատմութեան գրքին, իմ 25 տարուան ծառայութիւնս թող ըլլայ համեստ պարբերութիւն մը:

Վստահ եմ բոլորդ ալ ձեր կեանքին մէջ ունեցած էք ձեր կեանքը փոխող պահ մը: Դէպք մը եւ կամ խօսք մը որ բոլորովին փոխած է ձեր կեանքը: Ձեռով մը յուսաւորութեան պահ մը:

Ես իմ լուսաւորութեան պահը ունեցած եմ իմ քահանայական ձեռնադրութեան օրը: Կը յիշեմ այն օրը. Փետրուար 23, 1987, Նիւ Եորքի Սուրբ Լուսաւորիչ տաճարին մէջ: Կը յիշեմ լուսաւոր դէմ - քը զիս ձեռնադրող Եպիսկոպոսին, լուսահոգի Մեսրոպ Արքեպս, Աշճեանին: Կը լսեմ իր ցած եւ հեւքոտ ձայնը երբ ինծի կը կարդար Եզեկիէլ Մար - գարէի գրքէն հատուած մը: Եւ այդ պահուն կը յի - շեմ որ ուղղակի աչքիս նայելով շեշտակի ձայնով մը կարդաց սա տողը.- «Որդի մարդոյ եւ քեզ պահակ կը նշանակեմ Իսրայէլի ժողովուրդին»: (Եզեկ. 3:17): Հոս Աստուած Եզեկիէլ մարգարէին պահակ կը նշանակէր Իսրայէլի ժողովուրդին վրայ որ գերութեան մէջ էր որպէսզի անոնց պահէ եւ առաջնորդէ: «Եւ քեզ պահակ կը նշանակեմ» Այս խօսք կայծակի նման շանթահարեց իմ հոգիս: Այս խօսքը կարդալով, կարծես Մեսրոպ Սրբազանը ըսել կուզէր որ զիս պահակ կը նշա-

նակեր այն գաղութներուն որ ինծի պիտի յանձնուէր: Պահակ բառը նոր լոյս մը բացաւ իմ կեանքիս մէջ: Տարիներ շարունակ ես ձեզ մօտէն դիտեցի եւ միշտ ջանացի պահպանել ձեր հոգեւոր առողջութիւնը:

Ես կատարեցի այն ինչ որ կատարեցի
միշտ ինձի ուղղութիւն ունենալով մեր Տիրոջ Յի-
սուս Քրիստոսի սա խօսքը.- «Ձեր վրայ առեք իմ
լուծս եւ ինձմէ տրվեցեք, որովհետեւ հեզ եմ եւ սր-
տով խոնարհ, եւ դուք հոգեկան հանգստութիւնը
պիտի գտնեք: Քանի իմ լուծս դիրքաւ տանելի է եւ
բեռս թեթեւ (Մատթ. 11:29):

Ես կատարեցի այն ինչ որ կատարեցի բացարձակ սիրով, եւ իմ սիրոյ հասկացողութիւնս միշտ հիմնուած էր Քրիստոսի սիրոյ հասկացողութեան վրայ: Սիրելի քոյրեր եւ եղբայրներ, Յիսուսի սիրոյ հասկացողութիւնը եթէ կուզէք գիտնալ նայեցէք անոր խաչին: Հոնկէ մեզի եկող պատգամը հետեւեալն է.-

ՍԷՐ ԿԸ ՆՇԱՆԱԿԷ ՏԱԼ:

Տալ առանց ակնկալութեան:

Տալ ոչ թե ուրիշները կուզեն այլ որովհետև ես
կուզեմ:

Տալ այն համոզումով որ իմ տալս դրական փոփոխություն մը պիտի բերէ աշխարհին:

Յովհաննէս Առաքեալ ըսած է իր առաջին նա-
սկին մէջ: «Միտոյ մէջ վախ չկայ» (Ա. Յով. 4:18)

Միբեղի գաւակներս, այս ձեր հայրը երբեք
չվախցաւ ձեզ սիրելու:

Այս ձեռք հայրը որ իր չափահաս կեանքի 25 տարիները ձեզի տուաւ, պիտի շարունակէ ձեզ սիրել առանց վախի ուրիշ 25 տարիներ եւս, որովհետեւ դուք սիրալիք, գուրգուրոտ, բազմատաղանդ եւ սիրազեղ գաղութ մըն էք:

Շնորհակալություն: Թող Աստուած օրհնե բոլորդ եւ ձեզ պահէ իր սիրով եւ խաղաղութեան մէջ:

Շնորհակալություն Հոգաբարձության, կազմակերպիչ յանձնախումբին, նուիրատուներուն, ներկաներուն եւ անոնց որոնք հեռագրով, հեռաձայնով շնորհաւորեցին զիս: Անունները շատ են հոս գրելու բայց ոչ շատ՝ սրտիս վրայ գրելու: Շնորհակալութիւն:

Der Hayr came to the podium to give his reflections on this milestone day and his many years of experience. He said to everyone that looking at his years in a mirror, he sees reflected in it the entire church community and the contributions of so many. In particular he remembered Jeanette Nazarian, the first chair of the banquet's organizing committee and a true servant of the church.

He praised the dedication of the Board of Trustees, deacons, choir, altar servers, guilds, teachers, and all who play a role in the church family. He also recognized his family in attendance, his daughter Sally who had come from San Francisco to be there, his brother-in-law Morris Mugurdichian from Los Angeles, and most of all, his "other half," Yerezgin Nectar, for supporting him in his ministry all these years.

Commenting on the day, Der Hayr quoted Luke 17:10 "when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'" He said that working in the vineyard of the Lord at St. Gregory's has been rewarding and enriching.



He mentioned the special place in his heart he has for the children of the parish, the joy they bring him and the inspiration he sees in their faces. We have all seen this through the children's sermons Der Nerses delivers monthly, a memorable institution he began. He brought up the coincidence of starting his ministry at St. Gregory's on Father's Day, and how 25 years later his heart is overflowing with the gifts of fa-

therhood. He told the crowd he hopes he gave of himself what was required, that he strove to give his



Der Hyr with his youngest parishioner Lucy Stamboulion, daughter of Thomas and Cindy. She came to congratulate Der Nerses.

best with the deep conviction that not even his best is enough for the Lord and for the wonderful Philadelphia community. He shared an epiphany he had on his ordination day many years ago. During that ceremony, Archbishop Ashjian had read from the Book of Ezekiel: "Son of Man, I have made you a watchman for the House of Israel". Der Hayr said this line 'struck his soul like lightning', and he took it as a commission to be a watchman of the parishes under his care. Clearly the outpouring of love from his flock was confirmation of Der Hayr's hope that he has done his duty well, and that they are grateful for the watchful guidance with which

he has led Saint Gregory's for these twenty-five years.



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ՈՐ Ի ՖԻԼԱՏԵԼՖԻԱ, Ի ՄԻԱՑԵԱԼ ՆԱՀԱՆԳՍ ԱՄԵՐԻԿԱՅԻ

Ուրախութեամբ իմացանք Հիւսիսային Ամերիկայի Արեւելեան թեմի Առաջնորդ Գերաշնորհ Տ. Օշական Արք. Չոլոյեանի Մեզի ուղղած նամակէն, որ Սեպտեմբեր 20-ին, 2015, Ֆիլատելֆիոյ Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչ եկեղեցւոյ հոգաբարձութիւնը պիտի նշէ Ձեր հովուական ծառայութեան 25-ամեակը:

Արդարեւ, արժանի էք Ձեր համայնքին կողմէ կատարուող նման յարգանքի, որովհետեւ որպէս Աստուծոյ ծառայ եւ մեր եկեղեցւոյ հոգեւոր մշակ, դուք Ձեր կեանքի տարիները լեցուցիք անանձնական ու նուիրեալ ծառայութեամբ: Մենք մօտէն հանչցած ենք Ձեզ Դպրեկանքի ուսանողութեան տարիներէն սկսեալ, եւ հետեւած Ձեր հովուական ծառայութեան: Ծանօթ ենք նաեւ Ձեր մտաւորական աշխատանքներուն: Հետեւաբար, խոր գոհունակութեամբ կրնանք վկայել, որ Ձեր կոչումին արժանի մնացիք՝ Աստուծոյ, մեր եկեղեցւոյ ու ժողովուրդին ծառայութիւնը նկատելով Ձեր կեանքին գերազոյն նպատակը:

Ձեր քահանայական 25-ամեայ ծառայութեան այս հանգրուանին, Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Կաթողիկոսութեան մայրավանքէն հայրապետական օրհնութեամբ կ'ողջունենք Ձեզ եւ կ'աղօթենք առ Աստուած, որ Ձեր հովուական ծառայութեան յառաջիկայ տարիները եւս դարձնէ արդիւնաշատ՝ յօգուտ մեր եկեղեցւոյ ու ժողովուրդին:

Ողջ լըրուք ի Տէր, զօրացեալ շնորհօք Ա. Հոգւոյն եւ յաւէտ օրհնեալ ի Մէնջ. Ամէն:

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ՄԵԾԻ ՏԱՆՆ ԿԻԼԻԿԻՈՅ**

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Որ յԱնթիլիաս, Լիբանան
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ի թուին Հայոց ՌՆԿԵ.



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ՏԷՐ ՆԵՐՍԷՍ ԱՒԱԳ-ՔԱՀԱՆԱՅ ՄԱՆՈՒԿԵԱՆ

Սրտի ուրախութեամբ և հոգեկան զոհնակութեամբ այս Օրհնութեան Գիրը կ'առաքենք ձեզի, Ֆիլատելիայի Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսատրիչ Եկեղեցիէն ներս ձեր հովուական ծառայութեան 25-ամեակին առիթով:

Հոգևորականին կոչումը հիմնուած է անսակարկ ծառայութեան յանձնառութեան վրայ: Այս յանձնառութիւնը արդիւնաւէտ կը դառնայ, երբ հոգևորականը իրեն յանձնուած հօտը կը մեկտնջէ, կ'անցնէ հոգևորապէս և կ'ուզէ՝ զէպի աւետարանական կեանքին ճամբուն, ուր խոստացուած երանութիւնը ամենօրեայ հաւատացեալին կեանքին մաս և ապրում կը դառնայ:

Այս համոզումով և հաստքով դուք ձեր ձեռքը դրիք Քրիստոսի մահին վրայ և, սկսեալ Կիլիկիոյ Կաթողիկոսութեան Դպրեկանքէն մինչև Պարսկաստան և Ամերիկայի Միացեալ Նահանգներ, դուք նայեցաք միշտ զէպի առաջ, աստուածատուր ձեր շնորհներն ու կարողութիւնները ի սպաս զնելով ձեզի յանձնուած բանաւոր հօտին:

Ֆիլատելիայի Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսատրիչ Եկեղեցւոյ համայնքը ձեր 25-ամեայ ծառայութեան առիթով այսօր ձեզի յայտնէ իր սրտագին շնորհակալութիւնները, որպէս հոգևորականի տրուած վարձատրութիւն: Համայնքին երախտագիտութեան կը միացնենք մեր ալ շնորհատրութիւններն ու շնորհակալութիւնները մեր Թեմէն ներս ձեր ունեցած անշահախնդիր ծառայութեան համար:

Մեր սրտագին աղօթքն է, որ Բարին Աստուած ինք վարձահատուց րոյալ ձեզի, զօրացնէ ձեզ հոգեպէս ու մարմնապէս, որպէսզի տակալին ընդ երկարս ծառայէք մեր Տիրոջ անդաստանէն ներս:

Այս առիթով կը շնորհատրենք նաև Երէցկիսն ու ձեր զաւակները՝ մաղթելով քաջատղջութիւն և յաջողութիւն:

Թող որ մեր Տիրոջ Յիսուս Քրիստոսի օրհնութիւնները և եօթնարկեան շնորհները ընդ միշտ տեղան ձեր հոգիին ու սրտին մէջ:

Մնամք սիրոյ ջերմ ողջունիս և օրհնութեամբ,

Աղօթարար՝

Շմաբառ:

ՕՇԱԿԱՆ ԱՐՔԵՊԻՍԿՈՊՈՍ
Առաջնորդ Ամերիկայի Արեւելեան Թեմին

20 Սեպտեմբեր, 2015



Poems Dedicated to Der Nerses

Thank You Poem Just for You

September 20, 2015

Dear God protect and take good care
Of our Der Nerses. He sacrifices his time.

Be it morning, noon or night
He is present when the time is right
If he is called for help he runs
To anoint and bless on the run.

He is human, yes, loving, caring and keeping us well
Trying to cheer us when we are sad
By being around he makes us glad.

Bless his heart and bless his health
Keep him happy and grant him strength
He is our support when we have none.

Thank you for the most amazing 25 years as our
priest and friend.

You are special to all of us. Thank you for teaching
us to trust, for teaching us to love, for teaching us to
live.

Happy 25th Anniversary.

Love and Blessings,

Lisa Bass

Der Nerses's 25 Year Celebration

Der Nerses's untiring efforts of extraordinary
achievement

Exemplifies his spiritual leadership and endless en-
thusiasm for accomplishment

Building bridges with Acolytes
Endow them to see the light

Establishing the active spiritualism of Datev
So that scriptural teachings will rev

7 terms on the Executive Council of the Prelacy
Shows devotion and allegiance you must agree

Publishing booklets with proficiency...
And revising the Illuminator with efficiency

Establishing the Alter Guild with creative contribu-
tions
Enabling spiritual implementation

Conscientiously launching the innovative
"Web Page"
Provides all of St. Gregory with a stage

St. Gregory's amazing "Chronicle"
Is nothing short of historical

An awe-inspiring day with God's love
As heaven smiled from above

God Bless You and Your Beautiful Family,
Love,

Betty Tavakalian

Thank you



Sunday School display at Der Nerses' 25th Anniversary



**Thank you for your many years of dedicated
service to our church and love for Sunday School.**

**God handpicked you just for us.
Congratulations on your 25th ANNIVERSARY
We all love you!!!!**





Congratulatory letters, emails, messages and more...

Dear Der Nerses,

Our heartfelt congratulations comes your way, and also our deepest appreciation and love for doing the GOD'S work and bringing peace to so many of our peoples lives.

You have been an important part of of our lives participating and sharing our happy moments as well as our very sad ones. You have lifted our souls with your prayers, when we have had sad loses in our families.

We wish you and your family abundance of love good health and much happiness, thank you for your prayers and always being there for us.

Henry, Seda Sahagian and the Family

Dear Der Hayr,

Happy 25th Anniversary!

My family and I are truly grateful that you are a part of our lives. You have touched us with your wisdom, teachings, kindness, and generosity. The values and lessons that you taught us in Children's Sermons years ago are still with me to this day.

This anniversary is a well-deserved honor, and I hope it is a joyous one for you and your family!

Love from California,

Niki Arakelian

Dear Der Hyr,

Happy 25th Anniversary! I'm sorry I was not able to make it today, but I heard everything went very well today. Thank you for your service to St. Gregory's the past 25 years and for being such a great Der Hyr. Hope all is well and I will see you when I'm home from college!

Alec Arakelian

Hello Der Nerses,

We wanted to congratulate you on your 25 year anniversary as our priest! Thank you for everything that you've done for our family and we wish you the best.

Love,

Rimma, Vlad, Arman, Alex

Dear Der Hayr,

I want to pass along my sincere congratulations on your 25th anniversary with the church.

You are a pillar of our community, and you are appreciated.

Regretfully, I am unable to attend on Sunday, as I have an unavoidable film shoot out of town. I wish I could be there to celebrate with you and our congregation. It is a meaningful moment for you, your family, and for our church.

God Bless You.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Ayanian

Օրհնեցեք Արժանապատիւ Տէր Հայր:

Մեր սիրելի Տէր Յակոբից իմացայ, որ այս Կիրակի լրանում է ձեր հովուութեան 25 ամեակը: Ես մեծագոյն սիրով կամեցայ շնորհաւորել Ձեզ այս առթիւ եւ մաղթել քաջառողջութիւն եւ ամենայն բարիք: Ես միշտ երախտագիտութեամբ եմ յիշում Ձեզ եւ Ձեր համայնքի այն անդամներին որոնք սրտբուխ նուիրատուութեամբ կարողացան իրականացնել մեր հովուատան ջերուցման եւ լուսամուտների փոխման աշխատանքներն ու հիւրատան կառուցման գործը: Յուսով եմ Ձեր աջակցութիւնը Օձունի շարունակական կը լինի Աստուծոյ կամօք: Աստուծոյ Աջն ու պատուական խաչը Ձեզ աջակից եւ օգնական լինի:

Օրհնութեամբ եւ Ձեր օրհնութեան ակնկալութեամբ:

Տէր Վրթանէս Պաղալեան
Հովիւ Օձունի համայնքին:



Congratulatory letters, emails, messages and more...

Dear Der Hyr,

You have been a true gift from God to the Sunday School. We cherish you and love you! The Bible says: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your path." This is what you taught us... to put God first and allow Him to guide us each day.

We love you and thank you God for you. We present our hands and hearts to you in this wreath.

God bless and love from all your Sunday School children and teachers.

Teni Jehanian

Կիրակնօրեայ դպրոցի անունով բարի գալուստ կը մաղթեն բոլորիդ:

On behalf of Sunday School and myself, Gianna Dekermenjian, we welcome you all to celebrate and honor the 25th anniversary of our beloved Der Hayr "Der Nerses Manoogian" who is serving and leading our Armenian Church and community for 25 years and counting.

Serely Der Hayr, you are such an empowering person who guides us to the right path of God and who leads and teaches our church how to be strong when we're all together as one. Our Sunday School students send their love and respect to you and have made special memory notes starting how you have touched their lives on this memorable day. On behalf of the Sunday School we cannot thank you enough for all your support, encouragement, prayers and unconditional love you give to each and every one of us. We wish you a healthy, happy life and many more anniversaries to come. We thank you again and congratulations on your 25th anniversary.

Giana Dekirmenjian

Dear Der Nerses,

Congratulations on serving the Philadelphia Community for 25 years! So glad we can celebrate with you!

Love from your Michigan friends,
Greg, Karen, and Emily Movsesian

Sirelli Archpriest Father Nerses Manoogian,

Sorry we couldn't have joined you in celebrating your 25th anniversary as a clergy however, we want to extend our congratulations to you and thank you for your service to our church.

Albert & Geno Sarkisian

Արժանապատիւ Տէր Ներսէս Աւագ Քահանայ Մանուկեան,

Հայկազեան Դպրոցի կողմէ կուգեմ ձեզ սրտաբուխ շնորհակալութիւն յայտնել ձեր 25 տարուան խնամքին մեր եկեղեցիին եւ գաղութին համար:

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Հայկազեան Դպրոց

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Աղօթքը բարձր գազաթներու առինքնումը ունի. ովկեաններու խորութիւնը, եւ անհունութիւնը տիեզերքին երբ միացնենք Քրիստոսի աղօթքներուն:

Յովսաննէսն ու եւ Ձեր Յոբելեանին առթիւ կ'աղօթենք որ 25-ամեակներ եւս բոլորեք Աստուծոյ եւ Հայրենիքի սիրով օծուն:

Կը համբուրենք Ձեր աջը, որով Յիսուսը կու տաք մեզի:

Շնորհ որ կաք

Յովհաննէս Թերէզ Ոսկերիչեան

Dear Der Hyre,

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding .. In all your ways acknowledge Him & He will direct your paths ..." This is what you have taught us.

We are so blessed to have you! You are a true servant of God ... You witness Jesus in all you do ... We love you & appreciate all you do for others.

Bedik, & Doreen Yeremian & Talene, Kevork & Aren Artinian

TWENTIFIFTH ANNIVERSARY PICTURES













Organizing Committee members with Surpazan and Der Hyr



LR: Prof. Mgo Mgerditchian, yeretzgin's brother, yeretzgin, Der Hyr and their daughter Sally

All pictures by Jack Hagopian

A GIFT TO CATHOLICOSATE FROM OUR PARISH

On July 14, 2015, on his first day of Pilgrimage to Lebanon on the occasion of Muronorhnek, His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the House of Cilicia received the pilgrims of the Eastern Prelacy which was headed by His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar of the Prelacy, in his summer residence of Saint Asdvadzadzin Monastery of Bikfaya.

On this auspicious occasion, Der Nerses presented to His Holiness a very old and rare book called "Myr Mashdotz" as a gift from St. Gregory's Parish to the Catholicosate.

His Holiness commended Der Nerses and stated that this will be cleanest copy of the same book in Catholicosate's library.

Myr Mashdotz is a comprehensive book of rituals of the Armenian Church. It includes not only the regular seven sacraments, baptism, Chrismation, Holy Communion, marriage, minor ordinations and last unction and other rituals like home blessing etc. but as well as ordination of priest, Bishop, Catholicos, consecration of sanctuaries. This book was printed in early 1800's and was donated to St. Gregory's Church by Yeghishe Melikian, the godfather of our church.

Below please find a thank you letter from the Librarian and its translation.



Der Nerses presenting the book to His Holiness in presence of His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian.

ARMENIAN CATHOLICOSATE
OF CILICIA
Antelias, Lebanon



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Անթիլիաս, 16 Յուլիս 2015

Արժանապատիւ,
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Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչ Եկեղեցւոյ
Ֆիլատելֆիա

Միբելի՝ Տեր Հայր,

Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Արամ Ա. Վեհափառ Հայրապետի ձեռամբ շնորհակալութեամբ ստացանք ձեր առաքած Մայր Մաշտոց հնատիպ մատենան՝ որպէս նուէր Մենծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Կաթողիկոսութեան՝ Ֆիլատելֆիոյ Ա. Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչ եկեղեցւոյ հոգաբարձութեան կողմէ:

Բարձր կը գնահատենք Կիլիկեան դարաւոր Արեւոյ մշակութային առաքելութեան նկատմամբ ձեր ունեցած նախանձախնդրութիւնը, որուն գործնական արտայայտութիւնը կը նկատենք ձեր կատարած այս արժեքաւոր նուէրը: Մատենան մաս պիտի կազմէ մեր Մուրթ Արեւոյ հնատիպերու հաւաքածոյին:

Կաթողիկոս, որ Աստուած ձեզի պարգեւէ քաջառողջութիւն եւ արդիւնաշատ եկեղեցական ծառայութիւն: Հաճեցէք մեր շնորհակալութիւնը փոխանցել Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչ եկեղեցւոյ յարգարժան խնամակալութեան:

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Translation of the Letter

Archpriest Fr. Nerses Manoogian
Pastor
St. Gregory the Illuminator Church
Philadelphia

Dear Der Hyr,

From the hand of His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia we received with gratitude the old and rare book called *Myr Mashdotz* as a gift to the catholicosate from the Board of Trustees of St. Gregory the Illuminator Church.

We highly appreciate your fervor towards the literary mission of centuries old Cilician Catholicosate, and we consider your precious gift as a practical manifestation. This book will be part of the collection of rare books of Catholicosate's library. We pray to almighty God, that he may grant you health and productive ecclesiastic service. We beg you to extend our appreciations to the esteemed members of the Board of Trustees of St. Gregory the Illuminator Church.

Prayerfully
Archbishop Dirayr Panosian
Librarian

Community Events

Highlights

Blessing of Grapes

Centuries old Blessing of Grapes was held on August 18, 2015 in our parish in presence of many parishioners. This year the sponsor of the Grape Blessing ceremony were Mr. & Mrs. Harout and Maro Hamalian and their children. We thank them and we thank as well all other parishioners who made in lieu of grape donations.



Blessing of Water with newly Blessed Muron

Անցնող Յուլիս 18, 2015-ին, Պիքֆայայի Ս. Աստուածածին Վանքի փակին մեջ տեղի ունեցավ Հայ Եկեղեցւոյ նուիրականագոյն արարողութիւնը՝ Միւռոնօրհները:

Թեմիս Բարեխնամ Առաջնորդ Հօր, Բարձրաշնորհ Տ. Օշական Սրբ. Արքեպս. Չոլոյեանի միջոցաւ ստացանք նոր օրհնւած Միւռոնէն մեր բաժինը՝ գաղութիս հոգեւոր պէտքերուն համար:

Կիրակի, Օգոստոս 9-ին Տ. Ներսէսը նոր օր- հնուած միւռոնով կատարեց ջրօրհներ էւ իր քա ըողին մեջ անդրադարձաւ Ս. Միւռոնի մեր կեանքին մեջ ունեցած նուիրական արժէքին վրայ:

On, Saturday, July 18, 2015, Catholicos of Cilicia, H.H. Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, blessed new Muron at Saint Asdvaddadzin Monastery, in Bikfaya, Lebanon.

Through our Prelate, His Eminence Archbishop Choloyan we received a portion of that newly blessed Muron for our spiritual needs.

On August 9. Der Nerses performed Blessing of Water ceremony with the newly blessed muron and he spoke about the spiritual value of the Muron in our lives.



Milestone Birthday Celebrated



On Saturday, August 1, 2015, in St. Gregory's Founders Hall Susan Pogharian Shamlian was showered with a surprise 50th birthday bash attended by more than 100 family members and friends. In above picture Susan is surrounded by her immediate family, her sons Haig, Raffi, her husband Mark and her eldest son Daron. Our congratulations and many many more.

40th Day Blessing of Infants



On Sunday, August 9, 2015, baby Talar Deese for the first time was brought to church by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony and Anny Deese for the traditional 40th day ritual following the footsteps of baby Jesus who was taken to the temple on his 40th day of birth. Welcome to baby Talar from our church family.



On Sunday, September 28, baby Aren Artinian for the first time was brought to church by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Kevork and Talene Artinian for the traditional 40th day ritual following the footsteps of baby Jesus who was taken to the temple on his 40th day of birth. Welcome to baby Aren from our church family.

BAPTISMS



Serjio Kesayan, son of Mr. & Mrs. Raffae and Aline Kesayan was baptized on August 16, 2015. Godfather David Kesayan.



Shant Daniel Shirozian, son of Sevag and Taline Shirozian was baptized on July 19, 2015. Godfather Minas Shirozian.



Lia Violet Aghajanian, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Haig and Sarah Aghajanian was baptized on September 13, 2015. Godfather Shant Aghajanian.



Cradle News

It's A Girl! 

Lucy Seera Stambouljian, daughter of Cindy & Thomas Stambouljian, was born on July 16, 2015 weighing 7lbs 8.3oz and 20.5 inches.

It's A Boy! 

Aren Missak Artinian, son of Mr. & Mrs. Kevork and Talene Artinian was born on August 31, 2015 weighing 9 lbs & 7 ounces and measuring 21.5 inches long!

Our Congratulations

Letters and Notes To and From Parishioners and Friends

THANK YOU

Dear Der Nerses and Board of Trustees,
Thank you so much for the beautiful bouquet of flowers in honor of our new baby girl Lucy Seera.
We feel incredibly blessed to have so much love and support from our Armenian community and look forward to raising Lucy in our church and sharing our faith with our blessed daughter.
Sincerely,
Tom, Cindy and Lucy

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Thank You

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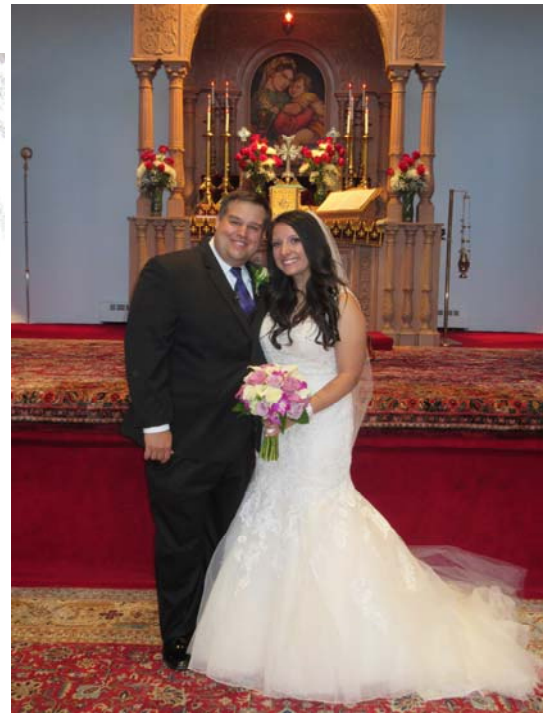
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*God bless
Your new homes*

WEDDINGS



Cameron Michael Hoellrich and **Allison Sonya Injaian** were united in Holy Matrimony on July 18, 2015. Bestman Dale Hoellrich.



Michael Chabon Lees and **Adrienne Madatian** were united in holy matrimony on August 22, 2015. Bestman George Thomas Lees III.



Jimmy Dibra and **Vartuhi Buldukyan** were united in holy matrimony of August 29, 2015. Bestman Giacomo Anthony Pampinella.



Obituary



Dr. Edward Tufankjian of Sickler-ville, NJ and Naples, Florida, formerly of Cherry Hill, passed away into God's loving arms on June 15, 2015. He was the beloved husband of Arleen (nee Cronk) for 48 years. He is survived by his sons, Dr. Daron (Dr. Lisa) of Marlton, NJ, Aaron (Courtney) of

Watchung, NJ and Edward; 6 beautiful grandchildren, Sydney, Daron Jr., Austin, Jordyn, Brooke and Ford. He served his country during the war in the Air Corps and returned home to attend school at Phila. College of Pharmacy and Science. He opened the first pharmacy at the Philadelphia Airport. He then attended medical school at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM). He became a family physician and opened his office in 1960. He served the Cherry Hill area for over 50 years, caring for many wonderful families. He recently retired to enjoy his family, grandkids and home in Naples, FL. He enjoyed football, softball, baseball, wrestling and golf. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

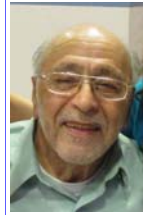
His funeral was held on June 18, 2015. Internment Arlington Cemetery. In lieu of flower donations to St. Gregory Church or Moorestown VNA Hospice or the Animal Welfare Association.



Bearg Jehanian, 87, entered into his eternal rest on Wednesday, June 17, 2015. He is survived by his children, Bearj, Karen and Armena, nephews Michael (AnneKrakovitz) and Jeffrey Kazanjian, brother-in-law Aram Terzian (Marjorie Buchanan), niece Juliet Terzian (Todd Freeman) and many family members. He was predeceased by his wife, Lucille. Above all, he loved his family and was happiest when he was at church.

Family and friends were invited to his viewing on Saturday morning (10AM), June 20, 2015 at the St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church followed by his funeral Service at 11 AM.

Interment following at Arlington Cemetery, Drexel Hill, PA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to either St. Gregory the Illuminator Church, 8701 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128 or Society for Orphaned Armenian Relief.



Mr. Paul Zakarian passed away peacefully at Maris Grove on June 29th in Glen Mills, PA at the age of 85. Paul is survived by his wife Karen and two sons Daron (Debbie) and Adam (Kathy). Grandchildren Addison, Noah, Holden, Karina, Elijah and Klaira. He is also survived by his sister Mary Zakarian. Paul is preceded in death by his first wife Florence, and two sisters, Rose Arpajian and Sosie Kachikian.

Paul was born on May 27, 1930 in Philadelphia, PA. After high school and technical school, Paul enlisted in the U.S. Air Force serving during the Korean War. After his service he achieved bachelor's and master's of electrical engineering degrees from Drexel and Carnegie Mellon Universities.

He started a 27-year career at Univac Corporation where he met his wife Florence "Chris" Brehme. After their first son Daron was born, Paul and Chris moved from Lansdale to East Norriton, Pennsylvania and Adam arrived soon after. They resided at this home for close to four decades. After an early retirement from Univac, Paul worked for Mangar Medical Packaging Company and then finished his career framing artwork in his home workshop. Chris passed away in 2004 and Paul later married Karen Chambers in 2007.

Paul was a devoted husband and father. Family was always first priority for him and he was most happy when at home, surrounded by his family and friends. He took pleasure in being an active parent volunteering often in his son's scouting and sports activities. Paul had a special affinity for baseball which he played avidly as a young man.

Paul was an accomplished craftsman and inventor with multiple patents. An "engineer's engineer" Paul was mechanically and electrically inclined, always tinkering with devices in the home. He was witty and enjoyed roasting colleagues and friends. A regular Master of Ceremonies, he was always ready with a joke or a story to tell. He was an active and dedicated member of the St. Gregory's Armenian Apostolic Church and served as the Superintendent of Sunday School for many years.

Paul was always "Outstanding and Improving" and his spirits were often lifted by a special ice cream or other sweet treat delivered by his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed and we are comforted to know that he is in heaven with his Lord, Jesus Christ.

Services were scheduled for Thursday, July 2nd at 11 am at St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church, 8701 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia., PA 19128, In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Paul's memory to the above church.

Obituary



Local artist and educator, Harry Hasheian of Chestnut Hill, died suddenly Saturday, July 18, at the age of 77. He and his family were life-long Philadelphia residents and his work was known throughout the region.

Born in West Philadelphia on June 22, 1938 to John and Azniv Hasheian, proud Armenians, Harry graduated in 1956 from West Philadelphia High School. Mr. Hasheian attended Philadelphia College of Art (Now the University of the Arts), receiving his B.A. in 1960 in Art Education; and to the University of Philadelphia where he earned his MFA.

Mr. Hasheian joined the faculty at Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science in 1961, and was assistant professor at Edinboro University from 1965-1984. He taught at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Cabrini College, Mercyhurst College, in higher education; and at Salem High School, and the Green Tree School at the elementary and secondary levels. He served for three years as Director of Visual Communication at the Art Institute of Philadelphia from 1987-90. He also taught at the Woodmere Art Museum in Philadelphia.

Hasheian is survived by his wife, Marilyn, their two children, Molly (Hovanness) Papazian of Los Angeles and Max Hasheian of Philadelphia. He is also survived by three children from a previous marriage, James Hasheian of Philadelphia, Hester Hasheian of Detroit, MI, and Gwen Hasheian Norton of Quinton, NJ. He also survived by his sister, Mary Hasheian Mumford of Selbyville, DE, two grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Hester Hasheian Young.



Beloved wife of the late Paul Meshejian, loving mother of Paul Meshejian, Carol Mannis, Suzan Meshejian Diaz and Gail Meshejian passed away on Monday, September 21, 2015.

Grew up in Camden. Father died when she was 15. Stayed in Camden with her mom until she got married. Then moved to Philadelphia.

Graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School - class of 1940. Before that she went to Burrough Junior High in Camden.

Always wanted to go to college but circumstances prevented her from realizing that dream.

She first started to work for the board of education in 1966 (that's the date on the id I came across).

Met her husband Paul 1946. Married in 1948 and had 4 children.

She enjoyed drawing and painting. Also, she liked to write. Over the years she took courses.

She loved to dance and also sing. She was a member of the choir in church choir as a young girl. She loved to read as well.

A very caring and generous spirit and nature toward everyone she met. Always saw the best in people. Loved to laugh. She was in a bowling league, worked as a volunteer at Bryn Mawr Hospital. President of PTA.



Robert "Bob" H. Bayard passed away peacefully on July 27, 2015 surrounded by his family. Born in Philadelphia, Bob was 78 years old. Bob and Connie have been residents of Cinnaminson

for over 50 years raising their 3 sons. Beloved husband of 54 years to Connie (nee Kerbeck). Loving father of Robert K., Bradley K. and his wife Sommer and Rand K. and his wife Dana Bayard. Devoted grandfather of Gianna, Luke and Brielle. Brother of Donald (Judy) and Thomas (Joanne) Bayard. Brother-in-law of Charles Kerbeck, George Kerbeck and Frank Kerbeck.

Bob graduated from Temple University in 1960 and immediately started in the accounting industry, working his way up to managing partner at Voynow Bayard and Whyte. Retired in 2010.

Bob was very active in Cinnaminson Township, serving 15 years on the Township Committee as Director of Public Safety and proudly served as Mayor for 3 years. Bob was instrumental with the Cinnaminson PAL Program, helping the children in Cinnaminson as a coach for baseball and basketball over 20 years.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend Bob's viewing and Life Celebration Thursday, July 30th, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday, July 31st, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 101 Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown, NJ. 08057. His Funeral Service will begin at 11 a.m. Entombment will take place at Lakeview Mausoleum, 1300 Route 130 North, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077.

If so desired, contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

O Christ, Son of God, forbearing and compassionate, have mercy, through your love as creator upon the souls of your departed servants, and especially upon the soul of this your servant. Remember him/her on the great day of the coming of your kingdom. Make him/her worthy of your mercy, remission and forgiveness of sins. Illuminate and rank him/her among the Saints at your right hand. For you are Lord and Creator of all, judge of the living and of the dead. And to you is befitting glory, dominion and honor, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

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