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As the weather warms up and Summer is fast approaching, many students are ending the school year and a lucky few are celebrating their graduation. Few occasions are more anticipated than graduation. We invite our loved ones, wear clothes we never wear anywhere else, the higher your degree the sillier the hat you have to wear, and we take lots and lots of pictures. It is a time of celebration and signifies a completion and an accomplishment. It ends one part of a person's life and leads into a new chapter.

During commencement there is usually a keynote speaker who addresses the graduates and reflects upon their accomplishments and encourages them in what they might accomplish in the future and bestows upon them some words of advice. I imagine the Apostle Paul giving a similar kind of speech as he writes to the churches in his epistles and gives them his parting words. In Colossians he writes to the church and says,

***“My goal is that you may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that you may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that you may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”*** (Colossians 2:2-3) Paul knows the source knowledge and the secret of wisdom, it is found in the person of Jesus Christ. That is who he turns to and relies on in everything, and encourages us to do likewise.

The receiving of a degree signifies that the student has gone through rigorous training, study and preparation. A diploma signifies that the recipient is fully equipped in their particular field to handle all circumstances, even ones not covered in

their textbooks or lecture notes. They have mastered a particular subject, can speak intelligently and are informed about topics relating to their field of study.

This reminds me of our life with Christ Jesus, Our textbook is God's Word, the Bible, and Paul reminds us that ***“all Scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*** (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Although we never truly graduate from studying the Bible, here on this earth, it continues to follow us in every new chapter of our lives. The goal is similar, God wants to train us and equip us through His holy word to be fully equipped to handle life. We must know His word and what it says specifically about how we should live, and by studying it we gain the principles and wisdom to discern and decide how to deal with situations that aren't explicitly covered in the Bible.

God wants us to be mature and equipped believers and that comes from our devoted study of His Word and His Gospel. His promise to us is that if we are faithful, He will surely be faithful. Because of Christ our graduation gowns will be white as snow and our heads will be adorned by Christ's crown and His goodness. Our name will not adorn a diploma but be recorded in the Book of Life, and our education will continue in heaven sitting at the feet of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God Alone),  
Rev. Shant Barsoumian

## Congratulations and God's Blessing To All The A.C.C. Graduates of 2014

**Kristina Amerkhanian**, daughter of Rita and Ruben Amerkhanian, niece of Souzanne Pope and Maggie and Moses Avakian, graduated on Thursday, June 5, 2014 from Lee M. Thurston High School, she will be attending Henry Ford Community College studying Photography.

**Tamar Avakian, Psy.S.**, daughter of Moses and Maggie Avakian, graduated on Saturday, May 10, 2014 from University of Detroit Mercy School of Psychology.

**Christopher George Banerian**, received his Juris Doctor degree from Wayne State University Law School on May 12, 2014. His interests in law are in the areas of business and transactional law. Chris is the son of Dr. Kirk and Leslie Banerian and the grandson of Alice and the late Dr. George Kadian and Angela and the late Carl Banerian.

**Bradley Kirk Banerian**, graduated from Michigan State University on May 4, 2014 with a degree in Kinesiology. He plans on furthering his studies in the field of medicine. Brad is the son of Dr. Kirk and Leslie Banerian and the grandson of Alice and the late Dr. George Kadian and Angela and the late Carl Banerian.

**Jake Basmadjian**, son of Ken & Elizabeth Basmadjian, and grandson of George & Carole Basmadjian, graduates from Schroeder Elementary School in Troy on June 13, 2014. Jake looks forward to attending Boulan Middle School in the fall.

**Alex Bayleran**, graduated with honors from Michigan State University, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. His area of specialization is Security Management. He is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Law Enforcement Intelligence and Analysis at MSU. Alex is the son of Dr. Edward and Ann Bayleran.

**Daniel Bayleran**, graduated from Wayne State University with a Master's Degree in Pure Mathematics. He is a coauthor on a preprint publication entitled, "A New Combinatorial Formula for Cluster Monomials of Equioriented Type "A" Quivers." He is pursuing his doctoral studies at University of Kansas, where he has been granted a full time teaching assistantship. Dan is the son of Dr. Edward and Ann Bayleran.

**Ani Garabedian**, daughter of Ed and Phyllis Garabedian, graduated from Wayne State University on Thursday, May 1, 2014 with Masters of Fine Arts.

**Tracey Heath**, daughter of Nancy and Roger Berschbach, graduated from Ferris College with a degree in Career Focused Education.

**Robert Jernukian**, son of Michael and Christy Jernukian, grandson of Patricia and the late Herbert and Arlene Jernukian, graduated from Eisenhower High School.

**Bailey Alice Kadian**, graduated Summa Cum Laude from West Bloomfield High School on June 1, 2014. She will be attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in the fall. Bailey is the daughter of Mark and Ronni Kadian and the granddaughter of Alice and the late Dr. George Kadian and Arthur and the late Barbara Sugarman.

**Samantha Barbara Kadian**, graduated Summa Cum Laude from West Bloomfield High School on June 1, 2014. She will be attending Loyola University Chicago in the fall. Samantha is the daughter of Mark and Ronni Kadian and the granddaughter of Alice and the late Dr. George Kadian and Arthur and the late Barbara Sugarman.

**Hovig Koehler**, son of Monica Koehler, graduated from South Lake Middle School. He was accepted into and will attend the Macomb Mathematics Science Technology Center for High School. He also qualified to take Wayne State University classes at his local school, which he intends on going.

**Samuel Ara Mousigian**, will be graduated with highest honors from Dearborn High School. He lettered in four sports including cross-country, track, swimming and soccer. He was named as one of the 32 MHSAA scholar athletes in the state of Michigan for 2013-2014. He will be attending the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor College of Engineering in the fall to pursue a degree in Computer Engineering. Sam is the son of Michael and Susan Mousigian.

**Nicole Tini**, daughter of Dennis and April Tini and the granddaughter of Haig and Sue Arabian, graduated from North Farmington High School. She will attend Michigan State University in the fall.

**Taylor Traub**, proud parents are Jill and Richard Traub of W. Dundee, Illinois, and proud grandparents are Sue and Haig Arabian, Taylor graduated on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 Arizona State University. Bachelor of Science with a major in Communications and double minor in Special Events and Public Relations.

**Mackenzie Traub**, proud parents are Jill and Richard Traub of W. Dundee, Illinois, and proud grandparents are Sue and Haig Arabian, Mackenzie graduated on Saturday, May 17, 2014 from Harry D. Jacobs High School in Algonquin, Illinois. She will be attending the University of Wisconsin at Madison studying Pre-Med.

### Mother's Day Banquet

By Mrs. Sima Baylerian



On Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, approximately 100 guests gathered in the Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian Banquet Hall to celebrate Mother's Day. The banquet consisted of a delicious dinner and desert table, an inspiring program with three guest speakers sharing their true and meaningful stories and a musical presentation. Guest speaker, Ms. Elise Papazian, spoke on the topic of a mother's love. Guest speaker, Mrs. Anita Arslanian, spoke on the topic of giving care as a mother and Mrs. Tina Baylerian Schaffner spoke on the topic of hope in her heartfelt story of beating breast cancer and being blessed by giving birth shortly after to a baby girl. The musical piece was an original song, "Willow in the Breeze," written and composed especially for Mother's Day by Mr. Stephen Baylerian and accompanied by Mrs. Anita Arslanian. The special evening was chaired by Mrs. Sima Avakian Baylerian and co-chaired by Ms. Monica Koehler and blessings and the benediction were executed by Reverend Shant Barsoumian,

Reverend Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian and Father Diran Papazian. The dinner was prepared by Mr. Moses Avakian and staff and the tickets, seating and bulletin were handled by Ms. Souzanne Pope and Mrs. Alice Kakousian. Special thanks to all who helped make this evening memorable and to those who attended.

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### Bible Recipients

The A.C.C. Sunday School on Sunday, May 11 awarded bibles to their High School graduates and second and third grade students. The following Sunday School students who received Bibles were:

**High School:** Bailey Kadian, Samantha Kadian, Sam Mousigian, and Nicole Tini.

**Second and Third Graders:** Abhik Arya, Camille Sanchez, Matthew Eurdekian. Alexander Basmadjian and Kylie Basmadjian.



### Annual Father's Day Luncheon

Sunday June 15, 2014

12:00 p.m.

The Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian  
 Fellowship Hall

26210 W. Twelve Mile Road

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Tickets: Adults \$15

Children ages 6-15 \$10

Under 6 Free

Menu: Kebob, Rice Pilaf, Humus, Salad,  
 Watermelon and Soda.

## Save The Date

**22<sup>nd</sup> AEUNA General Assembly  
19th AEYF Convention  
June 26-29, 2014  
University Square Hotel  
Fresno, CA  
"Forging Ahead For Christ"**

Hosted by Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church. 3673 North First Street, Fresno, CA 93726 (559) 229-2915

## Camp Arevelk

Are you looking for a summer camp program for youth ages 10 to 16. This program provides the campers with many opportunities to experience the beautiful outdoors, while learning more about God's Word. The camp is located on the beautiful grounds of the Ararat Center in the Catskill Mountains, and it will be held August 10, thru Saturday August 16, 2014. To obtain more information, you can contact CampArevelk@gmail.com.

## Special Request

The ACC continues to generate an email list of its members to better communicate upcoming events, updates, sermon topics, etc. If you would like to be on our email list please submit your email address to the church office.

## Reminders!

Is your anniversary, birthday or graduation approaching? Why not share your celebration with the church family by sponsoring the Flowers on the Altar or the Fellowship Hour. Please sign-up on the bulletin board or call Souzanne at the church office.

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