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Faith in Baseball

When September comes there is a change in the air. The heat dies down, the wind picks up, the leaves start to fall. One season is giving way to another. Summer is turning to Fall and Winter is around the corner. But before this gets you down and in a gloomy mood, there is a silver lining. Baseball in September. There is something wonderfully Christian about Baseball in September.

Fall signifies the beginning of the end of Summer, and the slow but sure coming of Winter. Likewise, Baseball in September does mark an end of something, but it is far from tragic. In fact, the end of baseball's regular season, which comes in September, is when things actually ramp up for the play-offs, which take place in October, and culminates in the World Series. For those keeping track at home I made an early prediction of the LA Dodgers and the Detroit Tigers meeting this year at the World Series. My old hometown team against my new hometown team. And just to let you know I made the same prediction when I moved to New Jersey about the Stanley Cup finals and sure enough it was the LA Kings against the Jersey Devils in the end!

That is what September is saying for Baseball. It reminds us that the season is drawing to a close and though there are some exciting days ahead, the end is nearer. And if we were unaware of the biblical narrative, if we didn't see its connectedness to the things around us,

I suppose we would be saddened by this end and without hope. But the thing we must remember, the melody of these last September games – is that even when the season is over, it will all start again. There will be a Spring again, Easter and baseball will be back.

Baseball, unique from other sports, follows this natural calendar, starting in the Spring and ending before Winter, only to be resurrected again next Spring. This game is saying more than it knows. It is declaring the Paschal Mystery of death and resurrection. As Jesus reminds us in the Gospel of John, "truly, truly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." (John 12:24) It moves along with the seasons and reminds us how time works. Reminding us that in God's economy there is never a final end, that every night has a morning, that every Winter has a Spring. There is no such thing as tragedy, not here, not in this world, not when death has been defeated by Christ who continues to reign today as the true Champion. That is what baseball in September tells us.

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

The New Armenian Evangelical Hymnal

The dedication of the New Evangelical Armenian Hymnals was dedicated during the Morning Worship Service of Sunday September 14, 2014. The following people donated Hymnals to the church:

Antranik and Farida Ashekian
Araksi Ashekian
Keri and Ani Ashekian
Peno and Hasmik Ashekian
Vahak and Suzanne Ashekian
Haig and Sue Arabian
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Raymond and Jean Boujoulian
Leonardo and Catherine Brito
Glenn and Kathryn Charles
Pam Czartoryski
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Harout and Sona Eurdekian
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Aram and Marguerite Dermendjian
Edward and Phyllis Garabedian
Ralph and Frances Garabedian
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Dennis and April Tini
Armen and Elena Tootikian
Avedis H. Tootikian
Haig and Anahis Tootikian
Haig Hagop Tootikian Jr.
Papken H. Tootikian
Rev. Dr. Vahan and Mrs. Rosette Tootikian
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2014 Stewardship

As the end of the year is approaching, we kindly ask that if you have not submitted your 2014 pledge, please do so. It is with your help and donations that the church will be able to continue its ministry.

**55th Anniversary Celebration of Rev. Dr.
Vahan H. Tootikian
Friday, October 10, 2014**



The Women's Fellowship of the Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit is planning to celebrate the 55th Anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian's pastoral and public service at a cultural evening, which will be held on Friday, October 10, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the "Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian Hall."

This celebration is being held on the eve of the Feast of the Holy Translators of the Armenian Cultural Month in October to honor Rev. Tootikian not only for his pastoral services, but also for the publication of his 36 books.

The cultural evening will include a number of tributes from several intellectuals, and a special review by the renowned Armenian literary critic, Mr. Edmond Azadian. It will also include a special artistic program of poetic and musical renditions.

On this occasion, the Republic of Armenia's Ministry of Diaspora will be conferring on Dr. Tootikian the coveted "RA Ministry of Diaspora Gold Medal." This medal is granted to those "providing notable services for Armenia-Diaspora partnership, making contributions to the strengthening of relations between Armenia and the Diaspora ... through professional activities, and making great contributions to the preservation of Armenian identity."

Minister, lecturer, administrator, scholar, prolific writer, and community leader, the Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian is a member of many religious, educational, and philanthropic organizations, and a recipient of numerous

awards. Currently Rev. Tootikian is the Executive Director of the Armenian Evangelical World Council. He is a regular contributor to several papers and magazines, and the author of 36 books, six of which are currently used as college textbooks in North America and overseas. Proceeds from the sale of Rev. Tootikian's books and/or donations are earmarked for the Armenian Heritage Fund.

Following the program there will be a lavish reception sponsored by the Women's Fellowship. All are cordially invited.

Rally and Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, September 7, 2014 was Rally and Homecoming Sunday, marking the beginning of the 2014-2015 Church School year. The minister installed the following members of the church school staff:

Leslie Banerian, Carole Basmadjian, Ann Bayleran, Hourig Jacobs, Barbara Keteyian and April Tini.

Immediately following the Worship Service there was a complimentary luncheon for the entire congregation, sponsored by the Sunday School, we wish to thank the Sunday School Superintendents, Leslie Banerian and Ann Bayleran, for coordinating the luncheon and all those who prepared and donated the delicious food and deserts.

Family Night

Are you ready for some wholesome fun? Don't miss out on our annual Harvest Party! Please reserve the following night, Saturday, November 1st starting at 5:30 p.m., dinner serving at 6:00 p.m. The ACC Children's Ministry is organizing a special evening of delicious food, fun and games for the whole family. All ages are welcome. Children ages 3 and under are free, children ages 4 to 10 are \$5, Adults and children 11 and older are \$10.

AEUNA Board Meeting in Detroit



The AEUNA Board of Directors met at ACC on Sept. 4-6. Pictured L-R: (top row) Rev. Nishan Bakalian, Rev. Haig Kherlopian, Rev. Hendrik Shanazarian, Rev. Jeremy Tovmassian, Rev. Avedis Boynerian, Mr. Ed Saliba, Mr. Darren Getzoyan. (middle row) Rev. Dr. Ara Jizmejian, Mrs. Christine Charkhedian, Ms. Souzi Bagdikian, Mr. Raffi Shnorhokian, Rev. Razmig Minassian, (front row) Rev. Ara Chakerian, Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian, Mrs. Lena Ekmekjian, Ms. Silva Orcharian, Rev. Shant Barsoumian, Rev. Ron Tovmassian, Mr. Mihran Jizmejian, Rev. Mgrdich Melokonian.

Armenian Congregational Church Annual Thanksgiving Banquet



The Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian Hall
26210 W. Twelve Mile Road
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Bring family and friends to join us as we celebrate the Annual Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 17, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Please reserve this date, and look for more details to follow in the mail in the coming days.

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