

**Mother's Day Banquet**



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All around the world, dads are special at least on Father's Day which is the third Sunday of June in the United States and more than 80 nations. It is fitting that we not only annually honor moms on Mother's Day, but our fathers as well. God's good design is for both moms and dads, and for their appreciation and honor, whether old covenant (Exodus 20:12) or new (Ephesians 6:2). It takes man and woman, father and mother, to portray the image of God to a child. "God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27). Having just one or the other isn't God's ideal, though we greatly revere those who give such valiant effort to leading single-parent homes, difficult as it is.

When Paul takes up the father image it's not the same as mothering. There's overlap, no doubt, but they're not interchangeable. He says, "like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God."

In Paul's letter to the church at Thessalonica, reminds them of how he spent his time with them in those early days in 1 Thessalonians 2:7-12:

*"We were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us....For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory."*

Look how personal this fatherly care is. He says he exhorted "each one of you," not just the group at large. So he knows them personally. As Robert Coleman says, "The only way that a father can properly raise a family is to be with it." And because he knows them, he doesn't exhort like a slavemaster, or like a judge, or like a king, but he exhorts like a father — a father who knows his children and loves them and desires the best for them. There's something about fatherhood that makes such warm but strong exhortation especially appropriate.

It's not that mothers don't exhort. It's not that mothers shouldn't exhort. It's not that mothers should never step forward and, with manifest love and earnestness, charge a child to walk in manner worthy of God. But there is something about fatherhood that makes such exhortation and encouragement particularly fitting.

Paul says he has shared his own self with them, and not merely communicated to them a message. Much could be said here about how the images of mother and father work together to communicate depth and closeness of relationship. Both motherhood and fatherhood demand much, but on Father's Day it's worth trying to discern what makes fatherhood so special.

When we honor our father and our mother, we love mom for her nurture, and we respect dad for his exhortation. Dads also must nurture and show affection, and moms must discipline and exhort, but there are parental virtues which, while having their proper exercise in both mother and father, make their particular home in either mom or dad. Let's see if we can honor dad today not just by pointing out what made him a good parent, but a good father.

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

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**THE ARMENIAN CONGREGATIONAL  
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BEST TO ALL THE GRADUATES OF 2017**

**Lucy Rose Bolerjack** graduated with high honors from Michigan State University in December 2016 with a B.S. degree in Genomics and Molecular Genetics. She will attend MSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine beginning in June. She is the daughter of Stephen Bolerjack and Susan Gasparian and the granddaughter of Isabella Gasparian and the late Armen Gasparian

**Michael Herbert Jernukian**, son of Michael and Christy Jernukian, grandson of Patricia Jernukian and the late Herbert and Arlene Jernukian, has graduated with honors from Oakland University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice and will continue on to law school. His family is very proud of his accomplishments, dedication, and hard work.

**Michael-Armen Kadian** graduated from Bloomfield Hills High School in June of 2017 and will be attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in the Fall of 2017. He is the son of Michael and Tamar Kadian, grandson of the late Marderus (Mike) Kadian and the late Gloria Kadian, grandson of Sarkis and Sirvart Telbelian.

**Garo Koundakjian** graduated on April 29th 2017. He received his B.A. in Psychology at Oakland University. Proud parents are Hovsep and Garine Koundakjian, Grandson of the late Dr. Antranig and Mrs. Siran Chelebian.

**Anna Margosian** received a Bachelor of Arts in Hospitality Business from Michigan State University. Anna is the daughter of Michele and Thomas Margosian, granddaughter of Gladys Margosian and the late Zaven Margosian.

**Rosemarie Mousigian** will graduate with a Master's degree in Educational Technology from Michigan State University this coming summer. She is the daughter of Michael and Susan Mousigian, granddaughter of Anahid Haroutunian and the late Harry Haroutunian.

Diran and Joyce Yazejian proudly announce that their grandchildren, **Tim Townsend**, soccer All-American, graduated from high school in Hummelstown, PA and will attend the University of Pittsburgh. **Joe Yazejian** graduated from high school in Chapel Hill, NC and will attend UNC at Greensboro. Vartan and Nuvart Yazejian, charter

members of ACC, are smiling down with great pride of their great-grandchildren's accomplishments.

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**Bible Recipients**

The A.C.C. Sunday School on Sunday, May 7 awarded bibles to their graduates. The following Sunday School students who received Bibles were:

- Anthony Bruner:** Son of Lara Koundakjian; grandson of Hovsep and Garine Koundakjian
- Aiden Corwin:** Grandson of Mike and Carolyn Corwin; great grandson of Gladys Margosian
- Ethan Dawson:** Son of Steve and Julie Dawson; grandson of Ralph and Francis Garabedian
- Conner Dawson:** Son of Steve and Julie Dawson; grandson of Ralph and Francis Garabedian
- Joseph Sanchez:** Son of Seta Sanchez and Miguel Sanchez; grandson of Robert and Hourig Jacobs

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Weekly**

**Worship Service**, Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
**Church School**, Sunday 11:00 a.m.

**Monthly**

**ACC Women's Fellowship**, Second Sunday of the month, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**, Third Sunday of the month, 12:30 p.m.  
**Board of Deacons Meeting**, Last Sunday of the month, 12:30 p.m.  
**Mid-Week Bible Study**, Every Wednesday at 7:00p.m.  
**Women's Bible Study**, Every Friday, 10:00 a.m.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Armenian Congregational Church Annual  
Father's Day Luncheon**

**Sunday June 18, 2017  
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  
(Free 5 and under)**

**Mother's Day Banquet**

We celebrated all our wonderful mothers with our Mother's day Banquet on the evening of May 14th at 5pm in our Rev. Vahan H. Tootikian Fellowship Hall. We had a wonderful evening full of family, food and fellowship with a special program for all the Moms and entire family to enjoy. We had a delicious dinner catered by Mr. and Mrs. Moses and Maggie Avakian and staff with special Mezzas prepared and donated by Mr. & Mrs. William and Araxie Terian and Mr. & Mrs. Mark and Ann Zartarian. Our Master of Ceremonies was Mr. Michael Banerian who thanked all the Mothers for all their hard work, love and sacrifice. He also introduced our evening program which was a special musical selection by students from West Bloomfield High School coordinated by Mrs. April Tini. Our singers were Olivia Bower who played her guitar and sang Bob Dylan's "Make You Feel My Love"; Durga Shanker who sang a special musical selection from Nat King Cole and Sophia Cannella who sang "No One Else" by Dave Mallox. We thank all those who helped make our Mother's Day Banquet a success, including our co-chairs Mrs. Leslie Banerian and Mr. Chris Banerian. And thank you to all those who were able to join us for this special evening celebrating our wonderful mothers!

