

CHURCH CALENDAR

Weekly

Worship Service, Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Church School, Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Children's Library, Every Sunday

Women's Bible Study. (Every Friday, 10:00 to 12:00 p.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, (First Sunday of the month, 12:30 p.m.)

Reminders!



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

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Dear Members and Friends:

May 2018

In our society, the second Sunday in May has been set aside as Mother's Day. A day set aside to honor mothers was the suggestion of Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Anna wanted to honor her mother and all mothers.

The first Mother's Day church service was held on May 10, 1908, in her mother's home town of Grafton, West Virginia. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation making Mother's Day a national observance "as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country."

We should be careful not to idealize motherhood. Because there are all sorts of mothers. Some have been mothers, but should not have been. Mothers are very special people, but they are people, and to be a mother is not necessarily to be virtuous.

Motherhood is a calling, not an inheritance. The proof of motherhood is in the divine calling to educate her children. Great is the mother who bears a child in order to become a mother, and not become a mother because she's had a child. Motherhood is something more than a biological phenomenon. Motherhood is pure and unbounded love. A mother, like a seed, implants her own life in the lives of her children. She surrenders her own being to bring forth new life. She denies herself, sacrifices and gives of her resources in order that greater things might come from her.

It is not easy to start with a baby in a cradle and see him or her through infancy, and childhood, and adolescence. For most children, life found its early direction under the influence of someone called "mother." In all probability, when they took their first steps "mother" was there. When they spoke their first word "mother" was there. When they first started learning to read and write "mother" was there. When they got sick "mother" was

Perhaps mother love shows us what the love of God is like, better than any other love in the world Mothers will love their children more than anything on earth, and they will care for their children at any cost to themselves. They make many sacrifices for their children. We may repay their love by loving them, honoring them and being the finest persons that we can be—for that is what mothers want most!

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers.

Faithfully yours,
Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian



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Mother's Day Buffet Luncheon
Sunday, May 13, 2018

This is your invitation to join us in the Morning Worship Service to pay tribute to our mothers. That afternoon 12:30 p.m. is **Mother's Day Buffet Luncheon**. The Co-Chairpersons are Monica Seferian Koehler and Leslie Banerian. Tickets are now available for sale. Donation: Adults \$25.00, (Ages 6-12 years) \$15.00. Ages 5 and under are free. We need Sponsors, Patrons and Donors, in honor or in memory of your loved ones. Please do it in advance, so that your names will be included on the Banquet Bulletin. Tickets are available from Monica Koehler, Leslie Banerian and church office.

Please reserve for:

Name: _____

Total Number Attending: _____

\$25.00 per Adult x _____ = \$ _____

\$15.00 (Ages 6-12) x _____ = \$ _____

Free (Under 5 years old)

DEADLINE FOR RESEVATION IS MAY 8TH.

100th Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia

We are approaching the 100th Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia. On May 28, 1918 the Armenian people regained statehood with the creation of the first independent state since 1375. For the first time in almost six centuries the Armenian people, with the founding of the Republic of Armenia, were able to begin the process of controlling their individual and collective destinies. As a landlocked small remnant of historical Armenia, this newly-founded republic became the base on which modern Armenia continues its existence.

May 28, 2018 is the Centennial Anniversary of Armenia. On Sunday, May 27, 2018, the Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit will mark the Centennial Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia during the Morning Worship Service.

Palm Sunday Worship

The Palm Sunday Morning Worship Service was held on March 25, 2018. The Choir rendered three anthems. Rev. Vahan H. Tootikian gave the Armenian and English messages entitled “The Triumphal Entry” and “Questions Regarding Palm Sunday.”

Maundy Thursday Service

Maundy Thursday Service was held on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. The Choir rendered five anthems. The soloists were Dan Haroutunian and Ann Bayleran. The Sacrament of Communion administered by Rev. Vahan H. Tootikian.

The following Deacons read Scripture passages: **Tony Janigian, Cathy Brito and Pam Czartoryski.** There was a reception with lavish goodies, prepared by the Deacons. Following the service our own David Terzibashian made a slide presentation on the Holy Land.

Grateful Thanks

The Boards and the Congregation express their heartfelt gratitude to our Choir Director/Organist, Mrs. Susan Harrison and to our Choir members for the special music they provided during the Lenten Season, the Holy Week and Easter.

Easter Services

Easter Sunday, April 1, began with our annual breakfast, sponsored by our youth group, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Easter flowers and lilies were given by our church families and friends who had beautifully graced our altar and chancel area.

The Choir sang three anthems and the Minister Emeritus offered two messages. The Armenian sermon was titled, “Why do you look for the Living among the Dead?” And the English message was titled “What Does Easter Tell Us?” The Easter donations were given for two causes: Our sister church in Armenia, Dilijan and its needy families as well as local mission needs.

On Remembering (Memorial Day Reflections)

There is hardly a nation or a culture that does not have its memorial observations. To recognize one’s roots, to remember where one came from and those who have preceded them, is a natural and germane aspect of being human.

In America what used to be called “Decoration Day,” from the practice of decorating the graves of those who had died, is now called “Memorial Day.” In 1874, Congress made May 30 a national legal holiday and called it “Memorial Day.” We have toyed with that date, as have with so many others, and this year **Memorial Day** is on May 28.

The day began as a day of memory of those who had died in the armed services on both sides in the “War Between the States.” It grew to include those who had died in subsequent wars. But the day has grown even more in its implications to include in its commemoration all those who have gone before. It is not only a day of collective national memory, but of personal memory and appreciation as well.

On this Memorial Day as we stand in the long succession of generations, let us remember those who have gone before us. And as we remember, let us remind ourselves that one day we will be among those being remembered! How are we going to be remembered?

AEUNA Biennial Assembly

The Holy Trinity Armenian Church and St. Nareg Armenian Church is hosting the AEUNA’s 24th Biennial Convention of all Armenian Evangelicals throughout North America, June 28- July 1, 2018, in Burbank, California. Please join and register now to attend the gathering, “Revival Through Missions.” Register at aeuna2018.com

Pastoral Search Committee Formed

Following the resignation of Rev. Shant Barsoumian, a Pulpit or Pastoral Search was formed, whose members are: Mark Kadian, Chair, Rodney Keteyian, Ann Zartarian, Leslie Banerian, Ovsanna DerVartanian, Robert Jacobs and David Terzibashian. Rev. H. Tootikian is an advisor. The Committee is in intensive search for a new pastor. Shortly, it will give a report of its search to the Council.

ACC Gratefully Acknowledges The Following Donations

Mary Jo Agbabian- Easter Missions
Carole Basmadjian- Easter Missions
Hasmig Bedikian – in memory of Harout Bedikian
Glenn and Kathryn Charles – Easter Missions
Ovsanna DerVartanian- Easter Missions
Garon Gopigian – Easter Missions
Susan Gopigian- Easter Missions
Aram and Alice Kakousian – Easter Missions
Dr. and Mrs. Harold and Sandy Kaloogian – Easter Missions
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Dickranouhie Keshishian- Easter Missions
Rodney and Barbara Keteyian – Easter Missions
Dennis and Sheryl Marburger – Easter Missions
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William and Araxi Terian – Building Fund
Brian and Sharon Theil – Building Fund
Rev. and Mrs. Vahan and Rosette Tootikian Easter Missions
Dr. Thomas Varbedian- Easter Missions

Important Notice

All members and friends of the church have received invitations to attend the AMAA Centennial Dinner/Celebration that will be held in our church on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 7:00p.m.

If you have not mailed your reply, please do as soon as possible.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational meeting of our church will be held on Sunday, April 22, 2018, immediately following the Morning Worship Service. All organizations, boards and committee asked to submit their reports.

The Following are the Board of Deacons and Trustees Serving 2018

Board of Deacons

Roupen Arslanian, Leslie Banerian, Cathy Brito, Pam Czartoryski, Ovsanna DerVartanian, Alice Kakousian, Doris Krikorian, Salpi Tachian.

Board of Trustees

Edward Bayleran, Nancy Berschbach, Stephen Bolerjack, Ralph Garabedian, Robert Jacobs, Mark Kadian, Monica Koehler, Ann Zartarian.

103RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OBSERVANCE

The 103rd Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide Observance will be held Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Edsel Ford High School, 20601 Rotunda Drive, Dearborn. Guest speaker: Montel Williams, Emmy award winning author and actor.

AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE

An Ecumenical Service will be held on Armenian Martyrs’ Day, on Tuesday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Armenian Apostolic Church.