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Dear Members & Friends,

I greet you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We thank God for His grace and love that He has bestowed on us. I also thank God for blessing our Church this past Summer with wonderful new ministries. We now enter in the Fall season with the anticipation that the Lord will continue to bless this Church with His abundance grace and love. We are blessed to have a Church that is dedicated to do the will of God in proclaiming and sharing the Gospel with all people.

Our Church continues to flourish as we continue to add new ministries and programs to help the Church grow stronger and closer in its relationship with God. Everything we do is for the glory of God. We want to see God's kingdom grow by seeing more souls get saved from the bondage of sin. The church is the feet and hands of God to do the work He has called us to do. We know that this can only be done with the help of the Holy Spirit. The scripture reminds us, "It is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty." (Zechariah 4:6)

## November 2019

We look forward to a new season as we near the end of the year, with new exciting programs and events coming up soon. Looking back this last Summer, we are grateful for the many blessings we enjoyed, including the One-Day Church Retreat inSeptember with guest speaker Rev. Jeremy Tovmassian. We also had our Harvest Family Night in October, where we had a wonderful time together with delicious food, games, fellowship, and worship. So many of our Church members put in so much hard work to make these events a success!

After spending the last three months learning about the attributes of God, we now look forward to a new series on Sundays about the second coming of our Lord. We know the end is near and we want to be ready to meet our Lord when He returns. We hope you can join us on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. to worship the Lord together. We also meet before the Sunday Service, at 10:30 a.m., to fellowship and pray.

> Prayerfully yours, Pastor Hagop Haroutunian

<u>Just Past!</u> <u>"Rally Day!"</u> Sunday, September 8th



The kickoff day of our Sunday School started off great with the installation of the Sunday School Staff during the Morning Worship Service. Following the Service, we had a wonderful Luncheon to celebrate the beginning of a new season for our Church.

# <u>One-Day Church Retreat</u> <u>Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup></u>



It was such an honor to have Rev. Jeremy Tovmassian for our One-Day Church Retreat. We were blessed to hear him speak about how the Church of Christ is called to be a community and a family that supports and uplifts one another. We had a wonderful breakfast and lunch. The ACC Band led us with a wonderful worship.

# <u>Children's Sunday Worship Service</u> <u>Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m.</u>







It was great to see the Sunday School children sing praises to the Lord! The Congregation enjoyed listening to the children sing so wonderfully! The children enjoyed listening to Pastor Hagop give them a short children's sermon about the goodness of God.

# Harvest Family Night Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>



Every quarter, our Church dedicates a day when it comes together as a family to enjoy each other's company with delicious food, fellowship, games, and worship by the children and the ACC Band. The next Family Night, sponsored by the Women's Christian Fellowship, will be held in February of 2020. Details will be forthcoming.

# <u>Christmas Greetings through the</u> <u>A.C.C. Bulletin</u>

The December issue of our A.C.C. Bulletin will be a Christmas issue. Once again, as in the past, we offer you the opportunity to send your Christmas greetings to all our Church members and friends, in and out of town, by making a contribution to our Missions Program. <u>Please submit your name and donation to the Church Office no later than Friday,</u> November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Extending your Christmas and New Year's greetings through the A.C.C. Bulletin to over 250 addresses, and making a contribution to the Missionary Outreach Program, not only saves you time and money on your Christmas mailings, you will be helping others through your Church at the same time!

## Mark Your Calendars!

# <u>The Fall Congregational Meeting</u> <u>Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup></u>

The Fall Congregational Meeting of our Church will be held in our Sanctuary on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the Morning Worship Service, to act on the following items:

- 1. The proposed Budget for 2020
- 2. Election of members to the Board of Trustees and the Board of Deacons

All members are encouraged to stay after the Morning Worship Service to participate.

## Stewardship Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, is also our Stewardship Sunday, an opportunity to make our financial pledges for the year 2020. Our Church, like any other voluntary organization, depends on the support and involvement of all its members.

# <u>A.C.C. Thanksgiving Banquet</u> Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Banquet will be held on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. in the Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian Hall. A beautiful dinner and program is being planned for your pleasure.

The ticket donation is \$30.00 for Adults and \$15.00 for Students. Please call the Church Office to make your reservations. Deadline for reservations is Monday, November  $18^{\text{th}}$ .

All members and friends of the Church are encouraged to participate as Donors, Patrons and Supporters. The Church counts on your generosity.

# <u>Christmas Service &</u> <u>Sunday School Program</u> Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:00 a.m.

A wonderful Christmas Service is being prepared. Following the Christmas Services, the Sunday School children will perform by declaring the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. A delicious Luncheon will be served following the Children's Program in the Social Hall.

## <u>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</u> Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m.

A special Christmas Eve Service will be held to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A light buffet will follow in the Social Hall sponsored by the Board of Deacons.

# Ongoing Programs & Ministries Mid-Week Bible Study Wednesdays, at 6:30 p.m. (Prayer 6:00 p.m.)



We are excited to announce that the Mid-Week Bible Study for all ages has started! The group meets every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. to fellowship and pray. At 6:30 p.m. we study God's Word. Pastor Hagop is currently teaching on the Book of Acts. We hope you can join us!

## <u>Young Adults Program</u> 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu<u>rsdays at 7:00 p.m.</u>



We are excited that the Young Adults College and Career Group has started! They come together twice a month on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. to have dinner, socialize, play games, and study God's Word.

### <u>Women's Bible Study</u> Fridays 10:00 a.m. – Noon



Women's Bible Study is back! The women come together every Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. to fellowship and study God's Word together. If you're interested, please contact the Church Office.

### **Church Calendar**

#### Weekly

Worship Service: Sundays 11:00 a.m.

Prayer and Fellowship: Sundays 10:30 a.m.

Church School: Sundays 11:00 a.m.

Children's Library: Every Sunday

**Church Bible Study:** Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. (Prayer 6:00 p.m.)

**Young Adults Program:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 7:00 p.m. (College and Career)

Women's Bible Study: Fridays 10:00 a.m. to Noon

#### **Monthly**

**Board of Deacons Meeting:** First Sunday of the month, 1:00 p.m.

**Women's Christian Fellowship Meeting:** Second Sunday of the month, 12:30 p.m.

**Board of Trustees Meeting:** Third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

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# Armenian Language & Cooking Classes Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



We are excited that we have started two Armenian Community Classes. All men and women are welcome! Classes are held twice a month on Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. for the Armenian Language for Beginners, and 11:00 a.m. for Armenian Cooking. After the Cooking Class, participants enjoy what they made by having lunch together. Come join us!

### **REMINDERS!**



Is your Anniversary, Birthday or Graduation approaching? Why not share your celebration with the Church family by sponsoring the Altar Flowers or Coffee Hour. Please sign-up on the bulletin board or call the Church Office.

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