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SUMMER AT ST. JOHN'S - BUILDING THE FUTURE, NOURISHING THE SOUL...



Pictured with the Khachatryan Family, the recipients of the home donated by the St. John's Church School, is the Global Builders Team: Raffi ElChemmas (seated), Ronni Tolman, Terry Palaian, Nora Noraian, Suzanne Saganich, Erika Palaian, Mary Boyadjian, Barbara Haroutunian, Michael & Faith Boucher and team leader, Jackie ElChemmas.

St. John's Builds Fourth House in Armenia

"The earth like a living thing has its own spirit, and without one's native land, without close touch with one's motherland, it is impossible to find one's soul..." ~ Mardiros Sarian

On June 18th a team of eleven people, joining the Fuller Center for Housing, went to Armenia to build a house. All members were from St. John Armenian Church. The team leader was Jackie El-Chemmas and she did an outstanding job organizing the group and relating the daily activities. This was St. John's 4th mission trip to Armenia, however the goal was always the same, to build a home for a needy family and gain a sense of one's heritage in Armenia. This year St. John's Armenian Church School donated the funds so that our team could build a house in the mountain village of Shatin, Armenia near the town of Yeghegnadzor.

On Monday June 21st we checked into Gohar's Bed and Breakfast. This quaint Armenian style inn is located in the picturesque mountains of Yeghegnadzor. For the next ten days the team built a house. Together in total harmony, we laid gravel and mixed cement and established a bucket brigade to

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Arts of Armenia Returns to St. John's

Back by popular demand, Ella Pepanyan and Arman Julhakian returned to the Detroit community during July to teach two two-week sessions and four adult classes in Ceramic Arts, Painting, Carpet Weaving and Armenian Dance.

This exciting and well regarded cultural activity has been sponsored for the last two years by our Komitas Choir. At the end of each two-week session, an evening program took place in the Cultural Hall where the general public was invited to observe our youth perform Armenian dancing and view the completed art work created by the students which included ceramic pomegranates and other Armenian designs, paintings on paper and silk, and samples of Armenian carpet weaving. This program garnered the participation of our Armenian youth, adults and non-Armenians as well.

The Komitas Choir not only is involved in creating the pleasant melodies of sacred music each Sunday morning for our parishioners, but also is committed to the propagation of our unique Armenian culture for everyone to learn, enjoy and appreciate.

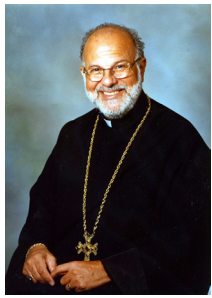
~Harry Avagian



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FROM FATHER GARABED'S DESK.....

Working Smarter and Harder

For many, the summer time was a time for rest and relaxation. True. But for the vigilant Christian who praises God at all times with work and word, there is really never any time to refrain from working smarter and harder. In fact the summer has been that time, working for the Lord and His House non-stop.

We often hear about the value and rewards of hard work and that the fruits born of our efforts bear witness to our invested energies. From May to September when many people recess from their hard labors, the Church and her leadership never stop. Planning for the opening of Church School; preparing foods for the Festival by our Women's Guild; the uplifting of spirits with our Men's Society's Wine Tasting event, the Picnics and River Kef cruise down the Detroit River; and then the organizing of events for the coming Fall to enrich our spiritual growth in the faith, to invite more fellowship in designing activities to celebrate our Christian Armenian culture. With prayer, praise and promoting what we as followers of Jesus Christ do - is, has and always will be part of our 'campaign' in working smarter and harder. For those who have stepped up to all our appeals to assure our works are smarter and harder we say, "Thank you!"

But the work is far from over. There is more yet to be accomplished, the appeal and campaign is not complete. As *The Book of Proverbs* describes, "...it is smarter to work for the long term outcomes than for the short term gains." For the future of St. John's parish, we continue to take responsibility for our work, carefully planning greater benefits, spiritually and socially.

Thus, by working smarter and harder we do so to praise the Lord, build up his Church and fortify our Armenian community. Hard work brings forth not pain but praise, for what we do is what we believe.

~ Father Garabed

Dear Rev. Fr. Garabed Archpriest Kochakian, Parish Council President of St. John Armenian Church, Mr. John Yavruian, and dearly beloved Council members,

First of all I wish all of you and your families Happy Easter (do not think it's late because we celebrate Easter for 50 days). May the blessings of the Risen Christ bring you only happiness and joy.

I'd like also to take this opportunity to congratulate newly elected and reelected members of the Parish Council, praying to God to give you strength and courage to serve our Church full of excitement.

My dear friends,

It's been a little over three months my family and I have departed from our "Sweet Home Detroit." I make this statement with 100% confidence. I got this confidence from you, from the St. John community. You made us feel like home when we first arrived, with your very warm and organized welcome having Father Garabed on top of everything.

The excitement and joy that I saw in your eyes and actions just amazed me; it was uplifting, it was encouraging and hope-giving. It is hard to find words when your heart is full of sincere feelings of gratitude and appreciation; it is hard to express yourself when there are uncountable things to talk about and to be thankful for.

There isn't a Thank You card large enough for me to put in words all the thoughts and feelings about each of you. My family and I, starting from proud citizen of Detroit, Mane, are very thankful from the bottom of our hearts for your boundless and continual kindness and support, for your Christian love and for your generosity. You are amazingly dedicated people individually and as a parish. I learned a lot from you. We miss all of you a lot, but in the meantime we are able to fulfill that emptiness with lots of valuable and unforgettable memories related to each of you.

We are happy and thankful that God sent us to St. John, and as I once said to Fr. Garabed, "There could not be any better parish that I could do my internship; there could not be any other church that could host us as you did."

May God Bless all of you and keep the prosperity and faith of St. John's full and fruitful through you and your faithfulness forever. Amen.

With prayers,

Fr. Hrach Sargsyan
Pastor, St. Sahag Armenian Church
St. Paul, MN

(Fr. Hrach is pictured above as he celebrated the Holy Badarak August 1st during his family's summer visit to Detroit.)



HONORING OUR GRADUATES.....

Matthew Andonian graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Bloomfield Hills Andover High School. He was a member of the National Honor Society and captain of the varsity football and hockey teams. He is also a recent graduate of St. John Armenian Church School. Matt received a nomination from U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow and an appointment from the United States Military Academy to the Class of 2014 at West Point. He and other members of the Class of 2014 will report to West Point for the first time on June 28, 2010 to pursue an undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree and prepare to become an officer in the United States Army. He is the son of Paul and Kristine Andonian.

Faith Boucher graduated from Eastern Michigan University December, 2009 with a Bachelor of Social Work degree. She is the daughter of Michael and Catherine Boucher and the granddaughter of Alice Chavdarian

Veronica Valentine Santoukhd Teresa Der-Ghazarian graduated from Seton Home Study High School. She finished her secondary studies one year early maintaining a 4.0 GPA and scored well on her ACT exams. Playing the position of forward, Veronica led her club soccer team in scoring. She also distinguished herself last season playing in a boy's "U-19" soccer division. She was also active on St. John's Orthodox Girl's basketball team that took first place in their division this past season. She's considering a degree in Sonography at Madonna University and feels called to someday be a wife and mother.

Michael Armen Haase graduated from St. Mary's Preparatory, in Orchard Lake, Michigan May 16, 2009. Michael graduated Summa Cum Laude ranking in the top 5 students of his graduating class. He was awarded the Louis Kandor Scholarship that he will be using when attending the University of Michigan as a Freshman in the fall of 2010. Michael was co-captain of the St. Mary's Varsity Golf Team and led the boys to a District Title. He also won an individual title in the championships. Michael is the son of Mark and Kathy Haase of West Bloomfield, Michigan.

George Michael Houhanisin graduated on June 12th with a Law Degree (Juris Doctorate) from the University of Chicago Law School. He is the son of Frank and Linda Houhanisin, brother of Diana Houhanisin, and grandson of Nina Sarkisian.

Alexander Simon Javizian graduated from Stonemann-Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. He will attend Florida Atlantic University to pursue a major in Music. His parents are Semon & Suzan Javizian. His grandparents are Simon and Alice Javizian, and Mary Jibilian.

David Charles Keila was awarded a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs from the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University in Washington, DC. David's academic concentration is Conflict and Security in the Middle East. David was an analyst intern for the Terrorism Research Center in Arlington, CA. He has been an EMT with the GW University Emergency Ambulance Services Program since 2006. David is the son of Philip and Lorrie Melkonian Keila and the grandson of Arthur and Gloria Melkonian.

Adam Vartan Kurjian graduated from the AGBU Alex & Marie Manoogian School and will be attending the University of Michigan Dearborn on a Chancellor's Scholarship pursuing an interest in business administration. For the past 2 years Vartan has been on the Administrator's List while being dually enrolled at both U-M Dearborn and Lawrence Technological University. He was vice president of the National Honor Society, captain of the basketball team, as well as an active in various youth programs at St. John Armenian Church and Arax Armenian Dance Group.

Andrea Rose Mekjian graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Retailing from the College of Communication Arts and Sciences. She is the daughter of Gregory and Cari Mekjian, and the granddaughter of Arthur and Virginia Mekjian.

Juliette Niemi graduated from Michigan State University in May with a Masters in Education. She is the daughter of Michael and Catherine Boucher and the granddaughter of Alice Chavdarian.

Angela Lynne Palaian graduated from Wayne State University. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in English and a minor in Psychology. She successfully completed the English Honors program there. Angela is the daughter of Steven and Carol Palaian and the granddaughter of Gloria (Semonian) Vartanian and Richard Vartanian.

Maria Diane Palaian graduated from Madonna University with highest honors. She received her Bachelor of Arts with a major in Sociology. She is the daughter of Steven and Carol Palaian and the granddaughter of Gloria (Semonian) Vartanian and Richard Vartanian.



Pictured with Fr. Garabed Kochakian following Church School graduation ceremonies Sunday, May 9th are Matthew Andonian, Alexandra Hachigian, Chelsea Derderian, Lali Gogian, Emily Hogikyan, Talin Darian, John Armen Shekerjian, and Michael Haase.

BUILD ARMENIA 2010.....

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lay cement on the floor for four rooms. We worked for two days and traveled Armenia on the third day. On our free days we visited Holy Etchmiadzin Cathedral that echoed with the sounds of bells and beautiful voices of the clergy and choir. On the way to Khor Virab we saw Mt. Ararat standing majestically on the horizon. This mountain symbolizes the spirit and survival of every Armenian. Khor Virab Monastery is the site where St. Gregory the Illuminator was imprisoned for preaching Christianity. Many climbed down the pit where St. Gregory lived for thirteen years. On to Garni, the pagan temple and of course Geghart, the church which was carved out of solid rock. We went to the Areni Wine Factory, the Sardarbad Memorial, the Matenadaran, and Tatev Vank that was built in the 9th century on top of a mountain. The visit to Tsitsernakaberd Monument was emotionally moving. We laid flowers and said a prayer at the eternal flame.

After ten days our job of helping to build a home for the Khachatryan family was completed and we headed back to Yerevan with a stop at Lake Sevan. As a result of new roads Lake Sevan is just a fifty-minute drive from Yerevan.

On July 4th the group headed for the airport. We had worked and contributed to the building of a home, working in Armenia side by side with our Armenian brothers and sisters. We all had tears in our eyes and a reluctant departure for home; our fantastic experience had come to an end. We all recognized the importance of a culturally vibrant and successful Armenia. We were instilled with a sense of pride and a desire to return to Armenia again and again. Armenia is ours and such will remain!

~Barbara Haroutunian



A Very Special "Thank You" for the Generous Donations to the St. John's Team #4 - Fuller Center for Housing

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which donated the cost of the home.*



1. Team 4: Nora Noraian, Ronni Tolman, Suzanne Saganich, Terry Palaian; Behind: Cathy Boucher, Mary Boyadjian, Michael & Faith Boucher, Erika Plalaian, Jackie ElChemmas, Barbara Haroutunian 2. Erika Palaian and Gomitas Vartabed 3. Ronni Tolman and Nora Noraian 4. Suzanne Saganich, Michael Boucher, Terry Palaian and Sevak Khachatryan, who will live in the new house! 5. So all will know - the team carved in cement!

Dear parishioners of St. John Armenian Church School,

We are writing to express our deepest gratitude to all members of St. John Armenian Church School for the donation you have made. Your continuous contribution is very important for Armenian families in need of housing. Your donation covered the sponsorship of the house of the Khachatryan family from Shatin village, Vayots Dzor region. We are also grateful to Global Builders team from Detroit led by Jackie ElChemmas, who came and worked side by side with the Khachatryans from June 19 – July 3.

Fuller Center for Housing Armenia (FCHA) was registered in Spring 2008 and as of July 2010, 113 families were served, and 14 houses are under construction.

The Khachatryan family consists of Grandfather Denik Khachatryan, 70; Grandmother Nushik Manukyan, 69; Father Arman Khachatryan, 33; Mother Aida Babayan, 28; Daughter Serine Babayan, 10; Son Sevak Khachatryan, 8.

The Khachatryan family lived in the old district of Shatin village, where all the houses were under danger of demolition. The houses of this district should have been demolished even in the 1980s, but the collapse of the Soviet Union as well as the blockade of Armenia left them without any attention from the government for many years. Finally, the Armenian government provided funds to the families from that district to build houses, but the funds were only enough for constructing a half-built house. The family was hoping to finish construction of their home in the near future. The family's main income is from cattle-breeding. The father, Arman, was also working as a guard, but the income was never enough to finish the house and take care of the family at the same time. Now the construction of the Khachatryan's house is progressing, and they plan to complete construction and move in before the winter. All the family, together with friends and local community, has joined their efforts to achieve this goal! The volunteer team of eleven from St. John's worked side by side with the family. We will send more updates with photos and family information upon completion of the house. Once again, we thank you for your good will and generosity.

In faith,
Fuller Center Armenia Team
July 1, 2010

Men's Society Members, Family and Friends Prepared the Meats to be Enjoyed at the Annual Parish Picnic August 15



Would You Like to be Involved with the Men's Society?

Contact any of the board members below or go to:

<http://stjohnsarmenianchurch.org/parishorganizations/menssociety>

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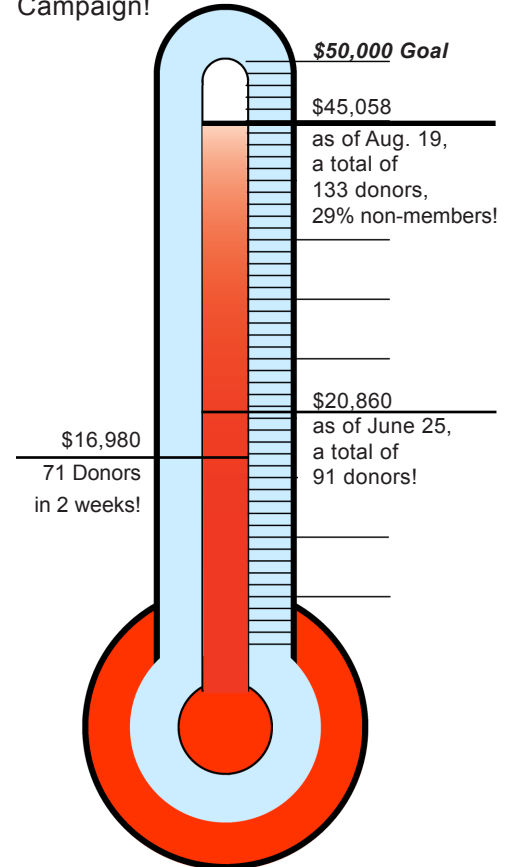
Annual Picnic 50/50 Raffle Results

The Picnic Raffle Committee wishes to thank all who responded to the mailed raffle tickets with generous donations, and also to those who purchased raffle tickets on the day of the picnic. A total of \$2,700.00 was collected, one-half of which was donated to St. John's. The remainder was distributed in the noted amounts to the following winners:

\$300: Elizabeth Aprahamian • \$250: Kerope Arman • \$200: Richard Aginian
\$100 each: Matthew Maake, John Yavruian, Rozann Vartoogian,
Nicholas Palaian, Renee Apkarian and Gloria Melkonian

The Memorial Day to Labor Day Capital Campaign!

Sincere thanks to everyone who has participated in this Capital Campaign. There is plenty of time for everyone in the St. John Community to participate. The Church Office will accept your donation by cash, check or credit card. Watch the thermometer break through the top! Be part of the success of the Campaign!



Daughters of Vartan Present \$2000 in Merit Scholarship Awards

The Detroit Daughters of Vartan held their 9th Annual Scholarship Dinner Wednesday, June 9 at St. John Armenian Church. Chairman Jane Hovsepian gave a presentation regarding their Merit Scholarship Program. Two collegians were selected, each to receive \$1000 Merit Awards for their outstanding academic achievements.

Amanda Banks, daughter of Tom and Nancy Banks and granddaughter of the late Sam and Rose Malkasian attends the School of Nursing at Oakland University in Rochester, MI.

Danielle Kalajian, daughter of John and Kim Kalajian and granddaughter of Ralph and Rose Kalajian attends Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. She plans to earn a degree in Industrial Management with a minor in Industrial Engineering.

Kef Klub Provides Good Food And Great Fellowship

Diane Ekizian and Marianne Dardarian ought to be proud of how well the St. John's Community has adapted to the monthly meetings of the Kef Klub. Both these parishioners are responsible for the creation of these family oriented events on the church calendar, which take place each month year-round on the third Friday. Each month a different church organization assumes responsibility for planning the Kef Klub menu of excellent food and social activities for all ages.

The Komitas Choir sponsored a successful evening on April 15 where parishioners enjoyed a delicious dinner of Sloppy Joe's and engaged in social interaction with friends and family.

On May 21, the ACYOA prepared a delicious Mexican-style taco bar complete with tortillas, nachos and cheese, Spanish rice and salad, a St. John's first. Ed Karamanian introduced a new activity, Pickle Ball, which young and old enjoyed in the gymnasium.

The Women's Guild took the reins for the June 18 Kef Klub with a delicious Armenian menu of noodle *boereg* and *luleh kebab*, recipes taken from the Guild's new cookbook which will be published next month and available for purchase at the Festival.

On July 16, the new Men's Society brought its excellent grilling talents to yet another successful event at St. John's. Hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwurst and corn on the cob were grilled outdoors and memories of summer camp were relived. Youngsters enjoyed grilling their own S'mores after dinner. Special pup tents were set up in the Veterans Card Room where kids created campy arts and crafts projects.

The August 20 Kef Klub, sponsored by the Festival Committee, featured a picnic-style menu and a Bike and Trike Parade for all ages. Bikers decorated their vehicles and had a great time showing them off. A classic summer menu of fried chicken and corn on the cob was topped off with strawberry shortcake.

The fun never ends, as each sponsoring organization brings its own vision of good food and great fellowship to Kef Klub. The schedule for the rest of the year is as follows: September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 17.

~Harry Avagian

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We welcome your comments and suggestions, so please feel free to contact the Church Office so we may continue to improve the way we bring information to our parishioners, subscribers and the St. John community. If you would like to help defray printing and postage costs, and are computer savvy, please consider receiving your *Torchbearer* online as 10% of our readership already does. The added bonus is that it appears in color online! Please contact the Church Office.

If you would be interested in sponsoring an issue of the *Torchbearer*, that is, assuming the costs of producing one, please contact May Kafafian at the Church Office for further information.

We invite you to visit the St. John web site for up-to-date calendar information, the Sunday Bulletin, *The Torchbearer*, event information and links to internet sites of interest to our parishioners:

stjohnsarmenianchurch.com

Baptisms

July

- 6 Caitlin
Daughter of Jason & Melinda Aldrich
Godfather: James Mitchell
- 18 Findley Cullen
Son of Andrew & Christine DeNoon
Godparents: Mark Sanders & Jamie Anusbikian
- 24 Emily Mya Mariam
Daughter of Michael & Valerie Kochakian
Godparents: Richard Kochakian & Jennifer Maher

August

- 8 Luke Arthur
Son of Arthur & Shannon Lazaryan
Godparents: Arthur & Susanna Babayan

Weddings

August

- 7 Anita Atamian & Krikor Arman II
Bestman: Varujan Arman
- 14 Danielle Kelmigian & Chris Goshgarian
Bestman: David Goshgarian
Khachyeghpayr: Matthew Goshgarian
Maid of Honor: Michelle Kelmigian
- 17 Marina Arakchyan & Gerald Papasian
Bestman: Osep Sarafian

Funerals

July

- 6 Mary Lescinskas, 87
- 9 Zaven I. Margossian, 84
- 14 Varsenig Sekdorian, 96, White Chapel
- 19 John Kachigian, 88, Pine Lake

August

- 11 Helen Mardigian, 88, White Chapel

Marriages

Arrangements for weddings are to be made at least eight months in advance. Marriage preparation and counseling are required before the celebration of the sacrament. The Bestman (Khachyeghpayr) must be a member of the Armenian Orthodox Church. The parish office will make all necessary arrangements for the deacon, organist and soloist. Marriages are not celebrated during Great Lent.

Baptisms and Chrismations

All baptisms must be scheduled at least two months in advance. Pre-baptismal preparation for the parents and godparents is required. At least one of the godparents must be a member of the Armenian Orthodox Faith.

Regulation of Sacramental Services

In accordance with Diocesan discipline mandated by the Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, all sacraments, e.g. funerals, weddings, baptisms and rites of Christian burial, can only be administered in the church sanctuary, which has been consecrated for the celebrations of these sacred rites.


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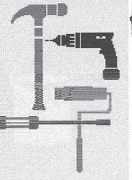
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September

- 6 Labor Day - Complex Closed
- 8 Feast of the Nativity of the Holy Mother-of-God -
Dohn Soorp Asdvadzadzee Dzunuzyan
- 12 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross -
Dohn Veratzman Soorp Khachee
Church School Opens; Men's Society Pancake Breakfast
- 16 "An Evening of Ecumenical Prayer and Learning: - The
Two Sides of the Cross: The Crucified and Resurrected
Messiah" at St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral
18405 W. Nine Mile Rd., Southfield, 7:00 pm;
Sponsored by the Detroit Orthodox-Catholic Witness
in Metropolitan Detroit
- 17 "Kef Klub" at St. John's Recreation Center, 6:00 pm
- 23 - 26 Annual Festival - *Armenia: Land of Noah's Ark*
(see insert)
- 26 Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak -
Dohn Varaka Soorp Khachee

October

- 3 Men's Society Pancake Breakfast
- 15 "Kef Klub" at St. John's Recreation Center, 6:00 pm
- 24 Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross -
Dohn Soorp Khachee Kyoodeen

November

- 7 Men's Society Pancake Breakfast
- 19 "Kef Klub" at St. John's Recreation Center, 6:00 pm
- 20-21 Ordination of Acolytes by Diocesan Primate Archbishop
Khajag Barsamian
- 21 Episcopal Divine Liturgy,
Presentation of the Holy Mother of God,
First Sunday of Advent,
Church School Thanksgiving Dinner
- 25 Thanksgiving - Complex Closed
- 27 ACYOA November Dance

Moms and *Manoogs* play group sponsored by the Women's Guild:
first and third Tuesdays in the Nursery at 10 am

Note: All events at St. John's Church and Cultural Hall unless specified.

IN OUR PARISH.....

Gifts to the Church

We thank Women's Guild members Virginia Melkonian,
Joyce Obenhoff and Linda Tiffany
for donating a year's supply of *mahs* bags.
We thank the many Women's Guild and other volunteers for
packaging the *mahs* for Sunday distribution throughout the year.

A Special Request for E-mail Users

Due to the less frequent access to news through
newspapers, many of our faithful hear about deaths in our
community too late to attend services. Taking note of this
concern and requests by many for the Church to pass on this
information, the Parish Council has approved a trial program
— an email blast to those who wish to be informed about *Dahn*
Gark and Funeral services. If you wish to be on the list, please
contact the Church Office.

Wanted: Used Armenian Books

The Parish Bookstore is accepting donations of gently
used books on Armenian subjects in English for its **Used Book
Sale** at the 2010 Festival. Drop books off at the Church Office
during business hours or on Sundays.

Wanted!

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