

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 Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Board of Deacons Meeting, Last Sunday of the month, 12:30 p.m.

Mid-Week Bible Study, Every Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study, Every Friday, 10:00 a.m.

Memories from the Past!"



The Armenian Congregational Church
26210 West Twelve Mile Road
Southfield, Michigan 48034-1772

Phone: 248-352-0680
Fax: 248-352-5568
Email: accgd@comcast.net

Rev. Shant Barsoumian, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian, Minister Emeritus

Or Current Resident

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 159
SOUTHFIELD, MI

The ACC Bulletin

Monthly Publication of the Armenian Congregational Church

Vol. 42, No. 6

Summer 2017

ACC is 100 – Let's Celebrate!

Dear Members & Friends,

This year is the Centennial Anniversary of our church, the Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit. An ACC Centennial Committee has been formed and is hard at work. Notably, a Centennial Anniversary Gala Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2017, at the Pine Lake Country Club in Orchard Lake.

Founded in 1917, our church has the illustrious distinction of being the first Armenian Church in the Greater Detroit area. We gratefully acknowledge the dedicated efforts of all those who have served our church in various capacities and contributed to its continuity and vitality throughout the past century.

We are writing on behalf of the Anniversary Committee to invite you to the Centennial Banquet which promises to be a memorable event. Further, we wish to inform you that among several celebratory events and activities, the Committee has embarked upon an ambitious financial campaign to raise \$100,000.00 (one-hundred thousand dollars) to help finance capital improvements and to put the church on a firmer footing for the future.

Also on this auspicious occasion, a Commemorative Book is being prepared featuring both a written and photographic history of the church. Space is available for those who wish to honor or pay tribute to loved ones.

Shortly, all our members and friends will receive the Anniversary Banquet invitation with all the details. Watch your mail!

We thank God for granting us the opportunity to serve Him and our community, and to contribute to the perpetuation of the mission of the church. Our theme for the year is "Rededication: Renew, Refresh, Rejoice." We ask the Lord's blessings as we submit our church to His guidance for the years ahead.

In the meantime, we invoke God's abundant blessings upon you and your loved ones, and we look forward to celebrating with you at the ACC Centennial Banquet on November 18.

Prayerfully yours,

Rodney Keteyian, Centennial Committee Chairman
Rev. Shant Barsoumian, ACC Pastor
Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian, Minister Emeritus

MANOOGIAN MANOR

Assisted Living • State Licensed

Short Term Stays Available

15775 Middlebelt Rd. Livonia, Michigan 48154

Telephone: 734-522-5780

rosemarie@manoogianmanor.com

www.manoogianmanor.com

ACC BANQUET HALL

Moses Avakian

Banquet Manager

Wedding & All Other Occasions

26210 W. Twelve Mile Rd. Southfield, MI 48034

Telephone: 248-352-7399 Cell: 248-722-9100

Edward Korkoian Funeral Home

836 N. Main Street • Royal Oak, MI 48067

(248) 541-8325 • (248) 541-4800

The Edward Korkoian Funeral Home has served the Armenian community for 60 years with three generations of professional, compassionate and dedicated service.

Edward H. Korkoian, Christopher Korkoian and
Edward B. Korkoian (1916-1999)

Our funeral home offers:

- Traditional funerals
- Cremation and other optional funeral services
- Advance Funeral Planning Program
- Our own funeral home facility as well as other funeral homes in the greater Detroit area to meet

SIMON JAVIZIAN

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

1952 Continuing Over Half A Century of Service 2013

(248) 626-7815



Our New Facilities

Simon Javizian Funeral Directors
Wessels and Wilk Funeral Home
23690 Woodward Avenue
Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069
At I-696 Expressway
Also Other Convenient Locations



From the Minister Emeritus

Dear Members and Friends:

This year, 2017, the Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit celebrates its 100th year of existence. One hundred years is a relatively long time. Whether in the life of a person or an institution, the marking of 100 years is a notable event. It is even more notable in the life of an Armenian church. Why? Because the centuries-long history of Armenian Christendom has been a bitterly fought one, punctuated with the countless lives of selfless martyrs. Because the Armenian people have paid a supreme price for the privilege of being Christian. And now we have the fruit of this struggle. For example, we are celebrating our Centennial anniversary as a church. There have been very few periods in our religious past where such a broad freedom of worship prevailed. For this we owe God a two-fold thanks. First, for our forebears who kept the faith against all odds. Second, for our adopted land of America, the haven of religious freedom.

Our Centennial anniversary celebration is an opportune time to pay our tribute to the memory of the pioneers and founders who established our church. It is also an opportune time to salute those who followed in the footsteps of their forebears and kept the torch of faith burning.

Moreover, this is a time to renew our dedication and be challenged to greater efforts. Thus, our Centennial anniversary should be not only a time to recall the past, but should be used as a launching pad to meet the challenges of the future. The present members of the church are called to assume the responsibility in building a future for the generations to come that is worthy of its past.

On our Centennial anniversary, it is my fervent prayer that all of us will rededicate ourselves and will continue to be a community of the committed, sharing and proclaiming the Good News of God's love, and an instrument of cherishing our Armenian Christian heritage.

Prayerfully,

Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian

Rally Sunday – September 10, 2017

Dear Sunday School Students:

It is hard to believe that the summer is moving along so quickly. It is almost time to begin another Sunday school year. Please plan on joining us as we kick off another season on Sunday, September 10th. Come and reconnect with friends and family as we meet up in class and then get together for a complementary lunch during the fellowship hour. As with every year, your dedicated teachers have begun creating their lesson plans and committing their time this year to lead and teach your class. Please make this the year that you plan the best you can to dedicate each Sunday to spending some time in God's house, learning His Word, building on your faith and begin directing your life on an inspiring path.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you soon.

Leslie Banerian, Sunday School Co-superintendent

A.C.C. Choir

WE WANT YOU TO JOIN THE CHOIR! New members are welcome, so please consider singing and being a part of our beautiful worship music on Sundays, and for special services and celebrations. We meet at 10:00am to practice before Sunday services, have an evening rehearsal once a month, and sometimes practice after church. We have dedicated people in our choir, and every voice is a needed addition. Also, if you play an instrument, we would love to include you. Play for the glory of God! Please contact our Choir Director, Susan Harrison.

Women's Christian Fellowship

"Rally Day" for ACC Women's Christian Fellowship will be Sunday, September 17, following the Morning Worship Service. All ladies of the Church are welcome and encouraged to attend our first meeting of the new calendar year. Please join us as we come together and make plans for future projects and activities to support our Church and each other.

Mid-Week Bible Study

We invite all men and women to join us on Wednesday, September 27, at 7:00 p.m. as we continue to study God's Word together. Why not join us for the first time?

Family
FUN night

Please reserve the following night, *Friday, October 20, at 5:30p.m.* All ages are welcome. Come enjoy delicious food, fun and games.

ACC History Through Photos

A number of our members have mentioned that they have photos and videos from Armenian Congregational Church (ACC) events and activities dating back many years. As this is the centennial anniversary of the ACC, we decided to create an archive for these memories as a way to document the life of the church. So, what does that mean? What exactly is "the life of the church"? And, how do your old family photos become a part of "church history"?

The history of the ACC can be described in many ways. For example, we can talk about the succession of ministers from the beginning until now. Or, perhaps we can create a timeline describing the development of the physical spaces that the ACC has occupied. These are just a couple important examples of items that would be part of the history of the church. Therefore, it would be wonderful if you can contribute any photos showing our different pastors or the various ACC structures.

Furthermore, perhaps you were married in the ACC. Some of your wedding photos would be a great contribution to our new archive. Or, maybe you or your child was baptized here. Photos from that blessed event would also be a wonderful addition.

Church lunches, picnics, banquets, lectures, book signings, and special worship services are all part of the life of the church. The Sunday School children visiting the residents at Manoogian Manor is another example. Even photos from something as simple as a church cleanup day would be a welcome addition.

All of these things taken together contribute to the history of the ACC whether we are talking about an individual family event or one that involves a greater segment of the ACC church family.

The Process

Ultimately, the ACC photo and video archive will be digitized and stored on electronic media. If your photos are already in a digital format, it should be fairly easy to share them.

For older photos, we have a special process to ensure that your photos are handled carefully, copied digitally, and returned safely to you. We ask that you deliver them to the church. Special envelopes are available in the church office. Make sure your name is clearly marked on the envelope so that we know to return it to you. It will be best to deliver your envelope directly to Pastor Shant.

The Archive

Storing all the photos in an electronic or digital format will help ensure that they are preserved. We expect this archive to grow over time as more people find old photos and contribute them. We have not yet determined when to have a formal public display of the photos. Eventually, however, we expect to be able to make them available on the ACC website for easy access to all our members and friends. Thank you for supporting this important project of preserving our church's history!

ACC Gratefully Acknowledges The Following Donations

Anonymous – Centennial Donation
Charles Ayanian Trust Fund-Memorial
Guy Benian-Centennial Donation
Bob and Hourig Jacobs- Building Fund
Jack Kaloogian- Centennial Donation
Harold and Sandy Kaloogian- Centennial Donation
Howard and Martha Kaloogian- Centennial Donation
Meredith Kaloogian- Centennial Donation
Stephen Philiposian Foundation-Centennial Donation
Joseph and Donna Smolinski-Centennial Donation
Ida Kavafian-Tenenbom- Centennial Donation
Rev. and Mrs. Vahan and Rosette Tootikian-Centennial Donation

*** Picture Taking Day! ***

On Sunday, September 10, we ask all ACC members, and members of all ACC organizations, to be present so that photos can be taken for the Centennial Book following the Morning Worship Service.