

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.)

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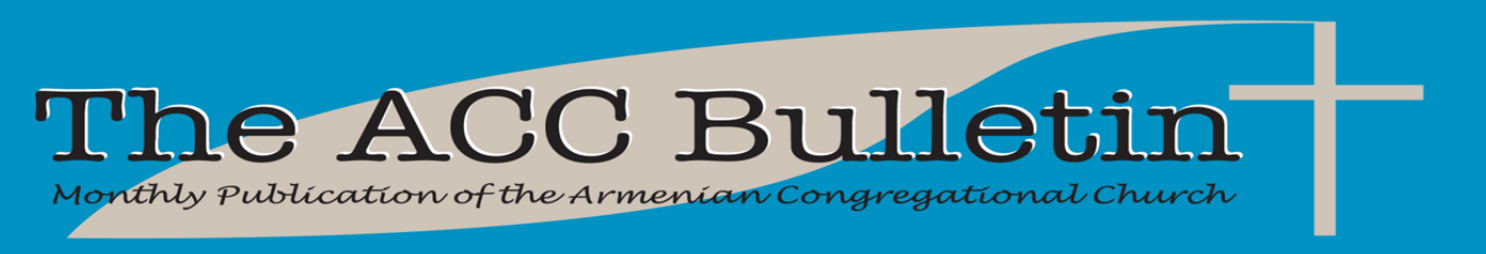
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From the Ministers Desk

Dear Members and Friends:

Father's Day is celebrated on the third Sunday of June. What is fatherhood and who is a good father?

The dictionary defines father as "a male parent." The basic definition of a father would be a man who participates in the biological process of producing another human being. But there is more to being a father than simply siring a child.

A good father is not only a procreator but also a provider. He furnishes his family with necessities of life. The children may not have everything they want, but they have what they need. Through his continuous labor and consistent devotion, he provides his children a suitable house, necessary clothing and sufficient food.

A good father is an educator, an inspirer and enabler, who cares for, shares with, loves and guides his children; he is neither permissive nor brutal. He knows that discipline and guidance are woven into the very fabric of life.

A good father consider his children as a sacred trust from God. He acts as an indebted and a responsible steward to the Sovereign Owner, God. He keeps himself physically healthy and morally pure. He sets a good example of a well-rounded person who is a worthy model for his children.

A good father is one who would teach his children by precept and personal example that both he and his offsprings are the children of a heavenly Father whose love surpasses all human love; that their greatest need is a vital personal relationship with God.

Fatherhood is a great privilege and a great calling from God. But like any privilege it is a great responsibility.

Children, on the other hand, have certain obligations and responsibilities toward their father. A father's love should be reciprocated by his children. Children can express their love visibly and vocally. They can show their love by a touch, look, kiss, hug and a word. They can express their love not only in word, but also through thoughtful gestures and kindly deeds children can bring honor to their father and keep the family name in high esteem.

Above all, fathers and their children should recognize and worship their heavenly Father, the Father of all creation.

Faithfully yours,
Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian

Piano Recital
Featuring students of
Emma Bagdasarian

Sponsored by Armenian Congregational Church
Women's Christian Fellowship

Sunday, May 27, 2018 – 1:00 p.m.
Reception to follow

Armenian Congregational Church
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Annual Father's Day Luncheon

Sunday June 17, 2018
12:00 p.m.

The Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian Hall
26210 W. Twelve Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48034
248-352-0680

Tickets: Adults \$15
Children ages 6-15 \$10
Under 6 Free

Menu: Kebob, Rice Pilaf, Humus, Salad, Watermelon,
and Soft drink.

Special Congregational Meeting

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 3, immediately following the Morning Worship Service to act on the recommendation of the Pulpit Search Committee's recommendation of a new pastor for our church.

When Our New Minister Comes

The Pulpit Search Committee has been vigorously active. They have contacted and interviewed a prospective candidate, who will preach in our church on Sunday, June 3. Following the Morning Worship Service, there will be a special Congregational Meeting to act upon Pulpit Search Committee's recommendation.

If the ministerial candidate is approved and assumes the pastorate, please remember the following.

1. First, do not overburden your new minister with too much favorable talk about his predecessors, even if by some stretch of the imagination such might be justified. The new pastor should not feel that he must live in the shadow of the one who has preceded him.
2. Second, do not expect him to do all things the same way as his predecessors did. Times change and all men are different. Each minister has his own particular gifts and graces, his own methods and priorities to bring to the situation. Thus no one should be expected to fit a predetermined mold.
3. Third, you should go out of your way to help him know your name, your family, your situation, and as they arise your needs. In all fairness, you should not expect him to be

aware of when his pastoral attentions are needed unless you tell him.

4. Fourth, you should receive and acknowledge your new minister for what he is, the key person in the parish who is specifically trained and experienced in the leadership and administration of a church.
5. Fifth, you should support him by your interest, your enthusiasm, your willingness to serve, and by your faithful attendance at church.

Thus, a new and wonderful opportunity will lie ahead as you take your new minister into your lives and into your hearts. Together you will advance Christ's Kingdom. Together you will see this church move "from strength to strength."

Book of Life

Robert (Yeprem) Missirlian, age 87, passed away on April 24, 2018. He leaves behind a sister, Alice and brother Harry (Jean), two nephews and a niece and their respective families. Robert was born in Detroit to Ghazar John and Ruth Missirlian. He was a veteran of the Korean War. Our condolences to the Missirlians.

Mother's Day Luncheon

This year's Mother's Day brought in something new here at the ACC. Traditionally, we have honored our mothers with a dinner, but this year we had a celebration luncheon. Following the morning worship service, where the message focused on mothers, we were treated to a wonderful buffet luncheon. Ninety five guests enjoyed a large soup and salad bar, plenty of food served on a beautiful buffet table and a lovely sweet table that would satisfy anyone's sweet tooth. Guests enjoyed a relaxing afternoon with their family and friends.

We hope those of you who were unable to join us this year will consider joining us next year as we continue our new tradition.

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.

AMAA Thanks ACCGD

Dear Rev. Tootikian, Rosette and Celebration Committee members,

On behalf of the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) thank you Rev. Tootikian for your support and effort to celebrate the AMAA's centennial in Detroit.

Rosette, thank you for your leadership of the committee and for your talents as master of ceremonies. All the hard work and commitment was evident in the details. Please convey our deep appreciation to every member of the committee for their dedication to this event from beginning to end; the food, the beautiful musical program, all was executed in excellence.

Thank you to the Armenian Congregational Church for the support of the event and the contributions toward this mission. Thank you for inviting us to worship with you on Sunday—it was a blessed time as we were able to thank God together for the good work of the AMAA.

Please continue to pray for our organization and the leadership as we carry on with the work that the Lord has placed in our hands.

Once again, thank you all for the love, support and wonderful celebration of the AMAA's Centennial.

Sincerely,
Zaven Khanjian
Executive Director/CEO

The AMAA Centennial Celebration at ACCGD

- - Rosette Tootikian

The Centennial Anniversary celebration of the AMAA in the Greater Detroit area was held on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Armenian Congregational Church.

The district liaison of the 27-member anniversary fundraising campaign of the Detroit area was Rosette Tootikian, who chaired the Anniversary banquet and served as master of ceremonies.

The banquet proved to be a great success serving about 120 people. The 14-member committee was composed of the following: Carole Basmadjian, Rose Beylerian, Ovsanna DerVartanian, Araxya Mikaelian Fernandes, Nariné Ghambaryan, Taline Hagopian, Alice Kakousian, Gariné Koundajian, Doris Krikorian, Nuné Mikaelyan, Araxie Terian, Rosette Tootikian and Ann Zartarian. Also Mr. Richard Fernandes was in charge of taking the banquet pictures.

The committee not only prepared the menu, but also did the serving and after-meal cleaning. After the sumptuous meal, a beautiful program was prepared.

The key-note speaker of the evening was the Executive Director/CEO of the AMAA, Mr. Zaven Khanjian, who was introduced by Rev. Vahan H. Tootikian. Mr. Khanjian, with a ten-minute video and an appropriate address skillfully explained the objectives of the 20-million dollar fund-raising campaign. He paid tribute to the founders of the AMAA in 1918, as well as those who endeavor to carry on the multi-faceted program of the Association. He ended his inspiring address by expressing his gratitude to God's grace in the past and His guidance in the future, and challenged his audience to support the AMAA's missionary services.

The program also included some musical selections, performed by the talented guest soloist Mrs. Arpy Aintablian of Los Angeles, California. The soloist was introduced by Dr. Taline Hagopian, one of the driving forces of the committee, who also prepared the Anniversary cake.

The soloist rendered six Armenian and English hymns and songs and was accompanied on the piano by our own Organist/Choir Director Susan Harrison. The audience expressed its appreciation to these beautiful renditions with enthusiastic applause.

The elegant banquet came to an end with the unison singing of the Hayr MÉR and the benediction by Rev. Vahan H. Tootikian.

The following day, Sunday April 29, the Centennial Anniversary celebration continued during the morning Worship Service, when both Mr. Zaven Khanjian and Rev. Tootikian, with their respective English and Armenian messages and the guest soloist Mrs. Arpy Aintablian with her vocal rendition, led the congregation in worship. The preachers thanked God for the spiritual, philanthropic and missionary services of the AMAA to the Armenian people and beyond.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Armenian Renaissance Association (ARA) offers five \$2,500 scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students from Michigan. For application and eligibility requirements, send an E-mail requests: Scholarship.ara@gmail.com. Please, include student name, permanent Michigan address, phone number and whether undergraduate or graduate status. Application period closes July 7, 2018. Requirements: applicants should be full-time college students, residents of Michigan and at least 25% Armenian.