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Dear Members & Friends,

Happy New Year! As we closed 2019 and entered a new year, I want to wish you all a very healthy and prosperous year! May the Lord of all the earth fill your hearts with gladness as you continue to serve Him!

As we start a new year, we can't help but look back on 2019 and ask, what did all the experiences we went through teach us? How was God intervening to manifest His will and plan in our lives? We all learn to grow through all the experiences we go through. When we grow in our walk with God, we tend to see better and more clearly His plan and will in our life. If I was to ask you, what would the new year's resolution be for you? You may have many things you would like to see accomplished. I would challenge us all to make one of our new years' resolution to become more and more intimate in our relationship with Jesus. Here is what the Apostle Paul said: "But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ." (Philippians 3:7-8) If we can confidently make this claim as Paul did, it would mean that this life and what it offers does not mean much in comparison to gaining more of Christ in our daily lives. It would mean Jesus is our first love.

It would also mean that He is the deepest desire of our heart. Jesus himself said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will also be." (Matthew 6:21) My prayer is that Jesus would become all that we want and need in this life.

May we fall more and more in love with Him as we come to know Him on a more personal basis. When that takes place, our lives will be more productive, fruitful, and effective. It will transform into the likeness and reflect Christ's character in our lives.

May this new year bring new revelations of God in your life. May His good, pleasing, and perfect love enable you to draw nearer to Him and be the man and woman he created you to be. As Christ loved us unconditionally, we too may learn to love one another deeply, out of the abundance of Christ's love.

Prayerfully yours,  
Pastor Hagop Haroutunian

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## Christmas Poem by Susan Mousigian

You're wished a very special Christmas  
filled with nothing less  
Than time to spend with those you love  
and lots of happiness.

Remember the reason for the season  
and how it all began.

Look within your heart and do your part  
to give a gift of kindness when you can.

I hope the coming new year  
will be wonderful for you  
And filled with many blessings  
for your family, friends and you.  
Merry Christmas!

## Book Review

Rev. Dr. Vahan Tootikian  
Publishes his 43<sup>rd</sup> Book

**Heartfelt Reflections/Srdazégh Khogoomné** is the 43<sup>rd</sup> book authored by Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian, and is published by the Armenian Heritage Committee.

My friendship with Rev. Tootikian goes back for more than 60 years during our seminary days at the Near East School of Theology, when I could see in him the future Armenian Evangelical leader, the intellectual and the communicator. Looking back retrospectively today, I can definitely say that my first impressions were true. Through God's grace he is today a dedicated pastor, a well-known ecclesiastical leader, a scholar and a prolific writer. Creative, spiritually and intellectually uplifting ministry has been a hallmark of Dr. Tootikian's tenure as minister, educator and community leader.

This volume is an anthology of 28 English and 16 Armenian sermons, essays, meditations and articles that deal with religious, patriotic, educational and cultural themes. The book consists of 160 pages that are divided into three parts:

**1. Religious, national and cultural holidays.** This part deals with Christian and Armenian holidays that are reminders of our background as testimonies of our Christian faith and cultural heritage.

**2. Views on issues** are some lucid, compact and insightful sermons and articles exploring timely issues of faith, family, education, Christian and ethnic values which are universal in their appeal and touch the hearts and souls of people.

**3. Personal reminiscences** about religious and community leaders who have made their transition from this world to eternity. In this section, the author,

with deep pastoral sensitivity, remembers and writes about some cherished individuals who have gone but not forgotten.

This book not only demonstrates Dr. Tootikian's remarkably broad interests, but also serves to present his insightful coverage on a number of issues with wisdom and clarity.

Mihran Jizmejian, President/CEO  
Armenian Missionary Association of Canada

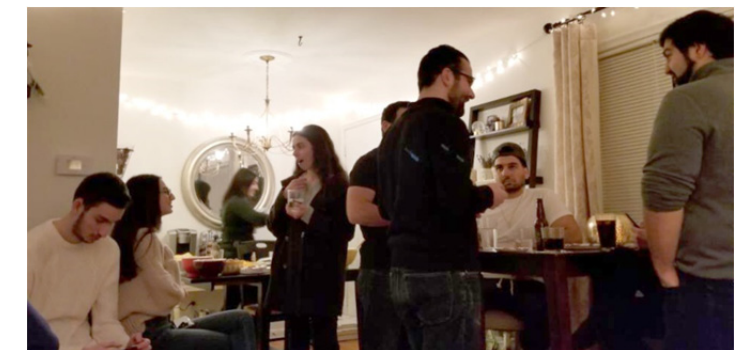
## Just Past!

**Men's Breakfast & Fellowship**  
**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**



We are excited the men had their first monthly gathering. They were very proud to make their own breakfast! They enjoyed a time of fellowship, a DVD discussion on how to fight the good fight as men of God. The child in them led them to also enjoy playing games, such as Ping-Pong, Foosball, and Darts. The next Men's Breakfast & Fellowship gathering is on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m.

**Young Adults Christmas Gathering**  
**Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**



The Young Adults had their Christmas gathering, where they enjoyed fellowship, food, and games. They meet twice a month on Thursdays to dine together, fellowship, and have a Bible study. If you're in college or post college and are interested, please call the Church Office for more details.

**Church School Christian Program**  
**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**



It was so wonderful to see the children perform and proclaim the birth of the Lord Jesus with their story telling, scripture reading, and singing. We also enjoyed a wonderful Luncheon made by the hands of ACC members and friends.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**



A wonderful Christmas Eve Service was held. Pastor Hagop gave a message from Isaiah 7:14, the birth of Immanuel, Jesus incarnate. There were scripture readings by various individuals related to the birth of Jesus. The Choir, under the direction of Susan Harrison, performed wonderful Christmas carols. Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian did a wonderful meditation about the meaning of Christmas. The Service ended with a candle lighting and singing "Silent Night," and in Armenian, "Loor Keesher." The Service was followed by a light dinner in the Social Hall, prepared by ACC members.



**Armenian Christmas Service & Communion**



It was a great blessing to celebrate Armeian Christmas on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Hagop spoke about the indescribable gift of God sending His one and only Son into the world to save us from our sins. It was a joy to hear Camile Sanchez (in picture) sing for us "Joy to the World" in English and Armenian. Following the Service a beautiful Luncheon was provided by the Deacons.

**Mark Your Calendar!**

**Community Classes**  
**Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Armenian Language for Beginners:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
**Armenian Cooking:** 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
**Lunch:** 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

**A.C.C. Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Immediately Following the**  
**Moring Worship Service**

**Missional Service for the Homeless**  
**Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

The Missions Committee of A.C.C. is planning a missional service to the homeless at the Cass Community Social Services (affiliated with the United Methodist Church). The team of volunteers from A.C.C., together with the Missions Committee, will prepare and serve food for 150 homeless people. If wish to volunteer, please contact the Church Office.

**A.C.C. Women's Christian Fellowship**

**Valentine's Family Night**  
**Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

Plan now to attend our Annual Valentine's Family Night sponsored by the Women's Christian Fellowship on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. A night of fun and fellowship is being planned, including Bingo with lots of prizes for adults and children alike, along with a special dinner with all the trimmings! Please invite your family and friends to join us - everyone is welcome. For reservations, please sign your name(s) on the Sign-Up Sheet on the Bulletin Board or call the Church Office.



**REMINDEERS!**



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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**Church Calendar**  
**Weekly**

**Worship Service:** Sundays 11:00 a.m.  
**Prayer and Fellowship:** Sundays 10:30 a.m.  
**Church School:** (Preschool to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade) Sundays 11:00 a.m.  
**Children's Library:** Every Sunday  
**Church Bible Study:** Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. (Prayer 6:00 p.m.)  
**Mid-Week Church Bible Study:** Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Prayer 6:00 p.m.)  
**Women's Bible Study:** Fridays 10:00 a.m. - Noon

**Bi-Weekly**

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

**Community Classes:**

**Armenian Language for Beginners:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:00a.m.  
**Armenian Cooking:** 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
**Lunch:** 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. (contact the Church Office for dates)

**Monthly**

**Board of Deacons Meeting:** First Sunday of the month, 1:00 p.m.  
**Board of Trustees Meeting:** Third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m.  
**Missions Committee:** Third Sunday of the month, 1:00 p.m.  
**Women's Christian Fellowship Meeting:** Second Sunday of the month, 12:30 p.m.  
**Men's Fellowship & Breakfast:** (contact the Church Office for dates)

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