

THANK YOU, CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS!

For the 2024 updates and repairs to our church by several **congregational members, attendees of the church, and friends:**

Flowers and bushes planted at entrance of church 2023-2024.

Office bathroom remodeled.

Wi-Fi installed in various areas of the church, social hall & sanctuary.

New lights installed in the sanctuary.

New organ with bench donated.

Striping of parking lot.

Sprinklers for flowers and bushes installed.



Thank you to the **Armenian American Veterans of Greater Detroit**, who joined us on Veterans Day, November 10th, to commemorate and honor all who served the Armed Forces of the United States. Together with the Board of Trustees, they sponsored an enhanced coffee hour.



Thank you, SIMON JAVIZIAN FUNERAL HOME — for your Christmas donation to the Armenian Congregational Church!

Be full of **praises** and **thanksgiving** to the Lord at all times. **“Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, Rejoice!”** Philippians 4:4

Armenian Congregational Church, December 2024

ACC QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS WISHES TO YOU!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Every year during this time, we reflect on this special season of Christ's birth. It is hard to comprehend with our finite mind, the mystery of God becoming a man. The eternal Son of God became like one of us. He was called, "Emmanuel," God with us. The Apostle Paul says, "If God is for us, who can be against us!" (Romans 8:31)

Jesus is with us in Spirit, through the Holy Spirit, who lives in us. We will forever rejoice in Christ in this life and in the life to come!

In Christ,
Rev. Hagop Haroutunian

ARMENIA MISSION TRIP

Reverend Hagop and Nune experienced a blessed mission trip to Armenia! They evangelized, and Pastor Hagop preached for several churches. Your generous donations helped those churches and their family members with many needs. Thank you for all you do to be a blessing to the family of God in Armenia!!



- ◆ Thursday, October 10th at 6:30 p.m., HOLY TRANSLATORS
- ◆ FEAST was celebrated at our Armenian
- ◆ Congregational Church.
- ◆ Rev. Fr. Hrant Kevorkian, from St. Sarkis
- ◆ Armenian Apostolic Church, spoke; and the
- ◆ deacons sponsored an afterglow - that was
- ◆ enjoyed, of course!!



WHO IS THIS LITTLE DOLL?

Guess who this adorable little girl is? She is a blonde in the midst of our Armenian congregation!



HOPE YOU WERE HERE! Our beautiful church had a lovely **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**. It was glorious, and the evening was complete with a very fabulous dinner in our Social Hall!!



And a heartfelt **THANK YOU**, to all who were able to attend the funeral of Glenn Harrison, and the dinner following. This church is wonderful and loving, and is filled with the Spirit of Christ! YOU are a witness to the church and to all who enter our gates with thanksgiving—to Christ! Thank you for the donation from **The Korkoian Funeral Home**, in Royal Oak. Mr. Christopher Korkoian was the most kind and gentle, and was so helpful and professional. He made the family able to endure this sad time and managed everything so smoothly.

CHEF FOR DECEMBER

Festive Bean Salad!

Ingredients:

Chopped green onion
Cut up green parsley
1 or 2 cans red kidney beans
1 or 2 cans green beans
1 or 2 cans yellow beans
Red wine vinegar and one lemon
Extra virgin olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste

Preparation: Cut green onion and parsley into small pieces. Open, drain, and rinse one or two cans of beans—red kidney beans, green beans, yellow beans.

Assemble: Carefully mix together with a couple squirts of red wine vinegar and a squeezed lemon. Drizzle with extra virgin olive oil, salt and pepper to taste.

Serve: Exhibit in a beautiful bowl, and you may garnish with green pepper, sliced wedges.

The recipe may be doubled too, for more servings.
Keep in the refrigerator (better the next day).
This colorful dish is truly delicious!!



Alice Kakousian

DAN HAROUTUNIAN—was the mystery person, with pictures in September’s Quarterly Newsletter.

Dan worked as a civilian federal worker in the U.S. Army, at Detroit Arsenal in Warren, for 34-1/2 years. During the last 15 years, he was an Executive Officer, Logistics Management Specialist.

He is presently the main point of contact and active tenor for the Detroit Arsenal Choir. He has been singing with the choir for 15 years.

He & his wife Sandra have been married nearly 32 years. Her maiden name was “Trinity”, and Dan understands his last name in Armenian means, “Resurrection”. They love the movie Grease, and like the Danny and Sandy connection from that movie!

And he is our TENOR in the ACC Choir!!!
Thank you, Dan!!!



They have a Shetland Sheepdog (Sheltie) and two Siamese cats, both adored!!



DEAR CHOIR

We THANK YOU for your hard work and beautiful voices, bringing joy to the congregation and praise to our Heavenly Father, in Jesus' name!!



Thank you, each member, for all you do to prepare and sing out your gifted talents — for ADVENT, CHRISTMAS EVE, CHRISTMAS, and ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS!!

Rejoice in serving Christ's church (your church) in singing!

Remember to consider joining choir!

Just speak with Susan after worship!

YOU ARE OUR INSPIRATION

Your kindness spoken to our church glows with the glorious presence of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Always speak your “good reports” and be a good influence to others, by fellowshiping in the Social Hall after the worship services, manifesting Jesus walking among us...



Our **Children's Christmas Program** was performed after church, in the Social Hall on December 15th. It is always special and a joy to hear the drama and singing of our children! It was followed with a delicious lunch!!



THANKSGIVING BANQUET

We were truly blessed by the gifted musicians:
Mrs. Tina Garabedian—accompanist
and son, Jonathan Garabedian—violinist.

Thank you to all who worked so hard with the arrangements and the decorations to make this such a lovely church event!

A special THANK YOU to the co-chairs, Nune Haroutunian and Hasmik Arslanian and their committee: Ann Bayleran & Sheryl Marburger.

All enjoyed the special evening together!