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BAPTISM

Church Service	**Members (Parents only):**	**$100**
	Non-Members:	**$200**
Services of the Priest	**Members:**	**$125**
	Non-Members:	**$150**

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WEDDING

Church Service	**Members (Bride or Groom):**	**$150**
	Non-Members:	**$350**
Services of the Priest	**Members:**	**$200**
	Non-Members:	**$250**
Services of the Deacon (optional)		**$ 50**
Services of the Soloist (optional)		**$ 50**
Services of the Organist (optional)		**$ 50**

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FUNERAL

Church Service	**Members:**	**$ 0**
	Non-Members:	***$200**

****There will be no fee charged if the church is named recipient of in-lieu of flowers donations.***

Services of the Priest	**Members:**	**$175**
	Non-Members:	**$200**

If some individuals find the financial services of the Priest a burden, please contact Der Bedros.

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CHRISTMAS & EASTER HOME BLESSING

Services of the Priest ***Honorarium***

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MEMORIAL DAY GRAVE BLESSING

Services of the Priest ***Honorarium***

CHURCH HALL RENTAL

With Kitchen	**Members:**	**$150**
	Non-Members:	**$250**
Without Kitchen	**Members:**	**$100**
	Non-Members:	**$200**

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

TWENTY YEARS

**"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord, not for human masters,
since you know that you will receive
an inheritance from the Lord as a reward",**
Colossians 3:23-24

When I came here with my family as a pastor over twenty years ago, on August 1, 2005, many people thought that we would stay for a couple of years and then I would move to a larger community. That is traditionally how it works in the Armenian Church. A new priest is often appointed to a smaller community, where he gains experience and proves himself, and after some years he may be moved to a larger parish. But things did not happen that way for us. My family and I felt comfortable here, developed a strong connection with the community, and did our best to stay. If I had cared primarily about money or position, I would have moved a long time ago. But for me, money is only a necessity, not the purpose of life. There are other things that are much more important when it comes to finding happiness and fulfillment.

I care deeply about the place where I live. I am a nature lover, and this area is one of the most beautiful and scenic parts of the country. I enjoy going outside, walking, and simply appreciating God's creation. The Quabbin Reservoir is one of my favorite places to visit. I go there often, especially in the spring, summer, and autumn, and even in the winter, particularly after a snowfall.

Living in a smaller community has also given me something very valuable: time. It has given me more time to educate myself, to think, and to continue pursuing another important calling in my life – being a musician. Another important reason is that Yeretsgin is happy and comfortable with her work as a piano teacher here. Our family has built a life in this community, and after more than twenty-one years, this truly feels like home.

This kind of long-term stability is not typical for a small Armenian community. But I believe it has benefited both our family and the Church. The community has also understood the value of having a pastor who wants to remain and build something for the long term. In some other small communities around us, pastors have changed frequently. Some have had five pastors in the last ten years, sometimes with significant gaps between them. Such instability can have negative consequences for a church and its ability to grow.

Of course, staying in one place for more than twenty years does not mean that everything has always been perfect. I want to be frank about that. As in any family, organization, or community, there have been disagreements and difficult moments. There have been issues between me, the Board, and members of the community, but I am grateful that we have been able to resolve those issues in a constructive way. No one can please everyone. Some people will like me more, and some will like me less. That is simply part of being human and part of being a pastor. What matters is the majority. It is also important that we remember why we are here and what we are trying to accomplish together.

Everything should be done justly and properly. Everyone should know their rights and responsibilities: what to say and how to say it, where to start and where to stop. Checks and balances also matter. What is common in American democracy can be very useful. No one should have absolute power, but at the same time, no one should feel humiliated. Overall, I think we follow all these principles. Nevertheless, it is important to talk about them once in a while so that we don't forget them.

Those are the realities of life. But here is the real task. As I already mentioned, we are a Church. The thing is, Christ's message of LOVE is the key to everything. Saint Paul said: "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." When there is LOVE that comes from FAITH, there will be no need for all these talks. Those who live with Jesus' love will automatically and without effort do the right things and won't create problems that can harm the community. This model is the perfect one: live and act according to Jesus' love, and that is how we can achieve a perfect environment. In Christianity, we

call it a foretaste of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

Recently, we have seen some improvements, the biggest of which is the great success of the Capital Campaign. The main donations came from people who are originally from our community but now live outside the area. This was a strong signal that our people in general care about our Church and its future.

In addition, I would also like to mention that the current Board is the most active one during my entire time here as a pastor. On another note, and most importantly, there has been an improvement, not as much as we wish, but a visible one, in church service attendance. This past summer was the best in the last few years in this regard.

To finish, on behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank all of you for having us here for over twenty years. This is an achievement that few small Churches have, and it brings stability and a smoother ride through all the difficulties that we are facing. I believe that, with our collective effort, these difficulties will bear fruit and we will increase the number of church members again. Let us honestly do our job and trust in God.

May God bless you all.

— Pastor —

COMMUNITY NEWS

Congratulations to Alexandra Walen, daughter of Tom and Ardemis Babaeghian Walen on her recent marriage to Jack Mucci. The wedding took place at Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church in Providence, RI and was presided over by Der Antranig Baljian, Der Bedros Shetilian and Der Kapriel Nazarian.

Our Deepest Condolences:

- ☐ **To the Setian Family on the recent passing of husband, father, grandfather Harry Setian.**
- ☐ **To the family of Asadour Santourian on his recent passing.**
- ☐ **To the families of Dorothy Piligian on her recent passing.**
- ☐ **To the families of Kairene Arakelian on her recent passing.**

May God illuminate their souls ***"Asdvadz hokeeneruh Loosavoreh"***

We send our Prayers to all members of our community, especially those who are experiencing health issues.

Please submit community news to Liz Setian at (413) 596-3411.

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ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

From a Goal to a Reality

It is with great joy and gratitude that we share we have reached our $300,000 goal for the Capital Campaign, "Help St. Gregory Be A Part of Future Generations!"

When we started this campaign, we asked you to remember what Saint Gregory means to you. For many of us, it is where we were baptized, where we were married, and where we watched our children and grandchildren grow in faith. Your answer was swift and generous. Whether you gave a large gift or a small one, from Indian Orchard or from far away, you made this possible. On behalf of Der Hayr and the entire Board of Trustees, THANK YOU!

Your gifts are already at work with the renovation of our church's entry vestibule has begun. The vestibule is the first space anyone sees when they walk through our doors, whether they are lifelong members, newcomers, or guests attending our Badarak service.

On September 21, Armenians around the world marked the 35th anniversary of Armenia's independence. Our grandparents and great-grandparents built this church after surviving the loss of their homeland, and they could only dream of a free Armenia. Today we honor that freedom and pray for peace and strength for the Armenian people. We also remember that each generation is responsible for keeping our faith, language and traditions alive, here in Indian Orchard as much as in Armenia.

This fall, we also mourn the passing of four beloved individuals, Dorothy Piligian, Kairene Arakelian, Harry Setian and Asadour Santourian.

This month we open our doors to the wider community for our 49th Annual Armenian Food Festival on Saturday, October 24, from 12 PM to 7 PM. For nearly half a century, this festival has been one of Western Massachusetts' longest-running cultural food traditions, and it remains one of the best ways we share our heritage with our neighbors. Preparations are already underway. Thank you to everyone who came to Tourshi Making Day. There is still plenty to do before the 24th, so if you can bake, cook, set up, serve or clean up, please let us know. And please invite your friends, coworkers and neighbors to come hungry.

Then, on Sunday, November 22, 2026, His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy, will celebrate Soorp Badarak at 10:00 AM and lead the blessing and dedication of our renovated vestibule. That same day we will celebrate the Name Day of our parish, Saint Gregory the Illuminator, and the 20th anniversary of Rev. Archpriest Bedros Shetilian's pastoral service here. A luncheon will follow in our Church Hall. Please note the new date and plan to join us.

To mark the occasion, we are publishing a Commemorative Booklet. If you would like to send a greeting, congratulate our parish, or honor the memory of a loved one, please send your ad and payment soon.

Thank you for being part of Saint Gregory's story. With your continued prayers and support, our church will be a beacon of faith and community for generations to come.

With gratitude and prayers,

— Board of Trustees —

ARMENIAN RELIEF SOCIETY "ARARAT" CHAPTER NEWS

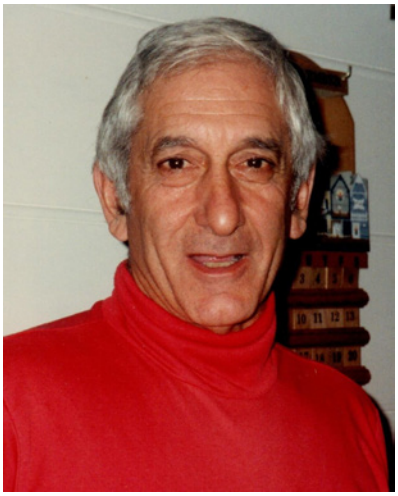
The members of the Springfield "Ararat" Chapter of the ARS have been active at St. Gregory's, hosting monthly coffee hours on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We had a member attend an ARS seminar at Camp Haiastan where informative topics were discussed to guide us in our mission of providing help to those in need.

To preserve the memories of our beloved and devoted past members, we have donated to the Church's Capital Campaign and will have a plaque displayed in the improved foyer in memory of the Indian Orchard "Sybill" and Springfield "Ararat" ARS chapters.

We pray for the wellbeing of all and look forward to seeing you.

— Nora Vertanesian Santourian, Chair —

IN MEMORY



Harry Setian 1935 - 2026

HARRY SETIAN OBITUARY

Harry Setian, 91, died peacefully on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at home. Born on April 12, 1935, to the late Nishan and Mari Setian, Harry is remembered by all those who knew him. He grew up in the Indian Orchard section of town and educated in Springfield schools. He was a student and graduate of the former Technical High School. He attended Fitchburg State Teachers College where he was an Epsilon Pi Tau member, awarded for high honors and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Arts. He later received his Master's Degree from Westfield State College. He taught at Palmer High School for four years and then at Technical High School and then at Central High School until his retirement in 1991.

Harry was a member of the Springfield Armory, the Swift River Sportsman Club and the Masonic Lodge of Indian Orchard for over 65 years.

He was an active member of St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church all his life; a pillar of the church his father helped build in 1934. He was a dedicated servant to God in every way; a Board of Trustee member and handyman. Harry also served proudly in the Army Reserves for six years. His outside interests included woodworking, construction (he built 4 houses), hunting and camping. An avid fisherman, he enjoyed spear fishing at Charlestown, RI State Beach where he made many friends.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 68 years Elizabeth (Shemligian) Setian and their two sons; Steven (Lisa) of Harwich Port, MA and Peter of Ludlow, MA. He was predeceased by his daughter Sima Setian Pariseau and his grandson Dylan Pariseau in 2024, brothers; Arman, Gary, Jackie and half-brother Bishop Nerses Setian. Harry also leaves his sister Lucy Tarpinian of Wilbraham and sister-in-law Sandy Setian of Auburn, MA, his cherished grandchildren; Christopher Setian, Taylor Setian Mayer (Adam Mayer), Sophia Pariseau and adored great grandsons Tyson and Julian Mayer, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, July 15th from 10:00-11:00AM at St. Gregory's Armenian Apostolic Church, 135 Goodwin St., Indian Orchard followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM. Burial followed in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Baystate Hospice, 30 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089 or to St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church, PO Box 51064, Indian Orchard, MA 01151.

In lieu of Flowers Donations:

Priscilla & Jim Altoonian
Sonia Arakelian
Haig & Anita Arakelian
Nancy Aykanian
Edward & Nancy Barmakian
Leon & Helen Barsamian
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Diane Cybuliski
Walter, Martin & Susan Demoorjian
Harry & Margo Derderian
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Melanie Aykanian Donoian
Aram & Rita Fereshetian
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John/Susan Kulungian
Susan Lantzakis
Seda Aykanian Matevosian
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John & Susan Metzidakis
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Baline Vartanian
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Matt Villamaino
Joe & Sandra Villante
Tom & Ardemis Walen
Arthur & Lucine Zikos
Zo & Connie Setian & Families; Frank & Kathy Setian; Steve & Teri Setian; Regina Setian & Ted Sarantopoulos; Brian & Jill Setian; Andrea Setian Lukens & Kall Lukens
Aram Kaligian & Lenna Garibian

TOTAL $4875



Asadour Santourian 1958 – 2026

ASADOUR A. SANTOURIAN OBITUARY

Asadour Santourian passed away peacefully at home in Talent, Oregon, on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, following a brave and mostly private battle with cancer.

Born April 15, 1958, in Beirut, Lebanon, Asadour Santourian moved to the United States with his family in 1969, settling in Springfield, MA. A polio survivor, he showed musical promise and passion at a young age, which eventually led him to his first forays in orchestral management at the Boston University Tanglewood Institute and soon after the Springfield Symphony Orchestra and Boston Mozarteum Chamber Orchestra.

Santourian shaped the music world during his forty-year career by curating thousands of concerts across classical genres, supporting nearly a hundred commissions and premieres of new works, and offering debuts to artists and mentorship to countless musicians, composers, and colleagues. From 1991 to 2000, he served as the Minnesota Orchestra's director of artistic planning, then as artistic director of the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra and the Gergiev Festival in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, from 2001 to 2003. As vice president for artistic administration for the Aspen Music Festival and School from 2003 to 2022, he influenced a generation of young musicians and elevated the summer festival's artistic standing, garnering international recognition. Santourian most recently served as artistic advisor to the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and as interim executive director of the Rogue Valley Symphony after working briefly as vice president for Tanglewood Music Center and Learning for the Boston Symphony.

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Beyond his professional accomplishments, Santourian was truly the finest of people, who enriched the lives of those around him with his brilliant presence. While private and intellectual, with rooms of well-worn books, scores, and recordings to prove it, he loved nothing more than an excuse to celebrate with others. He had an enormous appetite for travel, art, books, good company, hearing new artists, and seeing new productions. He also loved solitary walks in nature, which he called "his constitutionals." His passion for great singers left no genre unturned. He was as likely to quote a Puccini heroine as Celine Dion-note for note. Asadour was a trusted confidante, a keen observer, a champion of others' accomplishments, a tough debater but willing to stand corrected, generous, deeply spiritual, fiercely loyal, hilariously funny to those who appreciated his humor, and a gentleman and a scholar in the best sense.

Asadour Santourian is preceded in death by his beloved parents, his father Sarkis (d. 2008) and his mother Sara (d. 2015), and survived by his two brothers, Taniel and his wife, Nora, and nephews Shant and Raffi of Wilbraham, Massachusetts, and Hrayr and his wife Armine and nephews Sevan, Haig, and Tahleen of Kingman, Arizona; also godchildren Chiara Haefliger of London, Samuel and Orlando Christian of Los Angeles, and Shant and Raffi, also his nephews.

Memorial services for Asadour Santourian were held on Friday, September 18, at 3:00 PM at St. Gregory Armenian Church, located at 135 Goodwin Street, Indian Orchard, MA. A private burial service followed on Saturday. Gifts in his honor can be made to the Armenian Tree Project and to the Aspen Music Festival Commissioning Fund in honor of Asadour Santourian.

In lieu of Flowers Donations:

Mari Tarpinian	**Varoujan, Nora, Shant & Raffi Santourian**	**Tom & Ardemis Walen**
Susan Tarpinian		
Jacques Nalbandian	**Elizabeth Setian**	**TOTAL $475**

DOROTHY (VARTANIAN) PILIGIAN OBITUARY



Dorothy Piligian 1927 – 2026

Dorothy (Vartanian) Piligian of Needham passed away peacefully on September 16, 2026, at the age of 99 in the home that she loved. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Murad; brother Leo; sister-in-law, Elizabeth; and daughter Diane. Devoted mother of Margaret Fuller (James), Richard Piligian (Kelli), Nancy Barmakian (Edward). Cherished grandmother of Alexandra, Stephanie (Matthew), Stephen (Kelsey) and Sarah.

She was born in Indian Orchard, MA to Seranoosh and Nigohos Vartanian. After high school she worked for the telephone company. The first years of her marriage were spent in Worcester, MA while her husband attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute. After graduation they moved to Arlington, VA for Murad's work where they started their family and built lifelong friendships in the community.

They moved back to Needham, MA in 1956, to be close to family. "Dot" went on to work at General Binding Corporation and Cullinet Software Corporation. She volunteered at schools, even starting Armenian classes at the local elementary school, volunteered for Meals on Wheels and was an active member of a number of Armenian organizations.

"Dot" reigned supreme over her favorite pastimes, from her talent for making hand-knit dishcloths, her skill with 1000-piece jigsaw puzzles, card games, Bingo and her unbeatable luck with scratch tickets, to her endless love for Boston sports, especially her beloved Celtics.

She will be remembered for her warm hospitality, her baking, cooking, and friendships.

A funeral service was held at Saint James Armenian Church, 465 Mount Auburn Street, Watertown on Tuesday, September 22nd, preceded by visiting hours from 10:00-11:00AM. She was interned at Needham Cemetery, Needham, MA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to St Stephen's Armenian Apostolic Church, 38 Elton Avenue, Watertown MA, 02472 or St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church, 135 Goodwin Street, P.O. Box 51064, Indian Orchard, MA 01151.

In lieu of Flowers Donations:

Jean Austin	**Henry & Candice Kojian**	**John & Debra Vartanian**
Harry & Margo Derderian	**Gregory Piligian**	**Tom & Ardemis Walen**
Joe & Donna Indresano	**Stepan & Susan Piligian**	**TOTAL $1125**

KAIRENE K. (HOLASIAN) ARAKEKLIAN OBITUARY



Kairene Arakelian 1933 – 2026

Kairene K. (Holasian) Arakelian, 93, passed away peacefully on September 22, 2026, in the care and comfort of her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Burgas, Bulgaria, on August 25, 1933, Kairene immigrated to the United States in 1976 and made Springfield her home for the past 50 years. She was a faithful and devoted member of St. Gregory Armenian Church in Indian Orchard, where she was actively involved with the Ladies Guild. Her church community and friends held a special place in her heart and were an important part of her life. Kairene was an excellent cook who also enjoyed gardening and knitting. Above all, however, her greatest joy was her family, whom she cherished deeply.

She leaves her sons, Mihran Arakelian (Dee Dee) of Somers, CT and Kevork Arakelian of Everett, WA and her granddaughter Karen Arakelian. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband Garabed Arakelian, her brother Garo Holasian and her sister Annik Holasian.

Visiting hours were held from 10:00-11:00AM on Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at St. Gregory Armenian Church, 135 Goodwin St., Indian Orchard, MA 01151. A Mass was held following at 11:00AM and burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery in Springfield.

In lieu of Flowers Donations: ***to be listed in next issue of the AREV***



REQUIEMS

April 2026 ***(mistakenly omitted from previous AREV)***

For:	**Mother Seta**	
By:	**Ara & Tsolig Chamlian**	**$300**
For:	**Leo Vartanian**	
By:	**Gary & Elaine Westermark**	**$250**

June 2026

For:	**Sima Pariseau & Dylan Pariseau, 2 yrs of passing**	
By:	**Harry & Liz Setian, Peter Setian, Steve & Lisa Setian**	**$100**
	Baline Vartanian	**$ 20**
	Sonia Arakelian	**$ 20**
	Susan Tarpinian	**$100**

July 2026

For:	**Elizabeth Vartanian – 40 days of passing**	
By:	**Naomi Noyes**	**$ 15**
	Vartan & Grace Derounian	**$ 25**
	Sonia Arakelian	**$ 25**
	Michael & Diana Manoogian	**$500**
	Edward & Nancy Barmakian	**$200**
	Dorothy Piligian	**$100**
	Tom & Ardemis Walen	**$ 50**
	Manse Tian	**$200**
	Jim & Margaret Fuller	**$200**
	Anthony & Dawn Soave	**$200**
	Richard & Kelli Piligian	**$200**
	Aram & Rita Fereshetian	**$ 30**
	Julie Manoogian	**$300**
	Susan Lantzakis	**$ 25**
	Violet Gavoor & Suzanne Arzoian	**$100**

August 2026

For:	**Harry Setian – 40 days of passing**	
By:	**Sonia Matulewicz**	**$ 50**
	Barbara Bolek & Kelly Lavon	**$ 50**
	Elizabeth Setian	**$100**
	Chris Bolek	**$ 10**
	Mari Tarpinian	**$100**
	Sonia Arakelian	**$ 25**
	Susan Tarpinian	**$100**
	Arthur, Lucine, Arianna, George Zikos	**$ 50**
	Lucy Tarpinian	**$100**
	Vartan/Grace Derounian	**$ 25**
	Susan Lantzakis	**$ 50**
	Rev. Antranig & Cheryl Baljian	**$ 75**

For:	**Harry Setian – 40 days of passing; Asadour Santourian anniversary of passing**	
By:	**Elizabeth Setian, Peter Setian, Steve & Lisa Setian**	**$100**

For:	**Cousins Hugo Sourmeyan, Sylvia Devletian, Aram Babaeghian, Kevork Babaeghian & Harry Setian – 40 days of passing**	
By:	**Tom & Ardemis Walen**	**$200**

For:	**Esther Sahagian (grandmother) & Bishop Nerses Setian**	
By:	**Elizabeth Setian**	**$ 50**

October 2026

For:	**Levon & Ester Deremian, Grace Barnagian**	
By:	**Naomi Noyes**	**$ 25**
	Braydon, Zachary & Reagan Girouard	**$ 20**

For:	**Takouhi Shemligian**	
By:	**Elizabeth Setian**	**$ 25**

GIFTS

JANUARY 2026 ***(mistakenly omitted from previous AREV)***

For: **Vasken Fereshetian, godfather for water blessing**
By: **Aram & Rita Fereshetian** **$ 100**

MAY 2026

For: **Gift to Church**
By: **Vartan/Grace Derounian** **$ 50**

JULY 2026

For: **Gift to Church**
By: **Ed & Tanya Garibian** **$ 30**

For: **In Lieu of Flowers for Elizabeth Vartanian**

Harry & Liz Setian	**$ 50**
George & Helen Coulombe, Joe & Carrie Coulombe	**$ 25**
Yuri/Galia Akopian	**$100**
Carlene Renaud	**$ 30**
Sonia Matulewicz	**$ 50**
Gary & Pam Piligian	**$100**
Aram & Lisa Vartanian	**$250**
Judy Moran	**$ 50**



IMPORTANT UPDATE

The date of our celebration has been changed.
Please see the new date below.

SAINT GREGORY
ARMENIAN CHURCH

YOU ARE
Invited
to a special day of fellowship and celebration!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Soorp Badarak celebrated by

HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP ANOUSHAVAN TANIELIAN
Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy

along with the dedication of our
RENOVATED ENTRY VESTIBULE



NAME DAY CELEBRATION

Join us as we celebrate the Name Day of our parish, Saint Gregory the Illuminator.

20 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

We joyfully celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Rev. Archpriest Bedros Shetilian's pastoral service at St. Gregory Church.

10:00 AM | SOORP BADARAK
BLESSING & DEDICATION
of our Renovated Entry Vestibule
LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW
in our Church Hall

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PARISHIONER SPOTLIGHT

ELIZABETH SETIAN


Elizabeth Setian

"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."
— Luke 12:48

Not long ago, these words from Luke were read in honor of Harry Setian when he was named one of Saint Gregory's Persons of the Year during our Church's 90th Anniversary celebration. They describe Liz just as well.

For as long as most of us can remember, she has been the heart of our parish.

Look around Saint Gregory on any Sunday and you will find her. Come by during the week, and there is a good chance she will be there too - organizing, cleaning, and making sure our pantry and kitchen are stocked and ready.

There is hardly a job at Saint Gregory that Liz had not done. She has planned and organized countless events, cooked and baked for them, and kept careful, immaculate records for every Fall Festival, Father's Day picnic and gathering in between. Many of us don't realize how much of the church's memory and order lives in her notebooks.

Liz has a remarkable way of making things happen and she cares for each of us - one person at a time.

Her faith has also been tested in ways few of us can imagine. Through it all, Liz has shown us what it means to lean on God, draw strength from your church family, and continue giving even during the most difficult seasons.

Together, Harry and Liz helped build Saint Gregory into the parish we know today. As we begin renovating our vestibule and look toward the next generation, we stand on the foundation they laid.

Liz thank you for your love, your faith, your tireless hands and your open heart. You are a beacon of Saint Gregory, and we are deeply grateful for all you have given and continue to give to our parish.

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Fellowship hour is held every Sunday after the Divine Liturgy *(Badarak)*.

CHURCH CALENDAR

OCTOBER	Sunday	4	*Coffee hour by Retired Ladies' Guild members*
	Sunday	11	*Coffee hour by Armenian Relief Society*
	Sunday	18	*Coffee hour by Board of Trustees*
	Saturday	24	ARMENIAN FOOD FEST
	Sunday	25	*Coffee hour by Men's Club*
NOVEMBER	Sunday	1	*Coffee hour by Retired Ladies' Guild members*
	Sunday	8	*Coffee hour by Armenian Relief Society*
	Sunday	15	*Coffee hour by Board of Trustees*
	Sunday	22	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT; SURPAZAN CELEBRATES BADARAK, FOLLOWED BY CELEBRATION OF NAME DAY & DER BEDROS' 20 YEARS OF SERVICE
	Sunday	29	*Coffee hour by Community Members*
DECEMBER	Sunday	6	*Coffee hour by Retired Ladies' Guild members*
	Sunday	13	*Coffee hour by Armenian Relief Society*
	Sunday	20	*Coffee hour by Board of Trustees*
	Sunday	27	*Coffee hour by Men's Club*
JANUARY	Sunday	3	*Coffee hour by Retired Ladies' Guild members*
	Tuesday	5	ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS EVE
	Wednesday	6	ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY

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