



HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

Union City, New Jersey



90th
Anniversary
1902 - 1992

THE ARMENIAN CHURCH

The Armenian Church is the birthplace of my
soul,
Like a vast grotto it is simple and profound,
dark and light---
With its hospitable court, ample tribune, and
hushed altar
Standing in the distance, as though it were a
ship afloat.

The Armenian Church I see with my eyes
closed,
I breathe and hear it through the clouds of
incense.
Which rise towards the feet of the infant
Jesus,
And through the fervent prayers vibrating its
walls...

The Armenian Church is the mighty fortress of
my forefathers' faith,
Raised by them from the earth stone by stone,
And brought down by them from heaven, one
dewdrop and one cloud at a time,
And in which they enfolded themselves
peacefully and humbly...

The Armenian Church is a great embroidered
tapestry,

Behind which the Lord descends into the
chalice, and

Before which all my people stand with bowed
heads,
To commune with the past through the life-
giving bread and wine...

The Armenian Church is a peaceful haven
across the turbulent seas,
It is fire and light in the cold of the
night;
It is a shady forest in the scorching midday
sun
Where lilies bloom by the River of Hymns...

The Armenian Church beneath every stone in
its floor
Holds a secret passage leading up to
Heaven...

The Armenian Church is the shining armor of
the Armenians' soul and body,
In it her crosses are as a dagger;
Her bell rings forth and her song is always
Victory...

-VAHAN TEKEYAN
(Written 1924)

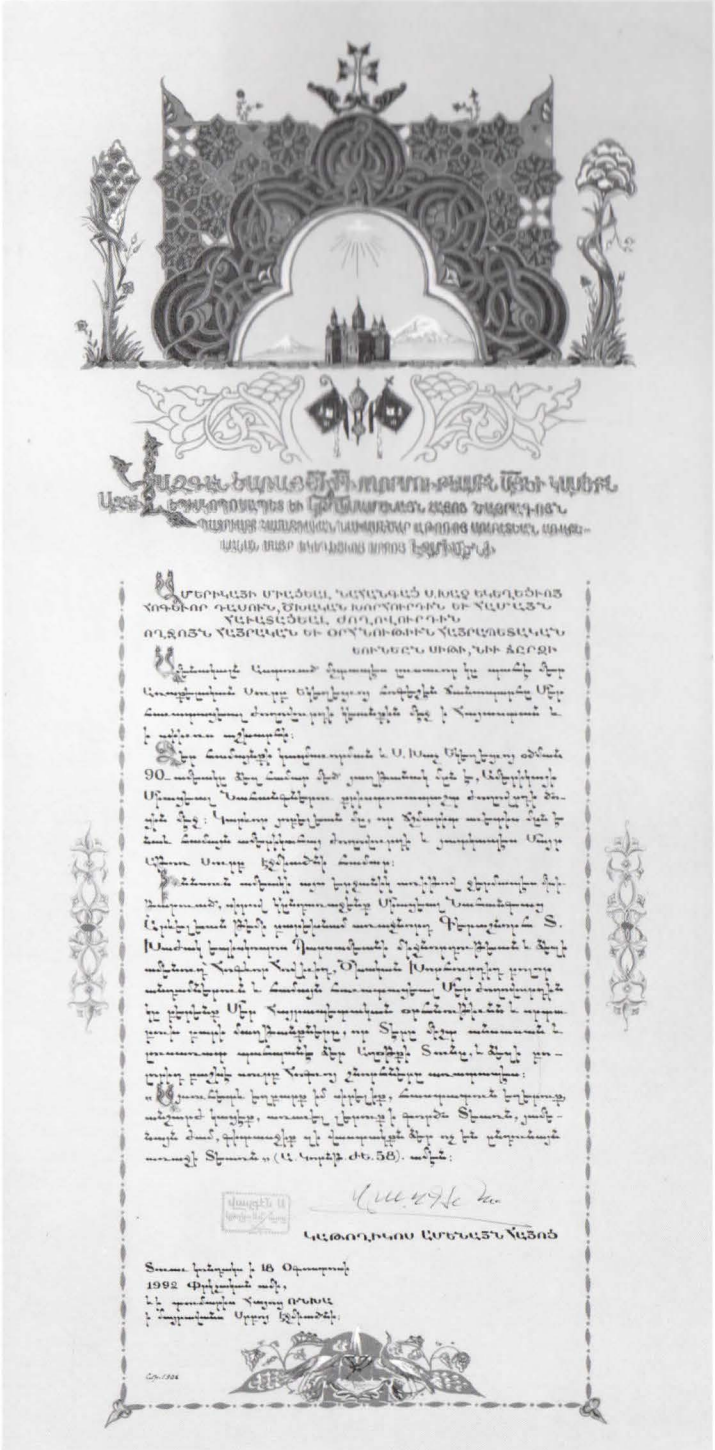
(Translated by Srpouhi A. Essefian)

In honor of the 90th Anniversary of Holy Cross Armenian Church of Union City and
in recognition of our retired pastor Rev. Fr. Arnak Kasparian, best wishes from
Friends of St. Thomas Armenian Church



THE CATHEDRAL OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN
Erected 301 A.D.

COMPLIMENTS OF
LOUISE MANOOGIAN SIMONE



VAZKEN SERVANT OF CHRIST AND BY THE MERCY OF GOD AND WILL OF THE NATION PRIMATE AND CATHOLICOS OF ALL ARMENIANS AND SUPREME PATRIARCH OF THE PREEMINENT NATIONAL APOSTOLIC MOTHER SEE OF ARARAT AT HOLY ETCHMIADZIN.

PATERNAL GREETINGS AND PONTIFICAL BLESSINGS TO THE CLERGY, THE ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES, AND ALL OF OUR FAITHFUL IN THE HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH OF UNION CITY.

We are elated that by the grace of Almighty God, the Armenian Church of the Holy Cross Church in Union City, New Jersey, is celebrating its 90th Anniversary. How could we help but rejoice with you, when on the far off shores of Armenia, the third Armenian Church in America, for many years has stood as a triumph to God for our people. For 90 years your place of worship has been and continues to remain the Guardian Angel, consolation of our mothers and fathers and indeed for all, spreading the grace, love and peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

On this happy occasion with an overflowing heart, and at the request of your Diocesan Primate, Bishop Khajag Barsamian, I send you my pontifical blessings, from the bastion of our Armenian Faith, Holy Etchmiadzin, my heartfelt wishes that the God Almighty keep your place of worship unshaken and firm, in peace, in the spirit of unity, free from troubles and tribulations, and grant success to all your God pleasing undertakings.

Hold high your Christian faith, the Armenian language and spirit in your adopted land. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." (I Corinthians 15:58) Amen.

Vasken I
Catholicos of All Armenians

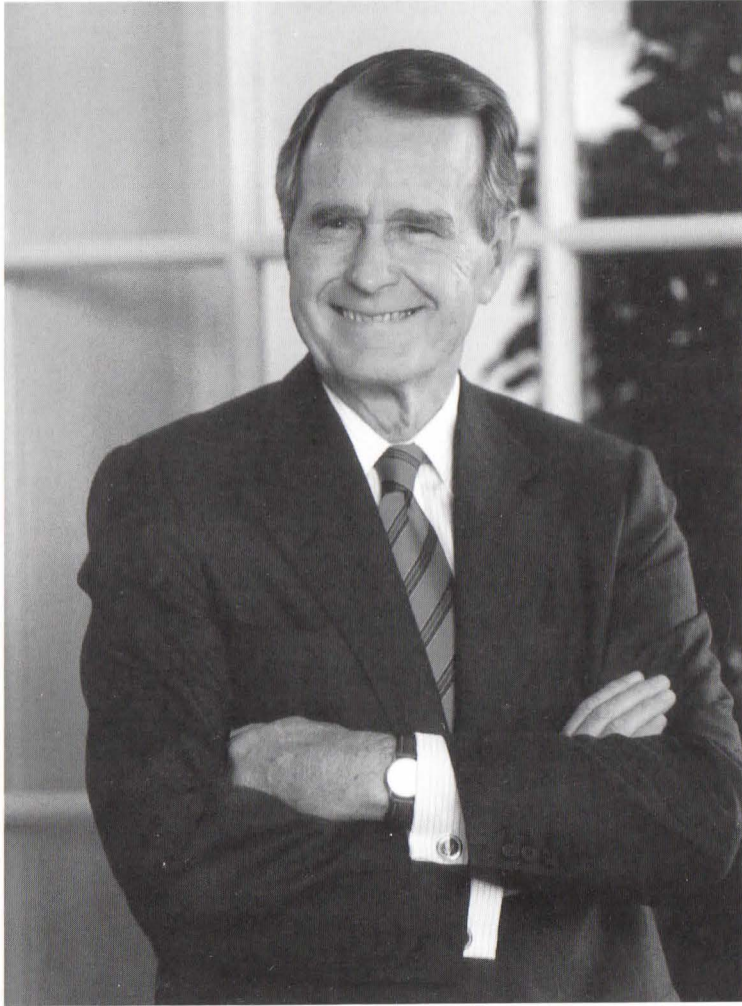
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of our Lord August 18, 1992.

In Loving Memory of LUDWIG J. SHAHBAZIAN
By Josephine Shahbazian,
Betty and Bob Shabazian and Family



HIS HOLINESS, VASKEN I
130th Catholicos of all Armenians

SARKIS and SIRAN GABRELLIAN



GEORGE BUSH
41st
President
of the
United States of America

In Memory of OUR PARENTS
By Harold and Emily Azmelian

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

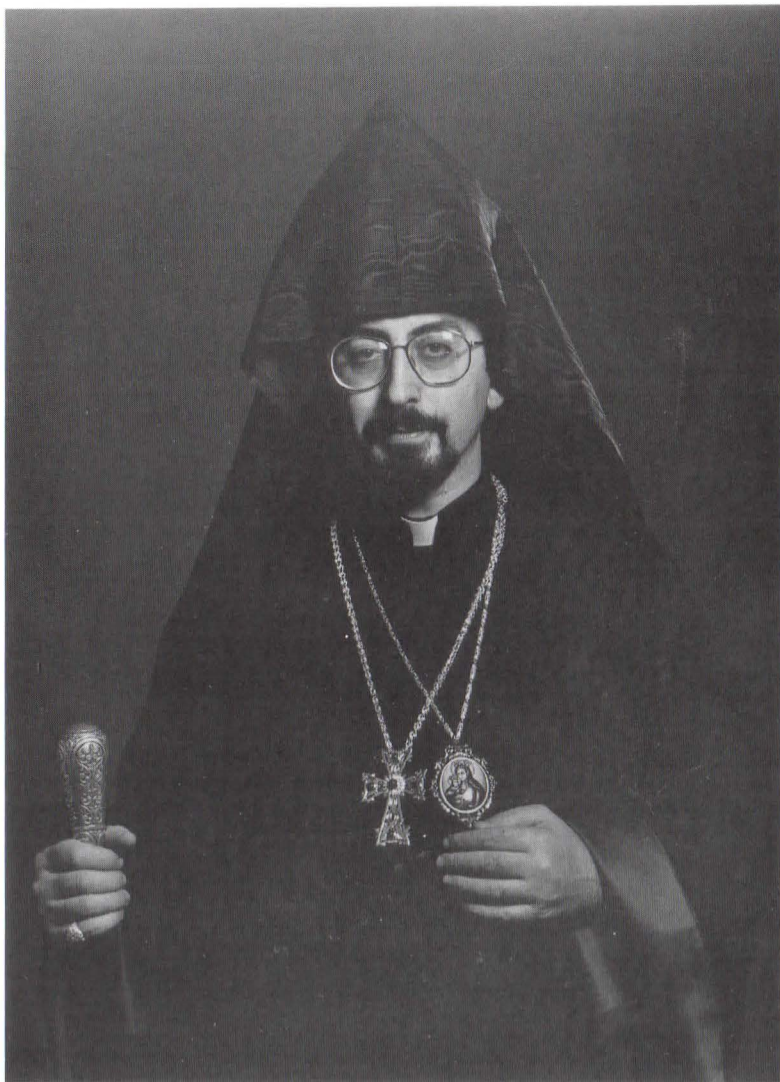
September 17, 1992

Barbara and I are delighted to send greetings to all those who are celebrating the 90th anniversary of Holy Cross Armenian Church of Union City. Congratulations on this milestone.

We can all rejoice in what your house of worship has meant to its members. A place of prayer, fellowship, reflection, and renewal, it has also been the focal point for many acts of generosity and service to others. Indeed, because the faith and values nurtured within its walls are the foundation of strong families and communities, your church has been a source of strength for our entire country.

You have our best wishes for a joyous celebration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "George Bush".



HIS EMINENCE BISHOP KHAJAG BARSAMIAN
Primate, Armenian Church of North American - Eastern Diocese



DIocese OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA
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BISHOP KHAJAG BARSAMIAN, PRIMATE

PRIMATE'S MESSAGE

The Holy Cross Church community of Union City, one of the oldest parishes in our Diocese, has every reason to rejoice in the 90th anniversary celebration of its establishment. Ninety years is certainly a formidable age in human and institutional terms. This celebration is also a joyful event for our entire Diocese and the Armenian Church, because we are all members of the One Holy Church of Jesus Christ, and therefore the joy of one part is the joy of all.

The seeds of Armenian Christianity sown at the beginning of this century by Armenian immigrants, mostly from Dikranagerd and other provinces of Armenia, grew well on the soil along the west bank of the great Hudson River. Holy Cross became the spiritual and national center of the Armenians of New Jersey and from its solid roots sprouted several new branches, which ultimately turned into four active parishes. This is indeed a great blessing, as thousands of Armenians in the State of New Jersey now have the opportunity to receive the sacraments and the word of God every Sunday and to share in the unique life of Armenian Christian community.

Over the years, the Holy Cross parish brought forth four successive generations of Armenians in this area to worship and work together. As your parishioners witnessed the good and bad events of the twentieth century - two World Wars, massacres, a genocide, socio-political turmoils, they did not falter in the grip of despair because they were united in Christ. Armed with the same faith, today you can take pride in the good that has happened to our people - the independence of Armenia and the revival of faith in our homeland.

Throughout its long history, your parish has been very sensitive to various trends and needs in our Diocese, in Armenia and in the diaspora, and you as well as the preceding generations deserve our respect and gratitude for holding high the torch of Armenian Christianity. For there has been a great deal of dedication and sacrifice among the past and present parishioners to keep the doors of the Holy Cross Church open and participate in various movements and activities to help our brothers and sisters in Armenia. Also because of your proximity to New York City, many of your parishioners have rendered valuable service to the Diocese by serving on various Diocesan committees and assisting the successive Primates since the late 1020s.

Now as you are about to enter the tenth decade of your parish life, you have an important obligation. You must work toward educating the fifth generation that will succeed you as the torch-bearers of our Church. Your goal must be to prepare the youth to step into your positions as parish council members, as delegates, members of various church organizations and especially as worshippers. Be good examples to them, let them work with you and witness your dedication, generosity, fellowship, faith and Christian charity. I pray to God that you prosper in your faith and celebrate your 100th anniversary with an even larger number of parishioners. May God bless you all and guide you in your parish, community and private life.

With prayers,

Bp. K. Barsamian
Bishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate

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OUR FORMER PASTOR

HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP VATCHE HOVSEPIAN
Primate, Armenian Church of North America - Western Diocese



- Հայաստանի Եկեղեցի Հայրապետի Առաքիլայի
(Արևմտյան Դեպարտմենտ)

Western Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America

Bishop Vatche Hovsepian, Primate

'HOME SWEET HOME'

As I recollect, . . . May 25, 1956, stands out vividly in my mind, for that is the day I left Scotland and landed at the New York International Airport; I was greeted by the late Lud Shapazian, Chairman of the Parish Council. We proceeded to the Diocese, and met the late Archbishop Mampré Kalfayan. We soon arrived at 318 27th Street, Union City, a place which soon became my personal home, as well as a home for my family and many students, for the next eleven years.

My most memorable, unforgettable and gratifying years have been my priestly ministry at the Holy Cross Armenian Church in Union City, New Jersey. Although destiny has moved me from several locations to carry on God's pleasing mission in the Armenian Church and has made it possible for me to meet Kings, Presidents, Patriarchs and all kinds of internationally well-known personalities; however, none of the above can replace the warmth, tenderness, maximum cooperation and support I have received from my parishioners at this Parish. No matter where I may go or whatever position I hold in life, Holy Cross Armenian Church in Union City will always remain as my sweet home.

As I celebrate the Divine Liturgy, many nostalgic memories filled with gentle and exceptionally-dedicated individuals, alike a panoramic view, traverse in my heart. I am most grateful for the opportunity to celebrate the Divine Liturgy on this joyous occasion and reminisce many delightful memories.

On this day of spiritual joy, my greetings to your dedicated Primate, His Grace Bishop Khajag Barsamian; I am confident that you will continue to give him your utmost support for his most difficult ministry. My heartfelt blessings to the entire congregation. May the Holy Cross Armenian Church in Union City further continue to instill in us love for one another, faith and commitment to our heritage and obedience to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

With Prayers and Blessings,

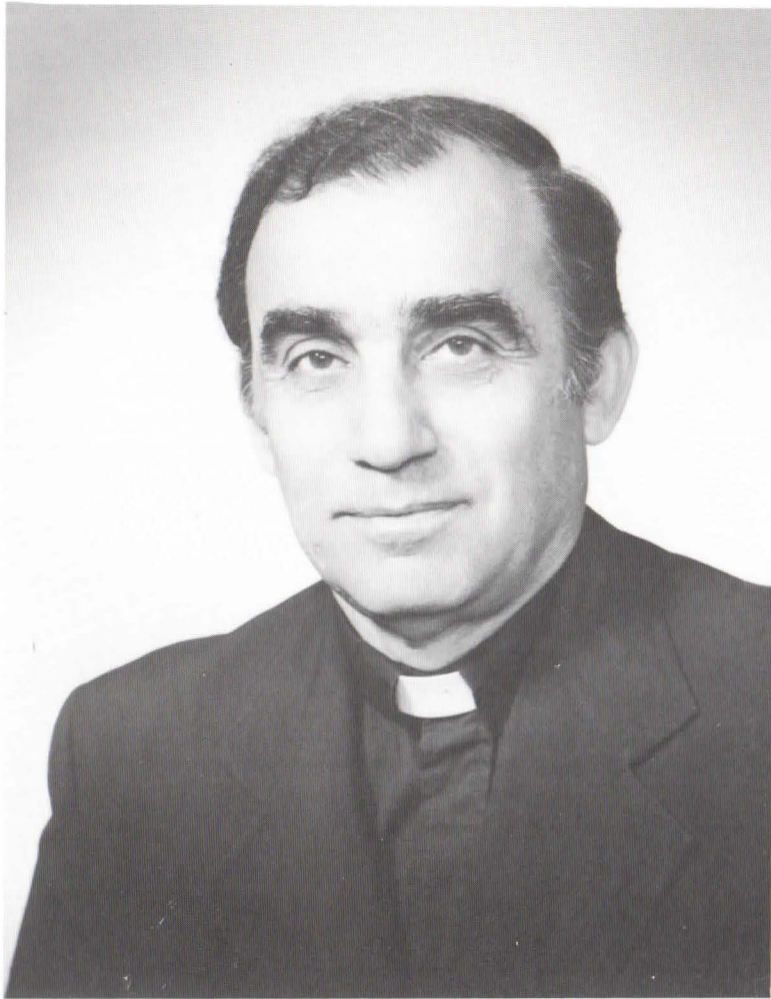
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In Memory of
ARSHALOUS and MARDIROS DADAIAN
LUCY and ARA ANLIAN
SIRAGAN CHAMBERJIAN



REV. FR. CARNIG AVAK KAHANA HALLAJIAN
Former Pastor, Holy Cross Armenian Church



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Հոկտեմբեր, 1992

Շատ սիրելի Հաւատացեալ ժողովուրդ,

Այս տարի, Եունիոն Սիթիի Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցին բախտաւորութիւնը ունի տօնակատարելու ծուխի կազմութեան 90 ամեակը: Ամեակ մը որ առիթ կուտայ բոլորիս զգալու հպարտ եւ գոհունակ:

Ամերիկայի ամենահին համայնքներէն մին եղող այս եկեղեցւոյ կամարներուն ներքեւ, 90 տարիներ շարունակ, զաւառի գաղթական հայէն մինչեւ ամերիկահայը ստացաւ իր կրօնական եւ ազգային սնունդը:

Արդարեւ, պատմական այս ծուխին մէջ որ իրաւամբ կոչուած է նիւ ծրրգիի Մայր Եկեղեցին, շնորհիւ շարք մը նուիրեալ Հովիւներուն, անթիւ աշխարհական առաջնորդներուն եւ ընդհանուր զոհաբերող ժողովուրդի ջանքերուն եւ ճիգերուն, զիտակից հայ բրիտանիայ սերունդներ պատրաստուած են որոնք ծառայեցին ու տակաւին կը ծառայեն Ամերիկայի մեր զանազան համայնքներէն ներս:

Անկասկած, 90 տարիներու այս արդար վաստակը բոլորիս համար ալ ուրախութեան եւ հպարտութեան առիթ մը ըլլալէ անդին է նաեւ առիթ մը վերանորոգելու մեր ծառայութեան ուխտը, որպէս զի մեր բոլորին սիրելի Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցին կարողանայ շարունակել իր ծառայութիւնը մեր սիրելի ժողովուրդին:

Որպէս ձեր նախկին հովիւր եւ այժմու այցելու հովիւր, իմ եւ երկրորդ այցելու հովիւ Տ. Առնակ Ա. Քհնյ. Գասպարեանի կողմէ կը շնորհաւորեմ ձեր բոլորը այս 90 ամեակի շքեղ տօնակատարութեան առիթով եւ կը մղթեմ բոլորիդ արեւշատութիւն եւ ձեր աստուածահաճոյ զործերուն տեւական յաջողութիւն:

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Գասպարեանի կողմէ
Գառնիկ Քհնյ. Հալլամեան

In Memory of
YERETZGIN ROSE HALLAJIAN



NUBAR DORIAN

Chairman, Parish Council

MESSAGE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

While I humbly share with others before me the honor of serving as Chairman of Parish Council of our beloved Holy Cross Church, it becomes a singular privilege as well to act in this capacity during the 90th anniversary of her founding.

With untold hardship and exemplary devotion, our parents built this Church in a little known corner of America as testimonial to their lofty aspirations and dreams. They worshipped their God in their own language, with their own bible, candle and cross and carried on their proud and noble heritage.

During her venerable history, the prize Holy Cross Church coveted was to keep us inseparable with the embrace of our Christian faith and Etzchmiadzin; the goal she aspired was to keep aflame the hope and vision of Armenian nationhood and the strengthening of our commitment toward all our values. It is not surprising therefore that, nine decades later, the children and grandchildren of the builders of this Church have kept the faith and generations of Armenians yet to come will not fail Holy Cross in her mission.

NUBAR M. DORIAN

In Memory of SIRARPY DORIAN
By her husband Nubar and children
Howard, Dinah and Robert

THE HISTORIC 90 YEARS OF HOLY CROSS CHURCH

It is the turn of the century.

the 1800's move off the calendar on the wall.

the 1900's begin.

It is a milestone for the United States which is busy transforming itself from an agricultural to an industrial economy.

It is also a milestone in the tragic saga of an ancient people - the Armenians - who for millennia having defended and died for their homeland, for their Christian faith and for sheer survival, seem almost certain that a greater tragedy will visit them. Some among them are sadly ready to leave home, farm, church and seek safety somewhere else. They are mostly the poorer elements, defenseless orphans, widows, the elderly and the hopeless. They go to Bulgaria, to Roumania, to the Middle East and then turn Westward to the Land of New Hope...America.

They are not the only ones who have headed West. For some sixty years, immigrants have by the boatload poured daily into cities along the American seaboard. They have come from Ireland, from Germany, from Italy and from many other countries in Europe and Asia --- and they have come in far greater numbers than the Armenians.

Ellis Island, the major port of entry, is in a continual tumult --- a tumult caused by the excited hubbub of so many tongues whose owners have just had their first glimpse of the Statue of Liberty.

Scores of Armenian immigrants are in the daily bedlam of Ellis Island. Some of the newcomers from the Armenian Homeland will head for New England, for the city of Worcester, MA,



HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP HOVSEP SARAJIAN
Founder and First Pastor of the Holy Cross Armenian Church

In Memory of my Dear Husband
DERAN
By Ann Chopoorian

where the first Armenian colony was established some fifteen or twenty years before. Some will journey for days cross country by train for a place in California called Fresno where the more adventurous Armenians had gone. A certain number, however, will travel only a short distance --- maybe by ferryboat and trolley car --- to the melting pot in New Jersey's Hudson County --- to a town known then as West Hoboken, now Union City, New Jersey.

Most of the newcomers to West Hoboken will settle in a section of the town known as "the Dardanelles". The name derived from the polyglot makeup of the teeming five-to-six block square area in which, living almost on top of one another, are Armenians, Germans, Greeks, Irish, Italians, Jews, Swiss, Syrians --- and even a few other ethnic groups. This almost unbelievable human melange is clustered about such streets as Shippen Street, Dodd Street, Angelique Street, West Street, Jane Street and Highpoint, Central and Summit Avenues.

Each Dardanelle group has its own culture. But all have two problems in common --- adjusting to the English language and to a new way of life. But they manage. They get along together, And they grow together. Most of this adaptation and assimilation takes place under the presidential administrations of William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson.

The West Hoboken Armenians hail almost entirely from the proud ancient city of Dikranagerd, the City built by Dikranes the Great, that indomitable, ferocious, mighty king who enlarged the Armenian borders, declared the city he built the capital of Armenia and ruled over a vast land. These descendants of King Dikran were a proud people, proud of their language - a mixture of Armenian, Persian, Arabic and Turkish - and especially proud of their Christian heritage and tradition. But like all other ethnic groups their newcomers began assimilating and soon became accustomed to the new ways, new customs of the new America which would be their

new home, as their return to the homeland, Armenia, become less and less a reality.

But they do not forget their roots.

Those roots go all the way back to the year 301 A.D. when historic Armenia becomes the first nation in the world to adopt Christianity as its national religion. Down through the centuries that are to follow, they are to fight and die for that religion. Very late in the 19th century --- in 1895 --- the first tremor of the ghastly Genocide that is to horrify the world in 1915 --- befalls the Armenians of Dikranagerd. A bloody three-day carnage leaves the streets strewn with bodies --- and it is then that the Armenians of the once-proud capital decide that their homeland is no more for them.

It is not easy getting to the New World. there isn't an Armenian family around today who has not heard stories of years of temporary haven and privation in the Middle East, in Egypt's Cairo and Alexandria or maybe France's Marseille and Le Havre. But eventually, the Armenians get to the New World. And once they set foot on new soil and settle permanently, it is not surprising they talk of building a church.

So it is in West Hoboken. There are many informal discussions, but on September 15, 1899 a group of prominent Armenians meet to declare themselves "Gregorian Armenians entitled to protection of the free use of their religion by Constitution and law..." and petition the State of New Jersey to grant them permission to "electing trustees with a view of becoming incorporated according to Law."

On the first day of July 1901, the State grants their request and thus a Board of Trustees is born.

As the leadership was certain that the State would grant them Incorporation and authority to elect a Board of Trustees, it called a meeting on April 21, 1901 for the election of Trustees. The minutes of the meeting - supervised and presided over by the Very Rev. Vahram Nazaretian - indicate the names of elected trustees and number of votes each one received. Even then much attention was given to democratic rule and preservation of records for posterity.

IN HONOR OF DR. JOHN APOVIAN

By a Friend

Around 1903 the "Hokepartzoo's" purchase a plot on which to build the church. A year later they decide the plot is not large enough. They negotiate, swap the original site for a bigger one across the street and on Sunday, September 16, 1906, they consecrate the ground.

Sixteen pillar and cornerstones, each stone carrying the name of a saint, were blessed and consecrated before being placed in a vault that is buried in the ground directly under the altar of Holy Cross Church. Each stone had a different sponsor and among the sponsors was Mrs. Helen Holthausen, a Christian-minded lady who although not a communicant of the church nevertheless contributed a substantial sum of money toward the building fund and sponsored a cornerstone in memory of her late husband, Arend, who had years before founded a department store in nearby Union Hill.

A photograph of that ground consecration still survives. The men wore derbies and many had flowing handlebar mustachios; the women wore big picture hats with plumes.

Things move rapidly. A little over four months later, on Sunday, January 27, 1907, Holy Cross Church opens its doors.

The Holy Cross Armenian Church was the third to be established in the New World. The first, Church of our Saviour, was built in Worcester in 1891, and the second, the Holy Trinity Church of Fresno in California in 1903. Unfortunately, the Worcester church was sold some years back to an Abyssinian congregation and the Fresno church was burned down making the Holy Cross Armenian Church of Union City, New Jersey, the oldest standing church in the United States and the New World, designed and built as an Armenian Church, and her doors open for worship through the nine decades of her founding.

Bishop Hovsep Sarajian celebrates the first Badarak in Holy Cross Church. He has served previously as a Vartabed at occasional services held in nearby Episcopal Churches (notably

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In Memory of my Dear Husband
 SOUREN SRABIAN
 By Ardem Srabian

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St. John's Episcopal Church on the same Clinton Avenue - now New York Avenue) before Holy Cross Church is erected.

An indefatigable worker, the Bishop is also a highly capable fund raiser in those early years. He obtains substantial contributions from three wealthy New York families - the Tavshanjians, the Gulbenkians and the Kareoghosians.

The community does its share, too. Every affair seems to have had as its primary purpose the raising of money for the erection of the church. There is a record of a young men's athletic group --- known as Gajar A.C. -- presenting a play as far back as Sunday, March 22, 1902, for such a purpose. The name of the play was "Vreshkhntir Dikran" -- Vengeful Dikran.

Many wrinkles are ironed out before the building of the church begins. The Ladies Educational Society, organized even before the consecration of the church ground, is prevailed upon to wait for the building of a school for which it has ben pressing constantly. And then there are problems with the Armenian political clubs which were active in the early 1900's.

But Bishop Sarajian succeeds in solving the problems. The church is completed at a cost of \$11,000. A mortgage of \$4,000 is the tideover.

A story of that first service is carried on the first page of THE DISPATCH, then an afternoon newspaper. Not only does the story describe the Badarak in complete detail --- but it concludes one paragraph with "the service began at nine o'clock and was not concluded until 2:30 in the afternoon!"

It is a source of constant surprise to many that the Ladies Educational Society preceded the establishment of the Holy Cross Church. Way back, on September 6, 1905, some of the newly arrived Armenian women aimed towards the

perpetuation of the Armenian language and culture, and established the "Hye Dignantz Gurtasiratz Miutyun" -- the Armenian Women's Cultural Society.

Their dream for a school building is finally realized in 1913, when the building which is now known as the Annex, is completed. On April 13, 1913, the school is formally opened. Classes are held daily from 4 to 6 p.m. --- after public school. Three years later, in July of 1916, Mrs. Aroosiag Jerrahian, the then teacher, awards diplomas to the school's first graduating class. The seven graduates are Azniv Ansoorian, Rose Aslanian, Noyemzar Minassian, Josephine Keshishian, Marion Shatafian, Dicran Goulian and Lud Shahbazian. The graduation exercise is held at Oak Street's Swiss Turn Hall --- site of the important Armenian functions of the time.

Down through the years, Soorp Mesrobian Hye Varjaran's many dedicated teachers have taught the "aip-pen-keem" to many, many students. One of the school's highlight years in 1932 when another beloved teacher, Mrs. Siranoosh Katchouny at the graduation exercises honors no less than 16 students. the diplomas are handed to the graduates by none other than the Diocesan Primate of the time, His Eminence Levon Archbishop Tourian who the following year will become a martyr to his church.

Mampre Vartabed Calfayan is pastor at the time. Because of the gradual social mobility of the population, Armenian schools are established in West New York (the Tourian School), in North Bergen and even in Jersey City. Economic conditions, however, force the closing of the perimeter schools by the time of Mrs. Zabelle Sahagian's tenure as teacher. They are combined under one fold again. To accommodate the outer students, parish trustees such as Mike Megerdichian, Harry Sabonjian and Mike Nakashian rotate at picking up students for the Saturday morning classes (every day classes have long disappeared).

In due time, a regular bus service is arranged --- and it still holds forth Saturday mornings. But buses --- and teachers --- and text books --- all cost money and the Ladies Educational's longtime chairperson, Mrs. Alice Najarian, has a constant financial problem on her hands. Thanks to energetic advisor, Victoria Tukmanian, and her committee, the Ladies Educational Society manage to provide Armenian education and culture to the Armenian youth.

The community's joy over the Armenian School's first graduation in the summer of 1916 is severely shaken, however, when the news begins coming in of the appalling 1915 massacres of the Armenians by the Turks --- a holocaust that starts on the night of April 24 --- a tragically unforgettable date in Armenian history.

News travels slowly in those days. There is no radio --- no television. Only by long-delayed mail sent months later by survivors who have escaped and found refuge elsewhere in the Middle East do the Armenians of West Hoboken learn of the tragic fate of their kinfolk in the homeland, of the merciless, stone-hearted carnages --- of the death marches in the burning desert --- of the savage butchery that will take a million and half lives --- of the horrible blood-letting which will go down in history as the First Genocide of the 20th Century.

Overwhelmed with grief, an anguished parish immediately takes steps to save survivors from wherever they have found haven. A huge benefit for funds is held in West Hoboken's newly-built Emerson High School at which the three most noted Armenian singers of the time --- Shah Muradian, Armand Tokatyan and Mrs. Zabelle Aram are on the program which concludes with a massive "hankanagootyoon." (fundraising).

It is a most grievous period and the entrance of the United States into World War One in April 1917, makes conditions more grave. Scores of young men from the parish go into Uncle Sam's service. They are even preceded to the front by

In Memory of OUR PARENTS
By Anita and Andy Avedesian

To the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas

Of the County of Hudson:

WE, THOMAS CHARSHAFJIAN, ALBERT GULLIAN, MATHIOS A. JENEZIAN, STEPHEN TERHIANIAN, MEGURDICH SHATIRIAN, and HAGOP H. BOYJIAN, all of the *Town of West Hoboken* ^{excepting Albert Gullian who is in Jersey City} in the County of Hudson, and State of New Jersey, do certify that, on the *Fifteenth* day of *September* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-~~eight~~ ^{nine}, the congregation of the "Armenian Church of New Jersey," a congregation of Christians of the denomination known as *Gregorian Armenians* entitled to protection in the free use of their religion by the Constitution and laws of this state assembled at their house in *505 West Hoboken* street in the *Town* of *West Hoboken* ^{Spring St} which is their usual place of meeting for public worship, for the purpose of electing trustees for the said congregation, with a view to becoming incorporated according to law; and at least ten day's notice of the time and purpose of such assembling had previously been given by advertisement set upon open view at said place of meeting, the said time of assembling having been agreed upon by said congregation; and the said congregation when so assembled did then and there by plurality of voices of such of the members of the said congregation who regularly contribute to the support thereof male and female over twenty-one years of age, as were present elect us the said Thomas Charshafjian, Albert Gullian, Mathios A. Jenezian, Stephen Terhianian, Megurdich Shatirian, and Hagop H. Boyjian to be trustees of said congregation and did instruct us to take upon ourselves a name of incorporation, and to certify the same under our hands and seals and transmit the same to the Clerk of the Court of

Common Pleas of the County of Hudson, for record, to the end that we, the said trustees, might become incorporated pursuant to the provisions of an "Act to incorporate trustees of religious societies", and the supplements and amendments thereof.

AND we further certify that, pursuant to the said instructions and provisions of the said Act, we have taken upon ourselves the name of "The Board of Trustees of the Armenian Church of New Jersey", for a name of incorporation under said Act.

Given under our hands and seals at *Jersey City N.J.* the *Fifteenth* day of *September* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of
Thomas Charshafjian
Albert Gullian
Mathios Jenezian
Stephen Terhianian
Megurdich Shatirian
Hagop H. Boyjian

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
COUNTY OF HUDSON) ss

In Memory of Husband and Father
JACK CHULENGARIAN and TERZIAN FAMILY
By Virginia Chulengarian and Family

some who have volunteered earlier to fight in the Caucasus under General Antranig's Armenian Legion organized in France.

It is only after World War One ends that some of the dazed survivors of the 1915 holocaust are located and brought to the United States, not a few of them to West Hoboken. The late beloved Very Rev. Vahram Nazaretian, pastor at the time, is of great help to the new arrivals.

It is during Father Vahram's first tenure that the Sunday School is established. Though there have been sporadic classes in the past, parish council chairman, Dicran Simsarian, noting that many parishioners' children are attending Sunday School at nearby churches, proposes on November 2, 1921, that a regular Holy Cross Sunday School be launched. The proposal is accepted immediately and his bride of only a few months, Satenig, is the first regular teacher.

The growing community's Armenian School enrollment also increases with the arrival of Mrs. Siranoosh Katchouny as teacher. Enrollment reaches as high as 150 and other teachers such as Mrs. Rosa Varzhabedian and Mrs. Siranoush Bledjian are fondly remembered. But it should be mentioned that the community hasn't started to move northward and westward as yet.

Harry K. Norian and Peter M. Fanarjian, long active parishioners and trustees, enthusiastically prepare the unified community for the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the church. Attendance at both the Armenian School and the Sunday School keep going up. Shamiran Shapshapian (now Kassabian) is in charge of the good-sized Armenian-English library in the Annex and is kept busy indeed after Badarak ends each Sunday. Mampre Vartabed Calfayan, sensing the needs of the outer population, establishes St. Leon's Church in Paterson (which will move decades later to Fair Lawn). The first requests come in at this time for a church in the Newark area.

In the midst of all this ascending movement, the untimely death of Archbishop Levon Tourian, Primate of the North American Diocese, affects the Holy Cross Armenian Church immediately. Mampre Vartabed is called to Diocesan headquarters in New York City and is named Locum Tenens. Courageously he carries on Archbishop Tourian's work. Very Rev. Nazaretian is called back as pastor of Holy Cross.

In the midst of these trying times and amid the Great Depression which all but drowns the United States in utter desolation --- the Ladies Aid of Holy Cross is born.

Half a century later it will be renamed Women's Guild of Holy Cross. But it is born Ladies Aid. Three women parishioners -- Mrs. Makrouhie Kazazian, Mrs. Ovsanna Kassabian and Mrs. Hyganoosh Attashian hold an informal conference on October 11, 1934 and send out notices for an organizational meeting. Mrs. Attashian is elected president.

Soon thereafter the group begins pressing the parish council to build a church center where affairs may be held with ease. By 1938, a drive for funds begin.

But in the early 1940's, World War II breaks out, a conflagration that will embroil the entire globe. All civilian projects come to a halt.

Not until the war is over years later --- and more than 600 parishioners turn out to welcome back home some 300 veterans at nearby Schuetzen Park's pavilion --- does the clamor for a center resume.

It is around this time that Khoren Shahbazian is elected parish council chairman. After listening to the interminable discussions and recommendations as to where-to-build and what-to-build, he personally purchases in the early summer of 1952, a building at 27th Street and Bergenline Avenue (the old City Theater), just one block from the church, and donates it to

In Memory of our Parents
HARRY and ASDGHIG KARAGOSIAN
By Arax, Satenig, Armen



Archbishop Sion Manoogian consecrating our new Altar on Palm Sunday, March 22, 1964, assisted by Pastor, Very Rev. Vatche Hovsepian and Deacon Krikor Bendian.

Holy Cross for a center.

To the great sorrow of the community, Mr. Shahbazian dies of a heart attack while on vacation in Fresno, California, on September 8, 1952. Vice Chairman, Edward Turnamian, and the parish building committee consisting of Haig Simsarian, Krikor Chakmaklian, Haig Sheklian and Deran Chopoorian, have the center ready by December for dedication by the then Diocesan Primate, Mampre Archbishop Calfayan. Two years later, the center houses the annual Diocesan Convention, the first time in which the Holy Cross parish is host since 1910.

Its dream at last realized, the Ladies Aid is to make full use of the Center. Ladies Aid will soon be called "the good right arm of the parish council". In turn the Ladies Aid calls the Center "the good right arm of the Ladies Aid" --- especially the Center's kitchen whence derives most of the monies from the organizations's affairs. "There is nothing like Armenian cooking," one old timer says. The Ladies Aid helps regularly with contributions to the parish treasury for renovations and refurbishing, etc. In 1955, Khoren Shahbazian's wife, Mary, a Ladies Aid member and a very close friend of the Ladies Aid's chairlady, Azniv Hakimian, dies. In her will she leaves a bequest for \$5,000 "for any sums that may be due on the Center account." Another faithful parishioner, Araxy Mason, follows suit many years later and donates \$5,000. Recognizing the historical value of Holy Cross, not only for the present, but for the future as well, many similar donations are made in smaller, but steady amounts.

Post war years are always marked by surges in religious activity. There is great movement in the Diocese. Karekin Surpazan Hovsepian, primate from 1939 to 1944, has started a movement for the erection of an Armenian Cathedral in New York City. Tiran Archbishop Nersoyan who succeeds him, furthers the movement by launching a brick campaign in which Holy Cross takes a solid part.

There is great movement among the Diocesan Clergy also. Father Mesrob Semerjian succeeds Father Nazaretian as Holy Cross pastor. Khoren Kahana Mamigonian follows Father Semerjian. There comes periods when Father Semerjian returns but in early 1952, Father Hmayak Intoyan is named pastor. In between the shifting of pastors, Father Zgon Der Hagopian serves Holy Cross.

Father Intoyan spurs new life into all the church organizations, particularly the Armenian Church Youth Organization. Then one day comes the news that Father Hmayak has been assigned by Etchmiadzin to Persia. Again Father Zgon Der Hagopian is called upon to resume his former duties.

In Memory of ARAM and ZEVART FOUROUNJIAN
and their sons PAUL and ANDREW FOUROUNJIAN

On May 25, 1956, the parish council chairman, Lud Shahbazian, and the congregation's elder of the church, Haig Simsarian, greet the new pastor at Idlewild Airport. He is a slender young seminarian who has studied at Antelias, Manchester and Edinburgh.

He is Vatche Apegha Hovsepien.

For the next dozen years, father Vatche is to have a tremendous impact on Holy Cross. It is his first pastorate --- but his tenure will be referred to in time as Holy Cross' "Golden Years" --- outrivaling the stretch between 1927 and 1934 which saw Mampre Vartabed Calfayan as pastor.

The new pastor stops only briefly at the Diocesan Headquarters on New York's Second Avenue (where the Cathedral stands today) before heading for New Jersey. In the next decade or so, with the aid of parish council chairman, Nubar Dorian, and Harold Azmelian (who serves 8 years) he:

- Effects the establishment of the Sunday School classrooms in the church basement;
- Replaces the altar, which has served since 1924, with a traditional Armenian-style altar designed by noted architect, Jacob Bilzerian;
- Replaces the standard windows of the church with stained glass windows;
- Encourages the parish to purchase a building next to the Center. The kitchen is shifted to the rear of the Center and a new front is carved out on the south side, freeing hundreds of square feet for the hall proper;

MATILDE and ARMEN KALBIAN

- He responds favorably with the suggestion that a Men's Club be formed;
- Wins adoption of the pledge system for parish dues.

Father Vatche does our church real proud when on the night of May 30, 1960, he is host clergyman to His Holiness, Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians. It is an epochal event for it is the first time that an Armenian Catholicos has come to America. His Holiness presides over an evening service at Holy Cross after which he is escorted to the Church Center where Nubar Dorian makes such a magnificent welcoming speech that His Holiness pays him a very warm compliment.

And eight years later Father Vatche plays a major role again when Vasken I comes to America for the second time for the dedication of St. Vartan Cathedral in New York. Krikor Bendian, who with Mardiros Katoonagian, has served on our Altar for more than 40 years, is Holy Cross' godfather for the occasion.

Shortly thereafter, good news and bad news arrive simultaneously.

The good news is that Vatche Vartabed has been ordained a bishop! The bad news is that he will leave immediately for Canada where he has been assigned as Primate.

With his departure, some problems are to arise for Holy Cross. Having served so long and with such dedication to the community, it will seem difficult to find a replacement. successive parish council chairmen --- Zaven Hovsepien, John Hovsepien, Bart Sarkissian, Charles Apkarian, Harry Shenloogian, attempt to serve the needs of the parish.

CLAIRE and ZAVEN HOVSEPIAN

PROGRAM

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

TOAST

Zack Apkarian
Member, Parish Council

DINNER

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Nubar Dorian
Chairman, Parish Council

REMARKS

Rev. Fr. Carnig Hallajian

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Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian
Primate, Western Diocese

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

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Bishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate, Eastern Diocese

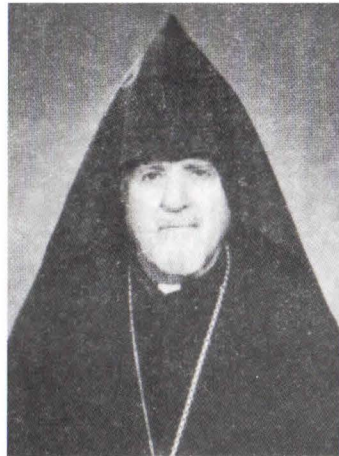
In Memory of My Dear Husband
JACK SHAHINIAN
By Alice Shahinian

In Memory of MY Dear Husband
SEROP
By Rose Derderian

SEVERAL OF OUR FORMER PASTORS AND VISITING PASTORS



Archbishop Mampre Calfayan



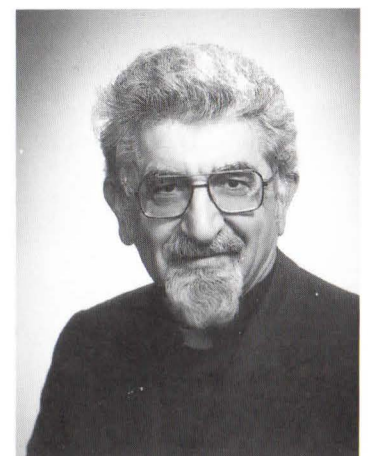
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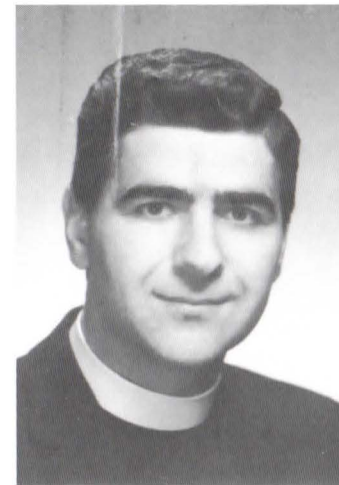
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Rev. Vartan Megherian



Rev. Ari Kehiayan



Rev. Diran Papazian

In Memory of
KHOREN and SHOUSHAN BARMAKIAN
By George and Lucy Dabagian

In May of 1968, Very Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian is named pastor. It was also during his tenure that tribute is paid to Haig Simsarian who had reached his 90th year and was awarded the Medal of St. Gregory, highest distinction accorded to a layman by the Armenian Church. He was the fourth Holy Cross parishioner to have won the honor, having been preceded by Dicran Simsarian of Fort Lee, Jack Shahinian of Tenafly and Lud Shahbazian of Ridgefield.

With the permission of the Primate and the blessing of the Catholicos, Very Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian was married, thereby changing his status to Der Hayr. His Yeretegin, Anahid, proved to be very useful to our Parish. After serving Holy Cross for 4 years, Rev. Vertanes was reassigned to St. Mary's Church in Elberon to revitalize the former "summer" church to full scale activity.

Following a short period without benefit of a pastor, the parish council, under the chairmanship of John Hovsepian, continues to carry on parish responsibilities until the arrival of Rev. Fr. Vartan Megherian.

During the two years that Father Megherian served Holy Cross, we greatly benefited from his experience and especially that of Yeretegin Yefkine's activities in reviving interest in the Sunday School and Der Hayr's formation of the Senior Citizens

Group.

Shortly after Father Megherian's reassignment to Holy Cross Church of New York City, Father Ari Kehaiyan assumes the pastorate. During his brief tenure, Holy Cross sponsored the banquet celebrating the 25th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian, our former pastor. Another accomplishment of Father Ari was to take decisive action in welcoming the new Armenian immigrants, especially from Beirut and Aleppo, into our Parish.

In Memory of
OHANESS and NEVART SHENLOOGIAN
By Mr.&Mrs. Carnig Shenloogian, Dr.&Mrs. Harry
Shenloogian, Mr.&Mrs. Gregory Shenloogian, Virginia
Shenloogian, Mr.&Mrs. Varujan Kalustian

During the interim between the departure of Father Ari and the arrival of Father Carnig Hallajian, Dick Assouian carried out his duties as chairman of the parish council much in the tradition established by his predecessors.

When Father Carnig returned to Holy Cross as the Parish Priest he came not as a stranger. He had spent the required 40 days of pastoral preparation under the guidance of Father Vatche and prior to that served as a deacon in the 1950's. It seems fitting that he chose as his Yeretegin a former Holy Cross parishioner, the former Rose Norian.

Before returning to Holy Cross, Father Carnig served as pastor in two parishes which brought him tremendous opportunity to gain experience and to recognize the need that some changes had to be made in Holy Cross. Chief among these were the physical alteration of the church, including new carpeting donated by the Nakashians, his former parishioners at St. Leon's, the church annex was completely refurbished as was the parish house. In addition the age of modern technology required the purchase of new equipment for the office. Father Carnig also began to prepare and publish a weekly Sunday Church Bulletin.



HOLY CROSS CHURCH CENTER

In Loving Memory of SARA PROODIAN GALLO
We miss your love and life, with our love always, Jim Sr., Jim &
Kathie, Dennis, Sarah & Dan & Grandchildren: Denise, Emily,
Jason, Dennis, Jr., Garo, Amelia, Matthew James & Amanda
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Another of Father Carnig's former parishioners, John Shegerian, generously donated the printing of the beautiful souvenir booklet published on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary Celebration of Holy Cross Church.

The Holy Cross Choir, steeped in the tradition of Anton Cherezian, Harry K. Shalian, and Hosrof Hamamjian, is ranked as the best in the East. Since the departure of Mr. Hamamjian, it has been under the direction of Ann Dadaian, Arpena Tavitian Sbarbaro and Dawn Foronjy Donofrio. Toward the end of 1980, it moved upstairs into the "choir loft", from the chancel to the balcony.

It would be remiss of us not to recognize the model devotion of Ann Dadaian to the Holy Cross Church. Our choir's success is due to her untiring efforts to recruit members and to inspire them to perform in an exemplary fashion. In addition to her responsibilities with the choir she has been the volunteer secretary of our church for many years and continues to attend to all the needs of the community whenever called upon.

The delegate set-up has undergone a major change, too. For many years Holy Cross has sent five delegates to the annual Diocesan Convention. To comply with the new regulations regarding the ratio of delegates to parish membership, the Holy Cross delegate are now but two, Nubar Dorian and Zaven Hovsepian.

Still other changes seem to be necessitated due to the changing American lifestyle as it effects our Armenian-American families. The Ladies Aid Society, which was an afternoon organization did not allow for expansion of membership since most of the second generation women worked. Its once strong membership began to dwindle until it regrouped itself as the Women's Guild of Holy Cross. Under the energetic chairpersonship of Arpena Sbarbaro, the membership has grown, and it seems to have the same vitality for this generation as its counterpart had for the earlier years. Arpena Sbarbaro's innovative mind and leadership qualities coupled

with her love for our church continues to make our Women's Guild the envy of all neighboring churches. Much is owed to Arpena and her organization for the financial stability of our church --- through the bazaars, flea markets, rummage sales, picnics and other church activities, this auxiliary has donated tens of thousands of dollars to our church.

Yeretzgin Rose, a state certified teacher, had taken on the responsibility of reestablishing the Sunday School along professional lines, in keeping with the many changes being proposed by the Diocesan Council for Religious Education. Yeretzgin Rose had sought out, as Sunday School teachers, those who are already teachers: i.e., Sylvia Bozoyan and Alice Bozoyan and Gloria Mary Zulumian, and those who have particular skills and talents to benefit the young children as displayed by Thomas Dabakian and Vivian Hovsepian.

With the support of the Sunday School Faculty, Yeretzgin Rose had pushed for complete renovation of the Sunday School facilities in time for the September reopening of classes. Her untimely death continues to leave a void in our church.

In keeping with the expansion of women's roles in general in the United States, Holy Cross elected Anne Hachadoorian, the first woman to be a parish council member. Her untimely death on November 15, 1980, saddened the community, but also broke up the husband-wife church team that worked diligently for Holy Cross.

Towards the end of 1980, news came from Miami of the passing of Very Rev. Vahram Nazaretian, a priest who touched the lives of so many of the Holy Cross parishioners. Only Vatche Vartabed's tenure has exceeded the time spent by Father Nazaretian over two pastorates, at Holy Cross.

The Senior Citizen's Group, loosely organized during Father Megherian's time, has blossomed into a full fledged organization meeting every Tuesday in the newly renovated

MR. and MRS. PHILIP ARPIARIAN

EDWARD and TAKOUHI BOZOYAN & FAMILY

annex officially dedicated on November 15, 1980.

And, to end on a bittersweet note, Martyr's Day this year (1981) was commemorated at Holy Cross by the planting of two trees in front of the Church building. It was an inspiring day --- survivors of the 1915 holocaust, newer refugees from Istanbul, Aleppo and Beirut, together with third and fourth generation Armenian-Americans were spiritually joined as one sharing their group identify and religion.

A true milestone of the church was the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Holy Cross Church Consecration on Sunday, September 27, 1981. No event of such magnitude had ever taken place. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese and Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian, Primate of the Western Diocese were both present to emphasize the importance and meaning of the occasion. Immediately following Church Services more than 800 attended the banquet held at Schuetzen Park. Both clergy and lay from all the neighboring Armenian communities took part in this unforgettable celebration. Mr. Harold Azmelian, the chairman of the banquet committee, was outstanding in organizing the affair. Mr. Philip Arpiarian, the then chairman of the parish council and Harold Azmelian together did the Holy Cross family so proud that it owes every accolade and gratitude to these two outstanding members of our church.

During 1982, we celebrated the 30th anniversary of our community center and also the first parish Christmas Party took place. This has become an annual event whereby the church shows its appreciation to its devoted members by sharing food and fellowship.

The congregation was extremely pleased when the church was air conditioned and the exterior cross on the church building was repaired.

In 1984 the church community deeply grieved the passing of Yeterzgin Rose Hallajian. Although she left us in body, her

memory will always remain with us and her spirit will always be embedded within the walls of our church. We cannot forget the concern shown by Rev. Arshen Aivazian for taking care of Sunday Services for over three months during Rev. Carnig Hallajian's tragic loss.

The computer age has hit our church community when we modernized our office by computerizing the office functions. A great deal of computer support assistance was given by members of the church community.

Rev. Diran Papazian was assigned as pastor of our parish by the Diocesan Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian on October in 1985.

It was learned that Mr. John Ayvazian, who lived most of his life in New York, bequeathed in his will a considerable sum of money to our church. This is another example of remembering one's original roots and ties to Holy Cross Church.

In 1987, another significant void was created in our church community with the loss of Mr. Deran Chopoorian. His many decades of service to his beloved church will forever be recognized as a model of true love for the mother church.

With the parting of Rev. Diran Papazian and the unavailability of a new pastor, our church relied on visiting pastors for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Father Carnig Hallajian, Father Arnak Kasparian, Father Garden Gdanian, Father Mardiros Chevian, Father Arten Ashjian, Father Yeznig Balian, Father Mesrob Semerjian and others deserve our gratitude and thanks. The administrative functions were handled by the Parish Council --- a truly devoted group of men and women who did all in their power to glue the community together and attempt to function without the benefit of a full-time pastor. The Parish Council alone could not function had it not been for the voluntary and loving leadership it received from Father Carnig Hallajian. Even though retired he did more for our community than most full-time priests had done.

Father Carnig helped prepare Sunday Bulletins, supervise and organize the contents of our monthly VISION, attend our Parish Council meetings when asked, give spiritual and administrative leadership to the entire community --- all this can only be described as superb. We deeply appreciate his irreplaceable assistance. He continues to celebrate Divine Liturgy in our church at least 26 Sundays out of the year and attends to all our Christmas and Easter Week service needs.

Upon his retirement from the St. Thomas Church in Tenaflly --- the Parish Council approached Rev. Father Arnak Kasparian and suggested that he consider celebrating the Divine Liturgy 26 Sundays a year and preside over the Sacraments of Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals when asked. We are extremely delighted and are grateful to him for his graciously accepting this arrangement. His visits to the homes of Parishioners, visiting the sick in hospitals are appreciated by the Holy Cross Church Family. Taking advantage of his years of experience, his wise counsel and advice has helped further strengthen our church and community.

Aware of the need to help Archdeacon Hagop Hovsepien at the altar, the Parish Council asked him to train John Hovsepien, John Malool, Hacik Sariminassian and Hagop Kradjian in the various aspects of deacon responsibilities. With great dedication Hagop undertook the task and after successfully passing the examination by the Primate, the Parish Council invited the Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian to celebrate the Divine Liturgy on April 10, 1988, and give them permission and privileges to bear stoles and perform other duties during the Divine Liturgy. The community owes Hagop Hovsepien gratitude and thanks for this exemplary dedication to our church and admires his knowledge of all phases of our church services. Along with Deacon Hagop, we are pleased to have Archdeacon Mardiros Barsamian who faithfully serves our Altar during the Divine Liturgy.

Our church is proud and privileged to support St. Nersess Seminary. Throughout the years, we have been one of the few

churches who donates \$3,000 each year because our community feels strongly the need for well qualified priests. In addition, we are happy to be assigned seminarians to serve at our altar, and this practice continues to this day. We provide their transportation expenses.

The tragic earthquake of 1988 in Armenia was devastating to Armenian everywhere. Yet, all Armenians have pulled together to help overcome the natural disaster that caused death and destruction to so many of our brothers and sisters.

Upon the arrival of His Holiness Vasken I and Catholicos Karekin II (of the See of Cilicia) to coordinate the Earthquake Fund, members from various Armenian organizations and other individuals active in the community were invited by the two Catholicos to formulate plans. Mr. Nubar Dorian was among those invited to represent the Holy Cross Community. Our parish was most active collectively as well as individually, donating more than \$50,000 for the Earthquake Fund.

An organ committee was formed, led by Ms. Mary Shalakian to raise the necessary funds for the purchase of a new church organ. The response from the Holy Cross community was overwhelming and as a result, two new organs were purchased at a cost of \$32,000. One organ stands in the church proper and the other in the balcony. Churchgoers have only to sit in their church pews and listen with open ears to the melodic sounds bellowing from the organ pipes surrounding the interior of the church during Sunday Services. Also in 1989, a new Kavazan (staff) was purchased and is kept on the altar.

Our Church had the distinct honor of having His Eminence Bishop Khajag Barsamian, perform his first Divine Liturgy as Bishop in Holy Cross Church. The Holy Cross Church community also had the distinguished honor of being the first Parish to host a dinner for His Eminence following his consecration to the rank of Bishop in Holy Etchmiadzin.

Recognizing the extreme importance of missionary work in Armenia, the Annual Assembly of Holy Cross allocated the princely sum of \$15,000 to be used for the much neglected religious needs of Armenia, such as the Sunday School's printing of religious materials. Father Carnig was asked to supervise the distribution of these funds. The Holy Cross Church Family is determined to continue its missionary work which it believes is so vital for the strengthening of the Homeland.

Mrs. Alice Najarian who for years had dedicated herself to the Mesrobian Armenian School's well-being proposed and the Annual Parish Assembly voted to assign all responsibility of operating the history laden 90-year old school to the Parish Council. The Ladies Educational Society which had been kept alive and active only through the efforts of Mrs. Najarian transferred its entire funds of some \$8,000 to the Parish Council. The Council, meeting with the new supervisor and superintendent of the Armenian School, Mrs. Alice Yigitkurt, decided to inaugurate bus service to keep the increased enrollment. Since this action was taken 11 new students enrolled and with two other teachers, Maggie Nazarian and Sela Nazarian continue to help the community's children learn our precious language. The Parish Council extends thanks and gratitude to Mrs. Alice Najarian for her decades of service and pays tribute to Mrs. Yigitkurt for continuing to serve our Parish School. Mrs. Yigitkurt also serves on the Parish Council and acts as the liaison with our ever-growing new Bolsahay community.

Our Sunday School with far less number of students than ever before, continues to function only through the exemplary dedication of Sylvia Bozoyan, our superintendent. The Parish Council recognized her many years of service to our Sunday School on September 15, 1991 immediately after Church Services and presented her with a gem studded cross. Ms. Elise Antreassian, Director of the Council for Religious Education also presented Sylvia a gift on behalf of the Diocese.

The entire Holy Cross Armenian Church Community was saddened by the death of Mr. Lud Shahbazian. Lud will always be remembered for his devotion and dedication toward the perpetuation and advancement of our church. His wise counsel will be dearly missed.

Since the establishment of our Senior Citizens Group in 1980, Mrs. Mary Seraidarian, a devoted member of our choir, had been its chairperson and the force behind this auxiliary. We much regret her passing two years ago. The Senior Citizens Group continues to function with the able leadership of Mary Kaprielian and Mary Sahagian.

Upon learning that Rev. Father Carnig Hallajian was officially notified by our Primate that His Holiness Vasken I had elevated him to Avak Kahana, the Parish Council --- against Father Carnig's wishes - organized a reception in his honor on June 12, 1992. The entire community, along with delegations from St. Leon's and Holy Martyr's Churches, attended making this affair not only a memorable one, but also an occasion for the outpouring of love and respect for this truly dedicated clergyman.

Along with every religious and lay organizations, their members and the entire world Armenians in the diaspora, our parish was uplifted and gave thanks to the Lord for the phenomenon that few if any of us thought possible in our lifetime; namely, the end of Communism in the now defunct U.S.S.R and the independence of our homeland, ARMENIA.

Holy Cross was conceived by a handful of Armenian immigrants not even certain at the time that they themselves would remain in this country for long. Its significance is that it stood out as a beacon for newer arrivals, symbolically a traditional link with the very meaning of our Armenian identity and early traditions of the Armenian church - from the miracles of St. Gregory the Enlightener to the tragic heroism of St. Vartan and the Battle of Avarayr.

Numerous clergy have served as pastors of Holy Cross; some for short periods --- others for prolonged periods. Despite length of service, however, it must be noted that each one came with an earnest desire to serve the Church and its parishioners to the best of their ability.

And, since Union City was the Armenian hub, there is hardly a family from New Jersey who was not affected by Holy Cross and the many services it provided for all age groups.

When the Armenian church history in America is written, Holy Cross Armenian Church will stand out --- not as a cathedral --- but as a "Mother" church. It was due to the diligence, dedication and generosity of the former members of this venerable church that the East Paterson church - now St. Mary's in Livingston, St. Leon's in Fair Lawn, St. Thomas in Tenafly and St. Vartanantz in Ridgefield were built and now flourish with strong membership and their various auxiliaries.

The preservation of Holy Cross is not therefore merely an act of vanity on the part of a few parishioners. It is a vital part of the history of the Armenians in America, and we as inheritors of such a glorious past and deep religious conviction must do all we can to ensure the future security of Holy Cross... by our financial contributions and even more importantly by our physical presence at our Sunday Services.

How many young people present at the Consecration of Holy Cross in 1906 even thought about 90 years into the future. Yet their offspring are with us today celebrating this glorious occasion. How many more of us will be present at the Centennial of Holy Cross which will carry us further across the threshold into the 21st Century and will watch Holy Cross continue to meet the needs of the ever-changing Armenian society is known only to God. We are confident that just as it has in the past grown and developed, she will continue to steadfastly adhere to the basic tenets of our forefathers, yet will sustain the future generations of Armenian-Americans.

To capture the historic events and describe them in several thousand words is an onerous task. It is especially difficult as it spans through 90 years of tragic events, momentous developments seldom witnessed in prior centuries. Obviously then, many details and events affecting Holy Cross and the community had to be skimmed over or omitted in order to present a broad perspective of the Holy Cross experience.

When we have needed you, you have been there --- it is therefore time for us to honor you today, and to promise the celebration of your Centennial in the year 2002!

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| 3. Rev. Leon Pahlavooni | April 19, 1908 |
| 4. Very Rev. Boghos Kaftanian | December 27, 1908 |
| 5. Rev. David Avedisian | May 1, 1910 |
| 6. Very Rev. Boghos Shahnazarian | January 2, 1911 |
| 7. Rev. Bedros Vartanian | July 27, 1913 |
| 8. Rev. Mesrob Sahagian | June 22, 1913 |
| 9. Rev. Azaria Boyajian | February 22, 1914 |
| 10. Very Rev. Tirayr Markarian | August 2, 1914 |
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| 16. Very Rev. Mampre Calfayan | November 20, 1927 |
| 17. Rev. Matteos Hekimian | April 11, 1936 |
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| 19. Very Rev. Zgon Der Hagopian | October, 1943 |
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| 24. Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian | October, 1968 |
| 25. Rev. Ari Kehiayan | November, 1975 |
| 26. Rev. Carnig Hallajian | November, 1977 |
| 27. Rev. Diran Papazian | October, 1985 |

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IN MEMORIUM

The Holy Cross Church family has had some extremely dedicated, good and valuable members depart from us during our long and venerable history. Since the celebration of our 75th Anniversary we suffered the loss of many members whose memory we venerate with respect and love. The Parish Council felt however that special mention should be given to the following four members who left their indelible mark in our hearts gaining endless and deep gratitude.

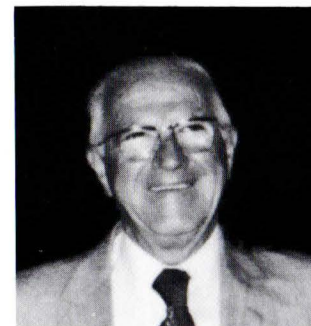
ROSE HALLAJIAN Yeretgin Rose was unique in humility, in caring and in her deepest devotion to Holy Cross. An unprecedented number of mourners who came to pay their last respects to her was proof the esteem in which she was held. In addition to her many responsibilities as the wife of a pastor and professional teacher, she took upon herself to lead the Sunday School as superintendent and teacher. Through her example, many members volunteered to teach in our Sunday School. During her tenure our School reached new heights as she inspired both teachers and students. Rest in peace and in God, beloved Yeretgin Rose.

DERAN CHOPOORIAN What accounted for the unique outpouring of grief and tears for Deran upon his death was his strong belief that reputation for caring, goodness and devotion to Holy Cross must be carved out of unrelenting service not just one or two years but year after long year. As Parish Council members, as Delegate, as Chairman of so many important committees through the years he endeared himself to the Holy Cross Church family. He is sorely missed as we continue to remember him and wish him God's eternal grace.

LUD SHAHBAZIAN It becomes harder and harder to forget Lud. Oddly, for a man whose profession was Journalism, Lud excelled in just about everything. Painter, raconteur, toastmaster, historian and wit he was indeed a

remarkable man. More remarkable yet was his devotion. Care and concern for Holy Cross. He was just one step ahead of everyone else in his desire to insure the well being of his beloved church. By being helpful to those in need, administering comfort, making friends every step of the way and being generous towards all good causes, he proved that one could be successful and be decent and good and kind at the same time. May God keep him in His eternal love.

MARY NALBAND She was just a member of Holy Cross --- did not want chairmanships, accolades or honors. She came to church whenever she could unobserved, unnoticed and almost ignored. She had, however, a strong commitment and a stronger belief in our church's role within the community. This belief, caring and admiration for her church was a secret kept in her heart and mind and revealed only after her death. She had donated every earthly possession she had --- home, furniture, bank accounts, bonds and certificates to Holy Cross Church. What remarkable example and what a truly believer in the Church's mission. With deep gratitude we bid her well deserved heavenly peace.





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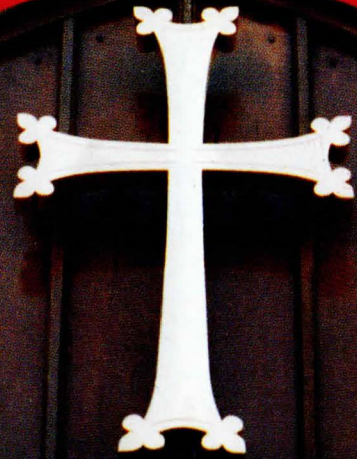
and to all the Parishioners and Friends who gave their financial and moral support to make the 90th Anniversary Celebration possible.

"I should like to see any power in this world destroy this race, this small tribe of unimportant people, whose history is ended, whose wars have been fought and lost, whose structures have crumbled, whose literature is unread, whose music is unheard and whose prayers are no more answered. Go ahead, destroy this race!...

Destroy Armenia" See if you can do it. Send them from their homes into the desert. Let them have neither bread nor water. Burn their homes and churches. Then, see if they will not laugh again, see if they will not sing and pray again. For, when two of them meet anywhere in the world, see if they will not create a NEW ARMENIA."

WILLIAM SAROYAN

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