St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church

Sunday January 7, 2018 Today's Visiting Priest: Very Rev Fr Daniel Findikyan



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Krisdos dzunav yev haydnetzav! Orhnyal eh haydnootiunun Krisdosee! Christ is born and revealed! Blessed is the revelation of Christ!

******* ANNOUNCEMENTS *******

- Today Fr Daniel will do the Churorhnek, or Blessing of the Water ceremony, which commemorates the baptism of Jesus by the hand of John the Baptist. Hagop Injajigian will serve as godfather of our church. Hagop is also being honored today by Women's Guild on his retirement from 37 years at CVS. And ... did you know his mother, Beatrice, turned 98 on January 1st. Birthday wishes go to her from all of us!
- Thanks go to Women's Guild for providing our church with the beautiful poinsettias for this Christmas season and being elves to Santa by filling his bag full of gifts for the good little girls and boys of our parish. They are also sponsoring their annual delicious Christmas Dinner today, so please stay, enjoy the food and the warmth of fellowship.
- Condolences are extended to Annette Ajamian on the death of her mother, Adrina. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Our American Christmas Celebration was a big hit with Gaghant Baba and Animal Adventure joining us. The children also sang for us! Dinner, prepared by many hands, was great! Thank you to all who helped make the event a success!!



- A Warm welcome to Heghine Zalinyan and her twin children, Lilit and Davit. Heghine is an OB/GYN with Lourdes Hospital and we hope she will make our community her permanent home.
- Reminder: Annual Parish Assembly will be held Sunday, January 28th. There will be a Jashou service at 11 AM celebrated by Deacon James Haddad. A light lunch will be provided by parish council at noon with the meeting following.

Have you wondered what has happened to our Christian Coptic Orthodox girls, Sara and Elin Mina, who were studying for their PHDs at Binghamton University? Well, they just emailed their New Year and Merry Christmas wishes to "our Armenian Christian family in Binghamton." Updates:



Sara received her PhD in Biomedical Engineering in December 2016. She currently is doing post-grad studies at MIT.



Elin received her PhD in Microbiology in August 2017. She married **Mena Barsoum** on November 12, 2017.

We wish both girls lots of happiness and success in their futures and hope we will see them when they have time to visit Binghamton.

- Speaking of Binghamton University graduates, Arsen, Lilit, Albert, and Artur Stepanyan are often in contact with Mary Ann. They are doing well, bought their own apartment in Yerevan, and send their love to everyone.
- Membership dues of \$95 for 2018 is being accepted now. Be kind to your treasurer and pay as soon as possible. If you would like to run for an office or be on a committee you must be a dues paying member of the church. Deadline: December 31, 2018

Future Badarak Schedule

<u>Jan 28:</u> 11 AM Jashoo Service – Dn James, Annual Parish Assembly Luncheon: Parish Council

<u>Feb 11:</u> Rev Fr Arshen Aivazian Coffee Hour: *Host Needed* <u>Feb 25:</u> Very Rev Fr Daniel Findikyan Coffee Hour: *Host Needed*

<u>Mar 11:</u> Rev Fr Arshen Aivazian Coffee Hour: *Host Needed*

- Pastoral visits can be made any weekend a Badarak is scheduled. If you would like to schedule one, contact Mary Ann Jamgochian.
- Any announcements or corrections?
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