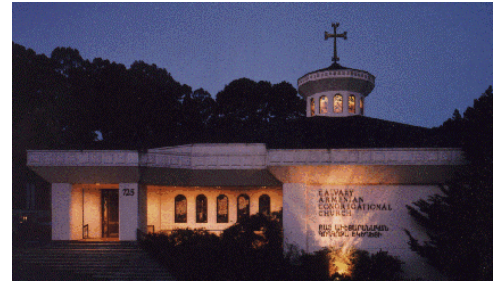


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A View from Calvary

Walk in Christ

Rev. N.B., Pastor

My wife and I try to exercise three times a week. I wish we could do more. A few years ago, we became members at the local YMCA which is a great facility that has many sophisticated machines like treadmills, elliptical cross trainers, exercise bikes and the like. However, I kept thinking to myself that if we could walk outdoors, why did we need those machines? I think it is about an **environment** where people are encouraged to do something together. People are walking together. People are running together. Sweating together. Cycling together ...etc.

Lately my sermons have been based on the letter to the Colossians that can be summarized in one sentence: Walk IN CHRIST; Live IN CHRIST; Exercise IN CHRIST.

Paul described Jesus Christ as a cosmic reality (first chapter). Then he arrived to these images:

“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so *walk in him*, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.” (Colossians 2:6-7)

Walk in HIM (ESV translation). The NIV translates it: “continue to live your lives in him.” The original Greek word is “walking around.” Therefore, we can combine them as follows: **“Continue walking around IN HIM.”**

This means the believers of Colossae were already walking in Christ. Yet, Paul is encouraging them to continue walking without stopping. Paul is worried about false teachers who could divert the walkers from their path. Just walking is not enough. Walking without a purpose will be a life full of activities, yet missing CHRIST and his mission.

It is funny that when we are at the gym we walk and walk on the treadmill without going anywhere. But, in fact, there is a goal in that walk. The machine will show you your heartbeat; you can go faster and then find the right pace for your exercise. There is a goal we pursue in that walk.

Paul wants the church to walk with a purpose. **“Continue walking around...yet IN HIM.”** This means we will walk in the morning starting from our beds. We will walk to the kitchen for our breakfast. We will walk to our

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2012 Coming Events

July 16 - 20

Vacation Bible Camp

Sunday, August 19

Annual Picnic

Sunday, September 9

Renewal Sunday

Sunday, September 23

Covenant 4 (Quartet)

Saturday & Sunday,

Nov. 10 & 11

Food Festival

Saturday, December 15

Christmas Celebration

Sunday, December 23

Christmas Service

Musical Night at Calvary

Stephanie Adrouny

Friends of CACC gathered together on Saturday, March 31st for the third annual *Musical Night at Calvary*. The evening was a celebration of Jesus on the eve of Palm Sunday. It was an electric night filled with the sounds of praise. The Calvary Choir delighted the audience with a number of musical selections



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including classics such as *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* and the traditional Armenian folk song *Jan, Hayasdan*. Mezzo Soprano Seda Kizirian sang a lovely version of *Eem Annoush Davigh* and *Yerkir Ints Hamar*. Reverend Nerses and trumpeter Dave Scott brought jazz to the evening with *Armenian Birds*. Finally, the Men's Ensemble rounded out the night with three lovely songs. As part of the evening, the following four current and past musical directors were honored for their service and dedication to Calvary: Vicken Khachadourian, Ruzana Badeer, Eleonore Aslanian and Armine Adrouny. The surprise of the evening was a tribute by musician Annig Zindarsian. She performed a new song inspired by last year's musical night. Overall, it was an evening not to be missed.



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car. We will walk towards our jobs. We will walk during the day. We will walk during exercise. We will live our daily life walking IN CHRIST.

I encourage you this summer season to Walk in CHRIST rooted in His Word. May God lead you daily to realize that "whatever you do, in word or deed, you do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17)

Thank You

The Minassian family would like to thank everyone who expressed sympathy through cards, phone calls and visits.

We appreciate the thoughtfulness you showed during the loss of our brother Anthony Sahagian.

Palm Sunday

Lorig Kalfayan

Palm Sunday is an important day for Christians as it is the start of Holy Week and what better way to start a week celebrating our Lord and Savior than the voices of children praising and rejoicing Christ through song. The day began with twenty-three young children entering the church holding lilies and olive branches in the air. The program included Bible passages in both Armenian and English, solo performances, and group performances of the songs "Hallelujah," "Jesus Loves the Little Children," and lastly "Alive Alive," celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Once the children finished performing in the worship service, they headed to their respective classrooms to be taught a lesson about Palm Sunday, holy week and the true meaning behind Easter. After the lesson, the children came together to eat Easter-themed cookies and snacks. They then decorated styrofoam Easter eggs and animals with markers and stickers and the words "Jesus is

Risen." To bring the celebration of the start of holy week to an end, the children took a group picture and participated in games.

Missions Corner

John Haleblian

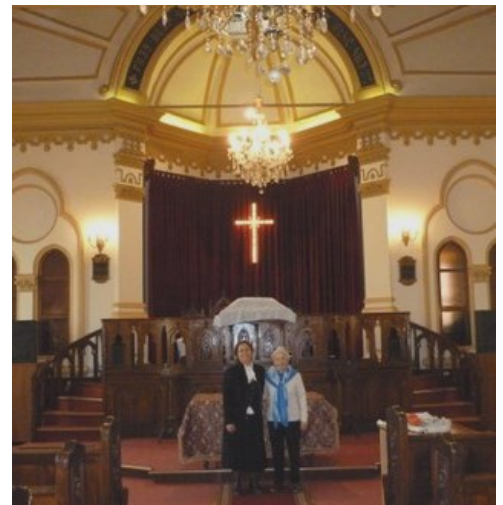
A Visit to Armenian Evangelical Church of Beyoglu, Istanbul

On July 1, 1846, 40 members of the 'Society of Piety', thirty seven men and three women, founded the first Armenian Evangelical church in Pera (present Beyoglu) section of Istanbul, and elected Apisoghom Eutudjian as their first pastor.

Having grown up in an Armenian Evangelical home, I was always intrigued and wanted to visit the church where the Armenian Evangelical movement had started. During my previous visits to Istanbul, I had visited the Armenian Evangelical church (Gedik Pasa) and the Emmanuel church in the 'Bible House' building, but had no opportunity to visit the 'Amenasurp Yerrortutyun' Armenian Evangelical church in Beyoglu, as it is officially known today.

During our recent visit to Istanbul my wife and I had the opportunity to visit with Mrs. Rakel Dink, who after finding my desire to see the Armenian Evangelical church in Beyoglu, graciously agreed to take us and show the church.

The impressive building of the Armenian Evangelical church, which is located in the Aynalicesme section of Beyoglu, was built between 1905 & 1907. Even though there was no church service, we did visit the beautiful interior of the church (see Mrs. Dink's and Arpi's picture)



Mrs. Rakel Dink & Arpi inside the Armenian Evangelical Church

We give thanks to the Lord for the opportunity the Armenian Evangelical church of Beyoglu had in ministering the Armenian community of Istanbul for over 165 years. Presently the pastor of the church is Ms Sona Eozpenbe.

Let us continue to pray for the spiritual growth of all Armenians around the world through the ministry of Armenian Apostolic, Catholic and Evangelical churches.

86th Anniversary Banquet *Sherry Arroyo*

CACC's 86th Anniversary Banquet received a 4 "E" rating for its elegance, excellent food, educational lecture and examples of lifetime Christian devotion. This beautiful event took place on Sat. May 26th in



Calvary Church's Halajian Hall and was masterfully planned by the banquet committee. The Plavjian Family generously donated the elegant decor and catering in memory of their father Hagop Plavjian. The excellent dinner was enhanced by Mr. Ted Asdourian's donation of wine (Clos Valmi).

The singing of the National Anthems were impressively performed by the talented Miss Sloan Adrouny (American) and Miss Rubina Karapetyan (Armenian) with youthful exuberance.



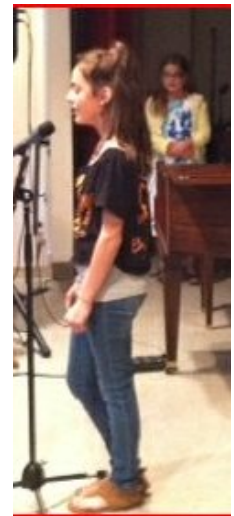
Our program was further enhanced by the outstanding operatic voice of Mrs. Seda Kizirian. Her professional talent has graced our church on other special occasions and we are always amazed by her performances. However, our keynote speaker was our educational highlight. Mr. Sarkis Balmanoukian, architect, author

and prize winning architectural designer of the Armenian Genocide Memorial in Der el-Zor, Syria spoke to us about Ani, the city of 1001 churches. The wonderful powerpoint presentation demonstrated the significant contributions of ancient Armenian architectural design. We were impressed with design elements both classical and modern that originated hundreds of years ago by our ancestors.



We concluded our evening with the Calvary Lifetime Service Recognition Awards.(refer for details page....).

We extend our thanks to our Heavenly Father for the success of this event. We appreciate all who served or devoted their time to organize the banquet. Special thanks to the banquet committee, the master of ceremonies, Rafi Balabanian, Robert Damir (Moderator), the youth who served, Sevan Balabanian (accompanist), the generous sponsors and all of you who attended this banquet.



Lifetime Service Recognitions

During our 86th Anniversary Banquet we honored seven members from our congregation (Edward & Gloria Medzian, Vehanoush Nazarian, Yevnige Salibian, Ardson & Gladys Shegoian and Sam Yeramian). In succeeding Issues of The Messenger we are going to include remembrances from the honorees.

Edward and Gloria Medzian

Ed grew up in Fresno, and Gloria grew up in Michigan. Both sets of their parents were from Khapert, in historic Armenia. Gloria and Ed grew up going to church and that is how they accepted the Lord. Ed went to the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church in Fresno and Gloria to the Armenian Congregational Church in Detroit.



Ed went to college at UCSF and was in their pharmacy program. He was attending Calvary Church, even before Calvary had its own building. At the time, Calvary rented from other churches. After graduating, Ed was in the service for 4 years, during World War II.

While he was in Officers' Candidates School, during the summer of 1943, he was on leave to visit his mother in Fresno. He was walking on the street and met up with someone he's gone to elementary school with. The classmate had a cousin, Gloria, in Detroit, and encouraged Ed to go and meet her.

Ed was stationed in Michigan, in the military police. Indeed, he did visit the Armenian Congregational Church, where Gloria was a Sunday school teacher. He knew immediately that this was the woman he was going to marry. They spent time together while Ed was stationed in Michigan. Ed was also able to visit Pastor Kartozyan, who had been the minister of Calvary in San Francisco and had moved to Michigan to be pastor there.

Ed was sent overseas to North Africa. Before he left, he gave one of his gold bars to Gloria (he was a Second Lieutenant by this time) as kind of a promise ring. When he returned from North Africa, he and Gloria got engaged. They were married at an army base 6 months later. They made their home in Texas, where Ed was teaching at Officer Candidate School. Ed was then sent to the Pacific to prepare for the invasion of Japan. Gloria stayed with family in Detroit. Thankfully, the war was soon over. Ed and Gloria moved back to California and to the Bay Area. Ed was happy to return to Calvary Church. Calvary bought its first property, on 38th Avenue, in 1948. Pastor Kartozyan came back from Detroit, too, and was the pastor at Calvary again.

At Calvary, Ed was on the church council. He served as Moderator for twelve years. He and Gloria were involved in many different aspects, with Gloria involved in the ladies' group.

Advice to the coming generations from the Medzians:

Attend church as much as possible. Go to church to worship the Lord but also to provide love and friendship and a strong family unit for your fellow members.

CACC Financial Report

Summary results for the period January 1st
through June 15, 2012

Our Budget for 2012 is \$254,200.00

As of June 18, 2012:

Total Income:

\$81,647.33 (pledges and donations = \$43,173.47)

Total Expenses: **(\$100,630.12)**

Net Loss: **(\$18,982.79)**

CACC 2012 Graduates



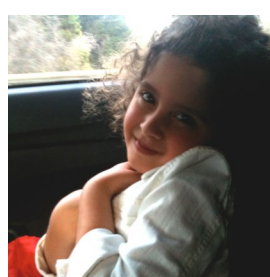
Brooke Barson (Pre-K)



Peter Gulesserian (Pre-K)



Daron Kalebjian (Pre-K)



Gabriella Kanaan (Pre-K)



Lori Agabian (K)



Andrea Gulesserian (K)



Kyle Hartunian (K)



Christian Nazarethian (K)



Aren Chinchinian (Elem.)



Hagop Chinchinian (Elem.)



Jacob Manoukian (Elem.)



Azad Balabanian (H.School)



Teresa Grain (H.School)



Spencer Iskikian (H.School)



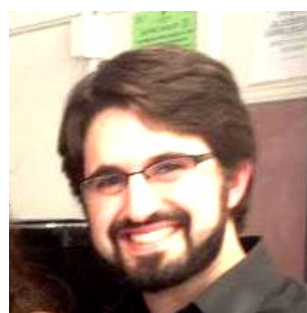
Tara Mullen-Boustiha (H.Sch.)



Haig Sadakian (H.School)



Nanor Balabanian (BA)



Alishan Merjanian (BA)



Emily Beylerian (BS)



Maral Habib (BS)



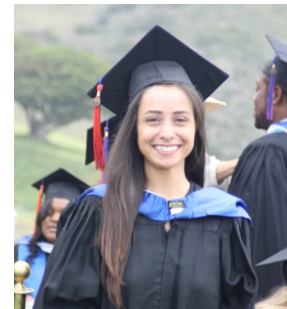
Ari Nazarian (BS)



Alex Bunch (MA)



Christiana Iskikian (MA)



Aline Kalebjian (MA)



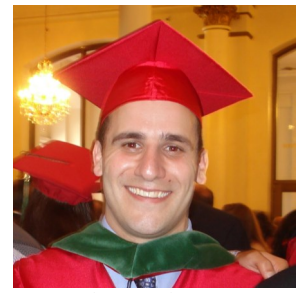
Lara Palanjian (Juris Doctorate)



Melissa Adrouny (MD)



Antranig Manugian (DDS)



Arek Manugian (MD)

Graduation Sunday, June 10

The CACC family celebrated Graduation Sunday on June 10. After enjoying the delicious lunch prepared by the ladies, we were treated to a talent show presented by the children. We truly enjoyed the powerpoint presentation of our 28 graduates put together by Alexa Nazarian. We are thankful to God for our graduates and wish them the best. We also want to thank our wonderful Sunday School staff led by Alidz Nazarian who worked hard putting all this together.



Ministry Opportunities

For information please call the church office: (415) 586-2000

Children's Sunday School, Junior High and High School Youth Groups: San Francisco, every Sunday.

Women's Coffee Time with God: San Jose, every Thursday.

Coffee Time with God: San Francisco, first Thursday every month.

HomeBuilders for Young Couples & Families: South Bay & Peninsula, third Saturday every month.

College & Career: South Bay and Peninsula, every Wednesday.

Weekly Dinner Bible Study: San Francisco, every Monday.

Church-wide Prayer Meeting: Los Altos 1st Thursday every month.

Calvary Armenian Congregational Church

Annual Picnic

Please join us for a day of worship, food, fellowship and of course fun!!

MENU

Kebab (Chicken or Steak) w/ Pilaf, Salad, Hummus, Watermelon and Dessert included.

- Adults: \$10.00 (2 Skewers-\$3 for Xtra Skewer)
- Children (under 12): \$5.00
- Bottled Water = \$1 & Soda = \$1
- Park Entry Fee = \$5 per vehicle

REMEMBER TO GET YOUR TICKETS FOR OUR 4th ANNUAL BIG BBQ RAFFLE!!!!

When: August 19, 2012 with Worship Service @ 11a.m. & Food Service @ Noon

Where: Huddart Park, Werder Shelter
1100 King's Mountain Road
Woodside, CA (650) 851-0326

Reservations are appreciated
Please Call Church Office at
(415) 586-2000



Sing & Play

Wild Blue Bible Adventures

Skydive Diner



Imagination Station

All-Star Games

Fly Away Finale



July 16th-20th
10am-3pm

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Rene Avanesian
(415) 215-0936



\$50.00/child/week includes snacks, crafts, T-shirt and lunch

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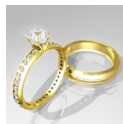
BIRTH

We congratulate Alen and Vanoosh Adamian for their newborn daughter, Isabella Adamian, born on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. Congratulations also to the grandparents.



WEDDING

We congratulate Daniel and Christiana (daughter of Dr. & Mrs. John Iskikian) Whallon, who were married on Saturday, May 12, 2012 in Sacramento, California. Our congratulations also to the parents and grandparents.



CONDOLENCES

Mrs. Beatrice Klijian (wife of the late Barkev Klijian) passed away on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. Our condolences and prayers also to Klijian and Graessle families.

Dr. Henry Badeer (father-in-law of Ruzana Badeer and brother-in-law of Hovel Kassarian) passed away on Saturday, March 10, 2012. Our condolences and prayers also to Badeer, Kassarian and Plavjian families.

Mrs. Arshalous Sarafian passed away on Thursday, April 1, 2012 in Los Angeles, California. Our condolences and prayers to Sarafian, Euredjian, Silverman and Adjemian families.

Mr. Kevork Khatchadourian passed away on Wednesday, April 25, 2012. Our condolences and prayers to Khatchadourian, Hovhannessian, Minassian, Karagozian and Sarafian families.

Mrs. Helen (Shahinian) Tabibian (grandmother of Aileen (Rodney) Hartunian) passed away on Sunday, May 27th, 2012 in Sunnyvale, California. Our condolences and prayers to Tabibian, Shahinian, Hartunian and Kurjian families.

Mr. Anthony Sahagian (brother of Yvonne Minassian) passed away on Monday, May 28, 2012 in Selma, California. Our condolences and prayers to Sahagian, Sainz and Minassian families.

UPCOMING COMMUNION SERVICES

Sunday, July 15
at 11:00 am

Sunday, September 9
at 11:00 am

Sunday, November 18
at 11:00 am

