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# The Armenian Genocide

## 100 years of remembrance

## Life After Loss

*Jesus said to her, 'Do not cling on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'—Jn 20:17*

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Sometimes the absence of a loved one seems to be more powerful than his or her presence. For those of you who have seen your children grow up, I am sure you go by their rooms or look at pictures to remember when they were younger. For those who have lost someone dear to them, we think about them in the time of year they left us, we keep some of their things, or even their whole room the way it was, because the place seems empty without them. The place seems empty; just like the tomb Mary Magdalene found when she came seeking Jesus on the first day of the week, in one of our Easter Gospel readings.

There are many things to learn from Easter, the “Greatest Story Ever Told.” Indeed we can learn something even from this short description of Mary’s behavior toward her dear teacher who she’d just lost. The first lesson is, when dealing with loss, don’t be afraid; wait patiently and faithfully for your loss to be filled. Mary came to her Lord’s tomb, despite her fears of arrest and the deep grief she felt at this loss. Perhaps if we stand patiently and faithfully before the losses in our life, new meaning will fill them, the way the Risen Lord replaced the earthly Jesus for Mary & the disciples.

Perhaps we will see that, though it’s true that we lose our children as children when they move out, it is an even greater joy to get them back as adult friends. Perhaps, with God’s help and with time, even mourning for loved ones passed can be mysteriously transmuted into gratitude for the life they had. Perhaps, this month on the occasion of the 100th commemoration of the Genocide of 1.5 million Armenians, we are ready for God to transform our sorrow and anger for all that was lost, into gratitude and hope for all that we have had and can still achieve together as Armenians.

The danger in dealing with loss, and where our faith is absolutely crucial—is that we can easily get stuck in our loss, in our past grief—and forget to live in the present for a hopeful future. It is certainly understandable to cherish and cling to the wound of Genocide, where life was violently and unjustly stolen from us, an injustice still not recognized. But the second lesson we learn from Mary Magdalene about loss is that if we cling to it, we may get stuck. But if we give it to God, He blesses us and sets us free. In the Easter Gospel reading, Jesus says to Mary, “Do not cling on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father,” but go to my brothers and tell them that I’ve risen, conquered death.

Mary Magdalene had to learn not to cling to the Jesus she had known in the past, her teacher and friend who was violently and unjustly killed. She had to surrender her anger, grief and vengeance at the Jesus she knew, in order to discover the new reality of the Risen Christ. I pray that, little by little, with God’s help, we Armenians can begin to do the same with the Armenian Genocide. I pray that we might not cling to the past, which we have mourned for 100 years, and move into and live in the present and future. It is not betraying our ancestors—my grandparents, your parents and grandparents—to let go of our loss, indeed it brings them more honor that the seeds they sowed in such great tragedy have brought us new life today.

Does this mean we will cease to remember and seek recognition for the Genocide? Of course not. We planned for almost an entire year to organize the events commemorating this year’s centennial. But we will remember in a different way. With the canonization of our genocide martyrs this April 23rd, we can no longer speak of the Genocide martyrs as “victims.” They will be victors of the church; champions of the faith; heroes for Christ. Following their example, all Armenians will be blessed and strengthened if we cling not to our loss, but cling rather to the promise that God’s love is much greater than Genocide loss.

We Armenians are much more than the Genocide forced upon us, just as our Lord is much more than a good man who died unjustly. As the darkness of Holy Week dawns into the light of Easter Resurrection, we believe that our God is a God of a new future as well as the tragic past. We believe that for all the trouble we have seen in the world, Our Lord has overcome the world. We believe, as children of the resurrection, what those who suffered the Genocide believed; that with Our God, death is never the end, but the doorway to a new beautiful beginning.

# Holy Week Աւագ Շաբաթ

*Join us for the most important and fulfilling worship services of the entire Armenian Church year.*



**Washing of the Feet/"Votnlva"**  
**Thur. Apr. 2 | 7 PM**



**"Khavaroom" (Passion of our Lord)**  
**Thur. Apr. 2 | 8 PM**



**Good Friday Burial Service**  
**Fri. Apr. 3 | 7 PM**



**Easter Eve "Jragalooyts Badarak"**  
**Sat. Apr. 4 | 7 PM**



**EASTER DIVINE LITURGY 10:30AM**

**Easter Divine Liturgy**  
**Sun. Apr. 5 | 10:30 AM**

## Easter Stewardship Drive 2015 Իղլազին

**Yes!** We would like to support St. Hagop Armenian Church with a special Easter offering over and above my regular support, participation and prayers:

\$5,000    \$1,000    \$500    \$100    \$50    Other\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable To:** St. Hagop Armenian Church  
 7020 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue N., Pinellas Park, FL 33782

You May Also Give Online at: [www.sthagoparmenianchurch.org](http://www.sthagoparmenianchurch.org)

**Did you know?** It is an ancient tradition of the Armenian Church that during Easter we make a special Իղլազին | Youghakin donation (yough=oil) to keep the church lamps burning—thereby supporting the mission of the church!

**Remember your Church during this Holy Season**  
**Respond with your Easter Donation!**

**March 2015**

Last month, when nominated to serve as St. Hagop's parish council (PC) chair, I accepted under one condition: my PC colleagues would have to lower their expectations if I were to succeed Stepan Serpekian.

Few have served our church as Stepan has. His selfless commitment of his talents and dedication to St. Hagop – from leading our choir during Badarak on Sundays and special services, chairing the church hall construction committee, leading church initiatives too numerous to list, and his humility as an understated man whose actions bespeak his Christian beliefs - reflect his love of God and devotion to His work. Stepan has been a superb role model and inspiration to me, and I am a better person for having had the privilege of knowing him.

Beyond Stepan's contributions, God's presence and energy at St. Hagop can be seen and felt throughout its ministries.

You feel and know it's there when 167 people pledge to support a project central to our church's future: raising over \$1 million to construct a parish hall. You feel and know it's there when more than 20 of our youth collaborate and synergize their efforts at Poon Parekendan, the last Badarak and feast before lent began, to host a memorable meal and afternoon of fellowship. You feel and know it's there when you see youth serving our church - as altar servers, members of the PC, and in other important ministries. And, you feel and know it's there in innovative worship programming, such as an instructional Badarak, and Fr. Hovnan's interactive in-church studies during Great Lent on the sacraments.

There are many other signs of God's presence working through our parishioners to do His work. To name a few, I sense it in the eyes of our women's guild members, senior parishioners, those involved in the genocide commemoration events, and members of our congregation who humbly and incessantly do good works for St. Hagop. Chris Sassouni, David Kazarian, and Andy Anusbigian - three parishioners who just rotated off the PC and continue to serve with passion - especially come to mind.

Yes, God's grace and presence can be seen and felt throughout St. Hagop Armenian Church. Our church family is truly blessed with a culture of harmony, inclusiveness, and energy. This, of course, is more than happenstance; it is the product of inspired Christians answering God's call to serve Him. The infusion of the Holy Spirit, shepherded by Fr. Hovnan, permeates St. Hagop Armenian Church. Praise be to God!

Thanks to so many dedicated parishioners – including congregation members past and present - more great happenings are on St Hagop's horizon. To name a few, we're on the verge of breaking ground on a 7,000 square foot parish hall, a genocide commemoration monument on our property is in the works, and we will host the 2017 diocesan convention.

Highlighted below are the statuses of 3 major church projects in progress: the construction of our parish hall, our centennial genocide commemoration events, and our annual bazaar. Of course, many traditional

Easter tide events are also underway and upcoming.

### Parish Hall Construction

The parish hall construction committee retained the services of Pete Karamitsanis to serve as its owner's representative. Both an architect and builder, Mr. Karamitsanis has an impressive record of constructing major projects throughout Tampa Bay and elsewhere, and we feel fortunate to have affiliated him. He will assist with tasks such as, specifying and negotiating building materials, monitoring construction progress, and overseeing quality control through the project's completion.

On February 26, 2015, the parish hall construction committee heard presentations from 4 prospective builders, finalists from a long list of bidders. Like its decision with Mr. Karamitsanis, the committee was unanimous in its decision to select Scherer Construction as our parish hall builder. We will soon begin developing detailed architectural plans and pursue permitting necessary to begin construction!

### Centennial Genocide Commemoration

Many centennial genocide commemoration events – both local and in Washington, D.C. – are upcoming, and I hope you will attend as many as possible. Please refer to the calendar on our St. Hagop website and in this issue of *Avedis* for more details about events, locations, and schedules.

Our local commemorative events culminate with an evening of remembrance at St. Hagop on April 24, 2015. Other programming includes: a 5K “stop genocide” run/walk; local broadcast of *Orphans of the Genocide*, and question and answer evening with the documentary's director (Bared Maronian); and, lectures by Garo Moumdjian, Ph.D., a renowned scholar and expert on the genocide. Additionally, St. Hagop is constructing a genocide monument on the church property to commemorate the centennial anniversary.

### Annual Bazaar

This year's winter bazaar occurs after Badarak on Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015. Dr. George Kamajian is, once again, chairman, and he appreciates your volunteer assistance. Please support this event, which will include tavloo and chess tournaments, activities for children, vendors of all sorts, and, of course, good food, music, and fellowship. Proceeds will help fund St. Hagop's operating expenses.

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In closing, I thank you for the honor and privilege to serve as your PC chairman. My wife, Jean, children, and other family feel blessed from our experiences praying, working, mourning, and celebrating with you. May our Lord be with you this paschal season and always.

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## WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT submitted by Teresa Haidarian

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Lena Kotchounian is our newly elected chair of the women's guild. We are very pleased to have her leading us for the next year. She comes with many fresh ideas to help us serve the church. One big change is that our general meetings will be less frequent, but we are subdivided into smaller working committees that will meet more frequently as needed. Debbie Kamajian remains as co-chair, Vicky Mouradian continues as treasurer, Teresa Haidarian as recording secretary and Martha Samuelian as corresponding secretary. We move into our busy months with the Bake Sale and Winter Bazaar and 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armenian genocide.



Our women's guild continues to serve in providing for altar flowers, hosting the coffee hour after Badarak and assisting in special events planned by Parish Council and sending special occasion cards to church members. If you would like to be a part of the most active group at St. Hagop, please see any of the Women's Guild Officers on any given Sunday and we will be happy to add you to the membership.





## Who is the Reigning 2015 St. Hagop Tavloo Champion? Can YOU Beat the Chess Master?

March 29<sup>th</sup> at 1PM at the Bazaar

Early Bird Price: \$5 (Before March 27)  
At The Event: \$10

Chess Prize: \$20 if you can beat the Master (Michael Sarafian),  
bragging rights, and your name on a trophy in the new parish hall

Tavloo Prize: Bragging rights as "2015 St. Hagop Tavloo Champion,"  
50% of proceeds raised from competition go to you, 50% go back to the church in your name, and  
your name on a trophy in the new parish hall

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## NEWS:

### TAMPA/ST. PETERSBURG ARMENIAN COMMUNITY COMMEMORATES THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

On April 24, 2015, Gulf Coast Armenians will join Armenians around the world in solemnly remembering the great tragedy that befell their people in 1915.

Starting in 1915, the Ottoman Turkish government began a planned campaign of genocide against their Armenian subjects. Approximately 1.5 million Armenians—75% of the Armenian population of the Ottoman Empire—were killed. This was the first attempt at genocide perpetrated in modern times. Indeed, the very word “genocide” (denoting the destruction of an entire people) was originally coined in 1944 to describe the policy of systematic extermination, which the Ottoman regime used against the Armenian population, and the Nazis waged on European Jews.

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this dark episode, and a series of specially orchestrated events are taking place around the world and here locally in the Tampa/St. Petersburg region on and around April 24<sup>th</sup>:

### Featured Event:

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Armenian heritage comes to life in gifted performances of song and prayer to remember those lost in the Armenian Genocide and to celebrate their ongoing legacy.

### Supporting Events:

#### “STOP GENOCIDE” 5K COMMEMORATIVE WALK/RUN

**Sat. March 28—8:30AM at Ft. Desoto Park**

*3500 Pinellas Bayway South, St. Petersburg, FL 33715*

All walkers and runners are invited to this Ft. Desoto 5k dedicated to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, and raising awareness about all genocides.



**“ORPHANS OF THE GENOCIDE” SCREENING & DIRECTOR Q&A**

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*55 5th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701*

The documentary by director Bared Maronian shows the orphanages that housed the many orphans who lost parents and were separated from siblings during the Armenian Genocide.

**“ORPHANS OF THE GENOCIDE” & “THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE” AIR ON WEDU+**

**Tue. April 21 at 8PM and 9:30PM on WEDU+**

“Orphans of the Genocide” is a documentary by director Bared Maronian showing the orphanages that housed the many orphans who lost parents and were separated from siblings during the Armenian Genocide. Starts at 8PM (90 minutes).

“The Armenian Genocide” is the complete story of the first Genocide of the 20th century. It features interviews with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Samantha Power and best-selling author Peter Balakian, and contains historical footage of the events. Narrated by Julianna Margulies, it also includes narrations by Ed Harris, Natalie Portman and Laura Linney, among others. Starts at 9:30PM (60 minutes).

**“RISING FROM THE ASHES OF TRAGEDY” LECTURE AND STUDENT PANEL**

**Thurs. April 23—2PM at USF Tampa, Main Library**

*4th Floor Grace Allen Room*

Armenian scholar Dr. Garabet Moundjian presents "Rising from the Ashes of Tragedy – Armenia’s Triumph Over Its Genocide," followed by USF student panel discussion. Hosted by the USF Libraries Holocaust and Genocide Studies Center.

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# ARMENIAN HERITAGE QUESTIONNAIRE

*In order to make Dr. Garabed Moumdjian's Saturday April 25th presentation at St. Hagop most specific to your family heritage, Chris Sassouni developed this 4 question survey. Just fill out this form and send it to the church, or fill out the survey you received via email. Your answers will be securely forwarded to Dr. Moumdjian as he prepares his talk.*

**1. What is the Armenian family name of your ancestors? (List more than one, if applicable)**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_

**2. From which ancestral Armenian village did your family originate? (List more than one, if applicable)**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_

**3. To where did the survivors of your family escape after the Genocide? (List more than one city, if applicable)**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Where do most of your relatives live today?**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_



In addition to our official Armenian Genocide 100th Anniversary activities, many individuals are commemorating in their own right. Dr. George has led the way by posting the above billboard near the intersection of Ulmerton and Seminole roads, opposite the Largo mall.



On Tuesday February 24, Sophia Manoulian Kugeares presented "Souls in Exile: Reflections on the Century after the Armenian Genocide" at Holy Trinity Greek Church. Congratulations to Sophia & gratitude to Fr. Jim and Holy Trinity for their wonderful reception!

# Schedule of Commemorative Events: Gulf Coast of FL

March-April 2015

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# ARMENIAN GENOCIDE 100

1915-2015  100th Year of Remembrance

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*On May 7, 8 and 9, 2015, thousands will gather in Washington, D.C. to commemorate the centennial of the Armenian Genocide. While remembering those who were lost, we will also give thanks for the creation of a new Armenia and for thriving Armenian communities around the world.*

*Grateful for the opportunities our ancestors found on arrival in this country, we are also deeply indebted to those institutions and individuals who helped the survivors during the Genocide. In the nation's capital this May, we will thank those who have helped to spread awareness of the Armenian Genocide, and those who work tirelessly to prevent genocide elsewhere in the world.*

*Four major events will carry these themes forward:*



#### THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL, MAY 7 AT 7:00 P.M.

Prayers of remembrance, respect, and unity will make a powerful beginning for the weekend, as His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, and His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, jointly lead Armenian clergy and representatives of other faiths in an ecumenical service. Armenia's President Serge Sargsyan will attend, and senators, congressmen, diplomats and other dignitaries will remember the lost in the Genocide, and show gratitude for the regeneration of life that the survivors worked to create. The service will include musical contributions and speakers who will inspire awareness and a sense of purpose.



#### THE MUSIC CENTER AT STRATHMORE, MAY 8 AT 8:00 P.M.

Armenian culture will come alive in "A Journey Through 100 Years of Armenian Music." The acclaimed Hover Chamber Choir of Armenia and other renowned musicians will present a range of music, from the classic melodies of Komitas Vartabed to contemporary pieces composed especially for the Genocide centennial. A program full of surprises and ending with a truly "grand" finale will engage and delight the audience.



#### NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, MAY 9 AT 10:00 A.M.

His Holiness Karekin II and His Holiness Aram I will lead a unified celebration of the Armenian Divine Liturgy. The liturgy will be sung by a united choir of representatives from Armenian churches around the country. The 3,000-seat Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, on the campus of Catholic University, will provide a stunning atmosphere for the occasion.



#### THE MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL, MAY 9 AT 6:00 P.M.

A reception and banquet offer "A Time to Give Thanks": an opportunity to honor those who have helped Armenians in the past and present. Awareness, unity, and gratitude will be expressed through the words of keynote speaker Dr. Vartan Gregorian, President of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Mark Geragos will host the evening of musical performances and awards.

#### EXHIBITIONS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, MAY 7-9

Throughout the weekend, innovative workshops, films, and exhibits will be mounted in public spaces in the nation's capitol and around the Marriott Marquis. Themes of the commemoration will be explored by well-known authors and speakers. Events will be designed in cooperation with young people, bringing in new generations and looking to the future. Activities will be provided for children, with entertainment and childcare available during the banquet.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*\*\*Divine Liturgy & fellowship take place every Sunday from 10:30-12:30 unless noted below*

<b>Sat. Mar. 28</b>	Armenian Genocide 5K commemorative walk/run at Ft. Desoto Park.	8:30 AM
<b>Sun. Mar. 29</b>	Divine Liturgy-Palm Sunday-Opening of Doors Sunday School Annual Winter Festival/Bazaar/Bake Sale	10:30 AM 10:30 AM
<b>Thurs. Apr. 2</b>	Washing of the Feet/ <i>Votnlva</i> Service Vigil/ <i>Khavaroom</i> Service-the Passion of our Lord	7:00 PM 8-9:30 PM
<b>Fri. Apr. 3</b>	Burial Service ( <i>Good Friday</i> )	7:00 PM
<b>Sat. Apr. 4</b>	<i>Easter Eve</i> Divine Liturgy/“Jragalooys Badarak”	7:00 PM
<b>Sun. Apr. 5</b>	Easter Divine Liturgy Sunday School Children’s Easter Egg Hunt	10:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Tue Apr. 7</b>	Parish Council Meeting	6:00 PM
<b>Thur Apr. 9</b>	"Orphans of The Genocide" screening at the FL Holocaust Museum, followed by director talk with Bared Maronian.	7:00 PM
<b>Sun. Apr.12</b>	Divine Liturgy	10:30 AM
<b>Sun. Apr.19</b>	Divine Liturgy Sunday School	10:30 AM 11:00 AM
<b>Tue. Apr. 21</b>	“Orphans of the Genocide” Airs On WEDU+ The Armenian Genocide” Airs On WEDU+	8:00 PM 9:30PM
<b>Thur Apr. 23</b>	Dr. Garabed Moundjian presentation and student panel at USF Library in Tampa.	2:00 PM
<b>Fri. Apr. 24</b>	"An Evening of Remembrance" at St. Hagop. Armenian heritage comes to life in gifted performances of song and prayer to commemorate the Armenian Genocide centennial.	7:00 PM
<b>Sat. Apr. 25</b>	Dr. Garabed Moundjian presents “Rising from the Ashes of Tragedy–Armenia’s Triumph Over Its Genocide,” at St. Hagop Church.	7:00 PM
<b>Sun. Apr.26</b>	Divine Liturgy Zuj Baby! Play Group	10:30 AM 10:30 AM
<b>Sun May 3</b>	Divine Liturgy	10:30 AM
<b>May. 4-6</b>	Annual Clergy Conference	
<b>May 7-10</b>	Annual Diocesan Assembly & National Armenian Genocide 100 <sup>th</sup> Commemoration events in Washington, DC.	
<b>Sun May 10</b>	<b>No Divine Liturgy at St. Hagop</b>	
<b>Tue May 12</b>	Parish Council Meeting	6:00 PM
<b>Sun May 17</b>	Divine Liturgy-Last Day of Sunday School	10:30 AM
<b>Sun May 24</b>	Divine Liturgy-Pentecost	10:30 AM
<b>Sun May 31</b>	Divine Liturgy	10:30 AM

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