

St. John Armenian Church

Tuesday Lunch Club



February, 2013

News

Join us for lunch on Tuesdays

We always have a great meal and a good time with old friends. Come as you are and enjoy the camaraderie with old friends and new acquaintances.



Your TLC Friend – Liz Aprahamian

Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian



The month of February is a very special milestone in the life of Fr. Diran Papazian as he will be celebrating his 90th birthday!

Fr. Diran has been attending Tuesday Luncheons from the time it was established by the St. John Parish Council. The same was true of Yeretzgin Rosalie, of blessed memory.

Yeretzgin Rosalie and Fr. Diran were married on August 21, 1957, and became proud parents of two children, Elise and Garo, and two grandchildren, Nicole and Nishon.

Fr. Diran was born in Istanbul in 1923 to the late Aghasi and Teshkouhi Papazian and was christened Garabed. After losing his mother at eight years of age, his father had the foresight to put him in an orphanage where he received good care. He lost his father four years later.

He attended the Theological Seminary of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem and graduated in 1940. In 1950, he was admitted to the Theological Seminary of the Armenian Catholicosate of Cilicia in Antelias, Lebanon, where he also taught at the seminary and in other Armenian schools.

Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, Primate of the Diocese in America, invited Fr. Diran in 1951 to come to the U.S to pursue further theological studies. He graduated from the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, MA, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in divinity in 1955. He then attended Harvard University Divinity School – where he was granted a master's degree in sacred theology in 1956. He also attended the Boston Conservatory of Music for vocal training.

Though Fr. Diran has served as a pastor in many parishes, his home has always been in Detroit where he served from 1958 to 1973.

In October of 2008, Fr. Diran celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood. Some 800 well wishers attended this milestone at a banquet held in the Cultural Hall. The overflow was seated in the nearby Vartan Room where they watched the festivities on closed circuit television.

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When Fr. Diran rose to speak, he began with only one word and that was, “Wow!” Indeed, it was a wonderful day of celebration.

Fr. Diran’s tablemates enjoy asking him questions on a wide variety of topics, Armenian history, theology, and current events. Fr. Diran will, at times sing an Armenian song or hymn for the enjoyment of the luncheon attendees. A wonderful perk of the Tuesday luncheon is the presence of Fr. Diran.

Friends and Family News – Mary Negosian

We celebrated birthdays for George Balakian (91st), Margret Kazanjian (79th), Mary Negosian (80th), Vanohe Nicholas (77th), Sally Tarpinian (87th) and Kay Vartanian (99th).



Julie’s Corner – MS Julie Jenkins

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Stay Engaged Socially

As we age, our support system shrinks. Sometimes we don’t realize how isolated we’ve gotten, especially if living alone. Social isolation not only makes us feel lonely but it also may endanger our health. According to a 2003 report by the World Health Organization, social isolation makes us candidates for premature death, lower general well-being, depression and higher levels of disability from chronic diseases. Engage in social activities to help foster closeness and a greater sense of self. It may make all the difference in the world!

“Bits of Humor” – Dan Cristiano

Priceless Observations:

- By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he’s too old to go anywhere.
–Billy Crystal
 - Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint –Mark Twain
 - By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you’ll become happy; if you get a bad one you’ll become a philosopher –Socrates
 - I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury. –Groucho Marx
 - Don’t worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you. – Winston Churchill
 - Money can’t buy you happiness ... But it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery. –Spike Milligan
 - The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. – George Burns
 - I don’t feel old. I don’t feel anything until noon. Then it’s time for my nap. –Bob Hope
- And the cardiologist’s diet: - If it tastes good spit it out



Don’t Forget ... - Judy Cristiano



- o Tuesday, February 12 – “Have A Heart” Presentation by Julie Jenkins, 11 am
- o Sunday, February 24 – Annual Parish Assembly, 1 pm
- o ACYOA Lenten Fish Dinners – Reservations Required, phone 248-569-3405
 - February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, March 20 (Fish & Lobster)
- o Sunday, March 3 – Men’s Society Pancake Breakfast