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A View from Calvary Rev. Calvin Sagherian, Pastor

Leading Up to the Victorious Life

As I was praying about what to preach in coming to Calvary church as an interim pastor, God put Paul's letter to the Ephesians on my heart – a letter to the church about the church. In fact, it is said that Ephesians is Paul's greatest word on the church.

The church is made up of believers – those who have repented of their sins and received Jesus Christ as their savior, striving to live for Christ. So Paul writes to the believers about how they should live in community, which is the church. He begins with the teaching/doctrine on what the church is: an organism, made up of people of all backgrounds who have been saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and seated in the heavenlies (chapters 2 and 3:1-13), which denotes our position in Christ. God has not only saved us but has also given us every blessing one can have in Christ (1:1-14).

Paul has two interesting prayers in Ephesians: (1) Prayer for enlightenment, that the believers would get it; grasping the riches of these blessings and live accordingly (2:15-23); (2) Prayer for enablement, that they would practice community life as God intended through His power and for His glory.

Similar to most of Paul's letters, the second half is the practical part: how one should live based on what Christ has done for us. Paul says, "*I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received*" (4:1). The word 'worthy' in Greek gives us the sense of a scale with two plates. One plate has all the blessings that God has given us in Christ. In order to live a life worthy of our calling, we strive to balance the scale, the other plate, with our lifestyle, worthy of the Lord, in gratitude for His blessings.

How then, should we live; or how should we walk, considering that the Christian life is a journey forward and upward?

Walk in Unity and purity (4:1-32); walk in love, in the light (5:1-14); walk carefully in harmony (5:15-6:9) – Husbands and wives, parents and children, Masters and servants. Finally, Paul teaches us how we can walk in victory (6:10-24).

2018 Coming Events

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday

Sunday, April 1

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 22

Marthys' Sunday

Sunday, May 13

Mother's Day

Sunday, June 17

Father's Day & Graduation

Vacation Bible Camp

July 16 - 20

Sunday, August 26

Church Annual Picnic

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Reflection From the Last Quarter of 2017

Nora Balabanian

Many exciting events occurred in the life of the church during this time.

Sunday September 24 was a bittersweet day, as we bid farewell to our pastor Rev. Nerses Balabanian and his wife Sevan. After a special worship service, the congregation was invited to a farewell luncheon organized by the church to thank Rev. Balabanian and his wife for their twelve years of ministry in CACC.

Rev. Nerses Balabanian and Sevan moved to Fresno and he is serving as the Senior Pastor of the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church.

On October 6 seventeen ladies from CACC participated at the AEFW Biennial Weekend Retreat held in Visalia, California.

October 15 marked the Renewal Sunday. During the worship service, various ministries of the church were dedicated to God. Immediately following the worship service, the entire church family enjoyed the famous carnival in the Halajian Hall, which included numerous fun activities, free food, games, prizes, photo booth and a balloon artist for the kids.

On November 12, the church hosted its 36th Annual Food Festival. It has become one of the best food festivals in the Bay Area.

The Food Festival creates the opportunity for us to come together, enjoy the delicious food, and share our Christian faith, and the Missions that we support and our Armenian ethnic heritage with the Armenian and diverse community of the Bay Area.

We extend our gratitude to all the donors, our guests and especially all those who planned, prepared food, set up the hall, entertained and contributed in a myriad of ways to help make this festival a great success.

In November, Sunday school children happily filled 48 shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse and supported the Christmas Joy packages to Armenia with monetary donations.

On November 19, Thanksgiving Sunday, After the worship the entire church family was invited to a complimentary Thanksgiving Turkey Luncheon that was served by the men in appreciation for everyone's hard work in our food festival.

On December 24, Sunday school children participated in the Christmas worship service with a special program to tell the Christmas story through narration, acting and singing.

On December 31st, we wrapped up the last day of the year when the entire congregation looked back with a power point presentation at some of the most memorable events and images of 2017 and praised the Lord.

Gladys Shegoian, Matt Silverman, InYoung Shamlan, Ari Ekmekji and Alex Vartan, gave their testimonies and shared their experiences and blessings from the Lord during 2017.

Welcome "Babies of 2017" Celebration

Caroline Sagherian

Together with Armenian Christmas Festivities



Families who welcomed new little ones in 2017 include the Arabians, Vartanians, Abajians, Berjiklys, and Balabanians, pictured here with Rev. Calvin Sagherian, our interim pastor. [Not pictured are the Ekmekjjs, Maghakians, and Manougians.]

“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me...” – Jesus, from Mark 9:37

God continues to bless our church community with precious babies born each year. We praise the Lord for nine adorable children (6 boys and 3 girls) who were born to CACC families in 2017.

On Sunday, January 7, 2018, we celebrated all nine of those families (5 of which were available to attend). The special luncheon program included a time of prayer for the growing families, along with words of biblical parenting wisdom provided by Rev. Calvin Sagherian.

Pastor Calvin shared from Psalm 127:3-5a, “Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are the children of one’s youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them!” He reminded us that our children belong to the Lord, and that God has entrusted them into parents’ care for a period of time, after which we release them, as a warrior would shoot his arrows. God expects us to raise these children the way *He* would - training them to love God and His Word, and to live according to His instructions. Parents can do this through their words and their example as they seek to “raise up a child in the way he should go, so that when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

During the luncheon portion of the afternoon, a slide show displayed baby (and family group) photos to introduce these little ones to the larger church congregation. Thank you, Rebecca Sagherian, for compiling this. And, we appreciate the efforts of Armine Adrouny, Nora Balabanian, Serop Moroyan, and the extended hospitality team, too, for the delicious meal that was prepared for all to enjoy. We thank God for the opportunity for the whole congregation to interact and get to know one another better.

In addition to the “Welcome Babies” festivities, we also celebrated Armenian Christmas that day – with a sing-along time of live music led by Hagop Nazarian (on violin) and George Megerditchian (on guitar). Thanks to all who helped make this afternoon a joyful time of fellowship.

Finally, each of the “Welcome Babies” families received a Read Aloud Keepsake Edition of “The Jesus Storybook Bible” as a gift from the Church. This beautifully bound and illustrated children’s bible explains through each unfolding bible story how “*Jesus is the Story beneath all the stories of the bible,*” and that “*He is the center of God’s great story of salvation.*”

We trust that the reading and hearing of God’s Word will produce great fruit in (and through) these families - as well as the whole congregation. Isaiah 55:11 reminds us that, “...[God’s] word that goes out from [his] mouth...will not return to [him] empty, but will accomplish what [he desires], and [will] achieve the purpose for which [he] sent it.” May God bless the lives of these children and their families to strengthen and encourage them (and each of us) to “...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...” (2 Peter 3:18)

Young Couples Valentine's Dinner

Alina Balabanian

On February 17, 2018 the Young Couples of CACC gathered for a Valentine's Candlelight dinner in the Halajian Hall. Rev. Calvin Sagherian and his wife Janine began the evening with a statistics game for each table. The game helped everyone to become better acquainted with each other and everyone learned something new about the different couples on their table. Warm fellowship was felt throughout the room as everyone conversed and enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by Buca di Beppo. Following dinner, Rev. Calvin Sagherian and his wife Janine spoke eloquently about the importance of understanding your spouse's love languages. They shared various examples from their lives and their marriage. They challenged the couples to value God and each other in their marriages. Much gratitude to Rev. Sagherian who initiated this whole event and to his wife. The pair cohesively shared a message of how to strengthen a Godly marriage for the glory of God. All who attended were blessed by their message and their example.



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God's Word tells us not to be partners with those who knowingly and deliberately live in sin. Instead, we are to live as children of light, always striving to do the right thing (5:7-11). Jesus said, "You are the light of the world" (Mt 5:14). But how can we be the light of the world? How can we shed light and expose the darkness?

A few years ago the watch I had received as a gift stopped working. Since it was a fancy watch, I kept it in a drawer and used it at special occasions. So I took it to the watch repairman who changed the battery and it worked again. But soon it stopped again and I wondered what was wrong with it. I found out that although this watch had a battery, it had to be charged in the sunlight. I learned that if I kept the watch in the sun a few minutes a day, it would work perfectly because it would remain charged. In the same sense, we learn that we don't have light of our own to expose the darkness. So we need to be in the SON-light in order to remain charged, so that we can be the light of the world. And the way to be exposed to the Son is to be in communion with Him, daily, in prayer, in His Word and in meditation. And the way we can expose the darkness is when we practice what we learn from Scripture.

The Lent season is a good opportunity for us to evaluate our own lives and reflect on where we're at and where we're going at this rate. It would be good for each of us to take some extra time with the Lord Jesus in the coming weeks, leading up to His crucifixion and the resurrection. In doing so, we can better prepare ourselves to take communion at the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, remembering what He did for us and why and how we should live as a result. Then we will truly celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, who was victorious over sin, over death and the grave, offering to us the same victory as we walk with Him each day.

If you have missed any of the sermons in Ephesians in the last weeks or would like to hear any of them again or recommend them to anyone, you can find them on our church's website: www.calvaryarmenianchurch.org

CACC Youth and Haiti Missions Outreach During Holy Week

Matthew Silverman

CACC Youth Update

This past October saw the kickoff of CACC's new monthly youth group hangout. Each month when we hold the South Bay Bible Study, the youth (ages 4th grade and up) meet in the next room for a Bible lesson and some games. We've had a lot of fun looking at the life of Jesus, and pulling out lessons from his ministry that we can apply to our own lives. After finishing our series going through the Gospel of Mark, we're now opening up a new series talking about different spiritual disciplines we should cultivate in our lives; topics like prayer, forgiveness, and spending time in God's word. We've continued the fun and games into our regular Sundays at church, with treasure hunts, soccer games, and a fixed up ping pong table and foosball table for after the service. Keep tuned in for more events in the future, such as movie days, game days, and other exciting things.

Parents who are interested in getting their kids involved, please get in touch with me either by phone or by email: 650-793-1961, matthewjsilverman47@gmail.com. We're also looking for volunteers to help out with the group, but from young leaders as well as from parents, so let me know if you'd like to help out with leading Bible lessons or organizing activities!

Haiti Missions Outreach During Holy Week

Most of you know that I regularly go to an orphanage in a small village in Haiti with a team of Christians I worked with at UCLA. We do a wide range of work there, from holding church services to providing food, medical support, educational opportunities, and economic opportunities to people in need. We've seen huge transformation in the area over the past 20 years, with most of the previous voodoo practices being replaced with Christian churches, and the kids who grew up in the orphanage now graduating from college and working as nurses and engineers. I regularly bring a variety of science and engineering projects to build with the kids to teach them a little about science and math, so much so that the first question the kids ask me when I get there is what I brought for us to work on. Normally I go with the team during the summer trip, which lasts for about 2 weeks in June, but with Camp Arev, Vacation Bible Camp, and the AEUNA Biennial Convention all happening this summer, I decided it would be best to go with the team during the spring break trip instead. We'll be leaving sometime around March 22nd, and probably be back March 31st. If you're interested in learning more about our work there, or interested in contributing donations to the trip, please let me know. The costs for my flight and travel expenses are already paid for, so any extra money I raise will go directly to helping people in need in the area. I can bring a limited amount of toys, clothes, and other donations in my suitcases (keep in mind, this is a tropical environment, so hold off on donating winter clothing!), so please check in with me if you're interested in donating any items.

World Day of Prayer

Nanor Sadakian

"All God's creation is very good". This was the topic of World Day of Prayer, that took place on March 3rd, at St. Gregory Armenian church.

The country we prayed for was Suriname. Hayr Torkom Donoyan gave the message, emphasizing the importance of prayer and good stewardship. Followed by a generous lenten lunch, singing and fellowship. We thank God for the opportunity to hear His message and come together as Bay Area Armenian churches. Thank you committee for your dedication!

Missions Article

Chinar Merjanian

This past fall, I had the opportunity to make a pilgrimage back to my father's family's roots in Diyarbakir (Dicranagerd), Turkey. Like many of our stories, my family members were martyred during the Genocide due to their unshakable devotion to Christ.

As I was in the city where their blood was spilt, I had this thought: "Maybe the greatest injustice is not that Turkey denies the genocide. Maybe the greatest injustice is that our martyrs blood has yet to reap a harvest of souls among Turks and Kurds." After all, martyrdom precedes revival. Consider how 40 virgins were martyred before Armenia converted to Christianity.

Along with that thought, I was convicted that it was my responsibility to pray for the salvation of Turkey because Jesus says, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matt. 5:44). Therefore, I prayed in Diyarbakir, "Lord, may the blood of the martyrs reap a harvest of souls!"

This year, I will be moving to Yerevan, Armenia to join a team with a missions organization called ACTS (acts.global). We will be laboring among the believers to mobilize prayer for the surrounding non-Christian nations as well as to train and send missionaries from Armenia into the muslim world, where millions do not even have the opportunity to hear the Gospel.

Armenia has a special blessing upon it because God "...shows love to a thousand generations of those who love me..." (Deut. 5:9-10). Just as God blessed Abraham to be a blessing to the nations, we Armenians are also called to bless the nations by engaging in Christ's Great Commission (Matt. 28:19).

In the words of my great-grandmother (mother's side), genocide survivor Yevnige Salibian, "God has a purpose for Armenians, to be light of the world! And see what is love, not hate." Amen!



Introducing our Interim Pastor, Rev. Calvin Sagherian

Pastor Calvin was born and raised in Beirut Lebanon, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Hagop Sagherian, and the youngest of four siblings. He attended Armenian Evangelical schools as well as the Armenian Evangelical Church of Ashrefieh and was deeply impacted by the ministries of his parents and his siblings. His parents lived out in the home what they taught in the church. His brother John's ministry with Youth for Christ led him to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and his sisters' commitment to discipleship modeled Christian growth.

He immigrated to Canada at the start of the civil war in Lebanon where he continued his education at the University of Toronto. Here Pastor Calvin was very active in the youth ministry of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Toronto, where he received his calling into full time ministry. He continued his education at Talbot School of Theology in Southern California while serving as an intern at Lake Avenue Church in Pasadena. It was here that he met his wife, Janine, who was also raised in a pastor's family.

They got married in 1986 and Pastor Calvin received his first call to serve as the assistant pastor at Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church in Fresno, California. Seven years later, God called the Sagherians with their two kids, James and Emily to Lebanon to serve as the Campus Minister of Haigazian University. They moved once again with their third child, John, in the year 2000 to Pasadena to pastor the Armenian Brotherhood Bible Church where they served for sixteen years.

In recent years Pastor Calvin has had the unique privilege of participating in a dialogue towards peace and reconciliation with Turkish pastors. Recently he was also able to visit Armenia where he taught seminars and Bible classes to support the AMAA's efforts to bring formal training to local Armenian Evangelical pastors.

Later that year, Rev. Sagherian made himself available to care for Calvary Armenian Congregational Church in San Francisco as our Interim pastor, since January 2018.

Rev. Calvin has a passion for meeting with God daily and teaching His Word. He also has an enthusiasm for discipleship and building relationships with people in order to encourage them in all walks of their spiritual journey.

A perfect day for Pastor Calvin would include coffee with his wife, a competitive game of tennis or golf with a friend and a good laugh over dinner with his kids.



A Testimony

I praise God for planting a special friend in my life who pointed me to Jesus. And, maybe God has planted you to have a godly influence in someone else's life, too. Let me tell you my story:

I was born and raised in Asia, in the Muslim faith. Islam was my culture and my identity. I had not personally chosen it, but I always respected it. Yet, I had a difficult time getting closer to God through Islam. To me, Islam barely spoke of God's love. But, love and peace were all I could feel with Jesus.

As long as I can remember, I always believed in God, and tried to do the right thing in dealing with others. The special friend I mentioned above was my Armenian colleague, who was a role model for me. She had a humble attitude and always treated people nicely - with peace - looking after the interest of others, and not just herself. I was so impressed by her demeanor and actions that I asked her to tell me what the secret of this behavior is. Her answer was amazing; and it changed my life.

She told me, "My motivation in treating others the way I do is that I love Jesus and want to please him; not because people make me want to do it." Her words taught me something new - to go to the Lord and ask for His help.

The Lord had gone ahead of me and planted this special friend in my life. And through her daily influence in my life, I had the desire to go to church with her and get to know more about Jesus.

As you may know, being a Christian in parts of Asia is not easy - and it is especially not easy when you convert from Islam to Christianity! The religion of Islam would consider you apostate and would sentence you to death for converting.

One day, in church with my friend, I prayed, "God, I don't care what it costs me, just please save my soul, in Jesus' name. Amen." Then, over the next 4 years, as I read and listened, and tried to understand God's word, I became very aware of my sinful condition - and was terrified that I would die in my sin.

So, at this time, I repented and asked Jesus to forgive me and to come into my life. I begged God to have mercy on my soul and I made a plea to find life in Him. I wanted to have more of what I saw as the "beautifulness" of Jesus as my Savior.

It was in the middle of all this stress and tension that I truly came to know Jesus as my personal savior. My eyes and heart were opened. And, as I grew in this spiritual

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journey, I became increasingly aware of my sinfulness before God and how horrible sin is in his eyes. I realized that as a sinner I had no relationship with God. But, as a believer, I had a loving and joyful relationship with him. You may have heard this quote by Thomas Watson, which says, "Till sin be bitter, Christ will not be sweet."

I felt relieved that he showed me his "sweetness," and this has given me a sense of peace that I had never experienced before. I had a deep desire to find out more about Christianity and Jesus, so I started going to church regularly, and began studying the Bible in my native language to learn more.

Since receiving Jesus as my Savior, I feel supernatural help from the Holy Spirit, both to become more like Jesus *and* to apply the key characteristics of Him in my daily life. Because of the Holy Spirit living in me, I have His Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

In the meantime, now that I am in the U.S., I feel so fortunate that I can freely search and learn more about Christianity. I became a Christian *not* because I hate Islam or because I did not want to be a Muslim. I became a Christian because I love Jesus. As I learned more, I realized it wasn't only me who was looking for Jesus, but Jesus was also looking for me - to save me.

Today, I am a Christian, not for my worldly comforts. I am a Christian because the world cannot give the supernatural kind of comfort and rest that Jesus can bring. The reason I find rest and peace in Christ is that He has forgiven my sins by dying in my place on the cross.

Matthew 11:28 says, "Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads, and I will give you rest." In Christianity, you find such a close relationship with God that your worship and praise will not come because of your fear of hell or hope to reach heaven - but only to see his eternal beauty and elegance.

I am so honored that my initial motivation, and the invitation to look to Jesus and Christianity, came through observing the life of my Armenian friend. And now, I am truly blessed to be surrounded by other such amazing and wonderful Christians. I am privileged to be a part of this family of believers, and I pray that you will be richly blessed by God.

Dear Lord, give this living hope to all humans because of your grace - even though we have done nothing to deserve this. May the life of Jesus shine throughout the world like a holy pattern. May everybody on the face of the earth share this grand joy and happiness. I pray all of us could be chosen by the grace of God for everlasting eternity.

Paul (Boghos) Kullukian's Obituary



Nov. 17, 1922 - Jan. 17, 2018

Paul Kullukian, or Boghos in Armenian, was born in Marash, Turkey on November 17th, 1922. He must have been one of the last Armenians born in Marash after the genocide. His mother, Nazender Tcharkhutian, had lost her husband and most of her family during the genocide. His father, Vartivar Kullukian, was a baker, who had similarly lost his wife and children while he was away, conscripted to bake bread for the Turks. They met when they returned to Marash, and Paul was their first child together.

When he was six months old, the family left Marash, staying in various cities before finally settling in Damascus, Syria in 1926, moving into Khacher Camp - a refugee camp housing about two hundred Armenian families. One of his earliest memories was of standing near the big city gate, gathering little stones that kept burning through the folds of his clothing, which turned out to be bullets falling around him from one of the many skirmishes and riots that occurred so often then. They were four brothers, Paul, Minas, Vartan, and Sarkis. Vartan sadly died as a child of dysentery.

At six years old, he began going to the Armenian Evangelical School in Damascus. He had no paper, no pencils, no books, not even shoes. The other children would have to lend him their books so that he could read. They attended Badveli Necessarian's church faithfully every week, with his mother very active organizing bible studies and preaching in homes. He kept this up all through his life, and almost never missed a Sunday.

From the age of six, he began to work day and night to support the family. At 17 years old, he'd had enough, and started a business making slippers, despite having no knowledge of it, employing the very skilled, but somewhat troublesome town drunk to help manufacture them. His father and brothers pitched in, but sadly, his father died within the year of typhoid.

When war broke out in the 1940s, times were tough, and he sought employment wherever he could find it. At various times he worked to build a bridge in waist-deep water, as a foreman repairing machine guns coming in from battle, as a mechanic in charge of building large military vehicles, and in auto assembly plant, all without any prior experience.

Having completed his last job in Haifa, Palestine, he decided that his family should join him, and went to fetch his mother and brothers. They settled in the neighborhood of Ein Door and he began to make slippers again. He was very active in the Armenian Youth Organization there, acting in dramas, singing, leading discussions and debates, and participating in sports. He loved soccer, and was a champion table tennis player. Singing was a lifelong joy and passion for him.

When the government changed and was now Israel, he obtained the first license to buy shoe leather granted to a non-Jew. He found partners and soon they had the sixth largest shoe manufacturing company in Israel. But America called. He boarded up his shop and, having said goodbye to his brothers, set sail in a small boat from Haifa in October of 1952 headed for New York, the journey taking close to a month, and eventually landed at Ellis Island.

He traveled to San Francisco, where his half-brother Arthur Yeranian was living on Castro Street. They finally met, having never seen or known each other before. His mother was already there. Two days later, he joined Arthur on a business trip to Fresno. While there, he met his first wife Mary Dardarian at an Armenian event. They were soon married, and though short-lived, the marriage resulted in the birth of his first child, Marilyn, now married to Vartan Chakirian, and who later had a daughter, Faith.

Having returned to San Francisco, Paul was out of work, and every week used to go to the park and talk to people. Those days were very precious to him, because he used to talk to people about their faith, and helped lead many to Christ during that time. Across the street from the park was the First Church of Christ. Soon he became a very active member there, serving as chairman of the deacons for many years.

He began working selling shoes, first at Gallencamp's, and later at Weinstein's Department Store on Market Street. His mother saved little by little from the grocery money he used to give her, and in a few years he was able to open a business, taking over a place called "The Sweet Spot" on 4th and Market next to the Strand movie theater. Though he learned that the movie theater and the shop were going to be torn down in a month to make room for a new building, he didn't hesitate. It ended up taking over two years for the buildings to finally come down.

Around this time, Paul became a member of Calvary Armenian Congregational Church. He was very active, and over forty years, among other things, he served in the council, chaired the first Bazaar at the church, found the site on Brotherhood Way for the current church building, and was the funding chairman while it was being built. Paul was also a member of the Knights of Vartan.

In August of 1961 after The Sweet Spot had closed, he took over Mr. T's on Market Street and renamed it Paul's Steak House. His brother Sarkis came in that year from Lebanon and the two were finally reunited, working together in the restaurant. Minas and his family also eventually moved to San Francisco.

Paul used to go to the bank from time to time to send help to his family overseas. One day the teller there said that a restaurant at 45 Powell Street was closing. Paul called the real estate company, met the owner, and they worked out a deal. Cable Car Steaks opened in June of 1966, and his friend from church Edwar Medzian, who had just retired from pharmacy, was there with him from day one. They were the best of friends, and Ed was his closest adviser.

In April of 1969, Paul was flying to Beirut for a visit. The plane happened to make a stopover in Istanbul. It was there that he met his second wife, Ilda Koçyan. On August 24th of that year, they were married in Istanbul, and Ilda moved to San Francisco with him.

The next year, the new family moved to Hillsborough. They had two children, Ara and Taleen, Taleen later marrying Martin DeArcangelis. A new adventure had begun for Paul, and his life now revolved around his family. He had a wonderful happy life at home, and loved and cared for his family to the end.

TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

Or Current Resident



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Church News

BIRTH

We congratulate Armen and Tanya Ekmekji for their newborn daughter, Azniv Vana Ekmekji, born on Monday, September 4, 2017. Congratulations also to the grandparents.



We congratulate Chris and Talar Arabian for their newborn son, Chris Avo Arabian, born on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Congratulations also to the grandparents.

We congratulate Aren and Alina Balabanian for their newborn son, Nathaniel Rafi Balabanian, born on Wednesday, September 13, 2017. Congratulations also to the grandparents.

WEDDING

We congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Ari and Jenny (Balabanian) Ekmekji, who were married on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at Palo Alto, Santa Clara. Our congratulations also to the parents.



We congratulate Alex and Sara (Alamdar) Bunch, who were married on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at Calvary Armenian Congregational Church. Our congratulations also to the parents.

We congratulate Richard and Luisa (Chaves) Hoggan, who were married on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at Calvary Armenian Congregational Church. Our congratulations also to the parents.

CONDOLENCES

Mrs. Vartouhi Anderson passed away on Thursday, December 14, 2017. Our condolences and prayers to the Anderson and Semerjian families.

Mrs. Nevert Margossian passed away on Saturday, December 2, 2017 in New Jersey. Our condolences and prayers to the Tujian, Kuredjian, Schofield and Vartkessian families.

Mr. George Manoukian passed away on Thursday, January 11, 2018. Our condolences and prayers to the Manoukian, Merjanian, Bardakjian and Ketenjian families.

Mr. Paul (Boghos) Kullukian passed away on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. Our condolences and prayers to the Kullukian, DeArcangelis, Chakirian and Baronian families.