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Building Momentum

“I will build my church.”

*“Եւ այս վէմին վրայ պիտի կառուցանեմ իմ
եկեղեցիս:”*

(Matthew 16:18)

*“Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My
Father will love them, and we will come to them
and make our home with them.”*

*“Եթէ մէկը սիրէ զիս՝ պիտի պահէ իմ
խօսքս, ու իմ Հայրս պիտի սիրէ զայն. եւ
պիտի գանձ անոր ու բնակինք անոր հետ:”*

(John 14:23)

When I was a senior in college, I joined a group of Armenians down in North Carolina to work with Habitat for Humanity to build a home for a family in need. The only problem was that none of us had any construction experience. In fact, if you looked at our group, you would have probably paid us money

not to touch your house. Yet, we were willing to help and found success because we had Bob the builder. Bob was the leader on site who had a career's worth of carpentry experience. All we had to do was obey Bob's commands and we were able to build.

Jesus is the great carpenter who is building his church. To be a part of building Jesus' church, all we need to do is obey his commands. We must love like Christ loves. This is not an option. There is a scene in the Gospel of Matthew where Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ, the long-awaited King who would fulfill the promises of the Scriptures. In reply, Jesus promises him that He will build His Church and that the gates of hell will not prevail against its completion. Jesus Christ's promise is true today, but are we obeying his commands?

For the past three years, I have had the privilege of leading our church community and of witnessing Jesus build his church among us. Where do things stand today? We have increased attendance and membership, an online presence, two Bible studies each week, a homeless outreach, and occasional benefit concerts and Christian conferences. We have also begun to generate revenue by letting other church groups use our space to do ministry. I know we are just getting

started in what God has in store for us in the middle of Manhattan.

This year marks the 170th year of the Armenian Evangelical Church movement and the 120th anniversary of the Armenian Evangelical Church of New York. We are going to be entering a season of celebration. We are going to be grateful for the wonderful things God has done and we will be hopeful in joy-filled anticipation of the marvelous things still to come for us as a congregation. On September 18, we will kick off the official year with a celebration luncheon after church; we will conclude the campaign with a banquet in the late spring.

For upcoming Sunday sermons and Bible studies, we will spend time in the book of Nehemiah. Nehemiah helped to rebuild the first Temple in Jerusalem after its destruction. Our focus will be on this theme: Jesus is building his church and we get to be part of its construction. Brothers and sisters, let us continue to build Jesus' church together in love, listening to our Lord's commands, trusting that God will do a great and marvelous work in our midst. All glory belongs to God. Amen.

Serving the Risen Lord,

Rev. Haig Kherlopian

A Plea To Reinforce Our Wall

A few weeks ago we were sent some images of the exterior left-side wall of the church, which can only be seen from the inside of our neighboring hospital's windows. As seen on the right, there are many large and small cracks spanning a large portion of the wall, which has allowed water to seep in and damage the interior walls and ceiling that were recently repaired and painted. Our hard working and resourceful Trustees have agreed to take action and move forward with this project, which if left alone will exponentially get worse with the winter as snow and rain will freeze, expand, and cause the cracks to enlarge.

Since our neighboring hospital's contractors already have their scaffolding set up to access the rear of our church, we are already saving a great deal, however, **we still need to raise \$17,000 to cover the cost of the job.** Unfortunately, this expense has crept up at a time where the churches finances have plummeted. Please consider donating what you are able to keep our walls from crumbling. Thank you!

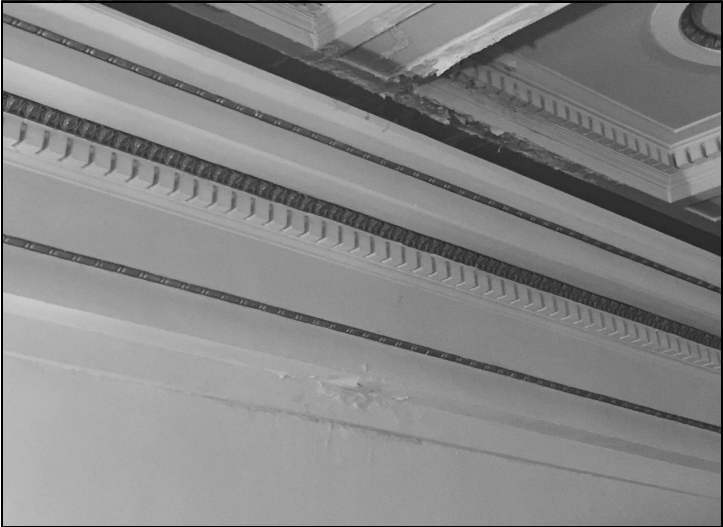
WALL PROJECT DONATION

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Please make your check out to the Armenian Evangelical Church, with "Gas Project" in the memo. ~Thank you!



GAS & KITCHEN PROJECT UPDATE

New gas piping has been installed from just underneath the sidewalk of the church all the way to the rear where the kitchen is located. Unfortunately, we have been delayed in connecting the gas piping to the incoming gas supply because of all the permit and paper work that the Department of Buildings requires. Our Trustees, engineer, and plumbers are working as hard as they can to expedite the process of getting the kitchen up and running.

After we have our new piping connected to the cities gas supply, we will have to bring our kitchens fire suppression system up to date, and have the appliances, namely the piolet lights tested and adjusted before we can finally start cooking at our home church!

We are beyond grateful for each and every contribution we have received towards our Gas and Kitchen project, and we thank you for your patience. Please keep our church facilities in your prayers. We pray that our church would serve as a hub for God's Kingdom work in NYC for years to come!

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We wish to thank the following for their
generous donation to the church:

Mr. Jack Dokouzian & Mr. & Mrs. Dave Shahbazian.

Towards the Kitchen Project: Phyllis Dohanian

Towards Office Supplies: Antwan Ahad Family

*Thank
you*

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

We want to express our gratitude to the following for their generous contribution towards Fellowship Hour in the months of July & August:



Dolly Tharp
Peggy Dingilian
Ruby Kherlopian
Beatrice Makhouljian
Mark Dilsizian
Jonathan Baboian
Karine Tonyan
The Kilicarslan Family



CHANCEL FLOWERS PRESENTED

September 4 - In honor of **Jack Dokouzian**, as he celebrates his 90th birthday on September 6th with his five great-grandchildren, six grandchildren, and four children. We celebrate the life of this long time friend of our church.



120th Anniversary
September
Kickoff Luncheon

*Come and celebrate the history of
our faith and our people.*

To kick off the 120th Year Anniversary Celebration of our Church, we cordially invite you to join us for a fundraiser luncheon at The Armenian Evangelical Church of New York on 34th street.

Suggested donation: \$20

September 18, 12:30p



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UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Join us for:

Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 AM

Bible Study - Tuesdays at 7:00 PM - Starting 9/20

New Jersey Bible Study - Wednesdays at 7:30 PM - Starting 9/21

Sept 4 Sunday Worship Service (Genesis 3:1-13)

Hiding From or Seeking God?

*Communion will be served

Sept 11 Sunday Worship Service (Nehemiah 1)

Praying Is Caring

Sept 18 **Sunday Kickoff Luncheon**

Sunday Worship Service (Nehemiah 2)

Missions of the Heart

Sept 25 Sunday Worship Service (Nehemiah 3)

Rebuilding Your Life

Save the Date:

120th Anniversary November Celebration & Luncheon

November 13th - Following Church Service

Join us as we celebrate the month that our church celebrates its 120th year of fellowship!

Details to follow.

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