



## Hamasdegh PTA Weekly Newsletter

February 27, 2020

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Dear Hamasdegh Parent,

Hamasdegh School PTA is delighted to welcome back Taline to Washington, DC for a Benefit Concert **Let's Sing and Dance with Taline & Friends** on Saturday, May 16, 4pm, at Soorp Khatch Church Hall. A special meet-and-greet session to follow the concert! Tickets \$30 per person, \$35 per person after May 10th. Free admission for children under 2. Food, drinks & snacks will be available for purchase starting at 3:30 pm. [Buy your tickets today](#) to reserve your spot! Spread the word on [Facebook](#) or by forwarding this email!




**Calling for dancers!** Are you a teen who needs community service hours? Did your children outgrow Taline but you would love to sing and dance with Taline? This is your chance! Hamasdegh PTA is looking for 3 volunteer characters (Piso, Nabig, Dzaghhradzoo) to dance with Taline on stage on Saturday, May 16. You will be given the list of songs with video links to practice the moves, and you will get a chance to rehearse the songs with Taline on Saturday, May 16, prior to the concert. The character costumes will be provided by Taline. Please email us if you are interested!

**Thank you, Lunch Volunteers!** Every week we have dedicated parents who either pitch in on the spot or sign up to volunteer [online](#) and last Sunday was no exception. We love our












volunteers and appreciate their support! Please [sign up](#) to be a lunch duty volunteer this Sunday!

**Bowling party cancelled:** The more dedicated parents and volunteers we have to lead or help with various planned events, the more opportunities for fun activities for our kids. Unfortunately, we have to cancel the bowling party scheduled for March 1 due to lack of volunteers to spearhead it. [Get Involved! Join a committee](#) and bring your talents to help with those activities of interest to you. Thank you!

**Food Drive continues:** Hamasdegh School & PTA are collecting canned foods for Loudoun Hunger Relief. Kindly drop off donated food items in collection bins provided at the church entrance. Please follow the guidelines on the flyer below for the most needed pantry items. Financial contributions can be made by clicking on this link: <https://www.loudounhunger.org/donate-now/>. Let us not forget that there are many less fortunate families throughout the capital area that need special help each and every day. Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated! The food drive will run until Sunday, March 29th.

  
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## FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED ITEMS

<b>Canned Fruits &amp; Veggies</b> 	<b>Canned Meat</b> 	<b>Canned Beans &amp; Soup</b> 
<b>Cereal</b> 	<b>Whole Grain Pasta &amp; Rice</b> 	<b>Peanut Butter</b> 
<b>Hygiene Items</b> 	<b>Household Items</b> 	<b>Paper Products</b> 
<b>Cooking Oil</b> 	<b>Fresh Fruits &amp; Vegetables</b> 	<b>Other</b> Diapers    Fruit Cups Wipes    Granola Bars Formula    Popcorn Infant Cereal Nutritional Shakes and Drinks

Pop Top Cans and Microwavable Cups Preferred  
Low Sodium • Low Trans-Fat • Sugar Free

[www.loudounhunger.org](http://www.loudounhunger.org)

## Of interest



On March 15th, 2020 at 2:30PM at Soorp Khatch, Hamazkayin DC will be starting its first dance class for the **Hamazkayin Ethnographic Dance Group** - preferably for ages in 4th grade and up (adults included and encouraged).

Ethnographic dance is not one that is choreographed, but pulls dances from villages in Armenia that have kept and passed on their traditions. The group will be taught and lead by

current Hamasdegh School Dance Instructor, **Alex Avaneszadeh**. On the first day of class, the group will meet for a lesson, but will also use the time to evaluate people's interests, age and to determine the amount of classes needed to accommodate each age group. If interested, please reach out to Alex at [alex.avaneszadeh@gmail.com](mailto:alex.avaneszadeh@gmail.com)!

## Community News

### Armenian Festival

A festival dedicated to the Armenian culture, music and films named "Armenian Odyssey" will be held from February 29 to March 14 in Washington DC. The festival is organized by the National Gallery of Art in Washington, the Armenian Embassy to the US and the National Cinema Center of Armenia. For more information or to get tickets, refer to the following links:

<https://www.nga.gov/calendar/film-programs/armenian-odyssey.html>

<https://cathedral.org/event/an-armenian-odyssey/>

### Narek Hakhnazaryan Concert

2020 marks the centennial of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the US and the Armenian Republic. A concert dedicated to the momentous occasion in the shared history between American and Armenian people and featuring one of the world's most acclaimed cellists, Narek Hakhnazaryan, will be held on March 6, 2020, 7:30 pm at the National Press Club. Follow [this link](#) for more details and tickets.







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Hamazkayin Armenian Educational and Cultural Society  
Washington D.C. Chapter

Introduces newly formed dance classes of the

## HAMAZKAYIN ETHNOGRAPHIC DANCE GROUP



Photo: "Սասնա ծռեր" ազգագրական համույթ

Start Date: March 15, 2020 | 2:30 - 4:30 PM  
**SOORP KHATCH ARMENIAN CHURCH**  
4906 Flint Dr, Bethesda, MD, 20816

Dance Instructor: **Alex Avaneszadeh**  
For questions and/or to enroll:  
email [alex.avaneszadeh@gmail.com](mailto:alex.avaneszadeh@gmail.com)  
Or Garbo Afarian at [garbotravel@gmail.com](mailto:garbotravel@gmail.com)

## Hamasdegh School PTA presents a Benefit Concert Let's Sing and Dance with Taline & Friends



**Saturday, May 16, 2020, 4-6pm**

**Soorp Khatch Church Hall**  
4906 Flint Drive, Bethesda, MD 20816

Join us for a fun and interactive concert with Taline and a special meet-and-greet session after the concert!

Buy your tickets at [squareup.com/store/soorp-khatch-church-pta](https://squareup.com/store/soorp-khatch-church-pta)  
Tickets \$30 per person, \$35 per person after May 10th.

Free admission for children under 2.

Food, drinks and snacks will be available for purchase starting at 3:30 pm.  
Please bring your ID and printed ticket to the door for admission.

No refunds.

For more info, please contact: [hamasdeghpta@gmail.com](mailto:hamasdeghpta@gmail.com)



### Important Links

- [Join the PTA](#)
- [Get Involved! Join a committee](#)
- [Complete the parent survey](#)
- [Amazon Smile](#)

### PTA EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!!

February 23 - March 29	Food Drive
April 11	Easter Communion and Breakfast
April 12	Easter (no school)
May 16, 4pm	Let's Sing and Dance with Taline & Friends

[Full Calendar of Events \(pdf\)](#)

### STAY CONNECTED

[HamasdeghPTA.weebly.com](https://hamasdeghpta.weebly.com)  
[Hamasdegh School Facebook Page](#)



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