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Ձեզ կը հրաւիրենք անզամ մը եւս մասնակցելու մեր Եկեղեցոյ աղօթական կեանքին եւ մեր յարակից մարմիններուն կազմակերպած ձեռնարկներուն:

Թող Աստուծոյ օրհնութիւնը միշտ ներկայ ըլլայ ձեր տուններուն մէջ:

Dear Reader,

We have the pleasure of offering you the new issue of Shoghagat. In the past two years several obstacles prevented us from publishing our bimonthly regularly. However that same period was rich with church programs and various activities such as the Burning of Mortgage celebration, the International Cuisine festivals, the performance of Yeraz dance group, the play of the theatrical group, Summer Camp programs, the joint Christmas concert-celebration, the exceptional Valentines Day diner dance and the young couple's seminar. Since most of these events were covered in the special booklet "Keeping The Faith - The Survival of an Armenian Church" which was prepared for the mortgage burning celebration, we decided therefore to cover the events between March through September of 2009, and we hope that you will enjoy reading them.

We take this opportunity to invite you once again to be active participants of St. Sarkis Church religious activities and all the programs organized by our various auxiliary bodies.

My God's blessing be always present at your homes!

Prayerfully,

Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian,

Pastor

# Ս. ԽԱՉԻՆ ԽՈՐՀՈՒՐԴԸ

Սեպտեմբեր 14-մերձաւոր Կիրակին, Հայց. Առաքելական եկեղեցին կը տօնախմբէ տարուան հինգ տաղաւար տօներէն վերջինը՝ վերացման Ս. Խաչին տօնը: Որպէս Հայց. եկեղեցւոյ գաւազաններ կը հաւաքուինք եկեղեցի հաղորդուելու համար Խաչին խորհուրդով. խորհուրդ մը որ յայտնուեցաւ շուրջ երկու հազար տարիներ առաջ Գողգոթայի վրայ, վերականգնելու համար մարդկութիւնը իր անկեալ վիճակէն եւ յայտնելու Աստուծոյ անասման սէրը մարդկութեան հանդէպ: Քրիստոսի Առաքեալները որոնք խաչելութենէն առաջ եւ մանաւանդ խաչելութեան ընթացքին չէին կրցած հասկնալ խաչին խորհուրդը, իրենց Վարդապետին Յարութեանէն ետք իրենց կեանքով փորձեցին ապրիլ գայն: Քրիստոսի եկեղեցին իր հաստատութեան օրէն մինչեւ այսօր կը փորձէ հասկնալ, ապրիլ ու քարոզել խաչին խորհուրդը... Հետեւաբար անկարելի է քարոզի մը ամփոփ սահմաններուն մէջ ամբողջականօրէն ներկայացնել թէ ինչ կը նշանակէ խաչը մեզի քրիստոնեաներու համար, ուստի երեք կէտեր պիտի կազմեն առանցքը այս խորհրդածութեան:

## Ս. ԽԱՉԸ ԽՈՐՀՈՒՐԴ ՍԻՐՈՅ

Քրիստոսի աշխարհ գալուտար արտայայտութիւնն է մարդկութեան հանդէպ Աստուծոյ սիրոյն: Այդ գերագոյն սէրը Քրիստոս կ'արտայատէ խաչին վրայ, ինչպէս Պօղոս Առաքեալ կ'ըսէ «Աստուած մեզի հանդէպ իր սէրը յայտնեց անով՝ որ երբ որ երբ տակաւին մեր մեղքերուն մէջ էինք՝ Քրիստոս մեզի համար մեռաւ» (Հռ. 5. 6-7): Խաչին վրայ Քրիստոսի թափած արիւնը մեզի կը պատգամէ թէ մեր կեանքի ամենէն յուսահատ եւ լքուած պահերուն՝ մենք Աստուծոյ սիրելի գաւազաններն ենք, եւ մեզի համար Քրիստոս ինք փրկագին վճարած է մեզ ազատելու մեղքի գերութենէն:

Քրիստոս մեզի կը պատուիրէ սիրել մեր զրացին եւ Ինք կը կատարելագործէ այդ պատգամը խաչին վրայ: Այսօր Քրիստոնեաներէս կը սպասուի նմանօրինակ սէր ունենալ մեր կեանքին մէջ: Սէր մը որ վառ կը մնայ եւ չի տկարանար ատելութիւններու, չարիքներու եւ անիրաւութիւններու դիմաց: Սէր մը որ երբ մարդիկ մեր գործերուն նային փառք տան Աստուծոյ որ իր պատուիրանները այս կեանքին մէջ գործադրողներ կան:

## Ս. ԽԱՉԸ ԽՈՐՀՈՒՐԴ ԽՈՆԱՐՀՈՒԹԵԱՆ

Մեր Տէրը Յիսուս Քրիստոս այն առաջնորդն է որ իր երկրաւոր կեանքի ընթացքին յեղաշրջեց «ղեկավարի» հասկացողութիւնը իր խոնարհութեամբ: Քրիստոսի կեանքը՝ Մսուրի մէջ իր ծնունդէն սկսեալ հասնելով ընկերութեան կողմէ մերժուածներուն հետ իր ունեցած աշխուժ յարաբերութեան եւ ի վերջոյ Խաչին վրայ իր անարգ մահին, մեզի կը ներկայացնեն առաքելութիւն մը որուն մղիչ ուժը կարծէք խոնարհութիւնն է: Քրիստոս իր կեանքի օրինակով մեզի կը պատուիրէ ըլլալ խոնարհ, որովհետեւ խոնարհութիւնն է որ մեզի երկինք կ'առաջնորդէ, կը պատգամէ Ս. Ն. Շնորհալի Հայրապետ:

Մեր կեանքին մէջ տարուելով աշխարհի հոսանքներէն մեր մեծութիւնը կը փորձենք փնտռել զանազան վաղանցիկ «արժէքներու» մէջ ինչպէս համբաւ, դիրք, ուսում, հարստութիւն եւլյն: Սակայն երբ մտաբերենք մեր Տիրոջ խօսքերը պիտի տեսնենք որ ան կ'ըսէ թէ իր ծառաները պիտի ըլլան հոն ուր Ինք կը գտնուի. եւ եթէ Քրիստոս Խաչին վրայ մերկ, լքուած եւ արիւնաքամ փառաւորուեցաւ մենք ալ Խաչէն շատ հեռու չենք կրնար գտնել մեր մեծութիւնը:

## Ս. ԽԱՉԸ ՊՍՏԱՍԽԱՆ ՄԵՐ ՏԱՌԱՊԱՆՔԵՐՈՒՄ

«Ամէն մարդ խաչ մը ունի որ կը կրէ»: Ընդհանրացած խօսք մըն է ասիկա մեր մէջ. իրաւամբ մեր կեանքին մէջ կը հանդիպինք այնպիսի դժուարութիւններու եւ փորձութիւններու որոնց դէմ տոկալը մարդկային ուժերէն վեր կը թուի ըլլալ. եթէ անձնապէս չենք ապրած այդ պահերը վստահաբար տեսած ենք մարդիկ որոնք ցաւի մորմոքէն բացականչած են ո՛ւր է Աստուած...:

Ազգի մը հաւաքական յիշողութեան մէջ դրոշմուած է Հետեւեալ տխուր պատմութիւնը թէ երբ այդ տուեալ ազգին գաւազանները կը ջարդուէին իրենց պատկանելիութեան համար, մանուկ մըն ալ կախաղան կը բարձրացուէր, եւ երբ ան կը չարչարուէր հոգին չաւանդած, ներկաներէն մէկը բողոքելով կ'ըսէ Ո՛ւր է Աստուած. ուրիշ մանուկ մը որ այնտեղ կը գտնուէր իր ներսիդին ձայն մը կը լսէ. Աստուած այնտեղ է կախաղանին վրայ այդ մանուկին հետ:

Որքան նմանօրինակ ցաւալի դէպքեր պատահեցան մեր ալ պատմութեան մէջ եւ

յատկապէս անցնող դարու ցեղասպանութեան օրերուն, բայց Աստուած մեզ չլքեց, այլ Անիկա մեզի հետ էր որովհետեւ Քրիստոս ինչքան վրայ չարչարուեցաւ եւ կը չարչարուի ամէն անգամ որ իր հետեւողներէն մէկուն չարիք հասնի: Մեր Աստուածը մեզմէ հեռու եւ անտեղեակ Աստուած մը չէ այլ Փրկիչ մըն է որ իր արիւնով կեանք կը պարգեւէ մեզի:

Բոլորս մեր խաչը շարկած կը քայլենք. իմաստուն Քրիստոնեան պէտք չէ աղօթէ որ Աստուած վերցնէ այդ խաչը իր ուսերէն այլ պէտք է խնդրէ որ Աստուած այդ խաչին մեծութեան համաձայն հաւատք, յոյս եւ սէր տայ մեզի:

Աղօթարար,  
Տ. Նարեկ Քհնյ. Թրթռեան



# THE MYSTERY OF THE HOLY CROSS

The closest Sunday to September 14 is the date when the Armenian Apostolic Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Cross, which is the last *Daghavar* (cardinal) feast of the liturgical calendar. On that day we contemplate about the mystery of the Holy Cross which was revealed to us about two thousand years ago on the Calvary to restore the human kind from the fallen state by God’s unconditional love to us. The disciples of Jesus who were not able to understand the mystery of the cross at the time of the Lord’s crucifixion, they tried to live out that mystery to the fullest after His resurrection. The Christian Church from the day of her institution tries to understand, live and proclaim that same mystery. Therefore it is impossible to present a comprehensive study of the mystery of the cross as a homily. However here are three points that we can meditate upon.

### The Cross as a symbol of love

The incarnation of Christ is the manifestation of God’s love for humans, which is fully revealed on the Cross as St. Paul writes: “God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans. 5.8). The blood of Jesus shed on the cross reminds us that even in the depths of despair we are the beloved children of

God, because Christ has paid the highest ransom to set us free from the captivity of sin. Moreover, Jesus commands us to love our neighbors. He shows the way to fulfill His commandment by the example of His life. It is expected from us the Christians to have a loving heart which is not affected by the hatred, the wickedness and the injustice that we experience in the world. When we have that type of love in our hearts, it will become a blessing for the people around us.

### The Cross as a symbol of humility

Jesus redefined the meaning of “leadership” by the example of his earthly ministry; His birth in the manger, the dynamic relationship that He had with the outcasts of the society, and His disgraceful execution on the cross point out that humility was a driving energy in His ministry. Jesus commands his followers to follow his example of humility, because “humility is the virtue that leads us to heaven” as St. Nerces the Gracious writes. Our modern society however encourages us to feel proud of trivial “values” such as position, fame, fortune etc. But let us pause and think about the words of Jesus that: “Whoever serves me must follow me”. If Jesus was glorified as he was nailed to the cross, naked and abandoned, then we also

should not try to find our own glory apart from the Cross.

### **The Cross as an answer to our sufferings**

“Everyone carries a cross” is a popular wisdom, because there are times in our lives when we encounter tribulations and tackling them seems almost impossible with our human efforts. If we have not personally experienced those moments we surely have seen people around us who from the depths of their agony have asked “where is God?”

In the history of a certain nation whose members were being massacred because of their ethnicity a child was also being executed on the gallows. Another child who was watching the execution heard somebody protesting “Where is God? Where is He? Where can He be now? And the watching child hears a voice within him answering “He is hanging on this gallows” (Elie Wiesel, *Night* 75-76). Similar stories of torture and death are countless in the Armenian History, especially during the Armenian Genocide. But God did not forsake us, He suffered with us, because Christ suffered on the cross. He also suffers whenever one of His followers is suffering unjustly. Our God is not a distant and an unaware being. Our God is a savior who gives us life with His Blood.

“We all carry a cross”. The wise Christian should not pray that the weight of their cross may become lighter and smaller but rather to pray for more faith, hope and love to be able to carry the cross faithfully.

May God Bless You,  
Fr. Nareg Terterian

St. Sarkis Church Ladies Guild

### **HOLIDAY FAIR LUNCHEON CHINESE AUCTION AND BAKE SALE**

Sunday, November 22, 2009 1:00 PM  
St. Sarkis Church - Chadrijian Hall

Win Your Choice Of Prizes  
Admission: Adults - \$10.00  
Children under 12 - \$5.00  
Chinese Auction Raffle Tickets:  
5 for \$ 10.00 / 15 for \$20.00

## **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD AND BLESSING OF THE GRAPES**



The community of St. Sarkis Church celebrated The feast of the Assumption of the Holy Virgin Mary into Heaven on Sunday August 16, 2009, The Divine Liturgy was celebrated by the Pastor, who also gave a sermon about the lessons that we need to learn from the life of St. Mary, especially from her faith, persistence and purity. Fr. Nareg also explained the meaning of the service of Blessing of the grapes: “While the idea of preserving the creation seems to be a modern one for our society, it has always been the teaching of our church that the environment is a gift from God and we are the stewards of God’s creation. The Blessing of the Grapes is the best example of that thinking because it teaches us that all gifts are from God and we should seek to receive God’s blessing before enjoying His gifts”. The Holy Sacrament of Divine Liturgy was followed by the service of the Blessing of the Grapes which was donated by Mrs. Gadarine Shakarian, and a special prayer for the *Madagh* (memorial luncheon) donated by *Yeretsgin* Annie Terterian and prepared with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Karnig and Ani Nercessian. Following the blessing and distribution of the Grapes, over 200 parishioners enjoyed the traditional meal under the tents on the church grounds.

The Pastor and the Board of Trustees members extend their gratitude for all the parishioners and friends for their in lieu of grape and *madagh* donations. May God Bless you abundantly.



## ՏՕՆ ՎԵՐԱՓՈՒՄԱՆ Ս. ԱՍՏՈՒԱԾԱԾՆԻ

Ս. Աստուածածնայ Վերափոխման տօնը, այս տարի եւս մեծ շուքով տօնախմբուեցաւ Ս. Սարգիս Եկեղեցւոյ մէջ, Կիրակի 16 Օգոստոս, 2009-ին: Օրուան պատարագիչն էր եկեղեցւոյ Հոգեւոր Հովիւը: Ան իր քարոզին մէջ կեդրոնացաւ Ս. Աստուածածնի կեանքէն երեք առաքինութիւններու վրայ՝ Հաւատք, յարատեւութիւն եւ անբժուկիւն, եւ քաջալերեց ներկաները որ օրինակ առնեն այդ առաքինութիւններէն: Ան նաեւ անդրադարձաւ Խաղողօրհնէքի արարողութեան իմաստին ըսելով. «Այսօր կենսոլորտով մտահոգ ըլլալը յարաբերաբար նոր գաղափար մը կը թուի ըլլալ մեր ընկերութեան մէջ, սակայն մեր եկեղեցին միշտ Հաւատացած է թէ մարդը պահապանն է Աստուծոյ ստեղծագործութեան եւ խաղողօրհնէքը փաստն է այդ Համոզումին որովհետեւ բոլոր պարզեւները Աստուծոյ կողմէն մեզի կը տրուին եւ մենք Աստուծոյ օրհնութիւնը կը Հայցենք վայելելու Համար զանոնք:

Պատարագի աւարտին կատարուեցաւ խաղողօրհնէք եւ մատաղօրհնէք: Խաղողը անցնող տարիներուն նման նուիրուած էր Տիկ. Կատարինէ Շաքարեանին կողմէ իսկ մատաղը՝ Երէցկին Անի Թրթուեանին կողմէ եւ պատրաստուած՝ Տէր եւ Տիկ. Գառնիկ եւ Անի Ներսէսեաններուն օգնութեամբ: Արարողութեանց աւարտին աւելի քան 200 ծխականներ ճաշակեցին աւանդական հերիսան եկեղեցւոյ չրջափակին մէջ:

Ս. Սարգիս Եկեղեցւոյ Հոգեւոր Հովիւը եւ Հոգաբարձութեան անդամները յատուկ շնորհակալութիւն կը յայտնեն բոլոր այն ծխականներուն որոնք փոխան խաղողի եւ մատաղի նուիրատուութիւններով մասնակցեցան այս տօնակատարութեան: Թող Աստուած ձեզ օրհնէ առատապէս:

YERAZ DANCE ENSEMBLE  
 CELEBRATING THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY GALA PERFORMANCE  
 Sunday December 6th 2009 5:00 PM  
 Queensborough Community College - Humanities Theatre  
 222-08 56th Ave., Oakland Gardens, NY, 11364  
 Artistic Director: Karnik Nercessian Choreographer: Lena Orangian  
 For Tickets and Reservations please call:  
 Church office 718-224-2275 / Ani Nercessian 516-364-9228

# 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM AT ST. SARKIS CHURCH

We are proud to announce that we successfully completed our 4th year of summer camp at our church with 56 campers, along with past campers serving as C.I.T.'s. We were blessed with wonderful weather and great volunteers that made "Summer Camp '09 at St. Sarkis" a huge success once again. This year we had a huge variety of activities for all our age groups. The entire camp went to Alley Pond Environmental Center that gave our youngsters insight on our environment and natural surroundings. Our older groups B and C went on a miniature golfing trip that was a lot of fun. In between these activities we had a Magic Show, Soccer Lessons, Music Class, Arts and Crafts and of course Religion with Der Nareg. Most importantly, friendships and memories were made to last a lifetime.

We would like at this time to thank Der Nareg and Yeretsgin Ani for their guidance. We would also like to thank the STAFF: Mrs. Jeanette Nenejian, Mrs. Zepuir Ardzivian, Mrs. Lucine Megerian, Mrs. Shake Kelaghbian, Ms. Sarin Arslanian, Ms. Malvina Shishmanian, Mrs. Yvette Fiesel, Mrs. Simona Yaghdjian and all the volunteers that took time out of their everyday schedules to serve the children of our church. We would like to express our gratitude to Mr. Antranik Boudakian and Mr & Mrs Alain Artinian for their generosity. Last but not least, we would like to extend a big "Thank You" to the parents and grandparents of all our campers. Without your support, we would not have the success we have had thus far.

See you ALL next year and enjoy the rest of your summer!

*Mrs. Jeanette Nenejian*









# GARDEN PARTY 2009



It was... and it was not a traditional Armenian gathering. On Sunday June 28 Mr. & Mrs. Edward and Mary Arslanian gracefully opened their home and grounds to a garden party benefiting Saint Sarkis Ladies Guild. A large tent and lawn furniture was rented and decorated. Stepan Tavitian and 'smooth as silk' singer Mark filled the air with wonderful music, and the blue pool and emerald green lawn completed the picture of a super nice backyard American garden party.

It was a warm sunny day with a mild breeze and the large tent and large trees provided shady comfort. People danced, chatted, and several took the opportunity to wade their legs in the inviting pool.

In between eating and dancing, BOT Chairman Dr. Aram Cazazian greeted Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Daghlilian and thanked them for generously renovating the church bell of old St. Sarkis and installing it professionally next to our church building..

Raffles were drawn, with many nice prizes which completed a wonderful Armenian-American afternoon full of fun, food, music and friends.

## MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

By Grace Simonian



*“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. (1 Cor:13:4-7)”*

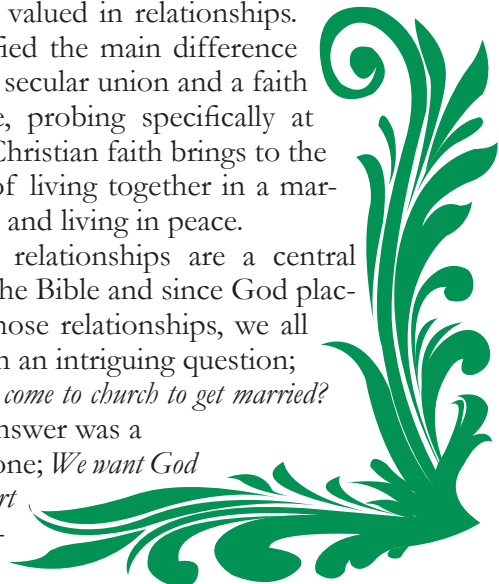
In times when society and culture infatuate people with the urge to fall in love and enjoy all the emotional and physical pleasures derived from it, it is imperative that we understand love and have a sound Christian perspective on marriage. This was the theme on which 20 Armenian couples united on June 20, 2009 at St. Sarkis Church for a “Marriage and Family Seminar”. The seminar took place upon the gracious and proactive initiatives of Reverend Father Nareg Terterian. Couples from different backgrounds and in different stages of their relationships attended to hear and be educated on the fundamental basics of marriage and love that Rev. Fr. Nareg, the pastor of the church, and Dr. Joann C. Heaney-Hunter Ph.D., a prominent professor at St. John’s University, had to present. Fr. Nareg gave the first presentation of the day

which concentrated on the Bible’s teachings and specifically on Paul’s letters about love and marriage. He enriched us with various quotations and interpretations of biblical scholars from the past and expressed the fact that human beings are created in the image of God and the character of God should be valued in relationships.

He identified the main difference between a secular union and a faith based one, probing specifically at what the Christian faith brings to the question of living together in a married union and living in peace.

Love and relationships are a central theme in the Bible and since God places us in those relationships, we all thought on an intriguing question; *Why do we come to church to get married?*

And the answer was a common one; *We want God to be a part of the covenant and*



*our loved ones to be witnesses of the sacrament.* Yet, we fail to understand that by asking God to be a part of the covenant, we have asked Him to enter our relationship and unless He nourishes it and blesses it, nothing else will make it blossom and develop to what He has planned it to be. Fortunately, the Bible has given us a lot of narrative stories which make it easy to visualize and illustrate such words. To mention one of them that Fr. Nareg discussed is Jesus' first miracle at the wedding feast in Cana. The wine runs out and Mary, Jesus' mother, suggests to the stewards that they do anything that Jesus asks. He requests them to fill the jars with water and to ladle it out to the guests. The water filled jars turn into wine and the guests then bombard their host with questions as to why he had kept the best wine until last.

Although this outcome could be hard for some to comprehend, for Christians it portrays one thing; God responds to the expectant heart and with Him everything is possible. This can be the reality of marriage undertaken in that spirit of obedience and expectancy.

After discussing how the bible pertains to love, our subject

shifted into the meaning of love. Fr. Nareg explained that there are different kinds of love and two of the renowned natures

of the miracle at the Feast of Cana. We should recognize that God is only capable to take the clay of two people and mould

**“We don't have two hearts, one that loves God and one that loves human beings. We have ONE heart that loves.”**

of it are Eros and Agape. Eros, which is physical love, is an intense and passionate desire to something that often fades away with the wearing of the passion. Where as Agape, is a paternal love of God for man and a brotherly love to humanity. It is the kind of love that transcends all passion without the necessity of reciprocity and thus invokes feeling and involves commitment. This kind of love pertains to a relationship that is based on cherishing not on using; the decision to stop thinking of oneself and to tenderly care for the other. For our love to be this pure and true, we should be inspired by the previous analogy

it into one water pot. He will fill that pot with 'living' water, representing the joy of life and it will refill whenever it is given away. This depicts the truth that in Christian marriage, two become irrevocably one and Jesus is the head guiding and blessing it all the way to the end.

Love brings a couple together which unites them in marriage and communication is a tool that strengthens the marriage which allows God to nourish it. This was our next subject of the day presented by Dr. Joann C. Heaney-Hunter who currently serves as Associate Professor of Theology and Director of the University Core Curriculum



at St. John's University, New York. Her primary area of expertise is the theology and practice of Christian marriage and family life. She discussed the issues and the barriers that disrupt our relationships and provided various tips to overcome them and sustain the perfect and pure love that was envisioned to us by God. The top factors cited in studies and affecting those relationships were identified as: time, sex, money and communication. Hence, Dr. Joann focused on the importance of communication between couples and the different styles of it, verbal and non verbal. She explained that



some could express themselves boldly and loudly and some others could just signal by gestures. Whichever way is one's way of communication, all that matters is that couples provide the time and space to talk and understand each other instead of playing the role of a therapist and winding up with wrong interpretations.

Communication is a two way street and with it comes the importance of listening and allowing the other to express their thoughts. And in a faith based marriage, it also involves taking time to listen to God and to share together the precious jewels He reveals. It is a praying one! Yet, no matter how we are willing to pray together, it is difficult to pray meaningfully, if there is something that divides us from the one we love. At the heart of such a relationship is also our need at times for both repentance and forgiveness.

It involves never letting the sun go down on anger or hurt. Negative emotions could have a lingering impact on the overall physical and emotional health. So, instead of silence or denial, a couple is urged to break out of it and talk through it.

Another crucial factor to effective communication is based on intimacy.

That is, after all, the setting in which a marriage becomes fruitful and in which children may be given. But there is a further dimension to intimacy that should be understood which is a spiritual one. The tendency today is for people to seek more and more of the physical because they have no spiritual intimacy; which is the sharing of our inner lives together, sharing our hopes and fears, our insights and our longings. It is a wonderful enrichment and one of the most effective ways of communication.

Finally, we also come in to our marriages with different values, beliefs and ways of doing things which could further complicate our relationships. But, we should acknowledge that we came together because we love each other and thus, it's important to understand the other person and empathize as an effective tool of communicating which in turn will resolve those differences and conflicts. This is easier said than done of course, so Dr. Joann concluded her discussion and reinforced it with some tips and insights that could facilitate our communication.

Some of them listed in a summary form are:

- Focus on one thing at a time.
- Let each other speak.
- Fight your own battles and don't involve relatives

into your lives.

- Use “I” instead of “You” which is accusatory.
- Don’t use absolute terms as “always” and “never”.
- If nothing else works, take a time out and come back to resolve an issue.
- Consider Paul’s principles at the heart of your communication skills.

Marriage is like a three legged stool. It takes prayer, commitment and communication to maintain its balance and thrive. In that sense, the seminar helped achieve its goal by reminding us of the real meaning and intentions of love and emphasizing the importance of good communication and the pitfalls that prevent it. But, most of all, it helped stress the fact that we are not alone in this struggle and that we need to always stand up and talk things through specially with God leading us, a community and a church supporting us and a fellowship of believers surrounding us. It is through diversity and personal shared experiences that we grow and mature.

On behalf of all the couples who attended this seminar, I would like to thank Fr. Nareg and Dr. Joann for their precious time and for taking the initiative to build and support the Armenian families and reaffirm the bond and the affection of the church to its children.

And I would like to end with one of the quotations of the day citing, *“We don’t have 2 hearts, one that loves God and one that loves human beings. We have ONE heart that loves.”*

## Ս.Սարգիս Սիւզան եւ Յովսէփ Յակոբեան Հարաթօրեայ Վարժարանին Ամալերջի Հանդէս

Տիկ. Մարիա Եփրէմեան

Սուրբ Սարգիս Եկեղեցւոյ Սիւզան եւ Յովսէփ Յակոբեան շարաթօրեայ վարժարանին ամալերջի Հանդէսը տեղի ունեցաւ Մայիս 16-2009-ին կ.ե ժամը 3:00-ին Եկեղեցւոյ սրահին մէջ: Հանդիսութեան ներկայ էին Եկեղեցւոյ հոգեւոր հովիւ՝ Տ. Նարեկ ՔՀՆյ. Թրթռեան, հոգաբարձութեան ատենապետ Տոքթ. Արամ Գազազեան, վարժարանիս տնօրէնուհի՝ Տիկին Նայիրի Զօհրապեան, ուսուցչական կազմը, աշակերտները, ծնողները, հարազատներն ու հրաւիրեալներու հոծ բազմութիւն մը: Հանդէսի յայտագիրը կարեւորութեամբ կը շեշտէր Հայերէն լեզուն պահել՝ գրելով, կարդալով եւ Հայերէն խօսելով, երբայսքան Հայեր կ’ապրին օտար ափերու վրայ: Բացումը տեղի ունեցաւ Հայաստանի Հանրապետութեան քայլերգով, որմէ ետք խօսք առաւ վարժարանիս տնօրէնուհին Տիկինն. Զօհրապեանը: Ան իր բացման խօսքին մէջ ջերմագին բարեմաղթութիւններով շնորհակարտեց Հանդիսատես ծնողները, իրենց հոգատարութեան համար, նաեւ շնորհակալութիւն յայտնեց ուսուցչական կազմին, ծնողաց միութեան որ ձեռք-ձեռքի կը գործակցին ամբողջ տարուան ընթացքին, եւ որուն արքասիքն է այս շքեղ հանդէսը: Ապա ծաղկեփունջերով վարձատրուեցան սիրելի ուսուցչուհիները եւ ծնողաց մարմնի անդամները, նուիրուած դպրոցի հոգաբարձութեան անդամներուն Տոքթ. Արամ Գազազեանին եւ Տիկին Մէլրի Արսլանեանին կողմէ: Յայտագրի սկիզբը մանկամտուրի (բողբոջ) եւ կոկոն դասարաններու փոքրիկները գեղազարդ հագուստներով, զուարճալի երաժշտական կտորներ երգեցին, նուագեցին ու արտասանեցին: Մատղաջ փոքրիկները ուրախացուցին ներկաները իրենց համարձակ, յստակ, եւ ճշգրիտ արտայայտութիւններով: Անոնք յաջողած էին իրենց բաժնին մէջ շնորհիւ մանկապարտեզի ուսուցչուհիներուն Տիկին Ովսաննա Ֆէրէճեանին եւ Օրդ. Դալար Արծիւեանին: Յայտագրի յաջորդ

**REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN FOR SATURDAY SCHOOL!**

If you would like your child to learn about Armenian culture, history, music, religion and, of course, language, then this is the place to be.

School is in session every Saturday from 9:45 am to 1:00 pm.

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նաւարտներուն՝ Սեւակ Եփրէմեանին, Անի Օրանճեանին, Քրիստափոր Մկրեանին, եւ Սեւակ Յակոբեանին: Շրջանաւարտները վարժարանին հոգաբարձութեան կողմէ ստացան նուէրներ: Նոյնպէս Ծնողաց միութիւնը շնորհաւորելով շրջանաւարտները նուէրներ բաժնեցին երեխաներուն: Հանդէսի աւարտին Տ. Նարեկը իր ոգեւորիչ եւ կրօնաբոյր բառերով բարձր գնահատեց վարժարանին պատասխանատու մարմինները, շնորհաւորեց շրջանաւարտները ու խոստացաւ Միջնակարգի բաժին մը ունենալ մօտ ապագային: Որովհետեւ աշխարհի արագընթաց փոփոխութիւններուն հետ Հայ պահելու միակ միջոցն է ապագայ սերունդին հայեցի ուսում եւ գիտութիւն յայթայթելը: Աւելցուց ըսելով թէ Սուրբ Սարգիս Սուզան եւ Յովսէփ Յակոբեան Շաբաթօրեայ վարժարանը Յունուար 2009-էն սկսեալ ունեցաւ Կրօնքի դասապահներ եւ շնորհակալութիւն յայտնեց դասատուներուն Տիկին Քրիստին Պէտրոսեանին, Օրդ. Թամար Յարութիւնեանին եւ Օրդ. Ժանէթ Վաննէսեանին իրենց կամաւոր կրօնքի դասեր դասաւանդելուն համար: Տէր Հայրը շնորհակալութիւն յայտնեց վարժարանին փոխ տնօրէնուհին Տիկին Վիգի Յակոբեանին իր հոգատարութեան համար: Բարեմաղթութիւններով վերջ գտաւ հանդէսը: Աւարտին ներկաները համտեսեցին Ծնողաց միութեան պատրաստած համեղ ճաշերը:



## ST. SARKIS SUZANNE & HOVSEP HAGOPIAN SATURDAY SCHOOL'S END OF YEAR PROGRAM

*By Maria Ebrimian*

*Translated By Mrs. Vicky Hagopian*

The St. Sarkis Suzanne & Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School had their end of year program on May 16th, 2009 in the church's main hall. Amongst all those attendance were Father Nareg Terterian, Dr. Aram Cazazian (Chairman of the Board of Trustees), Mrs. Mary Arslanian (school board trustee), the principal of the school, Mrs. Nairy Zohrabian, teachers, students, parents and invited guests. The theme of the program stressed the importance of keeping the Armenian language alive by writing, reading and speaking Armenian especially since there are so many Armenians living outside of Armenia. The program opened with the Armenian National Anthem.

Mrs. Nairy Zohrabian welcomed everyone and thanked and commended the parents for their commitment in raising their children to be Armenian and to have Armenian values. She also thanked the teachers and the PTA for their hard work all year. Only with their help was the *bantes* and everything else possible. Then on behalf of Dr. Cazazian and Mrs. Mary Arslanian, all the teachers and PTA members received a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

The program started with the nursery and pre-k students singing songs and reciting poems. With the help of their teachers, Mrs. Ossana Ferejian and Ms. Talar Ardzivian, the little ones really pleased the crowd with their poems. Next all the students took the stage to sing under the guidance of their music teachers, Mrs. Zepuir Ardzivian and Mrs. Eliza Hambartsoumian. They sang "Mer Hairenik", "Ee Zen Hayer", "Azk Eem Parabantz", "Kedashen" and "Aryounod Trosh". Then the students went up on stage by grade (both the eastern and western classes) to recite poems and sing songs, some were done individually and others in a group. All those present were full of happiness to see and to know that all students on stage are the hope and the future of Armenia. Congratulations to all the teachers for all their hard work. The teachers of the upper classes are Ms. Ani Matevosyan, Ms. Margo Ananyan, Ms. Nora Zohrabian, Ms. Nevair Oranjian, Mrs. Maria Ebrimian and *Yeretzeen* An-

nie Terterian. Now the time had come for the sixth graders to take stage with their caps and gowns on. They all got up one by one and told us in their own words what Saturday school and graduation has meant to them. They promised to remain loyal to St. Sarkis Saturday School.

It was now time to recognize and award students with a small token for other accomplishments. The four students who had perfect attendance this year were Shahen Fiesel, Garen Fiesel, Sevag Ebrimian and Arevig Ebrimian. There were also four students who participated in the Hamazkayin Armenian language and history competition. Those students were Christapor Megherian, Shant Megherian, Sevag Ebrimian and Arevig Ebrimian. A special recognition went to Christapor Megherian. He has participated in this competition for the past three years and he has answered each and every question correctly each and every time, making him receive top honors.

After the awards, Mrs. Nairy Zohrabian invited the graduates, Father Nareg Terterian, Dr. Aram Cazazian and Mrs. Mary Arslanian to the stage. The graduates, Sevag Ebrimian, Sevag Hagobian, Christapor Megherian and Anni Oranjian, received their diplomas. They also received gifts from the school board and the PTA. After the ceremony, Father Terterian praised the school's staff and parents, congratulated the graduates and promised to offer a higher level of education to the students in the near future. He said, "In this fast paced changing world, this is the only way to raise our children to have Armenian values." He also noted that this past January religious education was added to the curriculum of the St. Sarkis Saturday School. He thanked the volunteer religion teachers, Mrs. Christine Bedrossian, Ms. Tamar Harutiunian and Ms. Janet Vanessian, for their commitment and dedication. He also thanked the school's vice principal, Vicky Hagobian, for her caring and dedication. The end of year program finished with all good wishes and everyone enjoyed a nice meal together.

# NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY EASTERN PRELACY OF THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF AMERICA

All Saints Armenian Apostolic Church  
Glenview, Illinois  
May 7 – 10, 2009

A Condensed Review of the NRA



The National Representatives Assembly (NRA) of the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America convened from May 7 to 10, 2009 at the All Saints Armenian Apostolic Church in Glenview, Illinois to review, deliberate, and discuss the Prelacy's Annual Report, the proposed programs and services and budget for the next year.

The permanent Tivan consisted of the two co-chairmen, Mr. Artin Dermenjian, (All Saints Church, Glenview Ill.) and Mr. Stephen Hagopian, (St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church, Granite City). Mr.

Rouben Surenian (St. Stephen's Church, Watertown) was elected as the Armenian Secretary, and Ms. Jeanette Nazarian, (St. Gregory the Illuminator Church, Philadelphia) as the English Secretary.

The NRA is the highest elected body that oversees the Prelacy's programs, budget, and reviews proposed changes to the by-laws.

This year Mrs. Nairi Baljian Bell and Mr. Levon Barsoumian made presentations on subject matters related to the "Year of the Youth" which was proclaimed by

His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia. Their presentations along with the Prelacy Annual Report is available on the Prelacy's website ([www.armenianprelacy.org](http://www.armenianprelacy.org)) using the NRA 2009 link..

In his keynote address the Prelate, His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, explored various topics including the 50th anniversary celebrations last year, the next 50 years, the strengthening of the Armenian Church and identity, and the 2009 Year of the Youth.

"The Armenian Church's mis-



sion is the advancement of our Church, the fulfillment of our national aspirations and dreams, the protection of the sanctity of our national and family traditions, to which the Great House of Cilicia and her dioceses remained faithful in spite of the Genocide and the new circumstances created in its aftermath. We celebrated the 50th anniversary with that understanding, with an open heart and with pride, explaining our achievements and our understanding,” said Archbishop Oshagan.

“We belong to the Armenian nation and Armenian Church. Our identity is usually molded by our families, churches, schools, centers, and by our national and religious education. This belonging remains vibrant when we become more intimately familiar with our history—church and nation—our unique situations, administrative structure, law and order, traditions and habits, and when we apply them in the correct and proper way,” the Prelate told the delegates.

Speaking about the Year of the Youth, Archbishop Oshagan said, “We highly commend the ambition of our young generation and congratulate them every time when they brighten our ecclesiastical and organizational Armenian life in this blessed land of America through their useful and constructive thoughts, planning and work.” Looking toward the future, the Prelate reminded the delegates, “Our endeavor is heavy. Our road is long, but our faith is unshakable and our hope is brighter.”

The full text of Archbishop Oshagan’s keynote address in both Armenian and English is on the Prelacy’s web site ([www.armenian-prelacy.org](http://www.armenian-prelacy.org)).

The NRA’s panels were: Board of Trustees Responsibilities & Duties, Proposed by-laws changes, Audit & Budget, Armenian National Education Committee (ANEC), Armenian Religious Education Council (AREC).

Each delegate selected a panel to attend where group discussions took place and recommendations and findings were reported to the general assembly.

#### **Board of Trustees Panel**

This panel discussed the following:

Youth involvement in the church community

Role modeling

Creative approaches in difficult economic times

Board of Trustees relationship with the pastor, concerning spiritual ministry to the parish

The role of the BOT should include: Recruiting Datev Institute candidates and to budget funds to subsidize participants; take an active role in communicating Prelacy programs to the local community; be aware of local & Prelacy affairs and give common answers to questions from parishioners; early planning and goal setting by the BOT for the entire year.

The pastor and the trustees have a leadership role in the community that includes preparing realist budgets, setting goals for spiritual and national life, and clarifying the distinction between the two roles.

The BOT should learn and lead by being clear in its mission and vision, be active in outreach and Christian charity. The BOT needs to learn and lead the community by example. Finally in these economic times the Boards of Trustees must clearly communicate the expenditures and income needs of the church to its communities.

#### **By-Laws panel**

This year there were two proposed by-laws changes which were both defeated after review by the panel and the entire assembly.

The 1st proposed by-laws change was submitted by Soorp Khatch Church, Bethesda, Maryland, regarding board members who routinely miss BOT meetings. The recommendation of the panel was to not accept the proposal. The full assembly concurred.

The 2nd proposed by-laws change was submitted by Sts. Vartanantz Church, Providence, Rhode Island, regarding absentee ballots for shut-in parishioners. The recommendation of the panel was to not accept the proposal. The full assembly concurred.

#### **Audit & Budget Panel**

The Audit and Budget Committee submitted its annual report to the NRA delegates, indicating that they have reviewed the books and records of the Prelacy for the fiscal year that ended March 31, 2009, and found everything in order. As of February 15, 2009 Raffi Ourlian assumed the duties of the treasurer replacing Mr. Bedros Givelekian who, due to health issues, resigned as treasurer.

During the panel’s deliberation, the Armenian National Education Committee (ANEC) Panel made a recommendation to increase the line item on the budget for a director of ANEC from \$10,000 to \$40,000. The recommendation was passed by the convention. The panel committee members revised the balanced budget to reflect the vote authorizing the increase.

#### **Armenian Religious Education Council (AREC) Panel**

AREC's mission is to provide the educational material, guidelines, training of the Sunday School teachers, and establishing a curriculum for the Sunday School Programs on a Prelacy wide basis.

This panel focused their discussion on three major topics:

1. Sunday School's engagement with the Church/Badarak was discussed at length, ranging from bringing children into the sanctuary to hear the sermon (topic and presentation age appropriate) as is being done in some of the parishes in the Prelacy. Engage and teach the students in all elements of the Badarak to complement their religious education.

2. Post-Sunday School involvement for graduates going to college. Clergy from the "sending parish" should contact the church in the community in which the student will be studying to help facilitate outreach.

3. Find ways to encourage parents to attend Badarak so that they become role models for their children. Consider hosting a monthly parents' class during Sunday School. Teach parents the elements of the Badarak so they in turn can educate their children.

#### **Armenian National Education Committee (ANEC) Panel**

ANEC's mission is to provide the educational materials, guidelines, training of the Armenian School teachers, and to establish a curriculum for Armenian education, including language, culture, and history on a Prelacy wide basis.

This panel stressed the importance and critical need for a

full-time ANEC director, and charged the Executive Council to appoint an ANEC committee. The committee shall organize teachers' seminars and meet with the Armenian school committee of each parish and familiarize each parish's needs. For non Armenian speaking parents the parishes need to establish adult education classes to reinforce and complement their children's education.

#### **Youth Panel**

The Youth Panel included a brainstorming session and a session of developing directives for specific actions and implementation.

Some of the general topics discussed included: The survival and revival of our church is dependent upon how we approach our youth; the development of people orientated action programs; the cultivation of youth involvement through on-going spiritual development; Being aware of the specific needs of each age group.

The Panel offered an "action plan" focusing on: (a) The need to continue programs that are presently in place, or develop new ones, that are directed towards the youth of various ages, such as: Datev Institute, Linked In. National Youth Program, Shnorali Program, and Armenian Church presence at Camp Haia-stan (b) Further development of the Mini-Datev program (a regional forum to include all regions and span the 35-40 age group). (c) Local parishes should develop a contact list of college students to keep them involved in Armenian organizations through venues such as Facebook, Twit-

ter, etc.

#### **Elections and Closing Remarks**

Jack Mardoian was re-elected to the Executive Council and John Daghlian and Raffi Manjikian were elected as two new members of the Executive Council. Rev. Fr. Aram Stepanian and Rev. Fr. Sarkis Aktavoukian were re-elected to the Religious Council. Heartfelt thanks were expressed for the services of the two outgoing members of the Council, Noubar Megerian and Bedros Givelekian.

Twelve individuals were elected as delegates to the World General Assembly that convenes every four years at the Catholicate in Antelias, Lebanon. Elected were: Jack Mardoian, Stephen Hagopian, Richard Sarajian, Dr. Dertad Manguikian, Michael Hagopian, Hagop Khatchadourian, John Jerikian, Sarkis Ohanessian, Noubar Megerian, John Daghlian, Karen Jehanian and Raffi Ourlian.

In his closing remarks, Archbishop Oshagan expressed his admiration of the commitment, love and respect that the Executive Council members have for each other. He told the delegates they are the ambassadors of the Prelacy and they should give a full report to their respective parishes. He spoke about the richness of the Armenian Church, its history, traditions, and mission, suggesting that new ways and methods for conducting the business of the church must complement, not contradict, the core of our mission. He expressed joy about the role of our young people, and looked forward to their growing numbers and their desire to serve the church according to its traditions and national values.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2009

During April 5-12, the community of St. Sarkis celebrated Holy Week culminating with Easter through a series of various services set forth by the Church Fathers, including, Palm Sunday with a traditional procession symbolizing the victorious entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem followed by the traditional ‘opening of the doors’ (Tranpatsek) ceremony. Participants included students from St. Sarkis’ own Saturday and Sunday school. On Holy Tuesday the story of the 10 virgins (Matthew 25:1-13) was reenacted according to the ritual of the Armenian Church. Our congregation’s young girls were the main participants of this event. On Holy Thursday, the Church celebrations started with the mass of the Eucharist followed by the service of the washing of the feet. On the eve of Good Friday the Tenebrae (Passion of the Christ) was celebrated while the seven passages of the Bible according to the lectionary of our church were read by Fr. Nareg and the Deacons of our Church. On Good Friday, the service of the Christ’s Atonement was celebrated in front of the symbolic gravesite of Jesus where members of the community paid their homage to the Lord. On Holy Saturday, the students of Saturday school took their communion and had their traditional Easter breakfast and that night the Holy Mass took place prefaced by the Bible Study members who read scriptures, followed by the traditional fish dinner prepared by Ara Artinian, Alain Artinian and Christine Bedrossian. Sunday Morning, Easter Mass was celebrated by the Prelate, His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan and at the end of the Mass the traditional service of Anastasian through which the four corners of the world were blessed. His Eminence also blessed the newly installed bell of the church.



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Ապրիլ 5- 12, 2009-ին Ս. Սարգիս Եկեղեցին տօնախմբեց Աւագ Շաբաթը: Եկեղեցական արարողութիւնները սկսան Հաւատացեալներու հոծ բազմութեամբ, Կիրակի Ապրիլ 5-ին՝ մեր Տիրոջ Երուսաղէմ յաղթական մուտքի՝ Ծաղկազարդի տօնախմբութեամբ որուն յաջորդեց մանուկներու աւանդական թափօրը եւ Դոնբացէքի արարողութիւնը: Աւագ Երեքշաբթի Եկեղեցոյս Շաբաթօրեայ Վարժարանի աշակերտուհիները մասնակցեցան 10 Կուսանաց աւանդական արարողութեան որ պատկերաւոր ներկայացումն է Քրիստոսի պատմած 10 Հարսնեւոր կոյսերու առակին (Մտ 25:1-13): Աւագ Հինգշաբթի Եկեղեցական արարողութիւնը սկսաւ Սուրբ եւ Անմահ Պատարագով որուն յաջորդեց Ոսն լուայի արարողութիւնը ուր լուացուեցան գաղութիս մանուկ, պատանի եւ երիտասարդ անդամներուն ոտքերը: Իսկ գիշերը Կարգ Չարչարանաց հսկումի գեղեցիկ շարականներուն երգեցողութեամբ եւ Աւետարանական Հատուածներու ընթերցումով Հաւատացեալ ժողովուրդը հաղորդ դարձաւ մեր Տիրոջ Չարչարանքներու խորհուրդին: Աւագ Ուրբաթ Քրիստոսի Թաղման արարողութիւնը կատարուեցաւ Եկեղեցոյ մէջ յարգարուած խորհրդական գերեզմանին շուրջ: Իսկ արարողութեան աւարտին Հաւատացեալներ մօտենալով գերեզմանին երկրպագեցին Քրիստոսի: Աւագ Շաբաթ առաւօտ Սիւզան եւ Յովսէփ Յակոբեան շաբաթօրեայ վարժարանի աշակերտութիւնը ստացաւ Սուրբ Հաղորդութիւն եւ ապա կազմակերպութեամբ վարժարանի ծնողական յանձնախումբին տեղի ունեցաւ աշակերտական նախաճաշ: Երեկոյեան ճրագալոյցի ընթերցուածները կատարեցին Եկեղեցոյս երտասարդներու Ս. Գիրքի սերտողութեան անդամները իսկ Ս. Պատարագի աւարտին տեղի ունեցաւ Զատիկական աւանդական ընթրիք պատրաստուած Տիար Արա Արթինեանի, Ալէն Արթինեանին եւ Քրիսթին Պետրոսեանին կողմէ: Կիրակի առաւօտ Ս. Զատիկուայ Պատարագը մատոյց Թեմիս Առաջնորդ, Բարձրաշնորհ Տէր Օշական Արքեպիսկոպոս Չօլոյեանը: Ս. Պատարագի աւարտին տեղի ունեցաւ Անդաստան, որմէ ետք Սրբազան Հայրը օժեց Եկեղեցոյս զանգակը:

## MIRACLE BELL COMES HOME

By Edward Barsamian

Only two items escaped unscathed from the 1985 fire that destroyed the old Saint Sarkis church in Douglaston NY. Miraculously a painting of Jesus the Savior from the altar and the 600 lb church bell were retrieved undamaged.

The painting quickly found its place in the new Saint Sarkis church but the bell remained unseen and unheard in the backyard of the church Board of Trustees Chairman, Bedros Givlekian for the next 24 years.

Enter Ruben Daghlian, who undertook the project of restoring the church bell in memory of his father Kevork Daghlian, a wonderful Armenian who, by example, instilled in his children love and respect for all things Armenian.

Once architectural plans for a special support structure and enclosure were drawn by Gregory Kotchoumian, Ruben, who owns an AC and Refrigeration business, proceeded to retrieve 2/3 ton bell and start the restoration.

With the unwavering support of his wife Hasmig, Ruben had the bell cleaned, polished and painted a golden color, while at the same time, Ruben marshaled friends and some of his workers to pour the foundation, procure and erect the structure supporting the bell, and build a safety enclosure.

The old bell that looked shiny and new was blessed in a beautiful ceremony on Easter Sunday by His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Tcholyan, Prelate of the Armenian Apostolic Church, Eastern United States. The Easter crowd once again heard the beautiful sound, as the bell was ceremoniously struck by Ruben under a clear blue sky. The miracle bell was home again to beacon the faithful.



# ST. SARKIS MORTGAGE BURNING —A DREAM COME TRUE

*By Edward Barsamian*

“A dream come true” was the overwhelming thought of many veteran parishioners as they entered the wonderfully decorated Chadrijian Hall of the Saint Sarkis Church for the “Mortgage Burning” celebration banquet presided by the Prelate His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan.

Years, no, decades, of worry and struggle seemed to wash away as they entered the room decorated with tapestries from the Megerian Brothers and the elegant table settings arranged by Mr. Gourgen Gregorian. The audible “Ohhh”s and visual delight reinforced the feeling that this indeed was a special day.

A notable decoration on the table was the commemorative booklet produced Dr. Louiza Kubikian, covering in detail and very graphically the period from ground-breaking to mortgage burning. Everyone who played a role in the church could see the pictures and relive history.

Dr. Arthur Kubikian, Master of Ceremonies, started activities with his opening remarks and moved the program along with the virtuosity of an accomplished orchestra conductor.

Attending were Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar General of the Prelacy and formerly the pastor of St. Sarkis Church;

Armenia’s Ambassador to the United Nations, H. E. Armen Martirosian; New York State Senator Frank Padavan, and members of the Executive Council, including Karen Jehanian, Noubar Megerian, and Bedros Givelekian.

During the luncheon program, Dr. Aram Cazazian, chairman of the Board of Trustees, expressed his gratitude to all the past and present members of the church who so stoically fought to secure the future of Saint Sarkis and finished with a symbolic burning of the mortgage documents.

In appreciation of his exceptional leadership during his tenure as Chairman of the Board, Dr. Cazazian was presented with the Eagle of the Prelacy award by Archbishop Oshagan.

On this day it was quite fitting to hear “the story of the mortgage” and long time chairman of Saint Sarkis was glad to oblige. Key note speaker of the afternoon, Mr. Bedros Givelekian, told of the many sleepless nights, the huge financial exposure and hand to mouth budgeting that the mortgage signatories had to endure, so that we finally reached this day. To the old timers, the story brought back memories of the same financial struggles the founders of the church had to go through in the early sixties.

Der Nareg Terterian the Pastor of Saint Sarkis next gave his remarks, proudly wearing a pectoral cross presented to him by His Eminence during the morning service. He took the opportunity to thank those present at the banquet, which also included a contingent from the Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs.

His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar General of the prelacy, and the first pastor of the new Saint Sarkis church, followed with his customary inspiring eloquence.

In his message and benediction the Prelate used biblical references to show that it is easy to start and finish a project when you have the money, but it doesn’t have the same meaning as when a goal is accomplished through the dedication of the people, their faith and their perseverance. This, he said, is how you, the parishioners of St. Sarkis, arrived at this point where today you are burning your mortgage. The future will bring new challenges, but the burden on the parish will be a little lighter.

Following his benediction, a wonderful, memorable day came to a close with the singing of Giligia.



### SAINT SARKIS MEMBERSHIP

It costs only \$200.00 a year per family to become members of the Saint Sarkis Parish. Not only will you enjoy a spiritual tie to the church, but there are other tangible benefits of membership. Special rates for Saint Sarkis facilities rental and discounts for the basketball program registration are only some of the benefits. Those wishing to join or get additional information on church activities, please call the Church office at 718-224-2275.

## THE UNSUNG HEROES

By *Mary Arslanian*

St. Sarkis Church is blessed with numerous hard working auxiliary bodies who help our church grow, prosper and blossom. However, it has come to my attention that one of these groups has not received the recognition and importance that it deserves. The auxiliary I'm referring to is the Senior Citizens' group which meets every Wednesday morning where a group of elders meet for a few hours of fellowship, lunch, music, and fun.

This auxiliary started with Serpazan Anoushavan since the inauguration of our church, and can be considered a very important endeavor since it concerns our parents, grandparents and friends. We are all too busy with our daily responsibilities that sometimes we tend to forget the social needs of our elderly who live alone or are lonely. Difficulties of cultural differences, transportation, communication and distance limit the mobility of our seniors.

Our Senior Citizen auxiliary group helps to overcome all these hardship thanks to a few very dedicated persons whom I consider the "Unsung Heroes" of our church.

One person whom I recognize for her dedication and hard work is Mrs. Takouhi Orangian. Every Wednesday she prepares a wonderful luncheon for the senior which includes salad, main course, coffee and dessert. She comes to the church hall/kitchen early in the morning and starts her preparations of the meal. She sets the tables, makes a delicious home cooked meal which is ready by 11:00 o'clock when the guests start arriving. Her energy (God Bless her), her good humor is unbelievable. How do I know the food is tasty? I have shared a meal a few times with the group. Even though "digin Takouhi" has a few helpers, she is always in control and takes upon herself the whole responsibility of shopping and preparations. Regardless of the numbers of guests present (since reservations are not necessary), the food is plentiful for all. How does she figure out the amount to prepare? I don't know. It must be one of her hidden talent along with many others.

Another "Unsung Hero" of our church is Ms. Rita Manoukian. Ever since the beginning of the Senior Group Rita has been a vital part of its operation. She gives life and vitality to the group making sure that everyone is enjoying himself and participating in the day's activities. She organizes "Bingo" games with cards and prizes that everyone playing. She sings and asks the guests to sing along. She tells jokes, she dances and helps serve the guests. Rita contributes to St. Sarkis in many other capacities, but she considers her "Senior Citizen Group" a priority.

The third hero whom I also admire is Mrs. Natalie. She also is present every Wednesday to help with purchases, finances, budget and operations of the auxiliary.

The dedication of these people to our Seniors is commendable, admirable and exemplary. Every time I have attended these gatherings I have felt such contentment seeing the smiles on the faces of our Seniors as the hours go by. I can't find enough words of praise for Mrs. Takouhi, Ms. Rita and Mrs. Natalie on the wonderful fellowship they create every week for our Seniors. I raise my hat.

My final comment which I would like to share with the reader is to suggest attendance or better yet to encourage any elderly of your acquaintance to share and participate in this fellowship. Transportation is available through the group if needed. The cost of the meal is minimal to take care of the expenses of the auxiliary who in turn helps the church. One could also donate a meal for a specific occasion, or in memory of a loved one. If you wish to do so please do not hesitate to call the church office or contact one of these wonderful ladies. I guarantee that you will experience a complete feeling of inner gratification.

**Join Our Senior Citizen's Program  
Every Wednesday  
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

# “THE KNOCK AT THE DOOR”

By Juliette D.Milian

**Can this book be any timelier than this One?**

“The Knock at the door” - Journey through the darkness of the Armenian Genocide, is a moving story, beautifully told by a loving and devoted daughter, Margaret Ajemian-Ahnert.

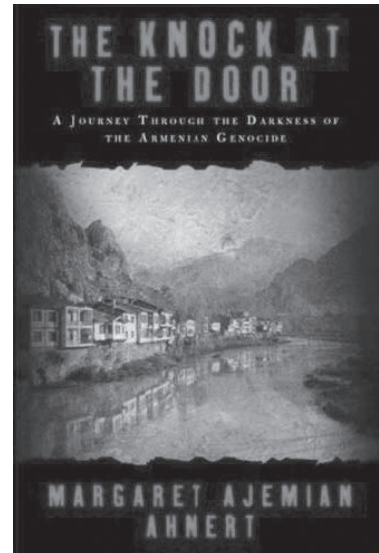
What makes this book so compelling is the eye-witness quality. Although Margaret makes it clear, she based her story on interviews and recordings with her mother, Ester, over a period of many years. The author points out that her mother, even though she repeated these stories many times, she never altered the details and gave a true account.

On the final page of the book there is a photograph of the author’s mother Menerajian Aharonian Ajemian. The range of names

tells us about her life’s struggle. A person’s name is one’s most important identity. At age five, Ester was adopted by Hagop Aharonian and his wife. While still a teenager, she was deported. At age seventeen, Ester was forced into marrying a Muslim. The Kurds gave her a Turkish name “Gezeer Kateejeb”.

The Turkish authorities did everything within their power to erase the Armenian race, but alas we survived and should consider ourselves Victors and not victims.

The story transports the reader into the time of the events. “The Knock at the door” is an incredible story of how the human spirit prevails. Once I started reading it, it was impossible to put it down. I can relate to these stories because of similar accounts told by my



grandmother. Many of the men, women, and children that went through these horrible atrocities and survived have a lesson to communicate. Many have found the courage to transcend those evil experiences through Faith. Thus we can say Courage is fear that has said its prayers.

## ՅԱՅՏԱՐԱՐՈՒԹԻՒՆ

Սիրելի տարեց հայրեր ու մայրեր, փոխադրական դժուարութեանց պատճառաւ եթէ կը զրկուիք Կիրակնօրեայ Պատարագէն կամ եկեղեցւոյ որեւէ ձեռնարկէ, հաճեցէք հեռաձայնել գրասենեակ՝ (718) 224-2275, որպէսզի ապահովուի ձեր օրհնեալ ներկայութիւնը Աստուծոյ Տան մէջ:

Հոգեհանգիստի համար հաճեցէք հեռաձայնել եկեղեցւոյ գրասենեակ մինչեւ ՈՒՐԲԱԹ կէսօր, որպէսզի կարենանք անունները տպել Կիրակնօրեայ թերթիկին մէջ:

Եթէ հիւանդ պարագայ մը ունիք տան մէջ կամ հիւանդանոցը եւ կը փափաքիք Հովիւին այցելութիւնը, հաճեցէք հեռաձայնել եկեղեցւոյ գրասենեակ կամ Տէր Հօր տունը:

Հաճեցէք եկեղեցւոյ գրասենեակը տեղեակ պահել հասցէի կամ հեռաձայնի որեւէ փոփոխութիւն, որպէսզի կարենանք կանոնաւոր կերպով թղթատարական ամէն տեսակի առաքումներ կատարել եւ ձեզ հաղորդ պահել համայնքիս անցուղարձերուն:

Հաճեցէք մեզ տեղեակ պահել որեւէ մոռացում կամ սխալ արձանագրութիւն, որպէսզի «ՇՈՂԱԿԱԹ»-ի յաջորդ թիւին մէջ սրբագրենք:

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Senior Citizens, If you are unable to attend the Sunday Badarak or any church activity due to transportation, please call the church office at (718) 224-2275.

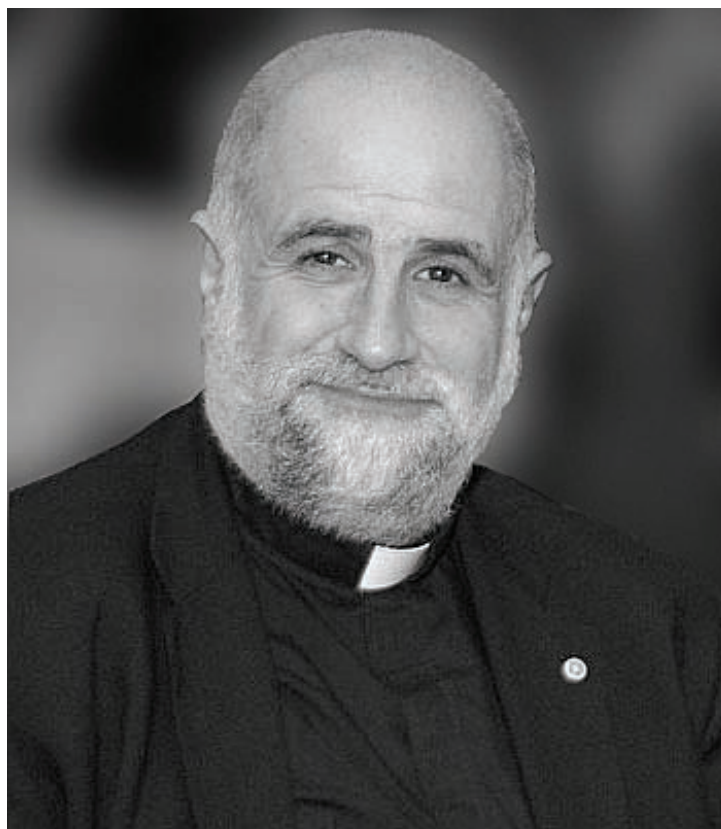
For Requiem Service, please call the church office the latest by FRIDAY noon, so we can include the name in the Sunday Bulletin.

Do you have someone who is sick, at home, or in the hospital? Please call the church office or the Pastor’s home for a visit from our Der Hayr Nareg Terterian.

Please notify the church office of any change of address and phone number to ensure uninterrupted delivery of your church mailings. Please help us keep our database up to date.

Please inform the church office of any errors or omissions to be considered in the next issue of SHOGHAGAT.





## IN MEMORIAM REV. FR. VARTAN KASSABIAN

His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, the Clergy, and Religious and Executive Councils of the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America, announced with sorrow the sudden passing of Rev. Fr. Vartan Kassabian, on Thursday, March 12, 2009, at his residence.

Der Vartan (baptismal name Markar) was born and raised in Providence, Rhode Island. He attended Rhode Island College and Providence College where he studied Theology and Religion. He completed his studies in Armenian Church History and Liturgics at the Armenian Theological Seminary in Antelias, Lebanon. He was ordained to the priesthood on July 26, 1992, by Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian. He first served at St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church in Granite City, Illinois from 1992 to 2003. At the time of his death, Fr. Vartan served as pastor of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church of Merrimack Valley in North Andover, Massachusetts.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday morning, March 17, at St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church, North Andover, Massachusetts. The Funeral Vigil took place on Tuesday, March 17, at Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church, in Providence, Rhode Island. Extreme Unction and the Funeral Mass took place on Wednesday, March 18, at Sts. Vartanantz Church, at 10 am, under the presidency of the Prelate, His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan and with the participation of all the clergy of the Eastern Prelacy. Burial followed at North Burial Grounds in Providence.

On behalf of our clergy, church organizations, and faithful we extend heartfelt sympathy to Yerezgeen Pauline, their children and all family members.

May his memory remain ever blessed forever.



## IN MEMORIAM ARCHPRIEST REV. FR. TORKOM HAGOPIAN

His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan and the Religious and Executive Councils, and clergy of the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America announce with sorrow the passing of Archpriest Rev. Fr. Torkom Hagopian on Thursday, September 3, 2009 in Boston.

Funeral services took place Wednesday, September 9, at St. Stephen's Church, Watertown, Massachusetts, the parish church he served for 33 years. The Extreme Unction and graveside services were officiated by Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar General of the Prelacy, with the participation of the clergy serving the Eastern Prelacy.

Der Torkom began his service to St. Stephen's Church in August 1962. Prior to this appointment he served the four communities of upstate New York: St. John the Baptist Church of Syracuse; Holy Cross of Troy; St. Hagop of Niagara Falls; and the community in Binghamton. He served the Boston community for 33 years until 1995 when he retired, remaining an active member of St. Stephen's church and community. During his tenure the Armenian Cultural and Educational Center was built which he wholeheartedly supported and for which he worked tirelessly helping to raise the necessary funds. His greatest dream was to have an Armenian day school, which materialized in 1984, with the establishment of the St. Stephen's Armenian Elementary School. The School today is a thriving center of education that consistently receives accolades and high marks from the state of Massachusetts.

We express our heartfelt condolences to Yerezgeen Zevart and their daughters, Dzovig, Noushig and Sonig.

May his memory be eternally blessed.



## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

- COLE JOHN BABAIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. GREGORY BABAIAN & LYNDA BETH CARUCCI was baptized on April 14, 2007. His Godparents were Mr. ALLEN BABAIAN & Mrs. LAUREN JOHNSON.
- LILY KLJYAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. ZAVEN KLJYAN & HASMIG MIRIMANIAN was baptized on April 22, 2007. Her Godparents were Mr. & Mrs. ASHOT & LARISA DAVTIAN.
- HARUTIUN KLJYAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. ZAVEN KLJYAN & HASMIG MIRIMANIAN was baptized on April 22, 2007. His Godparents were Mr. & Mrs. ASHOT & LARISA DAVTIAN.
- FRANCESCA MARKARIAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. PHILIP & ROSANNA ALLEN was baptized on April 29, 2007. Her Godparents were Mr. & Mrs. KIRK & JANET MARCARIAN.
- CARTER MAX TENBEKJIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. BRETT TENBEKJIAN & JILDA TOMA was baptized on May 06, 2007. His Godparents were Mr. & Mrs. PETER & NICOLE BARTONE.
- LUSINE GALOYAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. ANOUSHAVAN & HASMIK GALOYAN was baptized on May 12, 2007. Her Godparents were Mr. & Mrs. NAREK & ASTGHIK BOUDAKIAN.
- REBECCA LYNN MAITLAND, daughter of Mr. NOEL LEE PELHAM MAITLAND & Mrs. LISA DAWN CHOUKASEZIAN/MAITLAND was baptized on May 19, 2007. Her Godparents were Mr. & Mrs. MICHAEL & REGINA CHOUKASEZIAN.
- NATALIE SIMONE DULGERIAN, daughter of Mr. ARET DULGERIAN and Mrs. MARCI HARTMAN was baptized on May 27, 2007. Her Godparents were Mr. & Mrs. JOHN & TALIN CONTI.
- ANDRE RYAN TAVITIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. GEORGE & KATIA EL-HOURANY was baptized on June 09, 2007. His Godparents were Mr. RICHI TAVITIAN & Mrs. JULIE ABOUD.
- ANGELINA YEGORYAN, daughter of Mr. ARAM YEGORYAN & Mrs. ZARA BOYADJIAN was baptized on June 17, 2007. Her Godparents were Mr. ALEXANDER YEGORYAN & Mrs. ZARA STEPANYAN.
- AREN ARA MAHSERDJIAN, son of Mr. RAFFI MAHSERDJIAN & Mrs. MARIE NORHADIAN was baptized on July 21, 2007. His Godparents were Mr. KRIKOR MAHSERDJIAN & Mrs. JACKIE FARZATIAN.
- COLIN PATRIC CRILLEY, son of Mr. & Mrs. KENNETH & SETA CRILLEY/KISKANYAN was baptized on July 22, 2007. His Godparents were Mr. & Mrs. RUPEN & SANDI KISKANYAN.
- ISABELLA MIA DERDERIAN, daughter of Mr. NISAHAN DERDERIAN & Mrs. PAULA CONTI was baptized on July 22, 2007. Her Godparents were Mr. GARO DJIRDJIRIAN & Mrs. LORETTA ARANIBAR.
- NICHOLE TAYLOR MANZO, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. ROBERT DOMENICK MANZO & CATHERINE TALINE GRIGORIAN was baptized on July 22, 2007. Her Godparents were Mr. RICHARD MANZO & Mrs. VICTORIA GRIGORIAN.
- TYLER JAMES MANZO, son of Mr. & Mrs. ROBERT DOMENICK MANZO & CATHERINE TALINE GRIGORIAN was baptized on July 22, 2007. His Godparents were Mr. RICHARD MANZO & Mrs. VICTORIA GRIGORIAN.
- GARY BARUIR NERCESSIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. KRIKOR NERCESSIAN & ELIZABETH VANESSIAN was baptized on July 29, 2007. His Godparents were Mr. & Mrs. HARRY & MARY KASPARIAN.
- ANDREW ANTRANIK GORGISSIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. HAGOP & HILDA SARKISSIAN was baptized on July 29, 2007. His Godparents were Mr. THOMAS KEROP GORGISSIAN & Mrs. MARY ELIZABETH KEPFERLE.
- GEVORG KANDATYAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. ARAM KANDATYAN & VIKTORIYA BAKANYAN was baptized on Aug. 5, 2007. His Godparents were Mr. & Mrs. AVETIS & VALENTYNE PACHANYAN.
- LEVON KANDATYAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. ARAM KANDATYAN & VIKTORIYA BAKANYAN was baptized on Aug. 5, 2007. His Godparents were Mr. & Mrs. AVETIS & VALENTYNA PACHANYAN.
- ISABELLA KESHISHIAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. VIKEN & PAMELA CORREA was baptized on Aug 19, 2007. Her Godparents were Mr. HAROUT GEBIAN & Ms. SUSAN KESHISHIAN.
- SONA KARAPETYAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. SARKIS & HRIPSIME KARAPETYAN was baptized on Aug. 25, 2007. Her Godparents were Mr. & Mrs. VAHE & ANNA SARKISYAN.
- JOHNATHAN TEODOR ZAKARIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. LUDWIG & ELENA PANTEA was baptized on September 9, 2007. His Godparents were Mr. & Mrs. GABRIEL & KARIN ZAKARIAN.

- TALEEN LUCY NENEJIAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. RAZMIK & SONYA SIMONIAN was baptized on September 29, 2007. Her Godparents were Mr. & Mrs. BAGDASAR & PERUZ BAGHIAN.
- VALENTINA VARTUHI KESABIAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. GARY & NATALIA FUSCHETTO was baptized on October 14, 2007. Her Godparents were Mr. MARTIN FUSCHETTO & Mrs. HASMIK KESABIAN.
- ALEC MARK BAGHDASSARIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. MARK ANTHONY BAGHDASSARIAN & MARY MOURADIAN was baptized on October 20, 2007. His Godparents were Mr. & Mrs. MICHAEL & HOLLY BAGHDASSARIAN.
- JAMES HAGOP KASPARIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. HARRY KASPARIAN & MARY NERCESSIAN was baptized on November 4, 2007. His Godparents were Mr. & Mrs. KRIKOR & LISA NERCESSIAN.
- ANDREW GREGORY VOSKINARIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. ANDREW VOSKINARIAN & BRENDA FISK was baptized on November 10, 2007. His Godparents were Mr. ANTHONY ADAMO & Mrs. MICHELLE SCHOTT.
- LARA NOELLE GIVELEKIAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. ARTHUR GIVELEKIAN & ANNETTE BABAKHANIAN was baptized on December 2, 2007. Her Godparents were Mr. & Mrs. CARL & EVETTE SIMITIAN.
- ARIS BEDROS GIVELEKIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. ARTHUR GIVELEKIAN & ANNETTE BABAKHANIAN was baptized on December 2, 2007. His Godparents were Mr. & Mrs. BERJ & LUCY KAZANJIAN.
- MATEO ONIK GUEVARA, son of Mr. & Mrs. CESAR GUEVARA & MARY TATEOSIAN was baptized on December 16, 2007. His Godparents were Mr. FERNANDO OSPINA & Mrs. JACKI KRIKORIAN.
- NIKOLAS GARO YAZICIYAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. GARO YAZICIYAN & MELINE JACOBIAN was baptized on December 22, 2007. His Godparents were Mr. & Mrs. NJDEH & HILDA ISAKHANIAN.
- ANI FIESEL, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. SCOTT FIESEL & YVETTE GEVORKIAN was baptized on December 23, 2007. Her Godparents were Mr. & Mrs. TONY & MARIANNA GEVORKIAN.
- KARO DER AVANESSIAN, son of Mr. RAIMOND DER AVANESSIAN and Mrs. EDITH YAVARIAN was baptized on March 30, 2008. His Godparents were Mr. KHAJACK NAZARIAN and Mrs. ZVART DER AVANESSIAN.
- GAVIN HAIG ANASTASIAN, son of Mr. PETER SOUREN ANASTASIAN and Mrs. VERONIQUE TALEEN KADYAN was baptized on April 12, 2008. His Godparents were Mr. GEORGE ARDACHES and Mrs. ZIRKA ANASTASIAN.
- LEVON JOSEPH NENEJIAN, son of Mr. RAFFI NENEJIAN and Mrs. JEANETTE BALIAN was baptized on May 03, 2008. His Godparents were Mr. STEVE and Mrs. SARINE ALTAN.
- JOSEPH STEVEN TERTERIAN, son of Rev. Fr. NAREG TERTERIAN and YN. ANIE KELAGHBIAN was baptized on May 18, 2008. His Godparents were Mr. HAGOP TERTERIAN and Mrs. ESTHER PICONE.
- DANIEL ARAM TAVITIAN, son of Mr. HARRY HAROUTUYN TAVITIAN and Mrs. ANNI STANBOULIAN was baptized on May 25, 2008. His Godparents were Mr. MARDIROUS WILLIAM and Mrs. MARIA TAVITIAN.
- LARISA EVE HOVHANNISYAN, daughter of Mr. ARMEN HOVHANNISYAN and Mrs. SUZANNA PESHTIMALDJIAN was baptized on June 29, 2008. Her Godparents were Mr. ARMEN and Mrs. RUZANNA BEZJIAN.
- TOMAS GURGEN HOVHANNISYAN, son of Mr. ARMEN HOVHANNISYAN and Mrs. SUZANNA PESHTIMALDJIAN was baptized on June 29, 2008. His Godparents were Mr. ARMEN and Mrs. RUZANNA BEZJIAN.
- NATHAN ROBERT ANDRIASSIAN, son of Mr. MARTIN ANDRIASSIAN and Mrs. CAROLINE AVEDISSIAN was baptized on July 06, 2008. His Godparents were Mr. ALEX and Mrs. ANIA ENANIAN.
- NATALIA HILDA ANDRIASSIAN, daughter of Mr. MARTIN ANDRIASSIAN and Mrs. CAROLINE AVEDISSIAN was baptized on July 06, 2008. Her Godparents were Mr. ALEX and Mrs. ANIA ENANIAN.
- ARAM OSIPYAN, son of Mr. GENNADIY OSIPYAN and Mrs. VIKTORIJA TASKUNAITE was baptized on July 27, 2008. His Godparents were Mr. OLEG ATAYAN and Mrs. JOANA TASHKOUNAITE.
- OLIVIA MAE SHEA VUOLO, daughter of Mr. NIEL VUOLO and Mrs. ANI NAZARETYAN was baptized on August 31, 2008. Her Godparents were Mr. MICHAEL KRAUS and Mrs. JENNIFER MORAGLIA.
- TALINE THALIA VARTANIAN daughter of Mr. RAFFI GEORGE VARTANIAN and Mrs. MONIQUE KAHWADJIAN was baptized on August 31, 2008. Her Godparents were Mr. JOHN VARTANIAN and Mrs. SONIA KAHWADJIAN.
- TALENE SETA MASTACCIUOLA, daughter of Mr. JOHN PAUL MASTACCIUOLA and Mrs. BEATRICE

KALAPTCHIAN was baptized on September 06, 2008. Her Godparents were Mr. DANIEL MASTACCIUOLA and Mrs. SANDY GAETA.

- ANNA BIEGLARIAN, daughter of Mr. WLADYSLAW BIEGLARIAN and Mrs. EVGENIA OGANYAN was baptized on September 28, 2008. Her Godfather was Mr. SAMVEL MARTIROSYAN.

- MIKHAIL BIEGLARIAN, son of Mr. WLADYSLAW BIEGLARIAN and Mrs. EVGENIA OGANYAN was baptized on September 28, 2008. His Godfather was Mr. SAMVEL MARTIROSYAN.

- VAHAN MATHEW GOSTANIAN, son of Mr. MICHAEL GOSTANIAN and Dr. NOUNEH MANSOURIAN was baptized on October 04, 2008. His Godparents were Mr. SHANT TASHJIAN and Mrs. SHAKEH TASHJIAN.

- GREGORY SIMON DOLMAIAN, son of Mr. SIMON CRICOR DOLMAIAN and Mrs. GIGLIOLA MARIA DOLMAIAN was baptized on October 19, 2008. His Godparents were Mr. ANDREW PAPAIZIAN and Mrs. SIMONA PAPAIZIAN.

- ANAIS BARDISBANIAN, daughter of Mrs. SIMON BARDISBANIAN and Mrs. LARA MILIAN was baptized on November 01, 2008. Her Godparents were Mr. ALAN BALIAN and Mrs. LIBRA BALIAN.

- ISABELLA PANOSSIAN, daughter of Mr. MICHAEL PANOSSIAN and CRISTINA PETROSYAN was baptized on November 01, 2008. Her Godparents were Mr. ARA PANOSSIAN and Mrs. AGATA AYRAPETOVA.

- DAVID TER-PHGHOSYANTS, son of Mr. RUBEN TER-POGHOSYANTS and Mrs. SVETLANA REZNIKOVA was baptized on November 01, 2008. His Godparents were Mr. ASHOT ASATRIAN and Mrs. MARINA ASATRIAN.

- JOSEPH HAGOP MARINO, son of Mr. ROBERT MARINO and Mrs. KATRIN BODYIKOGLU was baptized on November 02, 2008. His Godparents were Mr. ANDREW VOSKINARIAN and Mrs. VICTORIA LAWERENCE.

- ALEN GRIGORIAN, son of Mr. ALEX GRIGORIAN and Mrs. JULIA MIRZABEKOVA was baptized on November 08, 2008. His Godparents were Mr. ARMEN SRAPYANTS and Mrs. OLGA KITYAN.

- EDDY E. HAZARIAN, son of Mr. EDOUARD B. HAZARIAN and Mrs. MADLEN S. YAHDJIAN was baptized on November 29, 2008. His Godparents were Mr. VAHRAM GULLUIAN and Mrs. IVE IDELINA GULLUIAN.

- ANN MARIE HAZARIAN, daughter of Mr. EDOUARD B. HAZARIAN and Mrs. MADLEN S. YAHDJIAN was

baptized on November 29, 2008. Her Godparents were Mr. OVANES HAZARIAN and Ms. MALVINA SHISHMANIAN.

- VARTAN ARTO KRIKORIAN, son of Mr. ARTO DIKRAN and Mrs. JACKLYN KRIKORIAN was baptized on January 18, 2009. His Godparents were Mr. ONNIK & Mrs. ALICE TATEOSIAN.

- ALEXANDER ZAVEN DEMIRDJAN, son of Mr. EDMOND ARAM DEMIRDJAN and Mrs. NYEREE ANI BOYADJIAN was baptized on January 31, 2009. His Godparents were Mr. LEON HIRANT KIRCIK and Mrs. DIANA VARTUHI DEMIRDJAN.

- LOIC RAPHAEL HAIRABEDIAN, son of Mr. ALAN ROBERT HAIRABEDIAN and Mrs. SABINE CRISTANTE was baptized on February 22, 2009. His Godparents were Mr. PETER BOYADJIAN and Mrs. SOPHIE MASSONI.

- COLIN ALEX HAIRABEDIAN, son of Mr. ALAN ROBERT HAIRABEDIAN and Mrs. SABINE CRISTANTE was baptized on February 22, 2009. His Godparents were Mr. PAUL ASADOURIAN and Mrs. SOPHI MASONI.

- BRIAN R. DORTCH, son of Mr. LEONARD DORTCH and Mrs. VALENTINA FARADJIAN was baptized on March 21, 2009. His Godparents were Mr. TOROS ASADOURIAN and Mrs. HRIPSIME ASADOURIAN.

- LILY VIOLET LASZIO, daughter of Mr. PETER C. LASZIO and Mrs. ROSINE ALIANAKIAN was baptized on May 16, 2009. Her Godparents were Mr. JOSEPH EVERETT & Mrs. ELIZABETH EVERETT.

- IVA VICTORIA KARAGULIAN daughter of Mr. KAREN KARAGULIAN and Mrs. SVETLANA SVIDOUNOVITCH was baptized on June 20, 2009. Her Godparents were Mr. SARKIS & Mrs. TAMARA VARDANIAN.

- YERAZ HASMIK MELCONIAN daughter of Mr. ELCID MELCONIAN and Mrs. VENA PERMZADIAN was baptized on June 20, 2009. Her Godparents were Mr. ERIC and Mrs. ALAINA MELCONIAN.

- ALLA AGAIANI daughter of Mr. ARTUR AGAIANI and Mrs. ELENA AVETISOVA was baptized on June 27, 2009. Her Godparents were Mr. MIKAYEL & Mrs. LILYA ASLANYAN.

- ANTONINO ALEXANDER ARCABASCIO son of Mr. ANTONIO ARCABASCIO and Mrs. ANNA KEVREKIAN was baptized on June 28, 2009. His Godparents were Mr. HOVANNES KEVREKIAN and Mrs. ANITA SCHMIDT.

- MELANIA TALEEN AVEDIAN daughter of Mr. VAZ-

RIK AVEDIAN and Mrs. MICHELLE KAROLY was baptized on July 19, 2009. Her Godparents were Mr. ANGELO BAQUE and Mrs. ELIZABETH SANTOS.

- KATHERINE EVA PURDY daughter of Mr. DONALD MONMOUTH PURDY and Mrs. MELINE TALAR DIRIELYAN was baptized on August 08, 2009. Her Godparents were Mr. BERG DIRIELYAN and Mrs. HUBER DIRIELYAN.

- GREGORY DAMIEN KESHISHIAN son of VICKEN KESHISHIAN and PAMELA CORREA was baptized on August 09, 2009. His godparents were Mr. HAROUT GEBIAN and Ms. SUSAN KESHICHIAN.

- LEA BOYADJIAN daughter of Mr. ARA BOYADJIAN and Mrs. HASMIG KIRUKOSIAN was baptized on August 15, 2009. Her Godparents were Mr. HAIG KOCHARIAN and Mrs. NVART KIRUKOSIAN.

- MARC SAMUEL PELHAM MAITLAND son of Mr. NOEL LEE PELHAM MAITLAND and Mrs. LISA DAWN CHOOKASEZIAN was baptized on August 22, 2009. His Godparents were Mr. JESSE FREDDRICK SHUMWAY and Mrs. LINDSAY RACHEL HILLER.

- ELLEN SHAKEH ASATOORIAN daughter of Mr. RAFFI ASATOORIAN and Mrs. EMMA MISKARYAN

was baptized on August 22, 2009. Her Godparents were Mr. FRANZ MISKARYAN and Ms. MELLADA PETROSYAN.

- JACOB THOMAS KNOETGEN son of Mr. JOE KNOETGEN and Mrs. SONA KEUCHKERIAN was baptized on August 23, 2009. His Godparents were Mr. DANIEL CHOKA and Mrs. ARIEL ARGUESO.

- TRISTAN FORKAN son of Mr. JOHN FORKAN and Mrs. ARMINE JEAMGOCIAN was baptized on August 23, 2009. His Godparents were Mr. STEVEN LIQUORI and Mrs. CHRISTINA OHANESIAN.

- ELIZABETH MARKARIAN daughter of Mr. PHILIP MARKARIAN and Mrs. ROSSANA ALLEN was baptized on August 23, 2009. Her Godparents were Mr. KIRK & Mrs. JANET MARKARIAN.

- ANDRE JAMGOCIAN son of Mr. Alek Jamgocian and Mrs. Simona Saroyan was baptized on September 27, 2009. His Godparents were Mr. Patrick Jamgocian and Mrs. Elizabeth Saroyan.

- CRISTOPHER AVEDIS KALUSTIAN son of Mr. Michael Varujan Kalustian and Mrs. Deniela Carmen Petrutoni was baptized on September 27, 2009. His Godparents were Mr. Edward and Mrs. Alina Kochoumian.

*We congratulate the newly baptized and their parents.  
May the Grace of the Holy Spirit always be with them.*

## WEDDINGS

- JOHN E. PACKY & SHARISSE BABAKHANIAN were married on May 20, 2007. Best man and maid of honor were Mr. CARL SIMITIAN & Mrs. EREBUNI BABAKHANIAN.

- RAFFI HAROUN & MARIANGE PANOSSIAN were married on August 26, 2007. Best man and maid of honor were Mr. & Mrs. RASMIG & SANAN HAROUN.

- VAZRIK RAMON AVEDIAN & MICHELLE KAROLY were married on September 14, 2007. Best man & maid of honor were PATRICK AVEDIAN & JULIA KARALY.

- VARTAN HARUTUNIAN & MAARINA KRIKORIAN were married on October 10, 2007. Best man and maid of honor were Mr. JOSEPH BIONA and Mrs. NINA KRIKORIAN.

- RICHARD LAWRENCE & VICTORIA BODYIKOG-LU were married on October 21, 2007. Best man & maid of honor were Mr. DANIEL DONNEL and Mrs. KATRIN MARINO.

- ANDREY SHTANKO and IRINE SETH were married on October 21, 2007. Best man and maid of honor were

Mr. AMANI MVUNGI and Mrs. TATYANA BELOT-SERKOVSKY.

- KHIKAR H. [EDGAR] GHADIMIAN and BETTY ALAJADJIAN were married on December 20, 2007. Best man and maid of honor were Mr. GEVIK ATAKHANIAN and Dr. EVELYN GHADIMIAN.

- LUIS ACOSTA & LUCINE ANTAPLIAN were married on May 31, 2008. Best man and maid of honor were PEDRO ROYES and OSANNA OVSEPIAN.

- EDWIN SAFARIAN & LILYA RATEVOSSIAN were married on June 29, 2008. Best man and maid of honor were VADIM TIOURINE and EMMA TIOURINE.

- MICHAEL EDWARD TIRPAN & RITA NERSESIAN were married on July 26, 2008. Best man and maid of honor were JOHN TIRPAN and LENA KAZIKOJIAN.

- KEGHAM JARJOKIAN & JAQUELINE BENITA MOSESIAN were married on September 02, 2008. Best man and maid of honor were KEVORK JARJOKIAN and LENA KAZIKJIAN.

- ZAREH MANUKYAN & MARINA CRICUN were married on December 20, 2008. Best man and maid of honor were SAMUEL INDZHIGULYAN and LILIT MANUKYAN.

- JAMES ANTHONY EDWARD ASQUITH & LORI STELLA HATEM were married on May 10, 2009. Best man and maid of honor were STEVEN FALLON and CHRISTINA FILEP.

- GARABED ERAMIAN & CHAGANE DOGRAMADJIAN were married on May 23, 2009. Best man and maid of honor were KEVORK MASDANIAN and LINDA MASDANIAN.

- ALAN EDWARD KAECKMEISTER & ANI C. AGHAJIAN were married on August 16, 2009. Best man and maid of honor were ADAM DEBUS & ALIDA MELKONIAN.

- ALFONSO NICHOLAS CAVA & DIANA J.V. DEMIRDJAN were married on August 23, 2009. Best man and maid of honor were EDMOND and NYEREE DEMIRDJAN.

- TIRAN ANTAPLIAN & ANNA MANGOYAN were married on August 30, 2009. Best man and maid of honor were TIRAN ANTAPLIAN and LUCINE ACOSTA.

- JUSTIN T. KALADJIAN & SOFIA T. ARAKELIAN were married on September 19, 2009. Best man and maid of honor were GREGORY JR. KALADJIAN & XECHILT MICHELLE BERMUDEZ.

- JOHN H. MISKARYAN & MELLADA PETROSYAN were married on October 04, 2009. Best man and maid of honor were SMBAT AMIRBEKIAN & TATEVIK KHOCHARYAN.

*We congratulate the newly married couples  
& wish them a happy life together.*

### FUNERALS

AREV BOGOSIAN  
(May 17, 1953 – May 29, 2007)

LILLIAN DER KAZARIAN  
(July 19, 1917 – June 6, 2007)

MARIE DERDERIAN  
(January 1, 1919 – July 17, 2007)

ASYA AMZAYAN  
(December 31, 1919 – July 25, 2007)

KAROUN JOVCIC  
(January 10, 1919 – July 31, 2007)

ANISSA BAKLAYAN  
(March 3, 1923 – August 4, 2007)

ALICE ABRANKIAN  
(May 21, 1914 – August 12, 2007)

AIDA KAZANGIAN  
(February 23, 1937 – August 23, 2007)

NAZARET DER KAZARIAN  
(July 20, 1913 – August 29, 2007)

ALICE KHRIMIAN  
(April 9, 1937 – September 1, 2007)

KRISTINE NALDJIAN  
(May 10, 1907 – September 26, 2007)

HERMINE FERAHIAN  
(December 2, 1916 – October 13, 2007)

NUBAR KEGEYAN  
(May 10, 1923 – October 29, 2007)

ARSHALOUIS VARTOUGHIAN  
(October 16, 1914 – November 29, 2007)

ISRAEL ARABIAN  
(September 16, 1905 – December 21, 2007)

VEERNON CALLIAN  
(January 11, 1921 – December 29, 2007)

LEON BOULDOUKIAN  
(January 10, 1926 – January 10, 2008)

FRANSUHI PARTIKOGLU  
(April 28, 1921 – February 05, 2008)

ANGELE SAGHBAZARIAN  
(June 11, 1931 – February 13, 2008)

HAMAYAK MOURADIAN  
(July 27, 1903 – February 18, 2008)

NUBAR A. CIAMICIAN  
(December 20, 1927 – March 5, 2008)

KAPRIEL CHOLAKIAN  
(July 23, 1915 – March 25, 2008)



GARY GARABEDIAN  
(November 02, 1924 – March 29, 2008)

VOLODYA OVSEPYAN  
(July 10, 1940 – March 29, 2008)

TOROS HATCHOYAN  
(May 18, 1921 – April 01, 2008)

VARUZHAN MARUKYAN  
(June 25, 1919 – April 18, 2008)

BRIAN L. MINASSIAN  
(June 29, 1979 – May 11, 2008)

TAKUHI MASARLYAN  
(January 10, 1915 – June 21, 2008)

OLGA CHERKEZ  
(March 01, 1919 – June 29, 2008)

MANUE MANUCHIAN  
(March 29, 1930 – July 05, 2008)

ARMENUI ARUTYUNOVA  
(October 05, 1929 – July 07, 2008)

ONIK DAKESSIAN  
(June 20, 1932 – July 24, 2008)

NINA SOSTARITCH  
(October 04, 1926 – July 28, 2008)

HAGOP PESHTIMALDIAN  
(November 04, 1926 – August 01, 2008)

GEVORK DAGLYAN  
(August 15, 1924 – August 06, 2008)

LEVON RAY CAPRIELIAN  
(March 17, 1924 – September 08, 2008)

PROPION VARTANIAN  
(December 08, 1925 – October 01, 2008)

EUGENIE VARJABEDIAN  
(August 16, 1916 – October 07, 2008)

BERC (BERJ) SEMERJIAN  
(March 03, 1924 – October 24, 2008)

EDWARD ABKARIAN  
(May 19, 1951 – November 05, 2008)

LEON KARKOUR KEVORKIAN  
(April 6, 1936 – December 28, 2008)

VIRGINIA CHETEVAN  
(November 11, 1912 – January 15, 2009)

ANNY NISHAN HANDJIAN  
(April 7, 1919 – January 20, 2009)

SEDA HACOBIAN  
(August 08, 1918 – February 11, 2009)

HERANOUGH CHELEBI  
(February 14, 1914 – February 14, 2009)

RICHARD KAPOOSUZIAN  
(January 28, 1932 – February 26, 2009)

ARATOON GREGORIAN  
(April 15, 1925 – April 11, 2009)

LOUISA DOIDIAN  
(March 4, 1936 – May 5, 2009)

ARDASES ZARIKOGLU  
(August, 3, 1922 – June 3, 2009)

RAZMIK SARGSYAN  
(November 29, 1986 – June 27, 2009)

JACK MOURADIAN  
(May 4, 1934 - July 2, 2009)

BEGLAR ATAMIAN  
(March 12, 1940 - September 24, 2009)

GARABED ASADOURIAN  
(February 25, 1921 - October 08, 2009)

*We extend our condolences to the families & pray that the  
Almighty Lord bestows repose upon the souls of the deceased.*

## DONATIONS

*We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following donations and thank them wholeheartedly for their generosity.  
May God Bless You!*

CALENDAR 2009 DONATIONS

Sagatelian, Anna	\$20.00	Garabedian, Hagop M/M	\$100.00
Holmquist, Izabella Mrs.	\$200.00	Kabarajian, Dickran M/M	\$100.00
Edward Lynch Funeral Home	\$150.00	Kallem, Gary M/M	\$100.00
Baghdadlian, Hagop M/M	\$100.00	Krikorian, Melkon M/M	\$100.00
Hovanesian, Zareh M/M	\$100.00	Megerian, John Esq.	\$100.00
Julfayan, Vartan Mr.	\$100.00	Manukian, Rita Mrs.	\$100.00
Kazangian, Albert Mr.	\$100.00	Masoian, Michael M/M	\$100.00
Sheshedian, Mary Mrs.	\$100.00	Megerian, Raffi M/M	\$100.00
Zeronian, Onic M/M	\$100.00	Megerian, John M/M	\$100.00
Kevorkian, Edward Mr.	\$75.00	Oghali, Varouj Mr.	\$100.00
Alahverdian, Hatchik M/M	\$50.00	Ozutucuyan, Kinar	\$100.00
Alpian, Armand M/M	\$50.00	Papazian, Mary & Dorothy	\$100.00
Andreopoulos, Stephen M/M	\$50.00	Sarkissian, Bedros Mr.	\$100.00
Balian, Onik Agop Mr.	\$50.00	Tateosian, Alice	\$100.00
Dermksian, George M/M	\$50.00	Voskerijian, Nayda Mrs.	\$100.00
Kazanjian, Asdghig Mrs.	\$50.00	Babaian, Vahik M/M	\$50.00
Krikorian, Marie Ms.	\$50.00	Baghdassarian, Agavni Mrs.	\$50.00
Mangikian, Berge M/M	\$50.00	Baron, Alex M/M	\$50.00
Manoukian, Anna & Jessica	\$50.00	Bezdikian, Ohannes M/M	\$50.00
Markarian, Hrachik M/M	\$50.00	Bodriguian, Edward M/M	\$50.00
Nigohossian, Levon Mr.	\$50.00	Chorbajian, Levon Mr.	\$50.00
Pashayan, Richard Dr.	\$50.00	Dolmaian, Cricor M/M	\$50.00
Tchorbajian, Nichan M/M	\$50.00	D'Onofrio, Anthony M/M	\$50.00
Voskerijian, Zabel Mrs.	\$50.00	Elmokian, Edmond M/M	\$50.00
Zobian, Vartouhi Mrs.	\$50.00	Garabedian, Arsen M/M	\$50.00
DeBlasio, Nazeli Ms.	\$30.00	Garabedian, Edouard M/M	\$50.00
Arukian, Hratch M/M	\$25.00	Giragosian, Rose Ms.	\$50.00
Arzoomanian, Karekin Mr.	\$25.00	Gostanian, Manoug M/M	\$50.00
Baghdassarian, Ghazar M/M	\$25.00	Guevara, Cesar M/M	\$50.00
Bakalian, Araxie Ms.	\$25.00	Jamgotchian, Sarkis M/M	\$50.00
Basmadjian, Sevan M/M	\$25.00	Kasparian, Volodya M/M	\$50.00
Djanece, Levon M/M	\$25.00	Katrandjian, Angele Ms.	\$50.00
Ebrimian, Michael M/M	\$25.00	Khachaturian, Alex Mr.	\$50.00
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