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ՊԱՏՐԱՍՏԵՑԷՔ ՏԻՐՈՋ ՃԱՄԲԱՆ

Անապատին մէջ աղաղակողին ձայնը կ'ըսէ.
«Տիրոջ ճամբան պատրաստեցէք,
Հարթեցէք անոր շաւիղները»: (Մտ. 3.3, Ես 40.3)

Մեր Տիրոջ Յիսուս Քրիստոսի երկրաւոր առաքելութեան սկիզբին բարձրաձայն տրուած հրահանգն է, որ Յովհաննէս Մկրտիչ, անապատին մէջ ապրող ու քարոզող յանդուգն մարգարէն կը ձայնէ, կրկնելով այն խօսքը, որ դարեր առաջ Եսայի մարգարէն կը կանխագուշակէր Աստուծոյ յայտնութեան եւ փրկագործական առաքելութեան մասին:

Յովհաննէս Մկրտիչ, ազգականը մարդացեալ Յիսուսի, վկայութիւն մըն է որ կու տայ, տեսնելով Քրիստոսի մէջ այն հեղինակութիւնն ու կարողութիւնը, որ մարդկութեան պիտի բերէր փրկութեան աւետիսը, Աստուծոյ մարդացումով մարդը պիտի մօտեցնէր եւ նման դարձնէր Աստուծոյ, վերահաստատելով դրախտային պատկերը մարդուն մէջ, որ մեղքին պատճառով ապականած ու մահուան դատապարտուած էր:

«Տիրոջ ճամբան պատրաստեցէք»:

Երբ կը նայինք օրացոյցին եւ անգամ մը եւս մեր կեանքին մէջ կը պատրաստուինք տօնելու յիշատակութիւնը Յիսուսի ծնունդին, երբ հոգեկան ուրախութիւնն ու ցնծութիւնը կը պատէ մեզ բոլորս, մեծ ու փոքր, ահաւասիկ լաւագոյն առիթը գտած պէտք է համարենք քննելու մեր անձերը եւ տեսնելու թէ ո՞րքան ճամբայ պատրաստած ենք Աստուծոյ համար: Արդեօք արդարութեան Արեգակին լոյսը համահաւասար կը սփռուի՞ մեր պարզ ու մաքուր հոգիներու սարահարթին վրայ, թէ կ'արգելակուի հովիտ ու ձոր, կածան ու ծերպ դարձած մեր վերիվայրող կեանքով:

Քրիստոսի ծնունդին յիշատակն է, որ ուրախութեան պահ է, յոյսի զանգ է, սիրոյ աւետիս: Այսպէս կը դատարարակենք մեր զաւակները ընտանիքներու եւ մեր հաստատութեանց մէջ: Կը ցանկանք մեր բոլորին կեանքը տեսնել լուսաւոր, խաղաղ, սիրալիր՝ հեռու բոլոր տեսակի չար փորձութիւններէն:

Այո՛, այս մեր ցանկութիւնն է, բայց արդեօք մեր շրջապատի իրականութիւնն է: Փիղիքական աշխարհի, բնութեան եւ ստեղծագործութեան դրախտային աշխարհի չարաշահումը, մեր ազահութեան բերումով, արդեօք չի՞ գայրացնէր բնութիւնը մարդկութեան դէմ: Անտառներ կը կտորուրուին, բնութեան ներգաշնակեալ կազային վիճակները կ'ապականուին, կը թունաւորուին հող ու ջուր: Բնութիւնը քանդելէ ետք, տակաւին չենք տեսներ յաճախ աշխարհի մէջ անհամեմատ կերպով աճող մարդկային դժբախտութիւնները, կը կուրնանք՝ հիւանդն ու աղքատը չտեսնելու համար: Քրիստոսի ծննդեան յիշատակութիւնը կ'ազդարարէ մեզի որ պատրաստենք Տիրոջ ճամբան, այլ խօսքով պատրաստ ըլլանք ընդունելու զինք իր բարութեամբ ու սիրով, իր

պատգամներու գործադրութեան միջոցաւ փրկութեան հասնելու համար: Որովհետեւ այդ ճամբան մեր մէջէն կ'անցնի եւ որքան հարթ է, որքան պատրաստ, այնքան աւելի հեզասահ պիտի ըլլայ Քրիստոսը որպէս փրկիչ ընդունիլը մեր սիրտերուն մէջ:

Յովհաննէս Մկրտիչ իր բառերը առնելով Եսայի մարգարէի յայտարարութեանէն մեզ կը մղէ լսելու եւ վերլուծելու զանոնք հետեւեալ մտածումներու ճամբով:

1) Անիկա յիշեցում մըն է ուղղուած մարդկութեան, ճանչնալու համար մեր պարտաւորութիւնները:

Աստուած իր ծնունդով մարդկութեան յայտնեց իր անսահման սէրը, որ միջոց եւ ճամբայ պիտի ըլլար մեր փրկութեան: Այլ խօսքով, Աստուած կատարեց իր պարտականութիւնը եւ մեր պարտքն է փոխադարձել զայն: Ամենէն պարզ տրամաբանութիւնն իսկ կ'ըսէ, թէ այդ փոխադարձումը ուրիշ բան չէ եթէ ոչ մեր սէրը ամբողջական դարձնել Աստուծոյ հանդէպ, մեր սէրը անսակարկ ընել մարդկութեան նկատմամբ: Հո՞ն են մեր անմիջական հարազատներն ու շրջապատը. սակայն կարելի չէ մոռնալ Յիսուսը, որ աշխարհի մէջ շատ յաճախ մեզի կ'երեւի կարօտեալի եւ աղքատի ցնցոտիներով, հացի կարօտով, հիւանդութեամբ վարակուածներու անյուսութեամբ, կտորուած սիրտերով, անմխիթար վիճակով:

Յիշեցում մըն է ուրեմն բանալու մեր սիրտը, մեր գուրբը, մեր քսակը՝ սփոփելու համար մեզի քոյր եւ եղբայր եղող տառապող մարդկութիւնը:

2) «Տիրոջ ճամբան պատրաստել» կը նշանակէ Տիրոջ աչքին արդար ըլլալ: Յաճախ մեր բարեգործութիւնն ու արդարութիւնը կը բաղդատենք մարդոց համար մեր կատարած բարիքին եւ կամ ապրած արդար կեանքին հետ: Սակայն մեր չափանիշը մեր նմանը չէ, այլ՝ Աստուած ի՞նք: «Տիրոջ ճամբան պատրաստել» կը նշանակէ գտնել այն ճամբան որ մարդս կ'արդարացնէ իր խօսքով եւ մանաւա՛նդ իր գործերով: Մարդս Աստուծոյ աչքին կ'արդարանայ երբ կը հաւատայ Յիսուս Քրիստոսի (Հռ 3.22), եւ այդ հաւատքը աւելի կը հիմնաւորուի երբ գործով կ'արտայայտուի, որովհետեւ հաւատքը առանց գործերու մեռած է (Յկ 2.17):

Հետեւաբար, Քրիստոսի ծննդեան առիթով երբ կը հաւատանք Աստուածորդիին բերած փրկութեան, այդ փրկութեան ճամբան պէտք է պատրաստենք արդար երեւելով Աստուծոյ աչքին, որ կը դիտէ մեզ մեր մտածումին, խօսքին եւ գործին մէջ ու կը դատէ համաձայն անոնց:

3) «Տիրոջ ճամբան պատրաստել» կը նշանակէ

խոնարհեցնել մեր անձը այն մակարդակին, որով Քրիստոս աստուածային իր բարձունքէն իջնելով մեզի համահաւասար մարդ դարձաւ, ծնաւ անշուք մսուրի մէջ, որպէսզի մեզի ցոյց տայ Աստուծոյ բարձրանալու ճամբան: Կրնա՞նք մսուր դարձնել մեր սիրտերը, հոն Քրիստոսը ընդունելու համար, մեր մէջէն հեռացնելով հպարտութիւնը, մեծամտութիւնը, ուրիշները անտեսելու կամ փոքրացնելու գոռոզութիւնը: Այո՛, մեր սիրտերու մսուրին մէջ ընդունած կ'ըլլանք Քրիստոսը, երբ այնտեղ անանձնական եւ համատարած սէր բնակի, խաղաղ մաքրութեամբ շնչէ մեր խիղճը, եւ հաստատուի Քրիստոսի սիրով տիրապետող Աստուծոյ արքայութիւնը: «Տիրոջ ճամբան պատրաստել» կը նշանակէ մենք զմեզ պատրաստել ընդունելու աւետիսը Քրիստոսի ծննդեան, որ ամբողջ մարդկութեան ուղղուած գերերջանիկ թագաւորութեան մէջ իրավիճակ մըն է, ուր փառք կու տանք բարձունքներուն մէջ բնակող Աստուծոյ, որ մեր սիրտերուն մէջ երկնային խաղաղութիւն կը ցանէ եւ մարդոց միջեւ՝ հաճութիւն:

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Սիրելի՛ հաւատացեալներ, Նոր Տարուան եւ Սուրբ Ծնունդին աւետաբեր այս օրերուն սրտանց կը շնորհաւորեմ ձեզ բոլորդ, աղօթելով որ ձեր հոգիներուն ճամբան ըլլայ պատրաստ ու հարթ, սիրով ընդունելու համար ամբողջ մարդկութիւնը, որպէս ներկայութիւնը Քրիստոսի: Թող մանկացեալ Աստուած բարիք ու շքանորհք ցոյց ձեր եւ ձեր ընտանիքի անդամներուն վրայ, աստուածային իմաստութեան եւ շնորհքներուն մէջ քայլելու համար պատրաստուած ա՛յն ճամբայէն, որ Քրիստոսի ճամբան է՝ դէպի կեանք եւ յարութիւն: Ամէն:

ՕՇԱԿԱՆ ԱՐՔԵՊԻՍԿՈՊՈՍ
Առաջնորդ Ամերիկայի Արեւելեան Թեմին
Ս. Ծնունդ, 2006

ՅԻՍՈՒՍԻ ԾՆՈՒՆԴԸ

... Մնտեղ դաշտերուն մէջ հովիւներ կային, որոնք գիշերով իրենց հօտերուն պահակութիւն կ'ընէին: Տիրոջ հրեշտակը անոնց երեցաւ եւ Տիրոջ փառքը լոյսի պէս անոնց վրայ ծագեցաւ: Հովիւները սաստիկ վախցան. հրեշտակը ըսաւ անոնց.

Մի՛ վախնաք, ձեզի աւետիս մը պիտի տամ, որ ամբողջ Ժողովուրդին մեծ ուրախութիւն պիտի պատճառէ: Այսօր, Դաւիթի քաղաքին մէջ ձեր Փրկիչը ծրնաւ, որ Օծեալ Տէրն է: Հետեւեալը ապացոյց ըլլայ ձեզի.- Հոն մանուկ մը պիտի գտնէք՝ խանձարուրով փաթկեալ եւ մսուրի մէջ դրուած:

Եւ յանկարծ այդ հրեշտակին միացաւ երկնաւոր զօրքերու բազմութիւն մը, որ կ'օրհնաբաններ զԱստուած, ըսելով.

«Բարձունքներուն մէջ Աստուծոյ փա՛ք, խաղաղութիւն երկրի վրայ եւ մարդոց միջեւ հաճութիւն»:

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PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”
(Matthew 3:3)

The earthly ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ began with the forceful command of John the Baptist, the bold voice of the prophet living and preaching in the wilderness, repeating the words spoken centuries ago by the Prophet Isaiah who predicted the revelation of God and His mission of salvation.

John the Baptist, a cousin of the incarnate Jesus, gives witness, seeing in Christ the authority and ability that would bring to humankind the good news of salvation. By humanizing God he brought humankind closer to God in order to make humans God-like, by re-establishing the image of heaven in humans, who were corrupted and condemned to death because of their sins.

“Prepare the Way of the Lord.”

When we look at the calendar we once again prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, a time of spiritual joy and merriment for all of us—old and young. Behold that this is the appropriate time to examine ourselves and to see how well we have prepared the “Way of the Lord.” Is the light of the “sun of righteousness” evenly dispersed on our plain and pure souls, or is it hindered by the valleys and hills in the ups and downs of our lives?

The celebration of Christ's birth, which is a joyous occasion, is a time of hope and love. This is what we teach our children in our homes and in our institutions. We want our lives to be bright and peaceful. We want to keep all of our loved ones away from all kinds of evil temptation.

Yes, this is our desire, but is it the reality of our environment? Does our desire to create a worldly paradise with all of its excesses perhaps cause rage against human beings? Forests are destroyed. Nature's harmony is corrupted. Soil and water is polluted. Even after our destruction of nature, we still do not see the proliferation of human tragedies. We willingly become blind in order not to see the sick and the poor. The celebration of Christ's birth gives us notice to prepare the way of the Lord. In other words, to be ready to welcome Him with His goodness and love and reach salvation by following His commandments. That road passes through us, and the smoother and more prepared that road is, the easier it will be to accept Christ into our hearts as our Savior.

By taking his words from the Prophet Isaiah, John the Baptist prods us to listen and to analyze them with the following thoughts:

1. They are a reminder to us to recognize our obligations.

Through His birth, God showed us His unbounded love, which will be the means and way of our salvation. In other words, God performed His duty and it is our duty to reciprocate. Logic tells us that reciprocation is nothing other than to give our love to God, to make our love toward Humankind un-

conditional. Our closest relatives and loved ones are there already, but it is not possible to forget that Jesus appears before us many times in the image of the poor and needy—those who need food, the incurably ill, and the broken hearted who are unable to find comfort.

As such it is a remembrance for us to open our hearts, our compassion, and our pockets in order to help those who are suffering—all of whom are our sisters and brothers.

2. “Prepare the Way of the Lord” means to be righteous in the eyes of the Lord. Often we compare our benevolence and righteousness to our good deeds or the virtuous life we live. But the criterion is not others, but God Himself. “Prepare the Way of the Lord,” means to find the way that makes humankind righteous in word and especially in deeds. We become righteous in the eyes of the Lord when we believe in Jesus Christ (Romans 3:22) and that faith becomes firmer when it is expressed through deeds, because faith without deeds is dead (James 2:17).

Therefore, on the occasion of the birth of Christ when we believe in the salvation brought by the Son of God, we must prepare the way to salvation by being righteous in the eyes of God, who sees us through our thoughts, words and deeds, and judges us accordingly.

3. “Prepare the Way of the Lord,” means to humble ourselves to that level that Christ descended from His exalted kingdom. He became like us; He was born in an obscure manger, in order to show us how to ascend toward God. Can we turn our hearts into mangers to welcome Christ, to banish pride, arrogance, and the conceit of belittling others?

Yes, the manger in our hearts will accept Christ when our conscience breaths in peace and purity, filled with unselfish and universal love, and based on the Kingdom of God where the love of Christ rules. “Prepare the Way of the Lord” means to prepare ourselves to greet the glad tidings of Christ's birth which is addressed to human beings as a beatitude and to which we say Glory to God in the highest, who plants heavenly peace in our hearts and good will amongst all humankind.

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Dear Faithful,

On the occasion of the New Year and Holy Christmas, I extend my heartfelt greetings to you. I pray that your spiritual road is prepared and smooth, ready to accept all humankind with love as the presence of Christ. May the incarnate Lord bring you and your family goodness and grace to walk on the way of Godly wisdom and grace—which is Christ's way—toward life and resurrection. Amen.

Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan
Prelate Armenian Apostolic Church
of America (Eastern United States) Christmas, 2006

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Մեր Տիրոջ Յիսուս Քրիստոսի Ա. Ծննդեան եւ Աստուածայայտնութեան տօնը, այս տարի եւս, մեծ շուքով տօնուեցաւ Ա. Սարգիս Հայց. Առաքելական Եկեղեցւոյ մէջ:

Արդարեւ, Հինգշաբթի, 5 Յունուար 2006-ին, ընդ նախագահութեամբ Թեմիս Բարեջան Առաջնորդ Բարձրաշնորհ Տ. Օշական Արք. Զօրյեանի, Եկեղեցւոյ Շաբաթօրեայ եւ Կիրակնօրեայ աշակերտները կատարեցին ձրագալոյցի ընթերցուածները, որոնց աւարտին Եկեղեցւոյ Հովիւ՝ Արժ. Տ. Նարեկ Քհնյ. Թրթռեան մատոյց ձրագալոյցի Ա. Պատարագը: Արարողութեանց ներկայ էին Թեմիս Առաջնորդական Փոխանորդ Գերայ. Տ. Անուշաւան Ծ. Վրդ. Դանիէլեան, Ա. Լուսաւորիչ Եկեղեցւոյ նախկին Հովիւ Արժ. Տ. Մուշեղ Ա. Քհնյ. Տէր Գալուստեան եւ Առաջնորդարանին նորած. քահանաներէն՝ Արժ. Տ. Մեսրոպ Քհնյ. Լաքիսեան ինչպէս նաեւ Եկեղեցւոյ Հաւատացեալ ժողովուրդը:

Ուրբաթ, 6 Յունուար 2006-ին Ա. Ծննդեան Սուրբ եւ Անմահ Պատարագ մատոյց եւ քարոզեց Թեմիս Առաջնորդական Փոխանորդ եւ Եկեղեցւոյ նախկին Հովիւ՝ Գերայ. Տ. Անուշաւան Ծ. Վրդ. Դանիէլեան: Պատարագին սպասարկեցին Եկեղեցւոյ Սարկաւագ-Կիսասարկաւագները մինչ երգեցողութիւնը կատարեց Եկեղեցւոյ Դպրաց Դասը ղեկավարութեամբ Տիար Ռաֆֆի Սվաճեանին:

Հայր Սուրբը իր քարոզով փոխանցեց օրուան պատգամը ըսելով թէ Ա. Ծննդեան տօնը այն իւրայատուկ տօնն է որ



կը միացնէ բոլոր Հայերը էջմիածինէն Անթիլիաս եւ մինչեւ աշխարհի չորս անկիւնները: Ապա Հայր Սուրբը խօսքը ուղղելով մանաւանդ նոր սերունդին անոնց թելադրեց չամչնալ մեր Հայ եւ Քրիստոնեայ ինքնութենէն եւ չտարուինք մարդկային ընկերութիւնը խաղարող աշխարհիկ մտածելակերպէն:

Պատարագի աւարտին տեղի ունեցաւ ջրօրհնէքի Արարողութիւնը, որ խորհրդանշն է մեր Տիրոջ Յիսուս Քրիստոսի Ա. Մկրտութեան: Այս տարուան արարողութեան կնքահայրը նշանակուեցաւ Բրշ. Զաւէն Ա. Սրկ. Քացախեան: Եկեղեցական Արարողութիւնը իր աւարտին Հասաւ Տէրունական Աղօթքի եւ «Կիլիկիա»ի երգեցողութեամբ, որմէ ետք Հաւատացեալ ներկաներուն բաժնուեցաւ օրհնուած ջուր:

Ա. Ծննդեան Տօնը մտերմաբար նշուեցաւ Եկեղեցւոյ մայր սրահին մէջ, ուր Տիկնաց Միութեան անդամները ներկաները հիւրասիրեցին ճաշով, փոքրիկներ ստացան նուէրներ եւ Եկեղեցւոյ Դպրաց Դասի եւ Տարեցներու Հաւաքի անդամներ նաեւ Շաբաթօրեայ Վարժարանի աշակերտներ զեղաուեստական յայտագիր մը հրամցուցին, երգով, նուագով եւ արտասանութիւններով: Հանդիսութիւնը իր աւարտին Հասաւ Եկեղեցւոյ Հովիւին «Պահպանիչ»ով:

Քրիստոս Ծնաւ եւ Յայտնեցաւ: Չեզի, Մեզի Մեծ Աւետիս:



Արինա Մարգարեան



Տիկ. Քնարիկ Գրիգորեան



Տիկ. Նոյէմի Մկրտեան



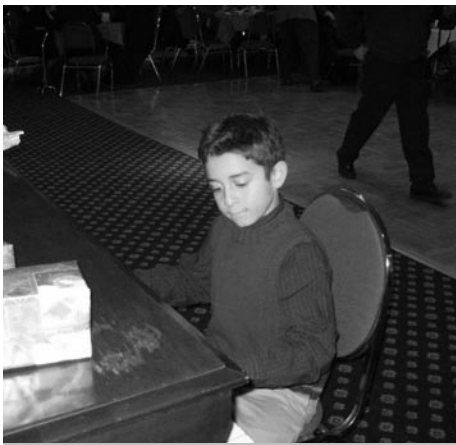
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Քրիստափօր Մկրտեան



Համբիկ Ազարեան

Ս. Սարգիս Եկեղեցւոյ Աւագ եւ Կրտսեր Արուեստագէտները Ս. Ծննդեան Խրաղճանքին

ST. SARKIS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

By: Diane Boyadjian



The Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School, St. Sarkis Sunday School and PTA members joined efforts once again to put together a wonderful Christmas afternoon on Sunday, December 18th, 2005.

This annual party was truly blessed this year! We had the honor of His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan's presence and the children outdid themselves!

The decorations and stage decors made the afternoon quite a special one. Indeed, both schools sang in harmony, recited poems and performed a magical and most beautiful little play. All ages were represented, from the nursery school all the way to the 6th grade graduating class. The

little girls were dressed as angels, with their wings and head pieces glowing with glitter; the boys dressed as shepherds announcing the birth of Baby Jesus and much more.

To add onto the visual feast, the PTA of both schools, along with the help of numerous parents, prepared the entire 3 course luncheon. The guests did not know what to select as the array was so diverse and delectable.

The children were on pins and needles wondering if they were good enough this year to have Gagant Baba's visit! Well, they were. He came all dressed in his wonderful red and white suit, with a sac full of gifts for all the children.

They say a picture is worth a thou-

sand words. Well, stars gleaming in their eyes, smiles on their faces, happiness flowing through the hall just made it right! A true Kodak moment.

I would like to thank the teachers from both schools, mothers and both PTA members for your efforts in this enormous task in creating such a memorable afternoon! Remember, we are not doing this for us, we are creating a safe, warm, loving, fun place for the children to come and to return to. All the support you have given the schools through the years is deeply appreciated and I am greatly thankful for all your efforts.

Happy Healthy New Year and Merry Christmas to all.

DEACON'S DAY CELEBRATION

By: Deacon Bedros Kalajian

Our Lord Jesus Christ had twelve apostles. An apostle is someone with a special mission, who is sent out to do a special job. Jesus chose His apostles to build His Church. The apostles lived with Jesus, learned from Him and traveled with Him around the countryside as He went from town to town teaching about His Father. Jesus also had many disciples, people who came to learn from Jesus. The Bible tells us there were 72 disciples.

After Jesus ascended into Heaven, the apostles began to preach to the people themselves, and to start the church. There was a lot of work to do. People came to them with gifts, others came asking for healing or food. Soon, the apostles were so busy organizing the people that they had no time to teach them anymore. So, they asked the disciples to choose seven men to take care of the poor and the organizing. These seven men were the first deacons of the church. The apostles ordained them as deacons by praying and placing their hands on the heads of the deacons.

Saint Stephen was one of the first seven deacons. (Acts 6.5-15; 7.54-60) He began to serve the poor and preach to the people about Jesus. More and more people joined the Christians. The high priests of the temple were jealous of Saint Stephen's successes, and accused him of blasphemy, which means telling lies about God. They took him in front of a judge, just like they did to Jesus.

At the trial, Saint Stephen kept on teaching about Jesus. He told the judges that they were hard-hearted murderers of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. When the crowd heard this, everyone became so angry that they stopped the trial, dragged Saint Stephen outside and threw rocks at him. Saint Stephen forgave the people who were stoning him, and asked God not to punish the people. Then he said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." and died. Saint

Stephen was the first Christian martyr, the first person to die because he loved Jesus so much that he wouldn't stop talking about Him.

Today, in the Armenian Apostolic, Orthodox church

we celebrate the feast of St. Stephen the First deacon, martyr, as "Deacons Day". As on every ordinary Sunday, we celebrated badarak (mass) as usual. If there is a requiem service (hokehhangist) right before the last prayer for the departed is offered by the clergyman the deacon(s) proceed towards the avantadon (sacristy) to put on the priestly crown as an honor in memory of this great & holy saint of the Christian faith. The deacon(s) come out of the avantadon with candles and censors (poorvars) in hand



as the sharagan "Stepanos" is being sung. They offer incense in front of the main altar & two smaller altars. As the sharagan ends the deacons on their knees in front of the clergyman get blessed in honor of their dedicated service. This all takes place before the blessing and dismissal.

We at St. Sarkis church celebrate this wonderful and emotional feast, tradition, every year. This year we were happy and honored to have His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan presiding the church service. Before the dismissal we were blessed by His Eminence & our service to the Lord and our people was acknowledged and commended.

This year the concelebrating deacons were Archdn. Zaven Katsakhian, deacons. Thomas Thomasian, Michael Gostanian, Bedros Kalajian, and Zaven Varjebadian. Also included in the blessings were Subdeacons John and Paul Megerian. May The Lord and Savior Jesus Christ protect and bless us all and may the coming new year bring health, joy and success to us all!

HIS HOLINESS ARAM I VISIT TO NEW YORK

By: Edward Barsamian

The visit of His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, to the Eastern Prelacy, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Cilician Seminary in Antelias, Lebanon, took place from October 19 to November 1. His Holiness visited New York, New Jersey, Washington, DC, Boston and Chicago.

Members of Saint Sarkis Board played major roles in organizing and participating in all facets of the Vehapar's visit. Dr. Aram Cazazian, Chairman of the Board, Bedros Givelekian, Antranik Boudakian, Dr. Louiza Kubikian, Dr. Arthur Kubikian, and Edward Barsamian were members of various committees, but the amount of time and energy expanded by Dr. Aram Cazazian organizing and coordinating all facets of the visit, from hotel accommodations to banquet details, Dr. Louiza Kubikian with the banquet reservations, Antranik Boudakian with hospitality and fundraising, were truly in the "sacrifice" category.

His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, arrived at New York's JFK airport Wednesday evening, October 19, 2005 where he was welcomed by a small number of dignitaries and officials. His Holiness, was accompanied by His Eminence Archbishop Moushegh Mardirosian, Prelate of the Western Prelacy and Staff bearer V. Rev. Fr. Housig Mardirosian.

His Holiness was greeted as he stepped from the aircraft by His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy; His Excellency Antoine Azzam, Consul of Lebanon; Jack Mardoian, Esq., chairman of the Prelacy's Executive Council; and Dr. George Dermksian, chairman of the Steering Committee.

His Holiness and entourage were then escorted to an area in the terminal where members of the Executive Council and Steering Committee were waiting to greet His Holiness. Two young students, Nevair Oranjian and Levon Zohrabian presented him with white roses and Mrs. Lilian Hairabedian presented the bread and salt, which the Catholicos blessed in the traditional Armenian ceremony of thanksgiving.

After informally greeting those who had gathered to welcome him, His Holiness and his entourage were ushered into waiting cars and taken by police escort to the Pierre Hotel.

Next evening, Thursday October 20, His Holiness was officially welcomed at an Hrashapar Service followed by Achahampouyr and reception, at St. Illuminator's Cathedral, 221 E. 27th Street, New York City, at 7:30 pm.

CATHOLICOS ARAM I CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ANTELIAS SEMINARY AT ST. VARTANANTZ CHURCH

By Florence Avakian

The majestic sharagan, "Hrashapar" rang out as two rows of scouts holding candles, escorted Catholicos Aram I of the Great House of Cilicia into New Jersey's St. Vartanantz Armenian Church, on Friday evening, October 21. The large crowd which filled the church, greeted him with enthusiastic applause.

The Very Rev. Shahe Panossian, pastor of St. Vartanantz Church, warmly welcomed the assemblage and the Vehapar's entourage which included Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, and Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian, Prelates of the Eastern and Western United States, respectively, and clergy from New York, New Jersey and Canada.

Fr. Shahe paid tribute to the founding of the Antelias Seminary, to the 1600th anniversary of the creation of the Armenian alphabet, and the tenth year marking the enthronement of the Vehapar.

The Rev. Father Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar General of the Eastern Prelacy, in an inspirational address in Armenian, extolled the virtues of the Antelias Seminary. He stated that the Seminary is not an ordinary educational establishment. "The leaders

of the church and the teachers deeply influenced the students throughout the years, and major international universities have honored their graduates. Its influence has been profound, flourishes today, and will continue to do so tomorrow."

During the church service, Gospel readings had been recited by the Very Rev. Father Daniel Garabedian, and Rev. Father Nareg Terterian, pastor of the St. Sarkis Armenian Church. The St. Vartanantz Church choir directed by Deacon Nishan Baljian, with organ accompaniment by Ara Dinkjian, sang several hymns, including the "Seminary Anthem", "Ashagerdk Krisdos", "Vork Zartaretsin", the Pontifical Hymn, and the opening sharagan "Hrashapar". Following the benediction by His Holiness, the faithful joined in the singing of "Giligia."

Catholicos Aram I and his entourage then joined the



assemblage in the church hall where festive tables set with Armenian delicacies had been prepared by the St. Vartanantz church members. The people enthusiastically lined up to kiss the hand of His Holiness and relay their personal greetings, as the memorable evening came to an end.

CATHOLICOS ARAM I CELEBRATES PONTIFICAL DIVINE LITURGY AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

By Florence Avakian

“Bring the cross to the center of our lives, and live out the mystery of the cross. This is the meaning of the Christian faith and the Christian church,” stated Catholicos Aram I of the Great House of Cilicia to more than 700 faithful on Sunday afternoon, October 23. The setting of this Pontifical Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Holiness

was the magnificent Romanesque St. Bartholomew's Church in New York with its mosaic dome, jeweled stained glass windows, and soaring columns. The impressive service began with the Vehapar, hierarchical clergy from various ecumenical Christian churches, and more than two dozen high-ranking clergy and parish priests of the Armenian Church slowly

walking in procession down the center aisle, as a combined choir from New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia soulfully sang the majestic sharagans, Khorhoort Khorin and Hrashapar. Conducting the choir with expert direction was the Rev. Father Hrair Nicolian from Montreal, Canada. St. Bartholomew's organist, Paolo Bardignon, masterfully accompanied the choir in the singing of the Yegmalian Badarak. In his inspiring sermon, the Catholicos, garbed in brilliant red and gold robes and miter, welcomed the ecumenical clergy calling them “our brothers,” and the congregation the “children of God.” On this day when the Armenian Church celebrated the discovery of the original cross, His Holiness focused his message on the message of St. Paul to the Corinthians, emphasizing that the cross is the center of life. *But the question for*

all of us,” he said, “is the challenge and message of the cross. The greatest challenge today is the globalized world. Giving quality to our lives as Christians means to bring the cross to the center of our lives.”

During the Communion, nearly the entire faithful in attendance joined in the sacred act. Due to the very large number of people, Communion was distributed by His Holiness, and the two Prelates of the Eastern and Western United States. At the conclusion of the deeply moving service, the Catholicos, Prelates, ecumenical clergy, and Armenian priests slowly walked out in procession with the choir singing the beloved Hayrabadagan Maghtank in honor of His Holiness, as people on both sides of the aisle leaned out to kiss the cross held by the Vehapar.

PONTIFICAL BANQUET AT THE PIERRE HOTEL

That same afternoon His Holiness attended a Banquet in his honor celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Antelias Seminary and the 10th anniversary of His election and consecration. Every detail of this memorable event, from reservations, menu, program, and commemorative booklet was handled by our own very capable Dr. Louiza Kubikian and Dr. Aram Cazazian, and as usual everything worked very smoothly.

The evening started with the arrival of His Holiness entourage and the singing of the national anthems by tenor Suren Hazarian accompanied by Mrs. Janet Marcarian at the piano. The program continued during a sumptuous fillet mignon dinner, with Dr. George Dermksian as Master of Ceremonies. Greetings and toast were offered by Mr. Jack Mardoian, Esq., Chairman of the Prelacy executive Council, followed by the keynote address by the Rev. Dr. Samuel Kobia, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches.

Following a video presentation on the history and present activities of the Seminary in Antelias, greetings were offered by Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian, Prelate of the Western United States.

His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate Eastern United States the gracefully introduced the Pontiff, who expressed his appreciation of His visit to the East Coast and detailed the function and need for vibrant seminary in Antelias. Special certificates and awards were presented to selected members in the audience, and our own Antranig Boudakian was honored with the “Knight Of Giligia” award.

Following the benediction by His Holiness, the faithful joined in the singing of “Giligia.” And the Pontifical hymn.



DR. ANTRANIG KASBARIAN, PHD LECTURED ON NAGORNO-KARABAGH

By: Dr. Arthur Kubikian

On Sunday November 13, at 1:30 p.m. our church's Education Committee in cooperation with the Eastern United States Armenian National Committee presented a lecture by Dr. Antranig Kasbarian on the topic of "Nagorno-Karabagh: History, Politics and Everyday Life".

Holder of a PhD degree in Political Geography from Rutgers University, Dr. Antranig Kasbarian is well known as an activist community leader not just locally but also nationally. A former editor of the Armenian Weekly he has also worked for a number of years as a journalist and administrator in Nagorno-Karabagh. He currently works as a Program Director of the NY based Tufenkian Foundation supervising economic recovery and refugee resettlement in Nago-

rno-Karabagh. He is a member of the ARF Central Committee for the Eastern United States and also heavily involved with ANC and Friends of ANC activities in the same area.

Although a second generation Armenian American Antranig Kasbarian amazed the audience with his proficiency and knowledge of the Armenian language as well as his insightful commentaries on the geopolitics of the area.



All those present found Dr. Kasbarian's slide presentation and lecture in both Armenian and English highly informative and enlightening giving the audience a unique perspective on the present situation, customs and unique circumstances of the most courageous "mountain" Armenians of Nagorno-Karabagh.



SURFING FOR ETERNAL LIFE

By Sitta Oranjian

We all know its that time again, when every one is busy surfing the internet for holiday gifts, STOP for a moment and ask your self when was the last time you surfed online for spiritual relief (none!), that's why we invite you to surf our Web site, to get some spiritual nourishment and serenity of life that you need.

Daily Biblical Readings are your guidelines in the Christian life, we all are busy with our daily chores and activities but don't let that control your



spiritual life, just 15 min. no mater when, God will always listen, log on to our website and start reading the posted daily biblical passage.

We also post our Sunday bulletin online every week, so this way you get the chance to be a part of Badarak's message in your own home.

St. Sarkis stands firm in her commitment to outreach and serve the spiritual and social needs of believers through networking in traditional as well as modern ways.

REQUIEM SERVICE MARKS TWO-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSING OF ARCHBISHOP MESROB ASHJIAN

The second anniversary of the passing of His Eminence Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian, the former Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy, was marked at St. Sarkis Church with a solemn requiem services on Sunday, December 11, 2005.

Archbishop Mesrob, the longest serving Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy, passed away while on a visit to New York on December 2, 2003. He served as Prelate from 1978 to 1998. He served as the Executive Secretary of the 1700th Anniversary Commemorative Committee from 1995 to 2000. From 2000 until his death he organized, supported and presided over a host of programs that benefited both Armenia and Artsakh.

DR. PAPAZIAN PUTS “TRUE” SPIN ON VARTANANTZ

By Richard Tedesco

University of Michigan Professor Dennis Papazian provided philosophical insight into the story of Vartanank, and the way the history of the Vartanantz war was written, in a lecture at St. Sarkis on October 16.

Dr. Papazian is the founder and director of the Armenian Research Center at the University of Michigan at Dearborn. Dr. Papazian holds a Ph.D. in Russian studies, and specializes in international and mid-east studies. He has been a tireless advocate of the Armenian cause, repeatedly rebutting Turkish attempts to deny the historical fact of the Armenian Genocide. In his introduction of the distinguished scholar, Dr. Arthur Kubikian called Papazian an “asset” to the Armenian-American community.

While preparing his lecture, Dr. Papazian said he couldn’t find his copy of well-known historian Yeghishe’s history of the Vartanantz War among the boxes of books in his new New Jersey home. When he called Armenian friends in the area, he was surprised to find none of them had a copy. He declared it was a book that ought to be in every Armenian household.

Dr. Papazian, telling what he described as the “true story behind St. Vartan and Yeghishe’s history,” declared that Yeghishe used the Vartanantz War as a literary device to create “a story to set an example of what is in store for the Armenians and how the Armenians can and must persevere in their faith and customs to obtain heavenly glory, if not glory on earth.”

In Dr. Papazian’s view, Yeghishe sought to articulate Armenians’ perspective on Christianity, and the im-

portance of adhering to cultural traditions as the historian anticipated a dark period for the Armenian nation.

Dr. Papazian acknowledged a link between Yeghishe’s account of the Armenian revolt in the Vartanantz War in 450-51 A.D. and Israelites the book of Maccabees: “The Christians are the new Israel. The message is the same: It is better to die than to give up one’s heritage.”

He described Vartan as a patriot, “not a nationalist,” exhorting his troops on to a “holy death” before the decisive battle of Avarayar. And he noted that the Armenians in Yeghishe’s history seek religious and cultural freedom, not independence from Persia.

Yeghishe’s message to contemporary Armenians, according to Dr. Papazian, is clear: “Each individual must be dedicated, a fortress to himself. Dedicated individuals must join together and stick together, unite as one group.” Dr. Papazian suggested a vital step in that process is self-education: “One of the problems is that people don’t read their own history.” He said every Armenian family should have a copy of Yeghishe’s history of the Vartanantz War.

He also offered a perspective on contemporary world politics that echoes the nature of ancient Persian dominance over Armenia, remarking, “You

read about sovereign states. There are no real sovereign states. The powerful always run the world.”

The lecture was followed by a lively question and answer session and many have already started to hunt for their own copy of the Yeghishe’s history of the Vartanantz War.



ST. SARKIS HOLDS LECTURE ON “EVERYDAY LEGAL ISSUES”

By: *Tamar Harutunian, Esq.*

On October 2, 2005, St. Sarkis Church presented a unique lecture program to the community to provide the community with background on everyday legal issues. The program, which took place in Pagoumian Hall following the Divine Liturgy, featured three attorneys who provided insight into the legal practice areas of personal injury, real estate, and health care decisions and end of life instruments.

Lori Hatem, an attorney practicing in AIG's environmental claims division, discussed the various instruments that individuals may use to express their health care decisions or preferences. These instruments are particularly important when a person is unable to make crucial health care decisions but has left the instruments for loved ones and doctors as instruction and guidance. In light of the recent coverage of the Schiavo case in the media, Ms. Hatem's presentation was timely and helpful in providing many factors to be considered when making important health care decisions.



A discussion of personal injury law was presented by Simon Bardizbanian, who practices in that area of the law. Mr. Bardizbanian spoke of the various aspects of liability for personal injury in car accidents, accidents on premises, and sidewalk accidents. He answered the questions that many people face regularly, such as what to do when you are injured in an accident and how to proceed in making insurance claims. With Mr. Bardizbanian's presentation, the audience had a greater understanding of the manner in which personal injury cases progress and are decided.

The final speaker for the afternoon was Tamar Harutunian. Ms. Harutunian discussed the purchase of real property in New York State, focusing on the various

stages of the process and responsibilities of the parties to the transaction and their attorneys. As an associate of O'Hare Parnagian LLP, Ms. Harutunian has assisted clients in both buying and selling their homes and was able to touch on concerns that many first time home purchasers have.

The lecture program was informative and rewarding for those in attendance, and it is hoped that many similar programs will be presented in the near future.

ST. SARKIS CHURCH BIBLE STUDY GROUP

By *Luiza Kalustian*

For the last 10 years a small but dedicated group have started the long journey of getting to know the Word of God. Some of us, myself included, due to circumstances beyond our control, have never opened the Bible. We believed in God and felt the need to know Him better.

We started with the New Testament, familiar territory, and under the guidance of Hayr Soorp Anoushavan Tanielian, every Tuesday evening for an hour or so we read and discussed the Word of God. After finishing the New Testament, we started with the Old Testament, a series of Books written thousand of years before Christ, announcing His coming for all who can hear.

The Old Testament is composed of Books, the first five attributed to Moses. We hardly scratched the surface, but with each encounter we come closer to understand what God through His Son Jesus Christ is offering to those who believe in Him.

After Hayr Soorp left for higher office for a short while Mrs. Alice Alajajian has guided us in our search for understanding. She was way ahead of us, had been in our place and together we read and tried to understand the eternal truth. Unfortunately, due to illness Mrs. Alice, for the time being can no longer led the Bible Study, but God provides in mysterious ways. Just in time Fr. Nareg Terterian has been assigned to St. Sarkis Church. He is a very knowledgeable young priest, patient and calm, who listens to our sometime childish questions, but is able to explain with examples what the Bible is trying to teach.

We meet Tuesdays in the morning at 10:30am and all of us have formed a bond that only the presence of God can explain. I wish our members will increase, and I extend an invitation to all, to come and sample the miracle of getting closer to God!

LADIES GUILD FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER DANCE

By: Edward Barsamian

A joyous crowd attended the 15th Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance of the Saint Sarkis Ladies Guild on Saturday, October 1, 2005. An exciting evening of music, dancing and dining featured well-known Canadian singer and entertainer Arthur Apkarian and his Orchestra, and the sumptuous catering of Mrs. Locin Megherian and the Ladies Guild.

Very Reverend Anoushavan Tanielian-Vicar General of the Eastern Prelacy was among friends when he started the evening with welcoming words and blessing of the meal, and Dr. Aram Cazazian, chairman of the Board of Trustees, expressed his gratitude and praise of the work done by the Ladies Guild.

In between the many delicious mezzes and main course, the crowd "tango"ed, "cha-cha"ed, "merengue"ed and Armenian danced to the wonderful sounds of the or-

chestra, and Mr. Karnig Nersessian led a group of soloists from the Yeraz Dance Group, all strutting their stuff. The very talented Arthur Apkarian, who seemed to know everyone, ser-

Many pictures of the history of the Ladies Guild were incorporated in a booklet edited by Dr. Louiza Kubikian and the new group picture will add to the collection.

Before the end of a very entertaining evening, Mr. Antranik Boudakian conducted the much-anticipated drawing of the Saint Sarkis AR-MENIAN HERITAGE CRUISE RAFFLE. The lucky winners, Mr. and Mrs. Hagop and Sylva Baghdadian, will enjoy a cruise for two - Sailing on

January 15, 2006 on Costa Mediterra-nea Cruise line Cruise IX - 2006 to the South Eastern Caribbean.

Everyone had a great time as they spent time honoring and celebrating not only their family members in the Guild but the greater Saint Sarkis family.



enaded several lady guests and intuitively knew how to keep everyone dancing.

Dr. Aram Cazazian, chairman of the Board of Trustees, once again welcomed everyone and was joined by Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian, Pastor of Saint Sarkis in introducing the chair-lady of the Ladies Guild, Mrs. Amy Gostanian.

Mrs. Gostanian thanked all the members of the Guild who worked so hard to make this evening a success and introduced Mrs. Locin Megherian. All the members of the Ladies Guild present were then called to step forward for a special presentation of commemorative pins donated by Mrs. Ani Tervizian, and an opportunity to take a group picture.



OUR KHATCHKAR OF ST. SARKIS

By Edward Barsamian

On Sunday September 11, the Armenian Church commemorated the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Khachverats), one of the five tabernacle (Daghavar) feasts of the Church. On this occasion, the Cross in the Armenian Church is decorated with basil, symbolizing the living Cross.



At Saint Sarkis, it was a symbolic and eventful day, with the blessing of the Basil, consecration of the Saint Sarkis KHATCHKAR and serving of “Madagh” all following the Badarak celebrated by the Very Rev. Fr. Anoushavan Tanielian, the Vicar General of the Armenian Prelacy.

The fresh, fragrant basil was blessed and carried around the church, stopping in all four corners and sprinkled with holy water in a very moving ceremony known as “Antasdan”. Rev. Fr. Anoushavan Tanielian stated that basil possessed ancient healing powers and may those powers help the parishioners. Also in a special service performed



every September, the Faculty and students of the Saturday and Sunday Schools were blessed at the altar and recognized for their service to church and community.



The congregation then moved to the Khatchkar area in a procession led by the Faculty and students of the Saturday and Sunday Schools, followed by the choir singing sharagans, and the clerics.

Hayr Anoushavan blessed the four corners of the beautifully engraved Khatchkar with holy “muron” and expressed his hope that the monument will symbolize the rebirth and resurrection of our church and parish.

Thanking and recognizing the donors and all those who worked hard to prepare the Khatchkar, the Very Reverend asked all present to remember and pray for the of martyrs of September 11, victims of hurricane Katrina, and closed the ceremonies with the Hayr Mer and the singing of Giligia.



A wonderful madagh meal prepared by Locin Megherian, Nairy Zohrabian and Harry Milian was blessed and enjoyed by all present in an outdoor setting under the new tents.

Truly a memorable and uplifting day.

ST. SARKIS CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC

By Christine Bedrossian

In spite of the hot and humid weather our Annual picnic which took place on the Day of the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Virgin Mary, on Sunday, August 14, 2005 was a complete success.

The day began the Sacred Divine Liturgy followed by the traditional ceremony of the blessing of the Grapes. Meanwhile a large group of volunteers were preparing the delicious foods which consisted of luleh kebab, shish kebab and pilaf. Of course the menu could not have been complete without desserts, which were baked by our wonderful and dedicated Ladies Guild members. But the kebab could not have been cooked without the help of a few of our volunteers who sweated over the BB-Q in one of the most hot and humid day of the summer. While everyone was enjoying the wonderful food and desserts beautiful Armenian Music was being played by Michael Gostanian and his band. Everyone had an excellent time.

bishop Oshagan Choloyan and New York State Senator and a friend of St. Sarkis community Mr. Frank Padavan, who honored the community with their surprise visits.

Special thanks to our dedicated Board Members, Beau-



We acknowledge the presence of His Eminence Arch-

tiful Ladies Guild Members, hardworking “Armenian Iron Chefs” and to all the volunteers who helped make the Church’s Picnic a success.



St. SARKIS'S YERAZ DANCE GROUP

By: Maria Nercessian

On August 21, 2005, the Yeraz Dance Ensemble gave a spectacular performance on Armenian- American at Eisenhower Park, in Long Island, New York. This yearly event has been one the dancers had looked forward to for some time. It was always a wish to dance on that stage, and finally it happened, and it was one of the best experiences.

The performance was split into two halves, both consisting of three dances each. The first half opened with "Sahari", then went to the boys dance "Hop Nino", and ended with four girls dancing to Tata Simonian's "Yerevani Akchigneri". The second half started with the girls "Gagach" dance, followed by a beautiful solo by Ani Matevosian to the song "Mukats Harsner", and ended with a finale of "Musaler".

"Sahari" was a group dance, in which all of the dancers were on stage. It's a dance that requires a lot of energy and strength, which the dancers clearly showed. Next was "Hop Nino", a boys' dance. Anybody who watches this dance can see that it is an extremely difficult dance, with quick foot movements and even higher leg kicks. Needless to say the boys are very tired after a dance like that. The last dance of the first half was "Yerevani Akchigneri", performed by four girls. It's a fun dance not only the girls but the audience as well. Sometimes looking out into the audience, you'll see some couples dancing to Tata as well.

The second half opened with "Gagach", a dance where twelve of our girls danced. Dressed in red skirts and black tops, with actual flowers on their heads, it felt as if you were walking through a field of poppies. Next was the "Mukats Harsner", performed by Ani Matevosian. She portrayed the ideal image of a beautiful Armenian dance. The audience couldn't help but wait in anticipation to see what graceful step she would do next. Last, the group



ended our performance with "Musaler", another highly energetic, but difficult dance. This was especially hard since the dancers had just performed other dances. Yet we pulled through, and came out stronger than ever. The audience rose to their feet with loud whoops and cheers.

This performance at Eisenhower Park was truly one that won't be forgotten, for both the people who watched our show and the Yeraz Dance Group. The audience won't forget our energy and enthusiasm, let alone the fact that we are proudly showing off our heritage. For the dancers, it was something many had been hoping to accomplish and for others, it was their very first show, and it certainly won't be their last.



YERAZ DANCE GROUP

holds classes every Friday in the Chadrijan Hall of St. Sarkis Church. Those interested in Joining the new New York dancing sensation are invited to call

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Mrs. Lena Orangian (516) 482-0959

Mr. Thomas Harutunyan (718) 615-2380

BIBLE 101*By: Diana Demirdjian*

Last spring at the direction of the Rev. Fr. Nareg, a small group of young adults gathered at the home of Daniel Gulbenkian to socialize and discuss the kinds of activities the youth of our church were interested in. Fr. Nareg, the newly ordained priest who our church was recently blessed to have as our new pastor, was enthusiastically interested in listening to the needs of our churches new generation in order to get them more involved with the church. Under his guidance this group gathered for an open conversation about how to get the young generation of our church involved and enthusiastic about becoming a core part of the church community. The gathering was by all accounts a success. We ate, socialized and had intense discussions about the types of activities that we, as the new generation of the church, were interested in. Through this gathering and open table discussion, the idea of a Bible Study for young adults bloomed, and took on the name “Bible 101”.

The idea behind “Bible 101” was to educate the youth about our own church services, traditions, ceremonies and scriptures as well as to study the bible. Several weeks after the initial brainstorming meeting, the first Bible 101 class was held on a Monday evening at St. Sarkis Church. As the initial group’s enthusiasm increased, and the frequency of the classes increased, word of this fantastic new activity at the church began to spread and attendance began to grow. Each new class now brings with it, not only new lessons but new faces as well. During each class, select passages of the bible are read out loud and then analyzed by the group, under the guidance of Fr. Nareg. After the passages are read and interpreted, the ‘students’ then



have the opportunity to engage in an open question and answer session. As the classes have gone on, the reading of the passages chosen by Fr. Nareg have with-



out fail, lead to increasingly more intense and dynamic open table conversations amongst those in attendance.

As the months have gone by, our Bible 101 class has become much more than simply an educational activity, it has served to form a bond and create a sense of community among the youth of the church as well. Our activities have expanded beyond the “classroom” to include social and spiritual activities as well. In early December, after a Sunday church services, members of Bible 101 gathered together to decorate the church for Christmas. As a group, we decorated a beautiful Christmas tree and nativity scene inside the church and decorated the outside with spectacularly festive Christmas décor as well. Although the weather outside was cold, the hearts of the individuals that spent hours together listening to Christmas music and decorating our church were brimming with warmth.

A trip to see the Radio City Christmas spectacular on December 16, followed by a visit to see the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree was another social activity of the group.

Upcoming activities being planned by Bible 101 include a weekend seminar to concentrate on topics that are most pertinent to today’s young adults.

“Bible 101” is now held every other Monday at St. Sarkis Church, classes begin at 8:30 pm and all individuals ages 18-40 are welcomed and encouraged to attend this spiritually, educationally and socially enriching activity.

BASKETBALL PROGRAM NEWS

By: Edward Barsamian

As of this writing, one month into the season, the Saint Sarkis basketball program is providing free of charge what many people are sorely missing....excitement, joy, exasperation, ooohs and ahhhhs, meeting friends, making friends.

All games take place in either Queens's gyms close to the church or in New Jersey, and all are scheduled to start following church services. The full schedule will be posted in the bulletin board in the Pagoumian hall.

All our teams are very competitive, and with rare exceptions, the games are cliffhangers to the end. So far, our teams have winning records, so more often than not the Saint Sarkis supporters leave happy although a little hoarse from the cheering. There is ample parking, so one can reach the games within 10 minutes from Saint Sarkis, and there is always a good chance that a youngster you know will be playing and can use your encouragement.

The Saint Sarkis Junior Boys team has an experienced nucleus with, Ali Rezai, Vahe Hagopian, Chris Biramian and Mesak Sarkissian, backed up by a group of eager and talented youngsters. Coach Vahram Shishmanian has them having fun while they learn and appreciate team concepts and play, experiences which hopefully will shape the future members of our community.

The Girls team has shown strong team play, and has several well-deserved victories against a strong Holy Martyrs and Sts. Vartanantz Girls Teams. Mary Hagopian, Aneta Arutyunyan, and Malvina Shishmanian are returning players who will make substantial contributions to the team.

The Senior Boys team, is the

team that shows the most energy, and started the season with a series of wins and are the leaders in the division with an undefeated record. Mr. Vartan Ovanesian, the coach of the Senior Boys team and Commissioner of the Armenian Churches Sports Association is ably assisted in his coaching by Hovig Shamamian, formerly one of his players and now in the men's team. The team is lead by veterans Harout Shamamian, Lawrence Krikorian, Alex Nakashian, with strong contributions from rookie Armen Shamamian and super play of Boris Khodjamirian.

The Men's Team has most of its veterans returning and is very competitive in view of their undefeated season last year. The Men's division is very strong and balanced and the quality of play is very good. We look forward to another great season, under guidance from coaches Karnig Tashjian and Krikor Nicianian

It's a season full of promise and hope and all the ingredients are in place for great excitement except one... you.

So if you are a little down, your spirits need a lift, and you are left with low finances after all the holiday shopping, why not come and see the Saint Sarkis teams play and partake in the cornucopia of emotions that is guaranteed to add spice to your life. And it's all free.. Figure that. Something really good for nothing.

If you would like to get information on joining the program at Saint Sarkis, please call Mr. Barsamian at 212-689-6273. We are always looking for junior boys: ages 10-14, senior boys: ages 15-18, Men: ages 19 and over, and for our Girls Team: ages

11 to 18. All those interested in joining the program are advised to contact Mr. Edward Barsamian or the church office for details. Mr. Barsamian can be reached at 718 458-7629 during evening hours.



MY IMPRESSIONS OF “DATEV”

By Nevair Oranjian



I have been attending Datev for two years and it's a wonderful experience. During the course of the week you continue learning about Christian life, you add on to your Christian knowledge, you grow spiritually, and much more. You meet many people from different states across the U.S. that are your age and older. You also meet the clergy who teach you many things. Other than biblical learning, you also have sports and recreational activities. They include swimming at the pool, volleyball, and even the Datev Games, which are hosted every year. Every year Datev has a Fourth of July celebration, which all Datevatsi parents are welcome to come. We have a huge picnic which includes food and drinks sponsored by Mrs. Asdghig Kazandjian, who prepares wonderful meals especially “luleh kebob”. I love it!! Even His Eminence Archbishop Choloyan comes to the picnic and gives lectures to the older classes. On the last official day of classes, we have a spectacular talent show which any Datevatsi is allowed to participate in.

During the week we have lessons from right after breakfast until lunch. After lunch you have four and a half hours of free time. After dinner there is general sessions and bible study. We have many lessons taught by the clergy. Some of the teachers were and are V. Rev. Fr. Anoushavan Tanielian, director of the institute, V. Rev.Fr. Shahe Panosian, Dn. Shant Kazanjian, and many more.

Datev is like a summer camp, but it is not. It's a place where you can learn about God and His doings on earth as well as the many miracles that He performed. To me it's a learning experience. This program has helped me build my self esteem in myself and it might be able to

help you to. I encourage all of my fellow piers who have not found out about this program yet, to join the Datev Institute and see how it's like. During this time you can get baptized as a Datevatsi, which enables you to be a part of the Datev community and have the greatest experience ever. There is going to be the 20th anniversary celebration on July 8-9, 2006, and I hope that you, the youth, can come and celebrate with us. I'll be there, and I hope to see some new faces!

ST. SARKIS CHURCH CHOIR

By Richard Tedesco

The St. Sarkis Choir entered the Christmas season with a small, but stalwart group of voices singing the Badarak every Sunday morning. Maestro Raffi Svajian continues to conduct the choir with his usual spirit of professionalism and animated good humor. The choir has benefited from talented organists Haigouhi Megerian, Gail D'Onofrio and Juliette Milian, who alternate in accompanying the singers every week.



Soloists include sopranos Silvia Krikorian, Benita Markarian, and tenors Hampig Azarian and Vahram Guiragossian. Hampig and his wife Hasmig are among the senior members of the choir.

The other regular members of the choir include Hermine Ghadimian, Rose Varjabedian, Annig Giveleghian, Anahid Sagatelian, Margaret Sarkissian, Sandy Shamlian, Mary Yacubian, Srpouhi Kertoyan, Barkev Vartanian, Meline Yaziciayan, Armen and Zepur Ardzivian, Nazaret and Arousiag Markarian and Richard Tedesco. In enjoying the beautiful sounds of the choir, it must be said that the choir is always looking for new voices, and those interested in singing under the supervision of a very experienced and talented choirmaster, whether they are young or mature, shy or outgoing, man or woman, are all urged to contact the church office or talk to any member of the Choir. A wonderful experience is promised.

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Տիկ. Նայիրի Զօհրապեան

Երկամսեայ ամառուան արձակուրդէ ետք, Ս. Սարգիս եկեղեցւոյ Շաբաթօրեայ Վարժարանի աշակերտութիւնը, ուսուցչած կազմը եւ ծնողները զիրար ողջունեցին մեծ հաճոյքով Սեպտեմբեր 10-ին առաւօտեան ծամը 9:45ին երբ 2005-2006 տարեշրջանի վերամուտի դաստնթացքները վերսկսան:



Այս առթիւ, ուրախ ենք յայտարարելու թէ մեր ուսուցչած կազմին միացան երկու նոր դասատուներ՝

Ա- Երէցկին Տիկ. Անի Թրթռեանը զոր նշանակուեցաւ արեւմտահայերէն բաժնի Դ, Ե, եւ Զ, դասարաններու դաստիարակ իսկ, Բ. Տիկ. Մարիա Եփրեմեանը նշանակուեցաւ իբրեւ փոխարինող դաստիարակ.



Վարժարանիս տիկնաց միութիւնը արդէն իսկ գործի լծուած է: Հունճք տօնախմբութեան առթիւ կազմակերպած էին ուրախ յայտագիր մը որ տեղի ունեցաւ Հոկտեմբեր 22, 2005ին Բակումեան սրահին մէջ ուր աշակերտներ միասնաբար ճաշակելէ ետք “Բիզզա”ն ծնողաց



յանձնախումբի անդամուհիները զիրենք զբաղ պահեցին ձեռային աշխատանքներով՝ իւրաքանչիւր աշակերտ-աշակերտուհի ունեցաւ իր իւրայատուկ դրոմը եւ զանոնք գունաւորեցին ու գծեցին եւ զարդարեցին իրենց ճաշակով, ապա մեծ զարմանքով ուրախութեամբ ընդունեցին վանդակներու մէջ զէտեղուած 5 տեսակի կենդանիները, ընկերակցութեամբ իրենց մարզիչին որ ամէնայն հանդարտութեամբ ցոյց տալով եւ ամփոփ բացատրականը տուաւ իւրաքանչիւր կենդանիին մասին: Հաւաքոյթի աւարտին աշակերտները մէկնեցան ուրախ-գոլարթ եւ քիչ մըն ալ յաւելեալ զարգացումով:



Ծնողաց յանձնախումբը ինչպէս ամէն տարի, այս տարի եւս ճոխ հոգեճաշ մը պատրաստեցին Հոկ.30,2005ի ի յիշատակ վարժարանիս բառերարնեու՝ Սիւզան եւ Յովսէփ Յակոբեաններու հոգիներուն: Այդ առաւօտուն վարժարանիս ածակերտութիւնը առ ի յարգանք իրենց բարերարներուն. վառած մոմերով նասքակից դարձան հոգեհանգստեան առարողութեան:

Ուրախ ենք յայտարարելու թէ ծնողաց յանձնախումբին մէջ ալ եւս ունեցանք նոր անդամներ ինչպէս Տիկ. Վիքի Յակոբեան եւ Տիկ. Մէլրի Ասլանեան իբրեւ խորհրդատուներ:

**UPDATES FOROM
ST. SARKIS CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

By: *Levon Boghossian*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

PROVERBS 22:6

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it”

PROVERBS 22:1-6

There is a sense in which we never leave school. The whole of life is a campus where we are being trained and fitted for eternity. As fathers and mothers we largely determine the direction and destiny of our children. With this in mind we need to examine afresh the principles that are involved in bringing up children “in the training and admonition of the Lord” (Eph.6:4).

Our Sunday School opened on September 11, 2005 since then the curriculum & activities done by children are:

- Bible Stories
 - Armor of God (2 more lessons to go to complete it)
 - Strong Belt = Truth
 - Breastplate = Righteousness
 - Shoes = Filled with Gospel of Peace
 - Shield = Faith
- Related board games & videos
- Bible readings

- The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Khachverats)
 - Why we should not celebrate Halloween Workshop for higher grade students and their parents
- Thanksgiving
- Prayers
- We went to Mini Golf & the children had a blast!
- Children usher Badarak every first Sunday of the month.

God Bless You All
HIS Servant,
Levon

Այս տարի առաջին անգամ ըլլալով վարժարանիս աշակերտութիւնը ամիսը անգամ մը պիտի ունենայ յաւերեալ պահ մը ատենամարզանք խորագրով, ուր իւրաքանչիւր դասարան պիտի ներկայացնէ յայտագիր մը 5-10 վարկեանի տեսողութեամբ որոշ նիւթերու շուրջ:

Հոկտեմբեր 29, 2005ին Տիկ Յասմիկ Աւետիսյանի դասարանը ներկայացուց Սուրբ Մեսրոպ Մաշտոցը անոր կեանքը ու կարեւորութիւնը մեր մշակոյթին ու



կեանքին մէջ եւ որու գիրերու գիւտին 1600 ամեակն է որ կը տօնախմբուի Համայն աշխարհի մէջ:

Իսկ Նոյեմբեր 19, 2005 ին Օր. Նորայի դասարանը ներկայացուց ուհաբանութեան Օրը խորագրով յայտագիր մը: Աշակերտները Հանդէս եկան իրենց սրտաբուխ շնորհակալութիւնը յայտնելով Աստուծոյ Իր մեզի տրւած զանազան բարիքներուն Համար:

Գալով նորակառոյց շրջաւարտական դասարանին, դասընթացքները կը կատարուին եւ աշակերտները Հանդիպում կունենան երկու շաբաթը անգամ մը առաջ-նորդութեամբ Տէր. Նարեկի եւ դասաւանդութեամբ Տիկ. Մէլրի Արսլանեանի:

Անոնք որոնք կը փափաքին իրենց շրջանաւարտ զաւակները ուղղարկել սիրով կը նդունինք եւ Հրաւէր կ'որդրենք գաղութիս զաւակներուն որ յաճախեն այս Հանդիպումներուն:



Շողակաթի յաջորդող թիւով կը շարունակենք տեղեկացնել վարժարանիս ընթացքին ու սորոթիւններու մասին:

Obituary



GEORGE HAGOP KASPARIAN

George Hagop Kasparian passed away on Thanksgiving in Bay Shore, New York of natural causes. He was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts 103 years ago on June 6, 1902.

He was on the first Board of Trustees and an active member of St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church until his passing. As recently as only a few years ago, he would pass the donation plate during the offering at the Badarak. He continued to attend church and had his favorite pew close to the altar. With the help of kind members of the congregation and deacons he was happy to receive Communion.

George had a variety of interests. He attended the Spangle Drive Senior Center daily to play cards and was welcomed by a caring staff and fellow seniors. He was an avid fan of the Mets and loved baseball dating back to the 1940's when he was manager of the Hickock Electric Company's baseball team.

Traveling was one of his favorite things. He toured Europe, Hawaii, parts of the United States, Istanbul, the birth place of his wife Alice, and cruised. He graciously treated his entire family from daughters to great grandchildren, twenty-five altogether, to a Caribbean cruise for his 100th birthday. The celebrating continued that year at four parties, one given by his daughter and son-in-law in Arizona, another by his other daughter and son-in-law in New York among others. Willard Scott of the Today Show featured him in 2002 for his 100th birthday.

He also loved reading and always had a book with him. While living in Cleveland, Ohio, he became a member of the Masons and continued his membership with them even after moving to New York in order to open his own business, Sunnyside Cleaners in Queens.

The one interest that has left its mark on all of his family is the game of backgammon. He taught each one of his grandchildren how to play the game and all six of them strive to reach his expertise.

He maintained his independence in his own apartment with the assistance of his loving daughter Gail and son-in-law Tony and family who attended to him every day and brought him to their home daily for dinner and to all family occasions.

In the winter, he traveled to Scottsdale, Arizona to live with his devoted daughter Jane and son-in-law Homer. There he also had doting grandchildren and great grandchildren to fill his life.

He was preceded in death by Alice, his beloved wife of 54 years. He is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law Jane and Homer Allie of Scottsdale, Arizona and Gail and Anthony D'Onofrio of North Babylon, New York. He is also survived by his grandchildren Ralph D'Onofrio and wife Dina of Old Bethpage and their daughters, Jeni, Stephanie, Kristine and ToniAnn; Paul D'Onofrio of Philadelphia and Caroline Calascibetta and husband Ray of Lake Grove, New York and their sons, Raymond and Marco. Also surviving are grandson George Allie and wife Randa of Brenham, Texas and their children, Austin, Taylor, Hunter and Presli; Scott Allie of Scottsdale, Arizona and Greg Allie and wife Virginia of Scottsdale and their children, Sydney, Samantha and Greg Thomas.

George was loved by everyone he met for his easygoing, calm, sweet, flexible and understanding nature. He was independent and his mind as sharp as a tack. He will be so missed by His family and friends.

Donations were made to St. Sarkis Church in lieu of flowers.

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Կազմակերպութեամբ Ս. Սարգիս Նայց. Առաքելական Եկեղեցոյ Տիկնաց Միութեան, Կիրակի, 20 Նոյեմբեր 2005-ին, տեղի ունեցաւ Եկեղեցոյն Տարեկան Պազարը:



ST. SARKIS HONORES LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS

By Richard Tedesco

St. Sarkis held its annual holiday service and luncheon to honor officers of the 111th Police Precinct and local firefighters in Douglaston on Dec. 7.

His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan presided at the noon service, delivering a brief homily after the prayer of light. "Light is very important. Light is everything. God is light," he said. "Light dispels the darkness, and it is in darkness that evil things are done."

Archbishop Choloyan praised the police officers and firemen's as "points of light" who serve to protect the community: "You are doing God's work. Your work is to protect us. You are there when we need you, and you are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice."

V. Rev. Anoushavan Tanieleian and Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian assisted the Archbishop in the service, and all three attended the luncheon that followed. The luncheon was held in conjunction with our weekly seniors lunch sponsored by Mrs. Mary Arslanian.

St. Sarkis Board members Bedros Givelekian, Antranik Boudakian and Dr. Aram Cazazian attended the luncheon, engaging in animated conversation with the police officers present.

Enjoying a meal that included luleh kebob, rice and homemade hummus as Armenian folk tunes played in the background, everyone had a pleasant afternoon.



“MEMORIES “ REUNION AT SAINT SARKIS

By Edward Barsamian

The perennial question of fundraising facing the Saint Sarkis Board of Trustees was temporarily answered on December 10, as the Romanian-Armenian Community was invited to a reunion party.

Organized in only six weeks, the sold out event benefited from the experience of the committee, which included Bedros Givelekian, Drs. Louiza Kubikian and Arthur Kubikian, Edward Barsamian, Dr. Aram Cazazian, Edward Bekian, Sergiu Matoesian, Hagop Andonian and Sergiu Saraidarian from the Sunnyside Community.

The theme of the evening was to provide a sentimental journey into the past, and as each of the more than 200 guests entered the beautifully decorated room, they were stopped in their tracks by a continuous slide presentation of pictures from their past. Entertained by the sounds of Stepan Tavitian orchestra and DJ Armando, guests greeted old friends and acquaintances and were welcomed by the chairman of the Board Dr. Aram Cazazian.

Following the blessing of the meal by Rev. Father Nareg Terterian, Pastor of Saint Sarkis and ArchPriest Musegh Der Kaloustian, former Pastor of St. Illuminator Cathedral, the two Masters of Ceremonies for



the evening, Mr. Edward Barsamian and Edward Bekian started a special evening of ethnic Christmas cheer, bonhomie, surprise entertainment, and humorous memories.

As the guests enjoyed delicious appetizers graciously provided by Carmel Specialty Foods, Mr. Hagop Andonian, representing the Sunnyside Romana-Hyes and Mr. Ara Barsamian, the first secretary of the club gave short speeches of welcome and thanks, and then....one of the highlights of the evening: an impromptu medley of Romanian and Armenian Christmas carols was performed by the new singing sensation trio ...Bedros Givelekian, Edward Barsamian and Edward Bekian. After the initial shock, the guests joined in with delight, and gave urged them on to a wild finale.

A video presentation of old footage from past events of the Armenian Romanian Society was then presented with running commentary by Mr. Edward Bekian following which certificates of recognition were presented to persons who helped shape the history of the community. Mrs. Arpi Bekian accepted the award for Der Asoghik Kelejian, the first Pastor of Saint Sarkis, and Der Musegh Der Kaloustian, and Very Reverend

Anoushavan Tanielian were also honored. Mr. Guy Boyadjian was also recognized with a special “Romana-hye Pesa” certificate which he accepted in the spirit it was presented. A “surprise” certificate was also presented to Mr. Bedros Givelekian who was the first president of the Society and the guiding force behind its activities. In his comments, he expressed his thanks and joy to be among his friends and compatriots. “We have been together for over 40 years and accomplished many things. We must groom the future generation in becoming active in the church and community” he said in closing.

The evening continued with dancing, lots of photo opportunities, sharing of memories and making new ones.

There seemed to be only one regret... not enough time was allowed in the program to dance the traditional Romanian “kissing dance - Perinita“. It will just have to be one more thing everyone will look forward to at the next reunion.

The mini miracle of organizing this event in very short time could not have been accomplished without the dedicated work of the committee.

Dr. Louiza Kubikian was the moving dynamo behind this event as she single handedly wrote and mailed solicitation letters, collected all monies, helped decorate Chadrijian Hall with Mrs. Tacouhie Menzildjian, arranged for cooking of some industrial quantities of Romanian ethnic food, arranged the menu, accepted and kept track of reservations, table arrangements and decorations, ordered the mezzes and even brought a rug for the coat room. Oh yes, lest we forget, she also produced another memorable booklet for the occasion, which as many others she produced, became a collectible item in the community.

Dr. Aram Cazazian prepared the slide presentation of the pictures and designed the booklet cover; Bedros Givelekian prepared the movie video, arranged for the sweets and collected donations for the booklet, and was the artistic creator of the nightclub act. Mrs. Beatrice Markarian not only donated wonderful gifts for the raffle but also with Mrs. Siran Sharoyan, Miss Lizy Sharoyan, and Mrs. Alina Kochoumian ran a very successful raffle. Our own Mr. Danny Gulbenkian was in charge of the drinks and the bar while Vahram Shishmanian and Michael Markarian helped with the coat room. The night was immortalized with many photos taken by Suzan Farsakian and a vedio by Nelu Farcasanu.

And as a result of this wonderful evening, the organizing committee was happy, the guests were very happy, and best of all...the Board of Trustees was happy.... at least for a while. HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Կիրակի 25 Սեպտեմբեր 2005-ին Ս. Պարարագէն երբ, Թեմիս Առաջնորդական Փոխանորդ եւ Եկեղեցոյս նախկին հովի՛ Գերայ. Տ. Անուշաւան Ծ. Վրդ. Դանիէլեան ներկայացուց տեսաներիզ մը Ազգային Առաջնորդանի կազմակերպած Արցախի Ներուանարդիկներու Որբերուն նուիրուած աւանդանային յայրագրի մասին:

Յայրագիրը գործադրութեան դրուած էր ճամբարի մը մէջ՝ Նայասարան, Գերայ.



Նայր Անուշաւանին եւ Բրշ. Շանթ Սրկ. Գազանճեանին կողմէ: Յայրագրին նպատակն է եղած մեր որբերուն ջամբել կրօնական դաստիարակութիւն նաեւ բարեփոխել անոնց հոգեկան վիճակը:

Նայր Սուրբին ներկայացուցած տեսաներիզով, ներկաները տեսան ճամբարի առօրեայ կեանքը եւ գաղափար մը կազմեցին այնքեղ գործադրուած ծրագիրներուն մասին: Տեսաներիզի ցուցադրութիւնը առիթ մը ստեղծեց ներկաներուն որպէսզի մտածեն իրենց որբ հայրենակիցներուն մասին, որոնք կապրին դժուար պայմաններու մէջ:

Այս մտահոգութենէն մղուած Ազգային Առաջնորդարանը ստեղծած է միջոցներ որպէսզի բոլորս օգտակար դառնանք Նայ Որբերուն, փարեկան ջնջին բարերասութիւն մը ընելով: Արդ բոլորս հրաւիրուած ենք փայլուն մեր մարդկային տուրքը եւ ժպիտ մը ստեղծելու մեր քոյրերուն եւ եղբայրներուն հոգիներուն մէջ:

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

MARIO JOHN LILLA, son of Mr. & Mrs. LEWIS & CAROLINE LILLA, was baptized on August 13, 2005. His Godparents were NORAIR SEFERIAN & ROMINA SEFERIAN.

NAIRI NICOLE VARTANIAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. RAFFI & MONIQUE VARTANIAN, was baptized on September 4, 2005. Her Godparents were JOHN VARTANIAN & SONIA KAHWAJIAN

NICOLAS MELCONIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. ERIC & ALAINA MELCONIAN, was baptized on September 10, 2005. His Godparents were ELEID MELCONIAN & MICHELLE SATTALI.

GABRIEL EDMOND ELMOKIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. EDMOND & ASHHEN ELMOKIAN, was baptized on October 1, 2005. His Godparents were MOURAD VOSKINARIAN & VIRGINIA VOSKINARIAN.

ISABELLA SHAKEH BELMONTE, son of Mr. & Mrs. FRANK & SHAKEH BELMONTE, was baptized on October 8, 2005. Her Godparents were JOHN MOSCHOVTTIS & SOFIA PAPAIOANNOU.

ARTYOM YERANOSYAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. BORIS & TAKOUHI YERANOSYAN, was baptized on October 15, 2005. Her Godparents were SAMVEL AGHDAYAN

MARY RAFI HAMAMDJIAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. RAFI & MIROSLAVA HAMAMDJIAN, was baptized on November 6, 2005. Her Godparents were ARMAN P. HAMAMJIAN.

JASMINE NICOLE YEDIGARIAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. ROUBEN & HELEN YEDIGARIAN, was baptized on November 26, 2005. Her Godparents were NIS-HAN BALJIAN & NAYIRI BALJIAN BELL

NOAH JOHN YEDIGARIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. ROUBEN & HELEN YEDIGARIAN, was baptized on November 26, 2005. His Godparents were DAVID SAHAKIAN & ANNETTE SAHAKIAN

SOPHIA MARIE YEDIGARIAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. ROUBEN & HELEN YEDIGARIAN, was baptized on November 26, 2005. His Godparents were DAVID SAHAKIAN & ANNETTE SAHAKIAN

SEVAN DANIEL YEDIGARIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. ROUBEN & HELEN YEDIGARIAN, was baptized on November 26, 2005. His Godparents were ALEXADER GALOUSTIAN & ANYA YEDGARIAN GALOUSTIAN

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

WEDDINGS

JOHN FORKAN & ARMINE JEAMGOCIAN were married on September 10, 2005. Best Man and Maid of Honor were JIM FORKAN & CRISTINA OHANESIAN.

MAYEK THOMAS & ARMINA KAZAROSIAN were married on September 25, 2005. Best Man & Maid of Honor OHANES & KARIN THOMASIAN

JOHN PAUL MASTACCIUOLA & BEATRICE KALAPTCHIAN were married on November 26, 2005. Best Man & Maid of Honor DANIEL MASTACCIUOLA & SANDY GOETA

VICKEN KISHISHIAN & PAMEL CORREA were married on December 3, 2005. Best Man and Maid of Honor were HAGOP MEGERDICHIAN & SUZAN KESHISHIAN

DR. HAGOP K. GORGISSIAN & HILDA A. SARKISIAN were married on December 18, 2005. Best Man & Maid of Honor THOMAS GORGISSIAN & MARY ELIZABETH KEPFERLT

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

FUNERALS

HAIG NEKDALIAN
(October 12, 1912 – August 17, 2005)

ARSHALUCE G. JACOBIAN
(December 22, 1914 – October 31, 2005)

RADKA BAKLAIAN
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SARKIS GHADIMIAN
(November 17, 1925 – November 01, 2005)

BEDROS KALAJIAN
(May 20, 1927 – August 30, 2005)

VIRGINIA MAGARDICIAN
(June 17,1924 - November 12, 2005)

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(December 15, 1920 – September 4, 2005)

GEORGE KASPARIAN
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KARNIK B. ARAKELYAN
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LORETTA TERMELKOMIAN
(April 24, 1923 – October 30, 2005)

OVSANNA VOSGANIAN
(March 15, 1915 – Decmber 25, 2005)

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

WHEN LOVED ONES PASS AWAY

Saint Sarkis Church appreciates the thoughtfulness of all families who remember the Church in wills and bequests, as well as those who designate the Church as recipients of funds “in lieu of flowers.”

As a further remembrance of a beloved departed, purchase of leaves of the Tree of Life or Pews are a wonderful way of honoring their memory.

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We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following donations and thank them wholeheartedly for their generosity.

May God Bless You!

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Pogosyan, Silvia Ms.	100
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Gregorian, Gourgen M/M	50
Kalikian, Aram M/M	50
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Shamlian, Family	50
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Kazangian, Aida Mrs.	100
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Minassian, Karnig M/M	100
Bakaljian, Haig M/M	50
Givelekian, Bedros M/M	50
Kasparian, Dirouhie Mrs.	50
Levarda, Dan M/M	50
Manookian, Anna & Jessica Misses	50
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Mengouchian, Jirair M/M	50
Mengouchian, Takouhi Mrs.	50
Moschovits, Peter M/M	50
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Harutunian, Vartan Mr.	25
Kabarajian, Dickran M/M	25
Sarkissian, Azad Mrs. & Family	25
Bodriguian, Family	20
Janessian, Harriette Ms.	20

Kalikian, Aram M/M	20
Kalustian, Luiza Mrs.	20
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Baghdassarian, Baghdig & Ani Drs.	200
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Kelekian, Kegham M/M	200
Kerestedjian, Alice Miss	200
Manoukian, Arsen M/M	200
Megerian, Raffi M/M	200
Voskerijian, Nayda Mrs.	200
Atakhanaian, Valot M/M	150
Basmagian, R	150
Kasparian, Dirouhie Mrs.	150
Kazandjian, Sarkis M/M	150
Simonian, Arakel M/M	150
Arslanian, Edward M/M	100
Callian, Alan M/M	100
Cherkez, Olga Mrs.	100
Demirdjian, Edmond Dr. & Mrs.	100
Demirdjian, Zaven M/M	100
D'Onofrio, Ralph M/M	100
Ghadimian, Hermine Mrs. & Son Edgar Mr.	100
Indzhigulyan, Vartan M/M	100
Kalaigian, Hovanes M/M	100
Kallem, Gary M/M	100
Kalustian, Varoujan M/M	100
Kasparian, George Mr.	100
Kasparian, Kevork M/M	100
Kazanjan, Albert M/M	100
Khatchadourian, Aram M/M	100
Kochoumian, Eduard M/M	100
Maliaroff, George M/M	100
Mangikian, Berge M/M	100
Markarian, Hrachik M/M	100

Megerian, Toros M/M	100
Mengouchian, Takouhi Mrs.	100
Mengouchian, Vartkes Mr.	100
Minassian, Hovsep M/M	100
Nercessian, Krikor M/M	100
Nigdelian, Vartkes M/M	100
Sakar, Gregory M/M	100
Steul, Gary M/M	100
Tavitian, Mardiros Mr.	100
Tervizian, Toros M/M	100
Turbendian, Dro M/M	100
Zohrabian, Raffi Dr. & Mrs.	100
Barsamian, Ara M/M	75
Margesian, Archalous Mrs. & Sara Miss	75
Moschovitis, Peter M/M	75
Yepremian, Mardo M/M	70
Demirdjian, Hambarsoom Mr.	55
Agasian, Garbis M/M	50
Aghajan, Family	50
Azarian, Hampik M/M	50
Bajanov, Rostislav M/M	50
Bedikian, Armand M/M	50
Derian, Isabel Mrs.	50
Gebian, Ohannes M/M	50
Hambarsoumian, Family	50
Krikorian, Krikor M/M	50
Markaryan, Roza Ms.	50
Ohanian, Anjel Mrs.	50
Sheshedian, Mary Mrs.	50
Simonian, Hagop M/M	50
Toma, Edgar M/M	50
Torossian, Frank M/M	50
Torossian, Hagop M/M	50
Turbendian, Family	50
Utecht, James M/M	50
Elmokian, Edmond M/M	40
Torossian, Hovig M/M	40
Babikian, Lolita Mrs.	30
Megherian, Khatchig M/M	30
Oranjan, Takouhi Mrs.	30
Beyler, Adrine Ms.	25
Shamlan, Levon M/M	25
Heghnian, Mary Mrs.	20

IN LIEU OF FLOWER DONATIONS
FOR THE LATE, KARNIK B. ARAKELYAN

Arakelyan, Arman M/M	200
Baklajian, Haig M/M	100
Dilimetin, Gregory M/M	100
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Kalustian, Varujan M/M	100
Kochoumian, Eduard M/M	100
Markarian, Anahid Mrs.	100
Paternostro, Peter M/M	100

Petropoulos, Sandy M/M	100
Tcholakian, Zaven M/M	100
Tchorbajian, Nichan M/M	100
Velez, Augusto M/M	100
Tcholakian, Kegham M/M	75
Babikian, Lolita Mrs.	50
Kalikian, Aram M/M	50
Najarian, Meline Ms.	50
Sookikian, Araxe Miss	50
Tcholakian, Varoujan M/M	50
Djizmedjian, Levon M. Mr.	40
Arkun, Anahit Mrs.	35
Ciamician, Araxie Mrs.	30
Demirdjian, Satenik Mrs. & Family	25
Ratyosyan, Ararat M/M	20

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Hovagimian, Dikran M/M	50
Tatevossian Leon & Merian Sylvie	50
Morgikian, Mihail M/M	50

IN LIEU OF FLOWER DONATIONS
FOR THE LATE, ANAHID EDZHURIAN

Adarian, Nurhan M/M	100
Demirjian, Harry M/M	100
Gulmezian, Onnik M/M	100
Martayan, Nelson M/M	75
Babikian, Levon M/M	50
Bardizbanian, Loucine Mrs.	50
Baykov, Arsha Mrs.	50
Beikian, Donik M/M	50
Gurdoglyanyan, Oganess M/M	50
Hero, Hripsime Mrs.	50
Korurdian, Haig M/M	50
Sharoyan, Edward M/M	50
Turbendian, Nigole M/M	50
Utecht, James M/M	50
Bagdassaryan, Aris M/M	40
Krikorian, Mary Mrs.	40
Hatchikian, Hripsime Mrs.	30
Janikian, Arsen M/M	30
Janikian, Eram M/M	30
Pattinian, Beatrice Mrs.	25
Kirkorian, Gary M/M	20

IN LIEU OF FLOWER DONATIONS
FOR THE LATE, DR. SARKIS GHADIMIAN

Abdalian, Suzane Mrs.	1000
Kalfayan, Krikor M/M	400
Keloian, Anna Miss	300
Lee Family	300
Ayvazian, Albert Mr.	200
Arax, Genia & Anette	100
Choukhachian, Carlin M/M	100

Galo, Galoust M/M	100
Gougoush, Arsine & Lizik	100
Gragossian, Alan M/M	100
Korean Paper Company	100
Markarian, Hrachik M/M	100
Merjian, Mardi Mr.	100
Tatevossian, Norik M/M	100
Vartanian, Roubik Dr. & Mrs.	100
Rosdick, Ashkhene & Armineh	80
Belekdanian, Hagop M/M	50
Gregorian, Gourgen M/M	50
Gross, Ania Mrs.	50
Norain, Cordell M/M	50
Oghlian, Setta Ms.	50
Rashduni, Harry D. M/M	50
Sevadjian, Raffi M/M	50
St. Sarkis Choir	50
Tavitian, Nercess M/M	50
Vartanian, Sandra Ms.	50
Yavarian, Martaghina Ms.	50
Yavarian, Varoujan M/M	50
Azarian, Hampik M/M	35
Azarian, Susan Mrs.	35
Bardizbanian, Lucine Mrs.	30
Gabrelian, Sebu Henry M/M	30
Baboomian, Yeghia M/M	25
Baloumian, Marie Ms.	20
Fermadjian, Margarete Mrs.	20
Yessayan, Berdjouhi Mrs.	20
Ekmekgioglou, Aghavni Mrs.	50

IN LIEU OF FLOWER DONATIONS
FOR THE LATE, GOHAR GRIGORIAN

Grigorian, Alexander Mr.	100
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Tatevossian, Norik M/M	50

IN LIEU OF FLOWER DONATIONS
FOR THE LATE, ARSHALUCE JACOBIAN

Jacobian-Yaziciyan Meline & Gary M/M	400
Bayrakdarian, Carlo and Aurora Drs.	200
Givelekian, Garbis & Hachik	150
Ghadimian, Hermine Mrs. & Son Edgar	100
Gross, Ania Mrs.	100
Tatevossian, Norik M/M	100
Ter-Hovanessian, Roubina Ms.	100
Chamras, Arpenik Ms.	60
Anasa, Arman M/M	50
Gabrelian, Sebu Henry M/M	50
Givelekian, Nanette Ms.	50
Markarian, Hrachik M/M	50
St. Sarkis Choir	50
Azarian, Hampik M/M	35

IN LIEU OF FLOWER DONATIONS
FOR THE LATE, BEDROS KALAJIAN

Makdessian, Harut M/M	150
Garabedian, Edourd M/M	100
Kaladjian, Kevork M/M	100
Megerian, Raffi M/M	100
Pogosyan, Diana Ms.	100
Givelekian, Bedros M/M	75
Tcholakian, Kegham M/M	75
Gasper Eric & Kayayan Yervand	60
Arik, Artin M/M	50
Azarian, Susan Mrs.	50
Hazarian, Madlen Ms.	50
Markarian, Anahid Mrs.	50
Sarkissian, Yervand Mr. & Family	35
Babikian, Lolita Mrs.	30
Jamgotchian, Varoujan M/M	25
Shamamian, Araksi Ms.	25
Petrucelli, Antonio & Edelmira	20

IN LIEU OF FLOWER DONATIONS
FOR THE LATE, GEORGE KASPARIAN

Borazanian, John M/M	100
Hirschman, Carolyn Ms.	100
Nersesian, Mourad M/M	100
Tashjian, Edward M/M	100
Bongiovi, Judith Ms.	50
Dibrita, Anthony M/M	50
Givelekian, Bedros M/M	50
Kalustian, Varujan M/M	50
St. Sarkis Choir	50
Stavinoha, Daniel W. M/M	50
Walker, Robert M/M	40
D'Onofrio, Madeleine Ms.	30
Carey, Louise	25
Megerian, Raffi M/M	25
Milian, Harry M/M	25
Hovsepian, Roxie Ms.	10

IN LIEU OF FLOWER DONATIONS
FOR THE LATE, VERJIN MAGARDICIAN

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Anasa, Karabet & Lucia	100
Bekian, Edward & Arpi	100
Meguerdichian, Ardash & Gabriela	60
Ohannessian, Elizabeth	60
Baklajian, Haig & Emma	50
Kubikian, Arthur & Louiza Drs.	50
Kulhangian, Arshalous & Kazandjian Alice	50
Sheshedian, Mary	50
Toma, Ariton & Daniela	50
Demirdjian, Zaven & Elvira	40
Baklajian, Victoria	30
Hamparian, Simon & Sham	30

Barsamian, Edward & Coharig	25	Melkonian, Anna Ms.	50
Bostanian, Dikran	20	Sakar, Nurayir Norman Mr.	50
Buzantian, Jirair	20	Sarmisaklioglu, Nisan & Alis M/M	50
Ferrante, Anthony & Zanoot	20	Torossian, Ara Mr.	50
Gorgodian, Geta	20	Ohannessian, Elizabeth Mrs.	30
		Crisici, William & Doris M/M	25
		Dedeian, Lucy Ms.	25
		Derderian, Mary Ms.	25
		Manoogian, Harry M/M	25
		Tatarian, Margaret Ms.	25
		Tompkins, Kathleen Ms.	20

IN LIEU OF FLOWER DONATIONS
FOR THE LATE, HAIG NEKDALIAN

Balian, Mary Ms.	100
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PINGPONG CLUB
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Միրելի փարեց հայրեր ու մայրեր, փոխադրական դժուարությանց պատճառաւ եթէ կը գրկուիք Կիրակնօրեայ Պարարագէն կամ եկեղեցոյ որեւէ ձեռնարկէ, հաճեցէք հեռաձայնել գրասենեակ (718) 224-2275, որպէսզի սպահովուի ձեր օրհնեալ ներկայութիւնը Աստուծոյ Տան մէջ:

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Senior Citizens, if you are missing the Sunday Badarak or any church activity due to transportation, please call the church office (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 some one who is sick at home or in the hospital? please call the church office or Pastor's home for visit from our Der Hayr Nareg Terterian.

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