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Receiving His Episcopal Ordination

by His Holiness Aram I

at St. Gregory The Illuminator Cathedral, Antelias, Lebanon

on June 4, 2006

Back cover:

The Altar of St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church,

Douglaston, NY

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS REVISITED*

After serving the Pharaoh and the Egyptians for four hundred years, God, according to His promise, delivered His people from the slavery, under the leadership of His prophet Moses. On their way to the Promised Land God wanted His people to be Holy and unique. For this reason God gave them the Law so that the people who just have been delivered from the Egyptian slavery would not fall into the slavery of Sin.

The Ten Commandments as an entity is the core of the Law in the Old Testament. The Law had the role of bringing people closer to God by instructing them basically how to live. "So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith", writes St. Paul in his epistle to the Galatians. Although, he adds: "Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law." (Gal 3. 24-25).

In the Gospel of St. Mathew however Jesus states: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." (Mt 5.17)

Sometimes we disregard our Lord's attitude towards the Law and take of St. Paul's argument for granted.

The Pauline argument is based on faith; justification by faith. In other words if you believe then you are saved.

A survey conducted by an independent company named Harris Interactive states the following:

"79% of Americans believe in God, and 66% are absolutely certain this is true. Only 9% do not believe in God, while a further 12% are not sure."¹

If the vast majority of Americans believe in God, then why are all the wickedness and the corruption of today's society that we live in? The bible gives us a clear answer to this question: "faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." (James 2:17).

How can we manifest our faith by action? How can we bring faith from its emotional, abstract phase into life?

We go back to the basics of the Bible that we were introduced to them once in Sunday school classes: The Ten Commandments. We see that they rephrase the question and instead of asking "do you believe?" they ask:

- Is God the one that we love and worship the most?
- Do we have anything in life that is more impor-

tant than God?

- Do we misuse the name of the Lord?
- Do we dedicate a day at least to God?
- Do we honor our parents?
- Do we value life –the most precious gift of God?
- Do we maintain our bodies as the temple of the Holy Spirit?
- Probably we do not steel, but do we covet whatever is not ours?
- Do we always tell the truth?

Let us revisit the Ten Commandments to see how we can practice faith in our everyday life!

The First Commandment

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20. 2-3)

In this Commandment God is teaching His people that there is only one God, because while they were in Egypt the people were used to worship many gods. When the commandments were given the people had already witnessed the mighty power of God who delivered them from the Pharaoh. All the other Gods that they used to worship in Egypt were absolutely of no use as God reminds His people that He is the Lord God who brought them out of Egypt. Probably the people were eager to worship God along with the other gods that they knew, however God wanted His people to worship Him alone.

God speaks to us with the same commandment today. He says to us "I am the LORD your God, who sent His only son to die for your sake and release you from the captivity of sin. You shall worship me and worship me alone".

And we say, "Lord, that is what we always do!"

We say yes because we don't have any other gods. We show up a couple of Sundays a year at a church, to light a candle, see some friends and disappear. But let's get this straight. Worship is an act that shows ultimate love and adoration. Worship is not designated for certain days. It is meant to be for everyday and every moment. We should love God as God Himself loves us.

The Second Commandment

"You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth gen-

* This message is a summary of the sermon series that was delivered during the Lent season.

1. The Harris Poll® #59, October 15, 2003 http://www.harrisinteractive.com/harris_poll/index.asp?PID=408

eration of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.” (Exodus 20. 4-6)

In this commandment God tells His people not to built any idol and worship them. Idolatry was very common in those days. People could not worship unless they had something to see. But how the Creator of everything could be worshiped through a statue or any element of His creation? God wanted His people to worship him in the Spirit.

God tells the same thing to us today: “You shall not make for yourself an idol”. And we may think “idols??? We don’t have any idols”. But what about money, fame, pleasures and all the other things that we idolize and devote our time and energy to pursue them?

Let us answer this question honestly: “How many minutes in my life I devote to God vs. the minutes, hours and days that we devote to every other thing that we do?”

In the continuation of the commandment we find God saying “I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God”. So many people find this striking. How can God be jealous? But who wouldn’t be jealous and angry, if after loving, cherishing and taking care of someone, sacrificing everything for them we find out that that person does not care about us.

God gave us life. He gave everything that we have in this life. When we were away from Him, sinking in the dirt of our sins, He sent His only Son our Lord Jesus Christ to save us. And yet we often put Him in the margin of our Lives. By Doing so we are simply provoking His wrath against ourselves.

Our Lord says: “No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.” (Luke 16.13).

We cannot serve God or the idols that we have created. The Second commandment tells us to destroy all the idols that may refrain us from serving and worshiping the Lord God.

The Third Commandment

“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.” (Exodus 20. 7)

People often think about this commandment as “don’t swear with the name of the Lord”. But the commandment is about misusing it.

In the Old Testament, the people practiced this Law literally. The name of God (Yahwa/Elohim) was replaced with “my Lord”.

A name tells us about character. In this sense the name of the Lord tells as about His attributions and the most important attribution of God is His Holiness. God is HOLY. Our Lord Jesus Christ taught as to sanctify the name of God when He gave us the Lord’s Prayer. Whenever we say “Hallowed by thy name” we think about the Holiness of God and promise that as people who bear

His name –Christians, we will keep His name Holy by our lifestyle and witness.

Unfortunately when we go to our daily routine, we do things that are contrary to our beliefs. As part of our slang we often use the term “oh my God” to express our happiness or amazement sometimes to very stupid things. We even swear “to God” to make the discussed subject more impressive. How can we use the Most Sacred name in our dirty, filthy life conduct? Remember what God says: “for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.” (Exodus 20. 7)

The way that we use God’s name reflects how we really feel about Him. It is a challenge for us the Christians to discipline ourselves so that we may have our unique vocabulary that will enable us to express our feelings without referring to the clichés that misuse the name of the Lord.

The fourth Commandment

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maid-servant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.” (Exodus 20. 8-11)

God rested on the seventh day of Creation; He blessed it and made it Holy. God commands His people to do the same; to rest and keep it Holy. A sublime commandment that exalts us to become like God By doing whatever He did.

In the New Testament the Sabbath (Saturday) in replaced by Sunday because our Lord’s resurrection was On Sunday morning and because the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples on a Sunday.

The day is changed but the commandment is the same: “Keep it Holy”. We cannot keep the Sunday holy by doing the work that we do on the other six days of the week. To keep it Holy we must worship God. Sunday is not a day off. It is the day of the Lord and we must spend part of that day in the house of the Lord –the Church. Church has the priority over Sunday brunch or soccer practice, because nothing feeds the soul as much as the encounter with the Lord that happens in the church, when we receive the redeeming and life-giving Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The seventh day as a day of rest foreshadows the Kingdom of God and the eternal rest. It is a preparation to the eternal life with God in His Kingdom. Don’t miss the chance that our lord Jesus Christ gave us to inherit the Kingdom of God by neglecting our spiritual life.

To be continued...

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTIES DR. ARAM CAZAZIAN*

There is no doubt that the past 16 years in the history of the New St Sarkis Church have presented many challenging and wonderful moments for all those who were involved in the mission of rebuilding and maintaining this church.

Last year we all celebrated the 15th anniversary of St. Sarkis Church, an important milestone marked by two major events:

One, the elevation of our Very Rev. Fr. Anoushavan Tanielian to the position of full time Vicar General and his departure from our church;

And second event, the arrival of Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian and his wife Yeretzkian Annie

One year later, today, we are again celebrating 2 events:

As you probably know, today, in Antelias, Lebanon, Very Rev Fr. Anoushavan Tanielian is being graced with the Episcopal consecration by His Holiness Aram I as Bishop.

I like you to join me in wishing him long life, health, wisdom, patience and great success in all his endeavors. We are very proud to say that he was our pastor for 14 years.

The second event is the successful completion of Der Nareg's First Year as Pastor of St. Sarkis Church.

A year ago, Der Nareg accepted the enormous responsibility of leading our Saint Sarkis Parish. In the past 12 months, he performed his religious duties on the Altar and in the Armenian community with dignity, diligence and compassion and continued the existing church programs such as Bible Study, Senior Citizens, Saturday and Sunday Schools and of course he participated in all other activities.

His greatest asset has been his youth. He has already established a strong connection with the younger generation through programs initiated by him such as: Bible 101 for young adults and also Bible 201 for parents of Yeraz Dance Group. I believe that Der Hayr is becoming a major force in getting the younger generation more involved in the spiritual and service projects of the church and the proof is here today. Look around you, I don't remember to have ever seen so many young people actively participating in a church events and I am very proud and happy to acknowledge their presence here today and encourage them continue their involvement in all church activities.

Since his arrival Der Nareg has also worked tirelessly in involving himself with the work of auxiliary bodies and their activities as well as the operational details of a very complex and active church. Der Nareg has also established a close working relationship with the Board of Trustees which has been mutually beneficial.

Having a Der Hayr has additional benefits, Yeretzkian Annie. Her gentle and youthful energy is felt everywhere throughout the church. She sings in the Choir, teaches in the Saturday School and Sunday School, she is a member of the Ladies Guild and helps with the Senior Citizens and especially takes very good care of our pastor. Congratulation Yeretzkian Annie, your presence is also a blessing .

Der Nareg, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Parishioners of St. Sarkis Church, we congratulate you for your dedicated spiritual and community service and pledge our full support so that together we can accomplish our mission in the service of God. Congratulations on the job well done ...

Dear friends, The past year was a year of challenges but also of major accomplishments. We became more active and creative and were blessed with many inspirational activities which helped the church financially. Our auxiliary bodies worked very hard in organizing many activities which brought people together. I believe that today, St Sarkis Church has become a close knit family, in fact, today's celebration seems to be a family reunion with children, young adults, parents, grandparents and seniors all coming together and giving thanks. I want to thank especially all our ladies who played such an important part in bringing us together and also for their ever present participation and contributions of time, knowledge and energy in the success of every single event. You are truly the backbone of our church family.

As far as the future, certainly the next few years will present different challenges and new goals. Several items are a high priority on our agenda:

1. Developing Programs and Activities for our future generation which will attract and keep them involved in church life. In the next several years, members of these groups will become the leaders of St. Sarkis and their active involvement is a key factor in the future of the church.

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* This message was given on June 4, 2006, During the 16th Anniversary Banquet of St. Sarkis Church.

SAINT SARKIS NAME DAY 2006 WHAT A DIFFERENCE A WEEK MAKES!

By Edward Barsamian



After being postponed for a week due to the blizzard of 06, the Saint Sarkis Church Name Day was celebrated on Sunday, February 19 under the auspices of his Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate, Very Reverend Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar General and with the presence of the congregation of St. Sarkis Church.

It was also of symbolic interest that the memorial service for the 5th anniversary of the passing of the ArchPriest Der Asoghik Kelejian was held the same day, in an atmosphere that would have been close to the heart of the first pastor of Saint Sarkis Church.

A full house gave a great welcome to the Masters of Ceremonies for the day Mr. Danny Gulbenkian and Miss Diana Demirdjian and the day's activities started with a memorial service for the 5th anniversary of the passing of Arch Priest Der Asoghik Kelejian. The Master of Ceremonies introduced Very Reverend Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar General of the Prelacy and former pastor of the church, as a cleric who dedicated his life to serving God.

The Vicar General said that Der Asoghik Kelejian could be memorialized on 3 aspects of his life and personality

He was a very devoted and contented husband, father and grandfather. He was very faithful, unselfish and completely dedicated to the church and family of Saint Sarkis in New York and the Istanbul Patriarchate. His enthusiasm in explaining the Bible to

the Saint Sarkis School children showcase his talents as an excellent storyteller.

He continued by saying that Der Asoghik was very well liked by everyone and had a wonderful sense of humor. He called him a "Sirvadz Hokevoragan", and concluded by saying that Der Asoghik will forever be an angel constantly blessing Saint Sarkis and the parish.

Following a delicious meal prepared by Mrs. Lucine Megherian and the Ladies' Guild, Miss Demirdjian gave a short history of the Saint Sarkis day traditions and folklore and introduced Der Nareg Terterian, pastor of Saint Sarkis.

In welcoming members and guests, Der Nareg Terterian illustrated a similarity between Saint Sarkis and the church; both had to fight for survival and keeping the faith against all infidels. He continued by saying that we are reaping the harvest seeded by Der Asoghik Kelejian and continuing the work of Very Reverend Anoushavan Tanielian. As we celebrate Saint Sarkis, his son Mardirous represents the youth at Saint Sarkis who have their own role to play in the present and future of our church.

The very entertaining program started with a showcase of the young students of the Saturday and Sunday Schools, who performed a medley of poetry and song about St. Vartan and Vartanank, accompanied by Mrs. Eliza Hambartsoumian at the piano. Patriotic and inspiring, the program brought kudos to the faculty of the Schools, represented by Mrs. Nairy Zohrabian and Mr. Levon Boghosian for the Saturday and Sunday Schools respectively.



More fine performances were given by Tikran Dumanian at the piano with a lively rendition of an Aram Khachadourian piece, as well as the Yeraz Dance Group which got everyone cheering for their “Sahari Suite”, the “Haralo” and “Musaler” dances.

Following dessert, which featured a special helva prepared by Mrs. Dory Shishmanian in memory of Der Asoghik and the traditional Saint Sarkis helva, prepared every year by Mr. and Mrs. Ardashes and Esther Garabedian from New Jersey, Mr. Dan Gulbenkian gave a young man’s perspective of Saint Sarkis Day. To him, Saint Sarkis symbolizes the continuing struggle, starting with Der Asoghik, to keep the church alive, Bedros Givelekian and Very Reverend Anoushavan Tanielian to continue the effort and preach Christianity to the congregation, Mr. Guy Boyadjian’s efforts to get the youth involved, and presently Dr. Aram Cazazian’s continuous efforts in making our church into a spiritual and cultural center and Der Nareg with the challenge to educate the youth in the way of the Christ; the key word is.. “the fight”. This is the legacy of Saint Sarkis and all should participate in the “fight” to keep and improve Saint Sarkis.

Dr. Aram Cazazian chairman of the Board of Trustees of Saint Sarkis, thanked Very Reverend Anoushavan Tanielian for all the good things he did for Saint Sarkis and congratulated him on his new position as Vicar General of the Prelacy, and asked for his continuing support and guidance. “Der Nareg and Ani Terterian have undertaken the enormous responsibility of filling the big shoes of the Very Reverend” continued Dr. Aram Cazazian. Describing the many good things that happened at Saint Sarkis over the past year and the plans for the future he thanked all for their work and contributions including the auxiliary bodies, the



choir, the schools, and the deacons. In closing he challenged all to come with new projects to bring the congregation active and moving forward.

And in preparation for this vision of the future, certificates of recognition were presented to several young Saint Sarkis members for their active participation in several Saint Sarkis programs and auxiliaries. Among them were Miss. Malvina Shishmanian, Miss. Jessica Minassian, Mr. Vahram Shishmanian and Mr. Krikor Nichanian from the Basketball Program, Mr. Karnig Nersesian representing the Yeraz Dance Group. Zaven Avak Sargavak Katzagian was also honored for serving faithfully as a deacon for more than 35 years.

As usual, the final words were those of wisdom from the Prelate. “As I listened to the chairman of the board thanking and mentioning the names of so many people who contributed to Saint Sarkis, it occurred to me how rich Saint Sarkis is with its members,” said the Prelate. “Why are we here today?” he asked: our background, family values, school and “faithfulness”, brings us here to contribute and support. We are here today to reaffirm this faith and pay back our ancestors who sacrificed their life for us.

In closing he urged all to support and encourage the Pastor of Saint Sarkis, Der Nareg and congratulated Very Reverend Anoushavan Tanielian not only for his efforts at Saint Sarkis but for his new position Vicar General of the Prelacy. An as a final gift to the congregation, he let all in a little secret...Everyone was invited to Antelias on June 4, to witness the elevation of our own Very Reverend Anoushavan Tanielian to the rank of Bishop. The joyous afternoon ended with His benediction and the group singing of Giligia.



DR. HERAND MARKARIAN ILLUMINATES ST. MESROB'S LEGACY

By Richard Tedesco

In the continuing series of lectures organized by Dr. Arthur Kubikian of the Saint Sarkis Education Committee, Dr. Markarian gave a riveting presentation on the subject "The 1600 Anniversary of the creation of the Armenian Alphabet and its significance in the Armenian History". In explaining the significance of the Armenian alphabet's creation, Dr. Herand Markarian emphasized the extreme crosscurrents of Armenian history.

He pointed out that 2005 marked the 1600th anniversary of the Armenian alphabet's birth and the 90th anniversary of the genocide at the hands of the Ottoman Turks. "These events represent the creation and destruction of the Armenian people," Dr. Markarian said in his opening statements at St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church in Douglaston, N.Y.

Placing the creation of the alphabet in context, Dr. Markarian recounted relevant highlights in Armenian history. Nearly 600 years before St. Mesrob Mashdots formalized the written language, Armenian became the state's official tongue in 189 B.C. under King Artaxis. Official documents were recorded in Greek.

After the Treaty of Hurrandia in 64 A.D. between Rome and Persia defined Armenian sovereignty, ushering in the reign of Tiritades I, and a turbulent time in ancient Armenia. "For 200 years, Armenia became like a football," Dr. Markarian said. Armenian rulers were replaced regularly by the Romans or the Persians until they consummated a peace treaty in 298 A.D.

That treaty introduced 40 years of peace in the country, starting with the reign of King Tiritades III. The



epochal event of Armenia's acceptance of Christianity as a state religion followed shortly in 301 A.D. And the Pact of Friendship between Tiritades III and the Byzantine Emperor Constantine followed that event in 312 A.D. "Christianity came to Armenia as a revolution," Dr. Markarian observed.

St. Mesrob was born in 363 A.D., the same year that the Romans and Persians forged the so-called Shameful Treaty, mutually agreeing that neither state would defend Armenia against outside invasion. The two ancient super-powers later struck a treaty in 387 dividing Armenia, which then comprised most of what is modern Turkey.

By that time, St. Mesrob had mastered the Greek, Syrian, Georgian and Armenian languages, and he became executive secretary to the royal Armenian court in 389 A.D. It was from that vantage point that he was inspired to teach Armenian in the eastern Persian-dominated half of the country.

Toward that end, he created the formal Armenian language in four phases, first deciphering it and defin-

ing the phonetics. He then invented scripts, shaped the alphabet, and in the final phase, assigned numeric values for practical use. The first sentence he translated into Armenian was, appropriately, a passage from the second chapter of the book of Proverbs: "To perceive wisdom and advice and to learn the words of the genius."

The genius that was St. Mesrob initially propagated the language among a first class of students that included Movses Khorenatsi and Yeghishe, the historian who recorded Vartan's valor during the Vartanantz Wars.

That continuum suggests St. Mesrob's tangible accomplishments, according to Dr. Markarian, giving birth to Armenian literature and uniting Armenia through his invention of the alphabet. And Dr. Markarian pointed to the intangible influences of St. Mesrob that also endure today, including a concept for national survival, the weapon of language which one's enemy lacks and the vital idea that a nation's survival depends on its unique qualities. ❖

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT ST. SARKIS CHURCH

By Malvina Shishmanian



As it has in the past five years, Ararat Armenian Society held its New Year's Celebration in Chadrijian Hall. The Society's fundraisers aid Armenian churches, schools and organizations in the United States and abroad.

Along with my family and friends, I welcomed 2006 at St. Sarkis Armenian Church. It was a comforting and welcome sight - families and friends enjoying the festivities.

As midnight drew near, laughter and music filled the room along with thoughts of the New Year running through everyone's minds, and I myself wondered what 2006 had in store for me. The guests danced the night away to a variety of music from Armenian to Continental and Eastern European. Stepan Tavitian provided this year's entertainment along with singer Mark.

A delicious full course dinner was catered and served by "Maggie's Dream" Café, and as always there was "The raffle". Seven lucky guests went home with a variety of prizes from original paintings to jewelry and cosmetics.

At the stroke of midnight, friends and family came together and started the New Year with the ones they love and care for. After all, isn't that what a holiday is all about?

This year, all proceeds were donated to St. Sarkis.

A VISIT FROM OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL

On Friday, Jan. 20th 2006, Arno Khatchatourian and Giselle Melconian former students of Suzanne & Hovsep Hagopian Saturday school, had a wonderful thought. They both presently attend a Catholic School and are in eighth grade. Together with their class and their teacher, they planned a school trip to St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church to enhance their knowledge about the Armenian religion.



Dear Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian,

Thank you so much for teaching our eight grade class about the Armenian religion and all about Saint Sarkis Apostolic Church. We learned so much and we really enjoyed the morning Ceremony. We experienced so many new things that not many people have ever seen and learned about before. We learned about the chants that you were saying, the vestments that a priest wears, and all about the Armenian Mass and so much more. It was very interesting to learn about other religions that there are today.

Thank you for the prayer books and the books about Saint Gregory the Illuminator. The icon of the Armenian Bible looks great in our classroom! It gives our room a sense of diversity and culture. We hope you that you continue to teach other schools about the Armenian Church. Our class will always remember attending a trip to the Armenian Church, and how much we learned that day. Thank you so much for enhancing our knowledge about the Armenian Church. It was so kind of you to give up your morning to be with us. We hope to learn more about the Armenian Church in the future.

Sincerely yours,

The Eighth Grade Class & Mr. Cedrome

“INTERNATIONAL CUISINE NIGHT” USHERS THE BEGINNING OF THE GREAT LENT AT SAINT SARKIS CHURCH

By Dr. Louiza Kubikian

An unforgettable evening awaited those who were lucky enough to hold reservations for the February 25, 2006 “International Cuisine Night”. To start off, guests were greeted at the door by the husband and wife team of Juliette and Harry Milian. She was dressed as a French Maid, he, as a Chef. They actually represented the theme of the evening “The Chefs”. Then, the tables were decorated with an array of Chef plates, napkins, table numbers, centerpieces and menus. Behind the buffet were 3 large renditions of the Chefs designed and painted by Ani Necessian. The 32 foot buffet table was tastefully decorated by Takouhi Menzildjian who had also done all the centerpieces and wall decorations. The kitchen was buzzing with activity. Some ladies were busy garnishing their dishes and setting them on platters and chafing dishes, others were finishing cooking and still others were there to help with last minute preparations. There was also intense activity around the buffet table as many ladies were hurriedly going back and forth from the kitchen bringing the food and some curious guests were casing the joint. Each country had its own station with the name of each dish written on place cards and inserted on slices of baguettes. Everything was in place, the buffet table overfilled with food, DJ Allen was playing international music and of course, the capacity crowds anxiously awaited the beginning of the feast.

International Cuisine Night was organized and chaired by the dynamic duo of Dr. Louiza Kubikian and Amy Gostanian with the support and participation of many ladies. With 5 continents and 17 countries each with their own chair lady and committees members, this was truly a global affair. 53 ladies in all, cooked up a storm of over



65 homemade appetizers, main courses and deserts, each one proudly displaying her own culinary talents. This was



no ordinary meal, rather a fabulous Gourmet Coup d'Etat.

The guests were welcomed by Dr. Louiza Kubikian who described the evening as a first time attempt to present the cuisine of countries which were home to many of the St Sarkis parishioners. Next, Amy Gostanian, introduced the chairladies and servers who took positions behind their respective stations at the buffet table. This was an impressive sight, 23 ladies, representing 17 countries, standing shoulder to shoulder, defined by their own individual customs, but united in purpose and thought through their Armenian heritage. Very Rev Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar General of the Prelacy and Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian, Pastor of St. Sarkis Church blessed the table and the buffet was officially opened. First to be served were of course the clergy tables and afterwards, 2 table numbers were drawn at a time until all tables were served. Many plates were overfilled with food, and many were not shy to get seconds. With appetites satisfied, everyone was ready to dance. Karnig Nercessian, Director of Yeraz Dance Group entertained the guests with jokes and introduced 6 youngsters from the Dance Group who got everyone up and dancing Armenian folk dances. Karnig also promoted the sale of raffle tickets and introduced the raffle gifts representing 17 countries including a Chef Cookie Jar from United States.

Chairing the Raffle Committee was Nayda Vo-

skerijian who put together several teams of convincing raffle sellers: Annik Givelekian, Seta Kalajjian, Anoush Haftvani, Ani Nercessian, Marie-Noelle Giveleghian, Nayda Voskerijian, Ani Tevrizian.

After clearing the buffet table, a second bountiful display of sweets and fruits was set up and once again, the lines grew long. As a special touch, Takouhi Menzildjian served Armenian coffee, (a secret that was well guarded by those who wanted to keep the coffee for themselves.) Dr. Aram Cazazian welcomed and thanked the guests for their presence at the event and thanked especially the ladies for their hard work and food contributions. As a token of appreciation, each committee member was called for a photo session, each receiving a kitchen towel (depicting the three chefs design) and wrapped with raffia. Unfortunately, not all participants were present but it was quite impressive to see such a large group of ladies. After a very successful campaign of raffle sales, the winning tickets were drawn by none other than 4 years old Cedrick Yepremian, the youngest person in attendance.

In all, it truly was an unforgettable evening. The success of the International Cuisine Night was not accidental. It was a magical mix of excellent planning, ability to inspire people to share their talents and gifts and enormous contributions of time, expertise and finances. It was much more than just bringing many ladies together, rather, establishing a special bond between them cemented by friendship, respect, service and cooperation for a common goal. The names of all participants was printed in the menu booklet but it is very important to thank them again for their outstanding work and food donations:

Armenia – Hasmig Daglyan, chairlady, Tamar Alaberkian, Teresa Dumanian, Shogik Dumanian, Narine Hagopian, Elize Hampartzoumian, Haikouhi Megerian, Anahid Voskanian;



Argentina – Takouhi Menzildjian, chairlady
Bulgaria – Dory Shishmanian, chairlady, Maggie's Dream, Madlen Hazarian
Constantinopole – Anoush Dirielian, chairlady, Lucy Garabedian, Aida Kabarajian, Shirley Kesيسان
Egypt – Nayda Voskerijian, chairlady, Locin Megherian, Ani Voskerijian
Ethiopia – Lydia Baghdassarian, chairlady, Ghevont Baghdassarian
France – Juliette Milian, chairlady, Mary Arslanian, Janette Milian, Harry Milian
Georgia – Shake Goudjabidze, chairlady
Greece – Sandy Shamlan, chairlady, Sonia Givelekian, Ani Tevrizian
Iran – Annik Giveleghian, chairlady, Amy Gostanian, Anoush Haftvani
Iraq – Elsie Halajian, chairlady, Maro Nakashian, Onelia Spencian
Jerusalem – Rose Varjabedian, chairlady, Maro Jamgocian, Lori Varjabedian
Lebanon – Nairy Zohrabian, chairlady, Aida Aharonian, Seta Bijimenian
Romania – Eliza Ohanessian, chairlady, Manon Kalayijian, Luiza Kalustian

Syria – Maral Harutunian, chairlady, Marie Harutunian, Zabel Hatem, Ani Nercessian
United States – Diane Boyadjian, chairlady, Laura Asadourian, Any Tumaian
Venezuela – Zepuir Ardzivian, chairlady, Arpi Kahvedjian

Several other individuals played key roles in the success of the event. They were Daniel Gulbenkian, Michael Gostanian and Jerard Barikian who manned the bar, Manoug Gostanian and Kegham Dirielian for bar inventory and supplies, Mardiros Haftvani at the entrance, Shont Voskerijian and Aram Spencian coat room, Ara Artinian for fixing the buffet tables, Lydia and Ghevont Baghdassarian for printing of booklet. Also worthy of mention are other individuals who made donations toward expenses: Drs. Arthur and Louiza Kubikian, Dr. Aram Cazazian, Carmel Grocery, Kricor and Janet Marcarian, Haig and Emma Baklajian, Bedros and Sonia Givelekian, Gourgen and Sonik Grigorian, Raffi and Haikouhi Megerian.

When all was said and done, everybody's favorite question was "When are you doing it again?" Offers poured in from many ladies who wanted to participate next time.

Rest assured, we will do it again next year at Saint Sarkis Church. ✠

AN AFTERNOON OF TRADITION

By Mary Arslanian



On Sunday, March 19, the Ladies' Guild at Saint Sarkis Church treated all the parishioners to the Michink (Mid-Lenten) luncheon in the Church Hall. This is a tradition which was "established" by Hayr Sourp Anoushavan Tanielian, which is to prepare only Lenten (Bahk) foods, and has been a successful and much anticipated event since its inception. At least one day during Lent – "Meds Bahk" the parishioners eat the traditional Lenten foods (nothing from animals) which should be eaten during the whole season. I guess our forefathers were more health conscious than we are.

The ladies had prepared their own Family Traditional delicious Lenten recipes. There were twenty different dishes displayed on a beautifully decorated and arranged buffet Table which was too good to be touched.

Following the blessing of the food by Der Nareg, Pastor of Saint Sarkis, Hayr Sourp and Der Moushegh, the members served over 125 guests with a most welcoming smile. The buffet included such delicacies as "Topig, Tabouleh, Olive loaf, Varsakalita, Sarma, Itch, Vospop Kufté, Vospop Pilaf, Zakusa" and much more, not forgetting the special desserts proper for the day. Coffee was

served with a non dairy creamer.

In a short comment, Hayr Sourp wished the guests "Bon Appetit", he stressed the importance of preserving our traditions and thanked the ladies for making this possible.

The Church Hall was filled with parishioners and guests, good appetite, good food, good cheer, great bounty, and an afternoon of Christian fellowship for which we praise the Lord.

BIBLE 101

By Christine Bedrossian

Every Monday nights young adults gather and discuss specific passages from the Bible under the supervision of Fr. Nareg. We are currently

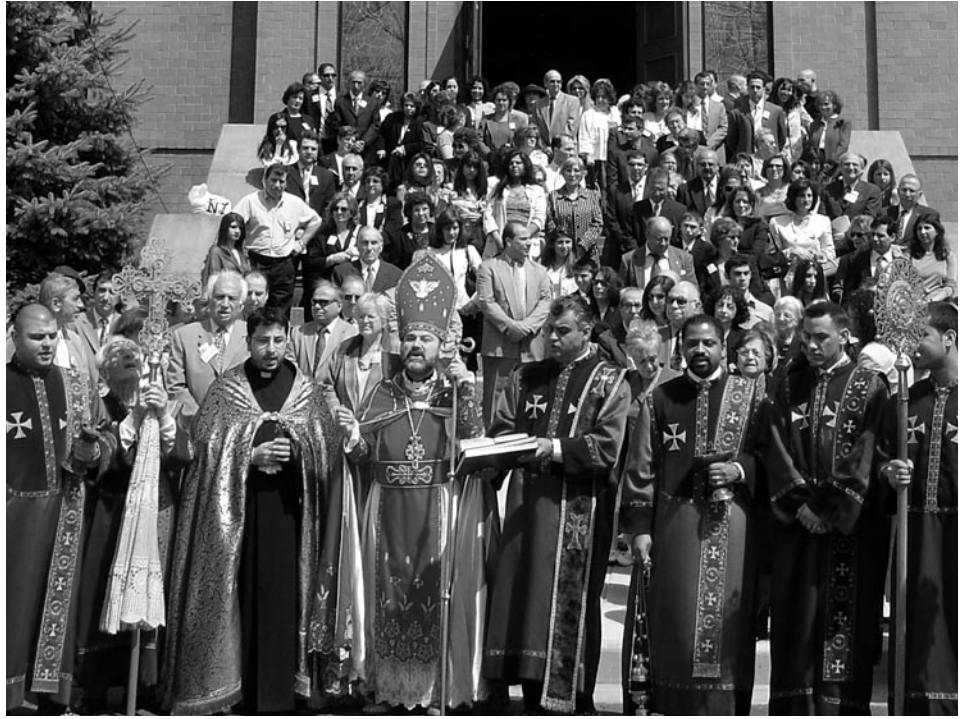
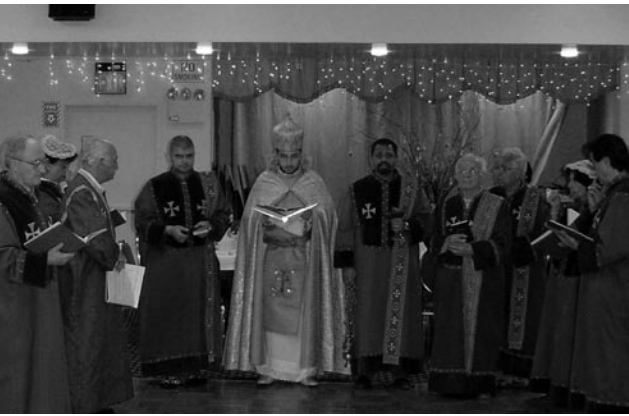
reading the Gospel of Matthew and interpreting it and trying to apply it to our everyday lives. Since the start of "Bible 101" just about a year ago our group has grown tremendously and many more young adults are becoming increasingly interested and want to know what people are raving about. "Bible 101" not only is helping us grow spiritually, but also has helped us make a strong bond with everyone attending. Gathering every Monday nights and reading passages from the Bible is not all we do. During the Lenten Period, we saw it fit to watch the movie "Jesus of Nazareth", we not only watched it, but we also discussed it and compared it to the 4 different Gospels. Also, during the Lenten Period members of "Bible 101" attended the Vesper Services held on Monday nights before our scheduled Bible Study which were very enlightening. Besides becoming involved in the Church Community spiritually, some of the members of this group have become involved in the St. Sarkis 16th Anniversary and Fr. Nareg's 1st Anniversary as Pastor of our Church and not only were we involved behind the scenes, but 2 of our members served as Masters of Ceremony. This group has helped us grow in more ways than one, so join us every Monday nights at 8:30 pm.



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HOLY SATURDAY

By: Mary Kasparian

Spring is finally here... The flowers are blooming, the trees are budding and the weather is finally warming up! But most importantly, Christ has risen.



Holy Saturday is a day our children show their true Armenian spirit and come to St. Sarkis Church for Holy Communion. Following the Church services, the PTA makes the day extra special and always prepares an afternoon full of food and fun for the annual Easter Brunch. This event is open to all parishioners, not just the Saturday School, and over the years, it is easy to see how our Armenian families have grown. The success of the event this year attracted over 100 people, parents and children, to join us after the Church services. Nvair, the acclaimed Armenian children's musician and entertainer, engaged an audience of our little ones. They sang, danced, marched and even made bird and donkey sounds! As an unexpected gift, Nvair gave each family her newest CD to take home, to continue to enjoy the music. If this wasn't enough... the Easter Bunny showed up with goody bags for the kids. And let's not forget the tables full of deliciously prepared foods.



The PTA also had their 'table of goodies' for sale. The choregs, prepared by the 'delicate' hands of the ladies of the PTA under the 'strict' supervision of Mrs. Arshalous Acemian, were totally sold out, the chocolate lollipops and crosses prepared by Mrs. Degoian and Mrs. Kerestedjian, and the eggs painted by our students were all gone in minutes. Everyone had a great time! We can't wait until next year's event!

LAUGHING WITH VAHE BERBERIAN...

By: Malvina Shishmanian

If Laughter is considered to be the best medicine, then what better way to spend a Saturday night than by getting healthier while having some fun? On April 29,



2006, Vahe Berberian performed his hit "Dagaveen" at New York's St. Sarkis Apostolic Church and did what he was born to do, make people laugh.

The minute you met him, you were immediately engulfed by his warm personality and charm. "Dagaveen" is based on life experiences and true events which first made you laugh and then realize how much you can relate to the stories he tells. From the very start of the show you could feel the chemistry between the audience and Vahe. He loved them and they loved him back.

Close to 150 guests enjoyed the show, which took



place in Chadjian Hall. Special thanks go to Mrs. Dory Shishmanian, Mr. and Mrs. Harry & Juliette Milian, the Megerian Family, Dan Gulbenkian, Gerard Barikian, Mardirous-Minas Haftvani and last but not least all who attended and helped make this a great evening.

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FINDING MY WAY BACK... TO CHURCH

By Diane Boyadjian

Like every Armenian child, I went to Armenian school then Sunday school, whether I wanted to or not. That is the way it was. As a young adult, I continued to go. This time because Surpazan Nakachian asked me to join the choir. Clever man! He knew that the young people would draw away. How could I refuse a Surpazan? Somehow, I still enjoyed going to Church. Was it for religion? Was it for the fun of singing? Who knows, but I went. That went on for years. In 1984, when I moved back to the USA, I somehow forgot to go to Church every Sunday. Let's face it, like every 20 something year old kid, I was tired from the night before from partying, I didn't feel like going, I had guests coming over so I didn't have time. Excuses, excuses, excuses. I only would go for Christmas, Easter and a few other times throughout the year like most young Armenians.

This went on until one day I got married and had a child. Suddenly, when he came of age to go to school, I realized that I wanted him to go to Saturday school and of course Sunday school. Well unlike myself, who never questioned what my parents told me to do, my son categorically refused to attend both. His answer was as clear as a bell "I will not go to school 7 days a week! You pick which one you want me to go to". I couldn't blame him either. Yet I still wanted him to get some sort of religious instruction and be involved, even at his young age, with the Church. What to do?

This is where the expression 'God works in mysterious ways' comes in. Noticing my dilemma, Der Nareg (another clever man) approached my son and 'cut a deal with him': 'I understand you don't want to go to school 7

days a week, right? – Right.- Ok then, could you help me out? –How? –I need help on Sundays on the Altar, could you be an Altar boy? –OK, but what do I have to do and who is going to tell me? – Great, don't worry, we will teach you'. And that was it! My son, almost every Sunday has been on the Altar, holding his candle with pride and learning. It might not be what I expected, but he is in Church and that's ultimately what I wanted. Meanwhile, once again, but



this time it was

Der Nareg who approached me and asked me to join the Choir. So, there I am singing away, but this time I know what my reason is: I am grateful for all I have, and this is my way of giving back to the Church and to God for all He has helped me through.

Finding my way back to Church was easier than I thought. I was never lost; I just had forgotten what was important in my life. Looking back, the Church was/is important to me: for what it represents but also, it is the home of all Armenians. Let's face it, if it wasn't for our faith, where would we be today! What kept our ancestors alive during the massacres? Our faith, our Church. We all get wrapped up in our busy daily lives with families, children, friends and sports but make an effort, and try to find your way back to Church, trust me it doesn't hurt! We will be happy to see you and you might enjoy it after all! ✕

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A TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS

By Janet Marcarian

May 7, 2006 was a memorable Mothers' Day celebration at St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic church. It was a day in which the air was tangible with anticipation, drawn by the enchanting aroma of gourmet cooking. The word "Grace is befitting because it symbolizes willingness and selfless giving for both the committee activists as well as the day's mothers. What was so unique about the event was the deep commitment with which the committee chairperson, Mrs. Juliette Milian embraced her responsibilities. She did not spare any effort and love (*Ser/Agape*) in bringing forth a first class event. Needless to say, she had a group of wonderful ladies and a few gentlemen whose dedication and profound beliefs in serving their beloved church and community.

Everyone's "helping hand" for that day became an instrument of God's abundant love for his children. You may say, because of their purity of heart, respect and sheer perseverance this became a day where God was smiling on us. Who knows! Our beliefs can translate into realities. Chaderjian Hall was transformed into a charming setting of diffused colors, lavender roses, and hand decorated cards with poignant messages on each table.

As you walked in, smiling faces were escorted on melodious Viennese waltzes. Our hearts picked up the musical rhythms with joy and happiness. What better way of expressing our gratitude toward all mothers.

Our chef Harry had the opportunity to cook for a world famous chef who thought that he made the greatest pilaf he had ever tasted. The ladies at St. Sarkis normally have that honor but on that day they were restricted to just appetizers. It was the men's turn to brave and manage the

kitchen. The menu entrées consisted of scrumptious poached salmon, delectable BBQ grilled flank steak, with all the trimmings including asparagus, French string beans and roasted red potatoes. Thank you Harry Milian and helpers Sarkis Topalian and Hovnan Givelegian for a job well done. Kindness and gentle harmony was certainly in the kitchen that day.

The program started with lovely



messages and images. Recitation by Arev Tourbandian, piano selections by Tikran Dumanian, and inspiring vocals by Broadway Cindy Ohanian.

What makes us proud of our good deeds as mothers is when we see a little bit of the determination, acceptance, and joy in the eyes of our children. They know who they are and become the hope of the future.

With this in mind, Mrs. Lara Milian Bardizbanian was a superb master of ceremony. Her presence was refreshing and her melodious voice did justice to everything she had to tackle whether planned or unforeseen in the program. From the pre-



cious moments with the children to the wisdom shared from many tables, words were not enough to express the joy which enveloped the church hall. The mothers of the day were drawn to say a few words and cut the delightful cake. In remembrance, a token of appreciation of original faux bijoux jewelry was given to each mother. We came to the realization of how fortunate and grateful we all should be. Fortunate to be present and alive to carry on God's work, the greatest gift of all!

The donation was \$35.00 a person, the afternoon was PRICELESS!

As committee members, we are very grateful to have been of service to our church:

Lara Milian Bardizbanian, Hasmik Daglian, Gail D'Onofrio, Annik Givelegian, Amy Gostanian, Anoush Haftvani, Louiza Kubikian, Anne Marcarian, Janet Marcarian, Haigouhi Megerian, Locin Megherian, Harry Milian, Janette Milian, Ani Nercessian, Andrea Sarkissian, Dory Shishmanian, Nayda Voskerijian.

We are also most appreciative to our generous Donors:

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The event was a formidable fundraising success for our church and we are fortunate.

Thank you Father for strengthening our Holy Spirit and showering your children with your Blessings. ✠

EASTERN PRELACY'S NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY CONVENED AT STS. VARTANANTZ CHURCH IN NEW JERSEY

Adapted from "Crossroads" Prelacy's e-newsletter

The National Representative Assembly (NRA), the highest authority of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America, Eastern United States, was held May 17 through to May 19 at the host parish, Sts. Vartanantz Church in Ridgefield, New Jersey. Under the auspices of the Prelate, His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, the general theme of the 2006 NRA was parish development.

St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic church was presented at the Assembly through her delegates Mr. Bedros Yervant Sarkissian, Dr. Raffi Zohrabian and Dr. Carlo Bayrakdarian.

The delegates received the Assembly's theme, "Parish Development," enthusiastically with presentations made by Rev. Fr. Nerses Manoogian, pastor of St. Gregory Church in Philadelphia, and Steve Hagopian, secretary of the Prelacy's Executive Council. Small panel discussions on the same theme followed the presentations, to which Dr. Aram Cazazian the chairman of St. Sarkis church had an active participation.

His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America, was re-elected to a third four-year term by acclamation at the National Representative Assembly. Following the election, the clergy, delegates and guests escorted His Eminence into the sanctuary of Sts. Vartanantz Church where a special service of thanksgiving took place.

Earlier His Eminence expressed his thanks for the confidence shown in his leadership and thanked the delegates for their unanimous support. He pledged to guide the Eastern Prelacy during the next four years to greater horizons and growth. "There is much work to be done," he said, "work that we must do together for the greater glory of our beloved church and nation."

Elected to serve on the Religious Council was Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian, pastor of St. Sarkis Church in Douglaston, New York. Re-elected to serve on the Executive Council were: Dr. Dertad Manguikian, Steve Hagopian, Michael Hagopian, and Hagop Khatchadourian. In its first meeting the Councils elected the following officers: Religious Council: Rev. Fr. Nerses Manoogian, pastor of St. Gregory Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, chairman; Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian, secretary; Rev. Fr. Aram Stepanian, pastor of St. Asdvadzadzin Church, Whitinsville, Massachusetts, advisor. Executive Council: Jack Mardoian, chairman; Michael Hagopian, vice chairman; Steve Hagopian, secretary; Bedros Givelekian, treasurer; Dr. Dertad Manguikian, Noubar Megerian, and Hagop Khatchadou-

rian, advisors. The Executive Council expresses its hearty congratulations to the Prelate and pledges to work with him during the coming years with renewed dedication under his visionary leadership and direction.

Prior to the NRA the clergy conference was convened on Tuesday, May 16. This year, for the first time, a conference of Yeretzeens was organized and took place on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 16 and 17. All Yeretzeens were invited to attend. The two sessions of the conference focused on various aspects of the life of a priest's wife.

Besides the sessions with full agendas, the delegates and guests had the opportunity to attend two book presentations, *Light from Light: An Introduction to the History and Theology of the Armenian Church*, by Dr. Michael B. Papazian and *The Historiography of Fifth Century Armenia*, by Archbishop Hrant Khatchadourian as well as visits to St. Illuminator's Cathedral, the Prelacy offices, and the Hovnanian School.

The Assembly came to a conclusion with a banquet Friday evening at the Hilton of Fort Lee, New Jersey. During the banquet the Prelate honored seven individuals who had received medals in New York during the Pontifical visit of His Holiness Aram I in October, as the "Persons of the Year," including: Honorable Sarkis Teshoian, Hagop Kouyoumdjian, Dr. Dertad Manguikian, Antranig Boudakian, Harry Koundakjian, Iris Papazian, and Richard Sarajian, Esq. Six couples from the host parish received certificates of merit in appreciation of many years of devoted service: Zohrab and Talin Daghljan, Charles and Alice Kasparian, Berj & Varsenne Massoyan, Charles and Helen Mesropian, Sarkis and Mary Ohanessian, Zarmair and Sonia Setrakian. Youth Leadership Awards were presented to Shogher Baronian, Tamar Samuelian, Yeghya Sanboulian, and Ara Sarajian.

The National Representative Assembly is the highest authority of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America, Eastern United States, and is charged with the task of supervising the ecclesiastical and administrative bodies of the Eastern Prelacy. The Assembly is composed of one-seventh clergy and six-sevenths lay delegates. The clergy delegates are elected by the Clergy Conference, and the lay delegates are elected by their respective parishes. Delegates are elected for a four-year term, with the opportunity to serve another four-year term. Thereafter delegates are eligible for election after a period of two years. ✠

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- Անխափան Ներկայութեան
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Այս տարուան Առաջնորդարանի ուսումնական Խորհուրդի կողմէ նուիրուած հին հայկական դրամին արժանացաւ Աւարտական դասարանէն՝ Անդրանիկ Պօղոսեանը:

Իսկ Համազգային մշակութային մրցոյթին անսխալ պատասպանողը եղաւ Երրորդ դասարանէն Քրիստափոր Մկրեանը, որ ստացաւ յատուկ մրցանակ մը վարժարանիս տնօրէնութեան կողմէ:

2005-2006 տարեշրջանի հանդէսը իր աւարտին հասաւ, Տէր Նարեկի Օրհնանքովը:

Այս առթիւ կը շնորհաւորեմ իմ անուշիկ շրջանաւարտ պատանիներս, ցանկալով որ անոնք տիրանան աւելի բարձր վկայակններու չմոռնալով իրենց ինքնութիւնը: Կը շնորհաւորեմ ծնողները, ուսուցչած կազմը, ծնողաց յանձնախումբը, Եկեղեցւոյս հոգաբարձութիւնը եւ մանավանդ Եկեղեցւոյս հովիւը իր անխոնջ աշխատանքին ի շահ վարժարանիս:

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Շաբաթօրեայ Վարժարանի Տնօրէնուհի՝
Տիկ. Նայրի Զօհրապեան



SCHOOL YEAR END HANTES 2005-2006

By *Diane Boyadjian*

Try to imagine: 27 students from Nursery School to 6th grade, rushing into Pagoomian Hall every Saturday at 9:30am. What a sight! The boys horsing around, showing each other the latest 'whatever', and the girls trying to be composed and well mannered amongst all the hustle of the morning. Everyone is catching up on the week's news away from each other. Then, suddenly silence. Der Nareg Terterian and Mrs. Nairy Zohrabian, the School Principal, bring them all to attention (including the teachers and parents!) Time for the morning prayers and up they go, swiftly to their classrooms. You may ask 'What could they possibly learn in 3 and 1/2 hours?' Plenty. From the Ayp, Pen, Kim to Mesrob Mashtots! And you though you would never make it through another year of Armenian School! You were wrong!

And here we are, at the Year end Hantes. What a happy day and yet sad. We all worked so hard to make this a perfect day, yet we realized oh too soon that this put an end to our 2005 – 2006 school year. And what a year it has been.

While the children were rehearsing their Year end program, the PTA as usual was putting together a day to remember. The Church Hall was decorated with beautiful blue, white and silver balloons everywhere, the tables were set for a feast and the 'cooks' were chopping, mixing, and cutting in the kitchen. As this is the children's day, the PTA decided to make a menu for them: chicken parmegiano, meatballs and pasta, and to top it, a luscious chocolate cake and other delicious cookies and pastries. The entire menu was prepared by the PTA.

Our MC for the afternoon was Mrs. Nairy. What a program she put together for us: songs, dances, poems and a rendition of 'Little Red Riding Hood'! From the tiniest of our students, to the graduates, each performance outdid the previous one. Excitement certainly filled the air, especially when the microphone did not want to cooperate! Somehow, it decided not to function all that well when the little ones were reciting their poems! Yet, as they say 'the show must go on', they continued their recital, some annoyed, others with tears but most of all, with laughs.

The second part of the affair, were the congratulations and recognitions. Der Nareg, Mrs. Nairy, and members from the School Board: Mrs. Mary Arslanian and Dr. Aram Cazazian, presented beautiful flowers to all the teachers for their undying support and teachings, as well as to the PTA for their doings. The time had now come for the main event of the afternoon, the students and the graduates. Each one was presented with a special recognition and certificate of achievement.

To our 6th grade graduates (proudly dressed in their royal blue caps and gowns): Armand Avetisyan and Andranik Pogosyan: the entire school joins together to wish you every success in the future. You have worked hard, studied well and we trust that the foundations installed in you will guide you toward a strong and good life while never forgetting your Armenian heritage. That is what makes you different and special. Along with their diplomas, the boys received special gifts from the School Board and from the PTA

To our Kindergarten school graduates (proudly coiffed with their white caps): Arevik Ebrimian, Michael Hagobian, Alexandra Kasparian, and Alex Kassabian: you little ones have flourished into wonderful 1st graders! You came to Saturday School speaking Armenian but not knowing how to read nor write. Well you have now mastered the beginnings of reading and writing. That is quite an achievement.

To rest of our scholars, job well done! You too have worked very hard. Indeed, the expectations are higher each year; we know you can do it, although you may not believe it. Yet, once all is said and done, here you are, climbing into the next grade.

Thanks to Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian, Saturday School is definitely a place to be! It is not only a place to learn but also a place for creating strong links to our Armenian heritage and friendships to last a lifetime.

Silence has now fallen in the schoolyard, in the hallways and classrooms. Summer vacation is here. Everyone deserves it. Yet we are already looking forward to seeing all your faces in September! What great stories will you have for us?

And while you are at it, should you think of us during your time off, try to bring a new friend to school. As they say, the more the merrier.

Have a great summer and see you in September. ✕



YERAZ DANCE GROUP

By Maria Nercessian

The Yeraz Dance Ensemble has had a very busy schedule for the past couple of months. Since about the middle of March until the beginning of June, there have been constant tiring rehearsals and performances, which have been throughout the New York and New Jersey area.

First, the group performed on February 12, at the **St. Sarkis Church**, for the St. Sarkis Name Day celebration. It was small and to the point, and the church community knows very well of our talent and energy.

Next, on March 9, the dancers performed at **Queens College**, for a festival they were having. The international festival gave the opportunity for our group to represent our Armenian culture, and for students as well as other members of the college to get a glimpse of our Armenian youth, displaying tradition and culture.



The next performance was set for March 26, which was the *Paradon*, hosted by ANEC. About 13 schools on the East Coast participated in this event, and Yeraz was asked to perform as well. It was not the first time for Yeraz, but it was the first stage experience for many of our newest dancers. Needless to say, everyone did incredible and Yeraz was a big hit once again.

After the *Paradon*, Yeraz had a break from performing for about 2 weeks, and during this break they prepared for 2 huge performances.

The first was held on Easter, April 16, at **St. Vartan's Cathedral**, in New York City. The group performed in front of about 300 members of the church, who had never seen Yeraz perform. They were stunned at the talent

of the group and wondered why no one had seen them before.

The next performance was held a week later, on April 23, for the commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. For Yeraz to be asked to perform for that day was a huge honor and privilege. Due to conditions out of our control, we were not able to dance in Times Square as we had hoped. We did however perform in **St. Vartan's Cathedral** again, but this time to a crowd more than 3 times the last. More than 1000 people crammed into the hall to see the presentation given by the Knights of Vartan and to see Yeraz. We planned a special dance for the event, which was to Djivan Gasparyan's, "*Dle Yaman*". There was a minimum amount of dancers dancing that day, but the effect it had was bigger than any before. As soon as the music started, there wasn't so much as a whisper among the crowd and everyone was focused on Yeraz. We started with an image of the *Dzidzernagapert* and then followed through to the dance, and ended up in the starting position. The impact of our imagery led many to tears and joy as well, nonetheless leaving the name of Yeraz engraved into everybody's mind.

After April 23, Yeraz took a break for a few more weeks, preparing for another show. Weeks of practice went into our latest performance, which was on June 2, at the **Hovnanian School** in New Jersey. The group had been asked to dance along with **Karnig Sarkissian** who would be singing that night. It was a small performance, but we still left the crowd enthusiastic for more shows to come.

Now, the Yeraz Dance Ensemble will be taking a break for the summer. It's been a crazy first half of the year for the group, and we need some time, before we start again. Yeraz will be back in September, with more practices, and more energy. We're going to be planning our next full length performance, with maybe a smaller performance along the way, so keep an eye out or listen for upcoming events! ✠

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, 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.

ST. SARKIS CHURCH TABLE TENNIS CLUB CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

By Edward Barsamian

It was a very fun evening.

But let us start at the beginning

A joyous crowd gathered to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Table Tennis Club on Saturday, May 13. With delicious food prepared by lady volunteers and Mr. Ara Artinian, and good dancing music by DJ Armando, everyone was in a good mood to hear the welcoming remarks by Mr. Dikran Toma, who with Mr. Sarkis Nersesian are the founders of the club. Other highlights of the evening included the raffle of a rare Kingdom of Giligia coin, donated by Mr. David Ghijirighian, and a wonderful seascape painting—acrylic on canvas donated by the very talented Mr. Asbed Melkonian. The raffle was another opportunity for laughter, as Mrs. Menzildjian and Mrs. Melkonian helped distribute the many prizes.

Adding poetry recitation by members of the club with poems written expressly for the anniversary completed a fun and memorable evening.



AN INVITATION

By: Luiza Kalustian

Another Bible study year is coming to an end. Since 1993, when our group was formed under the guidance of the Hayr Soorp Anoushavan Tanielian, every year we toiled to come closer to the Word of God.

We are the same group more or less of 10-15 people, all eager to understand the most published Book in the world. It was and is not easy. Without the help of the Holy Spirit and the patience of our leaders who know more than us, it couldn't be done. Every Tuesdays, first at night and now in the morning, our steps lead us to St. Sarkis Church, to satisfy our thirst for knowledge.

We became close to each other, fast friends, united in the love of God. For the last two years our leader is Alice Alajajian, when Hayr Soorp's duties took him away from our Church. For more than 20 years Alice searched for the Truth and is willing to come every week and spread the word.

But last year illness made her unable to continue her work. God didn't let us down, our newly assigned priest Der Nareg Terterian, knowledgeable and willing, substituted for her.

We prayed for Alice's recovery and God answered our prayers. Alice is back after 5-6 month of absence, happy to continue her work. We start and end our study hour with prayers. One of our fevered prayer is for our group to expand, to be able to bring more people to search and find God.

This coming September the Bible study group invites our parishioners who have Tuesday morning off, to come at 10:30 am to Pagoumian Hall to join us to start another year of learning the Word of God.

PINGPONG CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Sports Club meets every Monday and Thursday starting at 7:00 pm., for exciting Table Tennis sparring and tournaments. Those wishing to join for a little exercise or for the sheer joy of competition, kindly contact Mr. Dicran Toma or the Church office at 718-224-2275.

...IT WAS THE SAINT SARKIS 16TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

By Edward Barsamian

“You shall harvest what you saw” says the old saying and it was certainly true as reflected in the success of this event...the 16th anniversary of the new Saint Sarkis Church and the 1st anniversary of Der Nareg as pastor of the Church.

Months of preparation and a committee energized by younger members of the parish came to fruition as more than 150 parishioners and friends enjoyed the welcoming speeches of the two Masters of Ceremonies for the afternoon, Mrs. Annette Givlekian and Mrs. Seta Megherian, followed by a recitation of Baruir Sevag’s “Parev” by Edward Barsamian.

Mr. Bedros Givlekian, the honorary chairman of Saint Sarkis described the history of Der Nareg’s assignment to Saint Sarkis, where he first served as a deacon. He concluded by congratulating Der Nareg in being elected to serve as secretary of the Prelacy Religious Council.

A fifteen minute video presentation on the ordination of Der Nareg gave a wonderful insight to one of the more beautiful ceremonies of the Armenian Church.

Before introducing the guest artists of the day, Mrs. Seta Megherian expressed thanks to Der Nareg Terterian for the very inspiring “Bible Study 101” classes for young adults and couples and stated the commitments of the future generation members to keep Saint Sarkis “strong and vital”.

Musical program that followed was a real treat with Mr. Rubig Vartanian, a duduk player of renown from Armenia, enchanted the audience with a medley of popular melodies and gracefully responded to “encore” demands. He was followed by a musical interlude at the piano by his daughter, Ms. Armine Vartanian, who also happens to have a very well trained, melodious voice.

Dr. Aram Cazazian, chairman of the Board of Trustees, welcomed everyone and summarized the day “The 15th anniversary of Saint Sarkis saw the appointment of Der Nareg as pastor and Very Reverend Fr. Anoushavan



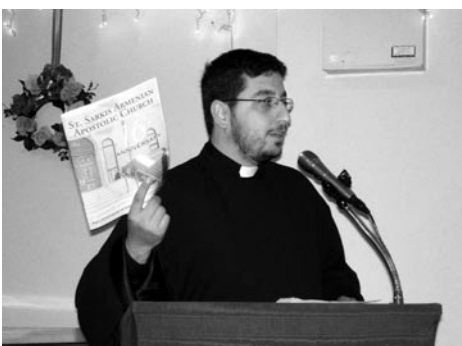
Tanielian as Vicar General of the Prelacy. Now as we celebrate the 16th anniversary, and Der Nareg's 1st year we are also very proud that Very Reverend Fr. Anoushavan Tanielian is being ordained Bishop in Antelias."

Following recognition of all those who had a role in making this anniversary a success, Dr. Cazazian talked about the future, mentioning the four primary goals at the present: 1. financial security of Saint Sarkis, 2. purchase and development of the adjacent land – vital to the development of Saint Sarkis, 3. Community activities to serve the Armenian and surrounding community, 4. Develop programs for the next generation of church activists and activities.

In closing, he invited everyone to be involved in church activities, and once again thanked Dr. Louiza Kubikian for the very informative booklet, Gourgen Grigorian for the fundraising, the Masters of Ceremonies, and the Milian, Marcarian and Shishmanian families for their contributions. He also thanked all the ladies who donated food for the event Sitta Oranjian, Luiza Kalustian, Emma Baklajian, Aghavni Bodriquian, Eliza Ohannessian, Nayda Voskerijian, Mary Arslanian, Amy Gostanian and Annie Terterian. He also thanked Mrs. Locin Megherian for catering.

A photo taking opportunity was created with the cutting of two ceremonial cakes, one for Saint Sarkis and the other for Der Nareg's 1st anniversary. Reverend Father Der Mesrob Lakissian, Pastor of St. Illuminator's Cathedral, congratulated Der Nareg on behalf of the Board of Trustees and since he recently moved to a residence in Bayside, jokingly said that he expects any day now a "membership dues" bill from Mardirous.

Der Nareg Terterian in his address quoted from the Gospel of St. Luke saying "We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty". Then he pointed to the beautiful commemorative booklet full of picture of his life and said that this book is not about him but it reflects the



loving and caring character of Saint Sarkis community that was always bestowed on their and pastors. He thanked all the donors and organizers of the event. He acknowledged Dr. Aram Cazazian's dedication and sacrifices for Saint Sarkis as Chairman of the Board, Dr. Louiza Kubikian's endless efforts and asked everyone to offer prayers for the memory of Der Asoghik, the first pastor of Saint Sarkis and pray for Very Reverend Anoushavan Tanielian on his elevation to the rank of Bishop.

He concluded by quoting the Bible: "Where your treasure is ... also your heart will be". "Saint Sarkis is our treasure... Please bring your heart to Saint Sarkis."

The final speaker for the day, representing the Prelacy, was Very Reverend Daniel Garabedian. He offered greetings and congratulations from the Prelacy and Vicar General on Der Nareg's first successful year at Saint Sarkis. "We are here to rejoice in the glory of God, who saved the parish following the tragic fire, and sent Der Nareg first as a deacon then as pastor to continue His work."

He concluded with the hope that God may grant all the vision to carry on and prosper.

A wonderful afternoon ended with everyone joining in the singing of "Giligia". ✠



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Տողրամաճեան (Առաջնորդ Յունաստանի Թեմին):

Արամ Ա. Կաթողիկոս սրբալոյս միւռոնով օծելէ
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պոսներու ճակատն ու աջ ձեռքին բթամատը, եպիս-
կոպոսական գաւազանն ու մատանին փոխանցեց
անոնց: Օծումէն անմիջապէս ետք, Վեհափառ Հայրա-
պետը տուաւ իր պատգամը: Նորին Սրբութիւնը ընդ-
գրծեց թէ՛ նորօծ Անուշաւան, Բաբգէն եւ Նշան Ե-
պիսկոպոսները ժողովուրդի ծառայութեան լուծը
առնելով, Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Կաթողիկոսութեան
առաքելութեան սպասաւորները պիտի դառնան, նա-
խանձախնդրութեամբ կատարելով իրենց վստահուած
բոլոր պարտականութիւնները: Հայրապետական իր
յորդորներով, Արամ Ա. Կաթողիկոս կարեւորութեամբ
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Հայրապետներու սրբազան կանոններուն, ինչպէս
նաեւ Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Կաթողիկոսութեան սկզբ-
բունքներուն հաւատարիմ մնալու ուխտը նուիրական
պահելու անհրաժեշտութիւնը: Ապա Վեհափառ Հայ-
րապետը յորդորեց իրենց պատկանած թեմերուն
ճամբով, մեր ժողովուրդին ընծայուած ծառայութիւնը
լաւագոյնս արժեւորելու ծանր բայց եւ քաղցր պար-
տաւորութիւնը: «Ձեռնադրութեան աղօթքները մէկ
առանցք ունէին, եւ այն ալ ուխտն էր ու անոր նկատ-
մամբ հաւատարմութիւնը: Այնտեղ յիշուած էին
խոնարհութեան, պարկեշտութեան, սրբութեան ու
հնազանդութեան ուխտերը: Այսօր դուք անգամ մը եւս
ուխտեցիք հնազանդ ըլլալ ամէն բանէ առաջ Աստուծոյ,
եւ ոչ թէ մարդոց եւ անոնց շահերուն: Ուխտել ու
երդնուլ նաեւ կը նշանակեն համարատու ըլլալ Աս-
տուծոյ, եւ մեր դիմաց ունենալ ոչ թէ մեր անձերը,
այլ զԱստուած ու մեր ծառայութիւնը: Մենք թիւի
պէտք չունինք, այլ ուխտապահ հոգեւորականներու,
որոնք Աստուծոյ ծրագրի գործադրութեան կը լծուին
եւ ոչ թէ իրենց սեփական օրակարգի լուծման: Ուստի,
ձեր ծառայութեամբ ու Աստուածակեղրոն կեանքով
ժողովուրդը Աստուծոյ պիտի մօտեցնէք եւ զԱստուած՝
ժողովուրդին» ըսաւ Վեհափառ Հայրապետը:

«Ողջոյն»ի պահուն միաբան հայրեր ու ներ-
կայ հոգեւորականներ բարձրացան Ս. Խորան եւ
չնորհաւորեցին նորօծ Սրբազանները: Ս. Պատարա-
գի եւ օծման արարողութեան աւարտին, ներկայ
հաւատացեալներ, որոնք հո՞ծ թիւով եկած էին Հիւ-
սիսային Ամերիկայի Արեւելեան Թեմէն, Սպահանի
եւ Ատրպատականի Թեմերէն, ինչպէս նաեւ Լիբա-
նանի զանազան շրջաններէն, Վեհափառին մէջ
Աջահամբոյրով իրենց որդիական սէրը արտայայտեցին
Վեհափառ Հայրապետին, եւ ապա ստացան նորօծ
եպիսկոպոսներուն առաջին օրհնութիւնը՝ անոնց
յայտնելով իրենց բարեմաղթութիւնները: Այս առիթով
Դպրեկանքի երգչախումբը հնչեցուց Հայրապետական
Մաղթերգն ու «Կիլիկիա»ն:



His Holiness Aram I ordained V. Rev. Fr. Anoushavan Tanielian (Ecumenical Officer of Northern America and Vicar General of Eastern Prelacy), V. Rev. Fr. Papken Charian (Primate of the Diocese of Isfahan) and V. Rev. Fr. Neshan Topouzian (Primate of the Diocese of Tabriz) as Bishops in the service of the Armenian Church. The Pontiff conducted the ordination and consecration services on June 3 and 4 in the St. Gregory the Illuminator Cathedral in Antelias.

CALLING SERVICE

According to the rites of the Armenian Church, the calling service was held in the Cathedral on the evening of June 3 in the presence of His Holiness Aram I. Rec-

ommendations were read from the Executive Councils of each corresponding diocese asking the Pontiff to ordain the three candidates as bishops.

The various ranks or spiritual servants in the Armenian Church, acolytes, sub-deacons, deacons, priests and bishops came up to His Holiness and bent down before him. The Pontiff read out prayers as a testimony to the true faith and the candidates then acknowledged the true faith according to the doctrine of the Orthodox Church.

The candidates then knelt down and recited their oath, publicly pledging loyalty to the Catholicosate of Cilicia, obedience to the Pontiff and their readiness to serve to the Armenian nation and Church.

ORDINATION AND CONSECRATION

The ordination of the Bishops was held on June 4. Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan (Primate of the Eastern Prelacy of the United States) and Archbishop Sebouh Sarkissian (Primate of the Diocese of Tehran) participated in the service alongside the Catholicos. The assistant was Bishop Khoren Doghramajian (Prelate of Greece).

The Pontiff consecrated the foreheads of right thumbs of bishops Anoushavan, Papken and Neshan with Holy Chrism and gave them the bishops' ring and staff.

The Catholicos then delivered a sermon, pointing out that by taking up the responsibility to serve the people, the newly ordained bishops will become the servants of the Catholicosate of Cilicia's mission, showing commitment towards all the tasks expected of them. He stressed the importance of keeping the oath to remain loyal to the traditions and laws of the Armenian Church, as well as the principles of the Catholicosate of Cilicia.

"The prayers of the ordination had one outlook: the oath and loyalty to it. The oaths of humbleness, integrity, holiness and obedience were mentioned there. Today, once again you pledged to be obedient to God above anything else and not to humans and their interests. To pledge and vow also mean to be accountable to God and to have not our selves in front of us, but God and our service. We are not in need of numbers, but spirituals who would be loyal to their pledges, who would work for the achievement of God's plan and not their personal agendas. As such, you will bring the people close to God and God closer to the people through your service and God-centered life," said His Holiness.

During "Voghtchouyn" (the kiss of peace) members of the Cilician Brotherhood and other spirituals came up to the altar to congratulate the newly ordained bishops. A large number of the faithful from the Eastern Diocese of the United States, Isfahan, Tabriz and various regions in Lebanon expressed their love to the Pontiff by kissing his right hand after the ordination service. The faithful then received the first blessings of the newly ordained bishops. The Catholicosate's choir then performed the Pontifical Song and "Giligia". ✠

ST. SARKIS CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Tamar Harutunian, Esq.

The Armenian faith is not only essential to our personal growth and a source of strength in our daily lives, it is also a vital part of Armenian cultural identity. Therefore, it is critical that our children be provided with a place to nurture their spiritual growth and educate them about the Armenian religion. St. Sarkis Church will provide Sunday School classes for the Armenian youth beginning in September 2006. The classes will be taught by **Yeretzgin Annie Terterian, Seta Megherian, Christine Bedrossian and Tamar Harutunian.** The children will learn **in Armenian** about the church history and traditions, prayers and hymns, lessons from the Bible, and basic tenets of faith while also developing friendships with other Armenian youth. They will see the various ways they may participate in the church's life, from serving on the altar to singing in the choir to reciting religious texts during various services.

Through participation at the Sunday School, the children of our community are not only provided with an insight into the Armenian faith and traditions. They can also be provided with a sense of belonging, fellowship, and deep-rooted faith that is so essential to today's youth. In a world where there are many things competing for the attention of the younger generation, it is important for the youth to have a place where they can learn and grow spiritually and as people.

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Տիկ. Բիթա Մանուկեան

1994 թուականին սկսանք տարեցներու խումբ մը կազմել մեր նախկին Հովիւ՝ Գերայ. Տ. Անուշաւան Ծ. Վրդ. Դանիէլեանին առաջնորդութեամբ, եւ որ կը շարունակենք մինչեւ ներկայիս մեր Հովիւին՝ Արժն. Տ. Նարեկ ՔՀՏյ. Թրթոսեանին հետ: Պր. Զաւէն Վարժապետեանը եկեղեցիի հանրակառքով կը հաւաքէ մեր տարեցներու խումբի մասնակիցները Քուրիզի շրջանէն մինչ ումանք ալ կը ժամանեն իրենց անձնական միջոցներով:

Առաջին հերթին ներկաները կը հիւրասիրուին սուրճով ու անուշեղէնով, ապա տեղի կ'ունենայ խաղ ու ժամանց, որմէ ետք Տ. Նարեկի աղօթքէն վերջը կամաւոր մեր աշխատողները կը մատուցեն Տիկ. Թագունի Օրանճեանի պատրաստած ճաշը

Ճաշէն ետք ներկաներու մեծամասնութիւնը սիրով ելոյթ կուճենայ իրենց արտասանութիւններով, երգերով, եւ զուարճախօսութիւններով: Կը ներկայացուի նաեւ հեռատեսիլով Հայաստանէն եկած նորութիւններ:

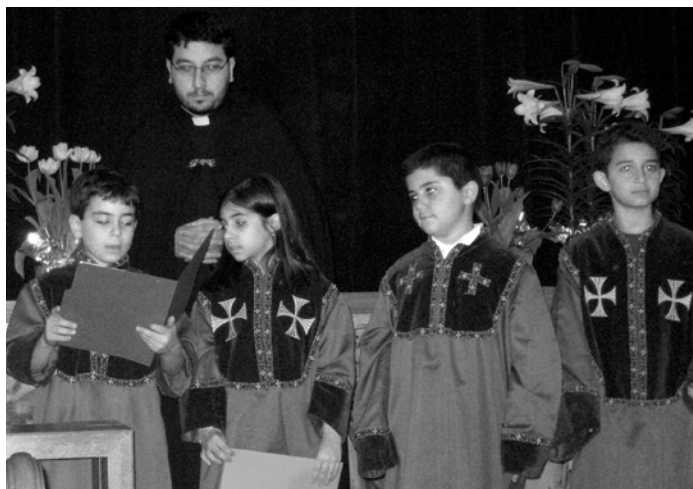


Ի վերջոյ Տ. Նարեկը կը կարգայ օրուան Աւետարանական հատուածը եւ կու տայ պատշաճ հակիրճ բացատրութիւն մը: Օրը կ'աւարտուի ժամը 3-ին աղօթքով եւ Կիլիկեա երգով: Կը մէկնին սիրելի ներկաները փոխադարձ բարի մաղթանքներով:

Տարեցներու խմբակին անունով յատուկ շնորհակալութիւն կը յայտնենք մեր այս տարուան նուիրատուներուն՝ որոնք կամ պատրաստեցին եւ հրամցուցին ճաշ մը եւ կամ անոր ծախսը հոգացին.

Տիկ. Ալիս Թաթէոսեան, Տ/Տ Պետրոս եւ Սոնիա Ճիվելէկեան, Տ/Տ Անդրանիկ եւ Մարիոն Պուտազեան, Տի. Թագուհի Օրանճեան, Տ/Տ Էտուար եւ Մէրի Արսլանեան, Տիար Էորգ Տաղլեան, Տ/Տ. Վարուժան եւ Լուիզա Գալուստեան:

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SATURDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Reading the “Entertsvadz” (Biblical passages) on Easter Eve.



VISITING CLERGY

V. Rev. Fr. Massis Zobouyan, Vicar General of the Prelacy of Syria, celebrated Badarak and delivered the Sermon on May 7, 2006.



SPELLING CONTEST

Organized by Hamazkayin for Saturday School students. All participants were given the posters of “Zoravar Antranig” as a token of appreciation. Christapor Megherian from our school finished the contest without any mistakes.



HAMPARTSOUM

The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ was celebrated on May 25th during a solemn vesper service followed by the Armenian traditional celebration of casting lots.



MAY 28

The anniversary of the independence of the first republic of Armenia was celebrated during the solemn ceremony of the blessing of the flag. Flag bearers: Mr. Gourgen Grigorian and Hampartsum Demirdjian.

Henry Doumanian—a member of our Yeraz Dance Group. is a young Armenian talented gentleman who has the gift of writing. However, unlike every other young man of his age who would usually write about love or beauty, Henry writes about his feelings towards his homeland because his heart burns with the love of Armenia.

In this poetry Henry believes that the mother plays a great role in a family and he expresses his agony as he sees that some Armenian mothers fail to nurture their children with the love of our homeland and thus they disrespect the memories of those who gave their lives for the sake of Armenia as he says: “She spat on the Armenian soldiers gravestone and sold our nation.” Finally Henry prays that the future of Armenia might be “pregnant with Hope.”

BORN LIFELESS

By Henry Dumanian

From life’s winter, the poison clouds gave life to a rose’s lips, not from dirt,
Not from water, but from concrete:

A thorn-less rose with no voice stood lone,
Stripped of an Armenian soul, a dark light the mother brought home.
She spat on the Armenian soldiers gravestone and sold our nation,
Don’t worry though, before he fell from heaven, even God loved Satan..
If she was betrayed by the angels that brought out the devil in humans,
The Armenian mother does not have the right to be blind, or we will see our
people in ruins.
What nation will be left if the women don’t see with light and God’s scope?
Either birth a soldier or a nurse, just be pregnant with hope.

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2. Serving the Needs of the Armenian Community through Health Fairs, lecture on different topics, concerts, plays, and other such activities.

3. The financial security of the church must be also addressed to allow the Pastor, Board of Trustees and auxiliary bodies to focus on continuing and developing new service oriented activities.

4. Purchase and Develop the Land. Although a long term project, the immediate purchase of land is essential to the future expansion of our church

I call upon you now to join me and the BOT in embracing the words of the our scriptures.

The church is not an obligation, nor is it a place of the Standard Work. It does not ask or expect anything new from us.

It is an opportunity for you and me to remember the principles that drew us to church, the actions we de-

sire to take as active Christians and the support we can offer and expect and as we strive to improve ourselves in all aspects of life, so we thereby improve the world around us.

It is an opportunity to briefly put aside our daily routine and reflect on the strengths we get from our involvement in church, and go back to our home and work place with a renewed sense of commitment and duty.

Your presence here is an agreement or a pledge between two parties, you and God, to bring out the best you have to offer to the world, and to trust that in return others like you specially the young, will stand and work alongside with you to become the best they can be.

My hope is that everyone will also have these principles in mind and they become members of our Church, knowing that each one within the church has made the same pledge to God and to each other.

Thank you



KHANUM KHATCHADOURIAN

Was born on December 25 1922 in Ourfa with the maiden name Abalabutian. At age of 17 she was married to Mr. Mardiros Khatchadourian in Aleppo. After their marriage the Khatchadourian family moved to Racca where they had six children 4 girls and 2 boys (lost 2 in infancy).

In 1944 the Khatchadourian family moved back to Aleppo and in 1946 her parents moved to Armenia. In 1974 the Khatchadourian family moved to Beirut and stayed there during the Lebanese civil war. She lost her husband in 1970 and in 1983 she moved to the US.

She is survived by her children Mary, Khatchadour, Hermine, Hripsime, Takouhi and Sarkis who live in the US, Sweden, Kuwait, and Lebanon, her ten grandchildren and four great grand children.

May God Bless Her Memory.

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EMILY ANAHID SAYADIAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. FREDRICK & ANI was baptized on May 20, 2006. Her Godparents were ARAMIS NOURIKIAN & HRIPSIME ROUPEN

MATTHEW AGOP ZAKARIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. LUDWIG & ELENA was baptized on May 21, 2006. His Godparents were GABRIEL & KARIN ZAKARIAN

ARAM BOGHOS NENEJIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. RAFFI & JEANETTE was baptized on June 11, 2006. His Godparents were RAFFI BALIAN & HAYRI NENEJIAN

NAYIRA EVE KABARAJIAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. DICKRAN & LIZA was baptized on June 25, 2006. Her Godparents were GARO & JULIE JAMGOCHIAN

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

WEDDINGS

RAFFI VIGEN ASATOORIAN & EMMA MISKARYAN were married on June 2, 2006. Best Man and Maid of Honor were ARA ASATOORIAN and ANAHID AMIRBEKIAN

ARAM A. NIGOGOSIAN & SEYYUT FATTAL were married on June 25, 2006. Best Man and Maid of Honor were HAYG NIGOGOSIAN & AIDA DADIAN

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

FUNERALS

ARMEN SADANIAN TZ
(November 22, 1923 – January 7, 2006)

ALEXANDER A. AVANESSIANS
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KHANUM KHATCHADOURIAN
(December 25, 1915 – February 4, 2006)

VARTANUS YAYICI
(June 8, 1920 – February 10, 2006)

HARRY DANIEL DALIAN (Baby)
(March 18, 2006)

BARUIR NERCESSIAN
(January 1, 1910 – March 24, 2006)

GULENIA NALBANDIAN
(January 15, 1920 – April 22, 2006)

ZAHANNA BEGIYAN
(June 20, 1937 – June 4, 2006)

*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!*

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Alajajian, Karl M/M	2000
Pogosyan, Silvia Ms.	1000
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Baklajian, Haig M/M	250
Costello, Timothy M/M	250
Kubikian, Arthur & Louiza Drs.	250
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Boudakian, Antranig M/M	200
Hairabedian, Arthur M/M	200
Manookian, Anna & Jessica Misses	200
Markarian, Anahid Mrs.	200
Petrossian, George Mr.	200
Kassabian, Leon M/M	150
Kerestedjian, Seda Mrs. & Alice Miss	150
Sheshedian, Mary Mrs.	150
Arslanian, Edward M/M	125
Alahverdian, Hatchik M/M	100
Arakelyan, Lusin Mrs.	100
Arukian, Hratch M/M	100
Baghdassarian, Agavni Mrs.	100
Barsamian, Edward M/M	100
Bezdkian, Ohannes M/M	100
Callian, Vernon Mr.	100
Dirielian, Kegham M/M	100
Garabedian, Hagop M/M	100
Gostanian, Manoug M/M	100
Gulbenkian, Edward M/M	100
Kabarajian, Dickran M/M	100
Kasparian, Dirouhie Mrs.	100
Kassabian, Vasken M/M	100
Kerimian, Garbis Mr.	100
Krikorian, Melkon M/M	100
Mangikian, Berge M/M	100
Manukian, Rita Mrs.	100
Masoian, Michael M/M	100
Megerian, Hovaness M/M	100
Nakashian, Joseph M/M	100
Papazian, Dorothy & Mary Misses	100
Tahan, Arshalus Mrs.	100
Tateosian, Alice Ms.	100
Sarkissian, Yervand & Family	75
Azarian, Susan Mrs.	50
Babaian, Vahik M/M	50
Baron, Alex M/M	50
Basmadjian, Noubar Mr.	50

Bodriguian, Agavni Mrs.	50
Chakerian, Hovag M/M	50
Chitjian, Aroussiag Mrs.	50
Chorbajian, Levon Mr.	50
Dersarkissian, Jirair Mr.	50
Dolmaian, Cricor M/M	50
Garabedian, Edouard M/M	50
Hamamgian, Gabriel M/M	50
Harutunian, Anthony M/M	50
Jamgotchian, Sako M/M	50
Kallem, Gary M/M	50
Kevorkian, Leon Dr.	50
Markarian, Hrachik M/M	50
Mengouchian, Vartkes Mr.	50
Minassian, Antranig M/M	50
Minassian, Dikran M/M	50
Minassian, Vahram M/M	50
Moschovitis, Peter M/M	50
Necessian, Krikor M/M	50
Ohanessian, Edward M/M	50
Orangian, Takouhie Mrs. & Family	50
Sarkissian, Aram M/M	50
Sarkissian, Azadouhi Mrs. & Family	50
Shishmanian, Manoug M/M	50
Tezel, Baruyr M/M	50
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Voskerijian, Nayda Mrs.	50
Parsegeghian, Vartuhi Mrs.	40
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D'Onofrio, Anthony M/M	35
Goudjabidze, Lado M/M	35
Asarian, Sarkis M/M	30
Baklajian, Victoria Mrs.	30
Bouldoukian, Leon M/M	30
Chorbajian, Edward Mr.	30
Garabedian, Arsen M/M	30
Kazandjian, Setrag M/M	30
Alahverdian, Krikor M/M	25
Bogosyan, Nadia Mrs.	25
Candan, Arpi Ms.	25
Demirdjian, Hambarsoum Mr.	25
Derian, Isabel Mrs.	25
Habeshian, Hratch M/M	25
Hatem, Boudakian Zabel Mrs.	25
Ipegian, Siragan Mr.	25
Jamgotchian, Kirkor M/M	25
Kharaboyan, Vartkess M/M	25
Margesian, Archalous Mrs.	25

Masoian, Michael M/M	25
Ohanian, Anjel Mrs.	25
Sagatelian, Anna Mrs.	25
Sookikian, Araxe Miss.	25
Turbendian, Marie & Astghig Ms.	25
Tutelian, Lillian Mrs.	25
Vartabedian, Rose Mrs.	25
Abajian, Armenouhi Mrs.	20
Desteyan, Hripsime Mrs.	20
Gregorian, Edmund M/M	20
Janesian, Ariette Mrs.	20
Julfaian, Liza Miss.	20
Kadian, Jack M/M	20
Kalikian Aram M/M	20
Kalustian, Varujan M/M	20
Makaryan, Aida Ms.	20
Saroukhanian, Kayzer M/M	20
Shamlian, Leon M/M	20
Turbendian, Tro M/M	20
Zobian, Vartouhi	20
Hajinian, Helen Miss.	10

2006 CALENDAR DONATIONS

Kallem, Gary M/M	50
Manookian, Jessica & Anna Misses	50
Zohrabian, Raffi Dr. & Mrs.	50
Demirdjian, Hambarsoum Mr.	25
Gulbenkian, Edward M/M	25
Habeshian, Hratch M/M	25
Markarian, Hrachik M/M	25
Masoian, Michael M/M	25
Turbendian, Marie & Astghig Ms.	25
Israeliian, Karabid M/M	20
Kalikian, Aram M/M	20
Kayayan, Ashken Mrs.	20
Mangikian, Berge M/M	20
Sagatelian, Anna Mrs.	20
Takouhi, Oragian Mrs. & Family	20
Yepremian, Vartkes M/M	20
Zobian, Vartouhi Mrs.	20
Orangian, Boghos M/M	15
Julfaian, Vartan Mr.	10
Kadian, Jack M/M	10
Milian, Harry M/M	10
Ohanian, Anjel Ms.	10
Sevadjian, Raffie M/M	10

EASTER DONATIONS

Asadourian, Armand Dr. & Mrs.	1000
Givelekian, Bedros M/M	300
Seoylemezian, Garo M/M	300
Yaziciyan, Gary M/M	300
Abkarian, Edward M/M	250
Costello, Timothy M/M	250
Kubikian, Arthur & Louiza Drs.	250
Abdalian, Suzane Mrs.	200
Boudakian, Antranig M/M	200
Kassabian, Leon M/M	200
Kerestedjian, Seda Mrs. & Alice Miss	200
Manookian, Anna & Jessica Misses	200
Tahan, Arshalus M/M	200
Arslanian, Edward M/M	150
Gulaghajian, Kricor M/M	150
Karibian, Leon M/M	150
Agopian, Berdj M/M	100
Alahverdian, Hatchik M/M	100
Arakelyan, Lusin Mrs.	100
Artinian, Alain M/M	100
Baghdassarian, Ghazar M/M	100
Baklajian, Haig M/M	100
Baron, Alex M/M	100
Barsamian, Edward M/M	100
Boyardjian, Mardig M/M	100
Buzantian, Arshag M/M	100
Callian, Vernon Mr.	100
Giragosian, Rose Ms.	100
Gostanian, Manoug M/M	100
Gulbenkian, Edward M/M	100
Gurden, Larry M/M	100
Kalustian, Michael M/M	100
Manukian, Rita Mrs.	100
Megerian, Ohaness M/M	100
Megerian, Raffi M/M	100
Milian, Harry M/M	100
Minasian, Karnik M/M	100
Minassian, Heros M/M	100
Papazian, Dorothy & Mary Misses	100
Sheshedian, Mary Mrs.	100
Tatevossian, Norik M/M	100
Zohrabian, Raffi Dr. & Mrs.	100
Bekian, Edward M/M	75
Sarkissian, Bedros Mr. & Family	75
Alahverdian, Eliz Miss	50
Azarian, Susan Mrs.	50
Babaian, Vahik M/M	50
Bagdasarian, Eduard M/M	50
Baghdasarian, Luiza Mrs.	50
Bassmadjian, Noubar Mr.	50
Chakrian, Hovag M/M	50
Chitjian, Aroussiag Mrs.	50
Derian, Isabel Mrs.	50
Dirielyan, Ari Mr.	50
Elmokian, Edmond M/M	50

Garabedian, Edourd M/M	50
Giveleglian, Hovnan M/M	50
Grigorian, Gourgen M/M	50
Hamamgian, Gabriel M/M	50
Hamamgian, Haig M/M	50
Kabarajian, Dickran M/M	50
Kaladjian, Diane Ms.	50
Kalaptchian, Raffi M/M	50
Kallem, Gary M/M	50
Kapikian, Bedros M/M	50
Manoukian, Arsen M/M	50
Mardinian, Sonia Mrs.	50
Markarian, Hrachik M/M	50
Mengouchian, Jirair M/M	50
Mengouchian, Takouhi Mrs.	50
Minassian, Dikran M/M	50
Minassian, Vahram M/M	50
Moschovitis, Peter M/M	50
Nercessian, Kricor M/M	50
Norhadian, Edmond M/M	50
Ohanessian, Edward M/M	50
Orangian, Takouhi Mrs. & Family	50
Pantikian, Sirpouhi Mrs. & Edward Mr.	50
Sarkissian, Azadouhi Mrs. & Family	50
Tavitian, Nercess M/M	50
Turbendian, Giragos M/M	50
Voskerijian, Nayda Mrs.	50
Parseghian, Vartuhi Mrs.	40
Azarian, Hampik M/M	35
Arkun, Anahit Mrs.	30
Baklajian, Victoria Mrs.	30
Gregorian, Vartan M/M	30
Habeshian, Hratch M/M	30
Abajian, Armenouhi Mrs.	25
Asarian, Sarkis M/M	25
Bogosyan, Nadia Mrs.	25
Boudakian - Hatem Zabel Mrs.	25
Dolmaian, Cricor M/M	25
D'Onofrio, Anthony M/M	25
Kalikian, Aram M/M	25
Kharaboyan, Vartkess M/M	25
Manookian, Arman Jr.	25
Ohanian, Gary Mr.	25
Sagatelian, Anna Mrs.	25
Sookikian, Araxe Miss	25
Turbendian, Marie & Astghig Misses	25
Tutelian, Lillian Mrs.	25
Vartabedian, Rose Mrs.	25
Zobian, Vartouhi Ms.	25
Ahdjian, Mari Ms.	20
Desteian, Horopsime Mrs.	20
Hatchikian, Haig M/M	20
Saroukhanian, Kayzer M/M	20
Shamlian, Leon M/M	20
Garabedian, Arsen M/M	10

GENERAL DONATIONS

Harutunian, Anthony M/M	110
Kalustian, Michael M/M	100
Minassian, Vahram M/M	100
Sarkissian, Yervant And Family	100
Shamlian, Karekin M/M	100
Urganciyan, Krikor M/M	100
Kertoyan, Family	80
Dirielyan, Ari Mr.	50
Kabarajian, Dickran M/M	50
Yakoubian, Antranik M/M	20
Hajinian, Helen Miss	10
Kalamaris, Marina Ms.	10

REQUIEMS DONATIONS

Dalian, Harry M/M	300
Saroyan, Berdj Mr.	300
Bekian, Edward M/M	250
Minassian, Noel M/M	250
Artinian, Alan M/M	200
D'Onofrio, Anthony M/M	200
Esayan, Varand And Nairi	200
Giragosian, Rose Mrs.	200
Grigorian, Varouj M/M	200
Harutunian, Vartan Mr.	200
Holmquist, Isabella Mrs.	200
Khatchadourian, Artin M/M (California)	200
Manuelian, Vartkes M/M	200
Nercessian, Sarkis M/M	200
Hagopian, Khathik Mr.	150
Harutunian, Anthony M/M	150
Steul, Gary M/M	150
Markarian, Roza Ms.	120
Arslanian, Edward M/M	100
Chorbajian, Leon Mr.	100
Demirdjian, Zaven M/M	100
Gregory, Georges	100
Gulbenkian, Edward M/M	100
Hazarian, Nadia Mrs.	100
Indzhigulyan, Vartan M/M	100
Israeli, Karabid M/M	100
Jamgotchian, Sogomon Mr.	100
Kalaigian, Hovanes Mr.	100
Kalustian, Varujan M/M	100
Kiremidjian, Garo M/M	100
Mangikian, Berge M/M	100
Markarian, Lily Ms.	100
Megerian, Toros M/M	100
Nenejian, Razmik M/M	100
Nercessian, Karnik M/M	100
Sheshedian, Mary Mrs.	100
Tezel, Baruyr M/M	100
Voskerijian, Nayda Mrs.	100
Azarian, Susan Mrs.	85
Keshishian, Arart M/M	70
Oranjian, Zaven M/M	55
Abkarian, Knar Mrs.	50
Agasian, Garbis M/M	50
Boyardjian, Anahid Mrs.	50
Dirielian, Kegham M/M	50

Gragossian, Alan M/M	50
Haroutunian, Raya Ms.	50
Kabarajian, Dikcran M/M	50
Kabarajian, Frank M/M	50
Karagulian, Siran Ms.	50
Kasparian, Kevork M/M	50
Kazandjian, Setrag M/M	50
Kendirian, Vartouhi Ms.	50
Magardician, Karnig Dr.	50
Megerian, Hovanness M/M	50
Megherian, Vartouhi Mrs.	50
Ohannessian, Edward M/M	50
Simonian, Ara M/M	50
Simonian, Arakel M/M	50
Vasiliou, Angelo M/M	50
Yepremian, Mardiros M/M	50
Jayawant, Amod And Flora	40
Tutuyan, Agop M/M	40
Derian, Isabel Mrs.	35
Demirdjian, Hambarsoom Mr.	30
Janessian, Hariette Mrs.	30
Beyler, Adrine Ms.	25
Ciamician, Araxie Mrs.	25
Orangian, Boghos M/M	25
Orangian, Takouhi Mrs. & Family	25
Elmokian, Edmond M/M	20

**IN MEMORY OF THE LATE,
ERIC HOLMQUIST**

Agopian, Berdj M/M	500
Mangikian, Berge M/M	500

**IN MEMORY OF THE LATE,
HOVANESS HOVANESSIAN**

Megherian, Khatchig M/M	200
Baghdassarian, Agavni Mrs.	50
Karagulian, Siran	50
Megerian, Yefgin Yeretzgin	50
Megherian, Gay Mr.	50
Voskerijian, Nayda Mrs.	50
Dirielian, Kegham M/M	30
Basmadjian, Noubar Mr.	25
Ohanian, Anjel Mrs.	25
Julfaian, Vartan Mr.	20
Tekeyan, Araxi Ms.	20

**IN MEMORY OF THE LATE,
GASPAR KARAPETIAN**

Harutunian, Anthony M/M	100
Gostanian, Manoug M/M	50
Haftvani, Anoush Mrs.	50
Harutunian, Varoujan M/M	50
Mahserejian, Raffi M/M	40
Dirielian, Kegham M/M	30
Orangian, Takouhi & Family	30
Thomassian, Thomas M/M	30
Vasiliu, Angelo M/M	25
Oranjian, Zaven M/M	20
Shamlan, Leon M/M	20

**ADDITIONAL IN LIEU OF
FLOWER DONATIONS FOR THE
LATE, GEORGE KASPARIAN**

Kverek, Rosemary Ms.	50
Giragosian, Richard M/M	25
Makarek, C. M/M	20

**IN LIEU OF FLOWER DONA-
TIONS FOR THE LATE, KHA-
NUM KHATCHADOURIAN**

Sewnarine, Nazleen Ms.	120
Aboo-loobootian, Seta Ms.	100
Gostianian, Manoug M/M	100
Harutunian, Anthony M/M	100
Rumyan, Hakop Mr.	100
Rumyan, Mariya Ms.	100
Guedoyan, Sarkis M/M	80
Apkarian, Knar Mrs.	50
Ciamician, Araxie Mrs.	50
Labrada, Jorge Mr.	50
Orangian, Takouhi And Family	50
Oranjian, Zaven M/M	50
Thomassian, Thomas M/M	50
Sagatelian, Anna Mrs.	25
Janessian, Hariette Mrs.	20
Shamlan, Leon M/M	20
Soffer, Ronnie And Janice	20
Yacoubian, Antranig M/M	20

**ADDITIONAL IN LIEU OF
FLOWER DONATION FOR THE
LATE, VERJIN MAGARDICIAN**

Kouyoumdjian, Hagop M/M	200
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**IN LIEU OF FLOWER DONA-
TIONS FOR THE LATE, GULE-
NIA NALBANDIAN**

Tchilinguirian, Kevork M/M	100
Abajian, Armenouhi Mrs.	50
Parseghian, Vartuhi Mrs.	40
Abadjian, Danny Mr.	25
Bouldoukian, Leon M/M	25

**IN LIEU OF FLOWER DONA-
TIONS FOR THE LATE, BARUIR
NERCESSIAN**

Gijiriguian, David M/M	200
Baklajian, Haig M/M	100
Cazazian, Aram Dr.	100
Giknavorian, Sarkis Mr.	100
Givelekian, Bedros M/M	100
Kalfayan, Sonia Mrs.	100
Kalustian, Varujan M/M	100
Kubikian, Arthur & Luiza Drs.	100
Tateosian, Verchin & Kricorian Manug	100
Vanessian, Garo M/M	100
Abrankian, Edward M/M	50
Andonian, Hagop M/M	50
Artinian, Ara M/M	50

Bednarovsky, Jessica Ms.	50
Bekian, Edward M/M	50
Boladian, Edward M/M	50
Boyikoglu, Bagdasar M/M	50
Dersarkissian, Jirair Mr.	50
Dolmaian, Cricor M/M	50
Dolmaian, Simon M/M	50
Garabedian, Edouard M/M	50
Garabedian, Hagop M/M	50
Giveleglian, Hovnan M/M	50
Magardician, Karnig Dr.	50
Marcarian, Kricor M/M	50
Menzildjian, Garbis M/M	50
Morgikian, Mihail M/M	50
Norhadian, Edmond M/M	50
Ohannessian, Edward M/M	50
Suciu, Victor Dr.	50
Toma, Edgar Dikran M/M	50
Voskinarian, Mourad M/M	50
Zobian, Vartouhi Mrs.	50
Kalikian, Aram M/M	40
Nisanian, Arsaluis Mrs. & Anahid Dr.	40
Savayan, Harry M/M	40
Apelian, Vahe Mr.	30
Baklajian, Victoria Mrs.	30
Barsamian, Edward M/M	30
Garabedian, Sona Mrs.	30
Hazarian, Manoug M/M	30
Agasian, Garbis M/M	25
Bostanian, Dikran Mr.	25
Markarian, Sarkis M/M	25
Boladian, Leman Mrs.	20
Garabedian, Arsen M/M	20
Garabedian, Yervant M/M	20
Ghimusian, Hasmik Mrs.	20

**IN MEMORY OF THE LATE,
ANTARAM TCHOLAKIAN**

Baklajian, Haig M/M	50
Kalustian, Varoujan M/M	50

**IN LIEU OF FLOWER DONA-
TIONS FOR THE LATE,
OVSANNA VOSGANIAN**

Andonian, Paul M/M	200
Ehramjian, Arthur M/M	200
Kelerchian, Vasken Mr.	200
Ozanian, Edward M/M	100

**IN MEMORY OF THE LATE,
VARTANUS YAYICI**

Yayici, Sylva Mrs.	150
Alpian, Sevan Mr.	100
Alpian, Arman M/M	50

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Սիրելի քարեց հայրեր ու մայրեր, փոխադրական դժուարությանց պայմանում եթէ կը գրկուիք Կիրակնօրեայ Պարարագէն կամ եկեղեցոյ որեւէ ձեռնարկէ, հաճեցէք հեռաձայնել գրասենեակ (718) 224-2275, որպէսզի սպասուովի ձեր օրհնեալ ներկայութիւնը Աստուծոյ Տան մէջ:

Նոգեհանգիարի համար հաճեցէք հեռաձայնել եկեղեցոյ գրասենեակ մինչեւ ՈՒՐՔԱԹ կէ-սօր, որպէսզի կարենանք անունները փայել Կիրակնօրեայ թերթիկին մէջ:

Եթէ հիւանդ պարագայ մը ունիք փան մէջ կամ հիւանդանոցը եւ կը փափաքիք Նովիին այցելութիւնը, հաճեցէք հեռաձայնել եկեղեցոյ գրասենեակ կամ Տէր Նօր փունը:

Հաճեցէք եկեղեցոյ գրասենեակը տեղեակ պահել հասցէի կամ հեռաձայնի որեւէ փոփոխութիւն, որպէսզի կարենանք կանոնաւոր կերպով թղթադրական ամէն տեսակի առաքումներ կատարել եւ ձեզ հաղորդ պահել համայնքիս անցուդարձերուն:

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.

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

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