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SAINT SARKIS ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
WELCOMES REV. FR. NAREG TERTERIAN AND YERETZKIN ANNIE



On May 22, 2005, Saint Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church of Douglaston celebrated its Fifteenth Anniversary and on this occasion His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan appointed Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian as the new Pastor of St. Sarkis Church.

Der Nareg is the third pastor of the church following in the footsteps of Archpriest Asoghik Kelejian, Pastor, 1962-1991 and Very Rev. Fr. Anoushavan Tanielian, Pastor, 1991-2005

May God's grace guide and protect him as he begins his life of service to the Armenian Church and our parish.

MEET THE NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Saint Sarkis General Membership Meeting took place on Sunday February 13, 2005 following church Services.

The following members were elected to the Board of Trustees to serve for a two year term: Dr. Aram Cazazian, Edward Barsamian,



Dr. Arthur Kubikian, Dr. Louiza Kubikian, Gourgen Gregorian and Krikor Markarian, advisors. They will join incumbent members: Antranik Boudakian, Dory Shishmanian, Ruben Daglyan, Haigouhi Megerian, and Dr. Arthur Hazarian.

Congratulations are extended to the newly elected members and wish the whole board "God-Speed" in their endeavors. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks for the departing members of the Board, and especially the Chairman for the last two years, Mr. Gaydzag Boyadjian, for their untiring dedication and effort.

Editor's Corner

It is with a bit of anxiety that we welcome you to the new format for the Shoghagat. We hope to bring to you Saint Sarkis Parish news in timely fashion, with lots of interesting news, pictures and announcements. And in between issues, look out for mailings of the **Saint Sarkis Chronicle**, a one page newsletter to keep you abreast of activities at Saint Sarkis. We will welcome letters and E-mails to the Editors with comments, news and suggestions. Letters should be addressed to the church- Attention Shoghagat, and E-mails to st.sarkis@verizon.net. Thank you and good reading.

Edward Barsamian

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 14 - Annual Picnic - Church Grounds
September 10 - Basketball Program Fall Dance
September 10 - Saturday School Starts
September 11 - Sunday School Starts
September 25 - Lecture Series - Legal Matters
October 1 - Dinner Dance Ladies' Guild and Cruise Raffle Drawing
November 20 - Annual Bazaar - Ladies' Guild
December 4 - Welcome Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian

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Սուրբ Կոյս Մարիամ Աստուածածնի Վերափոխման տօնը Հայց. Առաքելական Եկեղեցւոյ հինգ Տաղաւար տօներէն մէկն է, որովհետեւ Տիրամօր կեանքին հանգրուանները՝ Աւետումէն մինչեւ Վերափոխում, յատուկ կարեւորութիւն ունին Մեր Տիրոջ Յիսուս Քրիստոսի երկրաւոր կեանքին մէջ: Միւս կողմէն, Ս. Կոյսին հրաշալի կեանքը, անոր ամուր հաւատքը մեզի՝ Քրիստոնեաներու համար պէտք է որպէս կեանքի գերագոյն օրինակ ծառայէ:

Աւետարանը Ս. Աստուածածնին հաւատքին մասին կ'անդրադառնայ զանազան առիթներով. հաւանաբար անոնցմէ ամենէն յատկանշականն ու ժողովրդականը կարելի է նկատել Կանայի Հարսանիքին դրուագը:

Ի՞նչ պատահեցաւ Կանային հարսանիքին:

Յովհաննէս Աւետարանիչ այսպէս կը գրէ.-

Յիսուսի Գալիլեա հասնելուն երրորդ օրը հարսանիք մը կար Կանա քաղաքին մէջ, եւ Յիսուսի մայրը հոն էր: Յիսուս եւ իր աշակերտներն ալ հրախրուած էին հարսանիքին: Երբ գինին պակսեցաւ, Յիսուսի մայրը իրեն րսաւ. - գինի չունին:

Մա՛յր, մեզի ինչ,- պատասխանեց Յիսուս,- իմ ժամանակս տակաւին չէ՛ հասած:

Սակայն իր մայրը ըսաւ սպասաւորներուն.- Ինչ որ ըսէ՛ք ձեզի՝ կատարեցէք:

Հրեաներու ծիսական մաքրութեան սովորութեան համաձայն, հոն քարէ վեց կարասներ կային, որոնցմէ իւրաքանչիւրը ութսունէն հարիւր լիթր կ'աւանդէր: Յիսուս ըսաւ սպասաւորներուն.- Կարասները ջորով լեցուցէք:

Եւ սպասաւորները լեցուցին մինչև քերան: Յետոյ ըսաւ անոնց.- Հիմա ամէք եւ սեղանապետին տարէք:

Անոնք ալ տարին: Սեղանապետը համտեսեց գինիի փոխումը ջորը, բայց չգիտցաւ թէ ուրկէ էր. թէ ու սպասաւորները, որոնք ջորը լեցուցած էին, գիտէին: Այն ատեն սեղանապետը փեսային ըսաւ.-

Ամէն մարդ նախ ընտիր գինին կը հրաւճուէ, իսկ երբ գինովման՝ այն ատեն հասարակը, մինչ դուն ընտիր գինին պահեր ես մինչև հիմա:

Այս հրաշքի դրուագին մէջ, յատկանշական է Ս. Կոյս Մարիամի հաւատքը: Երբ Աւետարանը կարդանք կը տեսնենք թէ ասիկա Յիսուսի կատարած առաջին հրաշքն էր: Այլ խօսքով, Մարիամ ասկէ առաջ հրաշք մը չէր տեսած իր Որդիին ձեռքով որուն հիման վրայ վստահութիւնը ունենար թէ՛ ինչպէս ասկէ առաջ, հիմա ալ Յիսուս հրաշք մը պիտի գործէր: Հաւանաբար իր մտքին մէջ յստակ ալ չէր թէ Յիսուս ճիշդ ինչ պիտի ընէր, բայց կը հաւատար թէ Քրիստոս ընէր մը պիտի ընէր:

Միթէ նոյն ալ չէ՞ր պատահած Աւետումի պահուն: Մարիամ այդ վայրկեանին ալ չէր հասկցած թէ ինք ինչպէս պիտի յղանայ, բայց հաւատացած էր եւ ինքզինք յանձնած էր Աստուծոյ կամքին: Նոյնը կը պատահէր հիմա, երբ գինի չկար, սակայն Մարիամի սրտին մէջ նոյն հաւատքը աւելի գորաւոր կերպով կար... գիտէր որ իր Որդին Աստուծոյ Միածինն է եւ Աստուած ամէն բան կրնայ ընել:

Մարիամի խնդրանքին Յիսուս պատասխանեց ըսելով «Մայր, մեզի ինչ, իմ ժամանակս տակափն չէ՛ հասած», սակայն Մարիամ չընդունեց Յիսուսի տուած պատասխանը եւ ծառաներուն թելադրեց հնազանդիլ Անոր:

Աւետարանէն գիտենք թէ Յիսուս իր 30 տարեկանին մկրտուեցաւ եւ ապա սկսաւ իր Առաքելութեան: Աստուածային փրկագործական ծրագիրը այն էր որ Յիսուս որոշ թուականի մը պիտի սկսէր իր Առաքելութեան՝ քարոզելու, ուսուցանելու եւ հրաշքներ կատարելու, ապա պիտի խաչուէր եւ Աստուածապէս Յարուժիւն առնէր: Կանայի հարսանիքի դրուագին մէջ երբ Յիսուս կատարեց իր մօր խնդրանքը - հակառակ այն իրողութեան որ իր «ժամանակը տակալին չէր հասած»- Աստուածային ծրագիրը բարեփոխեց՝ մաքուր սրտէ մը բղխած խնդրանքի մը պատճառով:

Կը տեսնենք թէ Աստուած հեռուները բնակող, կարծրասիրտ էութիւն մը չէ. Աստուած գթասիրտ Հայր է որ կը լսէ մեզի: Եթէ ան Մարիամին աղօթքին լսելով իր Աստուածային ծրագիրը բարեփոխեց, այսօր մեր սրտերուն աղօթքը լսելով շատ բան կրնայ փոխել մեր կեանքին մջ: «բան մը փոխուելու» միակ պայմանը կը մնայ հաւատքը:

Մեր կեանքին մէջ ընտրու կը հանդիպինք դժուարութիւններու, եւ վստահ երբեմն կը մտածենք- «եթէ միայն Աստուած այսպէս ընէ...», ինչ լաւ կրնայ ըլլալ մեր կեանքը»: Մարիամ ալ որպէս հարսնեւոր դժուարութեան մէջ էր՝ գինի չկար. գինի չըլլալ կը նշանակէր ուրախութիւն չըլլալ: Մարիամ սակայն իր զաղափարները չներկայացուց Աստուծոյ, այլ միայն դժուարութիւնը յայտնեց եւ հաւանաբար ալ հեռացաւ այն տեղէն: Եւ Յիսուս հասարակ ջո՛ւրը ընտիր գինիի վերածեց...:

Մարիամի օրինակը մեզի կը սորվեցնէ մեր դժուարութիւնները եւ մտահոգութիւնները Աստուծոյ յանձնել, չտագնապիլ այլ հաւատալ: Որովհետեւ երբ հաւատանք Աստուած իր յատուկ ձեւերով կը ներգործէ եւ կը հոգայ մեր պէտքերը... Եթէ անօթի ենք, երկինքէն մանանայ կը թափէ իրեն հաւատացողներուն, եթէ ծառաւ ենք քարէն ջուր կը բղխեցնէ եւ եթէ սգաւոր ենք Ս. Հոգիին մխիթարութիւնը կը պարգեւէ մեզի:

The first miracle that Jesus performed was at Cana in Galilee during a wedding and it was upon the request of His Mother (John 2:1-11). Jesus changed the water to wine because He saw how much His mother believed in Him. St. Mary knew that Jesus could do anything because she had always known that Jesus was the Son of God.

Jesus ordered the servants to fill the jars with water and then he ordered them to draw some out of the jars and take it to the master of the banquet. When the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine, he called the bridegroom aside and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now” (John 2:10-11).

This is the miracle of God. We try to find miracles in supernatural things, but miracles happen every day. They may and should happen in our lives and in our hearts if only we believe in God the way St. Mary did, letting God take charge of her life from the day of the Annunciation to the day of Her assumption to Heaven. God is always there knocking at the door of our heart to get in; but it is our choice to open the door or keep it locked. The One who took the Dust of the earth and created man out of it could change the water into wine and could change the sinner into a saint...

People look everywhere to find excitement and meaning in life except in God. However, just as the wine that Jesus provided was the best, so life in Him is better than life on our own. So why wait until everything else runs out before trying God? Why save the best until last?

Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian,

Pastor

SAINT SARKIS CELEBRATES ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY

May 22 represented a day of mixed emotions for the Saint Sarkis Parish, as it celebrated the 15th Anniversary of the edifice in Douglaston, Queens. In addition to the chronological significance, the day marked the appointment of Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian as the new Pastor of Saint Sarkis Church, following a path started by Archpriest Asoghik Kelejian and Very Rev. Fr. Anoushavan Tanielian.

proclamations. Mrs. Marshall when introduced as a mother, grandmother and working woman, successfully juggling a multitude of jobs, went off her written speech and expressed her pride in following other great Queens Borough Presidents and life indeed is more demanding of a working woman. She went on to congratulate Saint Sarkis on its service to the community and was supportive of the church



Saint Sarkis Award Winners

His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate, celebrated the Holy Mass and announced the pastoral transition in his sermon: "Today's mass is the last one as pastor of Saint Sarkis for the Very Reverend Anoushavan Tanielian. The congregation should be happy for the Very Rev. because after 15 years of inspired leadership at Saint Sarkis he will be moving to a higher position. He will always be a part of Saint Sarkis since even the walls seem to carry his imprint, and more over, he will visit often. The new pastor will live a life of devotion and sacrifice, continuing the work of Der Asoghik and Hayr Soorp.

Dr. Arthur Kubikian was the Master of Ceremonies of the banquet that followed and in his opening remarks he welcomed everyone, and foresaw a bright future for Saint Sarkis with the young church members helping the church achieve its potential.

The Anniversary Banquet that followed was a well choreographed event with distinguished guests including NY State Senator Frank Padavan, and Queens Borough President, Mrs. Helen Marshall giving congratulatory speeches and

expansion plans. "Saint Sarkis provides strength to its congregation and stability to the community" said Mrs. Marshall in closing with a congratulatory proclamation.

Dr. Arthur Kubikian then welcomed Mr. Edward Boghosian, Editor in Chief and founder of the Armenian Reporter International, and wished them success in the 40th Anniversary celebration for the venerable newspaper on June 25, 2005. Following a musical interlude with performances by Ms. Anahid Zakarian, soprano, Miss Kohar Atoyian violin, accompanied by Mrs. Margrit Atoyian. Dr. Kubikian continued by introducing the newly appointed Pastor of Saint Sarkis Church, Rev. Fr. Nareg. "Der Nareg reminds me of my son but I call him Father; and I am probably old enough to be his father; but he calls me son."

Speaking for the first time as Pastor of Saint Sarkis, Father Nareg mentioned how much was achieved at Saint Sarkis during the leadership of Very Reverend Fr. Anoushavan Tanielian. He concluded by saying that it will be an honor to serve the parish, and expressed his thanks for the warm welcome.

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CHRISTMAS 2005 CELEBRATION AT ST. SARKIS CHURCH

By Alice Alajajian

Thursday, January 6, 2005, was a most unique Armenian Christmas celebration at St. Sarkis Church. The weather was gloomy, rainy and badly overcast, however this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the parishioners. The Badarak was exceptionally well attended; standing room only. In his sermon Hayr Soorp quoting the Gospel of St. John "For God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son" (3:16) he said that we should wholeheartedly be grateful and appreciate this gift of eternal life. Along with our Christian faith Hayr Soorp reminded God's other gift to our people, the Armenian Alphabet, the key in establishing our culture. He invited the congregation to actively participate in celebrating the 1600th Anniversary of this unique invention.

Following the Badarak and the Blessing of water, symbolizing the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ, almost the entire congregation gathered at the main Church Hall to celebrate the Christmas in a traditional way. It was indeed a family affair since so many had come with their children and parents in anticipation of this special celebration. The delicious lunch prepared by our very experienced and fabulous cooks of the Ladies' Guild, was enjoyed by both young and old.

After lunch a short but dynamic program was planned by our very own Very Rev. Fr. Anoushavan Tanielian. It started with Saturday and Sunday Schools students. The most touching was the spiritual poem "My heart is flying like a dove, Halleluiah" sang by Nevair Oranjian, authored and composed by Archbishop Zareh Aznavorian of blessed memory. For those fluent in Armenian, it was the collection of precious gem stones of the words, thoughts and prayers of the late Archbishop very moving and spirit filling. Shant and Krisdapor Megherian, Aline Voskerijian recited poems dedicated to the New Year. Linda Demirdjian recited Archbishop Yeghishe Tourian's poem Aghotk (Prayer).

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The second part of the program was delivered by a new young talent who has kept her gift under a bushel. This person is no other than Hoosher Bezdikian-Kaligian, wife of Garin Kaligian, and daughter of Hovhannes & Sonia Bezdikian, well known active members of the Armenian community in the metropolitan area. Hoosher is a graduate from Holy Martyr's Day School and Siamanto Academy. She is deeply rooted in her Armenian culture, which has molded and influenced her art. Hoosher's first song was Kele Lao, followed by Garod, Eem Anoosh Davigh, Garavan, and Hars em Knoom. There was no sound to be heard except her crystal clear voice, which rang as the sound of an unpolluted stream running up and down the scales with ease and confident. She was able to incorporate

the old music into the new rhythmic arrangement to the delight of the young and old. The audience was mesmerized by the voice and its soothing tones. Hoosher recently issued a CD prepared in Armenia. A bright future awaits this young performer.

The third part of the program was the performance of the Yeraz Dance Group, a vibrant group of teenagers who enjoy and have emulated the traditional Armenian Dance steps. Yeraz group's inception was in the year 2000, under the capable leadership of Karnig Nercessian and Lena Oranjian. Most of the group's members have been involved in past St. Sarkis Church programs: such as Summer Kids program, Teens Mission program, Saturday and Sunday schools. Yeraz group in April 2005 will perform in New York under the choreography of Erevan State Dance group director Vanush Khanamirian.

The dance group performance was followed by a rich assortment of delicacies, dessert and fruits. At this time the raffle was drawn and the lucky winners received jewelry donated by Mr. Antranig Boudakian (Lorilil Jewelry). This exciting afternoon function ended about 4:00 p.m. at which time Hayr Soorp Tanielian gave his departing blessing and concluded with the nostalgic and popular song - Giligia.



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BIBLE SEMINAR AT SAINT SARKIS

The subtle religious and linguistic beauty of the Holy Bible was the subject of a seminar at St. Sarkis Church in Douglaston, Queens on Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005.

Archdeacon Shant Kazanjian, Director of the Armenian Religious Educational Council (AREC), conducted the seminar. Archdeacon Kazanjian presented a brief overview of the Bible and its use in the Armenian



Apostolic Church. He also explored the differences between the Orthodox, Protestant and Catholic versions of scripture, and discussed Bible study aids. This free seminar was sponsored by AREC. The program started at 10 a.m. in the St. Sarkis Church Main Hall and concluded at 3 p.m. A light lunch and coffee was served.



Why Study the Bible?

"The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."'

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.(Luke 12:16-21)

In our everyday lives our family responsibilities, work obligations and relationship issues pull us in a number of different directions. We are often left wondering, "What is really important in life?" The word of God in the above passage guides us to make a decision about what kind of life we want to live? Do we want a life that is

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entirely dependent on things of this world or a life that is enriched with the presence of God in our hearts.

we invite you to experience the serenity of God's comforting word by joining our Bible Study Group. Evening Study sessions will be held along with the regular day sessions starting this fall.

If you are between ages 25-35 and you are interested in learning about Badarak and other services of our church, or if you want to read the Bible and discuss it with people of your own age, please join our monthly gathering at BADARAK 101.

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SAINT SARKIS CELEBRATES THE CHURCH'S PATRON SAINT'S NAME DAY

Just as one thought that winter would never end, a bright sunny day welcomed Saint Sarkis day celebrants on Sunday, January 30, 2005 at Saint Sarkis Armenian Church in Douglaston, NY.

Following church services, more than 100 friends and parishioners gathered in the church hall for the traditional luncheon and program with Mr. Edward Barsamian, once again the master of ceremonies. Congratulations extended to those in attendance named Sarkis or Mardirous, were followed with various versions of the legend of Saint Sarkis as a great warrior and Patron of those in love (Armenian St. Valentine) as well as the story of the old Armenian tradition



of eating "salt bread" on this day and hopefully dreaming of one's future spouse during a very thirsty night. A gourmet luncheon prepared by the Ladies Guild was served, and Mr. Barsamian dishing out brain teasers, short stories, humor and various announcements. The program continued with the students of Hovsep and Susan Hagopian Saturday School and the Sunday school reciting short poems in Armenian, and Mrs. Silva Krikorian, an accomplished soprano accompanied by Mrs. Juliette Milian at the piano, once again delighting the audience with moving renditions of " Khngi Dzar", "Eem Ankin" and "Yegheghetzin Haygagan" arrangements by maestros Pidedjian and Meikhanedjian.

Mr. Guy Boyadjian, Chairman of the Board of Trustees extended special thanks to the Ladies Guild for a great job and introduced Mr. Bedros Givlekian representing the Prelacy Executive Council. Mr. Givlekian gave an update on the Saint Sarkis "Land and Vision" project to purchase the land adjacent to the church property, thanked donors for their pledges, and presented a summary of the joint April 24 preparations for the 90th Anniversary of the Genocide. He was followed by Archpriest Rev. Moushegh Der Kaloustian who expressed his joy of joining the Saint Sarkis family on this special day, and in his unique way thanked God and everyone who prayed for his recovery from illness.

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Very Reverend Anoushavan Tanielian, Pastor of Saint Sarkis, talked about the many activities at church over the past year and thanked all those who made the day a success. In outlining the many coming activities, he expressed his pride in the young students' performances in Armenian and pointed to them as the future of the community. The cultural program continued with a piano recital by two very talented sisters Miss Linda and Mary Demirjian from the Saturday Language School and a short lecture on the history of "Khatchkars" by Mr. Barsamian.

As customary on this day, Very Reverend Anoushavan Tanielian presented the special Saint Sarkis Annual Merit Awards given to individuals who distinguished themselves in service to Saint Sarkis and the community. This year's recipients were Mr. and Mrs. Ardashes and Esther Garabedian (NJ) who, every year provide the special Saint Sarkis



Day helva to the church, Locin Megherian who coordinated the Ladies Guild effort on Saint Sarkis Day, Mrs. Nayda Voskerijian who is always ready to serve and help wherever needed, and Mrs. Seta Oranjian, one of the Saint Sarkis webmasters.



And finally, the featured artist of the day was Miss Gohar Atoyan, a young but very talented violinist, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Margarita Atoyan as she charmed everyone with wonderful renditions of Armenian favorites: "Groong, Dzirani Dzar" and "Nocturne" by Aram Khachadourian. A joyous afternoon ended with Pastor's benediction and group singing of Giligia. Everyone left with a smile and optimistic anticipation for the coming spring.

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PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER



Palm Sunday



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Holy Communion



Easter Sunday

YERAZ DANCE GROUP DAZZLES AUDIENCE

By Lena Orangian

On Saturday, April 2, 2005, at 8:00 pm, Saint Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church's Yeraz Dance Ensemble premiered its show at the Humanities Theater at Queensborough Community College, Bayside, New York.

"*You are ready. Just go out there and have a great time, enjoy yourselves... and don't forget to smile, ...show your teeth*" advised Mr. Karnig Nercessian, Director and Choreographer of the Yeraz Dance Group as curtain time approached.

The smiles on the dancers' faces complemented the new, colorful handmade costumes imported from Armenia, and showed the confidence inspired by the excellent instruction of Tomas Harutyunyan, Choreographer and formerly one of main dancers in the Armenian State Ensemble and Mrs.

Lena Orangian - instructor. Yeraz was privileged to host a special guest, Mr. Vanoush Khanamiryan, National Artistic Director and Choreographer from Armenia. Mr. Khanamiryan, well known internationally, once again demonstrated his artistic creativity by pairing intricate footwork in dances such as Hop Nino, sinuous, gliding movements in Ouzoun-Dara and geometric patterns in Artsakh. Mr. Khanamiryan's touches were evident throughout the show.

The show, primarily Armenian folk dances, also featured singing, poetry readings, and instrumental performances, making it a complete night of Armenian culture and a showcase of the artistic versatility of the Yeraz members. As the curtains came up, the audience got its first glimpse of the 41 members of Yeraz and its multifaceted talent when the group sang the Armenian and American National Anthems, directed and con-

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ducted by Mrs. Marine Shitilian, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Haigouhi Megerian.

The first dance, Bert Bar, is an introductory dance, displaying the dancers' discipline in simple, almost militant, uniform steps and group lines followed by Aska-gragan, a traditional regional group dance. Next, the audience sampled a dance by the group's youngest members, which was received with great applause. The following three dances displayed the group's feminine charm, strength and a bit of attitude with two modern girls dances as well as the group's strong stance and intricate footwork in Hop Nino. The last two dances of the first half of the show were Saradarabad, a modern group dance and Joghovertagan Barerou Sharan, a tra-



ditional group dance. The second half of the show commenced with the group singing three traditional songs, followed by another traditional dance Sahari; a group of dances or suite, which consisted of various styles of steps and music that somehow put together,



Yeraz & Director Karnig "Putting on the Moves"

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form a fluid transition and long dance, about eight minutes. Again, the audience sampled three girls dances, but this time, all traditional; from the graceful twirls of the budding Gagach dance, to the gliding movements set to the beautiful, gentle rhythms of Davigh, to the sinuous and graceful movements in Ouzoun-Dara. There was also Gindos, a period dance, telling a story of bachelors trying to obtain the attention of a beauty, with difficulties set by her father, played by Karnig Nercessian, the director and co-founder of Yeraz.

In between dances, there were two poetry readings by members Arev Turbendian and Mari Hakobyan, violin solo by the very talented Gohar Atoyan, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Margarit Atoyan, and two segments of three musicians featuring Rupik Vartanyan on

dancing machine. He has transcended his energy and love of dance to the group and inspired all into doing their best. The joy of performing his intricate dances could be seen on the dancers faces. It was an honor and a rare opportunity to have him here. We have not only grown to love him but to embrace him as one of our own." said Mr. Nercessian, summarizing what everyone felt.

The show concluded with parting words and congratulations from the Very Reverend Anoushavan Tanielian, co-founder of Yeraz and His Eminence Archbishop, Oshagan Choloyan. Yeraz was awarded with an enthusiastic standing ovation of over 600 audience members in attendance and for the dancers it was indeed "a dream come true."



Archbishop Choloyan congratulating Yeraz Dance Group

Yeraz is scheduled to perform a short program at Eisenhower Park, in Westbury, New York, at the Armenian American Night in August 2005.

dodoog and clarinet. Parallel to the first half of the show, the second half also contained four group dances. Sahari, the opening dance, Artsakh, a modern dance placed in the middle of the second half and closing dances, Musa-Lair and Zartir-Lao. Musa-Lair is a "shoushbar" kind of dance one might hear at a dinner dance but a la Yeraz style and Zartir-Lao, a patriotic tribute, with straight, rigid and almost militant movements.

Throughout the show, Mr. Vanoush Khanamirian could not contain his joy. Seated in the first row, ear-to-ear smile never left his face as he clapped constantly and made approving comments to the dancers and those around him. As he watched the performance, he was himself a joy to watch. "A heartfelt thanks to for his generosity and expertise. In just a few short weeks, he miraculously transformed Yeraz into a lean, mean



"Naz Bar" by Yeraz Dance Group

"SAINT SARKISIAN'S - FEATURED MEMBERS

As space permits, the editors will feature families and individuals who have played significant roles in keeping Saint Sarkis Armenian Church an active and vibrant place.

Featured this issue are the Megerians, ... Raffi, Haigouhi, John D., Paul M., Mark M., and Daniel R. Mr. and Mrs. Megerian are presently members of the Board of Trustees and Mrs. Megerian, following the footsteps of her mother in law, Naomi, has been active in all facets of church activities. With Mrs. Megerian active in the Ladies Guild, Saturday and Sunday schools, playing the organ with the choir, organizing church fundraising events such as the last two very successful "Mother's Day" parties and others, Mr.



Megerian gracefully providing tapestries for wall decorations during major events at the church, and their four sons, John D., a sub-deacon and in the Junior Board of Trustees, Paul M., a sub-deacon and formerly in the basketball program, Mark M., acolyte and Sunday school, and Daniel R., also in the Sunday School, and all four sons serving the church altar on regular basis, the family and their extended family contribute greatly to the quality of service provided by Saint Sarkis Church. We appreciate and applaud their continuing contributions at Saint Sarkis.

THE CHOEREG MAGIC

The Oranjian family are very active around the Church, with computer work, Saturday School, Sunday School, and Ladies Guild, but for Easter holidays they



outdid themselves with a great production of delicious choereg. Here they are, Sitta and her two beautiful helpers with a wonderful display of traditional Easter goodies. Will we have to wait till next Easter?? or maybe the Ladies' Guild Bazaar in November?? Hope for the latter.

OTHER NEWS

CATHOLICOS WILL VISIT EASTERN PRELACY IN OCTOBER

His Holiness Aram I, will visit the Eastern Prelacy from October 19 to November 1.

The primary purpose of the visit is to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Theological Seminary in Antelias, Lebanon.

This year is also the tenth anniversary of His Holiness' election and consecration as Catholicos of Cilicia. Full details of the events will be forthcoming.

VERY REV. FR. ANOUSHAVAN APPOINTED

Very Rev. Fr. Anoushavan Tanielian, the Vicar General of the Eastern Prelacy, has been appointed Ecumenical Officer in the United States for the Eastern and Western Prelacies. The appointment was announced by His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia. Hayr Anoushavan will carry out his new ecumenical duties while continuing to serve as the Vicar General of the Eastern Prelacy.

SAINT SARKIS CELEBRATES 15TH ANNIVERSARY

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Dr. Aram Cazazian, Chairman of the Board of Trustees recognized and thanked His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate, Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian, of blessed memory, Very Reverend Anoushavan Tanielian, Prelacy Vicar General and former Pastor of Saint Sarkis, and Mr. Bedros Givelekian, chairman of the Board for 20 years for guiding and nurturing Saint Sarkis through its formative years.

Dr. Aram Cazazian enumerated a list of goals for Saint Sarkis and urged all to raise and meet the future challenges facing Saint Sarkis. Mr. Bedros Givelekian, Chairman of the Board Emeritus of Saint Sarkis and a community activist took everyone on a short memory trip to the Consecration Day, with Catholicos Karekin I of blessed memory performing the ceremony.

A beautiful candle lighting ceremony symbolizing the theme of the afternoon - "Remembering the Past, celebrating the present, building for the future", had candles lit in memory of the previous Prelate- Mesrob Ashjian, of blessed memory and parishioners no longer with us, and a final candle lit by Der Nareg, representing the future. Many meritorious members of the church were recognized with Certificates of Merit, medals and other awards.

Archpriest Musegh Der Kaloustian fondly remembered his former spiritual brother and 1st pastor of Saint Sarkis, Der Asoghik Kelejian, and expressed his wishes that we all get to rejoice for the Church's 50th anniversary. *"20 years ago this parish was in mourning, following the destruction of the church by lighting. Now the parish is giving praise to God for their new sanctuary"* said Very Reverend Dr. Anoushavan Tanielian, former Pastor and presently Vicar

General of the Prelacy. He thanked Mr. Bedros Givelekian for his guidance and help and expressed his gratitude to the Prelate whom he knew for the seminary in Antelias as an older brother, mentor and inspiration.

The Very Reverend continued by saying that *"15 years as Pastor passed like a metaphoric flash, and in this life, everyone should try to fill the pages of life with goodness and service."* Continuing, he praised Drs. Louiza Kubikian and Aram Cazazian on

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producing yet another memorable and collectable booklet and concluded by saying *" May God bless our new Pastor and the memory of the former pastor Archpriests Asoghik Kelejian"*. At this time many meritorious members of the church were recognized with certificates of merit, medals and other awards, following which the closing words for the day were delivered by His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate.

"We congratulate and remember all who saw Saint Sarkis through its 15 years, whether alive or passed on" said His Eminence. Each one has temporary distractions in life, but one constant is God, faith and church. Persevere and be rewarded" he added.

The Prelate then thanked Very Reverend Anoushavan Tanielian for his faith, work ethic and service to Saint Sarkis Church and expressed his pleasure to have him as full time Vicar General. He was also pleased to have Rev. Father Nareg as new Pastor of Saint Sarkis.



"Support him and give him your love and he will guide you to a bright future and success. God bless you, your endeavors, your Pastor and your church" he concluded. A mem-



Queensborough President Helen Marshall receiving an award from Saint Sarkis Church

orable afternoon ended with an enthusiastic singing of Giligia.

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15TH ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

PRELACY AWARDS, Dr. Carlo Bayrakdarian, Raffi (missing) and Haigoubi Megerian, Yervant Sarkissian



PLAQUES, Karl and Alice Alajajian, Ara Artinian, Karnig and Ani Nercessian, Asdghig Kazanjian (missing), Dr. Raffi & Nairy Zobrabian



MEDALS, Edward Bekian, Gaydzag Boyadjian (missing), Amy Gostanian, Mary Arslanian

15TH ANNIVERSARY APPRECIATION AWARD,
Edward Barsamian, Ruben Daghyan, Gourgen Grigorian, Manoug and Dory Shishmanian



15TH ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

15TH ANNIVERSARY APPRECIATION AWARD

Anoush Dirielian, Maral Harutunian, Sandy Shamlan, (Missing: Hampig & Hasmig Azarian, Vabram Guiragossian, Lmiza Kalustian, Harry & Juliette Milian, Mardiros Minas Haftvani, Lena Oranjian, Raffi Sevdjian, Zaven Varjabedian).



SAINT SARKIS RECOGNITION AWARD *Thomas Arutyunian, Levon and Berdjouhi Boghossian, Bedros Kalajian, (Missing: Diane Boyadjian, Sam and Mary Sheshbedian*

YOUTH, *Alain Artinian, Daniel Gulbenkian, Tamar Harutunian, Michael Gostanian (missing).*



During the Candle Ceremony, the youngest and oldest parishioners, representing the future and the past of St Sarkis Church, were invited to light a candle. Pictured are Mr. George Kasparian and Mrs. Noemi Megerian and the Megerian children



Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian addressing the congregation as the newly appointed Pastor of St. Sarkis Armenian Church



Senator Frank Padavan speaking at the 15th Anniversary Banquet



Queensborough President Helen Marshall speaking at the 15th Anniversary Banquet



15th Anniversary Candle Lighting Ceremony.

Fifteen candles were lit honoring 15 years of service of the New St. Sarkis Church

1. *Archbishop Oshagan - In memory of departed St Sarkis parishioners*
2. *Drs Carlo and Aurora Bayradarian - Sponsor of 15th Anniversary*
3. *Dr. Aram Cazazian - Sponsor of Booklet*
4. *Drs. Arthur and Louiza Kubikian - Sponsor of Booklet*

5. *Mr. and Mrs. Karnig and Alice Alajajian*
6. *Dr. and Mrs. Armand Asadourian*
7. *Baghdassarian Family*
8. *Mr. and Mrs. Haig and Emma Baklajian*
9. *Mr. and Mrs. Ruben and Hasmig Daglyan*
10. *Mr. and Mrs. Varujan and Luiza Kalustian*
11. *Megerian Brothers*
12. *Mr. and Mrs. Antranig and Varsenne Sarkissian*
13. *Dr. Alina and Mr. Dan Stanciu*
14. *Dr. and Mrs. Raffi and Nairy Zohrabian*

15. *Very Rev. Anoushavan - Honoring the Auxiliary Bodies*
16. *Rev. Fr. Nareg - The future of St. Sarkis Church*

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«Հետեւարար այնպէս ապրեցէք որ Աստուած փառաւորուի ձեր մարմիններով»: (1 Կոր 6.20)

Մարմնական մաքրութիւնը Հին Կտակարանին մէջ կարեւոր էր: Երբ մէկու մը մարմինը ոեւէ պատճառով աղտոտ՝ պիղծ ըլլար այդ մարդը մեղաւոր կը համարուէր եւ հեռու կը մնար մարդոցմէ եւ մանաւանդ Տաճարէն՝ Աստուծոյ ներկայութենէն: Յունական աշխարհին մէջ, ուր մարդիկ իրենց փիլիսոփայական ըմբռնումները եւ բարոյական հասկացողութիւն ունէին՝ մարինը անտեսուած էր. հոգին էր կարեւորը: Քրիստոնէութիւնը, որ որպէս նոր կրօնք ծնունդը կառնէր Հին Կտակարանի հետեւողներուն միջեւ եւ աւելի ուշ կը տարածուէր Յոյներուն մէջ՝ ունէր իր յատկ ըմբռնումը մարդկային մարմինին նկատմամբ: Այդ ըմբռնումը լաւագոյնս կարելի է տեսնել Պօղոս Առաքեալի հետեւեալ խօսքերուն մէջ. «Չէ՞ք գիտեր թէ ձեր մարմինները Քրիստոսի անդամներն են... Չէ՞ք գիտեր որ ձեր մարմինները տաճարն են Սուրբ Հոգիին որ Աստուծմէ առիք եւ ձեր մէջ կը բնակի» (1 Կոր 6.20):

ա. Ինչպէս կրնայ ըլլալ որ մեր մարմինները Քրիստոսի անդամներ կրնան ըլլալ: Յովհաննու Աւետարանին մէջ Յիսուս կ'ըսէ «ինչպէս Հայրը, որ զիս դրկեց, կ'ապրի, եւ այ իրմով կ'ապրիմ: Նմանապէս, ով որ իմ մարմինն է կ'ուտէ պիտի ապրի ինձմով» (Յն 6.57): **Արդարեւ, ամէն անգամ որ մենք կը Հաղորդուինք, կենդանի Յիսուսը մեր մէջ կ'ունենանք, եւ երբ Յիսուս մեր մէջ կը բնակի մեր մարմինը բնականաբար իր անդամը կը դառնայ:**

բ. Մեր մարմինը Ս. Հոգիին տաճարն է: Ս. Հոգին երեւակայական բան մը չէ: Ամէն անգամ որ Մկրտութիւն կը կատարենք կ'աղօթենք որ Աստուած Ս. Հոգին դրկէ որ գայ եւ մանուկին մէջ բնակի: Պատարագի գրեթէ բոլոր աղօթքներուն մէջ կը խնդրելով Աստուծմէ որ Ս. Հոգին դրկէ որ գայ ու մաքրէ մեր սրտեր եւ մեզ պատրաստէ որ մենք արժանի ըլլանք Հաղորդուելու: Վստահաբար շատ հաւատացեալներ տեւական կ'աղօթեն Ս. Հոգիին որ Ինք առաջնորդէ իրենց կեանքը: Ս. Հոգին Աստուծոյ ներկայութիւնն է որ կու գայ եւ մեր մէջ կը բնակի եւ մենք միայն այն ատեն կը գտնենք մեր իրական վիճակը՝ այնպէս ինչպէս որ Աստուած մեզի ստեղծած է Իր պատկերով:

Պօղոս Առաքեալ կ'ըսէ. «Ամէն ինչ արտօնուած է ինձի. բայց ամէն ինչ օգտակար չէ» (1 Կոր 6.12): **Նոյնն է պարագան նաեւ մեզի՝ Քրիստոնէաներուն: Բոլորս կամքի կատարեալ ազատութիւն ունինք եւ կրնանք մեր ուզածը ընել սակայն ամէն բան մեր օգուտին չի ծառայեր: Զանազան արարքներ կան այս կեանքին մէջ որոնք ժամանակի մը համար շատ լաւ կրնան թուիլ, սակայն այդ վաղանցուկ հաճոյքը կամ ուրախութիւնը կրնայ քանդել մեր Քրիստոնէական էութիւնը: Կը դադրինք Քրիստոսի անդամները ըլլալէ, որովհետեւ Քրիստոս իրեն հաւատարիմ անդամներ կ'ուզէ: Յիշենք իր խօսքը. «Մարդ չի կրնար երկու տէրերու ծառայել» (Մտ6.24): **Նոյնպէս եւ մենք չենք կրնար Քրիստոսի անդամները ըլլալ մեր մարմինով եւ նոյն այդ մարմինը մխրճենք եւ թաղենք մոլորութիւններու, ցանկութիւններու եւ մեղքի տիղմին մէջ:****

«Ամէն ինչ արտօնուած է ինձի. բայց ամէն ինչ օգտակար չէ»: **Երբ մենք մեզի արտօնենք հետեւիլ մեր բոլոր ցանկութիւններուն, բնականաբար կը քանդենք Ս. Հոգիին Տաճարը եւ անգամ մը որ Ս. Հոգին մեր մէջ չապրիր գիտէ՞ք ինչ կը պատահի: մեր մարմինը կը դառնայ չարին տաճարը: Յիշենք Քրիստոսի ուսուցումը թէ ինչպէս չար ոգին կ'երթայ եւ իր հետ կը բերէ իրմէ աւելի չար այլ եօթը ոգիներ եւ մեր կեանքը կ'առաջնորդուի կործանումի (Մտ12.45):**

Մեր ամենօրեայ կեանքին մէջ մենք յաճախ կը մոռնանք մեր մարմիններուն արժէքը մինչեւ այն պահ որ հիւանդանոց կամ մեր մարմինն այս կամ այն մասը սաստիկ ցաւի: Այն ատեն կը սկսինք դարմանի մասին մտածել, բժիշկ տեսնել եւ դեղեր զործածել: Եթէ մեր մարմիններուն հիւանդութեան ցաւը մեզի տազնապ կը պատճառէ մտածենք այն ցաւին եւ տանջանքին մասին երբ մեր մարմնական ցանկութիւններուն եւ կիրքերուն պատճառով դժոխքի կրակին յանձնուինք...

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BASKETBALL PROGRAM NEWS

Since its re-inception 1991, in its 13th year, the Saint Sarkis Basketball Program has a lot to be proud of.

The regular season over, the Junior Boys team and the Men's team finished in 1st place, with a chance to win the Armenian Churches Sports Association Championship in the playoffs. Coming into a rebuilding season, the Juniors surprised us all with their early victories, with good performances from veterans Armen Shamamian, Ali Rezai, Vahe



Saint Sarkis Juniors Team - First Place

Hagopian and Chris Biramian. Much credit is to be given to the coaches, Vahram Shishmanian and Aksel Gulukian, who not only taught the youngsters basketball, but also made the practices fun. The players enjoy the team and made friends with other Armenian players. Both coaches also are presently members of the Saint Sarkis Men's team.



The Men's team finished the season undefeated and took the first place trophy for the regular season play. In the Championships, after taking an early lead in the first half, the team lost ground to a more experienced St. Vartan Cathedral team, last year's champions, and have been practicing hard over the summer. They look forward to another great season next year, under guidance from coaches Karnig and Krikor.

The Girls team has been through a rebuilding year, with uneven play, a mix of veterans and new play

ers facing a much stronger opposition from the St. Leon, Armenian Presbyterian Church and Holy Martyrs teams. Emma Biramian, Anahid Ovanesian, Sylva Shamamian, Alexia Yaziciyan and Elise Kochoumian - veterans were joined by younger talented players including Michelle Metchikian, Mary Hagopian, Aneta and Diana Arutyunyan, Voski Hosepian, and Malvina Shishmanian, with good promise for the upcoming season.

The Senior Boys team, is the team that shows the most energy, and started the season with a series of wins and good promise to be among the leaders in



Saint Sarkis Mens Team - First Place

the division. Injuries and uneven play in the second half prevented the team from achieving their potential, the team starting strong in every game and losing concentration as the game progressed. We look



Saint Sarkis Girls Team

forward to an exciting season as most of the team returns with more experience under their belt.

We are proud that Mr. Vartan Ovanesian, the coach of the Senior Boys team, was unanimously elected to serve as the league commissioner. On a different note, many of our players participated in the Homenetmen tournament in Philadelphia, in all teams.

If you would like to get information on joining the program at Saint Sarkis, please call Mr. Barsamian at 212-689-6273. The new season starts at the end of October and consists of four or five games in the fall and a similar number in the spring. We are always looking for **Junior boys: ages 10-14, Senior boys: ages 15-18, Men: ages 19 and over, and for our Girls Team: ages 11 to 18.** Tryouts for all teams are taking place on



Saint Sarkis Senior Boys Team

throughout the summer, so all those interested in joining the program are advised to contact Mr. Edward Barsamian or the church office for details. Mr. Barsamian can be reached at 718 458-7629 during evening hours.

We look forward to a great season with good sportsmanship, in a healthy Armenian environment. Hopefully, we can bring a few new trophies to add to our collection, in addition to smiles and fond memories.



Ping-Pong Club Dance Committee

IN MEMORIAM... DR. AGOP HAZARIAN

The Armenian community in Queens is saddened at the loss of a well-liked and respected member for many years, Dr. Agop Hazarian.

A kind, considerate, decent, courteous individual, he was a man of integrity and goodwill. To many, he was more than their doctor... he was their friend, confidant and many times... Savior Angel. Having immigrated



to the US in 1976 with his wife, Nadia, son Arthur, and his mother, Dr. Hazarian completed residencies in Internal Medicine and Hematology-Oncology, and became Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine. He opened an office in Sunnyside, Queens,

and his practice of compassionate medicine attracted patients from the local as well as the surrounding Armenian immigrant community. His son, Arthur followed in his father's footsteps and was certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Arthur Hazarian and his wife Dacia, also a specialist in Internal Medicine, blessed Dr. Agop and Mrs. Nadia with three grandchildren, and they were their pride and joy.

The Hazarian family has been attending Saint Sarkis Church for many years and Dr. Arthur is presently serving as a member of its Board of Trustees. The community mourns the loss of a valued member and extends its condolences to the Hazarian family. May God Bless Dr. Hazarian's soul.

PING-PONG DINNER DANCE

Once more this year, the club organized a fundraiser Dinner Dance benefiting St. Sarkis Church on April 16, 2005. This yearly event was chaired by Mrs. Adrine Nercessian with assistance of the ladies of the club who tended to every detail including the entertainment and preparation of delicious home cooking.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION



For the 2nd consecutive year Mrs. Haigouhi Megerian and a dedicated committee organized a wonderful luncheon honoring all mothers. Immediately following the invocation by Very Reverend Anoushavan Tanielian, Mr. Edward Barsamian, acting as Master of Ceremonies, introduced special guests Archbishop

Sebouh Sarkissian Primate of Teheran and Der Nareg Terterian.

Following a delicious luncheon prepared by the committee members, the program continued with two special treats: Hooshere, a very talented young singer with a honey-smooth voice singing modern interpretations of well known Armenian songs from the past, followed by the dynamic dancing of Yeraz, the fabulous Saint Sarkis dance group which had just performed to much



critical acclaim at Queens Borough Community College. Miss Hooshere's rendition of " Garode", "Hars Em Gnoom" and "Caravan" enchanted the audience, and Yeraz got everyone energized with dances such as "Hop Nino" showing off the boys, and "Gagatch" - for the girls. Mr. Karnig Nersessian, the founder and artistic Director of the group thanked everyone for their support and introduced Tomas Harutyunyan, and Mrs. Lena Orangian for their artistic contributions to the ensemble.

The Chairlady of the event, Mrs. Megerian thanked everyone for attending, and recognized members of the committee: Locin Megherian, Amy Gostanian, Sitta Oranjian, Nayda Voskerijian, Svetlana Indzhigulyan,

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Dory Shishmanian, Nairy Zohrabian, Dr. Louiza Kubikian and Ani Tervizian, who indeed organized a very memorable Mother's Day.



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Էլիզ Քիրճեան, մանրամասն ներկայացուց Սումկայիթի ջարդի հանգրուանները, օգտագործելով պատկերներ: Կարինէ Մաքրի անդրադարձաւ այն աշխատանքներուն մասին, որոնք կը տարուին ի խնդիր Հայ Դատի արդար լուծման:

Դասախօսութեան աւարտին առիթ տրուեցաւ հարցումներու որմէ ետք ձեռնարկը իր աւարտին հասաւ Հ. Անուշաւանին օրհնութեան խօսքով:

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"TO YOUR HEALTH !"

This was the title of a series of Preventive Medicine lectures held on Sunday, May 15, from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm in the Pagoumian Hall of the Church.



The well attended presentations included topics such as Alzheimer's disease, anxiety and depression, high blood pressure, dental implants, eye surgery, sports injuries, spinal health, osteoporosis, stress management, low back pain and others.

The health professionals who have graciously agreed to participate in this public service included: Dr. Elphida Ayvazian-Dentistry Dr. Armand Asadourian-General Surgery, Dr. Carlo Bayrakdarian and Dr. Aurora Dogaru-Psychiatry, Dr. Kevork Boyadjian-Internal Medicine, Dr. Richard Pashayan-Chiropractic, Dr. Alina Stanciu-Eye Surgery, and Dr. Raffi Zohrabian - Surgery and Immediate Care.

The audience fully enjoyed the informative lectures and had a chance to ask questions relevant to their health status. As in the previous lectures and Health Fairs, our own Dr. Arthur Kubikian of the Education Committee organized this event, and advised us that next in the series of Saint Sarkis lectures will address legal issues that affect our everyday lives.

The Education Committee includes Tamar Harutunian Esq. and she is organizing the upcoming event. One of St. Sarkis Church's goals is to serve the Armenian community by providing informative lectures on many useful topics.

**The Legal Lecture is scheduled for
Sunday, September 25.**

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ST. SARKIS SUNDAY SCHOOL HANTES

by Alice Alajajian

The afternoon began at 1:30 right after Badarak with Der Nareg Terterian blessing the delectable food that the parents, teachers and all the helpers of Sunday school had prepared. About a hundred parents, grand parents, aunts and uncles as well as adults who love children and are fulfilled by their growth and advancement were in attendance.

Mrs. Alice Alajajian, Principal of the Sunday School, welcomed all present and expressed her joy in seeing so many relatives present to encourage the children who had worked hard to memorize and learn their prayers, and in some instances their parts. Welcoming Very Reverend Anoushavan Tanielian, who had made a special effort to attend and encourage all those who had worked hard to complete the Sunday School year, Mrs. Alajajian concluded her welcome by stating: "Our Armenian Christian heritage had always had the Bible as the basis for teaching, our grandparents and our parents had used the lessons taught by the bible and made the book their resource for living, if that was good enough for them it is indeed good enough for us and our children who live in an age of turmoil." She wished them a joyous time and the program started.

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes taught by Mrs. Sitta Oranjian and Vassy Everekian combined their students in opening the program with various recitations and readings. The following students recited Anni Oranjian - aneg punootyoon , Sevag Hagopian-imasdootyoon hor hisoos, Armen Bijimianian - arka yergnavor, Alexandra Taschian - bahaban amenayni, Barsegh Everekyan -parerar der. Three of the youngsters read the books of the Bible both old and New Testament books.

The next were the 4th 5th & 6th grades taught by Mr. and Mrs. Levon and Berjouhi Boghosian. They presented a game called "Who is the Prisoner", having each student read from a passage of the scripture that describes the prisoner who is speaking and at the end asks who am I? Unless a person knows the scripture, this is a difficult game to play and audience participation was encouraged. At the end of the game each student received a gift from the principal.

The third and last class presented was the kindergarten class of Mrs. Maro Jamgochian & Mrs. Setta Bijimianian. Their presentations was "Noah's Ark", with the animals

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which God had enter the ark in order to preserve the land and its inhabitants. These where the lion, the tiger, the butterfly, the ladybug etc. The fun part was the children in costumes, which made the presentation a whole lot more interesting, since most adults already knew the story and how the ark landed on the Mount Ararat.

The afternoon ended on a happy tone especially when Very Reverend Anoushavan Tanielian presented each child and teacher with an individualized message on the gift booklet "IN FAITH I CONFESS", a wonderful memento of the time Hayr Soorp spent with the Sunday School students while he was the pastor of Saint Sarkis Church. The program ended with a closing prayer and of course singing "Giligia".



Sunday School Hantes

"Our Armenian Christian heritage had always had the Bible as the basis for teaching, our grandparents and our parents had used the lessons taught by the bible and made the book their resource for living, if that was good enough for them it is indeed good enough for us and our children who live in an age of turmoil."

Make your children part of that heritage. Let them join our Sunday School. Classes start Sunday, September 11, 2005 at 11:00 am



Vartanantz



Sunday School Hantes



SATURDAY SCHOOL

"A child is a person who is going to carry on what you have started. He is going to sit where you are sitting, and when you are gone, attend those things you think are important!"

Abraham Lincoln

Suzanne Hagopian wanted the success of Armenian children. She stated that she had overcome the difficulties of her life because of her rich heritage in strong principles, and her close family traditions that are prevalent among Armenians. She built our school to assure the success of our future generations. Won't you as a parent give that chance to your child? Come, see, bring your children to learn our language, our history, our values and our religious beliefs and traditions.

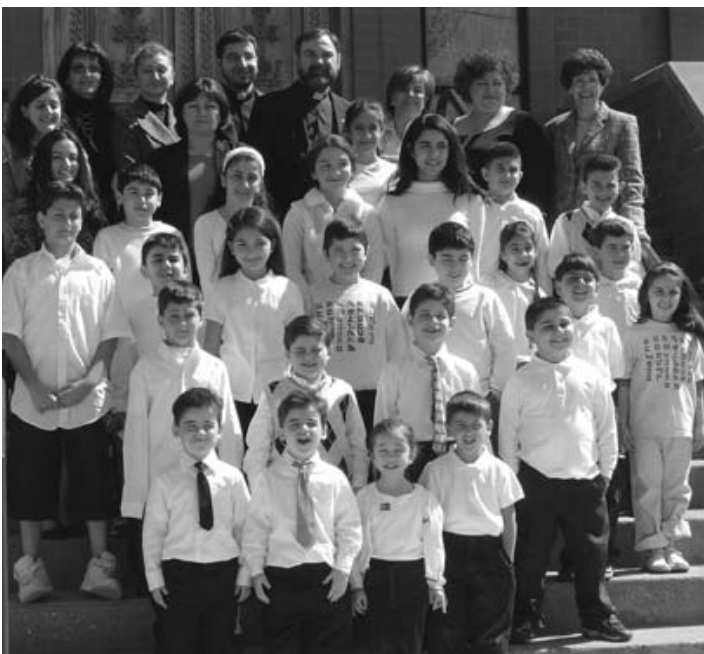
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Teaching staff of Saturday School



*Our Graduates: Aratboon Daniel, Tirakian Nicole, Demirjian Linda, Avetisian Albert, Minassian Jesica, and Oranjian Nevair.
From Kindergarten: Degoian Razmik and Megherian Shant*



St. Sarkis Suzanne & Hovsep Hagopian Armenian Saturday School

Will start its 2005 - 2006 Academic Year
On Saturday, September 10th, 2005

We would like to welcome

All new parents and students to join us in sharing our
Armenian culture

Our curriculum is based on Armenian language (taught
in both Eastern & Western dialects), History, Music
and Religion

Grades are from Nursery to 6th

For the first time

A class for the post graduates (free of charge)

School hours are from 9:30 to 1:00pm

Let's have a great year!

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

ALEC JORDAN STEFFENS, son of Mr. & Mrs. DAN & DEANNA, was baptized on January 16, 2005. His Godparents were ROBERT TOROSIAN and TANYA TOROSIAN

EMILY ASLANYAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. MIKAEL & LILYA, was baptized on April 10, 2005. Her Godparents were SAMUEL INDZIGULYAN and LILIT MANUKYAN

ANAHIT INDZIGULYAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. SAMUEL & LILIT, was baptized on April 10, 2005. Her Godparents were VARTAN INDZIGULYAN and SVETLANA INDZIGULYAN

STEPHEN MARDIROS OVANESSIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. OVANES & EILEEN, was baptized on April 10, 2005. His Godparents were ANDY OVANESSIAN and ELYSE BERNESTEIN

SAMANTHA JOSEPHINE VOSKINARIAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. ANDREW & BRENDA was baptized on May 07, 2005. Her Godparents were MICHAEL COLOMBO, and KRISTINA Mc ALLISTER

OLIVIA ANAHIT ABAJIAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. NAZARET & HERMINE, was baptized on May 14, 2005. Her Godparents were NORAIR SEFERIAN, GODFATHER LUSINE SEFERIAN

JACK HAGOP ABAJIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. NAZARET & HERMINE, was baptized on May 14, 2005. His Godparents were NORAIR SEFERIAN, and LUSINE SEFERIAN

DAVIT ARIS HOVANNESYAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. ARMEN & SUZANNA, was baptized on May 14, 2005. His Godparents were ARMEN BEZJIAN and RUZANNE BEZJIAN

NICKOLAS CHADRJIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. JOHN & CHRISTINE, was baptized on May 15, 2005. His Godparents were MICHAEL DERIAN, and LAURI DERIAN

ANGELINA LARA KOSTANIAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. KAREN & ELVIRA, was baptized on May 15, 2005. Her Godparents were FELIX KOSTANYAN and ARGINE SAFARI

MIA HAMAMGIAN, daughter of HAIG & SENJANA, was baptized on May 15, 2005. Her Godparents were GARY KRİKORIAN and MAGY KRİKORIAN.

NATALEYN L. ATAKHANIAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. YOURIK & PAULA, was baptized on May 15, 2005. Her Godparents were GEVIK ATAKHANIAN and MARI ATAKHANIAN.

ANI ALDA MARKARIAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. GRIGOR & SHUSHANIG, was baptized on May 22, 2005. Her Godparents were ZARE SINANIAN and LORI SINANIAN.

MAKAR MIKE MAKARIAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. GRIGOR & SHUSHANIK, was baptized on May 22, 2005. His Godparents were ZARE SINANIAN, and LORI SINANIAN

ROBERT ALEXANDER ACEBEDO, son of Mr. & Mrs. FERNANDO & LORETA, was baptized on June 04, 2005. His Godparents were ARMAND AGASIAN and LAURA AGASIAN

KAYLEE JANE DALIAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. HARRY & KENDRA, was baptized on June 04, 2005. Her Godparents were NICHOLAS PFEIFFER and ANGIE PFEIFFER.

ZACHARY JAMES GIMOYAN, son of Mr. & Mrs. ZAVEN & LISA, was baptized on June 05, 2005. His Godparents were TIMOTHY L. KARACSONY, and KIM WISNOWSKI.

ELLEN RIPSIME GIMOYAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. ZAVEN & LISA, was baptized on June 05, 2005. Her Godparents were TIMOTHY L. KARACSONY, and KIM WISNOWSKI.

MARIA PAPA ZIAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. MISAK & LENA, was baptized on June 05, 2005. Her Godparents were DIKRAN ARAKELIAN and SCARLET ARAKELIAN.

LARA MARI ACKER, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. ALEXANDER & ANI, was baptized on June 11, 2005. Her Godparents were VAROUJ OGHALI, and VARTOUG DORSEY

CECILE HASMIK SERROEN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. THOMAS & ROUBINA, was baptized on June 26, 2005. Her Godparents were ROBERT SERROEN and HASMIK ISRAELIAN

MANEH ARAKELYAN, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. ASHOT & HASMIK, was baptized on July 05, 2005. Her Godparents were ARA SIMONIAN and SHUSHAN PETROSYAN

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

WEDDINGS

ROBERT MKRTTCHIAN & ANNA GHASABYAN were married on April 16, 2005. Best Man and Maid of Honor were JICAN MOVSESYAN and ASTGHIK POGOSYAN.

JAMES GETTINGS & ARPI NAZARIAN were married on May 17, 2005. Best Man and Maid of Honor were JEFFREY GETTINGS and ANI NAZARIAN

EDUARDO FIQUEROA & CLARA MESROPIAN were married on April 23, 2005. Best Man and Maid of Honor were SEVAK MESROPIAN and BETTY ABAJIAN

RAZMIK NENEJIAN & SONYA SIMONIAN were married on June 25, 2005. Best Man and Maid of Honor were RAFFI NENEJIAN and JEANETTE NENEJIAN

RAIMOND LIVASGANI & EDITH YAVARIAN were married on April 30, 2005. Best Man and Maid of Honor were, ARBI NAZARIAN and ANIA ENANIAN

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

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ARAIK V. BARSEGIAN
(November 09 1956 - February 26, 2005)

ANAHIT EDZHURYAN
(June 10, 1934 - July 31, 2005)

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

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

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

May God Bless You!

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Sheshedian, Samuel M/M	200	Indzhigulyan, Samuel M/M	50
Soylemezian, Garo M/M	200	Kaladjian, Kevork M/M	50
Alajajian, Karl M/M	150	Kallem, Gary M/M	50
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Savadjian, John M/M	40
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Gulbenkian, Edward M/M	25
Agasian, Garbis M/M	20
Boyadjian, Agop	20
Dagheroglu, Haykouhi Mrs.	20
Garabedian, Sona Ms.	20
Ghimusian, Hasmik Mrs.	20
Harghel, Family	20
Manuelian, Noubar M/M	20
Tavitian, Stepan M/M	20
Tchagatzbanian, Family	20
Babelk, Z	10

**Additional Donations in lieu of flowers
for the late, Hagop Mengouchian**

Alajajian, Karl M/M	100
Baker, Nubar M/M	100
Bezazian, Ohannes Mr.	100
Yeghichian, Garo M/M	100
Sadyan, Rouben M/M	50
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Oranjian, Zaven M/M	20

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Darmanian, Berge M/M	100
Melonian, Krikor Mr.	100
Yanar, Kevork M/M	100
Baberian, Nora Ms.	50
Basmadjian, Noubar M/M	50
Yetemian, Hasmik Ms.	25

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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. Dikran Toma or the Church office at 718-224-2275.

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has rehearsals every Friday in the Chadrijian Hall of the Church. Those interested in Joining the new New York dancing sensation are invited to call Mr. Karnig Nercessian, the Director of the Group, at **516-364-9228** or the Church office at **718-224-2275**

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Saint Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church is always ready to serve you.

Please call the office at 718 224-2275 for assistance with:

- Hall Rental information
- Scheduling of Requiem Services, Weddings, Baptisms
- Inquiries about church membership and activities
- Information about Saturday and Sunday Schools
- Information on Auxiliary Bodies and their Activities
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For **Requiem Service**, please call the church office the latest by **FRIDAY** noon, so we can include the name in the **Sunday Bulletin**.

Do you have **some one who is sick** at home or in the hospital? please call the church office or Pastor's home for visit from our Der Hayr Nareg Terterian.

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

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