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#### E-NEWSLETTER

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2013

#### **REV. FR. MESROB LAKISSIAN, PASTOR**



98<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE WAS MARKED WORLDWIDE

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#### APRIL 24, 1915—APRIL 24, 2013 98th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide

#### SOLEMN DIVINE LITURGY AT ST. ILLUMINATOR'S CATHEDRAL AND WALK TO THE UN

On Wednesday, April 24, 2013, His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar General, presided over the Divine Liturgy, Requiem Service and delivered the sermon at St. Illuminator's Cathedral, in remembrance of the martyrs of the Armenian Genocide. The Liturgy was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, Pastor, with the participation of Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian, Pastor of St. Sarkis Armenian Church, Douglaston, NY. Madagh was offered following the services. The day was concluded with the Walk to the United Nations.

















#### JOINT STATEMENT

#### His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians, Holy See of Etchmiadzin His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of Cilicia, Holy See of Cilicia

We Demand Turkey Return Confiscated Armenian Churches and Church Properties

In 2015, Armenians living in the Republics of Armenia and Karabagh and in the Diaspora will commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1915 Genocide of the Armenian people, planned and executed by Ottoman Turkey. In 1915, more than one-and-a-half million Armenians were victims of the

Genocide. The survivors of the deportation and exile found refuge in Eastern Armenia (the current Republic of Armenia), Syria, Lebanon, other Arab countries, and various countries around the world.

Armenians living under the Ottoman Empire in Western Armenia, Cilicia and other regions of Turkey, lost all their personal belongings as well as their churches, monasteries, holy sites, religious, educational, and charitable centers, cultural and religious relics and artifacts of great value, including cross-stones, manuscripts, and holy pictures. All of the properties belonging to those massacred and those forcibly deported were usurped by the Turkish government under the pretext of being "abandoned properties."

Ninety-eight years after the Armenian Genocide, the current Turkish Republic, the legal successors of the Ottoman Empire, not only refuses to acknowledge the well-planned and executed genocide, but continues its anti-Armenian policy, keeping in bondage the Armenian people's confiscated properties and artifacts, as well as religious and cultural treasures.

Therefore, we send this appeal to the Turkish government with the following demands:

1. Recognition of the Armenian Genocide.

2. Total reparations for Armenian losses in human lives and human rights.

3. The immediate return of churches, monasteries, church properties, and all religious and cultural sites to their rightful and legal owners, the Armenian people.

As we pray for the memory of our victims of the Genocide, we condemn all violent acts against God-given human lives, all assaults on human dignity, and all acts that disrupt peaceful co-existence, because "God is a God not of disorder but of peace," (I Corinthians 14:33), who invites people to love, to live together, and cooperate in peace and harmony.

We remember with gratitude all those people and governments who during the Genocide sheltered the deported Armenians and showed care and brotherly love toward them.

The Armenian people will always remain grateful to all those governments, who driven by their principles of compassion and justice, have condemned and officially recognized the Armenian Genocide.

On the threshold of the 100th Anniversary commemoration of the Armenian Genocide, we shall work together to achieve the demands of the Armenian people in the name of justice and in defense of the rights of the Armenian people.

April 24, 2013

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#### WEDDING

**Michael Yetemian** and **Emma Tchilingarian** were united in the Holy Matrimony at the St. Illuminator's Cathedral on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Mark Yetemian and Natalie Agcaian were Best Man and Matron of Honor: We congratulate newlywed couple, their parents Ms. Hasmik Yetemian and Mr. and Mrs. Martiros & Arusyak Tchilingarian





#### SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2013

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#### **ԱՒԵՏԱՐԱՆ ԸՍՏ ՅՈՎՀԱՆՆՈՒ (7:14-23)**

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#### **APPARITION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (7:14-23)

About the middle of the festival Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach. The Jews were astonished at it, saying, "How does this man have such learning, when he has never been taught?" Then Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine but his who sent me. Anyone who resolves to do the will of God will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own. Those who speak on their own seek their own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and there is nothing false in him. Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why are you looking for an opportunity to kill me?"

The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is trying to kill you?" Jesus answered them, "I performed one work, and all of you are astonished. Moses gave you circumcision (it is, of course, not from Moses, but from the patriarchs), and you circumcise a man on the sabbath. If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath in order that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because I healed a man's whole body on the Sabbath? Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

#### **BIBLE READINGS**

Acts 17 : 1 – 15 1 John 1 : 1-10

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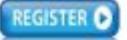
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