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*ST. ILLUMINATOR'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CATHEDRAL
NEW YORK, NY*

E-NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2013

REV. FR. MESROB LAKISSIAN, PASTOR



Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian leads the flag blessing ceremony

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ST. ILLUMINATOR CATHEDRAL'S WEEKLY NEWS

FLAG BLESSING AND PRAYERS FOR THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

On Sunday, May 26, 2013, special prayers and blessing of the flag was held at St. Illuminator's Cathedral on the occasion of 95th Anniversary of the First Armenian Republic and 22nd Anniversary of the current Republic of Armenian.



Արիւնից ծորած երիզ մի **կարմիր**,
Երկնքից պոկուած կտոր մի **կապոյտ**,
Հասուն հասկերի շող **նարնջագոյն**,
Եւ վեց դարերի խաւարի վրայ
Դրօշ **Եռագոյն**...

Անդրանիկ Ծառուկեան

HISTORY OF ARMENIA: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE
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Dr. Artur Martirosyan

SACRAMENTS

WEDDING

Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian officiated the wedding ceremony of GEORGE TOGHOLIAN and GEANINA FILIP at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. Paul in Hempstead, NY.

We congratulate newlywed couple and their parents Mr. & Mrs. Antranik and Rosette Togholian and Mr. & Mrs. George and Maria Filip.



Newlywed Mr. & Mrs. George and Geanina Togholian



2013

ՀԱՅ ՄՕՐ ՏԱՐԻ



«Մի տուն հաստատ կը լինի, եթէ հոն մայրերի կրթութիւն կայ: Առաջին բնական եւ մեծ ուսուցիչը, կրթողը մայրն է. աստուածաբանն ու դաստիարակը մայրն է, մանաւանդ բարեպաշտ մայրեր, որոնք միայն լեզուով չեն ուսուցաներ, այլեւ՝ բարի օրինակով»:

Խրիմեան Հայրիկ

«Ընտանեկան յարկը փոքրիկ եկեղեցի մըն է, եւ ծնողները, յատկապէս ՄԱՅՐԸ, այդ եկեղեցու պաշտօնեան»:

*Գարեգին Ա. Կաթողիկոս
Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ*

«Ինձ քարոզել են շատ յայտնի քարոզիչներ, շատերից են լսել Աստուծու խօսքը, բայց ամէնատպաւորիչը, ամէնաազդուն իմ տատիկի՝ մեծ մօրս խօսքն է եղել, երբ ինձ՝ 7 տարեկան մանչուկիս այնպէս պատմեց Քրիստոս Աստուծու մասին, որ մինչեւ կեանքիս վերջը չեմ մոռանայ»:

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Ամենայն Հայոց*



Education

Corner



FEAST OF ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR: DELIVERANCE FROM THE PIT

This Saturday, June 1, is the Feast of St. Gregory the Illuminator's emergence from the pit (*Khor Viraben Yelkuh*). Gregory is revered as the patron saint of the Armenian Church. He is recognized and memorialized in both eastern and western hierarchical churches. The Armenian liturgical calendar reserves three feast days in his honor: Entrance into the pit, emergence from the pit, and discovery of relics. In addition to these three days, there are several feast days to which he is closely connected, namely the feast days for Sts. Hripsimiantz, Sts. Gayaniantz, Shoghakat, Holy Etchmiadzin, and King Trdat. The Roman Catholic Church, Orthodox churches, and Oriental Orthodox churches have special days in their calendars for the veneration of St. Gregory, who is considered to be one of the Fathers of the early Christian church.

Gregory was condemned to the pit in 287 AD by King Trdat and the persecution of Christians began. After the martyrdom of a group of nuns who came to Armenia from Rome led by Hripsime and Gayane, Trdat was stricken with strange maladies. His sister, Khosrovidukht, had a dream that Gregory was the only person who could heal her brother. Miraculously, Gregory was still alive after many years in the pit, thanks to an angelic woman who lowered food and water into the pit each day. Gregory emerged from the pit; the king was healed and baptized, and he declared Christianity to be the official religion of Armenia. Gregory was not the first to preach Christianity in Armenia. That distinction belongs to the apostles Thaddeus and Bartholomew who came to Armenia in the first century, and thus gave the Armenian Church its apostolic designation. Nevertheless, Gregory is revered in the Armenian Church and is considered by Armenians to be the father of their faith. Hundreds of churches have been built and named in his honor.



"The ancient calendars of the still undivided Church celebrated him [Gregory] on the same day in both the East and the West as a tireless apostle of truth and holiness. The father in faith of the whole Armenian people, St. Gregory still intercedes from heaven today, so that all the children of your great nation may at last gather round the one table prepared by Christ, the divine Shepherd of one flock."
Pope John Paul II in his "Apostolic Letter for the 1700th Anniversary of the Baptism of the Armenian People," issued February 2, 2001.

FEAST OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN

This Sunday, June 2, is the Feast of Holy Mother Etchmiadzin, the cathedral built by St. Gregory after his deliverance from the pit, to the specifications he saw in a vision, and on the place marked by the Lord with a golden hammer. This feast day commemorates the establishment of the Armenian Church and the end of paganism.

Etchmiadzin is the oldest example of a four-altar, four-pillar, domed, cruciform church in Christian architecture. More than 1,700 years old, it is the oldest surviving Armenian Christian site. Relief sculptures on the exterior walls are some of the oldest examples of the Christian Armenian art of sculpting.

Armenian Prelacy: “Crossroads”



«Էջ միածինն ի հօրէ եւ լոյս փառաց ընդ նմա.
ձայնք հնչեցին սանդարամետք անդնոց:

Տեսեալ ըզլոյս մեծ հայրապետին գրիգորի,
պատմէր ցնծութեամբ հաւատացեալ արքային:

Եկայք շինեսցուք սուրբ ըզխորանն լուսոյ.
քանզի ի սմա ծագեաց մեզ լոյս ի հայաստան աշխարհի»:

(ՇԱՐԱԿԱՆ)

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2013

Բ. ԿԻՐԱԿԻ ՀՈԳԵԳԱԼՈՒՄՏԷՆ ԵՏՔ

ՏՕՆ ՍՈՒՐԲ ԷԶՄԻԱԾՆԻ

ԱԲԵՏԱՐԱՆ ԸՍՏ ՅՈՎՀԱՆՆՈՒ (10:22-30)

Չմեռ էր. Երուսաղեմի մէջ տաճարին նաւակատիքի տօնակատարութիւնը տեղի կ'ունենար: Յիսուս տաճարին Սողոմոնի սիւնազաւիթին մէջ կ'երթեւեկէր, երբ իր շուրջ հաւաքուեցան հրեաները եւ հարցուցին. - Մինչեւ ե՞րբ մեր հոգին պիտի հանես. եթէ դուն ես Քրիստոսը՝ յստակ ըսէ մեզի:

Յիսուս պատասխանեց. Արդէն իսկ ձեզի ըսած եմ, սակայն չէք հաւատար: Այն գործերը որ Հօրս անունով կը կատարեմ, անոնք իսկ կը վկայեն՝ թէ ով եմ ես: Բայց դուք չէք հաւատար, որովհետեւ իմ ոչխարներէս չէք: Ես ոչխարներս կը ճանչնամ. անոնք ձայնս կը լսեն եւ կը հետեւին ինձի, եւ ես անոնց յաւիտենական կեանք կու տամ. անոնք բնաւ պիտի չկորսուին: Ոչ որ պիտի կարենայ զանոնք յափշտակել իմ ձեռքէս: Հայրս այդ ոչխարները ինձի տուաւ, եւ ոչ որ կրնայ յափշտակել զանոնք իմ Հօրս ձեռքէն, որովհետեւ Հայրս բոլորէն աւելի մեծ է: Ես եւ Հայրս մէկ ենք:

ՃՇ. ԸՆԹԵՐՅՈՒՄ

Առ. 9: 1 - 6 Չբ. 3: 7- 4: 9 Երբ. 9: 1-10

***SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FEAST OF HOLY ECHMIADZIN***

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (10:22-30)

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

BIBLE READINGS

Prov. 9: 1 – 6 Zech. 3: 7- 4: 9 Hebrews 9: 1-10

AGHAJAN KARAGOZIAN

(1929 – 2013)

Memorial service for Aghajan Karagozian was held at the St. Illuminator's Cathedral on Friday, May 31, 2013.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his son Mr. Ohan Karagozian.

Asdvatz hokeen lousavoreh. May God illuminate his soul.

R E Q U I E M

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SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2013



Requested by:

Mr. & Mrs. Noubar and Sevan Basmajian and son Aram

In loving memory of their brother and uncle

VREJ KHATCHADOURIAN – 1st Anniversary

Requested by:

Mr. & Mrs. Krikor and Hilda Esayan and son Nareg

In loving memory of their father and grandfather

ARSEN ESAYAN – 26th Anniversary

Also in loving memory of deceased members of Esayan, Yezekyan and Dedeyan families

Requested by:

Mr. & Mrs. Ara and Sossie Armenagian and family

Mr. & Mrs. Sarkis and Fiona Sarkissian and family

Mr. & Mrs. Vahe and Sona Haroutunian and family

Mr. & Mrs. Mardik and Maro Sarkissian and family

In loving memory of their parents and grandparents

NIGOGHOS SARKISSIAN -50th Anniverary

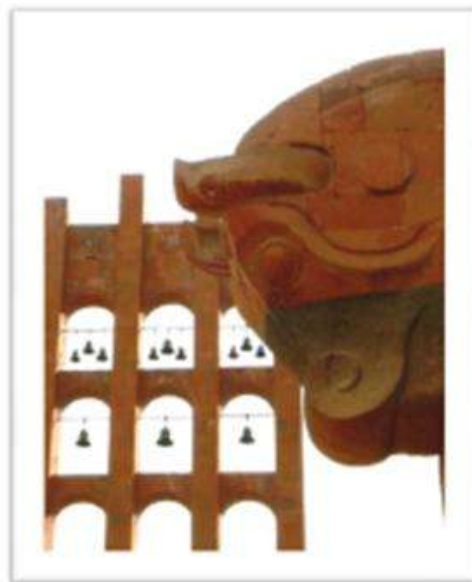
ADRINE SARKISSIAN – 6th Anniversary

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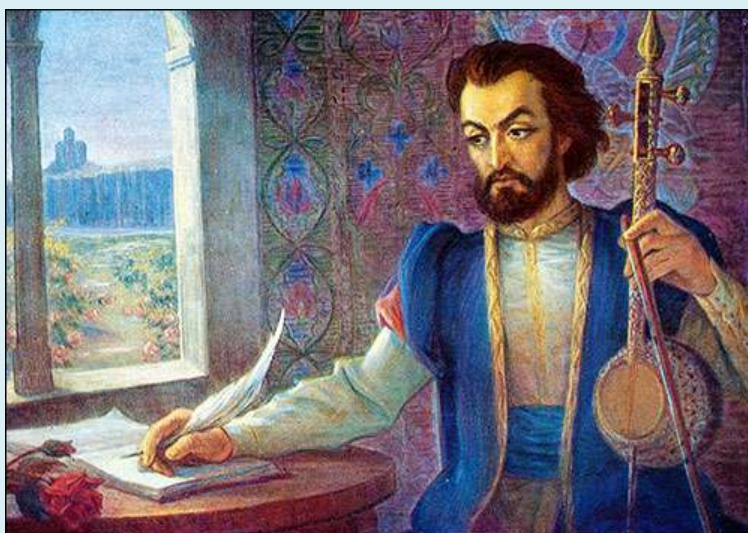
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