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

## ***E-NEWSLETTER***

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2013**

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



**22<sup>nd</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

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## ST. ILLUMINATOR'S WEEKLY NEWS

### *A weekend full of events at the St. Illuminator's Cathedral*

September 14 - 15, 2013 was a glorious weekend for the Cathedral's parish:

Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Antasdan (The Blessing of the Four Corners of the World)

Blessing of Basil and Madagh

Weddings, Baptism

Golden Anniversary

Dedication Service

Book Presentation



*Rev. Fr. Lakissian blesses the faithful gathered in the Cathedral for the Antasdan service*



*Blessing of the basil*



*Faithful receives the blessed basil*

TRADITIONAL MEAL “HARISSA” – ՄԱՏԱՂՕՐՀՆԷՔ



*Rev. Lakissian and deacons of the St. Illuminator’s Cathedral during the Blessing of Madagh ceremony*



*Preparation of Harissa*



*Serving of Madagh*

## A NEW MONUMENTAL BOOK BY HAWK

A new book, that has taken many years of work to complete, was presented last Sunday at St. Illuminator's Cathedral. The book, "One Church, One Nation," is a result of a promise made by the book's author, noted photographer Hrair Hawk Khatcherian, twenty years ago.

Introduced by Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, pastor of the Cathedral, Hawk explained the events that led to this day. In 1993 he was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer and given only ten days to live. Khatcherian described how as he contemplated this grim prognosis, he made a promise to God that if He allowed him to live, he would photograph every Armenian church in every country in the world. At the same time, in the same hospital, his mother-in-law, Araxie, was given a diagnosis of advanced breast cancer. "She died holding my hand and she passed along the rest of her life to me," Hawk told the audience. "I had ten days to live, not ten days to die. That was twenty years ago. I'm still around." Appropriately, this book is dedicated in loving memory of Araxie.

A lively and engaging speaker, Khatcherian described the ambitious project and his many journeys that took him around the world in fulfillment of his promise. The audience had many questions for him that he happily answered. Afterwards he signed copies of this newest volume as well as his other books that were available for purchase.



## DEDICATION SERVICE

DR. ROUBEN MELIK VARTANIAN  
(1924 - 2007)

On Sunday, September 15, after the Divine Liturgy, Dedication service took place in memory of Dr. Rouben Melik Vartanian, who since 1948 has been a member of the St. Illuminator's Cathedral and has served as a trustee, chairman of the Board and delegate. A plaque in his memory was placed on the wall of the Vestry.



*Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian with Melik Vartanian Family*



## VESTRY

**DEDICATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
DR. ROUBEN MELIK VARTANIAN  
BELOVED HUSBAND AND FATHER**

**DONATED BY**

**MRS. GEMMA MELIK VARTANIAN AND CHILDREN  
ARMEN, DR. ROBERT AND SANDRA**

## ***GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY***

On Saturday, September 14, 2013, family members and friends gathered at the St. Illuminator's John Pashalian Hall to celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hovhannes and Berjouhi Yessaian, dedicated members of our Mayr Yegeghetsi.



*Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian presents Mr. and Mrs. Yessaian the plaque which said:*

### **ՇՆՈՐՀԱՒՈՐԱԿԱՆ ԳԻՐ**

**(Տէր եւ Տիկին Յովհաննէս եւ Պերճուհի Եսայեաններու Սուրբ Պատկադրութեան 50-ամեակին առիթով)**

**Ս. Լուսաւորիչ Մայր Եկեղեցոյ մեծ ընտանիքի անունով կը շնորհատրենք Ձեր պատկադրութեան  
50-ամեակը:**

**Կ'աղօթենք ու կը մաղթենք, որ Աստուած առողջութիւն, յաջողութիւն եւ երջանկութիւն պարգեւէ Ձեզի եւ  
իւր Հայրական օրհնութեան ներքեւ պահէ համայն Եսայեան ընտանիքը:**

**Աղօթարար՝  
Մեսրոպ Քինյ. Լազիսեան  
Հոգեւոր Հովիւ  
Ս. Լուսաւորիչ Մայր Եկեղեցոյ**

**Սեպտեմբեր 14, 2013**

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE ARMENIAN RELIEF SOCIETY OF EASTERN REGION VISITED ST. ILLUMINATOR'S CATHEDRAL**

On Sunday, September 15, Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian welcomed Executive Board of the ARS Eastern Region, headed by Chairlady, Mrs. Ani Attar. The pastor greeted the members and wished them success in their endeavors, and highly commended the dedicated service of the ARS.



*Rev. Mesrob Lakissian with Dr. Herant Markarian, Mrs. Ani Attar, Mrs. Valentin Berberian, Ms. Sevan Kolejan and the members of ARS NY "Mayr" Chapter*

## **PRAYER SERVICE FOR UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

V. Rev. Fr. Sahag Yemishyan and Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian represented Archbishop Oshagan at the Prayer Service on the occasion of the opening of the 68th session of the United Nations General Assembly. The service took place at the Church of the Holy Family on Monday, September 16.

The Reverend Gerald E. Murray, Pastor of the Church of the Holy Family, welcomed the guests. Remarks were offered by His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York; His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations; His Excellency Mr. Vuc Jeremic, President of the 67th session of the General Assembly; and His Excellency The Most Reverend Francis A. Chullikatt,

Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations. The service consisted of prayers, readings, and hymns.

Many of the prayers called for an end of violence and war, and especially for peace in Syria and the Middle East.



*Cardinal Timothy Dolan with V. Rev. Sahag Yemishyan, Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian and Ecumenical leaders*

## SEMINAR ON ARMENIAN LITERATURE CONTINUES

Last night, the third session of the seminar, “A Brief Introduction to Modern Armenian Literature,” presented by Dr. Vartan Matiossian, Executive Director of the Armenian National Education Committee (ANEC), was held at Pashalian Hall. The session was dedicated to Eastern Armenian literature between 1850 and 1920. The next session, which will be dedicated to the literature of the Diaspora, will be moved to Wednesday, September 25, from 7:00 to 8:30. All interested parties are welcome.



*Dr. Vartan Matiossian*



# SACRAMENTS

## WEDDINGS

MARCELO PORTO and MELINE HOVNANIAN were united in the Holy Matrimony at the St. Illuminator's Cathedral on Saturday, September 14, 2013.

James Barriga and Nadine Hovnanian were Best Man and Matron of Honor.

We congratulate newlywed couple, their parents Mr. & Mrs. Camer and Gabriela Hovnanian and Mr. & Mrs. Miguel and Anita Porto.



*Dn. Shant Kazanjian, Marcelo Porto, Meline Hovnanian  
and Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian*

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On Sunday, September 15, 2013 Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian participated at the Wedding Ceremony of  
EVGENY FANUK and SERPOUHI (CECEE) PANTIKIAN.



*Serpouhi (Cecee) Pantikian with her parents Mr. & Mrs. Sampad and Aneta Pantikian*



BRYCE NELSON ISRAELIAN-GARCIA, son of Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Garcia and Sabina Israelian-Garcia, was baptized on Sunday, September 15, 2013 at the St. Illuminator's Armenian Apostolic Cathedral.

Jesus Jorge and Lisa Tweedy were godparents.

We extend our congratulations to the newly baptized Bryce Nelson and his parents.



*Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, Jesus Jorge, Lisa Tweedy, Sabina Israelian-Garcia with baby Bryce Nelson, Nelson Garcia and Dn. Shant Kazanjian*

2013

ՀԱՅ ՄՕՐ ՏԱՐԻ

THE YEAR OF THE ARMENIAN MOTHER



ՄԱՅՐԻԿԻՍ

... Միայն հողի հետ կարող եմ չափել  
Սիրտը մայրական յաւերժ բարեգութ,  
Յաւերժ սիրառատ եւ յաւերժ անսուտ:  
Միայն հողի հետ կարող եմ չափել:  
Ու եթէ անսուտ այս հողի վրայ  
Հազար ձեւերով կեանքն է բողբոջում,  
Այդ նրանից է, որ ծոցում նրա  
Յաւերժ կենդանի մօր սիրտն է ննջում:

Աղանի

My mother had a great deal  
of trouble with me,  
but I think she enjoyed it.

Mark Twain

A father's work is from sun to sun,  
but a mother's work is never done.

Unknown

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2013

**ՔԱՐԵԿԵՆԴԱՆ ՎԱՐԱԳԱՅ Ս. ԽԱՉԻ**

**ԱԲԵՏԱՐԱՆ ԸՍՏ ՄԱՐԿՈՍԻ (10: 1-12)**

Յիսուս հոնկէ ելլելով՝ եկաւ Հրէաստանի սահմանները, Յորդանան գետին դիմացի կողմը, եւ դարձեալ ժողովուրդը խոնուեցաւ իր շուրջ, եւ ինք իր սովորութեան համաձայն նորէն անոնց կ'ուսուցանէր: Փարիսեցիները Յիսուսը փորձելու մտադրութեամբ մօտեցան անոր եւ հարցուցին. - Մեր Օրէնքին համաձայն մէկը իրաւունք ունի՞ իր կինը արձակելու: Յիսուս անոնց պատասխանեց. - Մովսէս ի՞նչ օրէնք սահմանեց ձեզի: Անոնք պատասխանեցին. - Մովսէս մեզի արտօնութիւն տուաւ բաժանման թողոք տալու կնոջ եւ արձակելու զայն: Յիսուս ըսաւ անոնց. - Մովսէս ձեր խստասրտութեան պատճառով այդ օրէնքը սահմանեց: Սակայն սկիզբէն, արարածներու ստեղծագործութեան ժամանակ, Աստուած *«արու եւ էգ ստեղծեց մարդիկը»* եւ ըսաւ անոնց. *«Այս պատճառով այրը պիտի ձգէ իր հայրն ու մայրը եւ իր կնոջ միանայ, եւ երկուքը մէկ մարմին պիտի ըլլան»*: Հետեւաբար, այլեւս երկու չեն, այլ՝ մէկ մարմին: Արդ, ոեւէ մէկը թող չբաժնէ անոնք՝ որ Աստուած միացուց:

Տան մէջ աշակերտները դարձեալ նոյն նիւթին շուրջ հարցուցին Յիսուսի: Անիկա պատասխանեց. – Ով որ իր կինը արձակէ եւ ուրիշ մը առնէ՝ շնութիւն ըրած կ'ըլլայ առաջինին դէմ: Կինն ալ, եթէ իր ամուսինէն արձակուելէն ետք ուրիշի մը հետ ամուսնանայ՝ կը շնայ:

**ՃՇ. ԸՆԹԵՐՑՈՒՄ**

Եւ. 14: 3-17    Բ. Կոր. 10:18-11-10

**EVE OF THE FAST OF THE HOLY CROSS OF VARAK**

*THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (10: 1-12)*

He left that place and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan. And crowds again gathered around Him; and as was His custom, He again taught them. Some Pharisees came, and to test Him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same matter. So He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries commits adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

**BIBLE READINGS**

Isaiah 14: 3-17    2 Cor. 10:18-11-10



*Requested by:*

St. Illuminator's Cathedral Family  
In memory of their beloved parishioner  
**ANGELA NAZARETIAN – 7<sup>th</sup> Day**

*Requested by:*

Ms. Deanna Shakarian  
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**LEVON & ELENA SHAKARIAN**

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Mrs. Nicole Karian Sims and children Shai, Charles and Galit  
In memory of their beloved father and grandfather  
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*Requested by:*

Mrs. Ani Boorajian  
Ms. Hope Boorajian  
In memory of their beloved brother and uncle  
**SARKIS KARIAN – 40<sup>th</sup> Day**  
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in celebration of the  
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ԳՐՈՂ ԵՒ ԱԶԳԱՅԻՆ ՄՇԱԿ**

*ՅՈՒՇ ԵՐԵԿՈՅ ՄԱՀՈՒԱՆ ՏԱՐԵԼԻՑԻՆ ԱՌԹԻՒ*



*ԿԸ ԴԱՍԱԽՕՍԵՆ՝ ՎԱՐԴԱՆ ՄԱՏԹԷՈՍԵԱՆ և ՅԱԿՈԲ ՊԱԼԵԱՆ*

*ԿԸՆԹԵՐՑԷ ԼԻԶԱ ԵՍԱՅԵԱՆ*

*ՀԱՆԴԻՍԱՎԱՐՈՒԹԵԱՄԲ ՌՈՒԲԷՆ ՊԱՐՍՈՒՄԵԱՆԻ*

*Հոգեհանգստեան պաշտօն պիտի կատարուի Ս. Պատարագի ընթացքին:*

*ՀԻԲՐԱՍԻՐՈՒԹԻՒՆ*

*ՄՈՒՏՔԸ ԱԶԱՏ*

*Կիրակի, Մեպտեմբեր 29, 2013, ժամը 2:00-ին:*

*Սուրբ Լուսաւորիչ Մայր Տաճարի Փաշալեան Սրահին մէջ*



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Հայրենի Թատերադիր  
 ՍԱՄՈՒԷԼ ԿՈՍՅԱՆԻ

# ԿԵԱՆՔԸ ՎԱՆԴԱԿԻ ԿՈՂՔՈՎ

«Կապույտ Կայրիկ, Բե՛...»

Քննադրիչ Եւ Ղեկավար  
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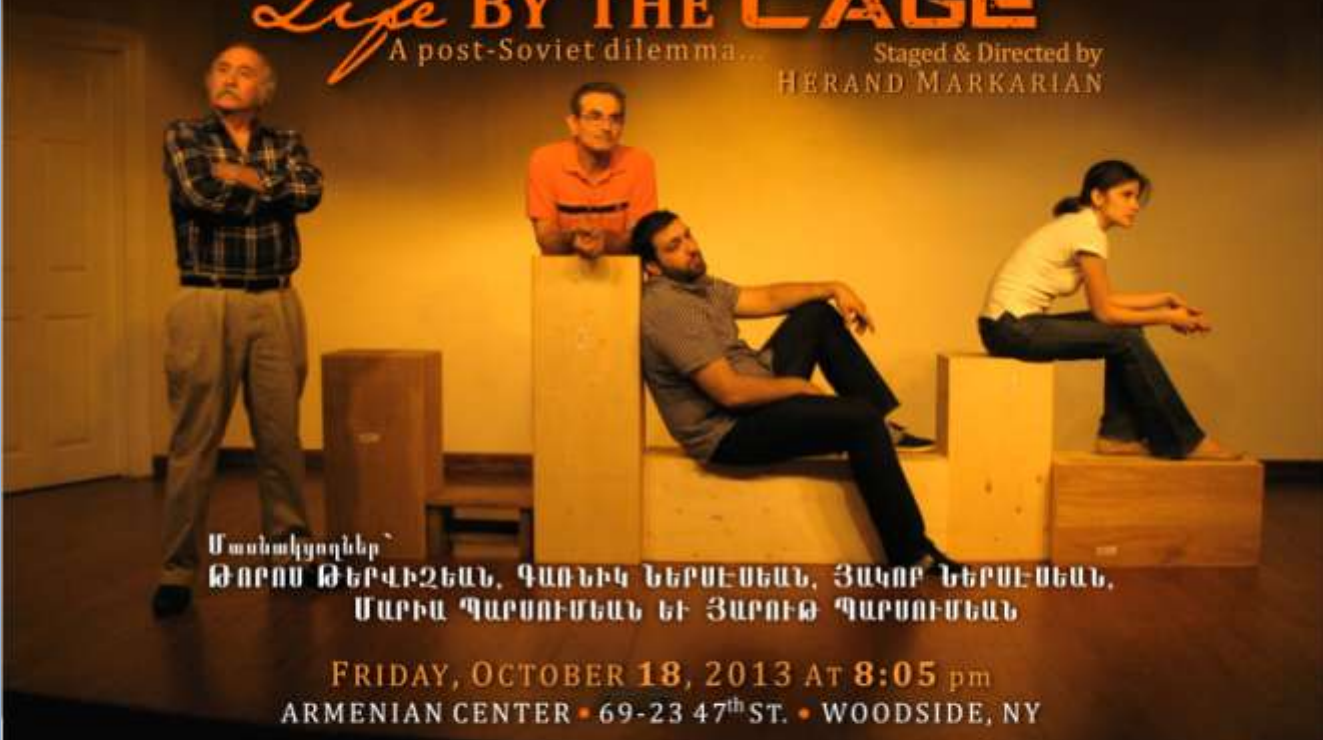
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# ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE *Romans*

**8 week Bible study program**

**on Thursdays from October 24 to December 19, 2013**

7:15-8:00pm – Presentation

8:00-8:45pm – Q/A & Discussion

**St. Illuminator's Armenian Apostolic Cathedral  
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Sessions will be presented by Dn. Shant Kazanjian, Executive Director  
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*Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 11:00*

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**BEDROS HADJIAN – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

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Symposium **“ARMENIAN WOMEN AS ARTISTS AND MOTHERS”**

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