



ST. ILLUMINATOR'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CATHEDRAL

NEW YORK, NY

N E W S L E T T E R

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

REV. FR. MESROB LAKISSIAN, PASTOR

21st ANNIVERSARY OF ARMENIAN INDEPENDENCE



“O Benevolent God, preserve from misfortune the peace that you have given us, save from evil the freedom that you have granted us, and direct all of our lives towards good works. Remember in your mercy the souls of our many martyrs, who have placed themselves on the altar of our nation’s liberation, and make them worthy of the luminous, immortal and heavenly crown. Have mercy on all those who have worked and labored for the liberation of our nation and the building of our fatherland. Preserve the Republic of Armenia and aid all of our ministers and generals, troops and soldiers, by keeping them in peace. O Lord our God, preserve in peace the Catholicoi of our nation and all of the clergy of your Holy Church.”

From “Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Republic of Armenia,” prepared in 1920 by Archbishop Torkom Koushagian.

PAREGENTAN OF THE HOLY CROSS OF VARAK

This Sunday, September 23, is the Paregentan (Eve) of the Fast of the Holy Cross of Varak. Monday to Friday are fasting days leading up to next Sunday, September 30, when the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak will be commemorated.

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 another commits adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 14: 3-17

2 Corinthians 10:18-11-10

Welcome back to Sunday School

Every Sunday from 11:00am to 12:00pm



Requested by:

Mrs. Armenouhi Bardizbanian

Mr. & Mrs. Simon Bardizbanian and family

Mr. & Mrs. Setrak Balmanoukian

In memory of their beloved sister-in-law, aunt and friend

SOSSIE ARAKELIAN PALANDJIAN –40th Day

Requested by:

Mrs. Elena Shakarian and daughter Deanna Marie

In memory of their beloved husband and father

LEVON SHAKARIAN - 6th Anniversary



SPECIAL PRAYERS AND FUNDRAISING AT CATHEDRAL

A Fundraising Breakfast took place last Saturday at St. Illuminator's Cathedral in New York City. The Breakfast began with *Der Voghormya* (Lord Have Mercy), and a prayer offered by the Cathedral's pastor, Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian that said in part, "Lord, bring peace and stability to our world and especially to Syria, and restore justice among your creatures, true justice that comes only from You. By the mystery of Your All-Powerful and miraculous Holy Cross, transform the world's pain and devastation into new life and hope."

Der Hayr spoke about the significance and importance of the Syrian Armenian community and asked everyone to contribute to the humanitarian relief efforts.

Seven-year-old Taleen Lakissian, daughter of Der Mesrob and Yn. Ojeen, set a good example by donating her filled "piggy bank," to the relief fund. About \$5,000 was raised during the breakfast.



Der Mesrob is speaking about the Syrian Armenian community



Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian with Taleen Lakissian who donated her whole piggy bank during the Fundraising Breakfast

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2012

***FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
AT THE ST. ILLUMINATOR'S CATHEDRAL***



Blessing of the four corners of the world (Antasdan)



Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian with the deacons and acolytes of St. Illuminator's Cathedral during the blessing of Madagh ceremony

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE...

The Pontifical Visit of His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Holy See of Cilicia, has been postponed due to the critical situation in Syria that is creating danger and hardship for the people, including our large Armenian Community.

**The Banquet on Sunday, October 7,
will take place as scheduled.**

A video message from His Holiness will be shown on a large screen during the banquet.

All proceeds from the Banquet will benefit the "Fund for Syrian Armenian Relief". Your donations will be acknowledged in the program booklet as well as in the subsequent publications.

The regular Divine Liturgy will take place at St. Illuminator's Cathedral on Sunday, October 7, celebrated by the Cathedral's pastor Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian.

I look forward to your presence and support on October 7. Please pray for the security and the well-being of the people of Syria and for peace and goodwill.

Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate

PRELATE ASKS PARISHES TO COLLECT SECOND PLATE OFFERING FOR AID TO SYRIAN ARMENIANS

Archbishop Oshagan sent an appeal to all parishes of the Eastern Prelacy to help raise funds for humanitarian relief aid for the Armenian community in Syria by passing a second collection plate on the five Sundays of September (2, 9, 16, 23, and 30). The special plate offering is one of several actions that will be taken immediately by the joint committee of the Fund for Syrian Armenian Relief.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2012

FUNRAISING LUNCHEON FOR THE SYRIAN ARMENIAN RELIEF

Organized by ARS "Mayr" Chapter, New York

At the "Byblos" Restaurant
80 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016
Details will follow.

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