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ST. ILLUMINATOR'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CATHEDRAL

NEW YORK, NY

E-N E W S L E T T E R

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2012

REV. FR. MESROB LAKISSIAN, PASTOR



ARCHBISHOP MESROB ASHJIAN
January 3, 1941 – December 2, 2003

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**REQUIEM SERVICE FOR ARCHBISHOP MESROB ASHJIAN
THIS SUNDAY AT ST. ILLUMINATOR'S CATHEDRAL**

A Requiem Service for Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian, former Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy, will take place this Sunday, December 2, at St. Illuminator's Cathedral in New York City. His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar of the Prelacy, will officiate and deliver the sermon. Archbishop Mesrob passed away nine years ago, on December 2, 2003, during a visit to the United States. He served as Prelate for twenty years, from 1978 to 1998, after which he relocated to Armenia where he directed the 1700th anniversary commemorative committee, and later organized innumerable charitable and educational programs to benefit the people in Armenia and Artsakh.

“O Christ, receive the souls of your servants into the assembly of the first-born in heaven. Receive from us spiritual sacrifice for them and grant them to find forgiveness on the last day. Be reconciled with them, Lord, by means of your holy body and blood and grant them to stand at your right hand.”

Canon for the Departed in Christ from the Liturgical Canons of the Armenian Church



Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian blesses the “Mas”, presented by then Deacon Krikor Lakissian (now Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian) during the Pontifical Divine Liturgy which took place in Grace Church, NYC, on October 1997.

“I served with the best of my God-given ability and within the limitations of my health. I always tried to ‘magnify my office’ through my religious, liturgical, cultural, and publishing endeavors. As to the extent of my success, God will be the final judge. Whatever I did, I did in the name of one nation and one church and one future.”

*Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian
Message to the Clergy (1995)*

ST. ILLUMINATOR CATHEDRAL'S WEEKLY NEWS

ST. ILLUMINATOR'S HELPS HURRICANE SANDY VICTIMS

St. Illuminator's Cathedral has been collecting food and clothing for New York City residents affected by Hurricane Sandy. Last Wednesday, on the eve of Thanksgiving, Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, and members of his family joined volunteers from the American Red Cross to deliver and distribute food to needy families.



Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian joined American Red Cross volunteers to help distribute food to needy families in Far Rockaway, New York. The Rockaway peninsula was one of the hardest hit areas in New York.

BISHOP ANOUSHAVAN TANIELIAN AND REV. MESROB LAKISSIAN VISIT ARMENIAN HOME IN NEW YORK

Bishop Anoushavan and Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian visited the residents of the Armenian Home in Flushing, New York, last Sunday, November 25, on the occasion of the Thanksgiving holiday. Members of the St. Illuminator's "Huyser" Ensemble entertained the residents, staff and guests with Armenian songs.



Bishop Anoushavan and Der Mesrob in a service of thanksgiving at the Armenian Home in NY



The Cathedral's "Huyser" Ensemble entertained the residents

EXPLORING THE EUCHARIST (*Soorp Badarak*)

The first of a four-part program on the Eucharist (*Soorp Badarak*) took place on November 28 at St. Illuminator's Armenian Apostolic Cathedral, under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, pastor, cosponsored by the Prelacy's Armenian Religious Education Council (AREC) and the Cathedral. The speaker of the series is Dn. Shant Kazanjian, Director of AREC. The evening began with a meal fellowship (from 6:30-7:30 pm) followed by the lecture (7:30-8:45 pm). The next session will take place on Wednesday, December 5, 2012.

For information and registration, please visit www.armenianprelacy.org or call (212) 689-7810 (Prelacy) or (212) 689-5880 (Cathedral).



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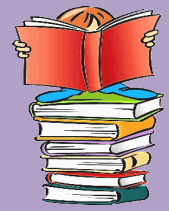
LECTURE AT HOLY MARTYRS ARMENIAN CHURCH

Last night Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian attended Holy Martyrs Armenian Church in Bayside where a lecture “The Armenian community in Syria: its flourishing past and challenge of the present”, was presented by Bishop Armash Nalbandian, Primate of Damascus, Syria.



Rev. Fr. Abraham Malkhasyan, Bishop Armash Nalbandian, V. Rev. Fr. Simeon Odabashian
and Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian

SAINTS THADDEUS AND BARTHOLOMEW



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This Saturday, December 1, the Armenian Church commemorates Saints Thaddeus and Bartholomew, two of the twelve apostles who were the first evangelizers of Armenia, and were martyred there, giving the Armenian Church its apostolic identity and earning them the title, “First Enlighteners of Armenia.”

Thaddeus came to Armenia about 43 AD to preach Christianity. He was martyred in southeastern Armenia. His tomb lies in the Armenian monastery of St. Thaddeus (Iran) where a chapel was built in the third century.

Bartholomew is believed to have arrived in Armenia about 66 AD. He was martyred in Hadamakert, southeast of Lake Van.

An apostle is “someone who is sent,”—an emissary or ambassador of the Kingdom of God, sent to announce the Kingdom’s coming in Jesus Christ, and authorized to claim men and women’s allegiance to him. “We are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God,” (2 Corinthians 5:20).

Armenian Prelacy – “Crossroads”



St. Thaddeus



St. Bartholomew

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ԱԽԵՏԱՐԱՆ ԸՍՏ ԴՈՒԿԱՍՈՒ (13:1-9)

Ոմանք եկան Յիսուսի եւ պատմեցին այն Գալիլեացիներուն մասին, որոնք Պիղատոսի կողմէ սպաննուեցան, երբ Աստուծոյ զոհ կը մատուցանէին: Յիսուս անոնց ըսաւ. «Կը կարծէ՞ք թէ սպաննուող գալիլեացիները միւս բոլոր գալիլեացիներէն աւելի մեղատուր էին, որ այդպիսի վախճան մը ունեցան: Ո՛չ: Կ'ըսեմ ձեզի, որ եթէ չապաշխարէք՝ դուք բոլորդ ալ նոյնպէս պիտի կորսուիք: Կամ ի՞նչ կը մտածէք այն տասներորդ մարդոց մասին, որոնց վրայ ինկաւ աշտարակը Սելովամի մէջ եւ սպաննեց զանոնք: Անոնք աւելի՞ յանցաւոր էին քան Երուսաղէմի բոլոր բնակիչները: Ո՛չ: Կ'ըսեմ ձեզի, որ եթէ չապաշխարէք՝ բոլորդ ալ նոյնպէս պիտի կորսուիք»: Անոնց հետեւեալ առակը պատմեց. «Մարդ մը կար, որ իր այգիին մէջ թզենի մը տնկած էր: Թուզ քաղելու գնաց, բայց թզենիին վրայ պտուղ չգտաւ: Այգեպանին ըսաւ. “Այս երրորդ տարին է որ կու գամ թուզ քաղելու, բայց չեմ գտներ: Ուստի կտրէ զայն, ինչո՞ւ անիմաստ կերպով տեղ գրաւէ”: Այգեպանը պատասխանեց. «Տէ՛ր, թող այս տարի ալ մնայ. ես իր շուրջի հողը կրկին կը փորեմ եւ պարարտացուցիչ կը դնեմ: Այս ձեռով թերեւս պտուղ տայ. ապա թէ ոչ՝ զալ տարի կտրէ զայն»:

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Ես. 36: 22 – 37. 11 Ա. Թես. 4:1 – 11

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (13:1-9)

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whom blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fall on them, do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” Then he told this parable, “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”

BIBLE READINGS

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**Requested by:**

Mr. Hovhannes Ashjian
 Mrs. Hripsime Ashjian
 Mr. Mesrob Seropian
 Mr. Hrair Seropian
 Mr. & Mrs. Bedros and Lisa Yessaian and children Hrair and Rafael
 Ms. Mary & Ms. Dorothy Papazian
 Mrs. Iris Papazian
 Ms. Margaret Papazian
 In memory of their beloved brother, uncle, cousin and relative
ARCHBISHOP MESROB ASHJIAN – 9th Anniversary
 In memory of their beloved parents, grandparents and relatives
NERCESS ASHJIAN & DIRAMAYR MARTHA ASHJIAN
 In memory of their beloved brother, uncle, cousin and relative
HAGOP ASHJIAN

Requested by:

Papazian & Dean families
 Mrs. Hripsime Ashjian
 Mr. Mesrob Seropian
 Mr. Hrair Seropian
 Mr. & Mrs. Bedros and Lisa Yessaian and family
 In memory of their beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather and relative
SOUREN PAPA ZIAN – 9th Anniversary
 In memory of their beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and relative
VERKIN PAPA ZIAN – 18th Anniversary
 In memory of their beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and relative
ARAM PAPA ZIAN – 14th Anniversary

Requested by:

Pastor, Board of Trustees of St. Illuminator's Cathedral
 Judge Sarkis & Ardemis Teshoian
 In memory of beloved Prelate
ARCHBISHOP MESROB ASHJIAN – 9th Anniversary

Requested by:

Dr. & Mrs. Ara and Arevig Caprielian
 Mr. Armen Caprielian
 In memory of beloved Prelate
ARCHBISHOP MESROB ASHJIAN – 9th Anniversary
 In memory of their beloved parents and grandparents
HAYK SHAVOYAN & HEGHINE MURADIAN-SHAVOYAN
MINAS & BERJOUHI CAPRIELIAN
 In memory of their beloved sister and brother-in-law
ARSHALUYS SHAVOYAN-KOTANIAN & MIKAYEL KOTANIAN
 In memory of their beloved uncle
GEVORG EMIN
 Also in memory of all deceased members of Caprielian and Tateosian families

Requested by:

Mrs. Arpine Tavitian

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Tavitian and children Christian and Daniel

Mr. William Tavitian

Ms. Maria Tavitian

In memory of their beloved husband, father and grandfather

KALOUST TAVITIAN – 40th Day

Requested by:

Mr. & Mrs. Sarkis and Vartouhi Guedoyan

Mr. & Mrs. Hratch and Sermin Heghinian and family

Ms. Tania Ingersoll and family

In memory of their beloved brother, uncle and relative

KALOUST TAVITIAN – 40th Day

Requested by:

Mr. & Mrs. Aristakes and Anjela Arakelian

Mr. Arsen Arakelian

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Aghajian

In memory of their beloved son, bother and relative

VAHAGN ARAKELIAN – 40th Day

Requested by:

Mr. & Mrs. Zbignev and Lucy Karaszewski

Mr. & Mrs. Janusz and Stacy Karaszewski

Mr. & Mrs. Viken Yegparian and Christina Lehmejian-Karaszewski and son Sebastian

In memory of their beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother

GEORGETTE LEHMEJIAN – 1st Anniversary

Requested by:

Mr. Steve Sabella

In memory of his beloved wife

ALICE VEMIAN SABELLA

ALTAR FLOWERS

HAVE BEEN DONATED BY TAVITIAN FAMILY

In memory of their beloved husband, father and grandfather

KALOUST TAVITIAN



FROM CATHEDRAL'S MAIL BOX

November 21, 2012



**St. Illuminator's Armenian Apostolic Cathedral
221 East 27th Street
New York, NY 10016**

Sireliner:

The Armenian Relief Society of Eastern USA, Inc. Board of Regional Directors would like to thank the Sunday School students of the St. Illuminator's Armenian Apostolic Cathedral for their effort in collecting \$50.00 to the annual "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF". This program began in Philadelphia in 1950, when a youth group collected \$17, in decorated milk cartons on Halloween, to help children overseas. During the past 62 years, the US Fund for UNICEF has collected \$167 million from students, educators, and caring friends to protect millions of children around the world.

Thank you very much for your participation in this worthwhile endeavor.

**Sincerely yours,
Ani Attar, Chairwoman
Armenian Relief Society of Eastern USA, Inc.
Board of Regional Directors**

**Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian
Pastor**

Dear Fr. Lakissian,

Thank you so very much for all you have done. Your kindness will forever hold a very special place in our hearts. I wish you and your lovely family a wonderful Christmas holiday. May the New Year be all that you wish for.

**Sincerely,
Lucy Lehmejian Karaszewski
Fairfax Station, VA**



EXPLORING THE EUCHARIST (SOORP BADARAK)

Living our baptismal identity

A four-session program

Wednesdays

November 28, December 5, 12 & 19, 2012

Dinner 6:30-7:30pm then Lecture 7:30-8:45pm

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Speaker: Dn. Shant Kazanjian

Director of Armenian Religious Education Council (AREC) of the Eastern Prelacy

Please register at www.armenianprelacy.org

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Will host Holiday Flea-Market and Bazaar

Sunday, December 16, 2012 from

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**The event will feature food, activities for children, raffles, vendors
(Armenian books and gift items, toys, shoes) and much more**

COME AND ENJOY THIS FUN FILLED DAY!!!



For more information please call the Cathedral's office:

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The ARS Mayr Chapter

Invites you to

An Afternoon of Food and Dance

to benefit the

Armenian Community in Syria

Sunday, December 2, 2012

2:00 p.m.

(Rescheduled due to Hurricane Sandy)

Byblos Restaurant

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Donation: \$75 adults; Children under 12: \$30
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Author Meline Karakashian, Ph.D. presents her book

Gomidas: A Psychological Study

The book analyzes the life and mental health of Gomidas Vartabed from a new psychological perspective

Presentation will be both in English and Armenian

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Refreshments & book signing to follow presentation

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Friday, December 7, 2012 at 7:30 PM

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A Panel Discussion Moderated by Khatchig Mouradian

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