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*ST. ILLUMINATOR'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CATHEDRAL*

**NEW YORK, NY**

## ***NEWSLETTER***

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2012**

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2012



Remembering Sossie Arakelian Palanjian on the occasion of 40<sup>th</sup> Day of her death  
Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, family members Mrs. Armenouhi Bardizbanian and son Simon  
Bardizbanian, Esq.



Simon Bardizbanian, Esq. thanks Der Mesrob and parishioners on behalf of Bardizbanian and  
Palanjian families



Last Sunday, September 23, Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate presided the Divine Liturgy at St. Illuminator's Cathedral  
Oshagan Srpazan and Fr. Mesrob Lakissian with young members of the Cathedral

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2012**

Requiem Service in memory of Emil Nazaretian was held at the Armenian Home for the Aged in Flushing, NY. Mrs. Nazaretian donated \$300.00 to the Armenian Home in memory of her son.



Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, Mrs. Angela Nazaretian (left) and Ms. Hermine Seferian (right)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

*SՕՆ ՎԱՐԱԳԱՅ Ս. ԽԱՉԻ*

ԱԲԵՏԱՐԱՆ ԸՍՏ ՄԱՏԹԷՈՍԻ  
(24:30-36)

«Ապա Մարդու Որդիին նշանը պիտի երեւի երկնքի մէջ եւ աշխարհի բոլոր ժողովուրդները պիտի ողբան, երբ տեսնեն Մարդու Որդին, որ կուգայ ամպերուն վրայ բազմած՝ զօրութեամբ եւ մեծ փառքով: Երբ մեծա-ձայն փողը հնչէ, ան իր հրեշտակները պիտի դրկէ, որպէսզի հաւաքեն իր ընտրեալները աշխարհի չորս կողմերէն, երկնքի մէկ ծայրէն մինչեւ միւսը:

Թզենին թող ձեզի օրինակ ըլլայ: Երբ տեսնէք որ անոր ճիւղերը կը կակուղնան եւ տերեւ կ'ար-ձակեն, գիտէք թէ ամառը մօտ է: Նոյնպէս ալ, երբ բոլոր ըսածներս կատարուին, գիտցէք թէ Մարդու Որդիին գալուստը մօտ է եւ արդէն հասնելու վրայ: Վստահ եղէք, որ այս սերունդը չանցած՝ ասոնք բոլորը պիտի պատահին: Նոյնիսկ եթէ երկնքն ու երկիրը անհետանան, խօսքերս պիտի չանհետա-նան: Սակայն ոչ ոք գիտէ թէ երբ պիտի գայ այդ օրը կամ ժամը. ո՛չ երկնքի հրեշտակները, ո՛չ ալ Որդին, բայց միայն՝ Հայրը»:

ՃՇ. ԸՆԹԵՐՑՈՒՄ

Առ. 3:18-26

Ես. 65 :22-25

Գղ. 6:14-18

*FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS OF VARAK*

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW  
(24:30-36)

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

*BIBLE READINGS*

Prov. 3:18-26

Is. 65: 22-25

Gal. 6:14-18



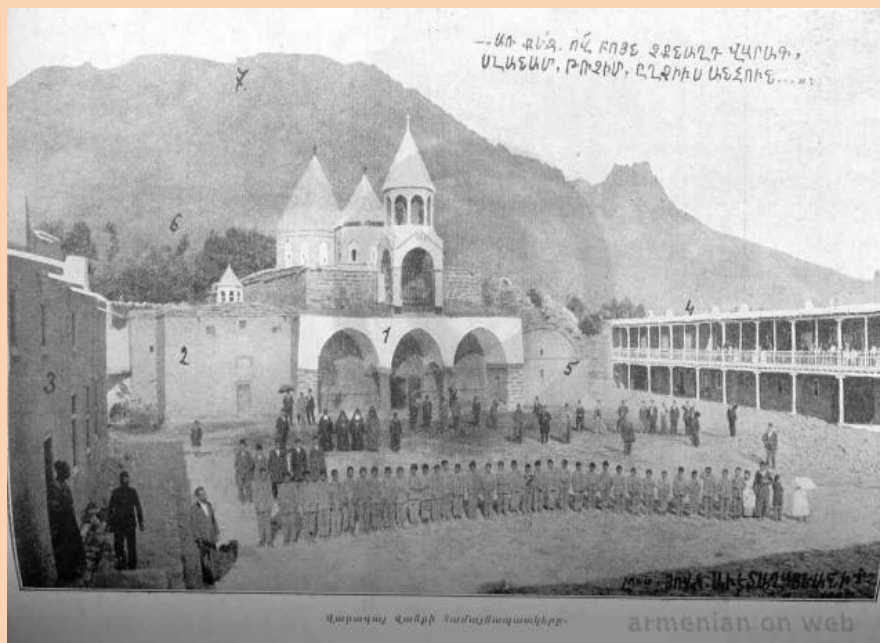
## *FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS OF VARAK*

This Sunday, September 30, is the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak, a feast that is unique to the Armenian Church. The Hripsimiantz Virgins, after coming to Armenia, lived near Mount Varak. Hripsime always carried a small wooden cross believed to have been made from a piece of the true cross. One day, in order to escape persecution, she sought refuge on the mountain where she hid the cross among the rocks before fleeing to Vagharshapat. According to tradition, in the year 653, a hermit named Todik found Hripsime's hidden cross. He followed a brilliant light that illuminated the mountain and guided him inside the church to the altar where he found the cross. The light shone for twelve days. In memory of this event, Catholicos Nerses established the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak. He also wrote the beautiful hymn, "By the Sign of Your All Powerful Holy Cross," (Nshanav Amenahaght Khatchit).

The Monastery of St. Nishan was built on Mount Varak, which is in the southeastern region of Van. In later years the Monastery became prominent when Khrimian Hayrik established a printing house and a school there hoping to make the monastery an educational center. The massacres and deportations of 1915 destroyed those plans, as well as so much more.

*"To you, O Christ, who bestowed on it universal Church, this victorious, precious sign received by God, we always send up praise in the highest. This cross by your will, O Christ, and by the power of the Almighty Holy Spirit lifted up by the assemblies of angels is seen resting on Mount Varak. Come, you people, bow down in worship before the divine holy sign; lift up your hands in holiness with one accord and always glorify him who lives on it."*

(Canon to the Cross of Varak from the Liturgical Canons of the Armenian Church)



Varaka Vank

Mr. Hagop Khrimian, born on February 16, 1928 in Syria, passed away on September 23, 2012 at the age of 84. Funeral services took place at the Edward Lynch Funeral Home. Interment service was held at the Cedar Grove Cemetery on September 27, 2012.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his son, Mr. Kevork Khrimian and his family.

**Asdvatz hokin lousavreh. May God illuminate his soul.**



## R E Q U I E M

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***Requested by:***

Mr. & Mrs. Kevork Khrimian and family

In memory of their beloved father, father-in-law and grandfather

**HAGOP KHRIMIAN – 7<sup>th</sup> Day**

***Requested by:***

Lakissian Family

In memory of their beloved uncle

**NOUBAR KEVORKIAN – 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

In memory of their beloved cousin

**RAFFI GHOUGASSIAN – 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Dear parishioners,**

**\*We encourage you to make donations of Altar flowers and/or candles for requiems or special occasions.**

**Donations for Altar flowers are \$50.00 to \$100.00. There is no set monetary amount for requesting Hokehankist. Any amount donated is appropriate and appreciated.**

**\*For Requiem Service, please call the Church Office by Friday noon the latest, so we can include your and the name(s) of your beloved ones in the E-Newsletter and Sunday bulletin.**

**\*If you have someone who is sick at home or in the hospital and would like pastoral care and visitation, please call the Church office.**

**\*Please notify the Church office of any change of mailing or e-mail address. Please help us keep the mailing and e-mail lists up to date.**

## 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.

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**Saturday, October 20, 2012 at 7:30pm**

On the occasion of Holy Translators' Month, the New York Chapter of Hamazkayin presents

### **GALA CONCERT**

Featuring

**A R A X**

Dance Ensemble of San Francisco

&

**A R E G A K**

Youth Chorus of New Jersey

**At Walter H. Crowley Middle Intermediate School, 50-40 Jacobus Street, Elmhurst, NY**

Tickets: \$25.00 and \$35.00

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or St. Illuminator's office at 212-689-5880

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*The ARS Mayr Chapter Presents*

*A Fundraiser to benefit the Armenian Community in Syria*

*Sunday, October 28, 2012*

*2:30 p.m.*

*Byblos Restaurant*

*80 Madison Avenue (at 28<sup>th</sup> Street)*

*New York, NY*

*Donation: \$75; children under 12: \$30 (includes full lunch, wine and soft drinks)*

*Featuring music by Varouj Vartanian & Harout Barsoumian*

*All proceeds will benefit relief efforts in Syria.*

*Seating is limited.*

*For reservations, please call Anais at 718-392-6982 or Anahid at 718-478-6249.*