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

E-NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2012

REV. FR. MESROB LAKISSIAN, PASTOR



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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ST. ILLUMINATOR CATHEDRAL'S WEEKLY NEWS

On Sunday, December 23, 2012 St. Illuminator's Cathedral celebrated the feast of St. Stephen, the first deacon and proto-martyr, the deacons wore liturgical crowns (սաղաւարտ) in honor of this special day.



Der Mesrob with the deacons



Der Mesrob with the choir members and deacons

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON FOR VOLUNTEERS OF THE CATHEDRAL

On Sunday, December 23, all volunteers of St. Illuminator's Cathedral were invited to gather at the John Pashalian Hall for Appreciation Luncheon. Rev. Mesrob Lakissian, pastor and Mr. Shant Chalian, Chairman of the Board of Trustees expressed their gratitude for the great service performed by volunteers.



Fr. Lakissian and Chairman Shant Chalian, Esq.



Parishioners are enjoying delicious food

LADIES GUILD DONATES \$12,000.00 TO THE CATHEDRAL

On Sunday, December 23, Ladies Guild of the Cathedral presented a check of \$12,000.00 to the St. Illuminator's Cathedral. During this year Ladies Guild also donated 250 copies of Holy Bibles in English and Armenian to the Cathedral; \$500.00 to the St. Illuminator's Day school, \$200.00 to the Syrian Armenian Relief Fund; \$100.00 to the Armenian Prelacy and \$100.00 to the Armenian Home for the Aged.

We greatly appreciate our Ladies Guild's dedication, hard work and support to the Cathedral and community.



Pastor and Board of Trustees accepting a check from Ms. Meline Najarian, chairlady of the Ladies Guild



Der Mesrob, Board of Trustees and members of the Ladies Guild

WEDDINGS



Viken Kaloutian and **Sabine Daly Warren** were united in the Holy Matrimony on December 8, 2012.
Best Man: Alec Viken Ohanian, Matron of Honor: Genevieve Eliz Ohanian.

Gregory Kazarosian and **Veronika Eremina** were united in the Holy Matrimony on December 23, 2012.
Best Man and Matron of Honor: Mr. & Mrs. Grigor and Lusine Tchilingarian.



We extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the newly wedded couples and their families



NEW YEAR DAY

From earliest times of history people have had the concept of marking time by dividing it into years. Each year, of course, has a beginning, which is called New Year's Day (in Armenian: Nor Dari, or Amanor, or Gaghand, which is cognate with the word "calendar").

But that first day of the new year has been marked at different times in the annual cycle of seasons, for various peoples.

Even today, that difference exists, and people have their own times for the start of the new year.

For long centuries the Armenian people celebrated the New Year on the first day of the month of Navasard, which correspond to the present August 11. The word Navasard itself denotes new year.

For a time there was a practice of celebrating the start of the new year at the beginning of spring, following the idea of nature's awakening and flowering of plant life.

For Armenians, the acceptance of January 1 as the start of the New Year occurred in the 18th century, under the pontificate (1763-1780) of Catholicos Simeon Erevantsi.

The New Year – Amanor, or Gaghand – has generally been a feast of joy and happiness for the Armenian people.

It was custom, and an expression, to exchange gifts with family members and close friends, to bring delight to children with gifts of clothes, playthings, and useful articles in exchange for their promises of good behavior.

It was also custom to set the family table, to the level of their means, with fruits and good things to eat, thereby making the abundance and joy spread throughout the year.

It is known from pages of ancient Armenian history that kings and princes organized popular athletic games, and festivals acclaiming creativeness in songs, dance, music, and minstrelsy. These games and festivals were known as Navasardian Days.

Thus, although the New Year was not a religious feast, it offered, in a sense, the alluring idea that the New Year was a renewal just as the spiritual renewal found in the Christian Holy Nativity. It was with such thoughts that religious celebrations took place in the church with the Divine Liturgy and appropriate sermons. Religious and lay leaders of the community congratulated the people on the occasion with appropriate messages.

The New Year is international in character, for, notwithstanding when a people celebrate it, they indeed do so.

DECEMBER 30, 2012

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- Ազգերու թագաւորները կը տիրեն իրենց ժողովուրդներուն վրայ եւ իշխողները բարերար կը կոչուին իրենց հպատակներուն կողմէ: Բայց ձեր պարագային այդպէս պէտք չէ ըլլայ: Ընդհակառակը, ձեր մէջէն ամենէն մեծը թող ամենէն պզտիկին պէս ըլլայ, եւ առաջնորդը՝ սպասաւորին պէս: Ո՞վ է մեծը. սեղան բազմո՞ղը թէ սպասաւորը: Անշուշտ որ սեղան բազմողը: Բայց եւ ձեր մէջ սպասաւորի պէս եմ: Դուք միշտ քովս մնացիք՝ փորձութիւններու ընթացքին, եւ ես ահա կը խոստանամ թագաւորութիւն տալ ձեզի, ինչպէս Հայրս ինծի տալ խոստացաւ: Իմ թագաւորութեանս մէջ իմ սեղանէս պիտի ուտէք ու խմէք եւ պիտի բազմիք գահերու վրայ՝ դատելու համար Իսրայէլի տասներկու ցեղերը:

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Ես. 51 : 15 – 52 : 3

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (22:24-30)

A dispute also arose among them, which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And he said to them:

"The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For which is the greater, one who sits at table, or one who serves? Is it not the one who sits at table? But I am among you as one who serves. "You are those who have continued with me in my trials; and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel".

BIBLE READINGS

Is. 51 : 15 – 52 : 3

Heb. 13 :18 – 25

R E Q U I E M

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Requested by:

Ms. Gayane Kalenderian

In memory of her beloved brother

GARBIS KALENDERIAN – 1st Anniversary

In memory of her beloved parents

AARON & KNARIG KALENDERIAN

Also in memory of her beloved brother

TOROS KALENDERIAN

O B I T U A R Y

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FIRST OFFICER HOVAG KORTMOUSIAN

We regret to announce the death of First Officer Hovag Kortmousian, who was killed while serving as an officer of the Syrian National Army. He was the brother of Very Rev. Fr. Varant Kortmousian, a member of the Brotherhood of the Holy See of Cilicia.

Funeral services took place last Friday, December 23, at Sourp Asdvadzadzin Church in Kessab. His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan has instructed all Prelacy churches to offer a Requiem Service for the soul of the Hovag Kortmousian this Sunday, December 30.

ELIZABETH AMIRIAN (KAZIGIAN)

1925 - 2012

Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian and Board of Trustees of St. Illuminator's Cathedral expressed profound sorrow on the death of Elizabeth Amirian, wife and mother of the active members of the Armenian community Vahe Amirian and Neiri and Armen Amirian passed away on Thursday, December 20, 2012 in New Jersey.

On behalf of the St. Illuminator's Cathedral, Der Mesrob participated at the funeral service which took place on Saturday, December 22, at Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church in Ridgefield, New Jersey.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Amirian Family.

May they rest in heavenly peace.

FROM CATHEDRAL'S MAIL BOX

December 13, 2012



Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, Pastor
Board of Trustees
St. Illuminator's Armenian Apostolic Cathedral
221 E. 27th Street
New York, NY 10016

Dear Der Hayr and members of the Board,

We have received your parish's donation of \$250.00 to aid the victims of Hurricane Sandy. All of the donations received at the Prelacy for this purpose are being sent to the American Red Cross specifically for Sandy relief on behalf of the parishes and faithful of the Eastern Prelacy.

Those of us living in the Mid-Atlantic area, especially in New York and New Jersey, were affected to some degree by this powerful storm. For some of us it amounted to only the inconvenience of power outages for days. For others it was the devastating loss of homes and worldly possessions destroyed by wind and water. Many areas are still in ruins and it is estimated that it will take years to recover. The only positive note was that loss of life due to the storm was low.

Please express my thanks to your membership for their donations for Sandy relief. Let us continue to keep the many homeless families in our thoughts and prayers.

Prayerfully,
Archbishop Choloyan
Prelate
Eastern United States of America

December 20, 2012

Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, Pastor

Dear Fr. Lakissian,

Wishing you every happiness this festive Season and prosperity in the New Year.
Thank you for being a supporter of our organization. We look forward to continue our relationship in the coming year.

I wish all the best to you and your family.

Respectfully,
Ara Nazarian, Chairman
Hamazkayin Armenian Educational and Cultural Society
Eastern USA

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ՇԱԲԱԹ, 5 ՅՈՒՆՈՒԱՐ, 2013

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Ճրագալոյցի Ս. Պատարագ**

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St. Illuminator's Cathedral to Launch New Armenian Saturday School Program

NEW YORK—The St. Illuminator's Armenian Apostolic Cathedral recently announced the launch of a new Armenian Saturday School program to be held in Queens, New York. The school will open its doors beginning January 12, 2013 and run on Saturdays from 9:45-1:00 pm until May 18, 2013.

The organizing committee announced in the mission statement that the school's primary goal is "To teach Armenian language, history, and culture." It further states that through a "nurturing environment children will meet Armenian friends and stay close to their roots." A fresh new approach will be used to present a curriculum that aims to inspire students by giving them the core skills in the Armenian language, enhanced by special subjects like art, music, and dance that will also be taught in Armenian.

Registration is now open on a first come, first serve basis. Forms and more information can be obtained by emailing satarmenianschool@gmail.com or downloading forms from www.stilluminators.org or www.facebook.com/StIlluminatorsSatSchool. Hard copies are also available at the St. Illuminator's Armenian Apostolic Cathedral office.

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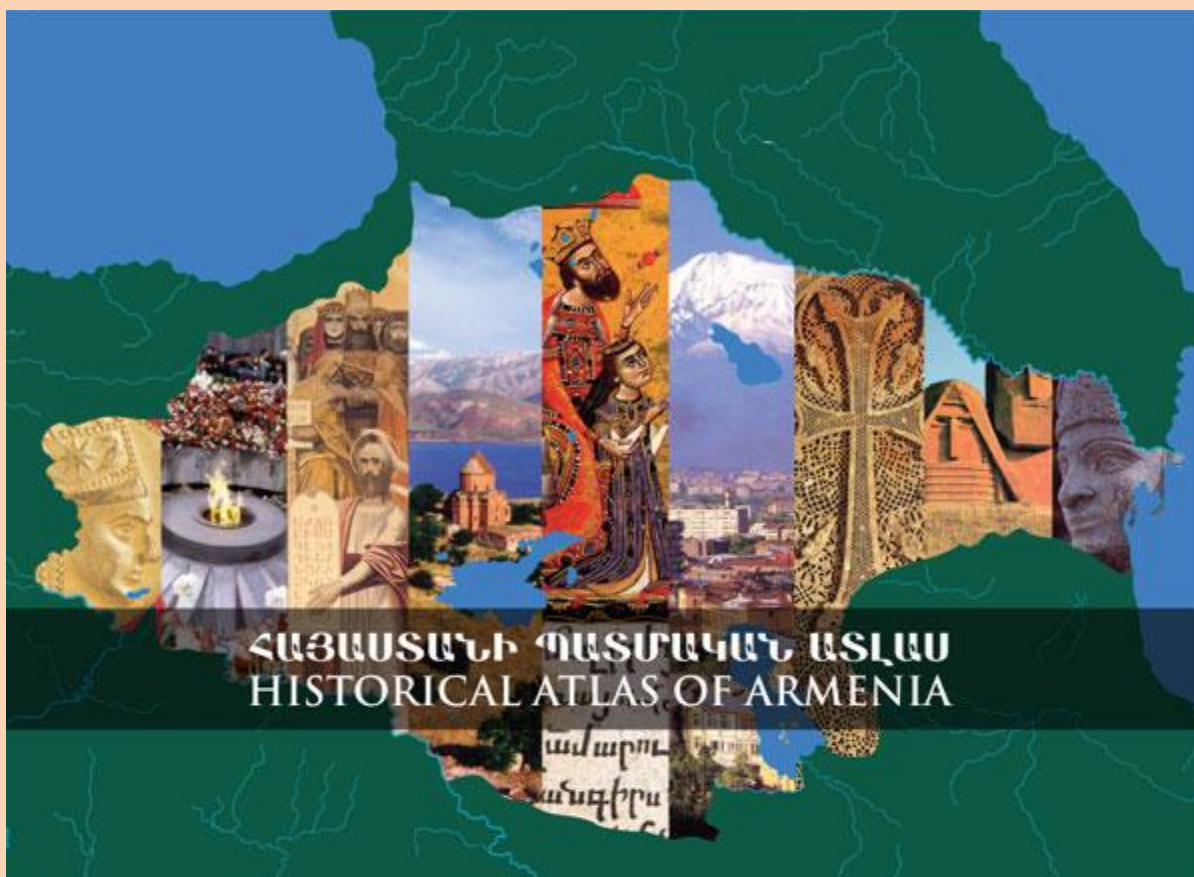
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