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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, FEBRUARY 8, 2013

REV. FR. MESROB LAKISSIAN, PASTOR



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ANNUAL GHEVONTIANTZ CLERGY GATHERING



Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian was in California for the annual clergy gathering and conference on the occasion of the Feast of St. Ghevont and the Priests that began Monday, January 28 and concluded on Wednesday, January 30.

This year the three North American Prelacies joined to commemorate this holiday, hosted by the Western Prelacy. The conference took place at St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church in San Francisco, under the presidency of the three prelates, Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian (Western), Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan (Eastern), and Archbishop Khajag Hagopian (Canadian). Elected to serve

as the executives of the conference were V. Rev. Fr. Muron Aznikian and V. Rev. Fr. Meghrig Parikian, co-chairmen; and Archpriest Fr. Viken Vasilian and Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, secretaries.

Clergy visited Krouzian-Zakarian-Vasbouragan Armenian School where the students presented Vartanantz program. They also visited the Cross on the Mount Davidson. The Cross has been purchased by the council of Armenian American organizations of Northern California and the bronze plaque has been installed at the base memorializing the victims of the 1915 Armenian Genocide. Conference concluded by the Divine Liturgy.



Divine Liturgy at the St. Gregory Armenian Church



The clergy during the Ghevontiantz conference

DER MESROB REPRESENTS PRELATE AT INSTALLATION

Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, pastor of St. Illuminator's Cathedral, and a member of the Prelacy's Religious Council, represented Archbishop Oshagan at the Recognition, Investiture, and Installation of The Right Reverend Andrew M. L. Dietsche as the 16th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York last Saturday, at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in Manhattan. V. Rev. Fr. Mamigon Kiledjian, Dean of St. Vartan Cathedral, represented Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese.



V. Rev. Fr. Mamigon Kiledjian and Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian with ecumenical delegation

New York Knicks gets an assist from Rev. Mesrob Lakissian in win over Atlanta Hawks



NY Knicks fan Der Mesrob and his daughter Taleen enjoyed the game at the Madison Square Garden on Sunday, January 27



Historian Artak Movsisyan Lectures in NY

On Sunday, February the second at the Pashalian Hall of St. Illuminator's Cathedral in Manhattan, the audience learned much from the lecture/multimedia presentation given by Dr. Artak Movsisyan, professor at the Yerevan State University and organized by the New York and New Jersey chapters of Hamazkayin Armenian Educational and Cultural Society. This event was a part of the Hamazkayin Eastern USA Distinguished Lecture series, celebrating the 500th anniversary of Armenian printing. Prior to New York, Dr. A. Movsisyan had given a lecture in Boston, and will continue his lecture tour in major cultural centers of the West Coast.

Despite his young age, Dr. Movsisyan has made a serious contribution to the study of pre-Christian Armenian history and writing. His career started in 1991 at the State Historical Museum of Armenia, where he worked as a scientific worker till 1997 and since then at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia, as a senior scientific worker. Parallel to his scientific work, since 1998, Dr. Movsisyan has been teaching history at Yerevan State University as an Associate professor.

On Sunday afternoon in attendance were Mrs. Hasmig Aprahamian and Mr. Hagop Melkonian, representatives of the Eastern United States Regional Executive Committee of the Hamazkayin Armenian Educational and Cultural Society.

Mrs. Hasmig Aprahamian made the opening remarks and invited Dr. Ara Caprielian, chairman of the New York chapter, who was the master of ceremonies of this event. Dr. Caprielian presented a brief introduction to Dr. Artak Movsisyan's vast body of research publications in Armenian, Russian and English languages.

Dr. Movsisyan's lecture was brimming with facts from primary sources of Armenian and non-Armenian origin, proving that in the pre-Mashdots or pre-Christian era Armenians had a well-developed writing, spanning several millennia.

After a lively question and answer period, Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, pastor of St. Illuminator's Cathedral, expressed his thoughts upon the lecture and once again congratulated Hamazkayin on organizing diverse and interesting programs.

Following his closing remarks, Dr. Caprielian commented that to guarantee Armenia's security and viability a disciplined and motivated army is necessary, but scholars of our national history as Dr. Artak Movsiayn are also vitally important for teaching and presenting our true history to counteract the revisionists and pseudo-historians attempting to distort factual history. He also thanked Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian and the Board of Trustees for welcoming and hosting several of Hamazkayin's programs at the Pashalian Hall. Fr. Lakissian consistently encourages Hamazkayin's cultural activities and proves by his deeds his strong belief that the Cathedral ought to be a lively center for the community at large.

It was extraordinarily rewarding to see how Dr. Movsisyan's books were flying off the table. The titles offered: "*The Sacred Highlands: Armenia in the Spiritual Geography of the Ancient Near East," "The Writing Culture of Pre-Christian Armenia"* and "*10 Outstanding Armenian Kings"* were no "light fare," yet most of the books were purchased within minutes. The attendees surrounded the lecturer, asking additional questions, and patiently waiting to get their books inscribed. It was encouraging to hear that most of them were looking forward to future programs offered by Hamazkayin of New York.



From left to right: Dr. Ara Caprielian, Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, Dr. Prof. Artak Movsisyan, Asdghig Sevag, Hasmig Aprahamian, Hagop Melkonian and Arevig Caprielian



Der Mesrob and Dr. Artak Movsisyan



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POON PAREGENTAN

This Sunday, February 10, is *Poon Paregentan*, the eve of Great Lent (*Medz Bahk*). *Poon* means “real” or “genuine,” and distinguishes this paregentan from others in the liturgical calendar prior to other periods of fasting.

Poon Paregentan ushers the faithful into the Lenten period of fasting, penance and reconciliation. During Lent the Church takes on a solemn appearance. The altar curtain is closed starting from the evening of *Poon Paregentan*, symbolic of the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden. Holy Communion is not offered during Lent and the faithful are encouraged to use this period leading to Easter as a time of prayer and meditation to strengthen their faith.

GREAT LENT BEGINS MONDAY

Great Lent (*Medz Bahk* or *Karasnork*) begins this Monday, February 11. Great Lent is the longest of the fasts in the liturgical calendar. It begins on the Monday immediately following *Poon Paregentan*, and continues for 40 days until the Friday before the commemoration of the raising of Lazarus on the Saturday before Palm Sunday. A new period of fasting begins during Holy Week.

Great Lent, a time of penance and devotion, is based on the 40 days Christ spent in the wilderness following his baptism. “Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished” (Matthew 3:1-2).

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST TO THE TEMPLE (DYARNUNTARACH)

This Thursday, February 14, the Armenian Church commemorates the Presentation of Jesus to the Temple (Dyarnuntarach, which literally means “going forward to meet the Lord”). This feast always falls on February 14 – forty days after Nativity (January 6).

Forty days after the birth of Christ, Mary obeyed Mosaic Law and presented her son to the temple (Numbers 18:15). In the temple, a righteous and devout man named Simeon to whom it was revealed that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord, took Jesus in his arms, blessed God and said, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” (See Luke 2: 22-40).

Some pre-Christian Armenian customs have been incorporated into this feast, including one that remains popular to this day, especially in the Middle East and Armenia. In recent years the tradition has been revived here in the United States as well. On the eve of the feast a bonfire is lit outside of the church using a flame from the altar. Young people, especially newlyweds, gather around the fire and as the flames subside, the young men leap over the flames. The light of the bonfire is symbolic of Christ, who is the Everlasting Light of the world.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2013

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ԱԲԵՏԱՐԱՆ ԸՍՏ ՄԱՏԹԷՈՍԻ (6:1-21)

«Ձգո՛ւյ՛, Աստուծոյ հանդէպ ձեր պարտաւորութիւնները մարդոց ներկայութեան մի՛ կատարէք ցոյցի համար, որովհետեւ այդ պարագային վարձատրութիւն պիտի չստանաք ձեր երկնաւոր Հօրմէն:

Երբ ողորմութիւն կ'ուզես տալ՝ փող ու թմբուկով մի՛ ընէր՝ մարդոց ուշադրութիւնը գրաւելու համար, ինչպէս կեղծատրոնները կ'ընեն ժողովարաններու մէջ եւ հրապարակներու վրայ՝ մարդոցմէ փառատրուելու ակնկալութեամբ: Վստահ եղէք, միայն ատիկա է անոնց վարձատրութիւնը: Ընդհակառակը, երբ դուն ողորմութիւն կու տաս, ձախ ձեռքդ թող չգիտնայ թէ ինչ կ'ընէ աջ ձեռքդ: Այսպիսով ողորմութիւնդ գաղտնի ըրած կ'ըլլաս, եւ քու երկնաւոր Հայրդ, որ անտեսանելի է եւ կը տեսնէ կատարածդ, քեզ պիտի վարձատրէ յայտնապէս... Նմանապէս, երբ կ'ուզէ՞ք աղօթել այսպէս աղօթեցէք.- “Հայր մեր երկնաւոր, սուրբ ըլլայ անունդ. թող գայ արքայութիւնդ, թող կատարուի կամքդ ինչպէս որ երկնքի մէջ՝ այնպէս ալ երկրի վրայ: Ամենօրեայ մեր հացը այսօր եւս մեզի տուր: Ներէ մեր յանցանքները ինչպէս որ մենք կը ներենք անոնց որոնք մեզի դէմ նոյնպէս յանցանք գործած են: Եւ թոյլ մի տար որ փորձութեան մէջ իյնանք. այլ մեզ չարէն ազատէ: Որովհետեւ քուկը եմ միշտ արքայութիւնը, գորութիւնը եւ փառքը. ամէն”»:

«Որովհետեւ եթէ մարդոց ներքէ իրենց յանցանքները, ձեր երկնաւոր Հայրն ալ պիտի ներէ ձեզի: Իսկ եթէ մարդոց չներէք իրենց յանցանքները, ձեր Հայրն ալ պիտի չներէ ձեր յանցանքները: Երբ ծոմ կը պահէք, տրտումներես մի ըլլաք կեղծատրոններուն նման, որոնք իրենց երեսը կը կախեն, որպէսզի մարդոց ցույց տան թէ ծոմ կը պահեն: Վստահ եղէք, միայն ատիկա է անոնց վարձատրութիւնը: Ընդհակառակը, երբ դուն ծոմ կը պահես, օձէ՛ գլուխդ եւ լուա՛ երեսդ, որպէսզի մարդիկ չտեսնեն թէ ծոմ կը պահես, այլ՝ միայն Հայրը, որ անտեսանելի է. եւ Հայրդ, որ կը տեսնէ կատարածդ, քեզ պիտի վարձատրէ յայտնապէս: Ձեր հարստութիւնը մի դիզէք երկրի վրայ, ուր ցեցն ու ժանգը կը փճացնեն եւ կամ գողերը պատդ քանդելով ներս կը մտնեն ու կը գողնան գայն: Այլ ձեր հարստութիւնը դիզեցէք երկինքի մէջ, ուր ցեցն ու ժանգը չեն կրնար փճացնել գայն, եւ ոչ ալ գողերը կրնան պատդ քանդելով ներս մտնել եւ գողնալ: Որովհետեւ ձեր հարստութիւնը ո՛ր որ է, հոն կ'ըլլայ նաեւ ձեր սիրտը»:

ՃՇ. ԸՆԹԵՐՅՈՒՄ

Եսայի 58: 1-14

Հռոմայեցիներուն 13: 11-14.25



EVE OF GREAT LENT

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (6:1-21)

“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then in this way: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.”

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 58: 1-14

Romans 13: 11-14.25

***Requested by:***

Ms. Armine Minassian

In memory of her beloved father

LEVON K. MINASSIAN – 40th Day

Requested by:

Mr. & Mrs. Krikor and Alenoush Khatchadourian and children Natalie and Shant

Dr. & Mrs. Vartan and Nanor Matiossian

Mr. & Mrs. Alexan Arzoumanian and family

Ms. Mary Khatchadourian

Mr. & Mrs. Berj Massoyan and family

Mrs. Azadouhi Dostoumian

Ms. Pauline Dostoumian

Mr. & Mrs. Zarmair Setrakian

Mrs. Mary Dadoyan

In memory of their beloved mother, grandmother, sister and relative

ANAHID KHATCHADOURIAN – 40th Day

Requested by:

Mrs. Armenouhi Bardizbanian

Mr. & Mrs. Simon Bardizbanian and family

In memory of their beloved sister and aunt

SOSSIE YAZARIAN PALANDJIAN – 2nd Anniversary

In memory of their beloved husband and father

HRAIR BARDIZBANIAN – 19th Anniversary

Also in memory of deceased members of **PALANDJIAN** and **BARDIZBANIAN** families

Requested by:

Mrs. Katherine Chaprastian

Ms. Natalie Chaprastian

Mr. & Mrs. George and Nora Chaprastian and children Nicole and George

In memory of their beloved husband, father and grandfather

AVEDIS CHAPRASTIAN – 8th Anniversary

In memory of their beloved mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother

ELIZABETH AVEDOVA – 21st Anniversary

FROM CATHEDRAL'S MAIL BOX



St. Illuminator's Armenian Apostolic Cathedral
221 East 27th Street
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Dear Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian,

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest thanks for your prayers and support during our dear mother's illness and subsequent funeral.

Your visits to our Mom, Ania Gross, in the hospital meant a great deal to our family. Although she may have been unable to respond, but I believe that it was comforting for her to hear those ancient Armenian prayers, which were so familiar to her. We are certain that your prayers at Mom's bedside brought her deep spiritual fulfillment.

We hope and pray that our loving Father in heaven heard your sharagans and prayers, and has welcomed Mom's soul into heaven.

On behalf of my siblings, I would like to express our deepest thanks to you.

Appreciatively,
Helen Yedigarian and family

January 28, 2013

Dear Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian,

I wanted to write to thank you once more for hosting my documentary film "Enemy of the People: Armenians Look Back at the Stalin Terror" on Sunday, January 27, at the Pashalian Hall of St. Illuminator's Cathedral, and for your thoughtfulness in presenting me with this beautiful award, which I will treasure always. I am honored and deeply touched.

My wife Alina joins me in sending you our warmest regards. We look forward to seeing you again in the very near future.

Yours,
Zareh Tjeknavorian

CONCERT HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO SNOW BLIZZARD WARNING!

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Starting February 13, 2013

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Church Service at 7:30pm
Lecture & Q/A at 8:00pm
Table Fellowship at 8:45pm

February 13

General Introduction

R. L. Archbishop Galogob, Primate

Mary, Mother-of-God, in the Armenian Church
H.G. Bishop Acochyan, Vice General

February 20

Mothers as Primary Caregivers of Their Children
Rev. Fr. Nrag Totolian, Pastor of St. Sarkis Armenian Church (NY)

February 27

The Challenges of Being a Mother Today
Melba Kazkazian, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist

March 6

Lessons from Famous Mothers from the Bible
Rigga Kouyoumdjian, St. Vahanadz: Sunday School Director (NJ)

March 13

Mothers as Midwives: Raising Children of Faith
Elva Astradok, Christian Ed. Coordinator (Eastern Mexico)

March 20

Metaphor of God as Mother in the Bible
Dr. Shant Kazaryan, Director of ARDC

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The ARS Mayr and Bergen County Chapters cordially invite you to attend:

**THE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD
CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS –HOW ARE THE
UN AND THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF
WOMEN ADVANCING WOMEN'S RIGHTS**

The 1993 World Conference on Human's Rights in Vienna, Austria was the precursor to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (1993). There will be a video presentation of the conference as well as a panel discussion of the advancement of women's rights over the past 20 years.

**Thursday, February 21, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

**St. Illuminator's Armenian Apostolic Cathedral – Pashalian Hall
221 E. 27th Street, NY, NY
Admission: Free**

Guest panelists include:

Anahid Ugurlayan, Vice-Chairperson, ARS Mayr Chapter of NY (Moderator)
Madeleine Brecher, International Council of Jewish Women
Houry Geudelekian, ARS UN Coordinator

Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact: Anahid at anahide@aol.com or Houri at hourig61@gmail.com

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SECOND ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF YOUNG AUTHORS

Contemporary Armenian-American authors read their works

Nancy Agabian, author of *Me as her again*. Nancy will read from her work-in-progress, "The Fear of Large and Small Nations" about her life in Armenia as a Fulbright scholar working with artists and activists fighting for social change.

Christopher Atamian, writer, translator (Nigoghos Sarafian's *The Bois de Vincennes*) and director; author of the novel *Speaking French*

Alan Semerdjian, songwriter, essayist, educator, and a poet. His first full-length book of poetry is *In the Architecture of Bone*

Aida Zilelian-Silak, short story writer, author of two novels. She will be reading an excerpt from the sequel of her second novel, the story of an Armenian family adjusting to the newness of immigrating to America.

Don't miss your chance to enjoy this event!

Ուրբաթ, Փետրուար 22, 2013, եր. ժ. 8:00-ին

Friday, February 22, 2013 at 8:00 p.m.

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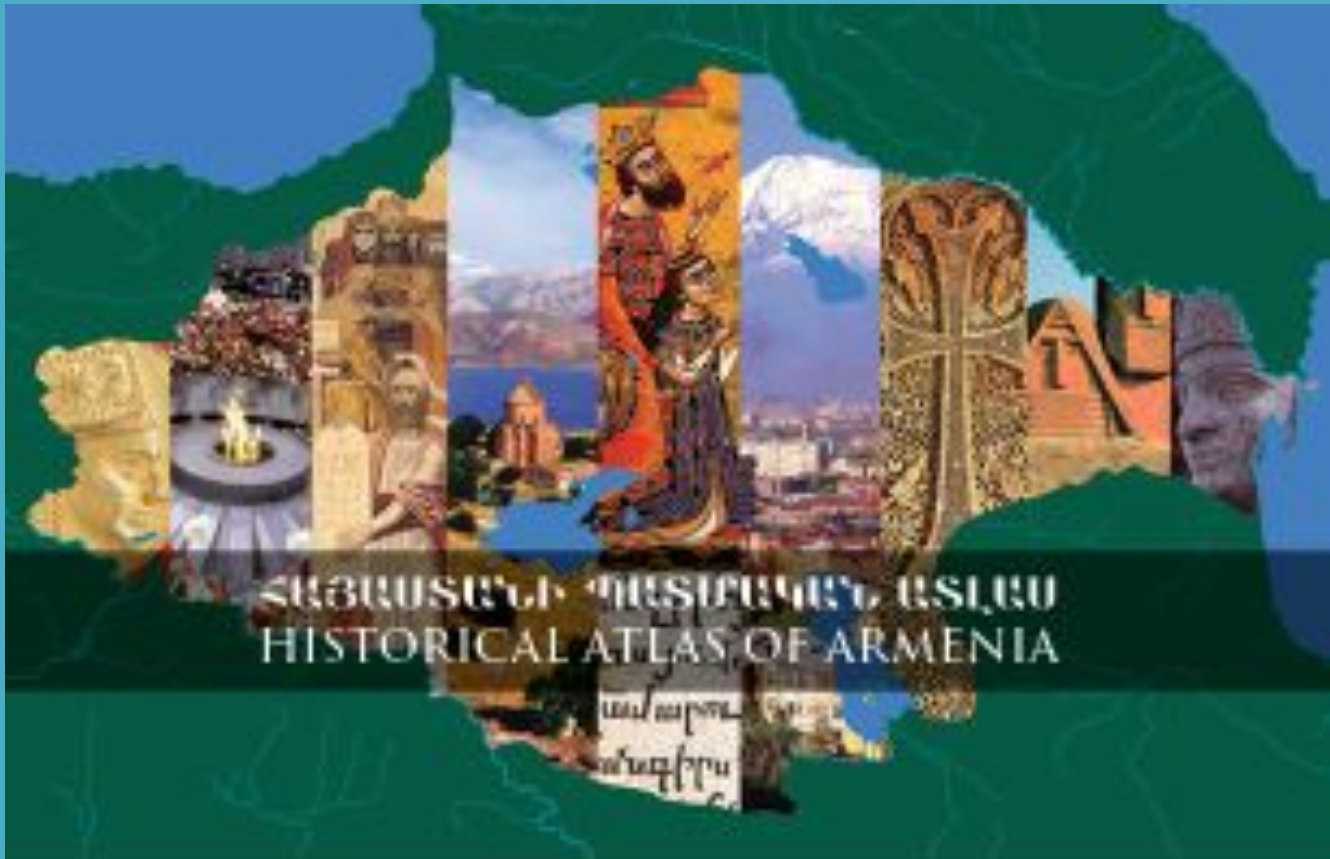
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