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

## ***E-NEWSLETTER***

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2013

**REV. FR. MESROB LAKISSIAN, PASTOR**



**Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, Board of Trustees with the members of St. Illuminator Cathedral's  
"Huyser" music ensemble**

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## **Another successful and sold out event from “Huyser” Music Ensemble!**

“Project I - International Rhythms” presented on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at St. Illuminator’s John Pashalian hall, truly was full of “international” rhythms with lots of Spanish guitar music as well as English, Italian and of course Armenian music. The program also included a guest performance by international singer/songwriter Monica Lofgren (Sweden) and by many rising new talents.

We had the privilege of having amongst us Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, Pastor of St. Illuminator’s Armenian Cathedral, Rev. Fr. Abraham Malkhasyan, Pastor of the Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs as well as many representatives of different Armenian organizations.

The cozy atmosphere created by the performers specially with the funny jokes and friendly comments made by the group’s director Harout Barsoumian, made the audience feel like at home and led them into interacting with the performers more, which was the case with the encore “Volare” where they sang along with joy. Everyone was also amazed with the way the hall and the stage were set up and decorated, and of course the delicious food on the tables.

“International Rhythms” was the first of a series of small projects that will lead the group to their upcoming big show in the fall of this year, so keep your eyes and ears open for upcoming projects and shows from “Huyser”!

Here are some beautiful comments made by the attendees of “Project I”

- “My thanks to all of you for a great performance. You all were amazing!!! I really enjoyed the concert. Again, thank you for the incredible concert.”
- “It was the best event ever.”
- “You were all amazing...all talented too...Abrik..Vartskernit gadar”
- “Nice event... excellent entertainment... like to see more...”
- “Dear Harout, we really enjoyed the concert. Thank you”
- “Guys your concert was a great one, glad we could come, wish you all success.”

And more.

We would like to thank all of the attendees and supporters of our group, without whom we could not succeed.



*Monica Lofgren*



*Ani Djirdjirian*



*Maria Barsoumian*



*Harout Barsoumian*



*Diran Jebejian*



*Harout Barsoumian and Ara Yeghoryan*



*"Huyser" Ensemble*



*Yn. Ojeen Lakissian, Yn. Karine Malkhasyan,  
Rev. Abraham Malkhasyan and Rev. Mesrob Lakissian*

**On Sunday, March 17, 2013, H. G. Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar General, presided over the Divine Liturgy, Requiem Service and delivered the Sermon at the St. Illuminator's Cathedral.**



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***ST. ILLUMINATOR'S CATHEDRAL  
RECEIVES DONATION FOR EDUCATION***

On Wednesday, March 20, St. Illuminator's Cathedral received surprising visit from Mr. Andreias Marderosian of Flushing, who made another generous donation of \$5,000 for Cathedral's educational programs. Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, pastor of the Cathedral, accepted the gift and announced that the funds will be used for the Cathedral's Religious and Armenian educational programs.

During last couple of years Mr. Andreias Marderosian made donations to the St. Illuminator's Cathedral and its Armenian Day School totaling \$45,000.00.

Our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Marderosian for his generosity and continued support.

***ROSE AND ALEX PILIBOS ARMENIAN SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT  
ST. ILLUMINATOR'S CATHEDRAL***

37 eight graders from Rose and Alex Pilibos Armenian School in Los Angeles, California, accompanied by the principal of the school, Dr. Alina Dorian and three teachers, visited the St. Illuminator's Cathedral on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 during the class trip to New York and Washington DC.

Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian gave them a tour and spoke about the history of the Cathedral and answered to students many questions. At the end of the visit students received souvenir Armenian crosses from Rev. Lakissian.



*Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian with the students and the teachers*



*Der Mesrob during the presentation*



*Students are praying*



## ***PRELACY LENTEN PROGRAM CONCLUDES***

On Wednesday, March 20, the six-part Prelacy Lenten Program concluded. The lecturer was Maggie Kouyoumdjian, Sts. Vartanantz Sunday School Director of Ridgefield, New Jersey, who spoke on “Lessons from Famous Mothers from the Bible.”

Mrs. Kouyoumdjian focused on eight famous mothers in the Bible, starting with Eve, the mother of all living, to Mary, Mother-of-God (Asdvadzadzin). She briefly highlighted the characteristics of each of the eight mothers and their role in God’s plan of salvation. Then, reflecting on the mothers’ role today, she said,

beyond nurturing their children physically, emotionally and intellectually, Armenian mothers need to pass on the glorious riches of our Christian faith and heritage to their children and grandchildren. Concluding, she spoke about how her grandmother and especially her mother were influential Christian witnesses in her life.

On behalf of H. E. Archbishop Oshagan, Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, pastor of St. Illuminator’s Cathedral, who facilitated the six-part Lenten program, thanked everyone for their participation – including the Prelacy Ladies Guild (PLG) and the Ladies Guild of St. Illuminator’s Cathedral, and the Prelacy’s Armenian Religious Education Council (AREC) – and wished them a very blessed Holy Week journey to Easter, reminding them to participate in the coming Holy Week services.

The Lenten program is sponsored by the Prelacy’s Armenian Religious Education Council (AREC), the Prelacy Ladies Guild (PLG), and the Ladies’ Guild of St. Illuminator’s Cathedral.



*Mrs. Maggie Kouyoumdjian spoke about the lessons from famous mothers in the Bible*



*Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian was the facilitator during each of the six Lenten lectures*

## **ATTENTION, PARENTS!**

**The St. Illuminator's Sunday school teachers are once again preparing decorated candles that will be for sale on Palm Sunday. Please support this fundraiser and all our efforts to help the Sunday school grow along with our community.**



**If you would like to make an order please contact Cathedral's office (212-689-5880), or E-Mail ([office@stilluminators.org](mailto:office@stilluminators.org)) by March 23.**



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## PALM SUNDAY

This Sunday, March 24, is Palm Sunday commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week. The Church is joyful after forty days of repentance. Christ is coming into the city of Jerusalem. He is coming in the name of the Lord in fulfillment of the prophecy (Zechariah 9:9-16), in the words of the Introit of Palm Sunday, "*Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and adorn your bridal chamber, O Sion, for behold your King Christ, seated on the new colt, shows meekness and comes to enter into your chamber. ... Cry aloud, Hosanna, blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord, who has great mercy.*"



KING, YOU CAME TO  
THIS WORLD  
By Catholicos Sahag Barteve

*King, you came to this world  
By way of the city of  
Jerusalem,  
Riding the ordinary donkey,  
close to the soil,  
and called the pagans to  
reverence.*

*The old with branches of the  
olive,  
The young with branches of  
palm, came.  
And flock by flock, choruses  
sang:  
Hosanna, blessed is your  
coming, Lord!*

*All of the kingdoms of Zion  
rejoiced.  
All of the holy churches were  
enthralled.  
With elation they welcomed  
the blessings  
of your coming, savior of this  
world.*

Armenian Prelacy –  
“Crossroads”

## **ԾԱՂԿԱԶԱՐԴ**

**ԱԲԵՏԱՐԱՆ ԸՍՏ ՍԱՏԹԷՈՍԻ (21-1:11)**

Երբ Երուսաղեմի մօտեցան եւ հասան Բեթփագէ Չիթենեաց լերան կողին, Յիսուս իր աշակերտներէն երկուքը դրկեց՝ անոնց պատուիրելով. - Գացէք սա դիմացի գիւղը եւ անմիջապէս հոն կապուած էշ մը պիտի գտնէք իր աւանակին հետ, քակեցէք եւ ինծի բերէք: Եթէ մէկը առարկէ, ըսէք. «Տէրը պէտք ունի», եւ անմիջապէս թոյլ պիտի տայ ձեզի: Ասիկա պատահեցաւ, որպէսզի իրականանայ ինչ որ Տէրը ըսած էր մարգարէին բերնով. –*«Երուսաղեմի ըսէք. - Ահա թագաւորդ քեզի կու գայ. անիկա հեզ է, նստած՝ իշու մը աւանակին վրայ»:*

Աշակերտները գացին եւ կատարեցին ինչ որ Յիսուս պատուիրեց իրենց: Բերին էշն ու աւանակը եւ իրենց վերարկուները անոնց վրայ դրին: Ապա Յիսուս նստաւ աւանակին վրայ: Ժողովուրդէն շատեր իրենց վերարկուները կը փռէին ճամբուն վրայ, ուրիշներ ծառերէն ոստեր կը կտրէին եւ կը տարածէին ճամբուն վրայ, ուրիշներ ծառերէն ոստեր կը կտրէին եւ կը տարածէին ճամբուն վրայ: Եւ ամբողջ բազմութիւնը, որ թափօրին մէջ Յիսուսի առջեւէն կ'երթար կամ կը հետեւէր իրեն, կ'աղաղակէր. -

*«Օրհնութիւն Դաւիթի Որդիին, օրհնեալ է ան՝ որ կու գայ Տիրոջ անունով: Օրհնութիւն Բարձրեալին»:*

Երբ Յիսուս Երուսաղեմ մտաւ, ամբողջ քաղաքը դողդեցաւ: Ո՞վ է ասիկա, - կը հարցնէին քաղաքի բնակիչները: Եւ ամբոխը կը պատասխանէր. - Ասիկա Յիսուս մարգարէն է, Գալիլեայի Նազարէթ քաղաքէն:

## **ՃՇ. ԸՆԹԵՐՑՈՒՄ**

Երգ Երգոց 1:1-2.3    Չաքարեայ 9 : 9-15    Փիլիպպեցիներուն 4 : 4-7



## **PALM SUNDAY**

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (21-1:11)

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, -*“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”* The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them: They brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, *“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”* When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, - Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

### **BIBLE READINGS**

Song of Solomon 1:1-2.3

Zechariah 9 : 9-15

Philippians 4 : 4-7



## ***FLOWER DONATIONS FOR PALM SUNDAY***

### **Mr. & Mrs. Mardo and Maria Ebremian and family**

In loving memory of their mother and grandmother  
Sona Shamlian (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### **Mr. & Mrs. Hagop and Ankin Andonian**

In loving memory of their parents Hazar & Gayane Andonian, Krikor Gulbenkian and deceased members of Kafafian, Ebranian and Andonian families

### **Mr. & Mrs. Norik and Rita Tatevossian**

In loving memory of Leon & Hasmik Tatevossian, Hrand & Guenoffia Galstian, Diana Tatevossian-Asdourian

### **Mr. & Mrs. Mihran and Salpi Gharibian and family**

In loving memory of their parents and grandparents Serop & Mariam Gharibian and Antranig & Alice Baberian



## ***DONATION OF OLIVE BRANCHES***

**Mr. & Mrs. Krikor Markarian**





**Arshalous Aida Kulhagian**, born on June 20, 1924 in Bucharest, Romania, passed away on March 15, 2013 at the age of 88. Funeral services took place at L.A. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Huntington, NY. Interment service was held at the Cedar Grove Cemetery on March 18, 2013.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her daughter Alice Kazandjian, brother Dickran Bostanian, sister Nelly Aprahamian and their families.

**May God illuminate her soul.**



## FROM CATHEDRAL'S MAIL BOX



Մարտ 7, 2013  
Ֆրանսա

Արժանապատիւ  
Տ. Մեսրոպ Քհնյ. Լագիսեան, Հոգեւոր Հովիւ  
Ս. Լուսաւորիչ Մայր Եկեղեցւոյ  
Նիւ Եորք

Արժանապատիւ եւ սիրելի Տէր Հայր,

Շատ ուրախացայ, որ Նիւ Եորք գտնուած միջոցիս առիթ ունեցայ ծանօթանալու Ձեզի հետ ու վայելելու Ձեր ջերմ հիւրասիրութիւնը, որուն համար կը յայտնեմ իմ խորին շնորհակալութիւնը:

Դուք իբրեւ հոյակապ անձնատրութիւն եւ բազմաշնորհ եկեղեցական մեծապէս զիս տպաւորեցիք: Տիրոջ ամենագոր Աջի հովանին թող միշտ անպակաս ըլլայ Ձեր եւ Ձեր ընտանիքի վրայէն:

Յաջողութեան եւ առողջութեան լաւագոյն մաղթանքներով՝  
Վարդան Սեւրոնեան

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March 18, 2013

Dear Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian,

Saturday night's (March 16, 2013) "Project 1 International Rhythms" concert performed by St. Illuminator Cathedral's "Huyser" ensemble was huge success and very professional.  
God bless you and all talented musicians.

Respectfully,  
Simon Kurdian

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March 18, 2013

Dear Der Mesrob,

"Huyser" ensemble's performance was wonderful! Vartzkernid Gadar! It was such a joy to listen to the music and songs. You are amazing talents! Looking forward for Project II.  
Good luck and thanks for entertainment.

Respectfully,  
Lolita Babikian

**ORDER OF SERVICES**

***PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER***

***PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2013***

**THE DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE CELEBRATED BY**

REV. FR. MESROB LAKISSIAN, pastor

Morning Hour service .....	10:00am
Divine Liturgy .....	10:30am
Children's Procession .....	11:30am
Opening of the Portals .....	12:30pm

Godfather – Haroutun Tashchyan (son of Mr. & Mrs. Armen and Marianna Tashchyan)

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2013**

Washing of the Feet .....	6:00pm
Vigil –Hsgoom- (KHAVAROOM) .....	8:00pm

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2013**

Evening service .....	7:00pm
The order of Entombment .....	7:30pm

**GREAT SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2013**

Holy Communion.....	10:00-11:00am
Easter eve service .....	6:00pm
Reading of the scriptures .....	6:30pm
Easter Eve Badarak .....	7:00pm

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2013**

Holy Badarak will be celebrated and Sermon will be delivered by

HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP OSHAGAN CHOLOYAN, Prelate

Morning service .....	10:00am
Divine Liturgy.....	10:30am

Serving on the Altar: Archdeacon Shant Kazanjian, Deacon Hagop Haddad,

Sub deacon: Dickran Kabarajian and acolytes.

Choir Director: Deacon Kevork Hadjian.

Playing on the Organ: Mrs. Julie Ishkanian.

**MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2013 -Remembrance of the Dead**

**For requiem service and visitation of the graves at the cemetery  
please call 212-689-5880**

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### ***MUSICAL ARMENIA 2013***

The 30th Musical Armenia concert will take place Friday, April 19, 8 pm, at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Featured artists are: Narine Ojakhyan (soprano) and Nune Melikian (violin).

Tickets (\$25) may be purchased through the box office at 212-247-7800, or through the Prelacy at 212-689-7810.

# The Armenian Genocide

## AN OPEN INVITATION TO THE DESCENDANTS OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

. memories... are  
. testimonies... are  
. documentations... are  
calls for justice!

### PROJECT: TESTIMONIES - voices of the people

- "TESTIMONIES" is a collection of personal accounts of the Armenian Genocide documented by the descendants of the martyred and/or survivors of their struggle against mass annihilation.
- Every Armenian has a story about his/her ancestors' ordeals during the Armenian Genocide.
- The accounts will be published in **ENGLISH** in a series of volumes.
- Let us honor, preserve, share, and document the memories of the martyrs and survivors.
- Let us tell the stories of those who were silenced; it is our obligation!

#### Editorial Board

Iris Chekenian, Tom Vartabedian, Raffi Setian, Iris Papazian

#### Criteria for submission:

- 1- All accounts must be true stories.
- 2- Submissions have to be personal accounts and include the following:
  - a. Names of the martyred and/or survivors
  - b. Birth place (village, town, area) and birth date (if available)
  - c. Atrocities in detail
  - d. Path of migration: towns and settlement; pictures (if available)
  - e. The accounts should cover from the date of the atrocities to the present
- 3- The write-up may be from 1 to 15 double-spaced typed pages (one page is 250 words).
- 4- The account should be in **English**; texts in Armenian will be accepted also.
- 5- A cover page with submitter's name, address, E-mail, date of submission and signature.
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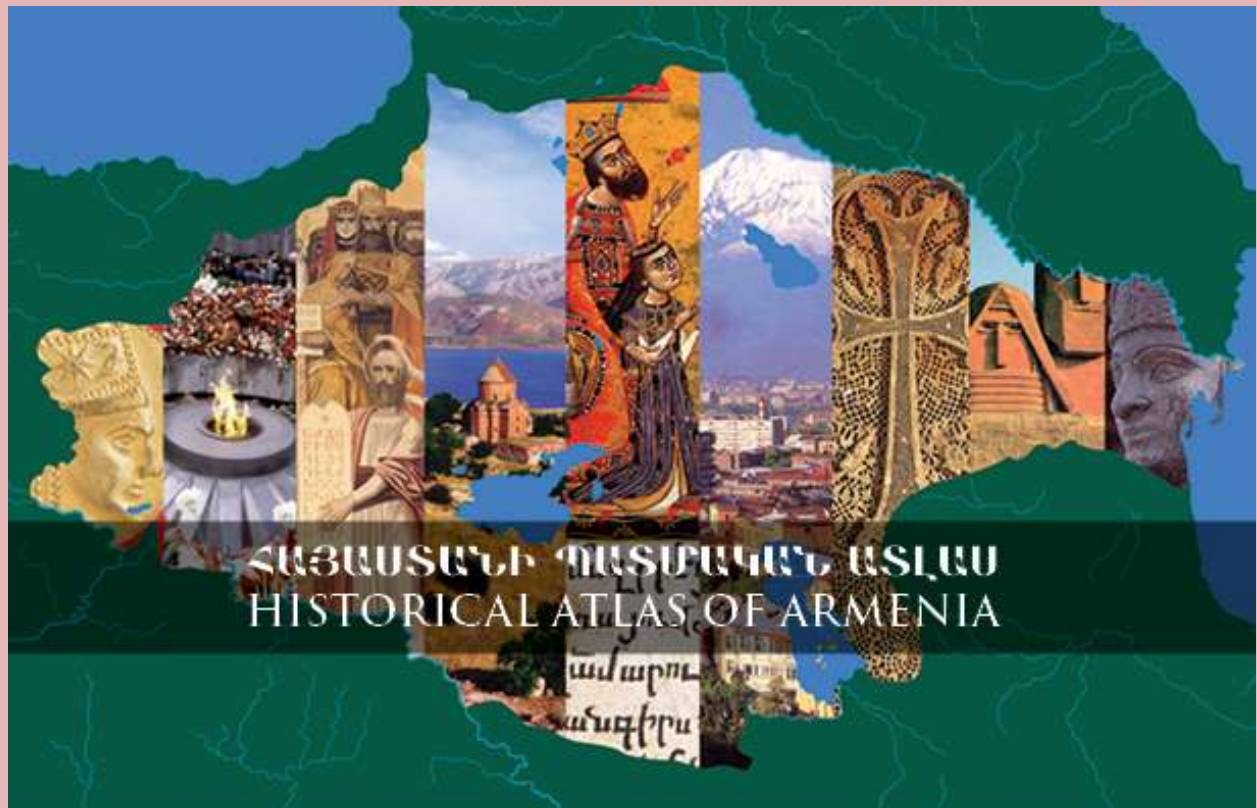
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