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

E-NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2013

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ST. ILLUMINATOR'S WEEKLY NEWS



ST. ILLUMINATOR'S CATHEDRAL WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

During the last few months 17 new members joined St. Illuminator's Armenian Apostolic Cathedral's parish.

We are delighted to welcome the following new members:

Mr. & Mrs. Alex and Elizabeth Alahverdian

Mr. Onnig Bezirjian

Mr. & Mrs. Arshag and Verginia Bogosian

Mr. & Mrs. Arsen and Karine Garabedian

Mrs. Aghavni Chil-Gevorkian

Mr. & Mrs. Dikran and Lisa Kabarajian

Mr. & Mrs. Paul and Rachel Nadjarian

Mr. Apel Tamagoglu

Mr. William Mardiros Tavitian

Mrs. Yeghsa Tavitian

Ms. Maria Tavitian

Mr. George Venedikian

ST. ILLUMINATOR CATHEDRAL'S BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM BEGAN LAST NIGHT



Shant Kazanjian

Called “the most influential letter ever written,” St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans is the focus of an eight week Bible study program at the St. Illuminator’s Armenian Apostolic Cathedral, which began last night, October 24, and will continue on subsequent Thursdays up to December 19. The Program is co-sponsored by the Cathedral and the Prelacy’s Armenian Religious Education Council (AREC).

Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, pastor, opened the program with a prayer, welcomed everyone, and introduced the speaker Deacon Shant Kazanjian, Executive Director of AREC. After preliminaries, Dn. Shant delved into the prologue of the letter to the Romans, discussing its basic and distinctive elements compared to the common practice in that culture. He concluded by highlighting the main thesis of the letter summed up in two very terse and dense verses:

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, ‘The one who is righteous will live by faith.’” (Romans 1:16-17)

St. Paul will take the rest of the letter to argue and explicate this thesis statement.

Over twenty-five people signed up for the program. It is not too late to join in (call St. Illuminator’s at 212.689.5880 or Prelacy at 212.689.7810).

A word of warning though: No one grasped by the powerful message of the Pauline Gospel enshrined in the letter to the Romans remains unchanged.



Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian



Participants of the Bible Study program

“LIFE BY THE CAGE” PRESENTED

On Friday, October 18, 2013 “Life by the Cage,” «Կեանքը վանդակի կողքով», a play by Samuel Kosyan, staged and directed by Dr. Herand Markarian took place at the Armenian Center in Woodside, New York.

The event was sponsored by the New York Hamazkayin Cultural Association.



The director with clergy guests and cast members after the performance

HOME BLESSING

The practice of Home Blessing is a beautiful tradition which has been preserved for centuries by the Armenians. Usually this ceremony is performed at Christmas and Easter, as well as before moving in a newly built or bought house.

But what is the meaning of this practice would ask any inquisitive parishioner?

Visiting his parishioners at their homes is one of the sacred duties of a parish priest. The priest represents the church. And he carries with him the whole church with her blessings and Sanctity to his parishioner's home which is expected to be modeled on the same church.

Jesus had visited his followers at their homes many times. He had broken bread with them, performed miracles and had engaged in spiritual discussions. Upon sending his apostles to their mission, he had said to them ; “Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And finally declare that, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’” (Luke 10:5,9).

During the past month Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian blessed homes of the following parishioners:

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory and Veronica Kazarosian

Mr. & Mrs. Grikor and Lusine Tchilingarian

Mr. & Mrs. Tigran and Armine Degoian

Mr. & Mrs. Hovik and Gayane Ghazaryan



The blessing of Mr. & Mrs. Hovik and Gayane Ghazaryan's new residence



FEAST OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE HOLY CROSS

This Sunday, October 27, the Armenian Church commemorates the Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross (*Giut Khatchi*). Empress Helena, mother of Constantine and a devout Christian, wanted to find the True Cross. She went to Golgotha (Calvary), which had become an obscure and neglected place. According to some chronicles, it was an informed Jew named Juda who pointed out the location. After excavation at the site, three wooden crosses were found. In order to identify the True Cross, the three crosses were successively placed on the body of a youth who had just died. When one of the crosses was placed on him, the young man came back to life. This was determined to be the True Cross. The commemoration of this event take place on the Sunday closest to October 26, and can vary from October 23 to 29.

Christ's exact burial site was also located, and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher was built on that spot in 335. The church was destroyed by fire in 614 when the Persians invaded Jerusalem; it was subsequently rebuilt. The current dome dates back to 1870. Three denominations (Armenian Orthodox, Greek Orthodox, and Russian Orthodox) administer and maintain the church and surrounding grounds, unfortunately not always harmoniously. Agreements strictly regulate times and places of worship for each denomination. Ironically, for centuries a Muslim family has been the custodian of the keys to the church, which is within the walled Old City of Jerusalem.

(Armenian Prelacy – “Crossroads”)

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Քու հրաշակերտ եւ գօրեղ խաչափայտը Քրիստոս,
երկրի վրայ գօրութեան գաւազան երեւցաւ. ժողովուրդներ, եկէք երկրպագենք:

Կենաց փայտը, անթաքչելի գանձը զոր հրեաները
ծածկեցին, Հեղինէ թագուհիին փափաքով յայտնուեցաւ. ժողովուրդներ, եկէք երկրպագենք:

Ասիկա հաւատացեալներու համար յաղթութեան զէնք է, ախոյեան եւ յաղթող կնիք թշնամիին դէմ.
ժողովուրդներ, եկէք երկրպագենք:

Անճառելի տեսիլ մը երեւնալով թագուհիին, Երուսաղէմի մէջ ատեան կազմած կը փնտռէր պատուական
խաչափայտը որուն վրայ Մեսիան գամեցին:

Մեծասաստ հրամանով հրեաները հաւաքուելով, ցոյց տուին անոր պատուական խաչափայտը որուն վրայ
քարձրացուեցաւ արարածները ստեղծողը:

(Շարական)

2013

ՀԱՅ ՄՕՐ ՏԱՐԻ

THE YEAR OF THE ARMENIAN MOTHER



«Շատ կը յարգեմ Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Արամ Ա. Կաթողիկոսի այս ձեռնարկը՝ հայ մայրը առանձնացնելու եւ գայն վերարժեւորելու ձգտող:

Վեհափառը 2013 տարին «Հայ Մօր Տարի» հռչակելով՝ նշած է որ Ս. Աստուածամայրը տիպարն է մայրութեան:

Ոչ միայն կիներու պանծացում կը տեսնենք հոս, այլ հայ մայրը կըլլայ օրինակող Ս. Մարիամ Աստուածածինի ընդունած մայրութեան:

Աւետման «այո»ն կու գայ պայծառացնել հայ մօր սուրբ ճակատը եւ հայ մայրը կ'երկրպագէ Մարիամին իր կուռ հաւատքին պատճառով»:

Թամար Տասնապետեան

“My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw.

All I am I owe to my mother.

I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her.”

George Washington

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2013

**ԽԱՉՎԵՐԱՅԷՆ ԵՏՔ Է. ԿԻՐԱԿԻ
ԳԻՒՏ Ս. ԽԱՉԻ**

ԱԲԵՏԱՐԱՆ ԸՍՏ ՍԱՏԹԵՈՍԻ (24:27-36)

Մարդու Որդին պիտի գայ կայծակի նման, որ երբ փայլատակե՝ կը լուսաւորէ ամբողջ երկնակամարը, արեւելքէն արեւմուտք: Անգղները կը հաւաքուին հոն՝ ուր դիակ կայ: Նեղութեան այդ օրերէն անմիջապէս ետք արեւը պիտի խաւարի եւ լուսինը այլեւս պիտի չփայլի. երկինքէն աստղերը պիտի իյնան եւ երկնային մարմինները պիտի սասանին: Ապա Մարդու Որդին նշանը պիտի երեւի երկինքի մէջ, եւ աշխարհի բոլոր ժողովուրդները պիտի ողբան, երբ տեսնեն Մարդու Որդին, որ կու գայ ամպերուն վրայ բազմած՝ զօրութեամբ եւ մեծ փառքով: Երբ մեծաձայն փողը հնչէ, ան իր հրեշտակները պիտի դրկէ, որպէսզի հաւաքեն իր ընտրեալները աշխարհի չորս կողմերէն, երկինքի մէկ ծայրէն մինչեւ միւսը: Թզենին ձեզի թող օրինակ ըլլայ: Երբ տեսնէք որ անոր ճիւղերը կը կակուղնան եւ տերեւ կ'արձակեն, գիտէք թէ ամառը մօտ է: Նոյնպէս ալ, երբ բոլոր ըսածներս կատարուին, գիտցէք թէ Մարդու Որդին գալուստը մօտ է եւ արդէն հասնելու վրայ: Վստահ եղէք, որ այս սերունդը չանցած՝ ասոնք բոլորը պիտի պատահին: Նոյնիսկ եթէ երկինքն ու երկիրը անհետանան, խօսքերս պիտի չանհետանան: Սակայն ո՛չ որ գիտէ թէ ե՛րբ պիտի գայ այդ օրը կամ ժամը. ո՛չ երկինքի հրեշտակները, ո՛չ ալ Որդին, բայց միայն՝ Հայրը:

ՃՇ. ԸՆԹԵՐՅՈՒՄ

Իմաս. 14:1-8 Ես. 33.22-34.1 Ա.Կր.1:18-24

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
FEAST OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE HOLY CROSS**

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (24:27-36)

“For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven and the powers of heaven will be shaken. 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 put 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

Wis. 14:1-8 Is. 33.22-34.1 I Cor. 1:18-24

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2013



Requested by:

Group of friends

In memory of honorable member of the Cathedral

ANGELA NAZARETIAN – 40th Day

Requested by:

Ms. Karine Ghukasyan

In memory of her beloved uncle

KARLEN GHUKASYAN

In memory of her beloved mother

ANYA CHUKASYAN

In memory deceased members of **GHUKASYAN, MESROPYAN, AVDALYAN, MATSAKYAN, SARKSYAN**, also in memory of **EMIL, ADIL** and **MARIETTA**



CATHEDRAL'S MAIL BOX – ՆԱՍՏԱԿԱՆԻ



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

October 22, 2013

Dear Der Mesrob,

We would like to thank you very much for the support and guidance you have provided my family and I during our unfortunate passing of our Father Kaloust Tavitian. Last year on this day 10/22/12, we came to you totally in grief not knowing what to do next. Your compassion, support and guidance by staying at our side and going through the entire process with us was so comforting that no words can express how much we appreciate everything you have done for us. We are grateful and proud to say that you are our Family priest. As you stated during the Eulogy, when you visited my Father in the hospital; he told the nurses to leave him alone since his Priest is here and wanted to be with you as much as he can. You are a member of our family and we are so lucky and grateful to have you for our priest.

May God bless you, yeretskin and your sweet daughter.

Respectfully,
Maria Tavitian
William Tavitian
Mrs. Arpine Tavitian
Harry, Anni, Christian and Daniel

Յարգելի Տէր Մեսրոպ,

Հոկտեմբեր 15, 2013

Կը գնահատեմ Ձեր ազգանուէր գործունէութիւնը.
Կեցցէ՛ Հայ Եկեղեցին,
Կեցցէ՛ Սուրբ Լուսաւորիչ Մայր Եկեղեցին:

Սիրով՝
Արմէն Պօյաճեան

ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE *Romans*

8 week Bible study program

on Thursdays from October 24 to December 19, 2013

7:15-8:00pm – Presentation
8:00-8:45pm – Q/A & Discussion

St. Illuminator's Armenian Apostolic Cathedral
221 East 27th Street, NYC

Sessions will be presented by Dn. Shant Kazanjian, Executive Director
of Armenian Religious Education Council (AREC) of the Eastern Prelacy

Registration is required!

Please register at www.armenianprelacy.org, or contact:
Prelacy – (212) 689-7810, arec@armenianprelacy.org
Church – (212) 689-5880, office@stilluminators.org

All are welcome!

This program is sponsored by AREC and St. Illuminator's Armenian Cathedral

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

CHALLENGES TO ARMENIA'S ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

Armenia's Natural Wonders **on the Brink**

From lush forests and public parks to mountain streams, rivers and lakes, Armenia's natural treasures and ecological systems are **under assault**.



Don't miss this rare opportunity to meet with three activists on the frontlines of environmental issues in Armenia today. They'll tell us how environmental disasters are impacting people's lives and what can be done to help protect the homeland's natural beauty and bounty from further destruction — **before it's too late**.

Guest Speakers

Yeghia Nersessian **Anna Aghlamazyan** **Levon Galstyan**
representing the Pan-Armenian Environmental Front

Documentary Film + Q & A

Armenia's Breaking Backbone

(Running Time: 1 hour)

SUNDAY, **OCTOBER 27th, 2:00 PM**

St. Illuminator's Cathedral

221 East 27th Street, New York City

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Saturday
November 2, 2013
8:00 pm



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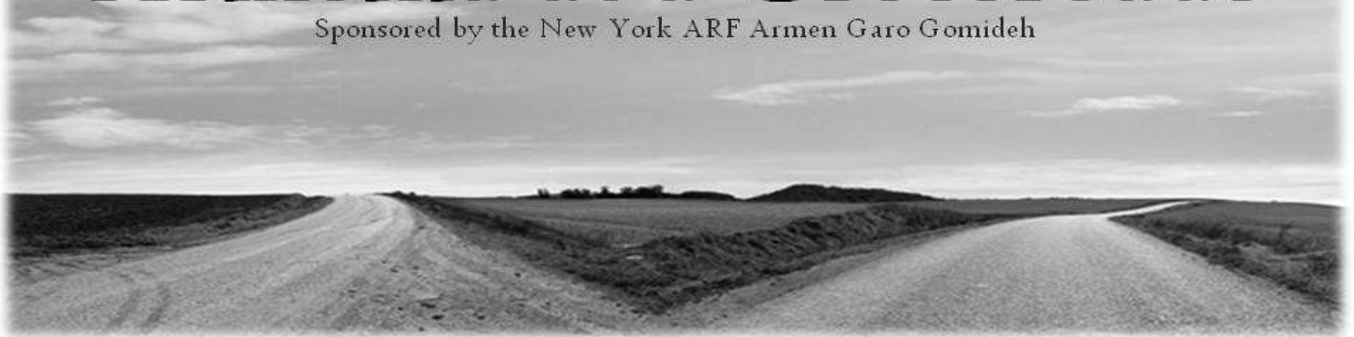
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Lecture by Gegham Manoukyan

Yerkir Media TV Director of News and Political Programs

Sunday November 3, 2013
1:00 pm

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Կազմակերպութեամբ

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Repatriation and Deception

Post-WW II Repatriation to Soviet Armenia

By Hazel Antaramian Hofman

Born in Soviet Armenia to Armenian repatriates and raised mostly in the U.S., Hazel Antaramian-Hofman has been documenting stories and photographs of Armenians who left the Diaspora and repatriated to Soviet Armenia after World War II.

Come join us for this fascinating lecture and audiovisual presentation

Friday, November 8, 7:30 pm

Ուրբաթ, Նոյեմբեր 8, երեկոյեան ժամը 7:30

Pashalian Hall at St. Illuminator's Armenian Cathedral

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Eastern Prelacy of the
Armenian Apostolic Church of America

His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate

Invites you to a book presentation and reception
honoring the recent publication of

Commentary on the Nicene Creed
By Archbishop Zareh Aznavorian, of blessed memory
with English translation

Translated by
Deacon Shant Kazanjian
Executive Director
Armenian Religious Education Council (AREC)

Wednesday, November 13, at 7:00 pm

at the Prelacy offices
138 East 39th Street, New York City

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SATURDAY, NOV. 16TH 2013**

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Նայ Ընտանիքի Մօր Տարի

**Year of the Mother of
the Armenian Family**

**Sunday, November 17, 2013
at the Terrace on the Park**

His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan
Prelate of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America (Eastern Prelacy)

Invites you to attend a banquet

**Celebrating the
“Year of the Mother of the Armenian Family”**

as proclaimed by His Holiness Aram I
Catholicos of the Holy See of Cilicia

Sunday, November 17, 2013
at the

Terrace on the Park

52-11 111th Street

Flushing Meadows Park, New York 11368

At four o'clock in the afternoon



THE ARMENIAN RELIEF SOCIETY OF NY EREBOUNI CHAPTER PRESENTS

A NIGHT OF **DINNER & DANCING** HONORING
THE **MOTHER OF THE ARMENIAN FAMILY**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2013
ST. SARKIS ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
DOUGLASTON, NY

8PM
MAIN HALL

FEATURING **STEVE KARAGEOZIAN** & HIS BAND
FULL MEZZE AND DINNER INCLUDED
JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE MOTHERS OF THE YEAR

DONATION: \$60
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October 24 to December 19, 2013

BIBLE STUDY

“THE LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE ROMANS” - 8 session program presented on Thursdays, from 7:15 pm to 8:45pm, at St. the Illuminator’s Cathedral.

Sessions will be presented by Dn. Shant Kazanjian, Executive Director of Armenian Religious Council (AREC) of the Eastern Prelacy

Sunday, November 24, 2013 at 1:00pm

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON & PROGRAM

Organized by St. Illuminator Cathedral’s Ladies Guild

Sunday, December 8, 2013

THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSING OF ARCHBISHOP MESROB ASHJIAN, the former Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy, will be marked with a solemn Requiem Service and Dedication program.

Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate, will officiate during the Divine Liturgy and Requiem Service at the St. Illuminator’s Cathedral.