



The Armenian Church of Atlanta

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May 7, 1996

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

SOLEMN DIVINE LITURGY

celebrant

THE REV. FR. NERSESS JEBEJIAN, Pastor

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 1996 AT 3:00 P. M. Sharp

EPIPHANY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
2030 OLD ALABAMA ROAD
ROSWELL, GA. 30076

FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY DINNER WILL BE SERVED
AND A PROGRAM PRESENTED.

THE COMMUNITY IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO COME
AND PARTICIPATE IN THE LITURGY AND DINNER-PROGRAM.

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PAST EVENTS

The following article was published in the April 20, 1996 issue of the Armenian Reporter, regarding the very informative lecture and video presentation presented by the Armenian Assembly of America's Congressional Relations Director Timothy Jemal.

Armenian Assembly Heads South for Atlanta Public Forum

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As part of the Armenian Assembly of America's ongoing effort to expand public outreach through its grass-roots arm, ARAMAC, Congressional Relations Director Timothy Jemal headed south to Atlanta for a public forum on March 17. The Armenian Church Council of Atlanta and Father Nersess Jebejian of Dallas organized the event, attended by some 35 enthusiastic Armenian Americans and held at the Byzantine Catholic Church in Roswell, Georgia.

Jemal briefed attendees on the mission and activities of the Armenian Assembly, emphasizing the vital role grass-roots support played in the organization's legislative successes during 1995. "There is no substitute for direct grassroots contact with U.S. Representatives, Senators and Executive branch members," Jemal stated. "Our elected officials need to hear that Armenian Americans are united in strengthening the U.S. relationship with Armenia and Nagorno-Karabagh."

"The level of interest and enthusiasm among the group was excellent," noted Assembly Affiliate Ara Keyfer, who introduced Jemal. "The Armenian Assembly should be commended for conducting this type of instructive outreach and for their work on behalf of the Republic of Armenia and Karabagh."

As part of the program, video



With the help of local activists Ara Keyfer and Aris Merijanian, Father Nersess Jebejian of Dallas (second from right) organized an Armenian Assembly of America grass-roots briefing at the Byzantine Catholic Church in Roswell, Georgia, March 17. The Assembly's Congressional Relations Directory Timothy Jemal (right) was the featured speaker.

Photo credit: Armenian Assembly.

clips were shown from last summer's House debate on maintaining U.S. sanctions on Azerbaijan and cutting economic support funds to Turkey for its human rights abuses. These two legislative achievements, along with passage of the Humanitarian Aid Corridor Act and approval of the largest per capita allocation of U.S. assistance to Armenia to date, made 1995 a truly historic year for the Armenian-American community. "Community engagement on these issues has been, and will

continue to be, vital," Jemal said.

The Armenian Assembly is a national nonprofit organization which promotes public understanding and awareness of Armenian issues. Since ARAMAC (the Armenian-American Action Committee) became the grass-roots arm of the Armenian Assembly in May 1995, the Assembly's Washington legislative agenda has been bolstered by greater community support. Anyone interested in ARAMAC may contact Timothy Jemal at (202) 393-3434.

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

MORE THAN JUST COLORED EGGS

April the 7th was a joyous Easter celebration. The day started off with the baptism of baby Kevork Yeremian; with his proud parents, immediate family and friends in attendance. Congratulations, and our best wishes to Kevork and his family!

The Very Rev. Father Mamigon Kilidjian, originally from Armenia, was the celebrant of the Easter Divine Liturgy; with close to 100 people in the congregation. We were so pleased to see so many children, young adults, old and new friends. The service was followed by a shish-kebab dinner, egg dying for the children, an Easter egg hunt, an egg cracking contest, and the search for the prized *choregs*. The 15 dozen eggs were laboriously colored by Talin Major and her two children, Ani and Ara, and were cracked within a matter of minutes by people rushing to discover if their egg could out crack the rest. The winner was Herman Catak, who won a beautiful Easter Basket decorated by Anita Asik. The other contest was a much tastier one, 20 *choregs* were made by Ani Tashciyan, Silva Degirmen and Anita Asik; and two of them contained prizes to be discovered by Filyan Dido and Nancy Diboyan. Filyan discovered the Olympic gold pendant donated by Murad Chorluyan, and Nancy discovered the next morning the prize that she herself had donated, a gold cross.

The egg dying for the children organized expertly by Talin Keyfer-Hohn and Lara Keyfer, proved to be a successful effort. Together, we learned how to use onion skins to dye the eggs a deep orange color. While dying the eggs, we not only learned an Armenian tradition, but we also discussed the significance of Easter.

Thank you every one who helped in the kitchen and grilled outside, your hard work made this memorable day a huge success.

FAREWELL DINNER

On Saturday, April 27th, a farewell dinner was held in honor of Simeon and Nancy Diboyan at Sidewalk Cafe in Norcross. Their daughter, Michelle, visiting from South Carolina, joined her parents. Father Jebejian traveled to Atlanta to present a plaque of "Great Stewards" from the Atlanta Parish Council and the Pastor, and a Letter of Appreciation from the Diocese of The Armenian Church of America. Chairman Levon Messerlian delivered moving words of praise and farewell, and Zepure Chamesian recited poetry. Apraham Varjabedian's vocal selections were delightful to all present.

Simeon and Nancy, your presence will be missed greatly. It is with much regret that we say farewell to you. We thank you for the dedication you gave to the Church and the diligent work that went along, and we wish you the best in your new home in Las Vegas, Nevada.

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUNG ADULTS : If you crave adventure and you love the outdoors, then join us for a trip down the Ocoee River; site of the whitewater events at the 1996 Olympics. Each raft will be guided by an experienced guide, making the trip suitable for beginners and experienced rafters.

DATE: Sunday, June 9, 1996 **PRICE:** \$26.50 + tax **REQ'D:** Lots of Energy

For information and reservations, please call Talin or Jeff Hohn at (770)-986-6131.

* Please reserve your spot by May 22, 1996.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

Sunday, June 9 , 1996 : Young adults rafting trip

Sunday, July 14 , 1996 : Divine Liturgy/Blessing of the 1996 Olympic Armenian Team Athletes
by Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate.

Sunday, Aug. 18, 1996 : Divine Liturgy/Blessing Of Grapes,
Celebrant - The Very Rev. Fr. Mamigon Kilidjian

Sunday, Oct. 20, 1996 : Divine Liturgy, Celebrant - The Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce the new Parish Council consisting of the following members:

Greg Avedissian	(770)-642-1744
Zepure Chamesian	(770)-955-2469
Vahan Kassabian	(404)-231-2269
Ara Keyfer	(404)-262-3160
Talin Major	(770)-447-9647
Levon Messerlian	(770)-983-0139
Ani Tashciyan	(770)-512-8074

Please feel free to call any one of the above members with your suggestions, advice or questions. Give them your support and remember "Many hands make light work!"

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY