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ARCHBISHOP RECEIVES ALTAR GIFTS

John Tatoian (center), acting as deacon, presents incense burner to Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan. Also acting as deacons are Kerrigan Sarkissian (left) and Samuel Tarpinian (right).

Ceremonies Mark Opening Of New Armenian Church

Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan said yesterday at the banquet after the blessing and consecration of St. Sarkis Armenian Church that the edifice is a means to be used to build up and to maintain the spiritual life of the Armenian community in Niagara Falls.

"We must see to it," he said, "that our people shall live up to the greatness of America and shall contribute its own share to the task of maintaining the Christian values which have formed the foundation of its civilization."

The ceremonies which took place Saturday and Sunday at the church, Ninth and East Falls Sts. marked the opening of the building for which ground was broken June 14, 1952. Assisting at the rites was the Rt. Rev. Lauriston L. Scaife, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York.

Pillars Anointed

The blessing of the church took place Saturday evening and the consecration rites yesterday morning. During the consecration the pillars surrounding the church were anointed in the names of the apostles. Among those assisting were the deacons of the church.

Others assisting in the services were the Rev. Khoren Mamigonian, St. Catharines, Ont.; the Rev. Shahe Altounian, Providence, R. I.; the Rev. Arten Ashjian, Philadelphia, Pa.; George Der Krekorian, St. Catharines, Ont.; H. Souin, Toronto, Ont.; Larry Ghougasian, Edward Markarian, John Tatoian, Paul Ghougasian, Leo Dardarian, Sr.; Samuel Tarpinian, and Kerrigan D. Sarkissian, all of this city.

Members from the Toronto, St. Catharines and local churches represented in the choir, with solos carried by Mrs. Rose Zulalian, Boston, Mass., and Miss Lillian Garabedian, were:

Dalita Selyan, Souzan Ouzounian, Jacqueline Ouzounian, Mary Poladian, Arthur Selyan, Jack Souin and Setrak Adourian, Toronto; Margaret Halagian, Rose Bedrosian, Shirley Bedrosian, Geo. Der Krekorian, St. Catharines; Varsen Garabedian, organist, Lillian Garabedian, Angela Tarpinian, Sema Tarpinian, Rosalind Avdoian, Beatrice Gazigian, Barbara Yandian, Shirley Movsesian, John Kartalian, Larry Ghougasian and Edward Markarian, all of this city.

Rev. Mr. Hammond Speaks

Speaker at the banquet yesterday afternoon, besides Archbishop Tiran and Bishop Scaife were the Rev. Blake B. Hammond, the Rev. Mr. Mamigonian, the Rev. Edward Miller, the Rev. Mr. Altounian, the Rev. Mr. Ashjian, District Attorney Jack E. Gellman, County Judge Frank J. Kronenberg, Charles F. Obenhack, architect of the church, Louise Pelowski, New York State Compensation Court referee, and William Joy of the Bremer Construction Co.

Chairman of the banquet was Kerrigan D. Sarkissian who gave a brief history of the church and the Armenian community in Niagara Falls. He said that the site upon which the church now stands was purchased by the Niagara Falls Education Association of Armenians more than two decades ago for the purpose of erecting the church.

Mrs. Rose Zulalian, Boston concert soloist, accompanied by Mrs. I. R. Peck at the piano, sang the National Anthem and several Armenian songs.

Simon Shakarjian and Mr. Dardarian were assistant chairmen of the banquet committee which included Geragos Najarian and the following:

The Mesdames Varvar Jamgochian, Takoohi Grdigian, Takoohi Nazarian, Agnes Sarkissian, Lucy Eghigian, Alice Kartalian, Nartoochi Buluzian, Nisha Kashmanian, Anna Dardarian, Christine Garabedian, Varvar Jamgochian, Arshalous Mardirosian.

Also the Misses Margaret Eghigian, Zabel Sarian, Helen Hanesian, Pauline Ghougasian, Alice Yandian, Margaret Avdoian, Queen Bedrosian, Alice Buluzian, Alice Mooradian, Angeline Tarpinian Varse Garabedian.

Dewey Sends Wire

Among the congratulatory telegrams and letters was one from Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

The parish council includes the Rev. Mr. Mamigonian, Edward J. Mooradian, president; Michael Kerkorian, vice president; Mr. Sarkissian, secretary; Mr. Dardarian, treasurer; Messrs. Ghougasian, Tatoian, Tarpinian, and Ohanes Avdoian, advisors.

Past members of the council were of Bedrosian's papers which had been written in the photo.

Jack E. Gellman is legal advisor. The consecration booklet was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Kazarian and Mr. Toorigian.

The officers of the Ladies Auxiliary include Mrs. Altoon Mooradian, president; Mrs. Leo Dardarian Sr., vice president; Mrs. Paul Ghougasian, treasurer; Mrs. Michael Kerkorian and Mrs. Mary Tatoian, advisors. Past members secretary, and Mrs. John Koshian, included Mrs. Hosrov Toorigian, recording secretary.

Donors of gifts of religious articles to the church are as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Markarian, Buffalo, stained glass window Jesus of Gethsemane dating 150 years of German origin, lectern and oriental rugs; Mrs. Lucy Eghigian, chalice; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dardarian Sr., sanctuary candle holders dating to 1841 from the Armenian monastery of St. Garabed in Caesarea; Harry Keshishian, crucet and tray; Messrs. Samuel J. Mooradian, Krikor Grdigian, Michael Zaynatan, memorial; Mr. Toorigian, Sahag Avdoian, Sarkis Derderian, Mr. and Mrs. Kerop Jamgochian, altar candle holders.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Piliq Kartalian, purvar; Dakes Mardigian, altar picture; Mrs. Hosrov Toorigian, sanctuary lantern and baptismal font in memory of Mr. Toorigian; Mr. Avdoian, altar desk and candle extinguisher and lighter.

Also, royal blue velvet drapes for altar curtain by Mrs. Mary Tatoian on behalf of her son, Gregory, now studying for the Armenian priesthood in Antelios, Syria.

The Parish Council gave thanks to the following for personal labor and work rendered:

The Messrs. Arthur Avdoian, Paul Garabedian, Krikor Grdigian, Apkar Jaffarjian, Piliq Kartalian, Michael Kerkorian, Dakes Mardigian, Harry Markarian, Najarian Sarkissian and Donig Tarpinian.

Visitors were present from Buffalo, Toronto, St. Catharines, Hamilton, Brantford, Detroit, Lockport, and members of other churches in the community.

A. MOORADIAN

Monday, February 22, 1954

Dardarian Heads Parish Council

Leo Dardarian Sr. has been appointed president of the St. Sarkis Armenian Church Parish Council for 1954 by the Rt. Rev. Tiran Nersoyan, primate of the Armenian Church in North America.

The Rev. Khoran Mamigonian announced the appointment at special services in St. Sarkis Church yesterday morning honoring St. Vardan, the Armenian hero and his men, who died in defense of their Christian principles in the year 451 A.D.

Mr. Dardarian, active in the development of St. Sarkis Church, is a member of the building and executive committee.

Other officers appointed by Archbishop Nersoyan to the Parish Council include Paul Ghougasian, vice president; Miss Alice Mooradian, secretary; Mrs. Michael Kerkorian, co-secretary; Setrag Tarpinian, treasurer; Deran Hanesian, co-treasurer and Philip Kartalian, advisor.

The Parish Council will meet Wednesday evening in the church hall to discuss program plans.

A. MOORADIAN

Friday, October 22, 1954

Game, Dance Night Committee Named

Mr. Arsen Avdoian, chairman of the "Monte Carlo Nite" and dance sponsored by the St. Sarkis Armenian Church Choir to be held tomorrow in the church hall, 300 Ninth St., beginning at 9 p.m. announced the members of his committee today.

Assisting Mr. Avdoian are Mr. Shahan Bedrosian, president of the Church Choir, and the following:

Miss Pauline Ghougasian, entertainment chairman, assisted by Miss Rosalind Avdoian and Miss Helen Hanesian; Miss Hermine Nazarian, decoration chairmen, assisted by members of the choir; Miss Margaret Avdoian, ticket chairman, Miss Varsen Garabedian, Miss Angela Tarpinian, Miss Beatrice Gazegian.

Also, Mr. Sidney Tarpinian, publicity chairman, and Miss Roselma Deschamps; Miss Queen Bedrosian, food chairman, and the Misses Gladys Nazarian, Hermine Nazarian, Elizabeth Sarkissian, Margaret Shakarjian, Tervis Darin, and Dolores Gongalez; Mr. Deran Hanesian, chairman of refreshments, Mr. Leo Sarian, Mr. Peter Sharkarjian and Mr. John Sarkissian.

Miss Alice Mooradian and Mr. Samuel Tarpinian, advisers to the choir, will assist the committee.

Music for the dancing will be provided by "The Four Dukes," featured previously at dances given by the choir. Refreshments will be served and prizes featured.

Decorations will be in keeping with the spirit of Halloween and Monte Carlo atmosphere. The proceeds of the affair will be for the benefit of the church. The public may attend.

Saturday, August 21, 1954

St. Sarkis Plans Week's Activities

Special services will be held tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. at St. Sarkis Armenian Church, it was announced today by Leo Dardarian Sr., president of the parish council. The Rev. Khoren Mamigonian will officiate.

A general meeting will be held tomorrow in the church hall at 7:30 p.m. when a complete report of the financial activities of St. Sarkis Church to date will be presented by the building committee, headed by Michael Kerkorian.

St. Sarkis choir will sponsor a summer cruise dance on Aug. 28 in the church hall from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. with Arsen Avdoian, chairman, and Shahan Bedrosian, president of the choir, in charge of plans. Music will be by the Beachcombers.

An all-day picnic sponsored by the building committee, parish council, choir, Ladies' Auxiliary and Mr. and Mrs. Club will be held on Aug. 29 at 11 a.m. at Swiezy's Grove picnic grounds, Military Rd. Armenian dancing to Yervant Grgigian's band of Detroit will be featured. Setrag Tarpinian, chairman and member of the parish council, and Paul Ghougasian, of the building committee and parish council, will be in charge of arrangements.

A. MOORADIAN

St. Sarkis 25th Anniversary To Be Marked

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NIAGARA FALLS — St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church here will celebrate its silver anniversary during special services at the church next Sunday.

The church will observe the 25th anniversary of its consecration with a divine liturgy to be celebrated by the Most Reverend Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, primate of the diocese of the Armenian Church North America, at 10:30 a.m.

The junior choir of Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Toronto will participate in the liturgy.

A banquet will be held at 2 p.m. that day at the Como Restaurant, with Archbishop Manoogian delivering the main address.

The Armenian Church was founded by the apostles St. Thaddeus and St. Bartholomew, who are recognized as the first enlighteners of the Armenians. Christianity was established as the state religion in Armenia in 301 A.D.

St. Sarkis church, 300 Ninth St., was consecrated on Sunday, Sept. 20, 1953.

Arsen Avdoian is chairman of the parish council. Members include Albert Amato, Deborah Amato, Margaret Avdoian, Shahem Bedrosian, Varsem Fadel, Mel Flinchum, Edward Ghougasian, John Sarkissian and Sema Tarpinloan.

Monday, December 13, 1954

St. Sarkis Parish Council to Meet, Plan Assembly, Joint Celebration

The Parish Council of St. Sarkis Armenian Church will meet Friday at 7 p.m. to make plans for the annual Parish Assembly in January and for the joint celebration in February of all church groups honoring the memory of St. Sarkis, a martyr of Christianity.

The nominating committee, including Mrs. Vahram Gazegian, George Darian, Michael Derderian, Dakes Mardigian and Gregory Tatoian, met with the Rev. Khoren Mamigonian to prepare a slate of 21 nominees for the Parish Council to be presented at the assembly for the election of seven members to the council. Leo Dardarian is president of the council.

Elected Prelate

Archbishop Mampre Calfayan, who was serving as Locum Tenens of the North American Diocese of the Armenian Church, was elected prelate for a four-year term at the recent annual Diocesan assembly at Union City, N. J., it was announced by the Rev. Mr. Mamigonian at the services yesterday.

Archbishop Calfayan was born in Izmir, Turkey, in 1893. He was educated in Christian Brothers schools in Turkey and Port Said, Egypt. He was ordained on June 10, 1923 by the late Elise Tourian, patriarch of Jerusalem. He served as pastor of St. Nicholas Convent in Palestine and, in 1925, was appointed primate of the Marseilles, France, Church. He became pastor of the Union City Church in 1927 and served as acting primate from 1933 to 1939.

He first came to Paterson, N. J., in 1929 and served as pastor until 1941. On Oct. 5, 1941 he consecrated the present church which he was largely responsible for establishing. He returned to the Paterson parish in the fall of 1952. From 1942 to 1948, he served as primate of the California diocese.

The St. Gregory's First Class Medal was awarded to Archbishop Calfayan in 1935 by Catholicos Khoren I at Etchmiadzin for his outstanding service to the church. In the same year he was consecrated bishop and elevated to archbishop in 1945.

One of the first to realize the importance of the youth in the Church in this country, Archbishop Calfayan organized the Sons and Daughters of the Armenian Church in the 1930's and the Young Couple's Clubs after World War II.

Meeting Discussed

Gregory Tatoian, delegate from St. Sarkis Church to the Assembly and assistant to the Rev. Mr. Mamigonian, gave highlights of the assembly meetings to the parish, followed by movies of his travels abroad and of Antelias Seminary in Lebanon where he studied. Mr. Tatoian described the spiritual educational and philanthropic work of the Armenian Church abroad.

In his report on the assembly, Mr. Tatoian said a resolution was passed to send a letter of commendation to Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, Archbishop Mampre's predecessor, for his decade of service to the church as prelate. A committee was appointed to work

on the proposed seminary in America. The reports from the various organs of the church were submitted and discussed including the proposed cathedral project.

Mrs. Kerop Jamgochian, president of the Ladies Auxiliary, presided at the turkey dinner sponsored by the auxiliary for the benefit of the church. Assisting with the dinner and program were Mesdames Nartoohi Boloozian, Alice Gazegian, Takoohi Grdigian, Queen Kerkorian, Zabelle Mardigian, Queen Nazarian, Genevieve Tarpinian, Mary Tatoian.

Card Parties Planned

Also, the Misses Pauline Ghougasian, Queen Bedrosian, Varsen Garabedian, Angela Tarpinian, Hermine Nazarian, Margaret Avdoian and the Messers Peter Budakian, Michael Kerkorian, Geragos Najarian, Paul Ghougasian, Leo Sarian, John Tatoian, and Gregory Tatoian.

The Ladies Auxiliary will have a series of card parties twice a month for the benefit of the church. The committee includes Mrs. Leo Dardarian, Mrs. Vahram Gazegian, Mrs. Kriker Grdigian, and Mrs. Kachadoor Kudurshian.

The Church Choir will hold its second annual Christmas dance Saturday from 10 p. m. to 2 p. m. Arsen Avdoian is chairman, assisted by Shahen Bedrosian, choir president, as co-chairman.

The Mr. and Mrs. Group, of which Robert Kazeangin is president, is making plans for the establishment of a Sunday church school in the near future.

Choir rehearsals, under the direction of A.I.C. Albert Kapeghian, are held every Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. Miss Varsen Garabedian is church organist. The choir is rehearsing songs for the Christmas services.

A. MOORADIAN

Friday, October 8, 1954

School to Benefit From Fall Festival

St. Sarkis Armenian Church fall festival, sponsored by the "Mr. and Mrs. Group" for the benefit of the Sunday Church School, will be held tomorrow beginning at 6 p.m. in the church hall, 300 Ninth St., it was announced today by Mr. Robert Kazeangin, president of the group and chairman of the event.

Armenian dancing to Yervant Grgigian's band, Detroit, Mich., will highlight the evening's festivities. The band has been of popular appeal to many Armenian communities in various parts of the country. Traditional Armenian instruments will be used such as the "zoorna," a high-pitched instrument similar to a clarinet, common to the Near and Middle East; the "saz," a lute-like instrument; the "keaman," a cello-like instrument, and the "tumpak," a drum-like instrument. The celebrated composer, Aram Khatchaturian, has used melodies from some of the Armenian folk dance music for his compositions.

The steps of the folks dances are easily followed and should prove an entertaining experience for those who participate in the dances for the first time," said Mr. Kazeangin.

In addition to the Armenian folk dancing there will be American dancing and an assortment of prizes.

Assisting Mr. Kazeangin with arrangements for the festival are Mrs. Robert Kazeangin, Mr. and Mrs. James Barbato, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Fadel, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kashian, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kashmanian, Mr. and Mrs. George Panosian and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shaldjian.

A variety of Armenian delicacies will be served prepared by the following members of the Ladies Auxiliary:

Mesdames Takoohi Grgigian, Anna Hanesian, Martha Kashmanian, Rose Kuderhshian, Goolbahar Panosian, Genevieve Tarpinian and Mary Tatoian.

Members of the building committee, parish council and Church Choir are also assisting with the event.

The public may attend the festival. Tickets will be available at the door.

A. MOORADIAN

Wednesday, August 25, 1954

Mr. Avdoian Head Of St. Sarkis Dance

Mr. Arsen Avdoian has been named general chairman of the "Summer Cruise" dance which will be held at St. Sarkis Armenian Church hall Saturday. The church choir will sponsor the dance which will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. according to an announcement by Mr. Shaben Bedrosian, president of the choir.

The nautical atmosphere of a luxury liner will be featured in the decorations and dancing will be provided by the "Beachcombers," Mr. Avdoian stated.

Committees assisting Mr. Avdoian with arrangements are: Miss Pauline Ghougasian, entertainment chairman, assisted by Miss Rosalind Avdoian and Miss Helen Hanesian; Miss Hermine Nazarian, decoration chairman, assisted by members of the choir; Miss Margaret Avdoian, ticket chairman, Miss Vars Garabedian, Miss Angela Tarpinian and Miss Beatrice Gazegian.

Also, Mr. Sidney Tarpinian, publicity chairman, and Miss Roseima Deschamps; Miss Queen Bedrosian, food chairman, and the Misses Gladys Nazarian, Hermine Nazarian, Elizabeth Sarkissia and Margaret Shakarjian; Mr. Deran Hanesian, chairman of refreshments, Mr. Leo Sarian, Mr. Peter Shakarjian and Mr. John Sarkissian.

Miss Alice Mooradian and Mr. Setrag Tarpinian, advisers to the choir, will assist the committee.

The choir will assist with St. Sarkis parish's all-day picnic Sunday at Swiezy's Grove picnic grounds, Military Rd. The Yervant Grgigian band from Detroit will play and Armenian delicacies and Armenian folk dancing will be scheduled.

The proceeds of the dance and picnic, which are open to the public, will be used for the church.

A. MOORADIAN

Monday, January 25, 1954

Armenian Church to Honor St. Sarkis With Program; Archbishop Meets Group

St. Sarkis Armenian Church will honor the memory of St. Sarkis, a martyr for Christianity, in a program of recitations, music and dance this Saturday, beginning at 5 p.m. in the Church Hall, corner of Ninth and East Falls Sts. The celebration is sponsored by the Parish Council, Ladies Auxiliary and Church Choir.

Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, primate of the Armenian Church of America, after celebrating the divine liturgy, met with the members of St. Sarkis church to outline church plans for the future. Michael Kerkorian, chairman of the parish council, presided at the meeting.

Archbishop Nersoyan stated, "The gathering together of our people in Niagara Falls around our church, is important towards the very hopeful future of our church in this great and free country of ours, the United States. We must see to it that our people shall live up to the greatness of America and shall contribute its own share to the greatness of America and Christian values, which have formed the foundation of its civilization."

"The building up of the life of the church is a continuous one, requiring sustained effort and dedication. It is our hope and prayer

that in the spirit of Christian love and harmony all the sons and daughters of the church will make the church of St. Sarkis their spiritual home and will unite in their determination to keep alight the torch of faith, in times of confusion and difficulties."

Archbishop Nersoyan is being honored with a series of testimonial banquets in various Armenian communities on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

Mr. Paul Ghougasian, a member of the Parish Council, will act as chairman of the St. Sarkis celebration. The Rev. Khoren Mamigonian will offer the invocation.

Mr. Herman Avedisian, a visitor from Aleppo, Syria, will discuss highlights of the Armenian church. Mrs. Alice Gazigian will eulogize St. Sarkis.

The late Mr. Peter Kazarian, patron donor of the Church, will be eulogized by Miss Rosalind Avdoian. This Sunday at 9:30 a.m., there will be special memorial services at St. Sarkis Church for Mr. Kazarian with the Rev. Mr. Mamigonian officiating in the traditional memorial rituals of the Armenian church.

Miss Lillian Garabedian, accompanied by her sister, Miss Varse Garabedian, at the piano, will sing several solos.

Twin sister and brother, Nina and Harry Mooradian, will perform several dances.

Mr. Sidney Tarpinian will play several piano selections, including the "Sabre Dance," by the Armenian composer, Aram Khachaturian.

Mrs. Queen Nazarian and Mrs. Gazigian have arranged the program, which will be followed by the dancing to the music of the popular Grigjian band from Detroit, featuring both Armenian and American music.

Armenian food, pastries and delicacies will be served.

The food committee includes the Mesdames Nartoohi Bolozzian, Takoohi Grdigian, Rose Kudurshian, Arshaluce Mardirosian, Hephene Yandian, Martha Hashmanian, and Messrs. Ghougasian, Geragos Najarian, and John Tatoian.

Assisting with arrangements and tickets are:

The parish council: Mr. Kerkorian, chairman; Messrs. Ghougasian, Tatoian, Setrag Tarpinian, John Avdoian, and Kerrigan Sarkissian.

Executive Committee of the Ladies Auxiliary: Mrs. Varvar Jangochian, chairman; Mesdames Sara Ghougasian, Marj Tatoian, Queen Kerkorian, Altoon Mooradian, Gazigian and Nazarian.

Executive committee of the Church Choir: Shahin Bedrosian, chairman; the Misses Margaret Avdoian, Varse Garabedian, Mooradian, Angela Tarpinian, and Messrs. Arsen Avdoian, Sidney Tarpinian, Setrag Tarpinian, and Sarkissian.

The proceeds of the affair will be for the benefit of St. Sarkis Church and is open to the public.

A. MOORADIAN

Saturday, February 20, 1954

CHURCH AT FALLS PLANS SERVICES TO HONOR SAINT

Battle Fought 1,500 Years Ago to Be Commemorated at St. Sarkis

St. Vardan will be honored at the divine liturgy and special services in St. Sarkis Armenian Church, Ninth and E. Falls Sts., tomorrow at 9:30 a.m., celebrating the first battle for Christianity by any nation in history. The Rev. Khoren Mamigonian will officiate.

Known in Armenian history as "The Battle of Vardan," after the young Armenian nobleman who led the Christian forces, the battle fought in 451 A. D., is commemorated by both Orthodox and Protestant Armenians throughout the world.

Leo Dardarian Sr., of the parish council, will act as chairman of the evening celebration in the church hall beginning at 7 o'clock.

"We are proud to celebrate this significant event in Armenian history which occurred over 1,500 years ago," said Mr. Dardarian. "The battle has been credited with preserving Christianity in the Near East and Middle East. It also has a cultural significance for Armenians, since it is one of three major events, all occurring within 150 years 15 centuries ago, that many Armenians believed produced the Armenian individuality which has persisted for 1,500 years despite numerous persecutions against their religion."

"The three events," Mr. Dardarian said, "were the adoption of Christianity as a national religion in 303, the invention of the Armenian alphabet and the resulting literary movement, including translation of the Bible into Armenian, and the battle of Vardan."

"The battle actually was a military defeat for the Armenians but the conflict was so costly to the sun-worshipping Persians that they cancelled plans for wholesale purging of Christianity in Armenia," Mr. Dardarian said.

The Rt. Rev. Tiran Nersoyan, primate of the Armenian Church in North America, recently announced that the new Armenian Cathedral and Cultural Center now under construction in New York City, has been named after St. Vardan.

The Rev. Mr. Mamigonian will lead the devotionals and be the main speaker for the evening program, dwelling on the historical aspects of the event in shaping the religious destiny of the world and the zeal of the Armenian race in defending their religious heritage. Songs and recitations paying tribute to St. Vardan and the Battle of Avarair will be included in the program.

Refreshments will be served after the program.

A. MOORADIAN

Tuesday, November 23, 1954

NIAGARA FALLS GAZETTE

Group Is Named To Aid Armenian Monastery Fund

A special committee elected at the preliminary parish assembly of St. Sarkis Armenian Church to assist in the fund raising program for the Armenian Monastery in Jerusalem includes Shahen Bedrosian, Deran Hanesian, Robert Kazeangin, Peter Shakarjian and

The Rev. Khoren Mamigonian opened the assembly with a prayer. John Tatoian, a member of the church building committee, presided at the meeting and Paul Garabedian acted as secretary. Annual reports from the parish council, building committee, ladies auxiliary, church choir and Mr. and Mrs. Group were read.

The Rev. Guregh Kapikian is in the United States on a special mission to America from the Patriarchate of Jerusalem to raise funds for the monastery. More than 4,000 Armenian refugees are sheltered there. 1,000 of whom must be fed daily. There are 35 students in the Seminary.

The Rev. Mr. Kapikian, the son of Armenologist Garabed Kapikian, was born in Jerusalem in 1921. He graduated from Tarkmanchadz School of Jerusalem in 1936 and entered the seminary which he finished 3 years later. He served as assistant supervisor of the monastery's printing plant. He was ordained a deacon in 1950 and became a monk in 1951. Since 1952 he has been director of the Tarkmanchadz School. The Rev. Kapikian will visit most Armenian centers in all parts of America.

Gregory Tatoian recently returned from the Armenian Seminary in Antelias, Lebanon, was elected at the Parish Assembly as delegate to the Diocesan Council Assembly of the Armenian Church to be held Nov. 26 to 29 at Union City, N.J. when a new primate will be elected.

Mrs. Vahram Gazegian, George Darian, Michael Derderian, Dakes Mardigian and Mr. Tatoian were elected to the nominating committee to prepare a slate of 21 nominees for the Parish Council. The annual parish assembly will be held in January for the election of members to the council. This same committee was elected to function as an auditing committee of parish funds.

The ladies auxiliary will serve a turkey dinner after the church morning services on Dec. 5 in the church hall. Mrs. Gazegian, Mrs. Markar Boloozian, Mrs. Leo Dardarian, Mrs. Krikor Grdigian, and Mrs. Kerop Jangochian are in charge of arrangements and will be assisted by members of the Auxiliary.

Arsen Avdoian is chairman of the second annual Christmas de-

sponsored by the Church Choir to be held Dec. 18, in the church hall. The choir will continue to meet Tuesday evenings for rehearsals directed by A/IC Albert Kapeghian.

• Members of the choir will meet Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m. for try-outs for the play, "Daros Chem Oozer," an English-Armenian comedy in three acts by Avedis Kevorkian. The try-outs will be followed by a social evening of fellowship with Mr. Tatoian as guest of honor and tribute to the members of the choir for their loyal support in church program development. Refreshments will be served.

A. MOORADIAN

Friday, December 24, 1954

Christmas Day Services Set At St. Sarkis

Special Christmas Day services will be held at St. Sarkis Armenian Church, at 11 a.m. when the Rev. Khoren Mamigonian assisted by Gregory Tatoian, deacon, will offer the divine liturgy.

The Church Choir, directed by A.L.C. Albert Kapeghian, will sing traditional Armenian Christmas ritual music. Miss Lillian Garabedian, a student in the Music Department of Fredonia State Teachers College, will sing the solo parts. Miss Varsen Garabedian will accompany the Choir at the organ.

Memorial services will be held in memory of the late Arshag Mardirosian on Jan. 2 at 9 a.m. with the Rev. Mr. Mamigonian and Mr. Tatoian officiating, assisted by the choir.

Ballots have been mailed to the church members for the election of members to the Parish Council for return on Jan. 2 between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. The annual parish assembly will be held the same evening at 7:30 o'clock in the church hall when the results of the election will be given and church matters discussed.

The Parish Council resolved to send a letter of congratulation to Archbishop Mampre Calfayan on his recent election to a four-year term as prelate of the North American Diocese of the Armenian Church.

The Mr. and Mrs. Group held a Christmas party for members and children. George Panosian in the role of Santa Claus distributed gifts, followed by games.

A joint celebration of all the groups in the church will be held on Feb. 6 honoring the memory of St. Sarkis. Deran Hanesian, Philip Kartalian and Samuel Tarpinian of the Parish Council have been appointed to make plans for the event.

A. MOORADIAN

Monday, December 13, 1954

Avdoian Named Dance Chairman

Mr. Arsen Avdoian has been named general chairman of St. Sarkis Church Choir second annual Christmas dance to be held at St. Sarkis Armenian Church hall Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mr. Shahen Bedrosian, president of the choir, announced today. Mr. Avdoian has been the chairman of a series of dances sponsored by the choir during the past year.

"The Four Dukes with their melodic rhythms will provide the music for the dancing. Christmas trees with brightly colored ornaments will decorate the hall stage with accents of greens and holly throughout the hall. We invite the public to join us for an evening of Christmas fellowship," stated Mr. Avdoian.

Assisting Mr. Avdoian with arrangements for the dance are Mr. Bedrosian and the following:

Miss Pauline Ghougasian, entertainment chairman, assisted by Miss Rosalind Avdoian and Miss Helen Hanesian; Miss Hermine Nazarian, decoration chairman, assisted by members of the choir; Miss Margaret Avdoian, ticket chairman, Miss Varsen Garabedian, Miss Angela Tarpinian, Miss Beatrice Gazegian.

Also, Mr. Sidney Tarpinian, publicity chairman, and Miss Roselma Deschamps; Miss Queen Bedrosian, food chairman, and the Misses Gladys Nazarian, Hermine Nazarian, Elizabeth Sarkissian, Margaret Shakarjian, Tervis Darian, and Dolores Gonzalez; Mr. Deran Hanesian, chairman of refreshments, Mr. Leo Sarian, Mr. Peter Shakarjian and Mr. John Sarkissian.

Miss Alice Mooradian and Mr. Samuel Tarpinian, advisers to the choir; Mr. Gregory Tatioian, assistant to the Rev. Khoren Mamigonian, and A.I.C. Albert Kapeghian and Mrs. Kapeghian, will assist the committee.

Refreshments will be served and prizes featured. The proceeds of the affair will be for the benefit of the church.

The Church Choir will meet for rehearsal of special Christmas songs tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. under the direction of A.I.C. Kapeghian.

Rehearsal for the play, "Daros Chem Oozar," and English-Armenian comedy in three acts, will start the early part of January at which time the cast and members of the choir, will be announced.

A. MOORADIAN

Monday, December 20, 1954

150 Attend Dance Sponsored by Choir

The holiday spirit prevailed at the second annual Christmas dance sponsored by the St. Sarkis Armenian Church Choir Saturday evening when approximately 150 guests danced to the melodies of the Four Dukes in the church hall.

A Christmas tree adorned the stage and red Christmas bells were suspended from the ceiling. Red, white and silver color scheme highlighted the hall decorations accented by cut-out snow flakes on the window panes and candy canes on the wall. Refreshments were served at candle-lit tables.

During intermission, traditional Armenian folk dances were held. One of the most popular was a round dance symbolic of the unity of the Armenians.

Assisting Mr. Arsen Avdoian, dance chairman, and Mr. Shahen Bedrosian, president of the choir, were the following:

The Misses Margaret Avdoian, Rosalind Avdoian, Queen Bedrosian, Roselma Deschamps, Beatrice Gazegian, Pauline Ghougasian, Varsen Garabedian, Hermine Nazarian, Gladys Nazarian, Tervis Darian, Helen Hanesian and Angela Tarpinian.

Also, Messrs. Gregory Tatioian, Deran Hanesian, Leo Sarian, John Sarkissian, Peter Budakian, Peter Shakarjian and Sidney Tarpinian.

The proceeds of the dance were for the benefit of St. Sarkis Church.

A. MOORADIAN

Tuesday, December 21, 1954

Church Auxiliary Elects Officers

Mrs. Kachador Tarpinian was elected president of the St. Sarkis Armenian Church Ladies Auxiliary at a meeting of the executive committee in the church hall, Ninth St. The Rev. Khoren Mamigonian met with the committee. Mrs. Tarpinian has been active on various committees of the church.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Kerop Jamgochian, vice-president; Mrs. Seth Tatioian and Mrs. Manoog Nazarian, co-secretaries; Mrs. Paul Ghougasian and Mrs. Vahram Gazegian, co-treasurers; and Mrs. Leo Dardarian, adviser.

An expression of thanks was expressed by the Ladies Auxiliary to Mrs. Jamgochian, immediate past president, and to Mrs. John Mooradian and Mrs. Michael Kerkorian, retiring officers of the Ladies Auxiliary, for their devoted service to the development of the church and the auxiliary program.

Beginning January, the Ladies Auxiliary will have a series of card parties twice a month for the benefit of the church.

Special Christmas services will be held at St. Sarkis Church on Christmas Day at 11 p.m. and on Jan. 2, at 9:30 p.m. at which time the Rev. Mamigonian will officiate, assisted by Mr. Gregory Tatioian. The church choir, under the direction of A.I.C. Albert Kapeghian and in which members of the Ladies Auxiliary are included, will sing special Armenian Christmas ritual music.

The Ladies Auxiliary will cooperate with the groups in the Church on Feb. 6, in the joint celebration honoring the memory of St. Sarkis, a martyr of Christianity.

A. MOORADIAN

Tuesday, November 23, 1954

NIAGARA FALLS GAZETTE

Group Is Named To Aid Armenian Monastery Fund

A special committee elected at the preliminary parish assembly of St. Sarkis Armenian Church to assist in the fund raising program for the Armenian Monastery in Jerusalem includes Shahen Bedrosian, Deran Hanesian, Robert Kazeangin, Peter Shakarjian and

The Rev. Khoren Mamigonian opened the assembly with a prayer. John Tatoian, a member of the church building committee, presided at the meeting and Paul Garabedian acted as secretary. Annual reports from the parish council, building committee, ladies auxiliary, church choir and Mr. and Mrs. Group were read.

The Rev. Guregh Kapikian is in the United States on a special mission to America from the Patriarchate of Jerusalem to raise funds for the monastery. More than 4,000 Armenian refugees are sheltered there. 1,000 of whom must be fed daily. There are 35 students in the Seminary.

The Rev. Mr. Kapikian, the son of Armenologist Garabed Kapikian, was born in Jerusalem in 1921. He graduated from Tarkmanchadz School of Jerusalem in 1936 and entered the seminary which he finished 3 years later. He served as assistant supervisor of the monastery's printing plant. He was ordained a deacon in 1950 and became a monk in 1951. Since 1952 he has been director of the Tarkmanchadz School. The Rev. Kapikian will visit most Armenian centers in all parts of America.

Gregory Tatoian recently returned from the Armenian Seminary in Antelias, Lebanon, was elected at the Parish Assembly as delegate to the Diocesan Council Assembly of the Armenian Church to be held Nov. 26 to 29 at Union City, N.J. when a new primate will be elected.

Mrs. Vahram Gazegian, George Darian, Michael Derderian, Dakes Mardigian and Mr. Tatoian were elected to the nominating committee to prepare a slate of 21 nominees for the Parish Council. The annual parish assembly will be held in January for the election of members to the council. This same committee was elected to function as an auditing committee of parish funds.

The ladies auxiliary will serve a turkey dinner after the church morning services on Dec. 5 in the church hall. Mrs. Gazegian, Mrs. Markar Boloozian, Mrs. Leo Dardarian, Mrs. Krikor Grdigan, and Mrs. Kerop Jamgochian are in charge of arrangements and will be assisted by members of the Auxiliary.

Arsen Avdoian is chairman the second annual Christmas de-

sponsored by the Church Choir to be held Dec. 18, in the church hall. The choir will continue to meet Tuesday evenings for rehearsals directed by A/IC Albert Kapeghian.

Members of the choir will meet Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m. for try-outs for the play, "Daros Chem Oozer," an English-Armenian comedy in three acts by Avedis Kevorkian. The try-outs will be followed by a social evening of fellowship with Mr. Tatoian as guest of honor and tribute to the members of the choir for their loyal support in church program development. Refreshments will be served.

A. MOORADIAN

Friday, December 24, 1954

Christmas Day Services Set At St. Sarkis

Special Christmas Day services will be held at St. Sarkis Armenian Church, at 11 a.m. when the Rev. Khoren Mamigonian assisted by Gregory Tatoian, deacon, will offer the divine liturgy.

The Church Choir, directed by A.I.C. Albert Kapeghian, will sing traditional Armenian Christmas ritual music. Miss Lillian Garabedian, a student in the Music Department of Fredonia State Teachers College, will sing the solo parts. Miss Varsen Garabedian will accompany the Choir at the organ.

Memorial services will be held in memory of the late Arshag Mardirosian on Jan. 2 at 9 a.m. with the Rev. Mr. Mamigonian and Mr. Tatoian officiating, assisted by the choir.

Ballots have been mailed to the church members for the election of members to the Parish Council for return on Jan. 2 between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. The annual parish assembly will be held the same evening at 7:30 o'clock in the church hall when the results of the election will be given and church matters discussed.

The Parish Council resolved to send a letter of congratulation to Archbishop Mampre Calfayan on his recent election to a four-year term as prelate of the North American Diocese of the Armenian Church.

The Mr. and Mrs. Group held a Christmas party for members and children. George Panosian in the role of Santa Claus distributed gifts, followed by games.

A joint celebration of all the groups in the church will be held on Feb. 6 honoring the memory of St. Sarkis. Deran Hanesian, Philip Kartalian and Samuel Tarpinian of the Parish Council have been appointed to make plans for the event.

A. MOORADIAN

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St. Sarkis Lists Events of Week

The schedule of Holy Week and Easter services at St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church, 300 Ninth St., has been announced by the Rev. Nerses Baboorian, pastor.

Palm Sunday — divine liturgy offered by the Rev. Baboorian at 10:30 a.m. followed by "Opening of the Door."

Tuesday — Foolish-Wise Virgins with Sunday Church School members taking part at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday — Commandment Memory, "Washing of Feet" and Tenabrae at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday — Entombment, Tre Ore, at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday — Easter Eve divine liturgy at 7:30 p.m. offered by the Rev. Ghuregh Yetanegian of Montreal.

Easter Sunday — divine liturgy by the Rev. Baboorian at 10:30 a.m., followed by traditional egg-play in church hall. Celebrant will be the Rev. Mr. Yetanegian.

At all services the choir will offer liturgical music with Bergé Karagoz at the organ.

Guregh

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2 losers get time to file legal pleas

LOCKPORT — Two incumbent county legislators from North Tonawanda who were narrowly defeated in the recent election will have three weeks to challenge the results.

The county Board of Elections, which normally has 25 days to certify an election, certified the two races Wednesday, primarily to give Democrat-Conservative Robert Jarvis and Democrat Theodore Thomas enough time to contest the results in State Supreme Court.

Both Jarvis and Thomas had indicated last Friday they would contest. Had the election commissioners waited the entire 25 days, it would have left the legislators only five days to contest. Any legal challenge must be made within 30 days after the election.

Norton F. Aurigema, chairman of the county election commissioners, certified Wednesday that Thomas had lost by three votes in the 23rd legislative district to Republican-Conservative Dorothy L. Fettes and Republican-Liberal John M. Kilencki had won over Jarvis in the 22nd district by five votes.

The voting machines were impounded election night and the recanvassing was completed by Friday night.

'Gong show' set at NT Sr. High

NORTH TONAWANDA — North Tonawanda Senior High School is sponsoring a "gong show" at 8 p.m. Friday to benefit the Niagara-Wheatfield Community Boosters' drive to finance sports and extra-curricular activities at Niagara-Wheatfield.

The "gong show" will include acts by both North Tonawanda and Niagara-Wheatfield students and will be held at the North Tonawanda high school on Meadow Drive.



ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN

Armenian primate visits

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, will visit Niagara Falls this weekend for a regional meeting of the New York State and Canadian parishes of the diocese.

The meeting will be held Saturday and Sunday at St. Sarkis Church, 300 Ninth St.

Representatives from Armenian Church parishes in Binghamton, Rochester, Syracuse and Toronto, Ont. will take part in the meeting on Saturday. Cultural, religious and youth programs will be discussed at that time.

On Sunday, the archbishop will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at St. Sarkis Church.

The Diocese of the Armenian Church of America comprises

50 parishes in the United States and Canada. Torkom has been primate of the diocese since 1969, and has written a number of books concerning the Armenian Church.

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«Լրարբ»-ի Դեկտ. 31-ի թիւին մէջ Նիակարա ֆոլսին զրկուած թղթակցութիւն մը կար, որ, Երբեք թէ կը զրաղէր բանուորներու կացութիւնով: Բրականին մէջ սակայն, թղթակցը կը ջանար խեղաթիւրել կարգ մը ուրիշ հարցեր, եւ մասնաւորաբար շեղուելով չարաբանի տեղուս եկեղեցիին շինութեան համար գոյութիւն ունեցող տարակարծութեանց շուրջ:

Այդ ծածկանուն թղթակցին կը վերադարձնենք իր գործածած վարկարեկիչ արակումները, (ստեփանոս, ազգամաս հերոսներ) եւ այլն, զորս անմտօրէն կը նետէր զաղութիւն սրտցու ազգայիններուն:

Մեր զաղութիւն մէջ ոչ մէկ հայ կայ որ բնագիմանայ եկեղեցիին շինութեան: Մտ երկուուկէս տարի առաջ Ներսիսեան Ս. կազմած էր այստեղ եկեղեցական Յանձնախումբ մը որ կ'աշխատէր Նրպատակին համար, այն է՝ շինել եկեղեցի մը անգիս մէջ:

Սակայն, ծանօթ է ամերիկահայ զաղութիւն պատակուածը մօտ 16 տարիներէ ի վեր, եւ ազգային զոյգ կեդրոնական վարչութեանց գոյութիւնը: Արդ, մեր զաղութը ցարդ մնացած է չէզոք այս պատակուածին մէջ եւ այժմ եւս կ'ողջ պահել նոյն դիրքը:

Հետեւաբար կ'առաջարկէինք որ մեր եկեղեցին ոչ մէկ կեդրոնի ենթարկուի, այլ բաց բլայ ամէնուն, եւ ամէն հայ կղերականի առջեւ, մինչեւ այն բաղձալի օրը, երբ զոյգ վարչութիւնները կը միանան, ու մենք, բնականօրէն կը ճանչնանք միութիւնը:

Այսպիսի արամարանական առաջարկն է որ կը մերժէ նաեւ անդիտակից «թղթակց»ը ու կը շրջէ իրողութիւնները, ուղելով քանի մը մարդոց կամքը պարտադրել զաղութիւն:

Մեր այս առաջարկին մերժման հետեւանքով է որ քաղաքիս մէջ կազմուեցաւ երկրորդ Յանձնախումբ մը, որ կը ներկայացնէ ժողովուրդին մեծամասնութիւնը: Այս մարմինը եւս կը ծրարէ եկեղեցիի մը շինութիւնը:

Այս երկու Յանձնախումբերը հաւաքական նիստ մը ունեցան, չէզոք եկեղեցիի մը շինութեան համար:

Այժմ կը սպասենք, որ Ներսիսեանի նշանակած Յանձնախումբը երկրորդ խառն նիստի մը ձեւաւորէ, հարցը վերջնապէս լուծելու համար:

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