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ԽՄԱՍԳՐԱԿԱՆ:

Մեր այս առաջին թիւը կը նկատենք շաբաթուար-
կու թիւեր "ՆՍՈՅԼ" թերթին, որուն նախաձեռնողն
ու մղիչ ուժն էր մեր բոլորին սիրելի, զանէն Հայր
Սուրբ Աւետիքեանը:

Համայնքային կեանքին մէջ որքան ալ զոքը
ըլլայ թիւը գաղութին, երբ բոլորիւն ունի եկե-
ղեցի եւ ազգային կեանք, անհրաժեշտութիւն մըն է
ունենալ ժողովուրդին հետ կապ պահելու միջոց մը
հաղորդակից դարձնելու զայն ազգային իշխանութի-
ւանց գործունէութիւններուն եւ մտահոգութիւններուն
Հայ ժողովուրդին մեծ առաքինութիւններէն մէկն է
նաեւ այս, հոն ուր մի քանի տասնեակ Հայեր կայք
հաստատած են, յամառ ջանքերով եւ մեծ զոհողու-
թիւններով շինած են եկեղեցի եւ դպրոց, ու ան-
պայմանօրէն ունեցած իրենց հրատարակութիւնը, հոգ
է թէ ան ըլլայ ձեռագիր կամ տպագիր:

Մեր այս հրատարակութեամբ կը յուսանք լրացնել
պահանջ մը, որը սկսած էր զգալի դառնալ մեր հա-
մայնքին իրականութեան մէջ, ի տես տնօր մեր նոր
սերունդին խանդավառութեան եւ ազգային եկեղեցական
զանազան գործունէութեան, տեղեկագիրներ պիտի
տրուին ծնակաւ խորհուրդի եւ անոր ենթակայ մար-
միններու կողմէ, ինչպէս նաեւ տեղական եւ ազգա-
յին բնոյթ ունեցող լուրերէ: Սակայն չպիտի բաւա-
կանանք միայն տեղեկագրութիւններով, պիտի ջանանք
այս հրատարակութիւնը բովանդակակից եւ ճիշ-
դարձնել, տալով մեր ազգային եւ եկեղեցական պատ-
մութենէն դրուադներ:

Մենք երբեք հաւանութիւնը չունինք կատարեալ
եւ անթեւի գործ մը հրապարակ հանելու, բայց այն
իբրով թիւեր, թէ իւրաքանչիւր աշխատակից սիրով եւ
խանդավառութեամբ յանձն առաւ զործակցիլ մեր հետ,
լաւատեսութեան կը մղէ մեզ սոյն թերթին արագային
նկատմամբ, որը պիտի նկատենք կապ մը, Միտկան
Խորհուրդին եւ համայնքին միջեւ, հետեւաբար սիրով
տեղ պիտի տանք ամէն տեսակ շինիչ եւ օգտակար
թելագրութիւններու, որոնք պիտի նպաստեն համայնք-
ային կեանքի կենսունակութեան, ինչպէս նաեւ սոյն

Թեթիւն բարելաւման: Միական խորհուրդը, եր
ամբողջ կազմով, նիւթական եւ բարոյական միջոց-
ներով նեցուկ կը կանգնի այն ամէն ձեռնարկներուն
որոնք կը նպաստեն ազգային կեանքի աշխուժութեան:
Սիւր միակ ակնկալութիւնն է տեսնել մեր ժողովուրդը
եւ նոր սերունդը բոլորուած Հայաստանեաց Եկեղեցւոյ
շուրջ:

Հայ Եկեղեցւոյ դերը, մեր ազգային գոյատեւման
պայքարին մէջ, եղած է, ու կը մնայ անվիճելի իրո-
ղութիւն մը. իր պետկութիւնը կորսնցուցած ժողո-
վուրդը, հայրենիքի մէջ թէ հայրենիքէն դուրս,
բոլորուած է իր Եկեղեցւոյն շուրջ, զայն նկատելով
միակ կռուանը իր Երկրային ինքնութեան: Հայ
ժողովուրդը կը հաւատայ այն անառակելի ճշմարտու-
թեան, թէ Հայաստանեաց Եկեղեցին կրօնական հաստա-
տութիւն մը ըլլալէ աւելի, է նաեւ ազգային աւան-
դութիւններու եւ պապենական այլ ժառանգութեանց
պահպանման ամբողջը: Դարերու ընթացքին թշնամի
ուժեր սպառնացած են Հայ Եկեղեցւոյ գոյութեան,
սակայն Հայ ժողովուրդին հաստատուն կամքը եւ գոյա-
տեւելու ճիգը, յաջողած է անվթար պահել զայն եւ
փոխանցել յաջորդ սերունդներուն: Պատիւ մեր մեծ
Հայրապետներուն եւ կրօնականներուն, որոնք իրենց
հմտութեամբ եւ աշխուժութեամբ կրցան ոչ միայն
Տիգրիսի գոյութիւնը պահպանել Հայ ժողովուրդին,
այլ տուին նաեւ այնպիսի բարձր մշակոյթ մը, որը
պատիւ պիտի բերէր այսօր, որեւէ մեծ ազգի մը:
Անոնք չվարանցան նաեւ լայն ձեռքերէն պատերազմի
առաջնորդել Հայկական գունդերը, ինչպէս հաւատքի
անսասանութեան եւ ազգային գոյութեան. Աւարայրի
Ղեկունք Երեցէն մինչեւ Սարգսրապատի Գարեգին Արք.
Յովսէփեանցը ապա Կաթողիկոս Սեօի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ

Պատմութիւնը կը շարունակուի նաեւ այսօր,
սպիւռքի ամբողջ տարածքին վրայ: Հայաստանեաց
Եկեղեցին գիտակից իր առաքելութեան իր հովանին
տարածած է մինչեւ հոն ուր կայ ափ մը հայութիւն,
տալու անոնց գիտակից հպարտութիւնը իրենց ինքնու-
րոյնութեան եւ հաւատքը Հայաստանեաց Եկեղեցւոյ
անսասանութեան:

EDITOR'S NOTE

The first issue of St. Paul's Armenian Church Newsletter is a continuation of the "Nshooyl", which was created by the efforts of our former beloved Hayr Soorp, the Very Rev. Paren Avedikian (who presently is serving as Pastor of St. John the Divine Armenian Church in Detroit).

Whenever spiritual and national life prevails within an ethnic body, it is imperative to maintain a means of communication amongst community members, regardless of the scope and operation of their endeavors and desires. Such communication involves keeping the community at large abreast of how our national and spiritual leadership is serving the people and relating ethnic concerns.

Through the hard work and immense sacrifice of immigrant Armenians, Armenian spiritual and national life has become realized in the diaspora by the formation of Armenian churches and schools, and invariably through the publication of numerous journals. The spiritual and undying essence of this Armenian national and religious fervor has been felt in communities, large and small, throughout the world.

With this publication, we hope to close the widening gap present in our community life, especially with regard to the vigor of the generation and their growing involvement in national and religious activities. Information and pertinent news releases shall be forthcoming concerning the Parish Council and other church organizations, as well as Armenian national and local news items. However, our endeavors shall not rest with just organizational news and reports, but we shall present a wide variety of literary and

cultural entertainment for your reading pleasure. We realize that our journalistic style may fall short of established and accepted standards; but this shortcoming shall not effect the sincere efforts of our staff, who, in turn, hope the interested community members shall contribute in raising the status of this unique journal. Our only expectation is to rally the Armenian people around the Armenian Church, with a special emphasis on our youth.

The significant role of the Armenian Church in our national struggle for ethnic existence and self-determination has been and remains an unquestionable reality. The Armenian people, living in the Fatherland and its diaspora, whenever they have lost their nationhood, have found comfort and security under the wings of our Holy Church, which was then considered our only remaining stronghold for maintaining our ethnic identity. In addition to being a religious institution, the Armenian Church has been the vanguard of preserving our tradition and ancestral traits. For centuries upon centuries, foreign powers have attempted to destroy the Armenian Church, but the strong and unwaivering will of the Armenian people, with their intense desire for survival, has succeeded in maintaining the solidarity of the Armenian Church and Nation and its perpetuation for coming generations.

Let us behold with honor and esteem our Patriarchs and Clerics who judiciously and vigorously not only succeeded in preserving the Armenian Nation, but also imparted a sense of national pride and cultural awareness that any country would be proud to claim today. Our religious fathers, with cross in hand, never hesitated to lead Armenain troops into the battlefield in defense of our spiritual integrity and national existence, from the time of Ghevont Yeretz of Avarayr to Sartarabad's

Karekin Archbishop Hovsepyants (later the Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia).

The Armenian Church, realizing its mission and responsibility to every Armenian in every corner of the world, continues to nourish its people instilling a spiritual and national consciousness.

Ասու՛մ են, իբրեւ խաղոյկի վրայ
Ձահեկ ըմբոստի մի սիւրտ են այրել,

Ասու՛մ են, իբրեւ, մոխիրը նրա
Խաղոյկից հանել ու մորն են տարել,

Մայրը լացեկ է այն մոխրի վրայ,
Ու էբբ արողունքն է ընկել այն մոխրին,
Կենդանացեկ է գաւազը նրա.....

Յովհաննէս Միրազ



ԳՈՎԵԼԻ ՆԱԽԱԶՆԵՐՆՈՒԹԻՒՆ:

Տեղւոյս Սուրբ Պօղոս Եկեղեցւոյ Հոգաբարձութիւնը գաղափարը յղացաւ հրատարակելու իր թերթը, ամիսը անգամ մը, գաղութահայութեան տալու համար այն ամէն իրադարձութիւնները որոնք կը հետաքրքրեն մեզ:

Ասկէց մօտաւորապէս վեցը տարիներ առաջ, մեր Եկեղեցին, նախաձեռնութեամբ Հայր Բարէն Աւետիքեանի - այժմ ի Տիթրոյիթ Ս. Յովհաննէս Եկեղեցիին մէջ - "ՆՇՈՅԼ" թերթը հրատարակեց, ուր տեղեկագրուած կ'ըլլար տեղական կրօնական, ազգային, նաեւ ծնունդ, մահ, ամուսնութիւն եւ զանազան յիշատակութիւններ:

Հայր Բարէնի մեկնումովը "Նշոյլ" էն Նշոյլ մը չմնաց:

Այժմ, վեցը տարիներու պարապէն վերջ, կրնանք ըսել "ՆՇՈՅԼ" յարեալ ի մեռելոց, օրհնեալ է յայտնութիւն մեր նոր թերթին:

Գաղութիս Ս. Պօղոս Եկեղեցւոյ Հոգաբարձութիւնն է նախաձեռնողը թերթիս հրատարակութեան: Այսու հանդերձ, թերթ մը հրատարակելը փոքր գաղութի մը մէջ, որպիսին մերն է, մեծ համարձակութիւն է, եւ առ այդ արժանի է ամէն գնահատանքի եւ քաջալերանքի ու միանգամայն մեր ամէնուս օժանդակութեան:

Այս Մայիսին ու գարնան մէջ, Թող այս թերթին ամէն մէկ էջ, Տայ մեր մտքին լոյս մը անշէջ: Թերթ նորաբոյս, Հագար հագար քեզ բարի լոյս:

Ջարմար Թոհանճեան

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
"Chairman's Corner"

Welcome to the first meeting at my corner. We will meet on a bi-monthly schedule to discuss the significant policies, plans and happenings initiated by St. Paul's Council.

The agenda today is limited to a synopsis of council actions taken since the annual parish Assembly in February. First, I would like to introduce you to the newly elected slate of officers:

- Chairman - Mike Michaelian
- V. Chairman - Archie Ajemian
- Recording Sec'y. - Edward Adourian
- Corr. Secretary - Richard Roomian
- Treasurer - Jerry Demirjian
- Ass't. Treasurer - Vag Avakian
- Ass't. Treasurer - Zaven Balian

Your Council has been meeting on a weekly basis and is striving toward improvements in the best interests of the church community. These include improved functional structure and operation of church organizations, equitable financial operations, increased church services and events, interfaith activity, public relations, building improvements and maintenance (internal and external), Armenian School, membership, youth movement and others.

Success in these categories of endeavor can only be accomplished through careful study and planned formalized effort with active participation by all members and friends of St. Paul. Thus far, during my short administrative tenure, it has been gratifying to find more volunteered than delegated effort. This reflects a desire for

activeness and instills confidence to all concerned. Through continued dedication of this type, the enjoyment and pleasures of success will be experienced in the rich Armenian tradition enroute to the goals set forth.

The following programs are either in process, planning or have been completed and will be reported on in detail in subsequent issues if considered appropriate.

1 - Building Maintenance:

- Painting and cleaning of church.
- Construction of office.
- Repair of roof.
- Paneling of church parlor.
- Paving of parking lot.
- Storage for Armenian and Sunday Schools.
- Improve landscaping.

2 - Calendar of Events:

A firm schedule of church services and Parish Council sponsored events has been established through October.

3 - Semi-Annual Parish Assembly:

This important meeting was held on June 12th. The 1974 budget, and future plans were discussed.

4 - Primate's Visit- 16th Anniversary Banquet:

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian will honor us with his presence during July 13-14 weekend. An outstanding Sunday program including Badarak, followed by a dinner at Liverpool Country Club has been planned. The banquet program will feature the recognition of outstanding members of the parish. Don't miss this memorable event.

5 - Public Relations:

Our first step towards publicity has been the establishment of this church bulletin.

By: Mike Michaelian

THE ILLUMINATOR'S LANTERN

There hangs a bright lantern
From the midnight firmament:
The Illuminator's eternal lantern
In the darkened sky of Armenia.

It is suspended without a rope
At the peak of Mount Aragats,
And from its gigantic altar
It gives light to the world.

Thus lit for many centuries,
Unextinguished, it has burnt
The Saint's limpid tears,
Instead of oil within it.

No human hand could reach it
Upon those formidable heights,
And no wind could put it out,
Not the most monstrous gales.

When deep darkness envelops
Our land unparalleled on earth,
When fear and trembling reign
In enfeebled, doubtful hearts,

He who is of immovable faith,
Innocent and imbued with love,
He who looks with ardent hopes
At the future of the Armenians,

He will see that ever-lighted
Torch suspended from the sky,
As if it were God's bright eye
Keeping guard from heaven.

Hovhannes Toumanian

(Translated by Misha Kudian)

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Diocesan Delegate's Report
72nd Assembly

St. Vartan Cathedral - N.Y.

May 3 - 5, 1974

Highlights of the Assembly

1 - Election of Primate:

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian was re-elected for another four-year term. Fathers Arzoomanian and Gezirian were also dandidates for election.

2 - Separated Brethren:

No progress from last year was reported by the committee. Talks are continuing.

3 - Proposal for Archdiocese in U.S.

A proposal setting up regional diocese within one Archdiocese was presented to the Assembly. In order to implement the plan, additional priests would be needed. Because of the acute shortage of priests at this time, further study was recommended.

4 - Priest Stipend:

A complete schedule of stipends for priests was presented. This plan set up a minimum salary of \$7,000 a year. In addition, housing and auto expenses would also be paid by the church. The Diocese would provide a pension and insurance plan. The Assembly accepted this plan.

5 - Budget:

The Diocesan budget increased by \$43,000 in 1974. The total budget passed was \$357,000. In 1975 an increase of \$105,000 is proposed.

6 - 800th Anniversary - St. Nerses Shnorhali:

A special service was observed in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Friday, May 3rd. It was presided over by Archbishop Torkom Manoogian and Trenece Cardinal Cooke. Over 3,000 Armenians attended the beautiful and inspiring service. Lili Chookasian, Mezzo-Soprano, and the Gomidas Choir also performed.

By: E. Tufankjian

St. Nerses Seminarians Visit Syracuse.

On June 2, 1974, five Seminarians from St. Nerses Armenian Theological Seminary visited Syracuse, N.Y. The seminarians had been traveling to many of the parishes through the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church.

The day's activities began with a morning service, followed by a buffet, prepared by the Ladies Auxilliary. Mike Mikaelian donated a cake in honor of his mother's birthday.

After the buffet, the leader of the seminarians, Vasken Assadourian, introduced his fellow deacons, and conducted a wonderful program concerning St. Nerses Seminary and the endeavours of their mission to the many parishes throughout the diocese. The young men sang songs and offered a slide presentation. The audience was overwhelmed with the excellent performance of the seminarians and were most congent to know that the future of the Armenian Church in America was in good hands.

Prior to a question answer period, Mr. Zarmayr Tohafjian congratulated the seminarians and emphasized the importance of not only realizing the religious mission of the church, but also grasping its nationalistic aspect.

CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School staff would like to take this opportunity to thank Carol Columbus, our previous Superintendent, for her work and concern for our school and children.

This year we were fortunate to add a new teacher, Mrs. Mary Demirjian, to our teaching staff.

Our staff of teachers for the year included Mary Demirjian, Angele Khanzadian and Judy Koolakian.

We are very proud to announce that we held Church School almost every Sunday this year.

If anyone is interested in being a teacher for the coming year, please let us know.

Our Halloween party was a big success with the children dressed as spooks and goblins and enjoying all kinds of goodies.

The highlight of the Christmas party was the breaking of the pinata when the candy and surprises fell all around for the children to gather.

In the Winter, we were very pleased when five new children enrolled in our Church School. The children are as follows:

Susan Shaghalian - Elizabeth (Mickey) Shaghalian - Rebecca Shaghalian - Lisa Kerestejian and Paul Kerestejian.

On March 3, 1974, we held a very successful candy and bake sale to help pay for needed art supplies and materials.

At this time, we would like to thank Don Shaghalian for contributing all the candy for the sale. We would also like to thank all the mothers and girls for their delicious baked goods, and of course, a special thanks to all the people who so generously purchased candy and desserts.

We had made Easter Egg projects in school and on Palm Sunday, we filled the eggs with grass and many different treats for the children to take home.

We also held a coffee hour on Palm Sunday.

On May 12th, Mother's Day, Very Rev. M. V. Semerjian presented the children with Church School cards. The children also each received a palm plant. They have learned about palms and their connection with the Palm Sunday.

We have studied many subjects in Church School. One subject we discussed was ways in which we all live together in the church. The children came up with answers such as "we pray together in church; we receive Holy Communion; we are baptized; our parents were married; and we help each other in church".

At present, we have 20 pupils with an average attendance of about seven to eleven. Needless to say our children's religious education is every bit as important as their academic education.

We are proud to announce that Kenny Khanzadian, Cyndi Koolakian, Kimberly Koolakian, Susan Shaghalian, Elizabeth Shaghalian and Rebecca Shaghalian have had almost perfect attendance.

Judy Koolakian

800th Anniversary;

NERSES SHNORHALI-A Giant in Literature

Nerses Shnorhali, one of the most illustrious figures of medieval Armenian literature, was born in 1098 in the Cilician fortress of Dzovk, the domain of his father Apirat Pahlavouni. He received an all-round education in the monasteries of the Black Mountains or Amanos. In 1121 he was ordained a priest. He became a bishop in 1130 and in 1166 was elected Catholicos. From 1147 to his death (he passed away on August 13, 1173) Nerses Shnorhali lived and carried on his creative activities in Hromglah, hence his surname Klayetsi. To foreign chroniclers, he is specially known by this name.

Nerses Shnorhali is also known to us by another name - "Yerketsogh", being the greatest Armenian musician of the Middle Ages.

Thanks to Shnorhali's creative work, Armenian literature and musical culture were modernized and revitalized. He rejected the old poetic patterns, raising to new heights the sacred art. The sharagan "Nora-hrash Bsagavor", the prayer "Havadov Khosdovanim", the song "Aravot Louso" and many others have been highly regarded not only by Armenian, but also foreign scholars.

Nerses Shnorhali made a remarkable contribution to the development of certain genres of medieval Armenian literature, especially in the genre of poems he made considerable achievements. He wrote the "Vibassanoutyoun", a versification of Armenian history primarily of a fictional nature, a renovation at the times. By coordinating fictional and lyrical elements, he wrote his longest poem beginning with the words "Jesus

the Son", which eventually became the title of the poem. The first work he wrote when he was still a young man, while the second one was written in 1152.

The poet has embodied his noble patriotic and humanistic ideas in a rather refined form. He brought about a fundamental change in Armenian poetry that conditioned the great charm of Armenian medieval poetry. Besides rendering poetry accessible and dear, Shnorhali made it fluent and terse, worked out various forms of versification, introduced the use of rhymes. He held verse in high esteem, appreciated its influence.

If a lie is put to shape,
This makes it so beautiful.
How exquisite will become
Works of truth therein.

Nerses Shnorhali's influence has been prevalent on posterity (Grigor Oegha, Arakel Sunetsi, Mgrditch Naghash, Simon Abarantsi, etc.).

The development of Armenian literature in general and the verse in particular were most decisively influenced by "this most clever, most refined and most saintly versifier of the nation". (Father Ghevont Allishan).

Nerses Shnorhali was the singer of patriotism, the good, the beautiful and the true, and as he has written in the "Vibassanoutyoun", characterizing another public figure.

As mortal he entered the world
With an immortal memory he left it.

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ՍՈՒՐԲ ՆԵՐՍԷՍ ՇՆՈՐՀԱԼԻ

Մեր Եկեղեցւոյ մեծագոյն սիւներէն մին եղած է այս սուրբ եւ պատուական Կաթողիկոսը, եւ իր բարձր նկարագրին ու հոգեկան ազնիւ տաղանդներուն համար Շնորհալի տիտղոսը ստացած է:

Եղած է ազնուական ընտանիքի զաւակ ու եղբայր Գրիգոր Պահլաւունի Կաթողիկոսին: Երկ-տասարդ հասակին ձեռնադրուելով նուիրուած է Աստուծոյ ծառայութեան ու մեծապէս նպաստած է Եկեղեցւոյ պայծառութեան եւ ազգային առաջնորդութեան նուրբ հարցերուն մէջ: Երկար տարիներ գործակցած է իր եղբօր Գրիգոր Կաթողիկոսին եւ իր իմաստութեան շատ բան շահած է Հայոց Եկեղեցին մնալով միշտ հաստատ եւ ապահով իր դիրքին մէջ:

Շնորհիւ Ս. Ներսէսի հանձարին հոխարաւ մեր Եկեղեցւոյ հոգեւոր գրականութիւնը: Անոր ճաները, խրատները, մեկնաբանութիւնները, բանաստեղծութիւնները, երգերը, շարականները եւ աղօթքները անգին գանձերն են մեր Եկեղեցիին որ նոյնիսկ օտարներուն հիացում կը պատճառէ: Մեր ժողովուրդը շեղմանդուութեամբ կ'արտասանէ իր մեծ աղօթքներէն մէկը, "ՀԱՌԱՏԱՄ, ԽՈՍՏՈՎԱՆԻՍ ԵՒ ՆՐԿԻՐՊԱԳԱՆԵՄ", որ նաեւ 36 տարբեր լեզուներով թարգմանուած է: Այս աղօթքը 24 տուներէ կը բաղկանայ, ինչ որ նուիրուած է օրուան 24 ժամերուն: Ս. Ներսէս մեծ աշխատանք կատարած է Եկեղեցիներու միջեւ սէր եւ հասկացողութիւն հաստատելու համար, որպէսզի իրականանայ Եկեղեցիներու միութիւնը: Գրիգոր Պահլաւունի Կաթողիկոսի մահէն յետոյ կը բարձրանայ Կաթողիկոսական Գահր սակայն կարճ ժամանակ յետոյ կը վախճանի 75 տարեկան հասակին եւ իր գերեզմանը կը դառնայ ուխտատեղի բազմաթիւ հրաշքներու պատճառաւ, մինչեւ իսկ օտարներ եւս կը պատուեն անոր գերեզմանը իբր ուխտատեղի:

Այս տարի անոր մահուան Ռիթ ՀԱՐԻՒՐ ամեակին առթիւ Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Վագգէն Վեհա-վառ Հայրապետը մասնաւոր կոնդակ մը յղելով հրաւէր կը կարդայ որպէսզի մեր գաղութներուն եւ Եկեղեցիներուն մէջ յիշատակուի եւ պանծացուի Ս. Ներսէս Շնորհալի Հայրապետը: Նաեւ կը խրատէ Վեհավառը որպէսզի երկիւղածութեամբ խոնարհինք Ս. Ներսէսի յիշատակին առջեւ եւ սրտանց աղօթենք որ ան բարեխօս ըլլայ առ Աստուած մեր Եկեղեցիի եւ ազգի անսասանութեան համար:

«Առաւօտ լուսոյ, Արեգակն արդար»

Ճիշդ 7ամիս առաջ (27 նոյեմբեր) վատիկանի քղթատարական պապարկութիւնը հրապարակ հանց, Ներսէս Շնորհալիի 800-ամեակին, 25, 90 եւ 180 իրանց երեք դրոշմաթուղթեր, որոնց նմուշները կու տանք այստեղ, բնական մեծութեամբ: Սովետ Միութենէն դուրս առաջին անգամն է որ հայ դէմք մը դրոշմաթուղթով միջազգային ծանօթութիւն կը գտնէ այսպէս, շնորհիւ Ս. Պապին նախաձեռնութեան:



Above are reproductions of a series of stamps issued by the Vatican on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Nerses Shnorhali. The great Poet and Churchman is revered not only as a spiritual head of the Armenian Church, but also, as a Theologian and Ecumenist.

CHOIR REPORT

To the Parish Council and parishioners of St. Paul's Armenian Apostolic Church - greetings. Your choir is happy to announce that its members are gradually increasing. Some of the faces seen on a regular basis, which have not gone unnoticed, are those belonging to Susan Tufankjian, Lorig Avakian, Karen Khanzadian and Mr. Edward Tufankjian, whose fine baritone is indeed a refreshing asset to our group. We now have a strong nucleus to work with and genuine progress will be forthcoming.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those choir members who have faithfully served all scheduled services regardless of weather conditions, braving the elements and getting to church, namely Edward Menassian, Mrs. V. Tufankjian, Mrs. B. Adourian, our organist, Miss V. Saxenian and general organizer I might add, and also a special thanks to Anne Markarian, who is always ready vocally or instrumentally to give us an assist when called upon on any occasion. Last but hardly least of all a heartfelt note of thanks, to Richard and Hermine Roomian who, as everyone knows, drive many miles from home to "get to church".

The future certainly looks bright and promising for the church choir.

Respectfully submitted by
Sarkis Khanzadian
(Choirmaster)

SEMI-ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

On June 12, 1974, a semi-annual Parish meeting was held. The Parish Council presented the primary subjects which had been discussed at the Parish Council meeting for the past five months. The subjects discussed were:

Annual Budget - Full-time Priest - Armenian School - Building Fund - Maintenance of Building - Diocesan Meeting - Hosting of Clergy - and Youth Movement.

The most important subject was the presentation of the budget which was designed with the purpose of holding church services every week and the eventual full-time priest in the parish.

Jerry Demirjian



Մենք խաղաղ էինք մեր լեռների պէս,
Դուք հողմերի պէս խուժեցիք վայրագ:

Մենք ձեր ունի ելանք մեր լեռների պէս,
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Բայց մենք յաւերժ ենք մեր լեռների պէս,
Դուք հողմերի պէս կը գորչէք վայրագ:

Յովհաննէս Շիրազ

THE ARMENIAN SCHOOL OF SYRACUSE

The Armenian School of Syracuse consists of approximately 30 students and six faculty members. The students are grouped according to age and/or knowledge of the Armenain Language.

The school meets every Friday night from September to May at St. Paul's Armenian Apostolic Church hall. Classes last about one hour and then refreshments are served. Usually it's someone's birthday and there is always a cake for them.

Special activities this year included a lecture on "How to Introduce the Armenian Heritage to the Youth" by Mr. Zareh Melkonian. In addition, a Christmas party; a celebration for St. Vartanantz Day; and an annual "Hantes" at the end of the semester. This year's "Hantes" consisted of poems, songs and skits performed by the students. It was well attended with one-hundred people.

The acting principal, Artin Boghossian, spent many hours planning and organizing the school's activities. We acknowledge his sincere efforts and praise him for his accomplishments.

The teachers, Maro Adourian, Ara Jeknavorian, Zairmayr Taft, Ara Djambouljian and Manas Ucarian did not only give lessons, but made sure the students had a means of transportation. By not only providing education of Armenian Language and culture, but also giving the students a chance to get together, the faculty has succeeded in creating an enjoyable and educational experience.

Karen Khanzadian

THE "YOUNG ARMENIANS"

of
THE ARMENIAN SCHOOL OF SYRACUSE

The Young Armenians would first like to take this opportunity to thank the Armenian School of Syracuse for helping the group get together and establish a youth group.

The first activity the Young Armenians had was a Shish Kebob Dinner in the middle of winter on January 6, 1974, to celebrate Armenian Christmas. They had a successful turn out.

The group also saw a play in which the Vice President, Karen Khanzadian had a lead-role. It was an evening enjoyed by all!

Presently, the youth group consists of eight members. The Young Armenians hope to have more members and more enjoyable times together.

Lorig Avakian



Գործն է անուհ, լաւ իմացէք
Որ խոսվում է դարէդար
Երնէկ նրան որ իր գործով
Կ'ապրի անվերջ, անդադար:

Յովհաննէս Թումանեան

ST. PAUL'S LADIES AUXILLIARY

The Ladies Guild of St. Paul's Armenian Apostolic Church was organized in 1958 at the same time the church was consecrated. Since then, they have been an integral part of the activities of the church.

The Guild consists of approximately 40 members, seven of which constitute the Executive Board.

The activities of the Guild have been interesting and varied in nature. They range from brunches, dinners, bazaars to rummage sales. Members of the Guild also take turns to assume the responsibility of having a coffee hour after each church service. This has proven to be very delightful for all concerned.

Needless to say every project that they have undertaken has turned out successful even to the point of recruiting new young members to join. The Guild's greatest aspiration is to put the energetic young members with their new ideas in the executive positions and have the original ones remain helping from the background. We hope that this will become a reality soon.

The following constitute the present Executive Board:

Mrs. A. Agababian - Chairman
Miss A. Desteian - V. Chairman
Miss A. Desteian - Secretary
Mrs. U. Kerestejian - Corr. Sec'y.
Mrs. V. Roomian - Treasurer
Mrs. B. Mikaelian - Asst. Treasurer

The agenda of coming events set forth by said committee will be:

- September - Monthly meeting and "HARISSA" dinner.
- October - Monthly meeting and rummage sale.
- November - Monthly meeting and bazaar.
- December - Monthly meeting and Christmas Party.

Submitted by
(Mrs.) K. Avakian



ARMENIAN FELLOWSHIP CLUB

We started off in the Fall with a new slate of officers. They are as follows:

- Gus Taft - President
- Pat Taft - Secretary
- Judy Koolakian & - Program Chairmen
- Ed Balian

With a run and trot, our first event was at Vernon Downs with dinner at the clubhouse followed by an evening of wins and losses.

We had a spooky Halloween party at the home of Sandy and Ron Ajemian. Most of the members came dressed in costumes, which put everyone in the Halloween spirit. Ara Jeknavorian and Artin Boghossian won a prize for the most original costumes. Everyone played Halloween games and at the bewitching hour, a buffet was served. Thank you Sandy and Ron for a wonderful evening.

Our Christmas party was held at the home of Mary and Jerry Demirjian. Once again we had a delicious buffet followed by Christmas Carrols and fun for everyone. Thank you, too, Mary and Jerry for a lovely evening.

In the Spring, we went bowling. It was lots of fun, but oh boy, were some of us sore!!!

In the line of activities, we also had a very interesting lecture on Oriental rugs by Mrs. Araxie Khanzadian.

We held a business meeting in April. Much of the material we covered at this meeting will be discussed at our September meeting.

Judy Koolakian

ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION
Syracuse Chapter

The Syracuse Chapter of the Armenian General Benevolent Union wishes to extend to the St. Paul's Parish Council best wishes for the success of their new publication.

Mr. Aram Marcarian is the Chapter's new President, and the other members of the Executive Committee are:

- Adour Adourian - Vice President
- Maro Adourian - Recording Sec'y.
- Artin Boghoassian - Treasurer
- Ardemis Desteian - Corresponding Sec'y.
- Arsho Vartanian - Ass't. Treasurer
- Peter Roomian - Advisor
- Zevart Markarian - In charge of "Sunshine Committee"

The Festival of Nations of Syracuse which is now an annual affair, is sponsored in part by A.G.B.U. Half of the festival's profits goes to the Syracuse Chapter. The Committee makes sure that the moneys are put to good use.

On May 12, 1974, the Chapter held its traditional Mother's Day observance with a delicious Shish Kebob Dinner and program. The Very Rev. Mesrob Semerjian gave his blessings to the mothers. Two brief speakers were our past President, Mr. Kevork Arslanian and Mrs. Takoohi Kalepdjian. Our guest speaker was Miss Nevart Apikian. Each extolled motherhood, but more especially, the role of the Armenian mothers throughout history.

Those who participated in the program with songs and recitations are as follows:

- Lorig Avakian
- Karen Khanzadian
- Mark & Myrna Marcarian
- Richard & Charles Demirjian
- Aram Adourian
- Mrs. B. Adourian

Donations were made to the A.G.B.U. by two non-members, \$100.00 by Mr. Sam Nalbandian and \$5.00 by Mr. Dikran Chelian.

On March 28, 1974, the Syracuse Chapter lost one of our most beloved members, Sarkis Kaishian. His passing has left a great void in our community and relatives.

The A.G.B.U. always marks closely with the Armenian Church. Therefore, we are happy to take part in your publications, and hope to supply it with reports of our activities.

Ardemis Desteian
Corresponding Secretary



ST. PAUL'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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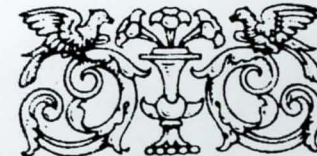
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2:30 PM JULY 14

SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOR

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian

Adults
\$12.50



18 & Under
\$5.50

HIS EMINENCE, ARCHBISHOP MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE
OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA,

WILL CELEBRATE
Morning Service 10:30-11:00 A.M.
Holy Badarak 11:00-12:30 P.M.

A welcoming committee has been organized to greet the Archbishop on Saturday, July 13th, at 1:30 P.M., Hancock Airport. Please, come and join us as we greet Srpazan for this memorable visit.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

Just a reminder to the members of St. Paul's Armenian Church, that in the future editions there will be a column of local happenings in this paper, of interest to the parishioners. We would appreciate it if anyone has any news of interest, to contact Virginia Tufankjian, telephone 457-2564. She will be glad to make sure it appears in the following edition. We would appreciate your co-operation.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. "Chuck" Schmitt on the recent birth of a baby girl. Congratulations also to the grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Archie Ajemian.

Congratulations and best wishes to Sue Tufankjian on her graduation from Liverpool High School on June 23rd. Sue plans on entering Powelson Business Institute in the Fall and study in the field of Accounting. Good Luck - Sue!!!

Congratulations to Judy & Charles Koolakian on the recent baptism of their daughter - Heather.

Congratulations to Melka Feredjian of Springfield, Mass. on her recent engagement to Ara Jeknavorian. An August wedding is planned.

A safe and pleasant journey is wished for Ara Djamboulian who is moving to California to continue his graduate study at the San Diego Campus of the State University of California.

A prayer for good health is extended to Mrs. A. Kazanjian who has recently been ill. May she have a speedy recovery and be back among us soon.

"Hokehankist" was requested for Sirab Mikaelian by his wife, Mrs. Berjouhi Mikaelian, and son, Manoog Mikaelian.

Also, "Hokehankist" was requested for Himayag Kassabian by his wife, Mrs. Kassabian. Father Mesrob Semerjian officiated at the requiem services following "Badarak" on June 23, 1974.

The parish of St. Paul's wishes to express their deepest sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. S. Jigarjian on the loss of their daughter "Sona" recently. May God grant the family understanding and peace in days to come.

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