



*Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus,
who hath been crucified. He is not here,
for he is risen, even as he said.* MATTHEW 28:5-6

ST. GEORGE ARMENIAN CHURCH
AND CENTER

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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77027

YOUR CHURCH AND CENTER URGENTLY NEEDS THE FOLLOWING items for its development and efficient functioning. Prospective donors may contact Rev. Levon Arakelian or the Parish Council, in letter or in person.

1. A Mimeographing machine
2. An Addressograph negotiable
3. A Typewriter
4. A Filing Cabinet
5. Complete, Priest's Vestment \$300.00
6. Communion Chalice 250.00
7. Hand Cross (1) 100.00
8. Flower Vases (2) for Altar 35.00
9. One Ornamental Bible. 250.00
10. One Censer ("Poorvar", 150.00
11. One Incense Server 25.00
12. One Lantern over Altar. 75.00
13. 75 Hymnals (\$3.00 each) 225.00
(may be purchased in amount wanted)
14. Two "Mas" plates 30.00
15. Altar Linens with embroidery
16. Chalice Covers
17. Bible "tashginags"

WISDOM IS KNOWING WHAT TO DO NEXT.
SKILL IS KNOWING HOW TO DO IT.
VIRTUE IS DOING IT!

EVERYONE?

The famous Mark Twain was traveling through Europe with his little daughter and being feted in many cities by celebrities in different spheres of life. He was suddenly met with a profound question. "Papa," the humorist's little girl asked him, "you know everyone but God, don't you?"

Everytime a little boy went to a playmate's house, he found the friend's grandmother deeply engrossed in her Bible. "Why do you suppose she reads the Bible so much" he asked. "I'm not sure," said his friend, "but I think it is because she's cramming for her finals..."

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P A S T O R ' S M E S S A G E

Man's life is a pursuit of happiness. Unfortunately only a few can discover it. Where then, is happiness?

Is it in unbelief? Why then did the infidel Voltaire write, "I wish I had never been born!" Is it in pleasure? Why did Byron then write, "The worm, the canker and the grief are mine alone!" Is it in money? Gay Gould, the American millionaire had plenty of that. When dying he said, "I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth." Is it in conquest? Alexander the Great wept in his tent saying, "There are no more worlds to conquer."

Is it in position and fame? Lord Beaconsfield wrote before dying, "Youth is a mistake, manhood a struggle, old age a regret."

Where, then, is happiness found? All those who have found it tell us that **HAPPINESS IS IN CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH ALONE.**

History, Saints, the Church and our forefathers testify to this and with the same testimony and conviction we invite all those who are supposed church members but whose seats remain unoccupied week after week all those who yearn for happiness all those who have not yet known Christ all those who had known Him but have now neglected and forgotten him all those who are churchless fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers, friends or neighbors, those who are weary and confused, **HAPPINESS IS ONLY FOUND IN CHRIST! COME TO CHURCH TO FIND HIM.**

Rev. Levon Arakelian

do you know how to pray.

The father, listening to his boy's prayers suggested quietly: "Son, don't bother to give God instructions just report for duty."

SACRAMENTS ADMINISTERED -

Since the time that Houston affiliated itself with the huge body of the Diocese of the Armenian Church in America, we have already contributed two Matrimonies (bessak) and five Christenings (Mugerdutyun.)

Married - Mr. & Mrs. Levon & Anna Harrison, Nov 3, 1963

Mr. & Mrs. Hratch & Monika Azadian, on June 11, 1964

Baptized: Steven Boghus Hekimian . . . June 13, 1964
Karen Anoush Hekimian. . . . June 13, 1964
Dickran Lazaros Berberian. . . Feb. 28, 1965
Linda Elaine Delatorre . . . Feb. 28, 1965
Rose Berberian Nov. 27, 1966

The Parish Council requests that you advise them in advance of any Baptisms, Weddings, Home Blessings, Requiem, and any other service that is rendered by them, for satisfactory arrangements.

A N N O U N C I N G - Armenian Folk Singing Sessions

Mr. Gregory, Engineer, Musician and Guitarist, has undertaken the task of teaching Armenian Folk Songs to music lovers, in the Center. Rev. Arakelian has supplied the notes to these songs in a six volume songbook. Take advantage of this opportunity - join the Bandwagon today!

THE ENVELOPE FOUND IN THE CENTER OF THIS BULLETIN. . . is for your Easter contribution called "Yughakin", which translated means "in lieu of oil." In olden days, on Christmas and Easter, the faithful brought oil for the lanterns of the church and kept the church illuminated all year. This custom still continues, in terms of monetary donations for the upkeep of the church, and as a part of Christian stewardship. Please be generous. Mail or bring your envelopes to the Easter Service on March 26th.

WHEN YOU HAVE NOTHING LEFT BUT GOD, THEN FOR THE FIRST TIME YOU BECOME AWARE THAT GOD IS ENOUGH!

ՀԱՏԿՈՒՄ ՆՐԱՄԱՆՈՒՄ ՏՕՆԻՆ ԱՌԻՌՈՎ, սրտագինս կը շնորհակարտենք Հիւսթընի եւ շրջակայնց Հայ Համայնքը, մաղթելով շնորհաբեր Ձատիկ մը: Թող Տէրը որ Հովանիին տակ պահէ որ հոգորիկ Հօտը, տայ անոնց յաջողութիւն, առողջութիւն եւ երկայն կեանք: Թող սիրոյ, եղբայրութեան եւ բարեկամութեան ազնիւ մթնոլորտը տիրէ ամէն կողմ եւ Թող մեր նորակազմ Համայնքը, մէկ սիրտ եւ մէկ մարմին ծլի ծաղկի, մեծնայ եւ զօրանայ ի վառս Աստուծոյ եւ ի վայելուծման բոլորիս, ամէն:

Լեւոն ԲՏՆՅԱՆՈՒՆ Եւ
Կիսկան Խորհուրդ Ս. Գեորգ Եկեղեցիի

ՍՈՒՇԼԻ ԲԱՐԵԿԱՄՆԵՐ,

Ահաւասիկ Ս. Յարութեան Տօնը կուգայ իր վերկարար գործը կատարելու սրբութեան եւ յաւիտենականութեան մարմաշը ունեցող հոգիներուն համար: Զայլ առ քայլ Աստուծոյ մօտենալու առիթ մըն էր Մեծ Պահքը: Հիմայ, Ձատիկը լրումը կը նշէ այդ մօտեցումին եւ մեզ դէմ առ դէմ կը դնէ Աստուծոյ հետ Ս. Հաղորդութեամբ:

Հոգիին պահանջն ու սնունդն է Ս. Հաղորդութիւնը առանց անոր հոգին կը չորնայ, ինչպէս մարմինը կը մեռնի առանց արեւի եւ հացի: Լրացնենք այդ պահանջը այս Ձատիկին: Մեղքով մահ, իսկ Հաղորդութեամբ, կեանք կուսնենանք:

Հաղորդութեան պայման է խոստովանանք եւ ինքնաքննութիւն: Վճռենք մեզի համար, քննել մեր կեանքերը, դառնալ չար ճամբաներէ դէպի բարի եւ առօրինի ճամբաներ եւ այս կերպով իբրեւ նոր օծուած եկեղեցիի մը նուիրեալ անդամները, ազնիւ օրինակ հանդիսանանք բոլորին:

ՏՆՕՐ ՀՆԻՔ ԵՒ ԻՌԱԳԻՆ-

Տէր Լեւոն Հայր պիտի ջանայ հայրենաւանդ Տնօրհանէքի կարգը կատարել, կարելի եղածին չափ, Հայ տուներէ ներս: Նախապատուութիւն պիտի տայ անոնց որոնք մասնաւոր խնդրանք կը ներկայացնեն:

Թերութիւն մէջ ՏԵՆԵՂ ԶԵՏԵՂՈՒ ՌԱՍ ԳՈՐԹԻԿ ՊԱՀԱՐԱՆԸ Հաճեցէք գործածել Ձեր Ձատկուան իւղագինի նուէրներու ի նպաստ եկեղեցիի ծախքերուն:

ԵԿԵՂԵՏԻՆ ՊԵՏՔԵՐ ՈՒՆԻ. ՅԱՆԿԸ ՏԵՄՆԵԼ ԹԵՐԻԿՍ ՄԵՂ

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Մարտ 26 1967

Տօն Յարուզեան Տեառն մերոյ Յս.ի Բս.ի

Զատիկի Պատարագը կըսկսի ժամ 1:00 կ.ե
Անդաստան-ժողովուրդի մասնակցութ ժամ 1:45 կ.ե
Քարոզ-Հայ եւ Անգլերէն ժամ 1:55 կ.ե
Հոգեհանգիստ ժամ 2:10 կ.ե
Վերջ Արարողութեանց ժամ 2:20 կ.ե

Ս. Պատարագը պիտի մատուցանէ,
Քարոզէ եւ ձաշկերոյթին նախագահէ

ԱՐԺ. ՏԵՐ ԼԵՒՈՆ ԲՆՆՅ. ԱՌԱՔԵԼԵԱՆ

Վարիչ-Քարտուղար նիու Եորթի Մայր Տաճարի

Դպրաց Դասը պիտի կատարէ երգեցողութիւնները
Ղեկավարութեամբ Պրն. Ժագ Պետէվեանի

Ս. Խորանին պիտի սպասարկէ
Տօքթ. Թաշճեան

Զատիկուան Պատարագէն անմիջապէս ետք
ԺԱՄԸ ՃԻՇԴ Յ:ՅԾ ԻՆ
ԵԿԵՂԵՅԻՈՅ ՍԻԱՀՆԵՐՈՒՆ ՄԵՁ

Պիտի տրուի

ՉԱՏԿՈՒԱՆ ՃԱՇԿԵՐՈՅԹ ՄԸ

Տիկնանց Միութեան աշխատանքով

Մեծերուն անձգլուխ Յ.50 Տոլ. . . իսկ 6-16երու 1.75

Պիտի գործադրուի յանպատրաստից յայտագիր մը
Քըմմիլինիթի սինկինկ խմորատուած թերթիկներու
վրայով, արտասանութիւն, ուղերձ, խմբերգ, եւ այլն:

Սիրով կը հրաւիրենք Հիւսթընի եւ Տըշակայից
մեր պատուական Հայ Համայնքն ու իրենց բարեկամ-
ները մասնակցելու առաջին անգամ ըլլալով Զատիկի
Արարողութեանց եւ ապա սիրոյ ձաշկերոյթին:

E A S T E R S U N D A Y

MARCH 26, 1967

(FEAST OF HOLY RESURRECTION)

Divine Liturgy (Badarak) 1:00 p.m.
"Antasdan" (participation of all) . . 1:45 p.m.
Sermon (English & Armenian). 1:55 p.m.
"Hokehankisd" (Requiem) 2:10 p.m.
End of Easter Services 2:20 p.m.

Badarak will be Celebrated and the
sermon preached by visiting priest,

REV. FR. LEVON ARAKELIAN

The Choir will be conducted by

Mr. Jacques Bedevian

Dr. Tasian will serve at the Altar

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CHURCH SERVICES

E A S T E R D I N N E R

at 3:00 p.m. in the Church Hall

(Commemorating the old Christian Family dining cus-
tom after worships - called "Agape"

Adults, donation \$3.50 Children 6 to 16, \$1.75

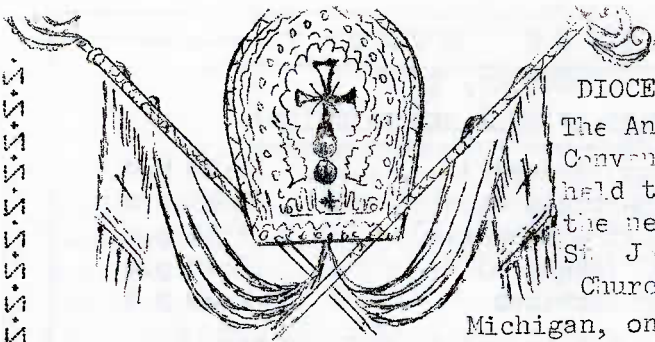
COMMUNITY SINGING, IMPROMPTU PROGRAM WITH CONGREGA-
TION PARTICIPATION

EASTER MUST BE RECLAIMED

Easter must be reclaimed.

Too long the world has missed the Easter glow,
Charmed by the glitter of a fashion show,
A dress parade a gala holiday,
With church-bound manikins upon display.
The faith of Easter never will be caught
By making Christ a fleeting afterthought.

We cordially invite the Armenians of Houston and
vicinity, as well as their friends, to attend the
church services at 1:00 p.m., and to join in Christ-
ian fellowship at a delectable luncheon prepared by
our Ladies' Auxiliary. We'll be looking for you!



DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The Annual Diocesan Convention will be held this year in the newly built St. John's Armenian Church of Detroit

Michigan, on May 6 & 7th.

Prior to this, on May 3rd and 4th will be held the Clergymens Conference. The Detroit Church is a show piece architecturally, depicting the rotunda type church building and architecture which was put into use for the first time in the History of Christianity by the Armenians, in the 7th Century.

In 1968, the Diocesan Assembly is scheduled to be held in New York City, in our newly erected Mother Cathedral. The Catholicos of All Armenians will come from Armenia to Consecrate the Cathedral on April 28, and His Holiness will be asked to preside over the Diocesan Assembly on May 4th and 5th.

VARTANANTZ CELEBRATION =

It was most encouraging to see so many of our people attend this educational program. The documentary film prepared by CBS depicting the life, purpose and message of Vartan the Hero was most inspiring and impressive. Augmented with the social and fund-raising functions, the affair became most successful. Thanks to those who participated and those who enjoyed organizing the affair. Special thanks to Yohannes Hekimian to whose untiring efforts we owe the monetary benefit of \$416.50.

Look for the next social-educational event and please don't miss it.

PARTIAL SUCCESS

After giving a sermon on the responsibility of the rich toward the poor, a priest was asked by one of his colleagues, "Well, Father, how did the sermon go over?" "I'd say about half and half," the priest replied. "I convinced the poor."

WHAT LENT MEANS TO ME

Lent to me is a rest period given by God for self evaluation and self denial. A time to look back over your life for the year and evaluate the good you have done as well as the mistakes made.

A time to keep inwardly quiet, thereby bringing serenity into your life, which will help you maintain order in everything you do.

I think we should deny ourselves the everyday traps so easily fallen into, such as hate, belligerence, envy and greed.

It is much harder work to do this than to give up something which you enjoy doing very much, but in the long run a much greater self accomplishment. If you can maintain this mental denial for the Lenten period, how much easier the rest of the year will be, not only for oneself but for those around us.

Lent, I am sure, was meant to enable us to attain a serenity of mind, a yearly event because God realized the margin of human error and knew just once in a lifetime was not enough of a reminder.

SPECIAL REQUIEM SERVICE (Sunday at 2:10 p.m.)

Special "Hokehankisd" will be said for the parents and family of our benefactor, and the "Gunkahayr" of our Church, Mr. Sam Harrison, as follows:

Parents - George and Nevert, Uncle - John Harrison
Niece - Margie Harrison and Mrs. Sam Harrison's
father, Mr. William F. Huebiller

= Hokehankisd for Mrs. Takouhie Valian
= Hokehankisd for Suren and Soghome Hovas
= Hokehankisd for Vincent Hagopian, deceased in
France, requested by his brother, Mr. A. Hagopian.

BLESSING OF HOMES

To revive the centuries old Armenian custom, Fr. Levon will visit a number of homes, Mon. thru Thurs, (Mar. 27-30) and conduct traditional Home Blessing services, praying with the family. For this short ceremony, please have ready on a table, a glass of water, a piece of bread and a spoon of salt.

GOLDEN BOOK OF RECORDS: -

All MEMORIAL gifts made to St. George Armenian Church will be duly registered in a Golden Book of Records. The names of donors and the memory of their beloved ones deceased will be perpetuated. The following donors and memorials will start the Book of Records:

- Anton Hagopian Bishop's Chair
Mr. & Mrs. Anton Hagopian . . . 1 Crystal Chandelier
Mrs. Sona Kirkasharian . . . "Vem Karr" for Altar
Mr. & Mrs. Zaven Kirkasharian . . . 2 candle holders
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Saxenian. . . wall to wall carpeting
Mrs. Leon Harrison. . . Hand knit portrait of Virgin
Mr. & Mrs. Leon Harrison . . . 1 Chalice & 1 Candle-
Mrs. Armen Najarian - Altar Cross. . . holder.
Mr. Hrant Bardoony. . . Material for Draperies and
Choir robes.

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hovas . . . Refrigerator
Mr. & Mrs. John Hogosabian. . . Collection Plates
Mr. & Mrs. C. Lilyholm. . . Urn and Plate for Altar,
also two Candleholders
Mr. & Mrs. Ceroype Berberian. . . 2 Candleholders
Dr. & Mrs. Ed Tasian. 2 Candleholders
Dr. & Mrs. Leon Vartanessian. . . 1 Candleholder, as
well as Baptismal Font facilities
Mrs. Armen Najarian 1 Candleholder
Mr. & Mrs. Jacques Bedevian . . . 1 Candleholder
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sanjakian 2 Candleholders

IN A SPECIAL ISSUE OF OUR BULLETIN, the complete list of monetary donations made toward the purchase of our Church and Center property, renovation and other occasions will be printed.

THE PARISH COUNCIL WELCOMES all individuals and organizations who would like to use the facilities of the Center. In view of the fact that mortgage and maintenance expenses must be met, the Council expects a monetary donation to recompense the facilities and services rendered.

LIFE IS NOT WHAT YOU KNOW AND PLAN IT TO BE,
BUT WHAT YOU TRUST AND DARE IT TO BE.

ON THE GLORIOUS OCCASION

of the
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

We congratulate our people and friends, wishing them spiritual awakening and vitality. May the Triumph of our Lord over evil and death fill us with courage, confidence and unshakable faith, and may the light of His Resurrection illumine our path through this life's journey, Amen.

Rev. Fr. Levon Arakelian & Parish Council
St. George Armenian Church

NOTICES FOR HOLY WEEK: -

1. The Feast of the Resurrection is incomplete without Holy Communion. An Armenian Christian is required to take Communion at least Five Times during the year. Christmas & Easter is a MUST.
2. To prepare for Communion the following rules should be observed -
 - a. participate in the mass confession
 - b. to fast, from midnight the night before until Communion is received (unless ill.)Since "Soorp Badarak" will be Celebrated in the afternoon, as a special dispensation, the Communicant may have a very light breakfast only.
3. Requiem Services will be conducted as an exception to the rule. In the Armenian Church Special and general "Hokehankist" is said on the Sunday following Easter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: -

- = Fresh Easter Lillies for the Altar will be donated by Mr. & Mrs. Yohannes Hekimian
- = The Choir now has beautiful Tonicles (shabigs), thanks to the expert tailoring of Mmes. Sona Kirkasharian, Zabel Vartaessian, Emma Hagopian, Vanous Ohanian and Araxe Bedevian. The Senior Chorester, Mr. Hrant Bardoony donated material for "shabigs".

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS -

The Parish Council is the official and responsible Body in whom is vested the power of administering and governing the church and the center and all its functions, as directed by the Diocese in New York.

Your Parish Council, appointed by the Rev. Levon Arakelian, and approved by the Primate on June 30, 1964, is as follows:

Stephan Saxenian	-	Chairman
Hrant Bardoony	-	Vice-Chairman
Hovhannes Hekimian	-	Treasurer
Zaven Kerksharian	-	Secretary

Advisors:

Mike Sanjakian
Anton Hagopian
Hratch Azarian

Mr. Azarian was replaced by Ohanian, upon his resignation.

Under the jurisdiction of Parish Council, there are two bodies - 1. Building Committee 2. The Ladies' Auxiliary. The choir is considered a third body. The Building Committee is composed of Hrant Bardoony, chairman, Mrs. R Sanjakian, Vice-chairman, C. Gregory, treasurer, A. Bedavian, adv sor

The Ladies' Aux., which was organized and ratified in May, 1966, is as follows: Mrs. R. Sanjakian, Chair lady - Mrs. E. Hagopian, treas., - Mrs. S. Kirkasharian, Sec'ty, Mrs. A. Harrison, and Mrs. V. Guehneian are both advisors.

The Choir is under the leadership of Mr. J. Bedevian.

The Choral Group is under the leadership of Mrs. C. Gregory.

Anniversary Date. The Consecration of our Chapel took place on Nov. 27, 1966, by the Primate, Bishop Torkom Manoogian and the participation of Rev. Levon Arakelian. Hereafter, the Armenian community of Houston will celebrate this occasion yearly, on the Sunday closest to Nov. 27th with proper and befitting festivities.