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NRA Meets in Philadelphia



Delegates to the 1994 National Representative Assembly.

The National Representative Assembly met in Philadelphia at St. Gregory the Illuminator Church, May 18-20. Full details in the next issue of OUTREACH.



Baroness Caroline Cox receives Spirit of Armenia Award (above); Dr. Hagop Hovaguimian was honored as the Man-of-the-Year.

Mothers Day Luncheon Honors Siran Manoukian; Presentation of Armenian Costumes is Big Hit

by GILDA KUPELIAN

A spectacular Mothers' Day luncheon and presentation of Armenian Royal Costumes took place on May 5 at the elegant St. Regis Hotel in New York City. The event, sponsored by the Prelacy Ladies Guild, was under the auspices of Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian. Highlighting the afternoon function was the presentation of the Mother-of-the-Year award to Mrs. Siran Manoukian, who flew from London along with four of her five sons and their wives expressly for this function.

With harp music playing in the background, two hundred guests assembled at the cocktail hour preceding the luncheon. The guests were welcomed by Mrs. Gilda Kupelian, a member of the Guild and the MC of the program, who spoke about the God-given attributes that are heightened and accentuated in most mothers, through the unique experience of childbirth. "Thus," she said, "the reason people gravitate to God and their mothers' generous heart when in dire straits."

Honored guests included His Eminence Archbishop Ashjian, the Pastors of Sts. Vartanantz Church in Ridgfield, NJ, St. Sarkis Church in Douglaston, NY, and St. Illuminator's Cathedral in New York City; Mrs. Ani Jessourian of Canada, and the founding chairlady of the Prelacy Ladies Guild, Mrs. Hasmig Hovnanian.

The Mother-of-the-Year presentation was made by His Eminence who began his speech with a word of appreciation to the Prelacy Ladies Guild. "It is now almost twenty years that the Guild has hosted this annual tribute to mothers. This is an opportunity for all of us to



Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian presenting "Mother of the Year" award to Mrs. Siran Manoukian during the Prelacy Ladies Guild's luncheon. Photo by J. K. Hovhanness

thank our mothers, to express our love and our respect toward motherhood. I take this opportunity to thank the Prelacy Ladies Guild members for their untiring efforts to make this celebration a beautiful and classy affair." His Eminence paid tribute to all mothers and noted that "we cannot celebrate Mother's Day without mentioning mothers in Armenia who struggle to keep the nation together." He specifically mentioned Khourma Sagatelian, whose husband is fighting on

the front with his mind at ease knowing that she is taking care of both her and his parents. His Eminence prayed for the well being of all mothers in Armenia, and indeed, everywhere.

In presenting the 1994 Mother-of-the-Year award, the Prelate related how destiny dictated that Siran's family, the Keledjians of Sivas, remain in Lebanon instead of emigrating to Armenia as originally planned. She attended Armenian and French schools in Lebanon and in

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Prelacy Mourns Passing of Robert Derian, 70

Robert Papken Derian, a community leader and a devoted servant of the Armenian Church during the past 30 years, died on Thursday, April 28, 1994, at his residence in Lake Worth, Florida.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Lucy, his son, Robert Jr., and daughter, Denise, three grandchildren and his twin brother, Albert.

Funeral services, officiated by the Prelate, Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian, took place at Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church, Ridgfield, NJ, on Tuesday, May 3.

Robert Derian—or Bob as everyone knew him—was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on April 2, 1924, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hagop Derian. The family subsequently relocated to Massachusetts where Bob attended secondary school in Cambridge and Boston College. From 1942-45 he served in the U.S. Marine Corp., winning recognition and decorations for heroism and bravery in the Pacific campaign. He was discharged from the service in 1945 and in 1949 married the former Lucy Kaprielian and settled in the New York City area.

Bob was elected to the Prelacy's Executive Council in 1964 and served for many years thereafter, serving several terms as treasurer; he also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Sts. Vartanantz Church, as a delegate to the National Representative Assembly and as a World Delegate to the Catholicate of Cilicia. In 1977 he participated in the election and consecration of His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia. He was a long time member of the Armenian Youth Federation and the Armenian Revolutionary Federation.

The Prelate and Executive Council extend their deep sympathy of the family. May God have mercy on his soul. ✚

A Eulogy for Aghavny Harootunian A Tribute to her Generation

by Mary Zakarian

On Monday, March 7, 1994, the Philadelphia Armenian community lost one of the strongholds of its past. The news of Aghavny Harootunian's death left me with feelings of emptiness and sorrow. Although I knew for the past few months her health was failing and one day the word would come, I still stood in silent shock and wept. An icon was gone, one of the few remaining giants of a generation of giants who survived the 1915 Turkish Massacre of the Armenians and led our people to renewal and hope.

Aghavny Harootunian was a warrior for the Armenian Cause, standing firmly in the front line, a dedicated leader, organizer, visionary and teacher. She was born in Arabkir in 1905 to Hovhanness and Louisia Karagulian, one of four daughters. The family migrated to Sepastia for a short time. However, when her father and grandmother fell victim to a deadly epidemic which struck the city in 1910, the family returned to Arabkir. In 1915 they were caught in the bloody massacre of the Armenians and forced to abandon their home and along with countless of their countrymen were departed from land to land. After her mother was killed in Malatia, her sisters were placed in an orphanage there and Aghavny in the home of a Turkish Agha where she stayed for three years.

In 1920 the Near East Relief took over the orphanage and Aghavny and her sisters were transferred to the orphanage in Arabkir. When the Girls' School reopened that year, Aghavny was invited to join the teaching staff. She and her sisters were then sent to orphanages in Antelias and Sidon. Two years later, when Aghavny was 19, she was told she had to leave the orphanage and find a life for herself. Arrangements were made for her to attend nursing classes at the British Hospital in Palestine from which she graduated with honors in 1927. In 1928 she married Sarkis Harootunian and settled in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, where they remained until 1944 when she and her husband with their three sons moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For fifty-two years Aghavny assumed the role of leadership for various Armenian organizations, especially the Armenian Relief Society. She and her husband were constant contributors to Armenian newspapers and participated in Armenian theatrical groups. They were both deeply committed to the educational and political aspect of Armenian life.

My every visit to Aghavny in her final days was a pilgrimage for me, a journey to a shrine, for she was one of the final links that tied her generation to mine. Beyond her feeble, failing flesh and weakened voice loomed the courage and unwavering faith of that generation that defied the Turkish Decree of Genocide and never swerved from their determination that the destiny of our nation is life. "We will not die," they said, and we didn't.

Thank you, dear Aghavny, for the legacy you left me. Thank you for the

"And what is as important as knowledge?" asked the mind. "Caring, and seeing with the heart," answered the soul."

The doctors and hospitals who have been caring for Mkhitar Tizian, the young soldier who was blinded and lost both of his hands near the border between Armenia and Azerbaijan, were honored by Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian on April 18, for the exceptional care they provided to Mkhitar, whom the Prelate brought to the United States after an appeal by Armenia's First Lady, Mrs. Lucia Ter Petrosyan. Mkhitar and his brother, Vartan, arrived in the United States about two months ago and since that time Mkhitar has been examined and treated by a number of specialists.

"Everyone concerned in helping Mkhitar did an exceptional job," Archbishop Ashjian said. "Right from the outset Rev. Father Shahe Panossian, Dr. Levon Topouzian, Mr. and Mrs. Dikran Mesrobian, and Mr. Siragan Kerkunian, were a wonderful team in providing for the needs of the brothers," the Prelate said.

The coordinator for the medical effort was Dr. Armen Kelikian, "who brought honor to his late father Dr. Hampartzoum Kelikian," Archbishop Ashjian said. Dr. Kelikian was responsible for bringing together the team of doctors who treated Mkhitar. During surgery on March 4, a toe was taken from Mkhitar's right foot and attached to his right hand; within a short time he was able to hold small objects. This operation was performed by Dr. Daniel Nagel, assisted by Dr. Thomas Wiedrich and Dr. Gerald Harris at Northwestern Hospital in Chicago. "The doctors told me that this is one of the first—if not the first—operation of this type in the United States. The procedure was pioneered by Dr. Simo Villki of

final hour you gave me, one final moment to embrace the past. You never knew what stirred within me as I lingered by your side. I saw in your eyes my mother's eyes, soulful and sad, for she, too, had seen the bloody wrath of the Turkish sword. I touched you and I touched her too. Faces from my memories came alive as I grasped from you one final moment to cherish and hold.

I will soon put down my pen and pick up my brush. As I paint the rocks of my ancestral land, I will paint your strength, for you and your generation. In the rising peaks of Mt. Ararat, I will capture your upward gaze. The faces of our poets and minstrels will speak of your vision, our churches and monasteries will tell of your faith. Gomidas' song will be your song, his tears your sorrow.

You have come full circle, Dear Aghavny. You lived to see Armenia free. Your deed is done, your victory won.

As Reverend Nerses Manougian laid you to rest, he quoted from 2 Timothy 4:7, "I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness."

This verse belongs to you. It is your epitaph. The hands have changed, the timetable has turned. Your generation gave birth to mine. The flame is now ours to keep alive. Your story ours to tell. †

Doctors and Hospitals Honored for their Role In Treating Wounded Soldier



Mkhitar and Archbishop Ashjian with Doctors Lawrence Stone, Daniel Nagel, and Thomas Wiedrich.

Finland," Archbishop Ashjian said.

On April 25, the same team of doctors operated on Mkhitar's left hand, this time utilizing the "Krokenberg Method" of dividing the bone of the forearm and developing new fingers. This procedure is named after the famous German doctor who developed and practiced it after the Austrian Prussian war.

Although it had been previously determined that nothing can be done to help Mkhitar's eyesight, Dr. Lawrence Stone operated on his eyes for cosmetic purposes. Mkhitar's right ear will also require surgery. While in Chicago, Dr. Mark Megrdichian worked on Mkhitar's teeth which were badly damaged.

Because of the great team effort on Mkhitar's behalf, Archbishop Ashjian wanted to personally acknowledge the doctors and the hospitals. On April 18 he hosted a dinner at the well-known Zaven Restaurant, owned by Mr. Zaven Khojjan. Attending the dinner were: Very Rev. Shahe Panossian, pastor of the All Saints Church in Glendale; Dr. Daniel Nagel, Dr. Thomas Wiedrich, Dr. Lawrence Stone, Dr. Kathy Abbo, Dr. Lynn Singer, representing Northwestern Hospital; Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. True, director of patient support services at Louis A. Weiss Memorial Hospital, which provided an apartment for the brothers; Dr. Raffi Hovhannessian, Dr. Armen Kelikian, Mr.

Siragan Kerkunian and, of course, the guests of honor, Mkhitar and Vartan.

During the dinner Archbishop Ashjian spoke of the generosity of all concerned and praised the humanitarian effort and spirit of the doctors. He commended all of them for their extraordinary talents of giving life and hope to a human being living miles away in another part of the world. His Eminence presented plaques to Northwestern Memorial Hospital and to the Louis A. Weiss Memorial Hospital inscribed with the following text: "With gratitude for your humanitarian spirit; With respect for your devotion to life; And with our deep and intense thanks."

Commemorative medallions were presented to Drs. Nagel, Wiedrich, Kelikian, and Stone. A medallion was also presented to Mr. and Mrs. Dikran Mesrobian who the Archbishop said, "looked after the boys just as loving grandparents would. In fact, the boys address them as *Babig* and *Mamig*."

Archbishop Ashjian had special words of praise for Hayr Shahe and Mr. Kerkunian for their invaluable help right from the beginning. Concluding the dinner comments, Dr. Hovhannessian added his words of praise for the extraordinary team effort. He also commended Archbishop Ashjian noting that "he is a clergyman whose concerns go far beyond the usual concerns." †

The Soldier by Varteny Koulian

I saw him sitting alone, his neatly bandaged arms resting at his sides and his eyes—pools of darkness—gazing nowhere. I thought with a lump in my throat that no pain could be greater and no man so lonely. I asked him if he was comfortable, if I could get him anything. He simply smiled and said, "No thanks, I'm fine."

He came from across the sea, from a far-away land I have not seen. He spoke of this land where time had come to a standstill, where babies were born in the cold, where men died too young and where women had long forgotten how to cry.

As I listened to his tales, it was not despair I heard but the promise to a land of tomorrow that was soon to come. It was then that, through the broken shell that was his body, I saw his spirit rise intact. And I realized with wonder that one need not have eyes to dream, nor wings to fly. And the tears of pity that I had brought were wept not for his youth but for my empty shrinking world.

As his tales filled my days, his pain haunted my night. I lay in the dark and closed my eyes. I thought of his pain and of a mother whose face he will not see again. I let my mind wander through the black tunnels of doubt and when I thought I would lose my soul, I remembered his smile and the miracle of his faith that brought me to light again.

Soon he will cross the sea again to the land that awaits him where he mixed his blood with the soil and let his watchful glance soar over the mountains.

And I...I will remain here, in my small organized world, only different, wiser perhaps...for I have seen the Phoenix high in its flight, and I have finally seen my homeland.

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CROSSROADS

A Review of Prelacy and Parish Activities



Khatchkar, Paintings, Consecrated by Prelate

by TOM VARTABEDIAN



A Khatchkar (stone-cross) monument in front of St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church of Merrimack Valley, Massachusetts, honors the 1.5 million Armenians who perished during the 1915 massacres.

The consecration of a khatchkar and two large religious paintings on April 17 by Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian created a memorable impression for members of St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church of Merrimack Valley.

The Khatchkar monument honors the memory of the 1.5 million Armenians killed by the Ottoman Turks in 1915. It was donated to the church by Nevart Apovian of Methuen as a memorial tribute to her husband, James, and son, Richard, both of whom were devotees of the church.

The idea for such a memorial was conceived more than a year ago when the Prelate visited the area. He suggested erecting a Khatchkar in front of the building which faces Main Street.

"It is much more meaningful at this time," said Rev. Gomidas Baghsarian, pastor. "By commemorating the martyrs of the genocide, we see how precious their lives were and will always be in our memories."

For years, the oval-shaped parcel of land was the site of a community Christmas tree which maintained a holiday ritual for those passing through the square. Now, it radiates forth with another spectacle.

The six-foot monument depicts a cross carved on a Tufa stone, which is widely used in Armenia for making sculptures. Its visibility will allow people who know nothing about the 1915 genocide to gain some knowledge about it.

The blessing took place immediately following Sunday badarak as heavy clouds and a pelting rain gave way to sunshine at the precise moment the Prelate's cross was raised.

Floral wreaths from the Apovian family, the Armenian Relief Society, and Armenian Revolutionary Federation, were placed at the monument and the consecration ceremony concluded with the playing of Taps.

Following the consecration, two trees were planted by Archbishop Ashjian just adjacent to the church in conjunction with Green Sunday. The gesture was part of an ambitious tree-planting venture currently taking place in Armenia to help restore the environment ravaged by the ongoing need for fuel.

"The greenery is a color of joy and newness," said Archbishop Ashjian. "As nature renews itself, so does our faith and devotion to Jesus Christ. May it always shine out in our reflection of Christianity."

The Prelate also consecrated two icons during the Divine Liturgy. One painting, of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, was donated by Francesca Budakian of

Salem; the other, depicting the Resurrection of Christ, was given to the church by the Garavanian family of Lawrence.

Archbishop Ashjian called each work a source of prayer and greater devotion.

"It is not a case of image-worshipping," he pointed out, "We don't worship the paintings themselves, nor the work of the artist. Through these colors, it is the intent to meet with the Creator and Christ Himself."

A program followed in Jaffarian Hall of the church as which time more accolades poured forth. The Prelate was most impressed by the growth and expansion of the Sunday School program, going from 15 students a year ago to three times the enrollment now.

"I feel so moved at the sight of a youthful church," he acknowledge. "You should all be commended for your devotion and sacrifice. I don't like to see any Armenian lost."

Words of encouragement were uttered by Stephen Piligian, master of ceremonies, together with James Apovian, Jr., chairman, Board of Trustees.

"As a thriving community, we have much to be thankful for," said Piligian. "At the base of all this success lies the spirituality of our members."

Der Gomidas called it a "meaningful day for the community," giving rave notice over the consecrated paintings and khatchkars.

The program ended with soloist Vanessa Oviaan singing three works by Alan Hovhanness, accompanied on the piano by Ani Chamakjian. ✚

Ordination of Acolytes and Deacons at Sts. Vartanantz Church, New Jersey

Two acolytes and three deacons were ordained on Sunday, May 1, by Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church of Ridgefield, New Jersey, by Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian who celebrated the Divine Liturgy with the assistance of the church's pastor, Very Rev. Nareg Alemezian and with the participation of Archpriest Vahrich Shirinian.

Sevag Takvorian and Mano Kourkelian were ordained acolytes and Antranig Azarian, Harout Takvorian, and Hagop Tekeyan were ordained deacons. The five young men have served the church for many years with dedication.

Following the service a reception took place in the church hall at which time Kenneth Asbedian, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees spoke, and parishioners had the opportunity of congratulating the newly ordained young men. ✚



Youth of Armenia Society of New York Contribute to Prelacy's Orphans Fund



Archbishop Ashjian accepts check from Edit Yavarian on behalf of the Youth of Armenia Society of New York. Gourgen Grigorian, vice president of the Society, is at right.

Armenian Cultural Exhibit Wins Top Honors Again

For the third year in a row, the Armenian cultural exhibit received the "Award of Excellence" award at the Festival of Nations, which took place April 21-24 at the St. Paul Civic Center. This marks the fourth time Minnesota Armenians have won top honors in the seven-year history of the award.

Founded in 1932, the Festival of Nations is a multicultural festival organized by the International Institute of Minnesota. Each year thousands are drawn to the educational exhibits, ethnic cafes, craft demonstrations, and folk dance performance, all presented by local communities. ✚

On Sunday, April 24, following the Divine Liturgy and Requiem Service for the Martyrs of 1915, Archbishop Ashjian was presented with a check for \$6,575 by

Ms. Edit Yavarian on behalf of the Youth Section of the Armenian Society of New York.

Ms. Yavarian told the Prelate that the young people recently sponsored a dance and decided to donate the proceeds to the Prelate's orphans program.

Archbishop Ashjian thanked Ms. Yavarian and Mr. Gourgen Grigorian, vice president of the Armenian Society of New York. "It gives me great happiness to see our youth concerned about people less fortunate. The money will make a big difference in the lives of orphans in Armenia and Artsakh. It is a very thoughtful gesture." ✚

Commemorative Concert at St. Illuminator's Cathedral



A series of commemorative events took place in New York for April 24, including a concert by duduk master Djivan Gasparyan at St. Illuminator's Cathedral, Sunday evening, April 24. The Cathedral was filled to capacity as the soulful sounds of the duduk filled the candlelit church.

Photo by JK Hovhannes

Mothers Day Luncheon (continued from page 1)

1943 married Yeghishe Manoukian, a star Homenetmen soccer player who successfully combined his sports and intellectual talents. A devoted Armenian, Yeghishe worked 20 hours a day to provide for his wife and their five sons, Vatche, Vahe, Varoujan, Raffi, and Levon. His Eminence noted that even with his busy schedule, Mr. Manoukian found time to translate Boris Pasternak's *Dr. Zhivago* into Armenian. Together they instilled the Armenian spirit in their children. Vatche, the eldest, studied in England, excelled in his business endeavors, and brought all of his brothers to England, where they each became successful in their own right.

Mrs. Manoukian's main concern was always for the welfare, comfort and education of her children, but she was also very involved in philanthropic activities, especially education. The Yeghishe Manoukian Secondary School and the Siran Manoukian Kindergarten are testimony to her involvement. The entire complex was donated to the Catholicate of Cilicia and the schools are currently administered by the Diocese of Lebanon with the Manoukian's continued support and dedication. In 1978 Mr. and Mrs. Manoukian relocated to England in order to be near their sons and their families. They are now the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren.

The Prelate presented a beautiful plaque, suitably inscribed, to Mrs. Manoukian, who was visibly moved by His Eminence's words as well as the love she felt from those present.

Speaking in Armenian, Mrs. Manoukian thanked the Prelate and the Guild saying, "Today's event is for me an exceptional experience. I am here at this Mothers' Day luncheon, but I do not consider myself any different from all other Armenian mothers. History is testimony to the fact that the Armenian mother—a true Armenian mother—is a model mother. Today I am deeply touched that the Eastern Prelacy, headed by His Eminence Srpazan Hayr, considers me worthy of this great honor, designating me as the Mother-of-the-Year. I feel I have done my natural duty. I have been fortunate to have a model, caring husband. God has given us the greatest joy by blessing us with five sons and our wonderful grandchildren. Yeghishe and I have done our utmost to be worthy of the blessings God has bestowed upon us and to give back a part of what has been given to us."

Mrs. Manoukian described the difficult early days in Lebanon and how she and her husband spared no effort to give their children a humanitarian upbringing and an Armenian education. "We have always impressed on them that we, their mother and father, have worked hard and deprived ourselves in order to make life easier for them. This is a parents main role."

She then spoke of how their children, in turn, expressed their love for their parents. "The greatest example of their love and devotion came when our son Vatche, together with his brothers, built two schools and presented them to our community in Lebanon: The Yeghishe Manoukian National School and the Siran Manoukian Kindergarten. What more is possible beyond this?"

Expressing her thanks again to Archbishop Ashjian, Mrs. Manoukian concluded her remarks describing motherhood as the "greatest task"—a task that can have "no greater service to our nation and to humanity. I sincerely congratulate the Ladies Guild for upholding the Armenian woman's portrait and role."

At this time Archbishop Ashjian made the surprise announcement that Vatche Manoukian and his brothers have made a generous donation of \$100,000 to the Prelacy in honor of and in loving tribute of their mother.

PRESENTATION OF HISTORICAL ROYAL COSTUMES

The multi-talented Dr. Herand Markarian transported the guests through 3,000 years of Armenian history,



Mrs. Siran Manoukian with her sons and daughters-in-law.

Photos by JK Hovhanness



The exhibition of Armenian Royal Costumes was enjoyed by all.

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Մարտ 6-ի Կիրակի յետ միջօրէի ժամը 4-ին, Ս.Ստեփանոս եկեղեցւոյ ներքնասրահին մէջ տեղի ունեցաւ գրական լուրջ ձեռնարկ մը, բազմավաստակ ուսուցիչ, դաստիարակ եւ մտաւորական փրոֆեսոր Բիւզանդ Եղիայեանի «ԸՆՏԱՆԵԿԱՆ ԿՐԹՈՒԹԻՒՆ» հատորի հրատարակութեան նուիրուած:

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150-ի հասնող գրասէր հասարակութիւն մը եկած էր իր յարգանքը արտայայտելու մեծարեալին: Բացի իր ընտանեկան պարագաներէն, ձեռնարկին ներկայ գտնուեցան Պոսթընահայութեան զանազան խաւերու ներկայացուցիչներէն ընտրեալ գրասէրներ: Գրական այս ձեռնարկին ներկայ էին նաեւ Ս.Ստեփանոս եւ Ս.Յակոբ եկեղեցւոյ հոգեւոր հովիւներ՝ Արժ. Տ. Թորգոմ Ա. քհնյ. Յակոբեանը եւ արժ. Տ. Տաճատ քհնյ. Դաւիթեանը:

Ձեռնարկին բացումը եւ հանդիսավարութիւնը՝ յանուն Գրական Յանձնախումբին կատարեց Արեւելեան Ամերիկայի Համազգայինի Երջանային Վարչութեան փոխ-ատենապետ ընկեր Միսաք Պարտումեան:

Յարգելի հանդիսավարը խնամուած իր բացման խօսքով նախ ներկայացուց մեծարեալին համառօտ կենսագրական գիծերը: Ապա բազմավաստակ մանկավարժ-դաստիարակ

տիկին Գոհար Թէօլէօլեանը ներկայացնելէ ետք, հրաւիրեց յարգելի



Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հօր գլխաւորութեամբ «գինեօսն»ի արարողութիւնը...

տիկինը, որպէսզի ներկայացնէր փրոֆ. Բիւզանդ Եղիայեանի «Ընտանեկան Կրթութիւն» հատորը: Մէկ ժամ տեւող իր խնամուած վերլուծականով, տիկին Թէօլէօլեան ներկայացուց մեծարեալին ԳՈՐԾՆ ու ՎԱՍՏԱԿԸ: («Հայրենիք»ի ներկայ թիւով Տրք. էջի վրայ կարդալ մեծարեալին վաստակը բնորոշ յատկանիշներուն յատկացուած մասը: «Հայրենիք»ի խմբագրութիւնը տիկին Գոհար Թէօլէօլեանի վերլուծականին երկրորդ մասը՝ ԳՈՐԾԸ պիտի հրատարակէ յաջորդ թիւով): Յանուն Եղիայեան ընտանիքին ելոյթ ունեցաւ Դոկտ. Սիմոնեան: Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հայրը դրուատեց մեծարեալին մատուցած բազմավաստակ ծառայութիւնները կրթա-դաստիարակչական մարզե-

as he narrated the presentation of the replicas of Armenian royal costumes, which originated and was organized by the Hamazkayin of Montreal.

Modeled by members of the New York Hamazkayin, a procession of Armenian royalty in ermine cloaks, velvet, silk, lace and fur-trimmed garb, paraded with solemn austerity. The Urartian Dynasty preceded the founding of the Armenian kingdom of Ardashes I. Our most famous king, Tigran the Great, was followed by the Arshagouni King, Drtad II, Vramshabouh, and Pagradouni King Gagik, the last king of Armenia, hailing from the Lusignan Dynasty, King Levon, concluded the parade with his queen.

The finale was truly spectacular with the flourishing of trumpets playing *Sardarabad* which blended into a moving rendition of *Mer Hayrenik*.

The guests had the added pleasure of an impromptu recitation by Dr. Markarian on the theme of motherhood. Mrs. Ani Jessourian, the designer who conceived the idea of the royal costumes presentation was recognized. She confessed that she reacted to a 1975 article which quoted a Turkish minister as saying, "When did the Armenians have a kingdom, that they are claiming land now?" The Soviet interviewer then replied, "But who then was Tigran the Great?" It was then that Mrs. Jessourian decided to provide a beautiful and visual response to the question.

Contributing to the overall tone of the day were nicely packaged Armenian currency at each table setting prepared by Guild member, Mrs. Jeanine Adanalian. The floral arrangements were donated by Mrs. Suzanne Hagopian in loving memory of her mother, Mrs. Bandzali Ajemian.

To round up the bilingual program, Mrs. Lucille Sahagian conducted a raffle drawing of exquisite gifts, assisted by members of the Guild: Jeanine Adanalian, Isabella Avedissian, Linda Chirinian, Josephine Gulamerian, Suzanne Hagopian, Ica Kouyoumdjian, Gilda Kupelian, Arax Minassian, Diana Minassian, Seta Nalbandian, Lucille Sahagian, Ovsanna Tatarian, Rita Tatevossian, Gemma Vartanian, and Silva Zadourian.

Proceeds from the luncheon and raffle were donated to the Prelacy's orphans fund. ✦

րէն ներս, յատկապէս ծանրանալով Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ դպրեվանքէն ներս անոր մատուցած ծառայութիւններուն վրայ: Մեսրոպ Սրբազան որպէս սաներէն մէկը մեծարեալին, իր յարգանքի խօսքերուն ընդմէջէն առաւելաբար ծանրացաւ սաներուն նկարագիրը կերտող մեծարեալ փրոֆ. Բիւզանդ Եղիայեանի դերակատարութեան վրայ: Գրական այս ձեռնարկի վերջաւորութեան, փրոֆ. Բիւզանդ Եղիայեան շնորհակալութիւն յայտնեց «Համազգային»ին, Սրբազան Հօր, տիկին Գոհար Թէօլէօլեանին, ինչպէս նաեւ բոլոր ներկայներուն: Գրական Յանձնախումբը այս առիթով կոկիկ հիւրասիրութիւն մը պատրաստած էր: