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# Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian's Message to Clergy Conference

Each year, on the occasion of the St. Ghevontiank celebration, the clergy serving the Prelacy of the Eastern United States and Canada gather for a seminar/meeting in one of the Prelacy parishes.

The host parish this year was St. Sarkis Church in Douglaston, New York. His Eminence Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian was recuperating in Paris at the time and sent the following message.

Dear Faithful Brothers,

In a tradition of more than 20 years you have gathered to mark Ghevontiank Day and to celebrate your service to God and His

I bid you welcome and hope that you will enjoy your brotherly fellowship in the St. Sarkis environment, where you will pray and work together, bringing to reality this year's agenda which is devoted to exploring ideas of how to best convey our message to our faithful people. My thanks to all of the participants.

During the last 18 years I have been absent from this yearly gathering only one other time—I believe in 1991—when I was in Australia for a meeting of the General Assembly of the World Council of Churches. That was an absence of duty. Now, in 1995, it is the second time that I am unable to be with you, and this time it is an involuntary absence since I am in Paris recuperating. But I am with you in my prayers...I am with you with my heart... and I wish to share with you some of my thoughts during the past few weeks.

care of our health and to remember that it recall the words of Catholicos Khoren I of

who experience heart problems...only others who have accidents. We are, after all, human, and we have our limits. We need to know the value of good health...and not get sick. Last August when I went to Yerevan, I saw Vazgen Vehapar for the last time. He was in his death bed, but he was alert and aware of everything around him. During my visit he twice said to me: "My son, do not get sick." At the time I thought it odd that the Catholicos of All Armenians would utter such "common" thoughts. Now, I understand. At that time I still thought the world was mine...I could do anything and everything. There, I believe, was my mistake. Now I realize that everything can happen to everyone and you cannot continue day in and day out working like a machine. Know the value of your Mondays—your free day—even if you know that at 9 a.m. the Prelate will call to ask a favor...

How easy it is to die...and also how difficult. Now I realize the gravity of my illness. But thanks be to God-a thousand thanks-He gave me new life, gave me the opportunity to continue on my road to the realization of my spiritual dreams. My eyes do not look back. I am grateful to you, Lord, for this good luck. I hope I will not be embarrassed and that during the days you have bestowed upon me I will be closer to You...more faithful in preaching the Gospel and be a responsible shepherd to those entrusted in my care.

Again, I give a thousand praises to God. Especially when I think that my work could First, I found out that we must all take have remained unfinished. It is true—I

is not only others who get sick...only others blessed memory, "No one is indispensable..."-but, I could not help but think of what would happen to the Prelacy's many projects: the 900 orphans, the 2,300 senior citizens in Armenia, for whom it is much more difficult to raise funds. We have taken on the responsibility of renovating the village of Talish in Artsakh-homes, schools, churches, etc. Who would see that all this work is completed? We had just recently formed an organization for the purpose of preserving Khosrov Andar and the animal population of Armenia, for the coming generations. We had yet to announce the Aram Manougian (my childhood hero) home/museum project in Yerevan. Which project shall I mention? St. Krikor Datevatzi, the month long summer studies program in Dilijan... our newly built churches and their needs... St. Illuminator's Day School... Land & Culture Organization projects... Dear Lord, I am thankful for the opportunity you gave me to return to all of these obligations and be of service to my church and nation to the utmost of my ability. I ask for nothing else. I am satisfied with all I have. I am more content than at anytime in my life. I am happy particularly now that I am aware of the multitude of people who prayed for me with all their heart, which strengthened my heart. My eyes fill with tears each time I hear of another of our faithful who prayed for me. I became so melancholy when an old and dear friend, who has been estranged from God, said to me: "You know, Srpazan, I prayed for you even though I never pray." May God hear his voice.

Finally, my spiritual brothers, I want to (Continued on page 2)

Rev. Archpriest Vahan

Ghazarian, 73

Apostolic Church of America announced

priest Vahan Ghazarian which took place

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in Jezireh, Syria, where he received his pri-

for the Armenian Church and he learned all

of the services, sharagans, and rituals of the

From an early age he showed great love

Archpriest Ghazarian was born in

March 3, 1995.

mary education.

The Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian

#### Pierre Papazian 1929-1995



Pierre Papazian, a well-known intellectual and writer in the Armenian American community, a frequent contributor to OUT-REACH for the past seventeen years, and a devout supporter of the Prelacy died on the morning of February 24 at his home in Dumont, New Jersey, where he was recuperating from open heart surgery. He was 65 years old.

Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian who was recuperating in Paris received the new with great sadness noting that the "premature and sudden passing of Pierre Papazian is a shock and blow not only to the Prelacy but to the entire Armenian American community. He was one of our community's greatest thinkers and one who, with no fanfare, generously gave his talent to our community. I personally will miss his keen intellect, his way of looking at situations in ways no one else thought of, and his quiet humor. May God receive his soul and provide comfort to his family and, indeed, to all of us."

His writings are familiar to the Armenian American community through the Armenian press and especially through the publication PHOENIX which he produce anonymously starting in the 1960s. When asked why he first decided to publish PHOENIX anonymously he simply stated: "Because I wanted the reader to concentrate on the words and the ideas and not on the author." Indeed, it is no exaggeration to say that PHOENIX had great influence on the Armenian psyche—as far away as Soviet Armenia where, he was told, copies were smuggled in and translated. Reading his articles in PHOENIX today makes one realize how far ahead Pierre Papazian was from the rest of us. His words are prophetic and ring with as much clarity, truth, and relevance as they did 30 years ago.

His essays, articles, and op-ed pieces have also appeared in a wide range of American publications including the New York Times, The Christian Science Monitor and many well known journals such as Midstream, Mid-West Quarterly, and The Wilson Quarterly. He was considered to be an expert on the Jewish Holocaust and the Armenian Genocide. In fact, his article "A Unique Uniqueness?" in Midstream, a Jewish publication, prompted an extensive

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# Prelacy Ladies Guild's "Feast of Light"



Members of the Prelacy Ladics Guild participate in the candle lighting ceremony.

20th anniversary of the Prelacy Ladies Guild area. and the Feast of Light was celebrated in in New York City in the presence of guests

The auspicious occasion marking the Rhode Island, and the metropolitan tri-state

Representing the Prelacy Ladies Guild, February in grand style at the St. Regis Hotel Mrs. Gilda B. Kupelian welcomed the guests and announced the improved health of the from as far as Australia, Washington, D.C., Prelate, Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian, who

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#### Church through his dedicated attendance and from his father. In 1943 he married Mary Hagopian and they were blessed with three children,

Haroutiun, Christine, and Vartouhi. In 1951 he was accepted as a student at the Seminary of the See of Cilicia. He was subsequently ordained as a married priest by Archbishop Terenig Poladian and given the name Vahan.

In 1952 he was assigned as the parish priest in Beirut's Armenian section, Hayashen, where he served for decades at the Sourp Hovanou Garabed Church. He also served Sourp Haroutiun Church in Junieh where he served the Armenian communities of Jebeil, Junieh, and Antelias.

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#### Pierre Papazian (Continued from page 1)

sent the following message:

# Message to Clergy

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share with you three specific thoughts.

1. Once again I saw that our faithful people love their church and their clergymen. They may not pray, they may not come to church, they may be indifferent in many ways, but there is a mystical tie that binds the Armenians to their church. Let us know the value of this mystique-bond and let us always be worthy of the spiritual trust of our people.

2. One day a doctor telephoned from the United States. I was already following the day to day miracles being performed by the French doctors and I said to him, "Doctor, I marvel at all of you. Each one in your own field are performing miracles, saving lives. You are partners to God's creation." In answering, the doctor said, "And you Srpazan are our spiritual physician; that is how we look upon you." I confess I became ashamed. I wondered: Just how much do we clergymen succeed in healing the wounds of those with broken hearts, those whose spiritual essence has been destroyed, those who come to us to confess their sins in order to be consoled and find faith. If only we could be as successful as the physicians so that we could lead those who come to us to the greatest of all physicians, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

3. Tomorrow when you return to your parishes, please convey to your parishioners my love and my blessings. And especially convey my thanks for their prayers and the love they gave to me. How amazing is this God-given emotion of love! How comforting to know that someone far, far away is praying for you, thinking of you, that you have a place in that person's heart. Your eyes fill with tears, you are filled with appreciation, and your wounded heart heals. This is exactly what happened to me. I now have a stronger heart, and a stronger desire to live a spiritual life of service.

May God make me worthy of my wish and may He bless all of you with healthy and happy days.

During my hospitalization I had with me a cross from the monastery in Moush which had been rescued by a brave Moushetzi. The cross emanated with the strength of its origin and its native soil. With it, also as a constant companion, was my prayer book, The Nareg, which I read over and over again. Some days I read the prayers for those in agony. Some days I read the prayers for "good death," and still other days I read the prayers for healing...for penitence... for grace and forgiveness. Without doubt, the most honest interpreter of my life has been Nareg and therefore I end my message with his words,

"But you are my refuge. You are salvation. You are the visitation. You are expiation. You are happiness. Salvation comes from you. Mercy is yours, almighty, living, ineffable Lord Jesus Christ, benevolent God. Bless, bless, and again bless, your holy essence and glory, forever and ever. Amen."

With prayers and love, Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian

Bligny Hospital Briss-sous Forges, France February 20, 1995

Next issue of Outreach will include photos and commentaries on the election and installation of His Holiness Karekin I, Catholicos of All Armenians.

forum comparing the Holocaust and the Genocide.

Pierre Papazian was born in Marseille, France, on May 25, 1929, the first-born child of the late Barour and Hripsime Papazian. He came to the United States with his mother one year later to join his father who had already established a home in Providence, Rhode Island. The family grew with the birth of two sisters, Rose and Margaret. They subsequently settled in the Bronx and then back to Providence before finally settling in New Jersey.

His father's death at an early age thrust him into being father to Rose and Margaret, a role he pursued with his characteristic love. Rose's five-year long illness and subsequent death last year took a great toll on his own health.

He attended primary and secondary schools in New York and Providence. He graduated from Brown University with a Bachelor's Degree in French Literature. He subsequently obtained a Master's Degree in Library Science from Columbia University and pursued another Master's in Linguistics at Columbia. He also held a Master's in International Relations from the School of International Studies at Fairleigh Dickinson

His work experience included head librarain at S. B. Penick, a pharmaceutical firm; technical writer and analyst at System Development Corporation, the firm which developed the Strategic Air Command for the Air Force; and Grumman Aircraft Corporation. In 1960, together with his wife he formed H. Prim Company, Inc., a communications firm.

His marriage to Iris Pilbosian took place on June 14, 1959, in New Jersey. Their son, Michael Barour, was born in 1965. Pierre was as proud as could be of his son's many educational honors and so delighted that Michael completed his Ph.D studies this year and was now a post-doctoral student at Oxford University.

Besides his wife, son, and sister, Pierre Papazian leaves a host of grieving relatives including Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian who, although thousands of miles away, himself recuperating, provided great comfort; the Patriarach of the Papazian clan, Souren Papazian and family; first cousins Casper Boghosian, Rose Boghosian, Margaret Casparian; brother-in-law, Noubar Kazarian; nieces Alexis and Sara Kazarian; mother- and father-in-law, Krikor and Veron Pilbosian, who loved him as a son; sister-inlaw, Elizabeth Pilbosian; and sister- and brother-in-law, Rosely and Wally Stronski.

His wake and funeral service was attended by hundreds of mourners and with the participation of the following clergymen: Very Rev. Anoushavan Tanielian, Very Rev. Nareg Alemezian, Rev. Moushegh Der Kaloustian, and Rev. Arnak Kasparian.

In a message by his family Pierre was described as a person whose "interests spanned many disciplines and his talents were many, from painting to woodworking. But what shone most of all was his writing—what a glorious, golden pen he had which produced perceptive, meticulously researched, thought-provoking articles. His pen has run dry. Is there another to take his place? This was one of his major concerns for the Armenian American community. 'Where are our writers?' he would ask over and over again. Often he would answer his own question, 'Not much money in writing.' And then he would hastily add, 'Writers need to be supported, to be nurtured.' Knowing that this would be his wish we have decided to establish the Pierre Papazian Literary Scholarship, through the Prelacy's Endowment Fund. We ask that inlieu-of-flowers donations be made to the Armenian Apostolic Church of America for this purpose. We commit ourselves to increase this fund through the coming years so that each year a substantial grant can be given to an aspiring Armenian American writer."

At the time of his death he was working on several long research projects and articles which his wife and son hope to complete.

In lieu-of-flowers donations may sent to the Armenian Prelacy at 138 E. 39th Street, New York, NY 10016 for the "Pierre Papazian Literary Scholarship."

Dear Iris and Michael,

You cannot imagine what a deep pain struck my heart when I heard the sad news of the passing away of your beloved husband and father and my close friend Pierre

I can well imagine how deeply you are grieved by his sudden physical absence from the texture of your life. I believe that your love for him will never be affected by the earthly demise. It surely will go beyond the grave and will stand above time and space.

His name can never be erased from my memory. His image will always remain indelible, alive and radiant.

Pierre will always remain a noble and eloquent witness to that generation of American Armenians who kept alive the living legacy of their parents and forefathers.

He symbolized and actually materialized in his person, in his life and in his work the beautiful harmony of Armenianism and Americanism: two different cultures, two different manifestations of the same spirit of freedom and dedication to spiritual and moral values of perennial nature. His literary works bear ample testimony to this truth. His dedication to the Armenian Church and nation was just exemplary.

I pray All-Merciful God to receive his soul in eternal peace and bliss.

Sincere condolences to you on behalf of our Armenian Catholicosate of Cilicia which had such a warm place in his heart.

May our Heavenly Father grant you, his devoted wife and loving son and all members of his family, long life with the blessings of good health and happiness. May his memory shine forth always.

#### Mr. Onnic Marashian, chairman of the Executive Council of the Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America, remembered Pierre with a moving tribute. Excerpts follow.

His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia,

I would like to say a few words on behalf of the Executive Council of the Prelacy, and as an individual whose life has been touched-be it so lightly-by Pierre's presence, his writings, and his articulated ideas.

I have always found it hard to eulogize a friend, but somehow in the case of Pierre I don't find it so hard. For in speaking of Pierre, one has to speak of his disciplined mind, his organized thinking. One need not strain for words to define a rational man.

It was a pleasure—and often a challenge-to draw Pierre into a conversation,-which, inevitably, turned into a discourse of well-researched facts with historical perspective-and sometimes ended with apocalyptic forebodings of the future.

You may or may not have agreed with him, but you had to agree he had no fear of his convictions, arrived at after a rational

Pierre and Iris made a wonderful team together. In business, in their personal lives, in their community lives, and certainly in their immeasurable and often unpublicized contributions to the Prelacy, to the Catholicosate of Cilicia, to Vehapar personally, and to our Prelate, Mesrob Surpazan, personally. Not only did the team help spread the message, they were also ready for emergencies, with a not-so-visible presence in delicate situations of damage control.

But the team's greatest contribution to our community was in the art and skills of communciations, an area of discipline that sadly has been lacking among us.

They worked so well as a team that it was difficult to discern who was the thinker and who was the doer-which of them was the idea person and which the acting person-and whether the two of them were both of these... But no matter.

Pierre had a healthy disdain of committee work. He had little tolerance for institutional or organizational processes. He couldn't stand the time-consuming debates that turned into idle chatter.

He was a maverick, a non-conformist. But he got the work done. It was a relief to talk to someone who had no use for small talk, for you knew the thinking process was going on. Even his silence was eloquent.

He certainly had a message to all. I couldn't help noting that the last sentence of the last piece of writing that appeared less than a month ago was a piercing plea to all elements of the Armenian nation to become less self-centered and begin to work toward a common goal.

#### Archpriest Ghazarian

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From 1952 to 1961, Der Vahan furthered his religious studies. During his many years of service to the Church he received highest honors from His Holiness Khoren I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia.

In 1982, due to the civil war in Lebanon, he and his family relocated to the United States. Living in Boston, he volunteered to serve the Eastern Prelacy as a visiting clergyman where needed.

In 1983, Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian assigned him as the parish priest of the newly formed Sourp Nishan Church of Cambridge, Ontario, where he served until

1989 at which time, due to his health, he asked that he be relieved from this responsibility. He was subsequently appointed a visiting clergyman to the Niagara Falls community where he continued to serve with dedication up to a few weeks before his death. During this time he also served Sourp Asdvadzadzin Church in Toronto where he helped the Sunday School and made monthly visits to the residents of the Old Age Home.

He spent his final days in the hospital under the care of doctors and his devoted wife. May he rest in peace.

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# Prelacy Ladies Guild's "Feast of Light"



Very Rev. Anoushavan Tanielian and newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Khoren Bandazian begin the candlelighting ceremony.

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was in Paris recuperating. Very Rev. Anoushavan Tanielian, who had just returned from Paris, also provided an update on His Eminence's rapid recovery.

After offering the invocation, Very Rev. Tanielian gave a brief historical account of Diarentarach, still commemorated in the traditional manner in some Armenian communities in the Middle East. Beeswax candles are lit by clergy and distributed to the faithful who in turn carry the lit candles to their homes. Father Anoushavan wished "material and divine light" to glow in everyone's life. He then invited Mr. and Mrs. Khoren Bandazian, a newlywed couple, to step forth and officiate with him over the lighting of the Diarentarach candles, followed by members of the Prelacy Ladies Guild who lit the candles at their respective

Mr. Garabed Chuck Haytaian, the Speaker of the New Jersey Assembly, conveyed his message offering an appreciation and salute to the Prelacy Ladies Guild for its service to the church and community. He then presented to the founding chairlady, Mrs. Hasmig Hovnanian, a resolution from the New Jersey Assembly in recognition of the Guild's 20th anniversary.

Her speech "ten times rewritten" cast aside, Mrs. Hovnanian took to the podium and spoke extemporaneously, She reminisced about the very first Feast of Light that was held at the St. Regis. Mrs. Hovnanian referred to His Holiness Karekin II, then the Prelate, as a "dynamic leader who took the community by storm." It was his suggestion to revive the tradition of Diarentarach in America, she said.

"A credo of the Prelacy Ladies Guild," Mrs. Hovnanian said, "is to bring our youth together and make them feel pride in their heritage." She commended the members of the current Prelacy Ladies Guild.

The dual celebration was further enhanced when Mr. Kevork Hovnanian announced that on the occasion of their wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Hirair and Anna Hovnanian would underwrite the expenses of the evening. Amid thunderous applause, Hirair and Anna Hovnanian led the guests onto the dance floor.

Guild member, Mrs. Lucille Sahagian, presided over a successful raffle drawing of exquisite gifts. She also expressed the Guild's thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Hovnanian for their magnanimous gesture.

Red rose arrangements and heartshaped chocolate assortments adorned the tables as well as a commemorative booklet depicting twenty years of activities.

The current members of the PLG are: Jeanine Adanalian, Isabella Avedissian, Linda Chrinian, Josephine Gulamerian, Suzanne Hagopian, Ica Kouyoumdjian, Gilda Kupelian, Arax Minassian, Dianna Minassian, Seta Nalbandian, Anna Piliguian, Lucille Sahagian, Ovsanna Tatarian, Rita Tatevossian, Gemma Vartanian, Silva Zadourian.



Mrs. Hasmig Hovnanian, first chairlady of the Prelacy Ladies Guild, helps with the Feast of Light Candles.



Chuck Haytaian, speaker of New Jersey Hirair and Anna Hovnanian, celebrating of Guild's 20th anniversary.



Assembly, reads proclamation in recognition their wedding anniversary. underwrote the evening's expenses.

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բ. Խորնուրդի Մատակարարումը՝ Արժ. Տ. Մուշեղ Աւ. Քննլ. Տէր Գալուստեան

գ. Թաղման Կարգ. Սգաւոր ընտանիքին հետ եւ անոնց մատուցուելիք օժանդակութիւնը՝ Արժ. S. Մեսրոպ Աւ. Քոնլ. Թաշճեան։

դ. Քրիստոնէական Թաղում՝ Հոգշ. S. Նարեկ Վրդ. Ալեէմէզեան։

ե. Թաղման Կարգ՝ Արժ. Տ. Վազգէն Քոնլ. Պէքիարեան

Հինգ դասախօս նայրերն այ բծա-

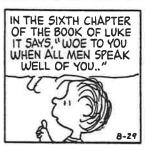
Թեմիս Բարեխնամ Առաջնորդ՝ խընդրօրէն եւ մանրամասնօրէն ու-Բարձրաշնորն Տ. Մեսրոպ Արբ. Աշճ- սումնասիրած էին իրենց վստանուած եանի եւ Կրօնական Խորհուրդի որո- նիւթերը, որոնք պատշաճ ձեւով ներշումով, Հիւսիսային Ամերիկայի եւ կայացուցին եւ շեշտը դրին միо-Գանատայի Թեմի հոգեւորականաց րինակութեան վրայ, միաձեւ կատադասը իր տարեկան համագումարը րելու խորհուրդները։ Դասախօս հոգումարեց Երեքշաբթի 21 Փետրուար գեւոր հայրերը անդրադարձան նաեւ 1995, Նիւ Եորքի Տակլըսթընի Ս․ խորնուրդներու՝ Մկրտութեան խոր-Սարգիս Եկեղեցւոյ մէջ, Սրբոց Ղե- հուրդի եւ Թաղման կարգի հոգեւոնդեանց Քահանայից տօնին առի- բանական մօտեցումներուն եւ վերլուծումներուն, տալով հետաքըր-Երկուշաբթի 20 Փետրուարի երե- բըրական որոշակի բացատրութիւնկոյեան, արդէն ներկայ էին 18 հոգե- ներ եւ տեղեկութիւններ տարբեր եկեւորականներ, որոնք ըստ արժանւոյն ղեցիներու ըմբռնումներէն։ Քաճանայ հիւրընկալուեցան եկեղեցւոյ ներք- եղբայրներուն կողմէ եղան հետանասրահին մէջ, ուր առատօրէն վա- քրքրական շատ հարցումներ՝ դիակյելեցին Տիկնանց Միութեան պատ- ներու քրկիզման, անկնունք երեխաներու թաղման եւ այլ բարեկար-Երեքշաբթի 21 Փետրուարին, գութեանց մասին. տրուեցան գոճա-

Ցանուն ժողովական հայրերուն շնորհաւորական հեռագիր յղուեցաւ Հայրապետին՝ Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին

Առաւօտեան դասախօսութեանց րերը այցելեցին Սիտըր Կրով գերեզ-Ատենապետ Տէր Հայրը իր շնոր- մանատունը եւ հոգեհանգստեան **հակալական խօսքը արտասանելէ արարողութիւն կատարեցին թե**միս ետք, կարդաց Թեմիս Առաջնորդ մէջ ծառայած եւ այժմ հանգուցեալ

Երեկոյեան ժամը 7:30-ին Սուրբ ներով լեցուն յուզիչ պատգամը։ եւ անմահ պատարագ մատուցուեցաւ Սրբազան Հայրը իր պատգամին մէջ Սուրբ Սարգիս Եկեղեցւոյ մէջ։ Օրնախ կը յայտնէ իր շնորճակալու- ւան պատարագիչն էր՝ Արժ. Տ. Վազթիւնը բոլոր մասնակցողներուն եւ կը գէն Քճնլ. Պէքիարեան։ Սուրբ խոթելադրէ հոգ տանիլ առողջութեան րանին սպասարկեցին եւ սուրբ պաեւ չկարծել որ միայն ուրիշը կրնայ տարագի երգեցողութիւնը կատաճիւանդանալ...: Ապա կը յայտնէ իր բեցին արժանապատիւ քաճանայ շնորհակալութիւնը Ամենակալ Աս- հայրերը։ Օրուան պատգամը տուաւ տուծոյն..., «Շնորնակալ եմ, Քեզի, պատարագիչ քանանայ նայրը անդ-Տէր Աստուած, այս երջանիկ բարե- րադառնալով Ղեւոնդեանց Նանաժողովուրդի գոյատեւման եւ յառաջ-Ատենապետ Տէր Հայրը վերջա- դիմութեան ի խնդիր։ Յաւարտ Ս. ցընելէ ետք ընթերցումը, կարդաց Պատարագի տեղի ունեցաւ ճաշկենաեւ Ազգային Առաջնորդարանի թոյթ՝ ի պատիւ ներկայ հոգեւորական-Դիւանէն հրապարակուած հաղոր- ներուն։ Եկեղեցւոյ սրահը լեցուած էր դագրութունը, ըստ որում թեմիս ազգայիններով եւ հաւատացեալ ժո-Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հայրը, Բարձ- ղովուրդով, որոնք եկած էին պատ-

Անմոռանալի օր մը եղաւ Սրբոց իր պաշտօնագրով, ճիւսիսային Ամե- Ղեւոնդեանց տօնը քաճանայ ճայրիկայի Արեւելեան շրջանի եւ Գա- րերուն համար, որ տարին մէկ աննատայի Թեմի Առաջնորդական Փո- գամ իրարու մօտ կը բերէ ժողովուրդի խանորդ նշանակեց, Ազգային վար\_ ծառայ հոգեւորականաց դասը, առիթ ութեան Կրօնական ժողովի ատենա🗕 մը տալով անոնց բաժնեկից ըլլալու պետ եւ Տակլըսթընի Ս. Սարգիս ցաւերու եւ ուրախութեանց եւ միաեկեղեցւոյ հոգեւոր հովիւ՝ Գերպ. Տ. տեղ աշխատանք տանելու Հայաս-Անուշաւան Ծ. Վրդ. Դանիէլեանը։ տանեայց Առաքելական Սուրբ Եկե-Ատենապետ Տէր Հայրը կարդալէ ղեցւոյ բարօրութեան եւ յարատեւ





# դՊՐԱՑ ԵՒ ՍԱՐԿԱՒԱԳԻ ՁԵՌՆԱԴՐՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐ ՖԻԼԱՏԵԼՖԻՈՅ Ս. ԳՐԻԳՈՐ ԼՈՒՍԱՒՈՐԻՉ ԵԿԵՂԵՑՒՈՅ ՄԷՋ

Կիրակի, Յունուար 22-ին, Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչ Հայաստանեայց Առաքելական Ս. Եկեղեցին ապրեցաւ վերածննդեան եւ ծաղկումի պահեր երբ 15 պատանիներ եւ չորս երիտա-սարդներ ծունկի եկան Ս. Խորանին՝ առջեւ՝ ստանալու դպրութեան եւ սարկաւագութեան աստիճանները։

Օրուան պատարագիչն էր գաղութիս Հոգեւոր Հովիւ՝ Արժ. Տ. Ներսէս Քոնյ. Մանուկեանը, որուն խնամքին եւ ուղղութիւններուն ներքոյ պատրաստըւած էին յիշեալ թեկնածուները վերջին չորս թեկնածուները վերջին չորս տարիներու ընթացքին:

«Հայր Մեր»-էն առաջ, Սրբազան Հայրը «Ուրախ Լեր» շարականի երգեցողութեամբ բարձրացաւ Ս. Խորան եւ բազմեցաւ Առաջնորդական գաճին վրայ։ Անիկա, նախ Կիսասարկաւագ ձեռնադրեց սարկաւագութեան թեկ-նածու, ուրարակիր Վարդան Քարա-քելեանը։

Ապա Սրբազան Հօր շուրջը ծունկի եկան հետեւեալ 15 պատանիները եւ երեք երիտասարդները՝ դպրութեան չորս աստիճանները ստանալու.\_ Հէրի Քալվոնճեան, Արամ Գազանճեան, Գրիգոր Ոսպիկեան, Հայկ Աղաճանեան, Պրայրն Կրէնէմ, Արամ Յովակիմեան, Եդուարդ Ծիլոգեան, Հէրի Գալվոնձեան Երրորդ, Մասիա Գումրիկեան, Անդրանիկ Գզիրեան, Ծիմի Գզիրեան, Յակոբ Մերճանեան, Րաֆֆի Մերճանեան, Ֆիլիփ Նայկան, Ազատ Շիրոզեան, Մայքըլ Ոսպիկեան, Ստիվն Ոսպիկեան եւ Գրիգոր Երեմեան։ Սրբազան Հայրը նախ անոնց մազերէն փոքր մասնիկներ կտրեց որպէս նշան անոնց հոգեւոր անդաստան մուտքին, ապա յաջորդաբար անոնց իրաւունք տուաւ աւելածութեան, եկեղեցւոյ դոները բանալ-գոցելու, Ս.





գրային ընթերցումներ կատարելու, խոստովանանք կարդալու եւ եկեղեցին լուսաւորելու:

Դպրաց ձեռնադրութենէն ետք սկսաւ Աւագ Սարկաւագութեան ձեռնադրութիւնը։ Կիսասարկաւագ Վարդանը, իր հոգեւոր Հովուին եւ Աւագ Սարկաւագ Նազարէթ Նազարեանի առաջնորդութեամբ ծնրադիր բարձրացաւ Ս. Խորան եւ ապա հարց պատասխաններէ ետք ներկայացաւ Սրբազան Հօր առջեւ։ Սրբազան Հայրը իր Աջը դրաւ Վարդանի գլխուն՝ փոխանցելով անոր առաքելական դարաւոր օրճնութիւնը։ Ապա Վարդան դարձաւ դէպի ժողովուրդ՝ աաշտօնապէս կոչուելու դպրութենէ ի սարկաւագութիւն։ Իր ձախ ուսին վրայ ստացաւ ուրար եւ իրաւունք՝ ճաշու Աւետարան կարդալու եւ խնկարկելու:

Ջոյգ ձեռնադրութեանց արարողութիւնները արդարեւ յուզումի ալիքներ ակօսեցին ներկայ հաւատացեալներու սրտերուն մէջ։ Մատղաշ հոգիներու Ս. Խորանին նուիրուելու այս երեւոյթը արցունքով տամկացուց տղոց ծնողներու եւ բարեկամներու աչքերը եւ ծխականներուն տուտաւ եկեղեցւոյ կեանքի յուսադրիչ ապագայի նախաճաշակը:

**Յաւարտ Ս. Պատարագի, Թեր**խանեան սրահին մէջ ի պատիւ նորընծաներուն տրուեցաւ ճաշկերոյթ, ընդ նախագանութեամբ Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հօր։ 250 ծխականներ ներկայ էին ճացկերոյթին։ Օրուան ճաշր պատրաստեց եկեղեցւուս Տիկնաց Միութիւնը։ Իսկ ճաշերը սիրով սպասարկեցին եկեղեցւոյս նորակազմ Երիտասարդ Զոյգերու Միութիւնը։ Յայտագրի վարիչ, Քէրն Ճենանեանի բարի գալստեան խօսքերէն ետք, Հոգաբարձութեան Ատենապետ՝ Յակոբ Փափացեան լայտնեց հոգաբարձութեան խնդակցութիւնը եւ օրուան խորհուրդը որակեց յուսադրիչ՝ եկեղեցւոյս համար։ Ապա գաղութիս երեք շնորհալի օրիորդներ, դաշնականար Քրիսթին Մատաթեան, ջութականար Թամար Աղաճանեան եւ քլարինէթանար Սալի Մանուկեան նուագեցին երկու կտոր, Կոմիտասի «Կաքաւի Երգր» եւ Մանդակունեանի «Հինգալա»։ Ի դիմաց նորընծաներու խօսք առին Անդրանիկ Գզիրեանն ու Վարդան Սարկաւագ Քարաքելեանը։ Իսկ Արաժ Յովակիժեանը խոր ապրումով արտասանեց Վահան Թէքէեանի «Լուսաւորչի Կանթեղը»

բանաստեղծութիւնը։ Որմէ ետք Քրիսթին Մատաթեան դաշնակի վրայ նուագեց Պէթովէնի «Փաթէթիք» կտորէն հատուած մը։

Գաղութիւս Հովիւր, Արժ. Տ. Ներսէս Քանանան իր խօսքէն առաջ հրաւիրեց նորընծաները որ գան եւ Սրբազան Հօր ձեռքէն ստանան մէկական պատարագի երգեցողութեան գիրք՝ մակագրուած Սրբազանին կողմէ։ Տէր Ներսէսը ապա իր խօսքին մէջ յայտնեց իր խնդակցութիւնը եւ **հրաւիրեց նորընծաները որ առաւել** խանդով շարունակեն իրենց ծառայութիւնը եկեղեցիէն ներս։ Ապա մասնաւոր շնորհակալութիւն յայտնեց Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հօր, որ բարենան էր սոյն ձեռնադրութիւնները տնօրինելու։ Որպէս նշան շնորհակալութեան, Տէր Հայրը անոր նուիրեց Մէրի Զաքարեանի Արցախի հերոսներու նուիրուած նկարչութեան մէկ տիպը։ Այս առթիւ բեմ բարձրացաւ արուեստագիտուհին եւ ներկաներուն փոխանցեց իր ապրումները։

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