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Prelacy Clergy

His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate
His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Vicar General
Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Garabedian
Archpriest Antranig Baljian
Archpriest Krikoris Keshishian
Archpriest Zareh Sahakian
Archpriest Nerses Manoogian
Rev. Fr. Gomidas Baghsarian
Rev. Fr. Khatchadour Boghossian
Rev. Fr. Daron Stepanian
Rev. Fr. Aram Stepanian
Rev. Fr. Sarkis Aktavoukian
Rev. Fr. Bedros Shetilian
Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian
Rev. Fr. Hovnan Bozoian
Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian
Rev. Fr. Stephan Baljian
Rev. Fr. Karekin Bedourian

Outreach and Retired Clergy

Archpriest Vahrich Shirinian
Archpriest Gorun Shrikian
Archpriest Moushegh Der Kaloustian
Archpriest Mesrob Tashjian
Archpriest Arshag Daghlian
Archpriest Khoren Habeshian
Archpriest Armen Ishkhanian
Archpriest Vazken Bekiarian

Clergy Delegates

Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Garabedian
Rev. Archpriest Antranig Baljian
Rev. Archpriest Zareh Sahagian
Rev. Archpriest Nerses Manougian
Rev. Fr. Gomidas Baghsarian
Rev. Fr. Daron Stepanian
Rev. Fr. Aram Stepanian
Rev. Fr. Sarkis Aktavoukian
Rev. Fr. Bedros Shetilian
Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian
Rev. Fr. Hovnan Bozoian
Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian

Non-Clergy Delegates

St. Illuminator's Cathedral, New York, NY

Mr. Bedros Yessaian
Christopher Parnagian, Esq.
Dr. Mher Hedeshian

St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston, NY

Dr. Arthur Kubikian
Dr. Aram Cazazian
Mr. Bedros Yervant Sarkissian

St. Hagop Church, Niagara Falls, NY

(Two delegates not elected)

Holy Cross Church, Troy, NY

Mr. Ara Mahserejian
Mr. David Bournazian

Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ

Mr. Stepan Stepanian
Mr. Vartivar Keshishian
Mr. Onnic Marashian
Mr. Avedis Movsesian
Mr. Sarkis Ohannesian
Mr. Avedis Baronian

St. Stephen's Church, New Britain, CT

Lt. Col. George Rustigian
Mr. Serge Kechichian

Soorp Khatch Church, Bethesda, MD

Mr. John Jerikian
Mr. Kevork Kasparian
Mr. Garbo Afarian
Mr. Hovsep Apkarian
Mr. Sarkis Nourian

St. Gregory the Illuminator Church, Philadelphia, PA

Mr. Richard Selverian
Mr. Stephen Selverian
Ms. Nartoohi Selverian
Mr. Harout Aghajanian
Ms. Jeanette Nazarian
Dr. Ara Chalian
Dr. Arsine Oshagan

St. Stephen's Church, Watertown, MA

Mr. Rouben Surenian
Mr. Charles Keumurian
Mr. Allan Tutunjian
Mr. John Daghlian
Mrs. Nayiri Baljian Bell
Mr. Richard Piligian
Mr. Hovsep Melkeshian

St. Gregory Church, North Andover, MA

Mrs. Sossy Jeknavorian
Mrs. Chake Boloian

St. Asdvadzadzin Church, Whitinsville, MA

Mr. Peter Bedigian
Dr. Andre Markarian
Mr. Hagop Antranigian

Holy Trinity Church, Worcester, MA

Mr. George Aghjaian
Mr. Ralph Gremo
Ms. Barbara Baljian

St. Gregory Church, Indian Orchard, MA

Mr. Leo Vartanian
Ms. Sonia Arakelian

Sts. Vartanantz Church, Providence, RI

Hon. Haiganoush R. Bedrosian
Mrs. Paula Markarian-Burke
Mr. Peter Bedrosian
Ms. Sylvia Simonian
Mr. Hagop Khatchadourian
Mrs. Joyce Yeremian
Mr. Ara Nalbandian

St. Sarkis Church, Dearborn, MI

Mr. Ralph Kourtjian
Mr. Michael Hagopian
Mr. Raffi Ourlian
Mr. Jerair Ourlian
Mr. Antranig Karadolian
Mr. Harry Derderian

St. Paul Church, Waukegan, IL
Ms. Virginia Antonian
Dr. Peter Jemian

All Saints' Church, Glenview, IL
Jack Mardoian, Esq.
Mr. Varoujan Jindoian
Mr. Hagop Soulakian

St. Gregory the Illuminator Church, Granite City, IL
Mr. Stephen Hagopian
Ms. Janet Haroian

Holy Cross Church, South Euclid, OH
(Two delegates not elected)

St. Hagop Church, Racine, WI
Mr. Chris Kalvonjian
Mr. John Buchaklian

**ՕՐԱԿԱՐԳ
ՀՈԳԵՒՈՐԱԿԱՆԱՑ ՀԱՄԱԳՈՒՄԱՐԻ**

ՉՈՐԵՔՇԱԲԹԻ, ՄԱՅԻՍ 12, 2010

8:00 Նախաճաշ
9:00 Ժամերգություն

Ա. Նիստ

10:00 կ.ա. Բացման աղօթք, Տ. Օշական Արքեպիսկոպոս, Առաջնորդ
Դիանի Ընտրություն
Բարիգալուստի Խօսք, Տ. Նարեկ Քհնյ. Թրթռեան եւ Տ. Մեսրոպ Քհնյ. Լաքիսեան
Ողջոյնի Խօսք, Տ. Օշական Արքեպիսկոպոս, Առաջնորդ
Ներկայացում Կրօնական Ժողովի տեղեկագրին, Տ. Նարեկ Քհնյ. Թրթռեան

12:00 ճաշ

Բ. Նիստ

2:00 կ.ե. Հովուական կեանքի առնչուած հարցերու քննարկում
Չնախատեսուած հարցեր
Փակման Աղօթք

5:00 կ. ե. Երեկոյեան Ժամերգություն

6:30 կ.ե. Ընթրիք

**ՕՐԱԿԱՐԳ
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ՀԻՆԳՇԱԲԹԻ, ՄԱՅԻՍ 13, 2010

8:00-9:30 Նախաճաշ

Ա. Նիստ

11:00 կ.ա. Լիակատար Նիստ
Հրաւեր ի կարգ
Բացման Աղօթք, Տ. Օշական Արքեպիսկոպոս, Առաջնորդ
Ներկաներու ստուգում
Նշանակում ժամանակատր դիւանի
Զեկոյց լիազօրագրերու մասին
Ընտրութիւն ընտրողական յանձնախումբին
Բարիգալուստի խօսք, Տ. Նարեկ Քինյ. Թրքոնեան եւ Տ. Մեսրոպ Քինյ.
Լաքիսեան, Հովիւներ
Բարիգալուստի խօսք, Տրք. Արամ Գազազեան եւ Տիկ. Լալիկ Վարդանեան,
Ատենապետներ
Ընտրութիւն մնայուն դիւանի
Օրակարգի հաստատում

12:45 - 2:00 ճաշ

Բ. Նիստ

2:00 կ.ե. Լիակատար Նիստ
Ներկաներու Ստուգում
Ատենագրութիւն Ա. Նիստի
Պատգամ Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Արամ Ա. Կաթողիկոսի
Պատգամ, Տ. Օշական Արքեպիսկոպոս, Առաջնորդ

3:30 կ.ե. Դադար

3:45 կ.ե. Ազգային Կրօնական Ժողովի Տեղեկագիր
Ազգային Վարչական Ժողովի Տեղեկագիր
Յանձնախումբերու Կազմութիւն

5:30 կ.ե. Մեկնում դէպի Ս. Սարգիս Եկեղեցի
Խմբանկար

6:30 կ.ե. Պատարագ

8:00 Ընթրիք
Մշակութային Յայտագիր, Ս. Սարգիս Եկեղեցի

ՈՒՐԲԱԹ, ՄԱՅԻՍ 14, 2010

7:30 - 8:45 Նախաճաշ

Գ. Նիստ

8:45 կ.ա. Լիակատար Նիստ
Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն
Ներկաներու Ստուգում
Բարեսիրական Նուիրատուութիւն, Մոնա Անտրիկեան
Ատենագրութիւն Բ. Նիստի
Հարցում-պատասխան Կրօնական եւ Վարչական ժողովներու
տեղեկագիրներուն մասին
Գնահատում տեղեկագիրներու

10:30 կ.ա. Յանձնախումբերու Նիստեր
Կրօնական եւ Հայեցի Դաստիարակութիւն
Կանոնագրութիւն
Թեքնոլոճի
Հաշուեքննութիւն եւ պիտճէ
Հոգաբարձութեանց ատենապետներու հանդիպում

12:15 - 1:30 ճաշ

1:30 կ.ե. Շարունակութիւն Յանձնախումբերու Նիստերուն

3:30 կ.ե. Լիակատար նիստ
Յանձնախումբերու Չեկոյցներ
Կրօնական եւ Հայեցի Դաստիարակութիւն
Կանոնագրութիւն
Թեքնոլոճի
Երեկոյեան Ժամերգութիւն

7:30 կ.ե. Հիւրասիրութիւն

8:30 կ.ե. Ճաշկերոյթ

ՇԱԲԱԹ, ՄԱՅԻՍ 15, 2010

7:30 - 8:30 Նախաճաշ

8:30 Մեկնում դեպի Ս. Լուսատրիչ Մայր Եկեղեցի

Գ. Նիստ

9:30 կ.ա. Լիակատար Նիստ
Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն
Ներկաներու Ստուգում
Ատենագրութիւն Գ. Նիստի
Ձեկոյց Հաշուեքննիչ եւ Պիտճէի Յանձնախումբի

11:00 կ.ա. Գաղար

11:45 կ.ա. Լիակատար նիստ
Ընտրութիւն Հաշուեքննիչ Յանձնախումբի
Ընտրութիւն Կրօնական (1) եւ Վարչական (5) Ժողովի անդամներու
Ընտրութիւն Առաջնորդի
Չնախատեսուած հարցեր
Եզրափակիչ խօսք դիւանի
Եզրափակիչ խօսք եւ փակման աղօթք, Տ. Օշական Արք., Առաջնորդ

AGENDA
NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

Thursday, May 13, 2010

8: 00 - 9:30 am Breakfast

Session I

11:00 a.m. Plenary Meeting
 Call to Order
 Opening Prayer, Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate
 Roll call of delegates
 Appointment of Temporary Tivan
 Credentials report
 Election of Nominating Committee
 Welcome, Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian and Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, Pastors
 Welcome, Dr. Aram Cazazian and Mrs. Lalig Vartanian, BOT Chairmen
 Election of permanent Tivan
 Approval of Agenda

12:45 - 2:00 Lunch

Session II

2:00 p.m. Plenary Meeting
 Roll Call
 Minutes, Session I
 Message of His Holiness Catholicos Aram I
 Keynote Address, Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate

3:30 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. Religious Council Report
 Executive Council Report
 Assignment of Panels

5:30 p.m. Departure to St. Sarkis Church
 Group Photo

6:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

8:00 Dinner & Cultural Program at St. Sarkis Church

Friday, May 14, 2010

7:30-8:45 a.m. Breakfast

Session III

8:45 a.m. Plenary Meeting
Morning Service
Roll Call
Charitable Giving, Ms. Mona Andrikan
Minutes of Session II
Questions and Answers-Religious and Executive Council Reports
Evaluation of Reports

10:30 a.m. Panel Discussion Sessions:
AREC/ANEC
By Laws
Technology
Audit and Budget
BOT Chair workshop

12:15-1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Continuation of Panel Discussion Sessions

3:30 p.m. Plenary Meeting
Panel Reports:
ANEC/AREC
By Laws
Technology
Evening Service

7:30 p.m. Banquet (Reception)

8:30 p.m. Banquet

Saturday, May 15, 2010

7:30–8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 Departure to St. Illuminator’s Cathedral

Session IV

9:30 a.m. Plenary Meeting
Morning Service
Roll Call
Minutes of Session III
Panel Report:
 Audit and Budget

11:00 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. Plenary Meeting
Election of Auditing Committee
Election of Religious (1) and Lay (5) Council members
Election of the Prelate
Unforeseen Questions
Closing remarks, Tivan
Closing remarks and benediction, Archbishop Oshagan

ՏԱՐԵԿԱՆ ՏԵՂԵԿԱԳԻՐ
ԿՐՕՆԱԿԱՆ ԺՈՂՈՎԻ
2009-2010

Բարձրաշնորհ
Տ. Օշական Ս. Արքեպիսկոպոս Չօլոյեան,
Առաջնորդ Ամերիկայի Արեւելեան Թեմին,
Հոգեշնորհ եւ Արժանապատիւ հոգեւոր եղբայրներ,
Յարգարժան Ազգային երեսփոխաններ.

Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Կաթողիկոսութեան Հիւսիսային Ամերիկայի Արեւելեան Թեմի Կրօնական Ժողովս, Շաբաթ, 9 Մայիս, 2009, Շիքակոյի Ամենայն Սրբոց Եկեղեցոյ մէջ գումարուած Ազգային Երեսփոխանական Ժողովին ընտրուած երկու անդամի վաւերացումէն ետք՝ Նորին Սուրբ Օծութիւն Տ. Տ. Արամ Ա. Կաթողիկոսին կողմէ, անդրանիկ նիստին ընտրեց իր դիւանը հետեւեալ կազմով.-

Արժանապատիւ Տ. Արամ Քահանայ Ստեփանեան	Ատենասպետ
Արժանապատիւ Տ. Նարեկ Քահանայ Թրքոնեան	Ատենադպիր
Արժանապատիւ Տ. Սարգիս Քահանայ Ագթաւուզեան	Խորհրդական

Համաձայն տարիներու ընկալեալ սովորութեան, Թեմիս Ազգային Վարչութեան զոյգ ժողովները՝ Կրօնական եւ Վարչական, գումարուեցան միասին, իսկ Կրօնական Ժողովս ունեցաւ առանձին հինգ նիստեր, եւ խորհրդակցական հանդիպումներ ինչպէս նաեւ հեռաձայնային ժողովներ՝ նախագահութեամբ Թեմիս բարեջան Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հօր:

Ստորեւ կը ներկայացնենք տարեշրջանի մեր գործունէութեան համառօտ տեղեկագիրը:

Ա.-ՅԱՐԱԲԵՐՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐ ՄԵԾԻ ՏԱՆՆ ԿԻԼԻԿԻՈՅ ԿԱԹՈՂԻԿՈՍՈՒԹԵԱՆ ՀԵՏ

Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Կաթողիկոսութեան հետ մեր յարաբերութիւնները ընթացան բնականոն: Նորին Սուրբ Օծութիւն Տ. Տ. Արամ Ա. ազգընտիր Հայրապետը շարունակեց իր հայրական հոգածութեան ու խնամքին տակ առնել Թեմս: Պարբերական թղթակցութեամբ ու հայրապետական օրհնութեան գիրերով ան անհրաժեշտ ցուցմունքներ կատարեց, ուղղութիւններ տուաւ մեզի եւ քաջալերեց մեր աշխատանքները:

Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հայրը կանոնաւոր եւ հետեւողական կերպով կապ պահեց Վեհափառ Հայրապետին հետ՝ նամակագրութեամբ եւ մանաւանդ հեռաձայնային հաղորդակցութեամբ, Վեհափառը տեղեակ պահելով մեր Թեմի առօրեայ կեանքին ու գործունէութեան:

Անցնող տարեշրջանի ընթացքին Սրբազան Հայրը չորս առիթներով գտնուեցաւ Անթիլիաս եւ առանձին հանդիպումներ ունեցաւ Նորին Սուրբ Օծութիւն Տ. Տ. Արամ Ա. Վեհափառ Հայրապետին հետ եւ քննարկեցին Կաթողիկոսական եւ Թեմական հարցեր: Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հայրը Մայիս 29 - Յունիս 11, 2009-ին Անթիլիասի մէջ մասնակցեցաւ Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Կաթողիկոսութեան թեմերու առաջնորդներու հանդիպումին՝ Ազգ. Կեդրոնական Վարչութեան Կրօնական եւ Քաղաքական ժողովներուն հետ: Նոյեմբեր 18-20, 2009-ին, Սրբազան Հայրը ընկերակցութեամբ Տ. Արամ Աւագ Քհնյ. Ստեփանեանին, Ճէք

Մարտոյեանին, Նուպար Սկրեանին եւ Ռ-աֆֆի Ուրլեանին Անթիլիասի մէջ յատուկ ժողով մը ունեցան Վեհափառ Հայրապետին եւ Ազգային Կեդրոնական Վարչութեան անդամներուն հետ՝ քննարկելով Թեմիս դժուարութիւնները, մարտահրաւերներն ու ակնկալութիւնները:

Մնայուն յարաբերութիւն մշակուեցաւ Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Կաթողիկոսութեան ենթակայ թեմերուն հետ, ի մասնաւորի՝ Ամերիկայի Սիացեալ Նահանգներու Արեւմտեան եւ Քանատայի թեմերուն հետ: Յատուկ հանդիպում մը տեղի ունեցաւ Հիւսիսային Ամերիկայի Կիլիկեան Թեմերու Առաջնորդներուն միջեւ 23-24 Յուլիսին, Մոնթրէալի մէջ: Այս առիթով, քննարկուեցան թեմերս յուզող հասարակաց հարցեր, համակարգելու եւ ներդաշնակելու համար քարոզչական, արարողական, ծիսական աշխատանքները եւ խոստատիւն համար հրատարակչական կրկնութիւններէ: Նաեւ գաղափարներ փոխանակուեցան թեմերէն ներս տարուող կրօնական եւ դաստիարակչական ծրագիրներու մասին:

Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Կաթողիկոսութեան ներկայացուցիչի հանգամանքով Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հայրը եւ Նարեկ Արքեպիսկոպոս Ալեէմեզեան հիւրընկալեցին Անթիլիասի մէջ Արեւելեան Ուղղափառ Եկեղեցիներու եւ Հռոմէական Կաթոլիկ Եկեղեցոյ միջեւ աստուածաբանական երկխօսութեան տարեկան հանդիպումը, որ տեղի ունեցաւ Յունուար 23 - Փետրուար 2, 2010:

Բ.- ՅԱՐԱԲԵՐՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐ Ա. ԷԶՄԻԱԾՆԻ ԵՒ ԵՆԹԱԿԱՅ ԹԵՄԵՐՈՒՆ ՀԵՏ

Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հայրը Յունուար 14-ին Նիւ Եորքի մէջ հանդիպում մը ունեցաւ Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Բ. Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսին հետ: Սրբազան Հայրը հանդիպումներ ունեցաւ նաեւ Էջմիածնական Թեմի Առաջնորդ՝ Բարձրաշնորհ Տ. Խաժակ Արքեպիսկոպոս Պարսամեանին հետ եւ որպէս համաստեմնապետներ Ս. Էջմիածնի եւ Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Կաթողիկոսութեան Երկխօսութեան Յանձնախումբին, քննարկեցին Հայաստանեայց Եկեղեցոյ եւ ընդհանրապէս հայութեան առնչուող, ինչպէս նաեւ տեղական բնոյթ ունեցող հարցեր: Այս հանդիպումները մեծապէս օգտակար եղան թիրիմացութիւններ յստակացնելու, փոխադարձ սէրն ու յարգանքը զօրացնելու, ինչպէս նաեւ որոնելու մարզեր ուր համագործակցութեան ձեւեր կարելի է ստեղծել:

Սրբազան Հայրը առաջնորդուելով քոյր թեմերու եկեղեցիներու եւ ծխականներու համերաշխ համագործակցութեան ազգակերտման հրամայականէն, յաճախ թելադրեց Թեմիս հոգեւորականներուն եւ յորդորեց ու քաջալերեց հաւատացեալները, որ իրենց փոխ-յարաբերութիւններուն մէջ ցուցաբերեն փոխ-հասկացողութեան ոգի եւ ազնիւ վերաբերմունք:

Գ.- ՍԻԶԵԿԵՂԵՅՅԱԿԱՆ ՅԱՐԱԲԵՐՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐ

Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Կաթողիկոսութիւնը եւ Ամերիկայի Արեւելեան Թեմը բժախնդրութեամբ առաջ կը տանին միջ-եկեղեցական յարաբերութիւններ: Անցնող տարուան ընթացքին այդ յարաբերութիւնները պահուեցան կանոնաւոր կերպով՝ Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հօր ջանքերով ու մասնաւոր Թեմիս Առաջնորդական Փոխանորդ Գերաշնորհ Տ. Անուշաւան Եպիսկոպոս Դանիէլեանի աշխատանքով, որ իր Առաջնորդական Փոխանորդի պաշտօնին առընթեր Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Կաթողիկոսութեան ներկայացուցիչն է Ամերիկայի Սիացեալ Նահանգներուն մէջ միջ-եկեղեցական յարաբերութեանց եւ կը մասնակցի Համաշխարհային Եկեղեցիներու Խորհուրդի Ամերիկայի բաժանմունքի (WCC US Conference) ժողովներուն:

14 Սեպտեմբերին Օշական Արքեպիսկոպոս, ընկերակցութեամբ Առաջնորդական Փոխանորդ Սրբազան Հօր, մասնակցեցաւ Միացեալ Ազգերու Կազմակերպութեան 64-րդ ընդհանուր համաժողովին բացման արարողութեան, որ կազմակերպուած էր ՄԱԿ-ի մօտ Պապական Նուիրակին եւ Նիւ Եորքի Արքեպիսկոպոսին կողմէ:

Անուշաւան Սրբազանին միջ-եկեղեցական գործունէութեան ժամանակագրական ցուցակը կարելի է տեսնել Ազգային Վարչութեան տեղեկագրին (Գլուխ II, C.) մէջ:

Գ.- ԱՌԱՋՆՈՐԴ ՍՐԲԱԶԱՆ ՀՕՐ ԱՅՑԵԼՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐԸ

Ընդառաջելով համայնքներէն եկած հրաւերներուն, Թեմիս Բարեջան Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հայրը գործակցութեամբ Առաջնորդական Փոխանորդ Գերաշնորհ Տ. Անուշաւան Եպիսկոպոսին, իր այցելութիւններով եւ հայրական յորդորներով լաւագոյնս բաւարարեց գաղութներու պահանջները: Այս այցելութիւնները յատուկ առիթներ եղան խանդավառութիւն եւ հոգեւոր վերանորոգութեան ապրումներ ստեղծելու մեր ժողովուրդին մօտ:

Սրբազան Հօր այցելութիւններու ամբողջական պատկերը տեսնել Ազգային Վարչութեան տեղեկագրին (Գլուխ II, C.) մէջ:

Ե. ՀՈԳԵՌՈՐԱԿԱՆ ԱՅՀԱՆԴԻՊՈՒՄՆԵՐ

1- ՍՐԲՈՑ ԴԵՒՈՆԴԵԱՆՑ ՔԱՀԱՆԱՅԻՑ ՏՕՆԻ

ՀՈԳԵՌՈՐԱԿԱՆ ԱՅ ՄԻՋ-ԹԵՄԱԿԱՆ ՀԱՄԱԳՈՒՄԱՐ

Սրբոց Դեւոնդեանց Քահանայից հոգեւորականաց 35-րդ համագումարը տեղի ունեցաւ 8-10 Փետրուար, 2010-ին, նախագահութեամբ Բարձրաշնորհ Տ. Օշական Արքեպիսկոպոս Զօլոյեանի, եւ Բարձրաշնորհ Տ. Խաժակ Արքեպիսկոպոս Յակոբեանի (Քանաատայի Թեմ), հիւրընկալութեամբ Ինտիլըն Օրչըրտի Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչ Եկեղեցոյ, եւ մասնակցութեամբ Միացեալ Նահանգներու Արեւելեան Թեմին եւ Քանաատայի Թեմին մէջ ծառայող հոգեւորականներուն:

Համագումարի խորհրդածութեան գլխաւոր նիւթն էր Նորին Սուրբ Օծութիւն Տ. Տ. Արամ Ա. Վեհափառ Հայրապետին պատգամը, ըստ որում 2010 թուականը կը հռչակէր «Հայ Կնոջ Տարի»: Զննարկուեցան նաեւ հովուական կեանքի հետ առնչուած զանազան հարցեր եւ մտահոգութիւններ:

Երեքշաբթի երեկոյ Տ. Գարեգին Քինյ. Պետութեան մատուցեց սուրբ եւ անմահ պատարագ եւ Արեւելեան Թեմի Առաջնորդական Փոխանորդ Գերշ. Տ. Անուշաւան Եպս. Դանիէլեան փոխանցեց օրուան պատգամը: Յաւարտ սուրբ պատարագին, կատարուեցաւ հոգեհանգստեան պաշտօն Միացեալ Նահանգներու Արեւելեան եւ Արեւմտեան Թեմերուն եւ Քանաատայի Թեմին մէջ ծառայած ու վախճանած բոլոր եկեղեցականներու հոգիներուն ի հանգիստ: Պատարագէն վերջ տեղի ունեցաւ ճաշկերոյ՝ կազմակերպութեամբ Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչ Եկեղեցոյ Տիկնանց Միութեան եւ մասնակցութեամբ համայնքի անդամներուն:

Հոգեւոր հայրերու առօրեային մաս կազմեց նաեւ աղօթական կեանքը՝ կատարելով առաւօտեան եւ երեկոյեան ժամերգութիւնները, որոնց ընթացքին հոգեշահ խորհրդածութիւններ կատարեցին եկեղեցական հայրեր:

2- ԹԵՄԻՍ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԱԿԱՆՆԵՐՈՒ ՀՈԳԵՒՈՐ ՀԱԽԱՔ

Բարձր տնօրինութեամբ Թեմիս բարեխնամ Առաջնորդ՝ Տ. Օշական Ս. Արքեպիսկոպոսին, թեմիս մէջ ծառայող եկեղեցականներու երկրորդ հաւաքը տեղի ունեցաւ 27-30 Սեպտեմբեր 2009-ին, Դպտի Եկեղեցոյ Ս. Կոյս Մարիամի հոգեւոր կեդրոնին մէջ (Չարլթըն, Մէսէչուսէթս), մասնակցութեամբ Թեմիս եկեղեցական հայրերուն: Հաւաքի ընթացքին Հայց. Եկեղեցոյ արարողակարգի եօթը ժամերգութիւնները կատարուեցան, մատուցուեցաւ սուրբ պատարագ, ինչպէս նաեւ տեղի ունեցաւ Աւագ Շաբթուան շարականներու վերաքաղ եւ տարուեցան արարողակարգի նոր բնագրի նախապատրաստական աշխատանքները: Եռօրեայ այս հաւաքը եկեղեցական հայրերուն համար եղաւ ինքնամփոփման եւ ինքնանորոգութեան բացառիկ առիթ մը:

Ձ.- ԿՐՕՆԱԿԱՆ ԴԱՍՏԻԱՐԱԿՈՒԹԻՒՆ

Թեմիս կրօնական եւ դաստիարակչական աշխատանքներն ու ծրագիրները կ'իրականացուին Ազգային Առաջնորդարանի Կրօնական Դաստիարակութեան գրասենեակին կողմէ, որուն վարիչ քարտուղարն է Բարեշնորհ Շանթ Աւագ Սարկաւագ Գազանճեանը:

Կրօնական դաստիարակութիւնը կը կազմէ Առաջնորդարանիս հիմնական մարզը եւ որուն համար թէ՛ Առաջնորդարանը եւ թէ՛ մեր բոլոր համայնքները կը գործադրեն ու կ'իրականացնեն ծրագրուած բոլոր աշխատանքները: Ըլլա՛յ Աւետարանի ճշմարտութեանց տարածումը եւ այս նպատակով նուիրեալ անձերու պատրաստութիւնը, ըլլա՛յ պատանիներու մօտ հաւատքի ներարկումը եւ ըլլա՛յ գործնական նպատակներով օգտակար գիրքերու հրատարակութիւնը կորիզը կը կազմեն այն կենսական աշխատանքին, որով Թեմս կը ջանայ քրիստոնէական հաւատքը վառ պահել եւ տարածել մեր հաւատացեալներուն մէջ:

Նոյեմբեր 23-էն Փետրուար 8-ի միջեւ Բարեշնորհ Շանթ Աւագ Սարկաւագ Գազանճեան ներկայացուց վեց հանդիպումներու վրայ տարածուող Սուրբ Գիրքի սերտողութեան շարք մը, նիւթ ունենալով «Հաւատամք»ը: Այս սերտողութիւններուն մասնակցեցան շրջանիս երիտասարդները:

Կրօնական Դաստիարակութեան բաժանմունքի գործունէութեան շուրջ մանրամասնութիւնները կարելի է տեսնել Ազգային Վարչութեան տեղեկագրին մէջ:

Է.- ԱՌԱՋՆՈՐԴԱՐԱՆԻ ՍԵՃ ՊԱՀՈՑ ԴԱՍԱԽՕՍՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐ

Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հօր հովանաւորութեամբ, Կրօնական Դաստիարակութեան բաժանմունքի կազմակերպութեամբ եւ Առաջնորդարանի ու Ս. Լուսաւորիչ Մայր Եկեղեցոյ Տիկնանց Միութեանց օժանդակութեամբ, այս տարի եւս տեղի ունեցաւ Սեժ Պահոց դասախօսական շարքը՝ Ս. Լուսաւորիչ Մայր Եկեղեցոյ մէջ: Այս տարուան դասախօսական շարքը նուիրուած էր Վեհափառ Հայրապետին «Հայ Կնոջ Տարի» հռչակագրին: Դասախօսութիւնները ներկայացուեցան հետեւեալ յաջորդականութեամբ.

Փետր. 17 - Ընդհանուր ներածութիւն՝ Բարձրաշնորհ Տ. Օշական Արքեպիսկոպոս, Արժանապատիւ Տ. Մեսրոպ Քահանայ Լաքիսեան
նիւթ՝ Կինը Քրիստոնէական հաւատքի վկան Հայ Եկեղեցոյ մէջ,

- Փետր. 24 - Տիկին Այրիս Փափազեան
նիւթ՝ Կինը Հայ ընտանիքի արժէքներու պահապանը,
- Մարտ 3 - Արժանապատիւ Տ. Յովնան Քահանայ Պօգոյեան
նիւթ՝ Կինը որպէս մայր եւ կին,
- Մարտ 10 - Արժանապատիւ Տ. Նարեկ Քահանայ Թրքոեան
նիւթ՝ Սուրբ Մարիամ օրինակ առաքելութեան եւ սրբութեան,
- Մարտ 17 - Տիկին Վալանթին Պերպերեան
նիւթ՝ Կինը որպէս բարեգործ,
- Մարտ 24 - Երեցկին Ճոաննա Պաղասարեան
նիւթ՝ Կինը որպէս քրիստոնէական արժէքներու դաստիարակ:

Ը ԵՐԻՏԱՍԱՐԴԱԿԱՆ ՀՈԳԵՒՈՐ ԴԱՍՏԻԱՐԱԿՈՒԹԻՒՆ

1- Ս. ԳՐԻԳՈՐ ՏԱԹԵԲԱՅԻ ԼՍԱՐԱՆ

Ազգային Առաջնորդարանի Ս. Գրիգոր Տաթևացի ամառնային լսարանի 23-րդ տարուան դասընթացքները տեղի ունեցան Յունիս 28 - Յուլիս 5, 2009-ին, Էլվրարն, Փենսիլվանիայի մէջ: Ուսանողներուն ընդհանուր թիւն էր 51, որոնք կը մասնակցէին 10 տարբեր գաղութներէ:

Ուսուցչական կազմի անդամներն էին Գերաշնորհ Տ. Անուշաւան Եպիսկոպոս՝ լսարանի Ընդհանուր Տեսուչ, Արժանապատիւ Տ. Խորէն Աւագ Քահանայ Հապէշեան, Արժանապատիւ Տ. Անդրանիկ Աւագ Քահանայ Պալճեան, Տ. Ներսէս Աւագ Քահանայ Մանուկեան, Տ. Սարգիս Քահանայ Ազգաւուզեան, Տ. Ստեփան Քահանայ Պալճեան, Բարեշնորհ Շանթ Ա. Սարկաւազ Գազանճեան, ինչպէս նաեւ Օրդ. Ժանէթ Նազարեան, Տիկին Տընիս Պօրթճեան եւ Ճէյմս Սրկ. Հատտատ, որոնք դասաւանդեցին աշխարհաբար, գրաբար, եւ հայ գրականութիւն, ներածութիւն հին եւ նոր կտակարաններու, սուրբ պատարագ, հայ եկեղեցոյ պատմութիւն, աստուածաբանութիւն, եօթը խորհուրդներ, ժամերգութիւններ եւ յատուկ արարողութիւններ, բարոյագիտութիւն, մատենագրութիւն, սուրբք եւ տօնք, ընկերային եւ երիտասարդական հարցեր: Օգտակար եւ քաջալերական էր նաեւ ներկայութիւնն ու ներդրումը հիւր դասախօսներու՝ Հայր Փօլ Թարագիի, դասախօս՝ Նիլ Եորքի Սուրբ Վլատիմիր ուղղափառ աստուածաբանական դպրեվանքէն, Փրոֆէսոր Մայքըլ Փափազեանի, դասախօս՝ Ճորճիա նահանգի Պերի Քալճի եւ Էտուրրո Մէթյուզ, դասախօս Ս. Ներսէս աստուածաբանական ճեմարանին:

Յուլիս 4-ին, Ամերիկայի Անկախութեան Տօնին առիթով, տեղի ունեցաւ աւանդական դաշտահանդէսը, որուն սեղանակից դարձան Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հայրը, շրջանիս ազգայինները եւ կեդրոնի բնակիչները: Տարիներու սովորութեան համաձայն համադրամ ճաշերը պատրաստուած եւ նուիրուած էին Տիկին Աստղիկ Գազանճեանին կողմէ:

2- ՀԱՅ ԵՐԻՏԱՍԱՐԴԱՅ ՇՐՋԱՆԱՅԻՆ ՀԱԲԱՔ (Linked-iN)

Հայ Երիտասարդաց շրջանային տարեկան Բ. հաւաքը (Linked-iN) տեղի ունեցաւ Մեպտեմբեր 25-27, 2009-ին, Ղպտի Եկեղեցոյ Ս. Կոյս Մարիամի հոգեւոր Կեդրոնին մէջ (Չարլթըն, Մէսէչուսէթս): 18-35 տարեկան ուսանողներ եւ տարբեր ասպարէզի մէջ եղող 41 երիտասարդներ մասնակցեցան սոյն հաւաքին: Օրուան գլխաւոր թեման էր «Ճանչցիր Եկեղեցիդ», գործնականացուցին Դոկտ. Մայքըլ Փափազեան, Տ. Անուշաւան Եպիսկոպոս Դանիէլեան, Տ. Անդրանիկ Աւագ Քհնյ. Պալճեան, Տ. Արամ Աւագ Քհնյ. եւ Երեցկին Մարկարիթ Ստեփանեան,

որոնք յաջորդաբար խօսեցան «Նուիրապետութիւնը Եկեղեցւոյ մէջ», «Նմանութիւններ եւ տարբերութիւններ Հայ, Յոյն եւ Կաթողիկ եկեղեցիներու միջեւ», «Քրիստոնէական Արժէքները տան մէջ», «Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Արամ Ա. Կաթողիկոսի “2009 տարին Հայ երիտասարդի տարի” հռչակագրին քննարկումը եւ իրականացումը գաղութներէն ներս գործնական առաքելութեան ճամբով»: Կիրակի առաւօտ սուրբ պատարագը մատուցանեց Տ. Ստեփան Քինյ. Պաճեան:

Թ.- ԾՐՋԱԲԵՐԱԿԱՆՆԵՐ ԵՒ ՀԱՐՑԱՐԱՆՆԵՐ

Չանազան առիթներու եւ տօներու նախօրեակին, ինչպէս միշտ, Սրբազան Հայրը համապատասխան շրջաբերականներով իր հրահանգներն ու հայրական թելադրանքները ուղղեց Թեմիս հոգեւորականներուն, հոգաբարձութիւններուն եւ համայնքներուն:

Ուրախութեամբ կը հաստատենք, որ զանազան առիթներով ուղարկուած շրջաբերականներուն տրամադրութիւնները ճշդօրէն ի գործ կը դրուին մեր հովիւներուն եւ հոգաբարձութիւններուն կողմէ: Ասիկա լաւագոյն արտայայտութիւնն է գաղութներու միութեան:

Այս տարուան շրջաբերականներէն կ'առանձնացնենք հետեւեալ երեքը.-

ա.- Վեհափառ Հայրապետի «Հայ Կնոջ Տարի» հռչակագիրը, որ կարդացուեցաւ Թեմիս բոլոր եկեղեցիներուն մէջ 31 Յունուար 2010-ին: Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հայրը եւ Կրօնական ու Ազգային ժողովները որոշում կայացուցին որ մեր եկեղեցիները եւ հոգեւոր հովիւները յատուկ ձեռնարկներ կազմակերպեն, որպէսզի Վեհափառ Հայրապետի պատգամը արձագանգէ մեր ժողովուրդին մօտ 2010 տարուան ամբողջ ընթացքին:

բ.- Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հօր կոչին ընդառաջելով, Թեմիս բոլոր եկեղեցիները սրտաբուխ կերպով իրենց լայն օժանդակութիւնը բերին Հայիթի երկրաշարժի հանգանակութեան:

գ.- Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Կաթողիկոսութեան Ազգային Ընդհանուր Ժողովը 2008-ին վաւերացուցած ըլլալով Արցախի Հիւսիս Արեւմուտքը՝ Մարտակերտի շրջանը գտնուող Նոր Կիլիկիա գիւղի նորոգումն ու վերակառուցումը, այս ուղղութեամբ Նոր Տարուան սեմին Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հօր պատգամով 14,000 պատկերազարդ յատուկ բացիկներ ուղարկուեցան ընտանիքներուն: Նաեւ յատուկ շրջաբերականով Ծաղկազարդի եւ Ս. Յարութեան տօներուն առթիւ նուիրահաւաք պատուիրուեցաւ եկեղեցիներէն ներս: Նկատի ունենալով որ սոյն ծրագիրը երեք տարիներու վրայ տարածուած է, Հովիւներուն թելադրուեցաւ նաեւ որ իրենց քարոզներուն մէջ անդրադառնան այս մասին, կիրակնօրեայ թերթիկներուն մէջ մնալուն կերպով ծանուցանեն եւ բանկալին գետեղեն նուիրատուութեան յատուկ զանձանակ մը՝ «Նոր Կիլիկիա Վերաշինութիւն» անունով:

Վստահ ենք որ «Յանկամ տեսնել զիմ Կիլիկիա»ով տոչորուող մեր բարեպաշտ ժողովուրդը իր սրտէն բխած բարիքներով պիտի կերտէ Նոր Կիլիկիան, ի գօրակցութիւն Արցախի ազատատենչ մեր եղբայրներուն եւ քոյրերուն :

Ժ.- ՀՈԳԵՀԱՆԳԻՍՏՆԵՐ

Հոգեհանգստեան յատուկ արարողութիւններ տեղի ունեցան Թեմիս բոլոր եկեղեցիներուն մէջ հետեւեալ առիթներով.

1.- Կիրակի, 24 Մայիս, 2009-ին, Սարդարապատի, Բաշ Ապարանի եւ Ղարաքիլիսի ճակատամարտներուն զոհուած հերոսներուն եւ Արցախեան զոյապայքարի նոր նահատակներուն հոգւոց ի հանգիստ:

2.- Կիրակի, 7 Փետրուար, 2010-ին, Թեմիս մէջ ծառայած եւ այժմ վախճանած հոգեւորականաց հոգւոց ի հանգիստ:

3.- Կիրակի, 21 Փետրուար, 2010-ին Հայ Օգնութեան Միութեան հիմնադիրներուն եւ բարերարներուն հոգւոց ի հանգիստ:

ԺԱ.- ՀԱՅՐԱՊԵՏԱԿԱՆ ՍԱՂԹԱՆՔ

Կիրակի, 28 Յունիս, 2009-ին, Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Աթոռոյս Վեհափառ Հայրապետին՝ Նորին Սուրբ Օծութիւն Ս. Տ. Արամ Ա. Կաթողիկոսի ընտրութեան եւ օծման 14-րդ տարեդարձին առիթով, Թեմիս բոլոր եկեղեցիներուն մէջ, յընթացս սուրբ պատարագի, տեղի ունեցաւ Հայրապետական Մաղթանք եւ աղօթք Հայց. Եկեղեցւոյ նուիրապետական բոլոր Աթոռներու անասանութեան եւ մեր ժողովուրդի բարօրութեան համար:

Այդ օր, մեր եկեղեցիներէն ներս շեշտուեցաւ այն պատմական դերը որ Հայաստանեայց Առաքելական եկեղեցին ընդհանրապէս ունեցած է դարերու ընթացքին, եւ սփիւռքեան մեր իրականութեան համար ի մասնատրի այն դերակատարութիւնը, որ Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Կաթողիկոսութիւնը կը կատարէ ցեղասպանութենէն ճողոպրած եւ վերագարթօնք ապրող մեր ժողովուրդին համար՝ քրիստոնէական դաստիարակութեան, մշակութային եւ ընկերային մարզերէն ներս:

ԺԲ.- ՀԱՆՐԱՊԵՏԱԿԱՆ ՍԱՂԹԱՆՔ

Կիրակի, 24 Մայիս, 2009-ին, Թեմիս բոլոր եկեղեցիներուն մէջ, յընթացս սուրբ պատարագի, Հանրապետական Մաղթանք եւ դրօշակի օրհնութիւն տեղի ունեցաւ Հայաստանի Հանրապետութեան հիմնադրութեան (28 Մայիս, 1918) 91-րդ, ինչպէս նաեւ երկրորդ հանրապետութեան (21 Սեպտեմբեր, 1991) 18-րդ տարեդարձներուն առիթով՝ Հայաստանի Հանրապետութեան բարօրութեան եւ հզօրացման համար:

Նոյն օրը, Թեմիս բոլոր հովիւները իրենց քարոզներուն մէջ անդրադարձան Հայաստան աշխարհի մասին եւ քաջալերեցին մեր ժողովուրդի գաւակները, որպէսզի ըստ ամենայնի գորավիզ կանգնին Հայրենիքի հզօրացման գործին եւ յատկապէս Արցախի անկախութեան:

ԺԳ.- ՁԵՆՆԱԴՐՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐ

Անցնող տարեշրջանին, Անուշաւան Եպիսկոպոս 14 Փետրուարին Փրախտընսի Սրբոց Վարդանանց եկեղեցւոյ մէջ ուրարի տոնօրէին կատարեց դպիր Կարօ Թաշճեանին:

ԺԴ.- ԲԱՀԱՆԱՅԱԿԱՆ ԹԵԿՆԱԾՈՒՆԵՐ

Ազգային Առաջնորդարանս յատուկ ծրագրով մեծ ճիգ կը թափէ ստուարացնելու համար մեր Թեմի հոգեւորականներու շարքը՝ նուիրեալ, պատրաստուած երիտասարդ քահանաներով: Գոհ ենք որ այս աշխատանքը յաջողութեամբ կը պսակուի, եւ արդէն իսկ թեկնածուներէն ոմանք քահանայ ձեռնադրուած են եւ կը ծառայեն Թեմէս ներս:

Քահանայության թեկնածուներն են.

Ճէյմս Հատտատ, Նիւ Ճրրզիէն եւ Սեպուի Գեորգեան, Լիբանանէն, այժմ կը հետեւին քահանայական պատրաստութեան դասընթացքներուն Անթիլիասի մէջ:

Ընդունուած է նաեւ Տիրան Տէր Խոսրովեանին թեկնածութիւնը, որ շուտով պիտի սկսի իր աստուածաբանական եւ եկեղեցագիտական ուսումին:

ԺԵ.- ԺԱՍԱՆՈՒՄՆՈՐՕԾ ԶԱՀԱՆԱՅԻ

Տ. Գարեգին Քհնյ. Պետութեան, որ ձեռամբ Թեմիս Բարեջան Առաջնորդ՝ Բարձրաշնորհ Տ. Օշական Արքեպիսկոպոսի ձեռնադրուած էր 8 Մարտ, 2009-ին, Քեսապի մէջ, երէցկին Սեանին հետ Ամերիկա ժամանեց 1 Հոկտեմբեր, 2009-ին: Տէր հայրը ներկայիս կը մնայ Պոսթընի Ս. Ստեփանոս Եկեղեցոյ երիցատունը, կը վայելէ համայնքին հիւրընկալութիւնը եւ Տ. Անդրանիկ Ա. Քհնյ. Պալճեանի անմիջական հսկողութեան ներքեւ կը բոլորէ փորձառական շրջան մը: Անցնող ամիսներուն Պոսթընի գաղութին մէջ իր ծառայութեան կողքին Տէր Գարեգին պատարագեց Աթլանթայի, Նիւ Եորքի, Նորթ Էնտովրի, Շիքակոյի, Ուայթընզվիլի եւ Օրլանտոյի գաղութներուն մէջ:

Բարի գալուստ կ'ըսենք մեր բենիամին հոգեւոր եղբօր եւ կը մաղթենք որ հովուական քաղցր լուծին տակ անիկա բազմաբեղուն ծառայութիւն ունենայ Ամերիկայի Արեւելեան Թեմէն ներս, ի փառս Ամենակալ Աստուծոյ եւ ի պայծառութիւն Հայաստանեայց Սուրբ Եկեղեցոյ:

ԺԶ.- ՊԱՏԻՒՍ ԱՐԺԱՆԱԽՈՐԱՅ

Ընդառաջելով Թեմիս Բարեջան Առաջնորդ Տ. Օշական Արքեպիսկոպոսի խնդրանքին, Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Կաթողիկոս Նորին Սուրբ Օծութիւն Տ. Տ. Արամ Ա. Վեհափառ Հայրապետ յատուկ կոնդակով ծաղկեայ փիլոն կրելու իշխանութիւն եւ Աւագութեան տիտղոս շնորհեց Թեմիս Կրօնական Վարչութեան ատենապետ եւ Ուայթընզվիլի Ս. Աստուածածին Եկեղեցոյ Հոգեւոր Հովիւ՝ Արժանապատիւ Տ. Արամ Քհնյ. Ստեփանեանին, 24 Մայիս 2009-ին, Ս. Աստուածածին եկեղեցոյ 52-րդ ամեակի տօնակատարութեան առթիւ:

Ընդառաջելով Թեմիս Բարեջան Առաջնորդ Տ. Օշական Արքեպիսկոպոսի խնդրանքին, Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Կաթողիկոս Նորին Սուրբ Օծութիւն Տ. Տ. Արամ Ա. Վեհափառ Հայրապետ յատուկ կոնդակով քահանայական լանջախաչ կրելու իշխանութիւն շնորհեց Ս. Լուսատորիչ Մայր Եկեղեցոյ Հոգեւոր Հովիւ՝ Տ. Մեսրոպ Քհնյ. Լաքիսեանին ի գնահատումն իր հնգամեայ հոգեւոր ծառայութեան, Կիրակի, 20 Մեպտեմբեր, 2009-ին յընթացս Ս. Պատարագին Մայր Եկեղեցոյ վերանորոգութեան եւ խորանին վերստին օծումին առթիւ:

Սրտանց կը շնորհատրենք մեր գոյգ քահանայ եղբայրները, մաղթելով որ անոնք Տիրոջ քաղցր լուծը սիրով եւ համբերութեամբ շարունակեն կրել ի պայծառութիւն Հայց. Առաքելական Եկեղեցոյ:

ԺԷ.- ԱՅՑԵԼՈՒ ԱՐՏԱՀԱՍ ՀՈԳԵՒՈՐ ՀՈՎԻԻՆԵՐ

Խոր երախտագիտութեամբ կ'ուզենք արձանագրել որ Թեմէս ներս իրենց բազմամեայ ծառայութենէն ետք այժմ հանգստեան կոչուած հովիւները անխտիր ամենայն կանոնաւորութեամբ իրենց գործօն ծառայութիւնը բերին մեր փոքր համայնքներուն, ինչպէս նաեւ արձակուրդներուն փոխարինեցին հոգետր հովիւները, մատակարարելով հոգետր սնունդ.-

Արժանապատիւ Տ. Մուշեղ Աւագ Քհնյ. Տէր Գալուստեան պատարագեց Նիւ Եորքի, Նիւ Դըրզիի, Տիբորյիթի, Ֆլորիտայի, Ֆիլատելֆիայի եւ Փրաիտընսի մէջ:

Արժանապատիւ Տ. Կորին Աւագ Քհնյ. Շրիքեան իր ներկայութեամբ զօրավիզ կը կանգնի Տիբորյիթի Ս. Սարգիս Եկեղեցոյ Հոգետր Հովիւին:

Արժանապատիւ Տէր Մեսրոպ Աւագ Քհնյ. Թաշճեան (Քալիֆորնիա), պատարագեց Աթլանթայի մէջ:

Արժանապատիւ Տ. Արշակ Աւագ Քհնյ. Տաղլեան, Ուոթըրթաունի Ս. Ստեփանոս եւ Նորթ Անտովըրի Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսատրիչ եկեղեցիներէն ներս իր օրհնաբեր ներկայութեամբ աղօթակից կը դառնայ հաւատացեալներուն:

Արժանապատիւ Տ. Խորէն Աւագ Քհնյ. Հապէշեան (Քալիֆորնիա), պատարագեց Նիւ Եորքի եւ Ուաշինկթըն Տի. Սի.-ի մէջ:

Արժանապատիւ Տ. Արմէն Աւագ Քհնյ. Իշխանեան (Քանատա) պատարագեց Պոսթըրնի եւ Նիակարա Ֆոլզի մէջ:

Արժանապատիւ Տ. Վազգէն Աւագ Քհնյ. Պէքիարեան պատարագեց Աթլանթայի, Քլիվլէնտի, Ուոթըրթաունի, Ուատըրի, Նորթ Անտովըրի, Ուաշինկթըն Տի. Սի.-ի, Ինտիրն Օրչըրտի, Տիբորյիթի եւ Ֆիլատելֆիայի մէջ :

Յատուկ շնորհակալութիւն Գերաշնորհ Տ. Սուրէն Արքեպիսկոպոս Գաթարոյեանին (Քանատա), որ Տիբորյիթի Ս. Սարգիս եկեղեցոյ մէջ հանդիսապետեց Աւագ Շաբթուան արարողութեանց, եւ սուրբ եւ անմահ պատարագ մատոյց Ս. Յարութեան տօնին առթիւ:

Շնորհակալութեան յատուկ խօսք Մէնթ Քէթրինգի (Քանատա) հոգետր Հովիւ` Հոգեշնորհ Տ. Գեղարդ Վրդ. Քիսայէքեանին որ` Առաջնորդ Բարձրաշնորհ Տ. Խաժակ Արքեպիսկոպոս Յակոբեանի տնօրինութեամբ, 2009-ի Մայիսէն սկսեալ ամիսը անգամ մը կը պատարագէ Նիակարա Ֆոլզի Ս. Յակոբ եկեղեցոյ մէջ, եւ կը մատակարարէ զաղութին հոգետր կարիքները:

Սրտանց շնորհակալութիւն կը յայտնենք մեր քահանայ հայրերուն, որոնք գիտակից իրենց կոչումին եւ առաքելութեան, ինչպէս նաեւ յաղթահարելով ճամբորդական ամէն դժուարութիւն, կատարեցին իրենց սրբազան պարտականութիւնը, այս ձեւով միշտ բաց պահելով մեր եկեղեցիներուն դռները եւ հոգետր ծառայութիւն մատուցանելով մեր համայնքներուն:

Քաջառողջ կեանք եւ անսպառ կորով կը մաղթենք մեր սիրեցեալ երէց եղբայրներուն, որոնք օրինակ կը դառնան իրենց կրտսեր եղբայրներուն:

ԺԸ.- Ի ՏԵՐ ՀԱՆԳԵԱՆ

Հինգշաբթի, 3 Մեպտեմբեր, 2009-ին, ի Տէր հանգեալ Պոսթըրնի նախկին Հոգետր Հովիւ, բազմավաստակ Տ. Թորգոմ Աւագ Քահանայ Յակոբեան: Երեքշաբթի, 8 Մեպտեմբեր, 2009-ին կատարուեցաւ տան կարգ: Չորեքշաբթի, 9 Մեպտեմբեր, 2009-ին, յընթացքս սուրբ պատարագի տեղի ունեցաւ Օծման Կարգը Տ. Թորգոմ Աւագ Քահանայ Յակոբեանին: Առաջնորդական Փոխանորդ Անուշաւան Եպիսկոպոս օծելէ ետք հանգուցեալ Տէր Հօր ճակա-

տը եւ աջ բթամատը, բազմահարիւր հայ եւ օտար եկեղեցական ու աշխարհական սգակիրներու ներկայութեան իր սրտի խօսքը ուղղեց, բարեմասնելով Տէր Հօր անձնդիր հովիւի արժանիքները: Յաւարտ սուրբ պատարագի, բազմահարիւր սգակիրներու ներկայութեան, Տէր Հօր մարմինը յանձնուեցաւ հողին, Ուոթըրթաւոնի Մաունթ Օպըրն գերեզմանատան մէջ:

Ազգային Առաջնորդարանը սրտակից ցաւակցութիւններ կը յայտնէ երեցկին Չուարթ Յակոբեանին եւ ընտանիքի բոլոր անդամներուն, ինչպէս նաեւ Ս. Ստեփանոս Եկեղեցոյ համայնքին:

13 Յունուար, 2010-ին ի Տէր հանգեաւ Կլէմտէյի (Քալիֆորնիա) Ս. Աստուածածին Եկեղեցոյ նախկին հովիւ՝ Տ. Անուշաւան Աւագ Քհնյ. Արթինեան, որ նախօրօք հովուած է Ինտիլըն Օրչըրտի Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչ Եկեղեցոյ համայնքը:

8 Փետրուար, 2010-ին, ի Տէր հանգեաւ Հովիվուտի (Քալիֆորնիա) Ս. Կարապետ Եկեղեցոյ նախկին հոգեւոր հովիւ՝ Տ. Վաչէ Աւագ Քհնյ. Նազգաշեան, որ նախօրօք հովուած է Ուայթընզվիլի Ս. Աստուածածին Եկեղեցոյ համայնքը:

Անցնող տարուան ընթացքին ունեցանք նաեւ հետեւեալ կորուստները.

- Վրրճինիա Գըրպէքեան՝ նախկին Ազգային Երեսփոխան, Սրբոց Վարդանանց Եկեղեցի, Նիւ Ճըրզի:

- Ճէք Փափագեան՝ Ազգ. Երեսփոխան, Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչ Եկեղեցի, Ֆիլատելֆիա:

- Անդրանիկ Խաչատուրեան՝ հայրը Ազգ. Վարչութեան ատենապետ՝ Յակոբ Խաչատուրեանի, Սրբոց Վարդանանց Եկեղեցի, Փրավիտըն:

- Արա Մարկոսեան, ՀՄԸՄ-ի Շրջանային Վարչութեան անդամ, Ս. Ստեփանոս Եկեղեցի, Պոսթըն:

- Անդրանիկ Սարգիսեան՝ Ազգ. Առաջնորդարանի Հիմնադրամի Յանձնախումբի անդամ, Ս. Սարգիս Եկեղեցի, Նիւ Եորք:

- Երեցկին Արփինէ Շրիքեան, Ս. Սարգիս Եկեղեցի, Տիրպորն:

- Էտի եւ Շըրլի Գըրպէքեան՝ Բրէյքսի Բիլլըզ, Վարդանանց Եկեղեցի, Նիւ Ճըրզի:

- Աղանի Պաշեան՝ Կրօնական Դաստիարակչական Գրասենեակի նախկին վարիչ Ազգ. Առաջնորդարանի, Սրբոց Վարդանանց Եկեղեցի, Նիւ Ճըրզի:

- Գրիգոր Ծատուրեան՝ Սրբոց Վարդանանց Եկեղեցի, Նիւ Ճըրզի:

- Ալէն Քալեան՝ հոգաբարձու Ս. Սարգիս Եկեղեցոյ, Նիւ Եորք:

- Վահրամ Կիրակոսեան՝ որդին Տէր Խաչատուր Ա. Քհնյ. Կիրակոսեանի եւ դպրաց դասի անդամ Ս. Սարգիս Եկեղեցոյ, Նիւ Եորք:

- Ասպետ Մարաշեան՝ Առաջնորդարանի Հաշուեքննիչ Յանձնախումբի անդամ եւ նախկին հոգաբարձու Ս. Վարդանանց Եկեղեցոյ, Նիւ Ճըրզի:

Յիշատակն արդարոց օրհնութեամբ եղիցի:

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Աւարտելով մեր միամեայ գործունէութեան տեղեկագիրը, նախ փառք կու տանք ամենակալ Աստուծոյ որ առաջնորդեց մեր գործունէութիւնը, ապա որդիական մեր անկեղծ երախտագիտութիւնը յայտնելու Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Ս. Աթոռի արժանաւոր գահակալ՝ Նորին Սուրբ Օծութիւն Տ. Տ. Արամ Ա. Կաթողիկոսին, որ մեզ իր հայրական հոգածութեան արժանացուց եւ կը մաղթենք որ Աստուած իրեն քաջառողջութիւն, արեւշատութիւն եւ երկար կեանք պարգեւէ:

Մեր շատ սիրելի Առաջնորդ Սրբազան Հօր՝ Բարձրաշնորհ Ս. Օշական Արքեպիսկոպոս Չօլոյեանին, որ իր անսահման հոգածութեամբ, հայրական սիրով եւ իմաստութեամբ առաջնորդեց Հիւսիսային Ամերիկայի Արեւելեան Թեմը եւ իր շինիչ թելադրանքներով խորհրդատուն եղաւ Թեմիս մէջ ծառայող հոգեւոր հովիւներուն եւ Կրօնական Ժողովին:

Շնորհակալութիւն նաեւ Առաջնորդական Փոխանորդ Գերաշնորհ Ս. Անուշաւան Եպիսկոպոս Դանիէլեանին եւ մեր հոգեւոր հայրերուն ու եղբայրներուն, Ազգային Վարչութեան, Թեմիս պատուարժան հոգաբարձութեանց, երեսփոխաններուն եւ եկեղեցիներու յարակից մարմիններուն՝ իրենց անսակարկ եւ անշահախնդիր գործակցութեան համար:

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ANNUAL REPORT RELIGIOUS COUNCIL

**2009-2010
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His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan
Prelate of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America
His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian
Vicar General
Reverend Fathers
Honored Delegates

Following the election of two Religious Council Members by the NRA on Saturday, May 9, 2000, at All Saints Church in Glenview, Illinois, and after the ratification of the elections by His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, the Religious Council elected the following executive members at their first meeting:

Rev. Fr. Aram Stepanian, chairman
Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian, secretary
Rev. Fr. Sarkis Aktavoukian, advisor

As in previous years, the two Councils, Religious and Executive, convened together and the Religious Council had five separate meetings, as well as teleconferences, under the presidency of our Prelate, Archbishop Oshagan.

We offer the following report of our work during the past year.

I. RELATIONS WITH THE GREAT HOUSE OF CILICIA

Our relationship with the Catholicosate of the Great House of Cilicia continued in a normal fashion. His Holiness Aram I continued his fatherly leadership taking us under his care. Through his circulars and pontifical letters he gave us the necessary directives and encouraged our work.

Archbishop Oshagan kept regular contact with Aram Vehapar by correspondence and especially by telephone in order to keep His Holiness informed about our everyday life and work.

During the past year, Archbishop Oshagan was in Antelias on four different occasions and had private meetings with His Holiness to discuss questions relative to the Catholicosate and to our Prelacy.

From May 29 to June 11, 2009, Archbishop Oshagan participated in meetings in Antelias of the prelates of the dioceses under the jurisdiction of the Cilician See, with the Central Executive Council. From November 18 to 20, 2009, Archbishop Oshagan together with Rev. Fr. Aram Stepanian, Jack Mardoian, Noubar Megerian, and Raffi Ourlian met in Antelias with Vehapar and the members of the Central Executive Council in order to discuss concerns, challenges and expectations.

Relations with the dioceses under the jurisdiction of the Cilician See took place in similar manner as in previous years, especially with the Western and Canadian Prelacies. A special meeting with the three North American Prelates took place on July 23 and 24 in Montreal. On this

occasion a number of topics of mutual concern were discussed especially in areas concerning liturgical, rituals, and publications where the three prelaties can efficiently work together. They also exchanged ideas concerning programs in Christian and Armenian education.

Archbishop Oshagan and Bishop Nareg Alemezian represented the Holy See of Cilicia at the annual Theological Dialogue between the Oriental Orthodox Churches and the Roman Catholic Church, from January 23 to February 2, 2010, at Antelias, Lebanon.

II. RELATIONS WITH THE HOLY SEE OF ETCHMIADZIN AND HER SISTER DIOCESES

Archbishop Oshagan met with His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians, in New York on January 14, 2010. The Prelate also met with H.E. Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church (Eastern), as the two chairmen of the committee on dialogue between the Holy See of Etchmiadzin and the Holy See of Cilicia. They conferred on general issues concerning the Armenian Church as well as specific local issues. These meetings were helpful in clarifying issues and strengthening the love and respect, as well as exploring ways that the Diocese and Prelacy can work together.

In promoting cordial relationships with the clergy and faithful of sister dioceses, Srpazan on many occasions advised the Prelacy clergy and the faithful to show love and respect in their relationship with the clergy and faithful of the Diocese.

III. ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

The Holy See of Cilicia and the Eastern Prelacy pay special attention to ecumenical relations. These relationships were maintained in a regular manner during the past year by Archbishop Oshagan and especially by the Vicar, Bishop Anoushavan, who along with his duties as Vicar is the Ecumenical Officer in the United States for the Holy See of Cilicia, and represents the Holy See at the World Council of Churches (WCC) in the United States, and the WCC's office at the United Nations.

On September 14, 2009, Oshagan Srpazan together with Bishop Anoushavan participated in a prayer service for the 64th opening session of the United Nations, organized by the Papal Nuncio to the United Nations and the Archbishop of New York.

For the complete list of Anoushavan Srpazan's ecumenical activities see the Executive Council's report (Section II, C).

IV. VISITS MADE BY THE PRELATE

Our Prelate, in conjunction with the Vicar, fulfilled the expectations of our parish communities that extended invitations. These encounters were unique opportunities for the enhancement of community involvement and spiritual renewal.

For a full report on the visits made by the Prelate see the Executive Council report (Section II, C).

V. SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE

1. Ghevontiantz Clergy Conference

The 35th Ghevontiantz Clergy Conference took place February 8-10, 2010, hosted by St. Gregory Church, Indian Orchard, Massachusetts, under the presidency of the, Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan and Archbishop Khajag Hagopian, Prelate of Canada, and with the participation of clergy from the Western and Canadian Prelacies.

The main topic of the conference was the pontifical message of His Holiness Aram I, declaring 2010 as the Year of the Armenian Woman.

Tuesday evening, Rev. Fr. Karekin Bedourian celebrated the Divine Liturgy and Bishop Anoushavan delivered the sermon. Following the Liturgy, a Requiem Service was offered for the deceased clergy who served within the three Prelacies. Ladies Guild served dinner following the services. Parishioners of St. Gregory Church attended the services and the dinner that followed.

The clergymen joined together for prayers during morning and evening services.

2. Prelacy Clergy Retreats

Under the auspices of our Prelate the second clergy retreat took place September 27-30, 2009 at the St. Mary Coptic Orthodox Retreat Center in Charlton, Massachusetts. Each day the seven daily liturgical offices were observed, Divine Liturgy was celebrated and new text for the hymns and services of Great Week was presented. This retreat was a unique opportunity for transformation and renewal.

VI. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Prelacy's religious educational programs are administered by the Armenian Religious Education Council (AREC). AREC's Director is Archdeacon Shant Kazanjian.

Religious education is the fundamental mission of the Prelacy for which both the Prelacy and our parishes work and bring to fruition the projects that have been developed. Be it the dissemination of the truth of the Bible, the preparation of qualified individuals, programs for the youth, or the publication of helpful books, the aim is to keep the Christian faith alive and communicated to our faithful.

From November 23 to February 8, Archdeacon Shant Kazanjian organized and led a six-session Bible studies on The Creed (Havadamk). Participants in this series were from the metropolitan New York-New Jersey area.

Detailed information about AREC's initiatives is part of the Executive Council Report.

VII. LENTEN LECTURES

As in previous years, the Prelacy's Lenten Lecture series took place under the auspices of our Prelate and was sponsored by the Armenian Religious Education Council, the Prelacy Ladies Guild, and the Ladies Guild of St. Illuminator's Cathedral in New York City.

The lectures were as follows:

February 17	Introduction by H.E. Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan Lecture by Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian Women Witnesses of Christ in the Armenian Church
February 24	Mrs. Iris Papazian Women as Guardians of Armenian Family Values
March 3	Rev. Fr. Hovnan Bozoian Women as Mothers and Wives
March 10	Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian St. Mary-Paradigm of Discipleship and Holiness
March 17	Mrs. Valentine Berberian Women as Charity Workers
March 24	Yn. Joanna Baghsarian Women as Christian Educators Today

VIII. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR YOUTH

1. St. Gregory of Datev Institute

The 23rd annual summer program of the St. Gregory of Datev Institute took place June 27-July 6, 2008 at Elverson, Pennsylvania. Fifty-one students attended, with the participation of ten parishes.

The teaching staff consisting of Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Director; Archpriest Fr. Khoren Habeshian, Archpriest Fr. Antranig Baljian, Archpriest Fr. Nerses Manoogian, Rev. Fr. Sarkis Aktavoukian, Rev. Fr. Stephan Baljian, and Archdeacon Shant Kazanjian, taught Modern Armenian, Classical Armenian, Armenian Literature, Introduction to Old and New Testaments, Liturgy, Armenian Church History and Theology, Seven Sacraments, Services and Ceremonies, Ethics, Ancient Literature, Saints and Holy Days, Social and Youth issues. The presence of guest lecturers, Rev. Fr. Paul Tarazi, Th.D., (St. Vladimir's Seminary); Prof. Michael Papazian (Berry College); and Edward Mathews (St. Nersess Seminary) was very helpful.

The traditional picnic took place on July 4th, Independence Day, with the presence of Archbishop Oshagan, local parishioners, and the administrators of St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson, Pennsylvania, where Datev takes place. As in past years, all of the food was prepared and donated by Mrs. Asdghig Kazanjian.

2. Weekend Workshop for the Youth (Linked-In)

A second gathering for the youth was organized for the weekend of September 25-27, 2009, at the St. Mary Coptic Orthodox Retreat Center in Charlton, Massachusetts. Forty-one students and young professionals, ages 18-35, participated. The main theme was "Know Your Church." Presentations were made by Dr. Michael Papazian, Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Archpriest Fr. Antranig Baljian, Archpriest Fr. Aram Stepanian, and Yn. Margaret Stepanian, who respectively spoke on Leadership in the Church; The Difference Between the Armenian Church and the Eastern Orthodox/Catholic Churches; Christian Values in the Home; Aram Vehapar's Message on the Year of the Youth. The Divine Liturgy on Sunday was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Stephan Baljian.

IX. CIRCULARS AND QUESTIONNAIRES

On various occasions and holidays, as we have done in the past, Oshagan Srpazan issued circulars, communiqués, and instructions for the Prelacy clergy, boards of trustees, and communities.

We are pleased to note that our pastors and boards of trustees successfully implemented the directives in the circulars, questionnaires, etc. This is the best example of the unity exemplified by our prelacy and parishes.

From our circulars this year, we specifically mention the following three:

1. The Pontifical Message by H.H. Aram I proclaiming 210 "The Year of the Armenian Woman," which was read in our parishes on January 31, 2010. The Prelate and the Religious and Executive Councils decided that our parishes and priests should organize specific events so that Vehapar's message will echo throughout the year for our faithful.

2. In response to an appeal by our Prelate, our parishes extended their charity to the fundraising for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

3. The 2008 World General Assembly had agreed to renovate a village in Artskah which will be called Nor Giligia. At the beginning of this year a mass mailing was made seeking funds. Also on the occasion of Palm Sunday and

Easter, a circular was sent to our parishes to have separate plate collections for Nor Giligia on these two Sundays. Noting that this is a 3-year project, the parish priests were asked to talk about this project in their sermons, in their Sunday bulletins, and to maintain an offering plate at their vestibule specifically for Nor Giligia.

We are certain that our faithful people who often sing of their "longing to see Giligia," will build this Nor Giligia which will strengthen the freedom of our brothers and sisters in Artsakh

X. REQUIEM SERVICES

Requiem Services took place in all of our parishes as follows:

1. Sunday, May 24, 2010, for the fallen heroes of Sardarabad, Bash Abaran, and Karakilise and for the martyrs in defense of Artsakh.

2. Sunday, February 7, 2009, for the deceased clergy who served the Prelacy.

3. Sunday, February 10, 2010, for the founders and benefactors of the Armenian Relief Society.

XI. PONTIFICAL PRAYERS

On Sunday, June 28, 2009, on the occasion of the 14th anniversary of the election and consecration of H. H. Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, all of our parishes offered good wishes and prayers for all of the hierarchical sees of the Armenian Church and for the well being of our people.

On that same day, the sermons of our priests focused on the important role of the Armenian Apostolic Church throughout the centuries, and the Catholicosate of Cilicia's role in maintaining the vitality of our communities in the Diaspora following the Genocide, and providing Christian education, cultural and social programs, and seeking justice and protecting the human rights of the Armenian people.

XII. PRAYERS FOR THE REPUBLIC

On Sunday, May 24, 2009, all of our parishes offered prayers for the Republic of Armenia and conducted a blessing of the flag ceremony, following the Divine Liturgy, on the occasion of the 91st anniversary of the 1918 Republic and the 18th anniversary of the second Republic (September 21, 1991).

On the same day, the theme of the sermons in our parishes concentrated on the Armenian world, and encouraged the children of our nation to remain steadfast in support of the Motherland and the independence of Artsakh.

XIII. ORDINATIONS

During the past year Bishop Anoushavan elevated acolyte Garo Tashjian to stolebearer (ourarageer) at Sts. Vartanantz Church, Providence, Rhode Island.

XIV. CLERGY CANDIDATES

The Prelacy is making extra effort to increase the number of gifted and educated clergymen serving our Prelacy. We are happy that this effort is continuing successfully and already some candidates have been ordained and are serving.

Currently our clergy candidates are:

James Haddad from New Jersey and Sebouh Kevorkian from Lebanon are following the course of study for the married priesthood at the Cilician Theological Seminary.

Diran Khosrofian has been accepted as a candidate, and he is expected to begin his theological studies.

XV. NEW ASSIGNMENT

Rev. Fr. Karekin Bedourian, who was ordained by Archbishop Oshagan on March 8, 2009, in Kessab, and Yn. Sevan arrived in the United States on October 1, 2009. Presently Der Hayr is at St. Stephen Church in Watertown, Massachusetts, where he is enjoying the hospitality of the community and is under the supervision of Archpriest Fr. Antranig Baljian for a period of time. During the past few months Der Karekin celebrated the Divine Liturgy in Atlanta, New York, North Andover, Chicago, Whitinsville, and Orlando.

We welcome our spiritual brother and wish him success serving the Eastern Prelacy, for the glory of the Armenian Church and honor of Almighty God.

XVI. RECOGNITIONS

In response to Archbishop Oshagan's request, Catholicos Aram I issued an encyclical conferring the title of Archpriest and permission to wear the floral cope to Rev. Fr. Aram Stepanian, chairman of the Religious Council and pastor of St. Asdvadzadzin Church in Whitinsville, Massachusetts, on May 24, 2009, during the 52nd annual celebration of the church.

In response to Archbishop Oshagan's request, the Pectoral Cross was presented to Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian on September 20, 2009, in appreciation of the fifth anniversary of his service, during the first Divine Liturgy after the renovation of the Cathedral and re-consecration of the altar.

XVII. OUTREACH AND VISITING CLERGY

We extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our retired clergy who after years of service continue to serve our smaller communities and serve as substitutes for vacationing clergy.

Archpriest Fr. Moushegh Der Kaloustian celebrated the Divine Liturgy in New York, New Jersey, Detroit, Florida, Philadelphia, and Providence.

Archpriest Fr. Gorion Shrikian, with his presence at St. Sarkis Church, Dearborn, Michigan, stands in strong support of the parish priest.

Archpriest Fr. Mesrob Tashjian (California) celebrated the Divine Liturgy in Atlanta, Georgia.

Archpriest Fr. Arshag Daghlian with his attendance at St. Stephen's, Watertown, and St. Gregory Church in North Andover, joins in prayers with the faithful of those parishes.

Archpriest Fr. Khoren Habeshian, who lives in California, performed the Divine Liturgy in New York and Washington, DC.

Archpriest Fr. Armen Ishkhanian (Canada) celebrated the Divine Liturgy in Boston and Niagara Falls.

Archpriest Fr. Vazken Bekirian celebrated the Divine Liturgy in Atlanta, Cleveland, Watertown, Worcester, North Andover, Washington, DC, Springfield, Detroit, and Philadelphia.

We express special thanks to Archbishop Souren Kataroyan (Canada) who performed Holy Week and Easter services at St. Sarkis Church, Dearborn.

Special thanks to V. Rev. Fr. Keghart Kusbegian (St. Catherines, Canada) who, with the permission of H.E. Archbishop Khajag Hagopian, has since May 2009 celebrated the Divine Liturgy monthly at St. Hagop Church, Niagara Falls, and tends to the spiritual needs of that community.

We express heartfelt thanks to our clergymen who in keeping with their calling and mission, and in spite of occasional travel difficulties, performed their holy duty, keeping the doors of our churches open and providing spiritual service to our communities.

We wish abundant good health to our senior brothers, who are role models for their junior brothers.

XVIII. IN MEMORIAM

On Thursday, September 3, 2009, Archpriest Fr. Torkom Hagopian, former pastor of St. Stephen's Church, Watertown, went to his eternal rest. Wake service took place on September 8, and funeral and Extreme Unction services on September 9. Following Bishop Anoushavan's final consecration of Der Hayr with Holy Oil (Muron), His Grace addressed his words to the hundreds of Armenian and non-Armenian clergy and lay mourners in attendance. Bishop Anoushavan spoke of Der Hayr's gifted qualities. Interment took place at Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

The Prelacy expresses heartfelt sympathy to Yn. Zvart Hagopian and all family members, as well as to the St. Stephen's community.

On January 13, 2010, Archpriest Fr. Anoushavan Artinian, former pastor of St. Asdvadzadzin Church (Glendale, California) passed away. Der Hayr served the Eastern Prelacy's St. Gregory Church, Springfield.

On February 8, 2010, Archpriest Fr. Vatche Nakashian, former pastor of St. Garabed Church (Hollywood, California) passed away. Der Hayr served the Eastern Prelacy's St. Asdvadzadzin Church, Whitinsville.

During the past year we lost the following individuals:

Virginia Kerbeykian, former NRA delegate, Sts. Vartanantz Church, New Jersey.

Jack Papazian, delegate to the National Representative Assembly, St. Gregory Church, Philadelphia.

Antranig Khatchadourian, father of Hagop Khatchadourian, chairman of the Prelacy Executive Council, Sts. Vartanantz Church, Providence.

Ara Margosian, member of Homenetmen Regional Executive, St. Stephen Church, Watertown.

Antranig Sarkissian, trustee of Prelacy Endowment Fund, St. Sarkis Church, New York.

Yn. Arpine Shrikian, Yerezgin of Rev. Archpriest Gorun Shrikian and former chairlady of National Association of Ladies Guild (NALG) St. Sarkis Church, Dearborn.

Edward and Shirlee Kerbeykian, Pillars of the Prelacy, Sts. Vartanantz Church, New Jersey.

Aghavni Bashian, former Christian Education Director of Prelacy, Sts. Vartanantz Church, New Jersey.

Krikor Zadourian, Sts. Vartanantz Church, New Jersey.

Alan Callian, former trustee of St. Sarkis Church, New York.

Vahram Giragosian, son of Der Khatchador Giragosian, and member of choir of St. Sarkis Church, New York.

Asbed Marashian, member of Prelacy Auditing committee and former board member, Sts. Vartanantz Church, New Jersey.

XIX. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In conclusion, we express our thanks and appreciation to His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, who made us worthy of his fatherly guidance. We pray God will grant him a long healthy life.

We thank our beloved Prelate, His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, who gives us his boundless care and who guided the Eastern Prelacy with love and thoughtfulness, and is a wise counselor to the clergy serving our Prelacy.

Our thanks also to our spiritual brothers, the Executive Council, the boards of trustees, delegates, and our sister church organizations for their unselfish dedication.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Religious Council,

Rev. Fr. Aram Stepanian, chairman

Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian, secretary

Rev. Fr. Sarkis Aktavoukian, advisor

May, 2010

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Annual Report 2009-2010

I. INTRODUCTION

The mission of our Prelacy is to teach the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and to promote the religious, educational, cultural, and the social issues relevant to the Armenian people.

"The Armenian Church is the
Birthplace of my soul"

– Vahan Tekeyan

This is the thought and feeling that should be on our hearts and minds as we enter the second 50 years of our beloved Prelacy. The challenge is to integrate 2000 years of culture and history with modern techniques and practices. While these two concepts are not mutually exclusive, care must be taken to maintain a balance without losing sight of the mission.

Faith and community are at the very core of our heritage. It is time to re-examine our faith and commitment to our community in the context of our parishes and our Prelacy. This overarching commitment to faith and community must come alive in our parishes and guide our everyday actions. Our parish lives are not an obligation to the past; they are a commitment to our future and a vital element of our community and family structure.

The Executive Council, consisting of the Religious and Lay Councils, invites you to review this report and consider the many challenges we have as Armenians and in particular Armenians in the Diaspora. We ask you to revisit your personal commitment to your faith, parish, and Prelacy in the spirit of our mutual mission to teach and believe in the teachings of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

This document reports upon the activities, challenges, concerns and triumphs of our Prelacy Councils and committees for the 12- month period ending on March 31, 2010. We look forward to productive discussions during this historic 2010 National Representative Assembly Meeting in New York, NY.

II. THE PRELATE, THE VICAR GENERAL, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND STAFF

A. The Prelate

At this National Representative Assembly, His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan is concluding his third four-year term as Prelate of the Armenian Apostolic Church in the Eastern United States. During the past year Oshagan Srpazan continued to lead our clergy, the Prelacy offices, its affiliated councils, committees and staff. We thank Oshagan Srpazan for his leadership and wish him all the best in his dedicated service to our church and people.

B. The Vicar General

His Grace, Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, the Vicar General, continues to bring his share to the success of the Prelacy and our parish churches in their mission. He maintained regular communication with our clergy, visited parish churches on behalf of the Prelate and participated in ecumenical meetings and events on behalf of the Catholicosate of the Great House of Cilicia and our Prelacy. We thank Anoushavan Srpazan and wish him the best in his great service.

C. Election of the Religious and Lay Councils

At the 2009 National Representative Assembly, which was held at All Saints' Armenian Apostolic Church of Glenview, IL , on May 7-9, 2009, two religious and three lay council members were to be re-elected or elected. The Assembly re-elected or elected the following:

- Rev. Archpriest Aram Stepanian (re-elected)
- Rev. Fr. Sarkis Aktavoukian (re-elected)
- Mr. Jack Mardoian (re-elected)
- Mr. John Daghlian (elected)
- Dr. Raffi Manjikian (elected)

Prior to the first meeting of the Executive Council, Jack Mardoian presented his resignation.

The elections of the two Religious and two Lay Council members were ratified by His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia. Subsequently, the two councils elected their officers as follows:

1. Religious Council

- Rev. Archpriest Aram Stepanian, Chairman
- Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian, Secretary
- Rev. Fr. Sarkis Aktavoukian

2. Lay Council

- Mr. Hagop Khatchadourian, Chairman
- Mr. Zohrab Tazian, Vice Chairman
- Ms. Karen Jehanian, Secretary
- Mr. Raffi Ourlian, Treasurer
- Mr. John Daghlian
- Dr. Raffi Manjikian

Although the two councils are separate bodies as specified in our by-laws, they regularly meet jointly as a single body under the presidency of the Prelate, His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan. Twelve regular meetings, including two teleconference meetings were held jointly by the Religious and Lay Councils during the last twelve months.

Communications between the Prelate, the Vicar General, the Chairman of the Executive Council, the Prelacy Executive Director, and members of the Religious and Lay Councils were maintained almost on a daily basis.

D. Parish and Other Visitations

During this year again, our Prelate maintained a heavy travel schedule visiting the Prelacy churches and communities to celebrate the Divine Liturgy, to preside over religious services, banquets, anniversary celebrations and cultural programs, to meet the pastors, the Boards of Trustees, the Church affiliated auxiliary bodies, the representatives of sister organizations and the faithful at large, and to address the needs of our churches and communities.

During the past twelve months Archbishop Oshagan travelled to Antelias, Lebanon on four occasions, to meet with His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, the Central Religious and Executive Councils of the Catholicosate and to participate in meetings with prelates and representatives of Cilician dioceses. This year again Oshagan Srpazan with Bishop Nareg Amezian represented the Catholicosate of the Great House of Cilicia in the dialogue between the Catholic and Oriental Orthodox churches, which was held at the Catholicosate in Antelias in late January.

For the past twelve months, Oshagan Srpazan's travel schedule can be highlighted as follows:

- May 10 Attended the Divine Liturgy at the All Saints' Church of Glenview, IL and delivered the sermon.
- May 20 Presided over the Funeral Services of Shirlee Kerbeykian at Sts. Vartanantz Church of Ridgefield, NJ.
- May 21 Attended the annual Mothers' Day Luncheon of the Prelacy Ladies Guild at the residence of Rene and Linda Chirinian in Connecticut.
- May 22 Presided over the Funeral Services of Jack Papazian at St. Gregory Church of Philadelphia, PA.
- May 23/24 Celebrated the Divine Liturgy and presided over the 52nd anniversary banquet of St. Asdvadzadzin Church of Whitinsville, MA, and elevated Der Aram to the rank of Archpriest and also honored him with Dsaghgia Pilon.
- May 29-June 11 Traveled to Lebanon and attended meetings with Aram Vehapar, the Central Religious and Executive Councils and Prelates and lay representatives of Cilician dioceses.
- June 13 Presided over the Funeral Services of Antranig Khatchadourian, father of EC Chairman Hagop Khatchadourian, at Sts. Vartanantz Church of Providence, RI.
- June 14 Attended the Divine Liturgy at St. Stephen's Church of Watertown, MA.
- June 15-20 With Anoushavan Srpazan traveled to Montreal, for a week-long Bible translation session with Khajag Srpazan and Rev. Manuel Jinbashian.
- June 21 Attended the Divine Liturgy at St. Sarkis Church of Douglaston, NY. Following the Divine Liturgy, attended a Fathers' Day Luncheon at the church hall, organized by ARS Ereboundi chapter.
- June 23 Hosted a dinner at Byblos restaurant for Marie Yovanovitch, US Ambassador in Armenia and a small group of guests, representing sister organizations. Following the dinner,

- Ambassador Yovanovitch made a presentation at the Prelacy about the US priorities and interests in Armenia.
- June 26 Attended a public event organized by the Regional Executive Committee of Hamazkaine at Sts. Vartanantz Church of Ridgefield, NJ.
- June 28 Attended the Divine Liturgy, delivered the sermon and presided over the thanksgiving service for the 14th anniversary of the pontificate of His Holiness Catholicos Aram I, at Sts. Vartanantz Church, in Ridgefield, NJ.
The same afternoon attended the 8th grade graduation at Hovnanian Armenian School.
- July 2 Received at the Prelacy Ms. Hranoush Hakobyan, Minister of Armenian Diaspora and the Ambassadors Tatoul Markarian and Armen Martirosyan.
- July 4-5 Attended the Homenetmen Olympics in Providence, RI.
- July 9 Received at the Prelacy Ambassador Armen Martirosyan, who was leaving for Germany to serve there as Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia.
- July 26 Attended the Divine Liturgy at St. Sarkis Church of Douglaston, NY.
- August 2 Presided over the Divine Liturgy and delivered the sermon at Camp Haiastan and attended the annual picnic of Sts. Vartanantz Church of Providence, RI.
- Aug. 09 Performed the blessings of Madagh and grapes during the annual picnic of St. Stephen's Church of Watertown at Camp Haiastan.
The same day, with Der Aram, Hagop Khatchadourian and Jack Mardoian met with the Board of Trustees and NRA delegates of North Andover.
- Aug. 14 Met with Archbishop Khajag Barsamian to discuss the idea of holding a general assembly of all the bishops of the Armenian church and appointment of a special committee for liturgical reforms of the Armenian Church.
- Aug.15-16 Accompanied by Bishop Anoushavan, met with the Pastor, Board of Trustees and NRA delegates of Holy Cross Church of Troy, NY.
The following day celebrated the Divine Liturgy and blessed the grapes in Troy, in the presence of almost 400 people.
- Aug.17-22 With Anoushavan and Khajag Srpazans spent the whole week in Montreal for translation of the Bible.
- Aug.26-Sept.22 Traveled to Lebanon to meet with H.H. Aram Vehapar.
- Sept. 12 Visited the grave of Der Torkom in Watertown, MA, and performed *aykuts*.
- Sept. 13 Attended the Divine Liturgy at St. Gregory Church of North Andover and delivered the sermon.
- Sept. 14 Attended a prayer service organized by the Apostolic Nuncio at the UN and the Cardinal of New York, marking the opening of the 64th General Assembly of the UN.
- Sept. 15 Visited Garen Nazarian, the new Ambassador of Armenia at the UN.

- Sept. 19-20 On Saturday evening consecrated the altar of the renovated St. Illuminator's Cathedral. On Sunday morning celebrated the Divine Liturgy, delivered the sermon and blessed the *madagh* at the cathedral.
- Sept. 23 With a delegation representing our Prelacy, the Armenian Catholic Exarchate, AMAA, ARF and ARS, met with Ambassador Tatoul Markarian of Armenia in Washington DC and submitted a protest letter against the Armenian-Turkish Protocol.
- Sept. 26 Attended the Mid-West Regional Conference of Boards of Trustees and NRA delegates at St. Sarkis Church in Dearborn, MI.
- Sept. 27 Celebrated the Divine Liturgy and presided over the 75th anniversary banquet of St. Gregory Church in Indian Orchard, MA.
- Sept. 28 Attended the UN General Assembly session to hear the speech of Edward Nalbandian, Foreign Minister of Armenia.
The same evening received at the Prelacy Foreign Minister Nalbandian, the Ambassador Garen Nazarian and Ambassador Tatoul Markarian and discussed with them the Armenian-Turkish Protocol.
- Sept. 29-30 Attended the Prelacy clergy retreat in Charlton, MA.
- Oct. 3 Attended the meeting between President Serge Sargsyan and the representatives of major Armenian organizations at the New York Palace Hotel, to discuss the Armenian-Turkish Protocol.
- Oct. 4 Celebrated the Divine Liturgy, delivered the sermon and presided over the anniversary banquet at St. Sarkis Church in Dearborn, MI.
- Oct. 10 Attended the Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference of Boards of Trustees and NRA delegates at Sts. Vartanantz Church in Ridgefield, NJ.
Accompanied by Hagop Khatchadourian and Raffi Ourlian attended a special meeting with Sts. Vartanantz BOT of Ridgefield, NJ.
- Oct. 11 Celebrated the Divine Liturgy and presided over the 84th anniversary banquet of St. Stephens Church in New Britain, CT.
- Oct. 13 Traveled to Watertown to visit the newly ordained Rev. Father Karekin Bedourian and to preside over the funeral services of Ara Margosian, a member of Homenetmen Regional Executive.
- Oct. 15 Traveled to Philadelphia to attend the opening of Gorky Retrospective at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.
- Oct. 17/18 Attended the opening of the NALG conference at the Prelacy.
The same afternoon traveled to Racine to celebrate the Divine Liturgy and preside over the 74th anniversary banquet of St. Hagop Church.
- Oct. 19 Attended a reception of Armenia Fund USA at the Residence of Andrea Roubian in honor of Arkady Ghokassyan, former president of Artsakh.
- Oct. 25 Attended a lecture on Genocide by Prof. Bryan Brevati at the Armenian Center in Woodside, NY.

- Oct. 26/27 Presided over the wake and Funeral Services of Antranig Sarkissian at St. Sarkis Church in Douglaston, NY.
- Oct.28-Nov. 4 Traveled to Montreal for a week-long Bible translation session with Khajag and Anoushavan Srpazans.
- Nov. 7/8 Celebrated the Divine Liturgy at All Saints Church of Glenview, IL and presided over the annual banquet of the church.
- Nov. 9 Held a teleconference meeting with the Executive Council prior to our delegation's departure to Antelias, Lebanon.
- Nov. 10 Held a meeting with the Pastor and Board of Trustees of St. Illuminator's Cathedral.
- Nov. 13 Presided over the wake services of Edward Kerbeykian at Sts. Vartanantz Church of Ridgefield, NJ.
- Nov. 14/15 Celebrated the Divine Liturgy and presided over the annual banquet of Sourp Khatch Church of Bethesda, MD.
- Nov. 16-27 With Der Aram, Jack Mardoian, Noubar Megerian and Raffi Ourlian, traveled to Antelias, Lebanon for meetings with Aram Vehapar and the Central Executive Council of the Catholicosate.
- Nov. 29 Attended the Divine Liturgy at St. Sarkis Church of Douglaston, NY.
- Dec. 1 Presided over the funeral services of Aghavni Bashian, former director of AREC, at Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ.
The same evening attended the annual reception dinner of the Common Cause New York at the University Club as the personal guest of Dr. Vartan Gregorian, who was the recipient of the annual award of the Common Cause NY this year.
- Dec. 4 Traveled to Detroit to attend the benefit concert by Isabel Bayrakdarian, organized by St. Sarkis Church of Dearborn, MI.
- Dec. 5/6 Celebrated the Divine Liturgy and presided over the 55th anniversary annual banquet of St. Gregory Church of Granite City, IL.
Also attended a concert of the St. Louis Symphonic Orchestra, conducted by Peter Ounjian and honored Mr. Ounjian with a certificate.
- Dec. 8 Presided over the funeral services of Krikor Zadourian at Sts Vartanantz Church in Ridgefield, NJ.
- Dec. 9 Attended a service and thanksgiving luncheon for the 111th Precinct Officers at St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston, NY.
- Dec. 13 Attended the Divine Liturgy at St. Sarkis Church of Douglaston, NY.
- Dec. 27 Attended the Divine Liturgy and delivered the Sermon at Sts. Vartanantz Church of Ridgefield, NJ.
- Jan. 3 Attended the Divine Liturgy at St. Illuminator's Cathedral in New York.
- Jan. 5 Presided over Armenian Christmas Eve services at St. Sarkis Church of Douglaston, NY.

- Jan. 6 Celebrated the Armenian Christmas Divine Liturgy, delivered the sermon and blessed the water at St. Illuminator's Cathedral in New York.
The same evening hosted the traditional Armenian Christmas reception at the Prelacy.
- Jan. 10 Attended the Divine Liturgy and delivered the sermon at St. Stephen's Church of Watertown, MA.
- Jan. 14 Met privately with H. H. Catholicos Karekin II of All Armenians in New York.
The same day, with Anoushavan Srpazan paid a courtesy visit to Antoine Azzam, Consul General of Lebanon in New York.
- Jan. 23-Feb. 2 Travelled to Antelias, to participate in the 6th annual meeting of the International Joint Commission for the Theological Dialogue between the Catholic Church and the Oriental Orthodox Churches.
- Feb. 7 Attended the Divine Liturgy at St. Sarkis Church of Douglaston, NY.
- Feb. 8/9 Presided over the St. Ghevontiantz annual clergy gathering in Indian Orchard, MA.
- Feb. 13/14 Attended the *Diarnûntarach* Service (and traditional bonfire) and delivered the sermon at All Saints Church of Glenview, IL.
- Feb. 22 Attended the Divine Liturgy at St. Illuminator's Cathedral.
- Feb. 28 Attended the Divine Liturgy and presided over the Requiem Service at Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ for the deceased members and benefactors of Armenian Relief Society.
- March 2 Presided over the Funeral Service for Vahram Giragossian at St. Sarkis Church of Douglaston, NY.
- March 4 Held the first committee meeting at the Prelacy, for the 95th anniversary commemoration of the Armenian Genocide.
- March 7 Attended the Divine Liturgy at St. Gregory Church of North Andover, delivered the Sermon and presided over the inauguration of the memorial monument of late Der Vartan Kassabian.
- March 9-11 Hosted at the Prelacy His Eminence, Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian, Prelate of Western USA.
- March 10 Attended at Weill Recital Hall in New York City the opening event of the centennial celebrations of the Armenian Relief Society.
- March 14 Attended the Divine Liturgy at Sts. Vartanantz Church in Ridgefield, NJ.
- March 17 Visited and held a morning service at the New York Armenian Home for the Aged.
- March 20 Presided over the first meeting of the newly appointed ANEC Committee at the Prelacy.
- March 21 Attended the Divine Liturgy at St. Illuminator's Cathedral.
In the afternoon attended the annual Musical Armenia performance at Weill Recital Hall in New York City.
In the evening attended a reception at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Andrea Roubian in New Jersey, honoring Senator Robert Menendez.

- March 26 Attended the lenten evening service at Sts. Vartanantz Church of Ridgefield, NJ, and delivered the sermon.
- March 27 Presided over the New England Board of Trustees Regional Meeting at the Holy Trinity Church in Worcester, MA.
In the afternoon met in Watertown, MA with the Board of St. Stephens Armenian School. In the evening attended a reception for Prelacy pillars, hosted by Der Aram and Yeretsgeen Margaret Stepanian at their residence.
- March 28 Celebrated the Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy, delivered the sermon and performed *Drunbatsek* service at St. Stephen's Church of Watertown, MA.
- March 31 Visited the Hovnanian Armenian School and from there proceeded to the Armenian Home for the Aged in New Jersey and performed the morning service for the elderly.
- April 1 On Holy Thursday, performed the Washing of Feet service and presided over the Tenebrae service at St. Illuminator's Cathedral.
- April 2 Attended Great Friday Services at St. Illuminator's Cathedral.
- April 3 Attended Easter Eve service at St. Sarkis Church of Douglaston, NY.
- April 4 Celebrated the Easter Divine Liturgy and delivered the sermon at St. Illuminator's Cathedral.
- April 5 Attended the Armenian Youth Talent 2010 performance at the Weill Recital Hall in New York City.
- April 8 Received at the Prelacy, Ralph Yirikian, Chief Executive Officer of VIVACELL in Armenia.
- April 11 Attended the Divine Liturgy and delivered the sermon at St. Sarkis Church of Douglaston, NY.
- April 12 Travelled to Washington DC to meet with Serge Sargsyan, President of Armenia at the National Cathedral and the grave of President Woodrow Wilson.
- April 19 Paid a courtesy visit to Archbishop Timothy Dolan, the Archbishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of New York.
- April 21 Delivered Invocation at House of Representatives in Washington, DC in the morning. Attended the Armenian Genocide observance of the Armenian Caucus of Congress at Capitol Hill in the evening.
- April 24 Presided over funeral service of Asbed Marashian (BOT member of Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ)
Presided over the 95th anniversary commemoration of the Armenian Genocide at St. Illuminator's Cathedral.
- April 25 Attended the 95th anniversary commemoration of the Armenian Genocide at Times Square, New York.
- May 1 Attended a fundraising event for Sts. Vartanantz Church of Ridgefield in New Jersey.

- May 2 Attended the Divine Liturgy, delivered the sermon and blessed the newly installed organ at Sts. Vartanantz Church in Providence, RI.
- May 10 Presided over the Mother's Day Luncheon of the Prelacy Ladies Guild at New York Palace Hotel.

His Grace Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, as Vicar General and/or Ecumenical Officer, was delegated on numerous occasions to visit parish churches or participate in ecumenical services and events. His travel schedule included the following:

- June 13 Attended the Funeral Services of Antranig Khachadourian, in Providence, RI.
- June 14 Attended Badarak with Archbishop Oshagan at St. Stephen Church, Watertown, MA, and delivered the sermon.
- June 15-20 With Archbishop Oshagan participated in the Bible Translation Committee's sessions in Montreal, Canada.
- June 21 Attended Badarak with Archbishop Oshagan at St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston, NY, and delivered the sermon.
- June 23 Attended a conference on "Hate Crime & Immigration," organized by NYC Interfaith Center, at the New York City Civil Court.
- June 26 - July 7 Directed Datev Institute's 23rd annual seminar at the St. Mary's Retreat Center in PA.
- June 27 Lectured at "Spirituality in the Armenian Church" Seminar, organized by St. Gregory Church Christian Education Committee, Philadelphia, PA.
- June 28 Celebrated the Divine Liturgy at the Datev Institute's summer program in Pennsylvania.
- July 5 Celebrated the Divine Liturgy at St. Gregory the Illuminator Church, Philadelphia, PA, presided over the *Hayrabedagan Makhtank* service, and the Graduation Hantes of Datev Institute.
- July 12 Attended Badarak at St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston, NY and delivered the sermon.
- July 16 Attended the ARS 89th convention in Chicago and conveyed Archbishop Oshagan's message.
- July 19 Attended Badarak at St. Stephen's Church and delivered the sermon.
- July 24 Attended the celebration of Khanasor at the Armenian Center in Woodside, NY, which was organized by ARF, and conveyed Archbishop Oshagan's message.
- July 26 Attended Badarak at Sts Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ, and delivered the sermon. Presided over a requiem service at the grave of Arshavir Shirakian, organized by NY-NJ ARF Gomidehs.
- Aug. 09 Attended Badarak at St. Illuminator's Cathedral, NYC, delivered the sermon and presided over the requiem service of Diramayr Isguhi Lakissian.
- Aug. 16 With Archbishop Oshagan attended Badarak at Holy Cross Church, Troy, NY, and the annual picnic.

- Aug. 17-21 With Archbishop Oshagan participated in the Bible Translation Committee's sessions in Montreal, Canada.
- Aug. 08-23 Attended Badarak at St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston, NY and delivered the sermon.
- Sept. 01 Received at the Prelacy Bishop Khoren Doghramajian, the Prelate of Greece.
- Sept. 04 With Rev. Fr. Aram Stepanian and Hagop Khachadourian, met with the pastor, Board of Trustees and NRA Delegates of St. Stephen Church, in New Britain, CT.
- Sept. 05 With Rev. Fr. Aram Stepanian visited the family of late Der Torkom Hagopian.
- Sept. 07 Attended Badarak at Sts. Vartanantz Church, Providence, RI, and delivered the sermon. Represented the Prelate, and delivered the invocation at the 76th annual AYF Olympic games, hosted by the Providence chapter.
- Sept. 09-10 Presided over the Funeral Services and performed the Extreme Unction of Der Torkom Hagopian at St. Stephen's Church, Watertown, MA. The Services were well attended by our clergy as well as the pastors of local Sister Churches.
- Sept. 12 Represented His Holiness Catholicos Aram I, and Archbishop Oshagan at a reception and special exhibit of the historical archives of the Near East Foundation, at the Rockefeller Archive Center in Sleepy Hollow, NY.
- Sept. 13 Celebrated the Divine Liturgy at Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ, and presided over the Antasdan & Blessing of Madagh Services.
- Sept. 14 With Archbishop Oshagan attended a Prayer Service, marking the Opening of the 64th session of the UN General Assembly, at the Holy Family Catholic Church, NYC.
- Sept. 19-20 Participated in the reconsecration services of St. Illuminator's Cathedral.
- Sept. 25-27 Directed the Linked iN youth program at St. Mary's Vineyard Coptic Retreat Center in Charlton, MA.
- Sept. 27 Attended the 75th Anniversary Banquet of St. Gregory Church in Indian Orchard, MA.
- Sept. 27-30 Participated in the Clergy Meditational Retreat at St. Mary's Vineyard Center in Charlton, MA.
- Oct. 4 Celebrated Badarak at Holy Cross Church, Cleveland, OH.
- Oct. 6-14 Participated in the World Council of Churches (WCC) Faith & Order Commission meeting in Crete-Greece.
- Oct. 18 Attended Badarak and delivered the sermon at St. Gregory Church, North Andover, MA.
- Oct. 25 With Archbishop Oshagan attended Badarak at St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston, NY. The same afternoon attended a lecture dedicated to the Armenian Genocide by Prof. Bryan Brevati at Woodside Armenian Center.
- Oct. 26-27 With Archbishop Oshagan attended the wake and funeral services of Antranig Sarkissian, at St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston, NY.

- Oct. 28-Nov. 4 With Archbishop Oshagan participated in the Bible Translation Committee's sessions in Montreal, Canada.
- Nov. 1 Attended Badarak at St. Hagop Cathedral, Montreal and delivered the sermon.
- Nov. 7 Attended a Pontifical Divine Liturgy, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lebanon in Brooklyn, NY. During the Liturgy, Antoine Azzam, Consul General of Lebanon, was honored on behalf of the Pope with the Insignia of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great.
- Nov. 8 Attended Badarak and delivered the sermon at Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ.
- Nov. 13 Lectured on "Bible, Theology and Art in the Armenian Divine Liturgy" at St. Gregory Church, North Andover, MA.
- Nov. 15 Celebrated Badarak at St. Gregory Church, North Andover and presided over the 39th anniversary banquet.
- Nov. 19 Presided over Cultural Month program at Woodside Armenian Center and conveyed the Prelate's message.
- Nov. 22 Attended Badarak at St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston, NY.
- Nov. 28 Attended 40th anniversary performance of the "Antranig" Dance group at Lincoln Center, NYC
- Nov. 29 Attended Badarak at St. Illuminator Cathedral, NYC.
- Dec. 1 With Archbishop Oshagan attended the funeral services of Agahavni Bashian, former director of AREC, at Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ.
- Dec. 2 Participated in clergy-police conference at One Police Plaza, NYC.
- Dec. 4 With Archbishop Oshagan attended Isabel Bayrakdarian's concert in Michigan.
- Dec. 5 Attended with Rev. Fr. Daron Stepanian, a program organized by the Armenian Engineers and Scientists of America (Michigan Section). A posthumous award for Karl Sogolian was presented to his widow, Mrs. Emma Sogolian
- Dec. 6 Celebrated the Divine Liturgy at St. Sarkis Church, Dearborn, MI.
In the evening, presided over the performance of Yeraz Dance Group of St. Sarkis Church, in Queens, NY.
- Dec. 8 With Archbishop Oshagan attended the funeral service of Krikor Zadourian at Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ.
- Dec. 9 With Archbishop Oshagan attended at St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston, NY, a Thanksgiving service and luncheon, honoring the 111th Precinct officers.
- Dec. 13 Attended Badarak at St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston, NY, and delivered the sermon.
- Dec. 20 Attended Badarak at Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ, and delivered the sermon.
- Dec. 27 Attended Badarak at St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston, NY and presided over the St. Stephen Protomartyr Day celebration.

- Jan. 3 Attended Badarak at St. Illuminator's Cathedral and delivered the sermon.
Attended a Christmas & New Year celebration hosted by the Council of the Indian Orthodox Church in Bellerose, NY. Conveyed greetings on behalf of Archbishop Oshagan and delivered the keynote speech.
- Jan. 5 Attended Christmas Eve Badarak at St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston, NY.
- Jan. 6 Celebrated Badarak at Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ, and presided over a Christmas program.
- Jan. 14 With Archbishop Oshagan paid a visit to His Excellency Antoine Azzam, the Consul General of Lebanon in New York, on the occasion of the Nativity and the New Year.
- Jan. 17 Attended the Badarak at Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ, delivered the sermon and presided over the requiem service for Hagop Doghramajian, father of Bishop Khoren Doghramajian, Prelate of Greece.
- Jan. 24 Attended the Badarak at St. Illuminator's Cathedral.
- Jan. 25 Participated in an ecumenical prayer service presided by Archbishop Timothy Michael Dolan, the Archbishop of New York at St. Patrick Cathedral. The service was part of the events for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
- Jan. 31 Celebrated Badarak on St. Sarkis name day and presided over the banquet at the Church in Douglaston, NY.
- Feb. 1 Visited the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center at Queensborough Community College with the Board of the Anthropology Museum of the People of NY.
- Feb. 7 Attended the badarak at St. Illuminator's Cathedral, delivered the sermon and presided over the requiem service for all the deceased clergy who served our Prelacy.
- Feb. 8-9 Participated in the Sts. Ghevontiantz Clergy conference at St. Gregory Church, Indian Orchard, MA, and delivered the sermon during the Badarak.
- Feb. 13 Visited Mourad Armenian School of Sts. Vartanantz Church in Providence, RI.
Presided over *Dyarnuntarach* Eve service and the traditional bonfire at St. Stephen's Church, Watertown, MA.
- Feb. 14 Celebrated the Divine Liturgy at Sts. Vartanantz Church, Providence, RI, elevated Garo Tashjian to Stole Bearer, and presided over the annual Sts. Vartanantz Day Luncheon.
- Feb. 21 Attended the Badarak at St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston, NY and delivered the sermon.
- Feb. 28 Attended the Badarak at Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ, delivered the sermon, and lectured on "Similarities and Differences Between the Armenian, Orthodox and Catholic Churches", organized by Hamazkayin Cultural Association.
- March 1 Attended funeral services for Vahram Guiragossian, the son of late Rev. Fr. Khachadour Guiragossian, at St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston, NY.
- March 2 Lectured at the General Theological Seminary on "Spirituality in the Armenian Church Hymns and Prayers."

- March 7 Attended Badarak at St. Illuminator's Cathedral and presided over the Mid-Lenten luncheon.
Attended a public forum, sponsored by the NY-NJ ARF committees, on "Armeno-Turkish Relations: Pitfalls and Possibilities."
- March 10 Met with Bishop Mark Sisk, Episcopalian Bishop of New York, attended the luncheon meeting of the Episcopalian Church's Diocesan Ecumenical Commission and made a presentation about the mission of the Prelacy.
- March 14 With Archbishop Oshagan attended Badarak at Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ.
- March 17 With Archbishop Oshagan visited the Armenian Home in Flushing, NY, and the seniors of St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston, NY.
- March 20 At Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ, presided over the funeral of Alice Minasian, mother of Sarkis Minasian, Board Chairman of Holy Cross Church of Orlando, FL.
- March 21 With Archbishop Oshagan attended Badarak at St. Illuminator's Cathedral and delivered the sermon. The same afternoon attended the Musical Armenia program in New York and a reception organized by ANC, honoring Senator Robert Menendez at the home of Mr. Andreas Roubian in Saddle River, NJ.
- March 28 On Palm Sunday celebrated the Divine Liturgy at St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston, NY.
- March 31 With Archbishop Oshagan and the clergy of Metropolitan New York - New Jersey area visited Hovnanian Armenian School, in New Milford, NJ, and the Home for the Aged in Emerson, NJ.
- April 1 On Great and Holy Thursday attended the Washing of Feet and Vigil (Tenebrae) services at Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ.
- April 2 On Great & Holy Friday attended the Order of Crucifixion at St. Illuminator's Cathedral, NY.
Attended the Order of Burial at St. Stephen Church, New Britain, CT.
Attended the Order of Burial at St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston, NY.
- April 3 On Great and Holy Saturday attended Vigil Divine Liturgy at St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston, NY.
- April 4 On Easter Sunday celebrated the Divine Liturgy at Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ.
- April 5 With Archbishop Oshagan attended the Armenian Youth Talent 2010 performance at Weill Recital Hall in New York City.
- April 11 Attended Badarak at St. David Church, Boca Raton, FL.
- April 18 Attended Badarak and a Health Care program at St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston, NY.
- April 19 With Archbishop Oshagan visited Archbishop Timothy Dolan of the Catholic Archdiocese of New York.
- April 24 With Oshagan Srpazan attended the funeral service of Asbed Marashian (BOT member of Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ)

Attended the Divine Liturgy at St. Illuminator's Cathedral, marking the 95th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

April 25 Celebrated the Divine Liturgy at St. Sarkis Church, Douglaston NY.

April 29-May3 Participated in the meeting of Committee for Canonizing the Armenian Martyrs at the Catholicosate of Cilicia in Antelias Lebanon, with the representatives of the Holy See of Etchmiadzin.

May 9 Attended Badarak at St. Illuminator's Cathedral, NYC.

May 10 With Archbishop Oshagan attended the Prelacy Ladies Guild's Mothers Day luncheon, NYC.

Executive Council members visited or were delegated to attend special meetings and events in the following communities and at the Catholicosate in Antelias:

Rev. Archpriest Aram Stepanian

Meeting at the Catholicosate, Antelias, Lebanon
St. Stephens, New Britain, CT

Mr. Hagop Khatchadourian

Sts. Vartanantz, Providence, RI
St. Stephens, New Britain, CT (2 visits)
St. Gregory, Philadelphia, PA
Sts. Vartanantz, Ridgefield, NJ (2 visits)
St. Illuminator's re-consecration

Mr. Zohrab Tazian

All Saints', Glenview, IL
St. Sarkis, Dearborn, MI

Mr. Raffi Ourlian

Meeting at the Catholicosate, Antelias, Lebanon
St. Sarkis, Dearborn, MI
Sts. Vartanantz, NJ
St. Illuminator's re-consecration

Mr. John Daghlian

St. Stephens, Watertown, MA
Holy Trinity, Worcester, MA
St. Illuminator's re-consecration

Mr. Raffi Manjikian

St. Stephens, Watertown, MA
Holy Trinity, Worcester, MA

E. Office Staff and Administration

During the past twelve months there were no changes in the Prelacy staff, which includes:

Dr. Vazken Ghougassian	Executive Director
Archdeacon Shant Kazanjian	AREC Director
Mrs. Sophie Khachatryan	Information Systems and Armenia Programs
Mrs. Iris Papazian	Outreach Editor/Public Relations (Contract Basis)
Mr. Khajag Zeitlian	Communications Officer
Mrs. Rita Gragossian	Receptionist and acting Bookstore Manager
Mrs. Mary Gulumian	Armenian Secretary
Mrs. Lilit Manukian	Accountant (part time)
Mrs. Hourì Ghougassian	Librarian (part time)
Mr. Panos Hamamjian	Custodian

We extend our thanks to the members of the Prelacy staff who perform their daily tasks diligently, and with great dedication.

III. External Relations

A. The Holy See of Etchmiadzin and her Dioceses

During the past year communications were maintained with the Holy See of Etchmiadzin, the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem, the Armenian Diocese in the Eastern USA and some other dioceses under the jurisdiction of Holy Etchmiadzin. Christmas and Easter correspondence was exchanged by Oshagan Srpazan with his Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians, the Patriarch of Jerusalem and Primate of several dioceses. Due to the unfortunate health condition of His Beatitude Archbishop Mesrob Mutafian, it was not possible to communicate with him.

In January, Oshagan Srpazan met with His Holiness Catholicos Karekin II in New York City. Archbishop Oshagan and Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, as co-chairmen of the joint committee appointed by the two Catholicos of Holy Etchmiadzin and Cilicia, for the study of liturgical, canonical, administrative and other issues of the Armenian church, met a few times during the past year to assess and coordinate the work of five sub-committees, studying different issues.

Between April 29 and May 3, 2010, Anoushavan Srpazan participated in the meeting of the sub-committee for canonizing the Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide, which was held at the Catholicosate in Antelias. In August 25-27, 2009, Dr. Vazken Ghougassian, our Executive Director, participated in the first-ever Global Armenian Library Conference, hosted by the Holy See of Etchmiadzin.

B. The Catholicosate of the Great House of Cilicia and Sister Prelacies

As usual, extensive communications were maintained with the Catholicosate of the Great House of Cilicia and our sister Prelacies. While His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, and His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan were frequently in direct communication, regular communications were also maintained between our Prelacy offices and different departments of the Catholicosate.

As already mentioned, during the past year Oshagan Srpazan travelled to Lebanon on four occasions. In late May, 2009, he attended meetings with Aram Vehapar, the Central Religious and Executive Councils and Prelates of Cilician dioceses. In late August he travelled to Lebanon to meet with H.H. Aram Vehapar at the Catholicosate. In November, he led the delegation of our Prelacy for meetings at the Catholicosate, as reported below in greater details. Finally, in late January, he was in Antelias again for the 6th annual meeting of the international Joint Commission for the Theological Dialogue between the Catholic Church and the Oriental Orthodox Churches.

Close cooperation continued with the Prelates of the Western USA and Canada, specially in the fields of clergy meetings, religious publications and mutual visitations. Also, through correspondence and other means of communication, brotherly relations were maintained by our Prelate with all the Prelates of the Cilician dioceses and members of the Cilician Brotherhood.

1. Meeting with Aram Vehapar and the Central Executive Council

Meetings with Aram Vehapar and the Religious and Central Executive Councils of the Catholicosate of Cilicia took place November 18-20, 2009, in Antelias, Lebanon. The Prelates and representatives of the three North American prelacies participated. The Eastern Prelacy's delegation was headed by Archbishop Oshagan and included Rev. Fr. Aram Stepanian, Jack Mardoian, Noubar Megerian, and Raffi Ourlian.

We had prepared a detailed report/position paper, which included the following topics: A general statement; the mission of the Catholicosate; the role and development of our clergy; the role and development of our parishes; administrative development; unity; and a concluding statement.

The paper was available in Armenian and English and was distributed to everyone and presented during our delegation's meeting with Vehapar and the Central Religious and Executive Councils. Overall, the presentation was well-received and discussed.

During a joint meeting with all three prelacies, Vehapar shared his thoughts about the various issues and pledged full support and cooperation. He emphasized that further close cooperation should be maintained by the three prelacies and the Catholicosate.

C. The Republics of Armenia and Artsakh

We continued to support our people in the Republic of Armenia and Artsakh. The charitable programs we have been running in Armenia for the past seventeen years are presented in greater details in section XI of this report.

Close relations were maintained with the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Armenia at the United Nations, the Embassy of Armenia, and the Mission of Artsakh in Washington DC. Ambassador Armen Martirosyan and his successor at the UN, Ambassador Garen Nazarian visited the Prelacy on different occasions during the past year. In July, Ms. Hranoush Hakobyan, Minister of the Armenian Diaspora, accompanied by Ambassadors Markarian and Martirosyan visited the Prelacy and presented to Oshagan Srpazan the mission, the working guidelines and the programs of her Ministry. Oshagan Srpazan expressed his thoughts and reservations for certain issues included in the Mission statement of the Ministry.

In October, 2009, the issue of the Armenian-Turkish protocol caused great tensions both in Armenia and the Diaspora, which could lead to new divisions within the Armenian Nation. In an official letter addressed to the President of Armenia and in other public statements, His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, strongly opposed certain conditions, which were included in the Protocol. On September 19, Oshagan Srpazan and representatives of the Armenian Catholic Exarchate, the Armenian Missionary Association of America, the Armenian Relief Society, Hamazkaine, Homenetmen, AYPF and the Armenian National Committee visited the Embassy of Armenia in Washington DC and submitted to Ambassador Markarian a joint letter expressing certain concerns against the Armenian Turkish Protocol. On September 28, Oshagan Srpazan received at the Prelacy Mr. Edward Nalbandian, the Foreign Minister of Armenia, and Ambassadors Markaryan and Nazarian and discussed with them the Armenian-Turkish Protocol. One week later, on October 3, Oshagan Srpazan attended a meeting between President Serge Sargsyan of Armenia and the representatives of major Armenian organizations at the New York Palace Hotel, to discuss the Armenian-Turkish Protocol. In January, Oshagan Srpazan sent a letter to Hillary Clinton, U.S. Secretary of State, protesting the selective list of invitees to a meeting at the State Department on February 9. The invitees were mostly those Armenian American organizations who supported the Armenian-Turkish Protocol and excluded the other major organizations who opposed the Protocol, such as the Eastern and Western Prelacies, the Armenian Catholic Exarchate, the Armenian Missionary Association of America, and the Armenian Relief Society. The February 9th meeting did not take place because of the weather.

D. The Republic of Lebanon

We continued our close relationship with the Ambassadors of Lebanon at the United Nations and Washington D.C., and the Consul General of Lebanon in New York City. Archbishop Oshagan and Bishop Anoushavan visited Mr. Antoine Azzam, the Consul General, a few times. On November 7, 2009, on behalf of the Prelate, Anoushavan Srpazan attended a Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lebanon in Brooklyn, NY, during which the Consul General was honored on behalf of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI with the insignia of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great.

E. Armenian Organizations

As in the past years, normal relations were maintained with many Armenian organizations, including the Armenian Relief Society, Armenian Revolutionary Federation, Armenian National Committee, Armenian Youth Federation, Armenian Missionary Association of America, Knights of Vartan, United Armenian Fund, Armenia Fund USA, Hamazkayin Armenian Educational and Cultural Society, Homenetmen, Armenian Society of New York, Howard Karageusian Commemorative Fund, Camp Haiastan and many other social, political, charitable, religious, educational and patriotic organizations and institutions.

F. Ecumenical Ties

The Holy See of Cilicia and the Eastern Prelacy pay special attention to ecumenical relations.

These relationships were maintained in a regular manner during the past year by

Archbishop Oshagan and especially by the Vicar, Bishop Anoushavan, who, along with his duties as Vicar, is the Ecumenical Officer in the United States for the Holy See of Cilicia, and represents the Holy See at the World Council of Churches (WCC) in the United States, and the WCC's office at the United Nations.

Archbishop Oshagan participated in the Joint Commission for Theological Dialogue between the Roman Catholic and Oriental Orthodox Churches. The seventh plenary meeting of the Commission took place at the Catholicosate of the Great House of Cilicia in Antelias, January 25 - 31, 2010.

IV. OUR CLERGY

Besides the Prelate and the Vicar General, we currently have twenty-five clergymen, of which fifteen are in active service, one is under training, one is a visiting clergyman from the Prelacy of Canada and eight are retired. Only two of our retired clergy are able to continue serving as outreach priests on a regular basis.

We express our gratitude to all of our clergy for their dedicated services.

A. Passing of Archpriest Torkom Hagopian

On September 2, 2009, Rev. Archpriest Torkom Hagopian passed away at the age of 86.

Funeral services took place Wednesday, September 9, at St. Stephen's Church, Watertown, Massachusetts, the parish church he served for 33 years. The Extreme Unction and graveside services were officiated by Bishop Anoushavan, with the participation of the clergy serving the Eastern Prelacy. The Prelate, Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, was en route to New York from overseas, and was regrettably unable to arrive in time for the services.

Der Torkom began his service to St. Stephen's Church in August 1962. Prior to this appointment he served the four communities of upstate New York: St. John the Baptist Church of Syracuse; Holy Cross of Troy; St. Hagop of Niagara Falls; and the community in Binghamton.

Since his retirement in 1995, Archpriest Torkom continued to serve as an outreach priest visiting various Prelacy parishes to perform the sacraments or preach. Up until recently, Der Hayr regularly attended services every Sunday morning at St. Stephen's. During his entire 50 years of service Der Hayr remained faithful to his conviction of service to his church and nation.

May his memory be eternally blessed.

B. Passing of Archpriest Anoushavan Artinian and Archpriest Vatche Nakashian

On January 13, 2010, Reverend Archpriest Anoushavan Artinian passed away in California. Der Anoushavan served briefly as pastor of St. Gregory Church of Indian Orchard before moving to California, where he served as pastor of St. Asdvadzadzin Church of Glendale, California.

On February 8, 2010, Reverend Archpriest Vatche Nakashian passed away in California. Der Vatche briefly served under our Prelacy as pastor of St. Asdvadzadzin Church of Whitinsville, MA. In the early 1970's he moved to California where he served as pastor of St. Garabed Church of Hollywood, California.

We pray God to rest the souls of Der Anoushavan and Der Vatche in eternal peace.

C. New Assignments

Following the passing of Der Vartan Kassabian in March 2009, Rev. Archpriest Vazken Bekirian was assigned as visiting pastor to St. Gregory Church of North Andover.

Last May an agreement was made with the Prelacy of Canada to assign Very Rev. Fr. Keghart Kusbekian as visiting Pastor of Sourp Hagop Church of Niagara Falls. Father Keghart is the Pastor of the St. Catherines community in Ontario. He visits Niagara Falls as needed and celebrates the Divine Liturgy at Sourp Hagop Church once a month.

Last summer, Very Rev. Fr. Vaghinag Meloian joined our clergy for two months, to serve as an outreach clergyman. In August he moved to California.

In early October, Rev. Fr. Karekin Bedourian arrived from Kessab. He was temporarily placed at St. Stephen's Church of Watertown, MA, for a few months of training under the supervision of Rev. Archpriest Antranig Baljian. Shortly he will be assigned for full time pastorship at a location to be determined.

D. Candidates for Priesthood

We currently have the following two candidates for priesthood:

- 1) Deacon Sebouh Kevorkian, a college educated candidate from Lebanon, is completing a three-year special education program for the priesthood in Antelias, and for the past year he has been enrolled in graduate studies at the Near East School of Theology in Beirut, Lebanon. This summer he will be married and will join our Prelacy as an ordained priest in early 2011.
- 2) Deacon James Haddad, an American born college educated candidate, is completing the third year of the special education program for the priesthood in Antelias, Lebanon. He is expected to continue his studies in Antelias for another year.

E. Sts. Ghevontiank Clergy Conference

The annual Sts. Ghevontiank Clergy Conference took place February 8 to 10, 2010, at St. Gregory the Illuminator Church, Indian Orchard, Massachusetts. Ghevontiank is celebrated each year preceding the commemoration of Sts. Vartanantz Day. Ghevontiank collectively honors all of the clergy who preached and fought against tyranny before, during, and after the war of Vartanantz. The Feast has now become a time of renewal, reflection, education, and fellowship for the clergy. For more details see the Religious Council's report.

F. Continuing Education

We are very pleased to report that Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian successfully completed the requirements for an M.A. degree in Pastoral Theology at St. John University, New York. In May he will be awarded the M.A. degree. We congratulate Der Nareg and wish him further achievements in his pursuit of higher education.

Rev. Fr. Gomidas Baghsarian is continuing his part-time graduate studies at Providence College.

Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Garabedian has started his graduate studies in pastoral theology at Loyola University in Chicago, IL.

Rev. Fr. Karekin Bedourian is enrolled in an advanced English Language course at Harvard University.

G. Clergy Retreat

For the second year the clergy serving the Prelacy came together for a retreat, September 27 to 30, at the Holy Virgin Mary Spiritual Vineyard in Charlton, Massachusetts. The clergy retreat took place immediately after the Linked In weekend gathering for young adults which took place at the same location. The general theme of the clergy retreat was Holy Week. The days were filled with prayer services, lectures, meditation, and Bible readings, as well as fellowship. For more details see the Religious Council's report.

V. OUR PARISHES

A. General Comments

As in previous years, the Executive Council devoted a great deal of time and effort to reach out to the Parishes. Three regional conferences were organized for Boards of Trustees and NRA Delegates in Dearborn, MI, Philadelphia, PA, and Worcester, MA, as presented in section VII of this report. The BOT guidelines were drafted and currently are under final editing. Executive Council representatives were able to attend the general membership meetings of most parishes, participate in special parish events or meet with pastors and parish boards for more specific purposes.

There are many positive developments in parishes where the clergy and board members work hand-in-hand with a common purpose and toward a common goal. However, there are a few parishes, which require the Executive Council's special attention and assistance. Generally speaking, parishioners, BOT, NRA delegates, and Pastor must come together as one body for the betterment of their spiritual health.

Our brief comments with regard to our parishes are as follows:

B. St. Illuminator's Cathedral, New York

As reported last year, St. Illuminator's Cathedral was under complete renovation. The church sanctuary was stripped back to the bare studs, the balcony was removed, new electrical and plumbing fixtures were installed, the pews were refurbished, new chandeliers and carpeting were installed and altars for candle lighting were built. The church hall, the office and the bathrooms were also completely renovated and a modern kitchen was installed.

On Saturday evening, September 19, 2009, Archbishop Oshagan re-consecrated the altar of the Cathedral. The next morning, Oshagan Srpazan celebrated the Divine Liturgy and blessed the *madagh* at the Cathedral, which was filled to capacity by the faithful.

We take this opportunity to express our great appreciations for the dedicated work of Der Mesrob and the Board of Trustees and congratulate the parish for this great achievement.

We also thank the pastor and Board of Trustees of the St. Illuminator's Cathedral for co-hosting, with St. Sarkis Church of Douglaston, the NRA this year.

C. St. Stephen's, New Britain

The Executive Council has paid special attention to this small parish, our oldest church and recently a diverse community. On several occasions, during visitations and special meetings, the Executive Council has met with the pastor, Board of Trustees and NRA Delegates. It is our hope that this parish will continue to meet the needs of its community.

D. All Saints, Glenview

In addition to their many regular programs and events, during the past year the All Saints community of Glenview, IL, hosted our NRA, the ARS annual convention and the AYF Junior Olympics. A number of improvements were made in the building, outdoor facilities were improved and the audio/visual system was updated. The addition of some new activities has allowed more members of the community to participate in the growth of the church and community. This community has the active involvement of its younger generation.

E. St. Gregory, Granite City

The St. Gregory community in Granite City celebrated the 55th anniversary of their church last year. Sacramental and parish life of this community has been greatly enhanced by the joint efforts of Der Stephan and the Board of Trustees. New members have joined the choir, church membership has increased, charitable gifts have been secured and new church vessels have been acquired during this past year.

F. St. Paul, Waukegan

Despite its size, the St. Paul community of Waukegan, IL, has continued to maintain a sacramental and parish life under the spiritual guidance of Hayr Daniel and to bring active participation in Prelacy programs like the Datev summer program, BOT regional conference and the NRA.

G. St. Gregory, Indian Orchard

The Board, with the help of Der Hayr, increased the involvement of young adults in church activities. The Board created an e-mail list of the Church membership to inform members of the upcoming events more economically. In the future, "Arev" the church newsletter, which is currently mailed to over 200 families, will be sent electronically.

On September 27, 2009, St. Gregory Church celebrated its 75th anniversary with a banquet at the Country Club of Wilbraham in Wilbraham, MA. More than 150 guests attended the sold out event and they were blessed to have His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan and His Grace Bishop Anoushavan as their distinguished guests.

H. St. Gregory, North Andover

The past year the community worked under the legacy of the late Der Vartan who often said "that together everything is possible." The Board of Trustees took the leadership role and completed the second phase of construction improvements which included exterior renovations of the church and the church grounds. New windows and siding were installed to enhance the exterior along with insulation within the walls for more efficient heating and cooling of the church structure. The landscaping that took place on the side and rear

yards provided a new courtyard with stone pavers in which parishioners donated a paver in memory of a loved one. The community erected a permanent monument in memory of Der Vartan's service to the community. On March 7, 2010, Archbishop Oshagan, along with Yeretzgeen Pauline and son Megerdich, presided over the unveiling of the monument. The event was attended by over 150 parishioners and followed by a luncheon sponsored by the Board of Trustees.

During the past year Archpriest Der Vazken Bekiarian, Outreach Clergy, celebrated Holy Badarak, and provided the church family all of their spiritual needs including visitations to the sick, home blessings, etc. Also on various occasions Der Karekin Bedourian celebrated Badarak and performed Lenten and Holy Week Services this year.

I. St. Stephen's, Watertown

This parish continues on its road of strong religious, cultural, and educational endeavors. Its three schools (including the all-day elementary school) are important components of their progress. The Ladies Guild continues its dedicated service with events that bring the parish members together and also raise funds for the church.

The parish said a final farewell to their former pastor, Archpriest Torkom Hagopian, who passed away on September 3, 2009. Der Torkom served as their pastor for more than thirty years.

St. Stephen's warmly welcomed the newly ordained Rev. Fr. Karekin Bedourian and Yeretzgin Sevan. Der Karekin is spending a period of apprenticeship under the supervision of Archpriest Fr. Antranig Baljian before beginning his service as a parish priest.

J. St. Asdvadzadzin, Whitinsville

This parish is growing both spiritually and physically. Each sermon is televised.

Last May, the General Membership of Soorp Asdvadzadzin Church approved an expansion project, which will provide handicapped accessibility to all levels of the church and handicapped bathroom facilities. The project was also approved by the Prelacy Executive Council. The ground breaking took place in April 2010. This parish leads and participates in ecumenical activities in its community.

K. Holy Trinity, Worcester

The Board of Trustees is looking at innovative ways to attract new members and encourage greater involvement of its current members in various phases of serving the church. As all small parishes are struggling to meet the financial needs to maintain the church, activities and events geared toward the general community have helped Holy Trinity meet its financial obligations.

The Executive Council thanks this parish for sponsoring two New England Regional Conferences.

L. St. Sarkis, Dearborn

The Executive Council appreciates the efforts made by the current BOT to resolve its fiscal issues, including payment of back quota. The key to this parish's success will depend on attracting the youth to the Church. During the parish's most difficult days the church-affiliated and sister organizations provided financial assistance as well as manpower. In

December 2009, Isabel Bayrakdarian performed at a benefit concert for St. Sarkis under the auspices of our Prelate. A new Sunday school coordinator has also helped in moving forward and attracting new students.

M. Sts. Vartanantz, New Jersey

The Prelate, Vicar General and the Executive Council have paid special attention to this large and diverse community this past year, including having numerous meetings with the pastor, Board of Trustees and NRA delegates of this parish.

Although there remains a large quota obligation due from this parish to the Prelacy, the financial issue is only symptomatic of the larger problems related to the mission of this church and its service to the community. The Executive Council has noted that these concerns are also shared by a number of parishioners and community members within the Sts. Vartanantz community. The recent election of a new Board of Trustees and the initial commitment of the new Board towards meeting its moral and financial obligations to both our Prelacy and the New Jersey community are a hopeful sign toward favorable resolution of these matters.

The Executive Council needs to provide continued guidance to the Sts. Vartanantz parish in the coming year in the hope that it is able to fulfill its mission and meet the needs of its community.

N. St. Sarkis, Douglaston

As reported last year, this parish celebrated the burning of their church mortgage in March, 2009, culminating a long and challenging financial situation. Since then, the parish has made plans to expand the facilities of the church, as the community continues to grow and prosper. The vision of the pastor and the Board of Trustees of St. Sarkis Church is to make their church a vibrant spiritual and cultural center. Among the important achievements of this church is the active involvement and participation of the younger generation in church activities. The Executive Council thanks St. Sarkis for co-hosting this year's NRA.

O. Holy Cross, Troy

In 2009, with the help of Der Bedros and the Board, the Sunday school was reestablished. They have three dedicated teachers and two classes: the class has eight students, five to nine years old. Four infants and pre-school students are taught in a separate class.

The Board of the Holy Cross continues with the renovation projects. In 2009, they had a major addition to the building's HVAC system, and other improvements to the sanctuary and the church grounds. The Board is researching the decrease in contributions and thinking of ways to increase donations. They are very hopeful and optimistic that their efforts will increase participation and contribution.

P. St. Hagop, Niagara Falls

As reported last year, our Prelacy entered into a shared priest relationship with the Canadian Prelacy. As of May, 2009, Very Rev. Fr. Keghart Kusbekian, pastor of the Armenian community of St. Catherine, Ontario, was appointed visiting pastor of St. Hagop Church of Niagara Falls. Fr. Kusbekian is celebrating the Divine Liturgy once a month and is taking care of the spiritual needs of the community.

Q. Holy Cross, South Euclid

The community of Cleveland, in spite of facing different challenges, holds fast to our faith and culture. Divine Liturgy is offered periodically, followed by social activities.

R. St. Gregory, Philadelphia

The Executive Council appreciates the efforts made by the BOT to fulfill its Prelacy obligations and for hosting the Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference. For the past few years, the main focus of the St. Gregory community of Philadelphia was on the expansion project of their church hall and upgrading the facilities of the building. As reported last year, the construction had not yet started due to permit delays and the need to obtain zoning variances before construction could commence. Construction began in October and is progressing. A grand opening, under the auspices of the Prelate, is scheduled for September 12, 2010.

This parish has a very strong Sunday School Program that provides a central focus for the parish.

S. Sts. Vartanantz, Providence

Spiritual and community life have continuously shown to be strong, thanks to the pastor, BOT, church affiliated and sister organizations cohesive strength within the parish and community life.

The participating of youth in this parish is significant, including its Sunday School, Armenian School, choir and Altar servers. The parish's youth bible study group has performed within our Prelacy and at the Prelacy their presentation about our martyred clergy, "Remembering the Forgotten..."

T. Soorp Khatch, Bethesda

The spiritual and community life of this parish continues to be enhanced under the guidance of the Pastor and Board of Trustees. The participation of youth in the life of this parish has grown and has become quite evident with young choir members. The parish recently launched its new website. The Executive Council looks forward to the continued growth of this parish.

U. St. Hagop, Racine

Through the joint efforts of Hayr Daniel and the Board of Trustees, the sacramental and parish life of this community in southeast Wisconsin remains active. The traditional *madagh* picnic on the last Sunday of June each year continues to serve as a homecoming for the Racine community and as a main financial source for the church.

V. Outreach Parishes

1. Armenian Apostolic Church of Atlanta

The outreach Armenian community of Atlanta continues to hold regular Badarak services and receives outreach clergy to meet their sacramental and community needs. Due to the current renovation of the rented church's sanctuary, the community is looking for a new location to hold badarak.

2. Holy Cross, Orlando

The outreach community of Orlando is growing at a slow pace. Divine Liturgy is celebrated periodically at St. Francis Anglican Church in Kissimmee, FL, followed by social activities. They are looking forward to being organized as a community.

3. St. Gregory, South Florida

While It was the Executive Council's hope that this community would re-establish itself as a functioning church; this did not happen. The community has been unresponsive to the Prelacy's requests to hold Badarak.

4. St. John, Syracuse

While no badarak has been celebrated recently, this parish continue to be supported by our Prelacy.

VI. FINANCIAL ISSUES RELATED TO OUR PRELACY

A. General Comments

Slowly we have started to see the early stages of a rebound in the financial markets and the general economy. Over the past 12 to 24 months, the downturn in the economy and the fallout of the financial markets has directly impacted our communities and our Prelacy. These have been challenging times for all. At the Prelacy we have been working hard to keep costs level, and cut where needed. It has been a struggle with many of our operating costs rising (i.e. health insurance, postage, travel, utilities etc.) while struggling to find ways to match revenue from previous years.

The Pillars program is a very important program for our Prelacy. Over the years, we have seen a drop in revenue from this program. Currently, we believe that the success of the Pillar's program will have to come from within our communities.

While we explore new avenues on fund raising and set new programs, it is important to also acknowledge programs that have become very important to the Prelacy such as the Pillar's program, the annual raffle, Azkayin Doork, and the Diary. Each of these programs depends on our people's support and the manpower needed to make it a success. We are pleased to see an increase in our revenues from the Raffle and Diary.

During this past year, we re-paid the Bank Audi loan of \$192,000. Repayment of this loan reduced our almost \$700/month in interest charges. We were able to pay this down with distributions from the Vartan Fund.

This past 12 months, we addressed some of our technology issues. We continued to make investments in our website so that we can host streaming videos in the near future. This will allow parishioners to stay closer connected to our services and activities by watching at home. Also, we replaced five computers this year. The average life of our computers are estimated to be seven years; this far exceeds the normal life span of a computer, and affects the efficiency and productivity of our employees of the Prelacy. The cost of replacing the computers was almost \$5,500. As indicated in previous years, our software database (Raiser's Edge) was a problem. The software was almost 10 years old and was not maintained and there was no update or service to salvage the software. Thus, we needed to replace our database so that our records that are so critical for our success, are

maintained and maintained appropriately. These changes will allow our staff to continue work with minimal problems due to technology.

During the past year our treasurer Raffi Ourlian has worked to make improvements that enabled him to work closely with our staff, even though he is at a distance to the Prelacy offices. This couldn't be done without the assistance of our Executive Director Dr. Vasken Ghougassian and our staff accountant Lilit Manukian.

Most importantly, we want to acknowledge and thank every one of our communities that pay their quotas in a timely manner. Our Prelacy depends on the quota revenue to run the day-to-day operations. The Executive Council conducted a thorough analysis of the quota allocations. Although there have been some modifications to certain communities due to the change in status to "outreach" of St. Gregory and Holy Cross (Florida Parishes), the quota in total is unchanged (\$460,000). Most communities will see no change in 2010/2011. The quota makes up almost 42% of our budgeted revenue. Our Prelacy and the programs that we support and sponsor need and depend on the quota. At the last NRA we reported approximately \$150,000 that was owed to us in delinquent quotas (mostly from two parishes). The current outstanding amount is approximately \$100,000.

B. Annual Fundraising

As stated previously, the programs that we depend on are the Pillar's program, the annual raffle, Azkayin Doork, and the December diary that we release. Typically, these programs help fund our shortfall of revenue, and every single program is critically important to us. However, during the 12 months of our fiscal year, our programs are spaced out in a challenging way for us. We tend to see uneven patterns of revenue received during the year, such as the raffle and Azkayin Doork typically received in the early part of the fiscal year (April or May) and the Diary in December. Thus, our July-September months (times our communities are slow as well) makes for difficult times from a financial perspective.

Our current Prelacy building is deteriorating quickly, and has many hazards. Soon we will need to address our future Prelacy building and the funding needed to successfully accomplish the project.

Therefore, it is critical that we develop additional fundraisers during the year. We are currently working on establishing these programs in the future. Equally important, is that we target new audiences, new resources, and have successful events.

C. Endowment Fund

The Endowment funds are rebounding from the financial meltdown of the last 24 months. Our investments were impacted; however, fortunately for us, we were positioned to sustain such a crisis. Mona Andrikian of UBS Financial Services manages most of our funds.

The Executive Council decided not to make any distributions from the funds this year, but rather, utilized the income generated to help pay the interest expense from prior years. In 2010/2011 we fully expect to make distributions from funds to our communities where and when needed.

D. Vartan Fund

The Vartan Family Fund was established years ago for the purpose of aiding our Prelacy and the Caloust Gulbenkian Secondary School (CBSS) in Ainjar, Lebanon. Per the donor's wishes, 75% of the distribution would go to the Prelacy and 25% to the (CBSS). At the time of distribution the fund was valued at \$1.8 million. The Prelacy's portion was used to close external debt and a portion of day-to-day operations. However, most importantly, in recognition of our appreciation to the Vartan Family, \$650,000 was set aside in the name of John Vartan.

E. Pillars Program

The Pillars program was initiated in 2003 to provide a steady source of income to the Prelacy. This continues to serve as a valuable source of funds which helps us meet the general financial needs of the Prelacy. The Pillars Committee was able to raise approximately \$103,000 during the past year despite the economic difficulties. We extend our thanks to those Pillars who renewed their pledges to this program during the past year and to those newly established Pillars who made the commitment to contribute at least \$1,000 each year to our Prelacy's general operating fund. We also extend our thanks to Rev. Fr. Aram and Yeretzgeen Margaret Stepanian for hosting a Pillars reception in their home on March 27, 2010. Many thanks also to the members of this committee which consists of Mr. Noubar Megerian (Chairman), Mr. Antranig Boudakian, Mr. John Daghlian, Ms. Karen Jehanian, Mr. Raffi Ourlian, Lt. Col. George Rustigian (Ret.) and Mr. Robert Setrakian for their continuing efforts to help grow and sustain this important part of our fundraising activity. We encourage each of you, as NRA delegates, who are not part of the Pillar's program, to join in and become Pillars of the Prelacy and to enlist the support of persons known to you whom you believe are willing to participate in the Pillar's program.

VII. REGIONAL CONFERENCES

The Executive Council devoted a great deal of effort to reach out to the parishes by continuing the sponsorship of the regional conferences to Board of Trustees and NRA Delegates. As a follow-up, 2009 conferences were well received in all three regions.

The regional conferences organized in 2009, included a more interactive agenda within panel discussion groups. The agenda consisted of:

- Pontifical message "Year of the Youth" (New England Regional conference)
- Prelacy activities (New England Regional conference)
- BOT guideline (Mid-West and Mid-Atlantic conferences)
- Five panel discussion groups: Spiritual Awakening, Administrative, Sunday school, Armenian school and role of the Prelacy.
- Each panel presented recommendations for consideration.
- Evaluation form was used to gauge the performance of the conference.

The following time-table depicts the conferences that were held in 2009:

- New England: as reported last year the first conference was held on March 28th and was hosted by Holy Trinity Church, Worcester, MA. Eight New England parishes, total of 51 participants, attended a very successful conference. This conference exhibited a visible young

professional crowd, which discussed the challenges of our Sunday schools and the spiritual awakening of our church.

- Mid-West: the second conference was held on September 26, 2009 and was hosted by Saint Sarkis Church, Dearborn, MI. Five Mid-West parishes, a total of 20 participants attended a fairly successful conference. This conference also included young professionals who recommended mini Datev for the Mid-West region, video taping the Badarak as teaching tool and the use of technology.
- Mid-Atlantic: the third conference was held on October 10, 2009 and was hosted by Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ. Five Mid-Atlantic parishes, a total of 25 participants, attended another successful conference. This conference also included young professionals who emphasized the use of technology to better serve the church.

Majority of the attendees gave a Good to an Excellent rating to overall performance of all three conferences, highly recommended attending a conference in 2010 and recommended more interaction time between parishes. The Executive Council compiled the recommendations from each region, prepared resolutions for each action item and forwarded a copy to perspective parish BOT and NRA Delegates within that region.

In 2010, the Executive Council has planned another follow-up conference to enhance already accepted and promoted interaction between the Prelacy and the parishes. The conferences will include a more interactive atmosphere within the panel discussion groups. The agenda consists of:

- Pontifical message: "The Year of the Armenian Woman"
- Board of Trustees guidelines (New England conference)
- The following panel discussion groups:
 1. Sunday School and Armenian School post graduate youth involvement / responsibilities
 2. Support small parish programs / events
 3. Ways and means to attract new families / parishioners
 4. To serve in the spirit of the By-Laws

The following time-table depicts scheduled conferences in 2010:

- New England: the first conference already executed on March 27th and was hosted again by Holy Trinity Church, Worcester, MA. Seven New England parishes, total of 35 participants, attended a very successful conference. Majority of the attendees gave a Good to an "Excellent" rating to overall performance of the conference.
- Mid-West: the second conference will be scheduled in September.
- Mid-Atlantic: the third conference will be scheduled in October.

Our thanks to all of the parish priests, BOT, NRA delegates, the speakers and facilitators who participated during these regional conferences and provided their input to better serve our church and the community. Our heartfelt thanks to all of the host parishes (Worcester, Detroit and New Jersey) who graciously accepted this responsibility and specifically to the Ladies Guilds of each parish for their hospitality.

The Executive Council is committed to organizing the regional conferences and work with the parish priest, BOT and NRA delegates with the ultimate goal of strengthening the spiritual and cultural life of the church to better serve the community.

VIII. YOUTH - LINKED IN; WEEKEND WORKSHOP

The second annual Linked-In youth conference directed by Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, took place from September 25-27, 2009, at the St. Mary Coptic Orthodox Retreat Center in Charlton, MA. Forty-five students and young professionals between the ages of 18-35 participated in the conference. The general theme for the weekend was "Know Your Church." The weekend's key speakers were Prof. Michael Papazian, Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Archpriest Fr. Antranig Baljian, Archpriest Fr. Aram and Yeretzgin Margaret Stepanian, who respectively spoke about the "Leadership in the Church," "Similarities and Differences Between the Armenian and Orthodox and Catholic Churches," "Christian Values at Home," "The implementation of His Holiness Catholicos Aram I Message '2009 - Year of Armenian Youth' in our lives," and "The Philanthropic Missionary Work Youth May Participate in, and the Inner Mission to Strengthen Our Christian Faith." The Sunday Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Stephan Baljian.

IX. YEAR OF THE ARMENIAN WOMAN

At the beginning of each year His Holiness Aram I issues a pontifical message designating a specific topic or theme for the entire year with the expectation that the topic will be dominant throughout the year. This year His Holiness decreed 2010 as the "Year of the Armenian Woman."

In his message, His Holiness refers to biblical, historical and contemporary reflections that make it imperative to reassess the role of women and men in society. According to the Bible, he writes, God created men and women in His image, (Genesis 1:26); therefore, he explains, women and men are equal in the eyes of God, and partners in caring for the created world. His Holiness further notes that in the New Testament, the "New Eve,"—Mary the Mother of God— plays an important role in the history of salvation. Delving into Armenian history, His Holiness writes about many women who contributed to the survival of the nation and to its spiritual and cultural renaissance by assuming political responsibilities through martyrdom and sainthood, as writers, educators, social workers, and mothers.

His Holiness reflects on important events and documents of the United Nations and the Ecumenical Movement. He cites the achievements of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the UN Decade for Women, and international conferences since 1976 and the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1979. Speaking of the Ecumenical Movement he mentions the Ecumenical Decade of the Churches in Solidarity with Women 1988-1998, which deplored violence against women at home and in society, and the Decade to Overcome Violence.

The Catholicos calls upon all Armenians to reconsider the nature of the partnership of women and men in the Armenian community, its organizations and the family, in view of the moral values taught by the Church and internationally endorsed documents.

As in past years, the Prelacy translated the pontifical message into English and printed booklets with the message in Armenian and English, and distributed the booklets to our parishes. Excerpts from the message were read in our parishes on Sunday, January 31.

The Prelacy Lenten Lectures focused on this general theme of the Year of the Armenian Woman. Details on in the AREC section below.

A five-part study of "Women in the Bible," sponsored by AREC and St. Illuminator's Cathedral started on April 28 and will continue through May 26.

X. PRELACY DEPARTMENTS

A. Armenian Religious Education Council (AREC)

AREC continues to develop, promote and implement, as well as provide support for various Christian educational programs and endeavors of the Prelacy. AREC revised and implemented applicable resolutions from the 2009 NRA and regional workshops. Below is a highlight of its activities.

Youth Programs

St. Gregory of Datev Institute Summer Program

The St. Gregory of Datev Institute held its 23rd annual Armenian Christian Studies Program at the St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson, Pennsylvania, June 26-July 5, 2009. Fifty-one students (mostly 13-18 years old) from ten parishes attended the Program, with the participation of 10 clergy and lay instructors, under the directorship of His Grace Bishop Anoushavan, the Vicar General.

The Institute is a four-year program (one week each summer) for youth ages 13-18. Students who complete the four-year curriculum have the option to return for postgraduate classes. Classes for the five levels of study take place concurrently. Every day the students participate in 30-minute morning and evening worship services, attend six hours of interactive classes, panel discussions and Bible studies, and enjoy recreational and communal activities.

The instructors of the Institute last year were: Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Rev. Fr. Khoren Habeshian, Rev. Fr. Antranig Baljian, Rev. Fr. Nerses Manoogian, Rev. Fr. Sarkis Aktavoukian, Rev. Fr. Stephan Baljian, Dn. Shant Kazanjian, Dn. Bedros Kalajian, Dn. James Haddad, Mrs. Denise Borekjian and Ms. Jeanette Nazarian. The guest instructors were: Rev. Fr. Paul Tarazi, Professor of Biblical Studies and Biblical Languages at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary; Michael Papazian, Associate Professor and Chairman of the Religion and Philosophy Department of Berry College; and Edward G. Mathews, Recurring Visiting Professor of Early Christian Languages and Literature and Director of Research at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary.

The Appendix lists the number of participants per community, per year, since the inception of the Institute (1987).

The Institute extends its appreciation to those parishes that subsidized a portion of the expenses by providing scholarships, to the Pashalian Family Education Fund and to the following for their generous support and donations: Mr. and Mrs. Hagop Kouyoumdjian (New Jersey), Dr. and Mrs. Dertad Manguikian (Maryland), The Prelacy Ladies Guild (PLG), the National Association of Ladies' Guilds (NALG), Artemis Chapter of the Armenian Relief Society (Pennsylvania), Mrs. Asdghig Kazanjian (owner of Armenian Delight in Pennsylvania), and to individual donors from PA-NY-NJ area.

Plans are under way for the 24th annual St. Gregory of Datev Institute Summer Program, scheduled to take place at the St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson, Pennsylvania, June 25-July 4, 2010. A detailed Datev mini-site is on the Prelacy website.

Youth Conference in LA: July 24-26, 2009

Dn. Shant led a small group of college students to participate in the first Armenian Church Youth Association (ACYA) Summer Conference sponsored by the Western Prelacy, under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Moushegh Mardirosian, Prelate. Held at the Western Prelacy, from July 24-26, 2009, the three day conference, entitled "Spiritual Growth," included lectures, Bible studies, roundtable discussions, worship services and fellowship.

Sunday Schools

Local Seminars. At the invitation of the pastor and the Sunday School director of Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church, Providence, Rhode Island, Dn. Shant conducted a three-hour seminar for the teachers and staff members on the Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak), on November 15, 2009. AREC provides the opportunity for all parishes to host local seminars for their Sunday School teachers and staff members. A list of seminar topics is made available to our parishes, seminars that the AREC Director conducts.

National Conference

Plans are under way for a National Conference for Sunday School teachers to take place in the Fall of 2010. The theme for the weekend conference will be the Feasts of the Armenian Church, in keeping with AREC's comprehensive plan to cover the basic essentials of Armenian Christianity. These conferences aim to provide the opportunity for our teachers to gain a broad knowledge and understanding of our faith, basic pedagogical skills to teach children, a forum for teachers to network ideas and programs.

PROGRAMS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Conference for BOT and NRA delegates

The AREC Director participated in two regional conferences for pastors, boards of trustees, and NRA delegates, organized by the Prelacy, and facilitated the panel on Sunday School - St. Sarkis Armenian Church in Dearborn, Michigan, on September 26, 2009, and Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church in Ridgefield, New Jersey, on October 10, 2009.

Course on the Creed (Havadamk)

Dn. Shant developed and conducted a six-part course for adults on "The Creed" (Havadamk), a program co-sponsored by and held at St. Illuminator's Cathedral in New York City. Over twenty people attended the course, which was held twice a month from November 2009 to February 2010.

Prelacy Lenten Program

A six-part Prelacy Lenten Program was held on Wednesdays of Great Lent (February 17 to March 24), at St. Illuminator's Cathedral. The Program included a 30-minute Husgoom service, an instructional component, followed by a meal fellowship, held under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan.

Since His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, proclaimed 2010 as the "Year of the Armenian Woman," the Lenten lectures spotlighted and celebrated the vital role and mission of the women in the life of the Armenian Church and nation, both in the past and in the present.

The topics and speakers were: Women Witnesses of Christ in the Armenian Church, Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, Pastor of St. Illuminator's Cathedral (NYC); Women as Guardians of Armenian Family Values, Mrs. Iris Papazian; Women as Mothers and Wives, Rev. Fr. Hovnan Bozoian, Pastor of Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church (NJ); St. Mary - Paradigm of Discipleship and Holiness, Rev. Fr. Nareg Terterian, Pastor of St. Sarkis Armenian Church (NY); Women as Charity Workers, Mrs. Valentine Berberian; Women as Christian Educators Today, Yerezgeen Joanna Baghsarian.

The program was co-sponsored by AREC, the Prelacy Ladies Guild (PLG) and the St. Illuminator's Cathedral Ladies Guild.

Women in the Bible

Plans are under way for a new six-part Bible study focusing on women in the Bible. Co-sponsored by St. Illuminator's Cathedral, the program is scheduled to take place in April-May, 2010, and it will be conducted by Dn. Shant Kazanjian.

Pilgrimage to Lebanon and Syria

St. Gregory of Datev is organizing a unique pilgrimage to Lebanon and Syria, on the occasion of the 95th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, from August 2-16, 2010. The pilgrimage is not limited to the students of the institute. The itinerary includes visits to Der Zor and Forty Martyrs' cathedral in Syria, Ainjar and the Holy See of the Catholicosate of Cilicia in Lebanon, and a host of biblical and historical sites and shrines in Syria and Lebanon. The details of the pilgrimage are posted on the Prelacy website.

B. Armenian National Education Committee (ANEC)

For more than thirty years, the Armenian National Education Committee (ANEC) was co-sponsored by the Prelacy and the Armenian Relief Society of the Eastern United States. But since June 2006, the ANEC office was inactive, as indicated in our annual reports for the past four years.

During the fiscal year 2007/2008, the Prelacy Executive Council and the ARS Regional Executive appointed a special joint committee to revise the ANEC By-Laws and to draft new guidelines for the operations of the ANEC office. The committee completed its work and submitted the revised By-Laws and the new guidelines to the Executive Council and the ARS Regional Executive. Both documents were approved by the Executive Council in September 2007.

Last September, the Prelacy Executive Council and the ARS Regional Executive agreed to appoint a six member joint committee to reactivate the ANEC office. Consequently, the Prelacy appointed Vartan Matiossian, Asbed Vasilian and Haroutioun Meserlian. The ARS appointed Margaret Babigian, Suzy Cherkezian and Lucin Kemurjian. The first meeting of the committee was held on March 20, 2010, under the auspices of Archbishop Oshagan. A working plan was developed and Vartan Matiossian was appointed liason of the ANEC committee to contact the Armenian day and Saturday schools and update the ANEC records. On March 24, 2010, a circular letter was sent to all of our parishes to announce the reactivation of the ANEC office.

1. An Online Course in Modern Western Armenian

A major initiative of ANEC this year was the launching of an online course in Modern Western Armenian. The course is a full introductory language course based on Thomas Samuelian's popular textbook, originally published by ANEC in 1989 and reprinted in 2000. This on-line course was designed by a team from Arak-29 Charitable Foundation (Yerevan) with partial financial support by the Eastern Prelacy. The course is accessible through our web page. The on-line course can be supplemented with three textbooks by Tom Samuelian, published by ANEC. The books are available at the Prelacy Bookstore and include the one mentioned above, "A Course in Modern Western Armenian"; "Dictionary and Linguistic Notes"; and "Armenian Dictionary in Transliteration."

C. Bookstore

For the past three years the Prelacy bookstore is being managed by Rita Gragossian on a part time basis. The annual sales during the past fiscal year totalled an all time low of \$20,318.18.

D. Hovsep and Suzanne Hagopian Library

Currently the library collection includes more than 13,000 volumes. Due to space limitations and structural conditions of the Prelacy building, plans are being made to reduce the collection by donating a large part of the collection to the National Library of Armenia and the Library of the Catholicosate of Cilicia in Antelias, Lebanon.

E. Other Organizations and Committees

1. Prelacy Ladies Guild (PLG)

The current members of the PLG are: Seda Andrikian, Sima Artinoff, Marion Boudakian, Linda Chirinian, Amy Gostanian, Lillian Hairabedian, Gemma Melik Vartanian, Lilian Merdinian, Diana Minassian, Seta Nalbandian, Annie Pampanini, Anna Piliguiian, Lucille Sahagian, Anna Semerdjian, Silvia Setrakian, Ovsanna Tatarian, Rita Tatevossian, Nayda Voskerijian and Silva Zadourian.

During the 2009-2010 fiscal year the Prelacy Ladies Guild sponsored receptions and extended support for AREC projects as follows:

- Prelate's Christmas Reception
- Musical Armenia Concert Reception
- St. Gregory of Datev Institute
- The Lenten Lecture services.

Last year the PLG "Mother's Day Luncheon" was held on May 21, 2009, at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Rene Chirinian in New Canaan, CT. This year the luncheon will be held on May 10, 2010, at New York Palace Hotel, New York City.

In addition to the above activities, PLG members participate on regular basis, in all humanitarian projects and campaigns that the Prelacy undertakes. We thank them all for their dedication.

2. National Association of Ladies Guilds (NALG)

The 2007 - 2008 NALG Executive Members are:

Mary Derderian, Chairlady, Rose Gerjekian, Vice-Chairlady, Yerchanig Joy Callan, Recording Secretary, Yn. Margaret Stepanian, Correspondence Secretary, Victoria Jamjyan, Treasurer, Agnes Bianco, Past Chairlady/Advisor, Rita Tatevossian, Past Chairlady/Historian.

This NALG Executive met 9 times this year. The modes of meetings have been replaced by electronic mail or phone calls. This year's NALG Executive's fundraisers for its treasury were the annual raffle, sales of kitchen towels and stationery packs depicting a pomegranate.

The annual raffle proceeds went to St. Gregory Institute of Datev.

One of this year's goals was to update the current By-Laws. Each member guild was given a copy for their perusal and updates to the current set of By-Laws. It seems that a large concern among the members is the definition of membership. This topic will be on the agenda of the 2010 NALG Annual Meeting.

During this year, The Year of the Woman, the NALG Executive is planning on honoring Centenarian Yeretzgin Sirarpi Khoyan, of Soorp Khatch Church, Bethesda, Maryland who will be celebrating her 106th Birthday in December.

The 26th Annual Conference at All Saint's Church, Glenview, Illinois was postponed due to the failing economy. To compensate, the NALG participated in three regional seminars. One was held and hosted by the Ladies' Guild at St. Gregory's of Merrimack Valley in North Andover, Massachusetts on August 8, 2009 with over 50 women in attendance. Another was held at the Prelacy under the auspices of Srpazan Oshagan Choloyan on October 17, 2009 with 40 women present. The 2010 Regional Seminar was held on April 17, at Sts. Vartanantz Church in Providence, Rhode Island. Ladies' Guild members and Yeretzgins from the New England Churches were represented.

3. Musical Armenia

The 27th Musical Armenia concert took place on Sunday, March 21, 2010 at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, in New York City. The concert featured two talented musicians: Tanya Gabrielian, piano; and Natalie Aroyan, soprano. It was particularly significant that this year both featured artists were women, since 2010 was designated as the "Year of the Armenian Woman" by His Holiness Aram I.

Following the concert a reception for the artists and benefactors took place at the Prelacy, hosted by His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan and the Prelacy Ladies' Guild.

XI. ARMENIA PROJECTS

A. Yerevan Office

St. Nerses the Great Charitable and Social Organization, our charitable agency, which is located at 6A Koriun Street in Yerevan, continues to efficiently manage our programs in Armenia, as it has done for the past seventeen years. The four-member office staff, including the Director, the Deputy Director, the Secretary and the Accountant, perform their duties with exemplary dedication and loyalty. In addition to their on-going daily work, they volunteer to provide counseling or practical assistance to orphans or their family

members in various matters. Last summer alone, our office staff assisted 30 orphans for their free admission to different universities.

This year, the administrative cost of our office in Armenia, including salaries, payroll, social security and property taxes, utilities, transportation, office equipment and supplies totalled \$36,573.00.

B. Orphan's Program

The Orphan's Program, which was established in 1993, continues to be our most successful charitable program in Armenia. In the course of the past fifteen years, almost two million dollars of assistance has been distributed to more than 1500 orphans under the age of 18.

As reported last year, this program was originally established to assist orphaned children, whose fathers lost their lives in the defense of Armenia and Artsakh. Since many of these children are now grown up and at age 18 are being taken off this program, they are gradually being replaced by other orphans, who have lost both parents and are certified by the Ministry of Social Affairs as extremely needy children.

Last year a total of \$105,000.00 was distributed to 600 orphans in the form of monthly stipends. Currently 560 children are enrolled in the program, thanks to the generosity of 367 individual sponsors.

C. Noubarashen Orphanage

Because of the general economic conditions, we did not undertake any renovation work at the Noubarashen orphanage during the past year. However, with the gradual improvement of the economy, the next phase of renovation, which will include the classrooms on the second floor of the building, may be considered for later this year or next summer.

With the active support of our office in Yerevan, this year a vegetable garden and a small chicken farm were established on the grounds of the orphanage. The renovation of the small swimming pool at the orphanage will be accomplished very soon, through individual donations totalling \$6,000.00.

D. Happy Family

The aim of this program is to financially support disabled veterans of the Artsakh war and their families. The program was inaugurated in September, 2008 with the financial support of Mr. and Mrs. Sarkis Arslanian and members of their immediate family. Ten families have been receiving a monthly assistance of 30,000.00 Trams for the past twenty months. Last year \$10,800.00 was distributed through this program.

Besides this program, our community in Chicago continues to support, for the past three years, a disabled man, who was paralyzed during the earthquake in 1988. Each month an assistance of \$200.00 is provided to him through our office in Yerevan.

E. Datev Music School of Nor Malatya

This year again we allocated \$3,600.00 to the Datev Music School of Nor Malatya, one of the most impoverished neighborhoods of Yerevan. The school is basically a brass ensemble of boys, ages 8-18, who receive free musical education and training and fre-

quently perform at public events. Many graduates of this school continue their musical training at the Yerevan State Conservatory. Currently, 40 students are enrolled in this school under the supervision of a director and four teachers, who volunteer their time for this school.

F. Scholarships

Scholarships totaling \$4,050.00 were distributed this year to university students. The contributors to this project were Mr. and Mrs. Zohrab Tazian the vice chairman of the Executive Council, and Ms. Azniv Jebejian from Philadelphia, PA.

G. Armenia Fund USA

Archbishop Oshagan represents the Catholicosate of Cilicia on the Board of Trustees of Armenia Fund USA.

As always, we supported all the programs and events of the Armenia Fund USA. During the traditional Thanksgiving weekend telethon, special plate collections were made in all our parish churches.

H. United Armenian Fund

As a member organization of the United Armenian Fund, we made our annual contribution of \$11,000.00 to the operating budget of the Fund. We also maintained close relationships with the office of the United Armenian Fund in securing and shipping humanitarian goods to Armenia.

XII. OTHER PROJECTS

A. NOR GILIGIA

The Holy See of Cilicia has undertaken the reconstruction of a border village in Artsakh which will be called "Nor Giligia." The project was approved by the World General Assembly of the Catholicosate in December 2008. Each prelacy under the jurisdiction of the Cilician See agreed to assume a portion of the overall project which includes the building of sixty new homes, schools, medical center, church and meeting hall. The government of Artsakh will assume all of the infrastructure improvements necessary, such as new roads, improvements of old roads, and basic utilities. Our Prelacy's responsibility will be the cost of constructing four homes which totals \$140,000, payable in three annual installments. A mass mailing appeal went out early this year and our parishes were asked to have two plate offerings for this purpose. As of the date of this report, we have raised \$25,328.

B. HAITI EARTHQUAKE

The earthquake in Haiti was a major disaster with a great deal of loss of life. The small and impoverished country continues to need help and will most likely need it for many years to come. We asked our parishes to have a special plate collection for Haiti. The amount raised from the parishes and from donations sent by individuals to the Prelacy was \$11,787, which was sent to the American Red Cross for their Haiti relief fund. We received an acknowledgement from the Red Cross for our donation.

C. PRELACY BUILDING RENOVATION

The Prelacy building is over 100-years old. Originally built as a brownstone 4-story residential apartment building, in 1972 it was converted to office space to house the Prelacy. In 1986 basic renovations were made and the building was extended.

Currently the building is in need of major repair. Studies are being made to determine the proper course of action.

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

A. PRELACY WEBSITE ENHANCEMENT

Our website was redesigned during the past fiscal year. We are now in the process of updating and adding more information to the various categories. We are still way behind the latest technology, but we are catching up. During the coming year we hope to utilize audio and video to a greater extent through our web page, where lectures, sermons, meditations can be shared for everyone's benefit.

B. PUBLICITY

The newspaper industry is also in the midst of great changes in the way it disseminates news. For example the Armenian Reporter is strictly a web-based newspaper now. We continue to submit press releases of our activities to the Armenian newspapers, radio and television outlets, as well as the Groong network on a regular basis. Releases and photographs are posted on our web site. Prelacy events are listed in our calendar of events, as well as on various other popular internet sites.

C. OUTREACH

The role of *Outreach* is also changing. The modern forms of communications are so instantaneous that print publications can no longer compete in communicating news and events. The cost is also negligible compared to printing. To print and mail one issue of Outreach costs a minimum of \$14,000, not counting in-house labor. However, we feel that there is still a role for Outreach in our communications program; two issues per year specifically as an outlet for serious (but not necessarily scholarly) articles about church history, liturgy and dogma and exploration and discussion of topics and issues relevant to the Church today. This requires a greater effort and challenge for us in attracting qualified writers and thinkers to contribute thoughtful and interesting articles. It is a challenge that we will undertake during the 2010-11 fiscal year.

D. CROSSROADS

Crossroads, our weekly electronic newsletter, has become our basic means of communicating. It is the fastest, the most efficient, and cost-effective means of communication. It is transmitted every Thursday afternoon, with an occasional special issue for specific events or topics. The number of recipients continues to increase, but we need to increase the number substantially. In this endeavor we need the help of all of our parishes to collect and relay to us email addresses of all of their members, including all of their young people and especially those who are attending colleges and universities away from home. During this coming year we are going to expend much effort in increasing the number of recipients by contacting our parishes directly on a regular basis for email addresses.

E. OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. *Diary*

The 2010 Prelacy Pocket Diary is dedicated to the 80th anniversary of the establishment of the Catholicosate of the Great House of Cilicia in Antelias, with a photo of the Cathedral of St. Gregory the Illuminator on the cover. The diary has been published continuously since 1974 and continues to be very popular. We receive many comments of thanks and appreciation.

2. *The Armenian Prelacy: The Fabric of Armenian Christian Life*

A revised, updated and redesigned brochure about the Prelacy was printed this year specifically for use in the Pillars program. However, it can be used for any occasion as it concisely explains the Prelacy's mission.

3. *Year of the Armenian Woman: Message of H.H. Aram I*

Aram Vehapar's Pontifical Message proclaiming 2010 as the Year of the Armenian Woman was printed in booklet form in Armenian and English and distributed to our parishes. See Section IX for information about our activities in celebration of the Year of the Armenian Woman.

4. *A Journey of Faith: A Comprehensive History of the Prelacy*

A Journey of Faith, a history of the Prelacy was undertaken as a 50th anniversary project. The narrative was researched and written by Iris Papazian and it is now being prepared for printing. Our goal is to have finished books in September 2010.

XIV. MEDALS, HONORS AND CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

A. Honors and Medals

Rank of Archpriest and Floral Mantle

Rev. Archpriest Aram Stepanian

Pectoral Cross

Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian

Knight of Cilicia

Jack Mardoian, Esq.

Awards

Dr. Antranig Ovasapian, Man of the Year

Congressman Mark Steven Kirk, Spirit of Armenia

Armenian Youth Federation, Youth Leadership Award

Hamazkaine Cultural Association, Youth Leadership Award

Homenentmen, Youth Leadership Award

Setrag Agonian, Prelacy Medal

B. Certificates of Merit

Peter Ounjian, Onnik Petrossian, John Dagdigian, Violet Dagdigian, Allen Bud Nelson, Charles Salbashian, Levon Saryan, Mark Olson, Mary Olson, Paul Mahdesian, Sara Mikaelian, Shirley Saryan, Zohrab Khaligian, Agop Demirdjian, Eric Avedisian, Taline Hagopian, Chris Bennettson and Kenarig Zamgochian.

XV. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We express our thanks:

- To all of our donors whose generous support makes it possible for us to maintain and expand the scope of our Church's mission.
- To all of the dedicated members of our community who served on various Prelacy committees for special events.
- To the members of the Prelacy Ladies Guild, AREC committee members, and the Trustees of the Endowment Fund for their dedicated service.
- To all of the members of our church boards and local church communities who work so diligently.
- To all the members of the Prelacy Staff who in a true spirit of cooperation go beyond expectations.
- To Iris Papazian whose service to the Prelacy extends far beyond *Outreach* and includes the dissemination of all of our public communications, including our popular E-Newsletter, *Crossroads*.
- To all of our Faithful who accept our ministry in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

XVI. IN MEMORIAM

During the past year we mourned the passing of the following supporters and members of our greater family:

Rev. Archpriest Torkom Hagopian, Pastor Emeritus of St. Stephen's Church of Watertown, MA

Rev. Archpriest Anoushavan Artinian, former Pastor of St. Gregory Church, Indian Orchard, MA

Rev. Archpriest Vatche Nakashian, former Pastor of Sts. Asdvadzadzin Church, Whitinsville, MA

Jack Papazian, NRA delegate

Antranig Khathadourian, father of Executive Council Chairman Hagop Khatchadourian

Antranig Sarkissian, Prelacy Endowment Fund Trustee

Edward and Shirlee Kerbeyikian, Prelacy Pillars

Vahram Giragossian, son of late Der Khatchadour Giragossian

Diramayr Isguhi Lakissian, mother of Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian

Alan Callian, former BOT member of St. Sarkis Church, New York.

Aghavni Bashian, former Director of AREC

Arpine Shrikian, Yeretskeen of Rev. Archpriest Gorun Shrikian and former Chairlady of NALG.

Asbed Marashian, member of Prelacy Auditing Committee and former Board member of Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ridgefield, NJ.

XVII. CONCLUSION

Now that you have had an opportunity to review the report of the Religious and Lay Councils, collectively known as the Executive Council, we trust that you have a better understanding of the many challenges and opportunities facing our parishes and Prelacy. These challenges can be met and overcome and the opportunities can be realized.

As stated at the beginning of this report, "the mission of our Prelacy is to teach the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and to promote the religious, educational, cultural, and the social issues relevant to the Armenian people. The challenge is to integrate 2000 years of culture and history with modern techniques and practices."

Faith and service, a re-commitment to our roots as Armenian Christians – our core and fundamental beliefs and our rich cultural heritage – while advancing through the use of technology to communicate our spiritual beliefs are the keys to our success.

In this light, we (BOTs, NRA delegates and EC) as leaders and representatives of our community must:

1. Train and recruit leaders
2. Hold ourselves to a higher standard
3. Hold our religious and Armenian School students to a higher standard and keep them close to the church
4. Set a good example through our collective leadership, faith and understanding.

When we work together in the spirit of our Lord to enrich each other's efforts - Parish and Parishioner; Pastor and Parish; and Parish and Prelacy, everyone gains and our communities grow stronger in their faith and service. And it will be at that time that we can realize our true potential.

With each other and for each other...

Respectfully submitted,

Hagop Khatchadourian, Chairman

Zohrab Tazian, Vice Chairman

Karen Jehanian, Secretary

Raffi Ourlian, Treasurer

John Daghlian

Raffi Manjikian

XVIII. APPENDIX

Parish Statistics (see following page)

P a r i s h S t a t i s t i c s – M a y 2 0 0 8 - A p r i l 2 0 0 9

Church	Pastor	Dues Paying Parish	Members Mailing List	Sunday Schools Teach./Stu.	Armenian Schools Teach./Stu.	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	Budget
St. Illuminator's, New York, NY	Rev. M. Lakkisian	235	1500	4/18	7/37	3	5	28	\$244,500
St. Sarkis, Douglaston, NY	Rev. N. Terterian	135	525	-/-	12/36	24	5	26	\$243,538
St. Hagop, Niagara Falls, NY	Rev. V. Bekiarian (visiting)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Holy Cross, Troy, NY	Rev. B. Shetilian	57	135	1/3	-/-	-	-	3	\$80,290
St. John, Syracuse, NY	Rev. B. Shetilian (visiting)	15	-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	n/a
Sts. Vartanantz, Ridgefield, NJ	Rev. H. Bozoian	300	1027	11/137	10/105	29	12	22	\$299,180
St. Stephen's, New Britain, CT	Rev. K. Kechichian	96	200	2/10	-/-	-	-	4	\$89,600
Sourp Khatch, Bethesda, MD	Rev. S. Aktavoukian	374	700	-/-	11/73	16	3	13	\$284,557
St. Gregory, Philadelphia, PA	Rev. N. Manoogian	489	585	10/98	3/14	30	14	19	\$404,100
St. Stephen's, Watertown, MA	Rev. A. Baljian	600	950	13/144	41/315	22	13	35	\$417,506
St. Gregory, North Andover, MA	Rev. V. Bekiarian (visiting)	95	300	6/50	6/45	3	2	12	\$170,000
St. Asdvadzadzin, Whitinsville, MA	Rev. A. Stepanian	146	300	9/44	-/-	1	-	5	\$167,961
Holy Trinity, Worcester, MA	Rev. K. Boghossian	145	320	2/7	-/-	9	1	9	\$152,264
St. Gregory, Indian Orchard, MA	Rev. B. Shetilian	86	225	2/12	2/8	-	-	3	\$57,329
St. Vartanantz, Providence, RI	Rev. G. Baghsarian	366	75	16/60	9/64	20	7	22	\$345,000
St. Sarkis, Dearborn, MI	Rev. D. Stepanian	493	1095	8/71	5/40	16	7	33	\$414,620
St. Paul, Waukegan, IL	V. Rev. D. Garabedian	20	-	-	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$29,000
St. Gregory, Granite City, IL	Rev. S. Baljian	48	300	3/6	-/-	-	-	1	\$89,438
All Saints, Glenview, IL	Rev. S. Sahagian	125	695	-/-	14/138	11	7	12	\$292,100
Holy Cross, North Royalton, OH	Rev. V. Bekiarian (visiting)	15	25	-	-	-	-	-	n/a
St. Hagop, Racine, WI	V. Rev. D. Garabedian	98	120	4/12	4/21	1	1	1	\$111,112

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St. Sarkis, Douglaston, NY	Rev. N. Terterian	188	600	2/4	12/38	28	11	24	\$216,750
St. Hagop, Niagara Falls, NY	Rev. K. Kusbekian (visiting)	28	80	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	3	n/a
Holy Cross, Troy, NY	Rev. B. Shetilian	48	125	3/13	-/-	1	-/-	1	\$76,125
Sts. Vartanantz, Ridgefield, NJ	Rev. H. Bozoian	320	1040	12/139	12/91	28	8	22	\$330,240
St. Stephen's, New Britain, CT	Rev. K. Kechichian	122	200	3/11	-/-	-/-	-/-	4	\$87,100
Sourp Khatch, Bethesda, MD	Rev. S. Aktavoukian	378	700	-/-	15/77	8	4	9	\$289,785
St. Gregory, Philadelphia, PA	Rev. N. Manoogian	437	761	15/88	3/14	21	3	24	\$389,500
St. Stephen's, Watertown, MA	Rev. A. Baljian	565	931	14/152	48/318	16	7	28	\$438,300
St. Gregory, North Andover, MA	Rev. V. Bekiarian (visiting)	91	260	10/48	6/42	2	1	5	\$138,200
St. Asdvadzadzin, Whitinsville, MA	Rev. A. Stepanian	144	280	6/37	-/-	1	-/-	4	\$187,150
Holy Trinity, Worcester, MA	Rev. K. Boghossian	124	315	2/6	-/-	-/-	-/-	10	\$142,500
St. Gregory, Indian Orchard, MA	Rev. B. Shetilian	86	225	2/11	-/-	1	2	2	\$61,700
St. Vartanantz, Providence, RI	Rev. G. Baghsarian	527	780	9/60	10/56	12	9	29	\$312,000
St. Sarkis, Dearborn, MI	Rev. D. Stepanian	473	1040	10/63	4/45	22	7	28	\$465,650
St. Paul, Waukegan, IL	V. Rev. D. Garabedian	19	70	1/4	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	\$26,600
St. Gregory, Granite City, IL	Rev. S. Baljian	46	275	3/6	-/-	5	1	4	\$114,500
All Saints, Glenview, IL	Rev. S. Sahagian	125	705	-/-	20/119	15	3	12	\$320,000
Holy Cross, North Royalton, OH	Rev. V. Bekiarian (visiting)	15	25	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	n/a
St. Hagop, Racine, WI	V. Rev. D. Garabedian	98	120	5/13	4/18	-/-	-/-	-/-	\$111,000

St. Gregory of Davev Institute Statistics (1987-2009)

Year	Total # of participants	# of communities represented	Soup Khatch (MD)	St. Gregory's (PA)	Sis. Vartanantz (NJ)	St. Sarkis (NY)	St. Illuminator's Cathedral (NYC)	St. Paul (IL)	St. Gregory (IL)	St. Hagop (WI)	Arm Ch of LA / St. Sarkis (CA)	Holy Cross (NY)	St. Stephen (CT)	Sis. Vartanantz (RI)	St. Stephen (MA)	St. Gregory (N. Andover, MA)	Holy Trinity (MA)	St. Gregory (Indian Orchard)	St. Asdvadzdzin (MA)	St. Sarkis (MI)	St. Gregory (FL)	Holy Cross/St. Mary/Arm Presb (I)	Soup Hagop (Montreal)	Soup Nishan (Cambridge)	St. Asdvadzdzin (Toronto)	St. Gregory (BC)	France
1987	16	7	2	3	3	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
1988	18	10	1	3	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
1989	20	11	1	3	4	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
1990	30	11	2	3	5	3	0	3	0	0	2	1	0	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1991	46	11	1	6	12	5	4	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
1992	55	12	2	10	13	8	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	8	1	1	0	0
1993	56	12	1	7	14	9	0	2	0	0	3	4	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	8	1	1	0	0
1994	72	15	2	12	19	13	1	2	0	0	3	5	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	1	1	0	0
1995	56	11	2	10	25	7	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
1996	74	14	2	9	31	5	0	5	1	0	3	0	3	2	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	0
1997	78	12	3	14	31	10	0	2	1	0	3	0	2	2	1	0	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1998	45	13	0	3	20	3	1	3	1	0	1	0	1	4	1	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
1999	67	13	0	8	20	11	0	4	1	0	1	0	1	9	2	0	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2000	48	10	0	8	10	7	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2001	66	13	2	10	13	7	10	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	7	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
2002	72	11	0	9	17	14	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	6	7	1	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2003	72	10	0	14	14	5	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	6	7	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	5
2004	76	13	1	14	16	12	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	9	3	5	5	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
2005	75	14	1	13	10	10	6	5	0	0	1	0	0	12	2	7	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	0
2006	71	13	2	17	11	6	6	5	0	0	1	0	0	13	1	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2007	75	14	4	14	15	3	8	5	0	0	1	0	2	11	3	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
2008	72	10	5	8	15	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	8	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	53	10	4	7	19	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Participants per parish from 1987-2009	13	69	117	53	30	7	1	3	5	8	35	15	13	10	7	4	1	1	1	3	20	1	7	1	1	5	

Over 430 individuals have attended the Summer Program since the inception of the Institute in 1987.

The last row represents the number of individuals that have attended the Program since 1987.

Since the Institute is a four-year program, many of the participants have attended the program more than once, but that is not reflected here.

Parishes that are not shown have not had participants.



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