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Badarak 101: Talk 1 @ St. Yeghiche!

The southern Apse and part of the left side of the main part of the beautiful cathedral of St. Yeghiche was packed on Sunday, 20 June, with Armenians and their friends who have come to participate in the first talk of the "Badarak 101" course by Fr. Vahan Hovhanessian, Primate. The talk started with explanations of basic definitions and evolved into exploring the biblical foundations of the concept of fellowship meal in remembrance of God's saving act



and love. Fr. Vahan, referring to several quotations from the Old Testament, demonstrated that the Lord's Last Supper was a memorial meal for the remembrance and celebration of God's covenant with His people through the Passover event. He then elaborated on how our Lord systematically and carefully orchestrated the events of the Last Supper to convert this Old Testament memorial meal into a perpetual presence of His body and blood as portions of His eternal sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins. Approximately 100 people



attended the talk and participated in a very enlightening period of Q&A, which was followed by a fellowship period. The lecture was streamed live online. If you missed the first talk, you can join us for the second talk which will take place this Sunday, 27 June at 1:30pm in the St. Yeghiche Cathedral. Fr. Vahan will offer a brief review of the main conclusions covered in the first talk, at the beginning of the second talk. All

are welcome. Admission is free.

AREV Children's Play Group at St. Sarkis for Pre-School Children

The *St. Sarkis Pastoral Committee* is happy to invite young parents to a day of fun and games through Armenian songs, storytelling and other exciting activities on **Sunday 4 July 2010**. Parents' participation is essential. This is the inaugural event which will be followed by monthly gatherings for children. Special sermon for children.

- 11:00 AM Programme & refreshments in the Nevart Gulbenkian Hall
- 12:00-12:30 PM Children and parents attend church service (Badarak),

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Join Us Tomorrow, Saturday, 26 June for "A Church and Community in the 21st Century"

A CONVERSATION WITH THE NEW PRIMATE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH IN GREAT BRITAIN: The *Pastoral Council* of St. Sarkis Church has the pleasure of inviting all interested to meet our new Primate, the Very Rev. Dr. Vahan *Dz. Vardapet* Hovhanessian, who was elected the leader of the Armenian Church in Great Britain earlier this year. In a conversational ("talk show") format, tomorrow, **Saturday, 26 June 2010, 4:00-5:30 PM**, Fr. Vahan will discuss his vision and mission for the church and community in this first decade of the 21st century. Fr. Vahan has over 20 years of pastoral experience in the United States, where he served as pastor in several churches and, as a Biblical scholar, is the author of a number of books and publications on the Scriptures and the theology of the Armenian Church. This gathering will accord an opportunity to St. Sarkis Church community to get to know our Primate as a person, as a scholar/teacher and as a pastor. All are welcome. Reception to follow.

British-Armenian Relations: Meet Her Majesty's Ambassador to Armenia

The Armenian Church of Great Britain, under the auspices of The Very Revd

Dr. Vahan Hovhanessian, Primate, has the pleasure of inviting members of the Armenian community for a conversation with HM Ambassador on issues that are relevant to the development of relations between Britain and Armenia. The reception will take place in the Nevrat Gulbenkian Hall, Iverna Gardens, London, on Friday, 9 July at 7:30pm. **His Excellency Charles Lonsdale** has been HM Ambassador to Armenia since January 2008. He joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1987 and has served in Vienna (1988-9), Budapest (1990-93) and Moscow (1998-2003), as well as a variety of positions in London. The Pastoral Council of St. Sarkis Church will host a reception afterwards.



This Sunday: Badarak 101–Contemplorary Commentary

This Sunday, 27 June, **at 1:30pm** [← please note the change in time], the *Continuing Education Ministry* (CEM) of the Diocese of the Armenian Church in the UK cordially invites you to the second session of the minicourse, "Badarak 101: Biblical Origins, Historical Review and Contemporary Commentary." The talk will be offered by our Primate, the Very Revd Dr. Vahan Hovhanessian, and will offer a contemporary commentary to the prayers, hymns and litanies of the Badarak as celebrated today. All are welcome. Admission is free. The session will be streamed live online. Your friends who cannot join you at St. Yeghiche, and even people outside London and the UK, can watch the lecture online by accessing the following link: http://www.ustream.tv/channel/badarak-101

How To Watch CEM Lectures Online Live!

The *Continuing Educational Ministry* (CEM) is happy to announce that the two sessions of the *Badarak 101* course (to be offered Sundays, 20th and 27th of June at St. Yeghiche Church) will be streamed live online. You can watch the lecture and participate online and even ask questions live from the comfort of your home in London, Manchester, Dublin, Cardiff or even New York, by accessing the following link: http://www.ustream.tv/channel/badarak-101. Please note that you have to access the site **prior to the time of the lecture** to log in. You need to establish a free account with a login name and password to be able to watch and participate in the live stream of the lecture.

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«Փատատեա՛ սյաւս եւ բժշկեա՛ սիիւանդութիւնս ի ժողովրդենէ քումմէ, Տէր Աստուած մեր, եւ շնորհեա՛ ամենեյուն սկատարեալ առողջութիւն նշանաւ ամենայաղթ Խաչի քո. որով բարձեր ստկարութիւն ասզի մարդկան, եւ դատապարտեցեր սքշնամին կենաց եւ փրկութեան մերոյ։ Դու ես կեանք մեր եւ փրկութիւն, բարերար եւ բասումողորմ Աստուած. որ միայն կարող ես քողուլ սմեղս, եւ մերժել սախտս եւ սիիւանդութիւնս ի մէնջ. որում յայտնի են պէտք կարեաց մերոց։ Պարգեւիչդ բարեաց՝ պարգեւեա՛ սատատ ողորմութիւն քո ի վերայ արարածոց քոց՝ ըստ իւրաքնչիւր պիտոյից. յորոց հանապաս փատաւորեալ գովի ամենասուրբ Երրորդութիւնդ, այժմ եւ միշտ եւ յաւիտեանս յաւիտենից. ամէն»։ (*Մաշտոց*, Երուսաղէմ, 1933, էջ 527-528)

Prayer for Healing:

"Dispel the pain and heal the sickness from among your people, Lord our God, and grant perfect health to all, through the sign of your all-victorious cross, by which you removed all the infirmities of mankind, and condemned the enemy of our life and salvation. You are our life and salvation, benevolent and merciful God, who alone can forgive sins, and dispel the disease and sickness within us, of which our needs are apparent. Bestower of good, grant your abundant mercy to your creation, according to the need of each individual, for which your most holy Trinity is daily praised with glory, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen." (*Mashdots*, Jerusalem, 1933; pp. 527-528).

We Need Your Help:

We received an e-mail from Bruce G. Breadan who is trying to trace any relatives of his late Grandfather Nazaret Andon Geuzetian. It is believed that Nazaret came from Izmir-Smyrna. He was born in 1875 and died in 1969. He lived in 96 Cambridge Street, Plimlico, London. He was a master cobbler and had his cobbler shop at Cambridge Street, Pilmlico, formerly at High Street (which was bombed during WW2). If you have any information about the family, feel free to e-mail it to us at: <u>information@armeniainchurch.vo.uk</u>

We received a letter from Alicia Connolly asking our help to relocate the Shakhe (Shakeh) Alexsandrian (Aleksanyan) family. The family is Armenian from Iran. Shakhe went to Alishan School in Tehran. She would have left school in the late 1970s. If you have any information about the family, feel free to e-mail it to us at: information@armeniainchurch.vo.uk

Church Announcements:

Bible Study: The Bible Study session **in Armenian** will meet on **Tuesday**, **29 June** in the Nevart Gulbenkian Hall at **7:30pm**. **Please note that** the Bible Study group **in English** will **NOT** meet on, **Wednesday**, **30 June**. We will resume our English reading of the Bible on the following Wednesday, **7** July. All are cordially invited to join us, even if you thought the Mormon's polygamy and the Hindus' worship of cows were noble ideas!

Scholarship Grants by the Republic of Armenia: The embassy of the Republic of Armenia has informed us that the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia is offering 70 scholarship grants for Armenians living in the diaspora to study in universities in Armenia. Applicants will compete with each other based on their qualifications. An application for with details is available at the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia in London. The scholarship committee of the Ministry of Education and Science will grant the scholarship after thorough examination of the qualifications of the applicants. Armenian applicants from the diaspora may apply also for a tuition-based graduate study programs in Armenia. For further information please contact the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia, 25a Cheniston Gardens, London W8 6TG, UK; Tel. 020 7938 5435, or send an e-mail to: armemb@armenianembassyuk.com.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

(According to the Armenian Church Lectionary)

Sunday - 27/6

Romans 9:17-27 Matthew 13:16-23

Monday 28/6 <u>Proverbs 1:1-9</u> <u>Isaiah 41:1-3</u>

Hebrews 12:1-7 Mark 13:9-13

Tuesday 29/6 Zachariah 3:7-4:9 <u>1 Cor 12:28-13:3</u> Matthew 23:34-39

Wednesday 30/6 <u>Romans 10:5-17</u> <u>Matthew 13:31-42</u>

Thursday 1/7 <u>2 Kings 13:14-21</u> <u>1 Cor 2:6-10</u> <u>Luke 4:25-30</u>

Friday 2/7 <u>Romans 11:1-12</u> <u>Matthew 13:43-52</u>

Saturday 3/7 <u>Wisdom 9:9-10:2</u> <u>Exodus 15:23-27</u> <u>1Thess 2:9-19</u> <u>Matthew 9:36-10:7</u>