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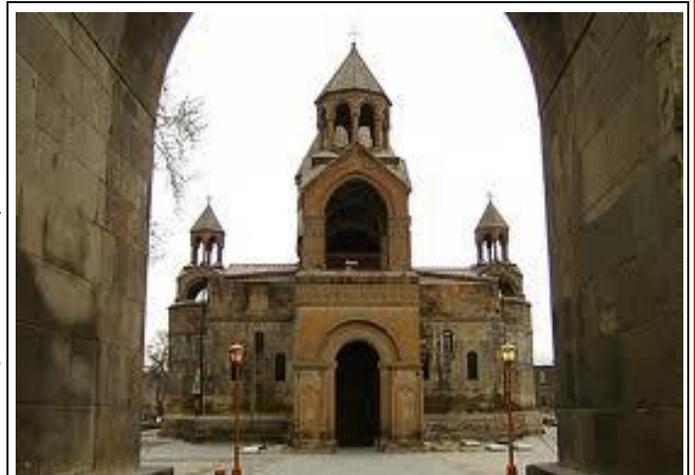
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FEAST OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN

This Sunday, 26th June, Armenians around the world will celebrate the Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin, the headquarters of the universal Armenian Church. For centuries now, by celebrating the feast of Holy Etchmiadzin Armenians celebrate the mother Cathedral which was built in 303AD, by St. Gregory the Illuminator and King Drtad base on a vision in which Christ appeared to the saint and instructed him with a golden hammer to build the cathedral, the first one on



*The Cathedral of Etchmiadzin
Viewed from the Gate of King Drtad*

earth. The Feast also celebrates the role of Holy Etchmiadzin as the spiritual, liturgical and administrative centre of the Armenian Church worldwide. This aspect of the Feast is emphasized by the traditional title in Classical Armenian *Soorp Etchmiadzini Gatoghiguh Yegeghetzin*, "of Holy Etchmiadzin, the Universal Church." Happy Birthday! «Թագաւոր երկնաւոր վեկեղեցի թո անշարժ պահեա. եւ վերկրպագուս անուանդ թում պահեա ի խաղաղութեան»: "Heavenly King, preserve Your Church unshaken, and keep the worshippers of your name in peace" (Armenian hymn).

ST. SARKIS - FROM CHURCH TO PARISH



FAITH, HOPE, LOVE: These three fundamental Christian Armenian values are the cornerstone of our congregational life as the St. Sarkis Church Parish. Our key purpose is to worship together in the beautiful liturgical tradition of the Armenian Apostolic Church and based on her theological teachings; and provide spiritual nourishment and pastoral service to the members of our congregation. We

strive to be a community of, first, faith in God and belief that together we can make a difference; a community where hope, optimism, enthusiasm and energy are defining values; and above all, a community built on love, respect, understanding, charity, and good works. We invite you to join us in this spiritual journey as a parishioner of St. Sarkis Church. Please contact our Pastor or the church office 020 7937 0152, or send your name, address and contact details to parish@stsarkislondon.org.

- St. Sarkis Pastoral Committee

THE PRIMATE ATTENDS AN EVENING OF APPRECIATION IN BUCKINGHAM PALACE



His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales hosted a historic Anglo-Armenian charity event in support of Armenian and British charities at Buckingham Palace on 15 June. Project initiator and main benefactor Armen Sarkissian, former Prime Minister of Armenia, welcomed more than 250 guests from around the world with His Royal Highness. This special evening of celebration and appreciation was on the occasion of the annual fundraising for the benefit of "Yerevan My Love" and Dumfries House charitable projects in Armenia and Scotland respectively. The charities are aimed at improving the life experience of disabled children and young people in Armenia, while preserving architecturally significant buildings in Yerevan and for the preservation of Dumfries House in Scotland. The Primate of the Armenian Church, the Very Rev. Dr. Vahan Hovhannessian, was among the invited guest at the Palace, which included members of the royal family, Prime Minister of Armenia Tigran Sargsyan, Mayor of Yerevan Karen Karapetyan, world renowned political, cultural and civic leaders. The Primate was introduced to His Royal Highness by Dr. Hratch Tchilingirian, Vice Chairman of the Charity Gala Organising Committee and a Board Member of "Yerevan My Love" charity. HRH The Prince of Wales enquired about the Armenian community in Great Britain and its activities and wished the Primate success in his efforts. World renowned soprano Renée Fleming and violin virtuoso Maxim Vengerov, took part in the special concert, along with the Philharmonia Orchestra (London) and the Bach Choir. In addition to Handel, the choir sang most movingly *Surb, Surb* and *Hayr Mer* by Ekmalian from the Armenian Divine Liturgy. As a tribute to 'Yerevan My Love', Vengerov played Komitas's *Krung* for the first time in his musical career, captivating the emotions of the audience. A banquet followed in the magnificent Picture Gallery of the Palace. 'Yerevan My Love' is a heritage-led regeneration project dedicated to preserving architecturally significant buildings in Yerevan and putting them to use to improve the life experience of disabled children, young people and disadvantaged families.

HELP FUNDRAISING AND ENJOY GALA EVENING WITH STARS AND POLITICIANS

The *Primate's Office* cordially invites you to a Gala evening celebrating the opening of the stage play of the famous BBC Series "YES, PRIME MINISTER." The play is at the Apollo Theatre on Shaftesbury Avenue, Piccadilly and the Gala Night will take place on 7th July. Present at the Gala will be well known faces from television, stage and film-world including our own Kevork Malikyan who plays the role of the Ambassador of Kumranistan. The show stars Simon Williams of the famous series "Upstairs, Downstairs" and Richard McCabe. In addition to seeing the show, you will be able to enjoy drinks while mingling with famous celebrities from the world of showbiz and well known UK politicians. A limited number of tickets to see the show and experience the Gala, donated by the producers of the show, Mark Goucher Ltd., have been made available to the Armenian community for a donation of £250 per ticket as a fundraising effort to support the rebuilding of the St. Giragos Armenian Cathedral in Diyarbakir, which is the birthplace of Kevork Malikyan and is the church where he worshiped with his parents and family as a little boy. All the proceeds of this fundraising event will be donated to the Armenian Church in Diyarbekir. Tickets can be reserved from the *Primate's Office*. Please make your donations payable to "The Armenian Church Trust" and mail it to the Primate's Office, 25 Cheniston Gardens, Kensington, London W8 6TG. For further information please contact the *Primate's Office*.

ARMENIANS DANCING IN THE RAIN IN LONDON

First Armenian Street Festival in London Sunday 12th June, 2011



AREV CHILDREN'S PLAY GROUP

Sunday, 26 June 2011 (the last for the season) for Pre-School to 11 years old children at St. Sarkis Church, Gulbenkian Hall. 11:00 am Programme in the Nevert Gulbenkian Hall; 12:00-12:30 pm Children and parents attend church service (Badarak). Arev Children's Play Group is fun and games through Armenian songs, storytelling and exciting activities. Parents' participation is essential. The play group meets once a month. The next date is 26th June. For more information please call Shakeh Major Tchilingirian 07968 446223 or send an email to parish@stsarkislondon.org.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

(According to the Armenian Church Lectionary)

Sunday 26/6 - Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6
Zechariah 3:7-4:9
Hebrews 9:1-10
John 10:22-30

Monday 27/6

Proverbs 29:2-7
Isaiah 18:7
Hebrews 2:14-18
Matthew 2:16-18

Tuesday 28/6

Isaiah 27:11-13
1 Peter 5:8-11
John 12:24-26

Wednesday 29/6

Fasting day
Romans 4:13-22
Matthew 10:34-42

Thursday 30/6

Proverbs 6:1-5
Isaiah 33:5-8
Romans 8:18-27
Luke 21:12-19

Friday 1/7

Fasting day
Romans 5:12-21
Matthew 11:25-30.

Saturday 2/7

Wisdom 2:23-3:8
Isaiah 57:15-16
Hebrews 13:7-9
Matthew 10:16-22

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«Աւելի դիրքին է կաղնիի հունտը շյանելը, քան յետոյ կաղնիի ծառը արմատէն հանելը»:

Church News

DEACONS' TRAINING PROGRAMME UPDATE

The Deacons' Training Programme, of the *Continuing Education Ministry* (CEM) will resume its sessions on Monday evening, 4th July. By the request of the participants the sessions have been extended to two-hours each, starting at 6:00pm. The Armenian Church in the UK and Ireland is in desperate need of volunteers to help in the liturgy as altar servers. Those interested to learn and participate in the beautiful and inspiring liturgy of our ancestors please write to the *Primate's Office* at: primatesoffice@armenianchurch.co.uk, or join us next Monday, 4th July at 18:00 in St. Sarkis Church.

Bible Study Sessions this Week

As part of the *Continuing Education Ministry* of the *Primate's Office* of the Armenian Church of the UK and Ireland, we are happy to inform our readers that the English Bible Study group will resume its sessions this Wednesday, 29th June at 7:30pm in Nevart Gulbenkian Hall. Meanwhile, the study group in Armenian continues meeting under the leadership of Revd Fr. Shnork Baghdasarian, Pastor of St. Sarkis Church every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Gulbenkian Hall as well. If you have not been to any of our discussion sessions, please make an effort to join us this week. You will enjoy it!

The Primate's Office

The Very Revd Dr. Vahan Hovhannessian, Primate, can be reached at the *Primate's Office* (25 Cheniston Gardens, Kensington, London W8 6TG) by phone: 020 8127 8364, or via e-mail: primatesoffice@armenianchurch.co.uk. Appointments can be made by contacting the Primate's Office. **Please note that messages left on the office at St. Sarkis Church (Vicarage) are not accessed by the Primate or his staff.** Also, due to the unavailability of any funding or budget for the *Primate's Office*, the office is managed by part-time volunteers, who try their best to process messages left on the answering service, as soon as it is humanly possible.

Online Outreach:

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- If you are not on our mailing list and do not receive our popular weekly E-Newsletter, or someone you know does not, kindly forward yours or the person's e-mail to: information@armenianchurch.co.uk.
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