

## ARMENIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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*Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven.*

*(Matthew 18: 10-11)*

### 100 WAYS TO PRAISE A CHILD

By Fila Qasabian (MAPS)

We often catch our children doing the wrong thing and then we waste no time to “pounce” on them, letting them know in no uncertain terms how they were wrong or how much we disapprove of what they did. We often neglect to balance it with the positive that our children have or display. The end result is that they may end up feeling they are “all bad” and this could lead to becoming a self fulfilling prophecy.

If you ever feel stuck, if you ever run out of nice words with which to address your child, if you ever feel you want to contribute further to your child’s positive self esteem, if you don’t know how else to do it, try to catch your child doing the right thing or something positive or good and see which one of these expressions fit him/her best at the time. Please ensure that the compliment is genuine and deserving otherwise it will be counterproductive. This brilliant resource came across my desk recently; I hope you will find it as useful as I did:

Hey, I love you! Way to go. You’re special. Outstanding. Excellent. You are fun. You’re a real trooper. You’re on target. Outstanding performance. Great. Looking good. You brighten my day. Good. Well done. Remarkable. Super. I knew you could do it. Nice work. What an imagination. I’m proud of you. Super star. Fantastic. You’re on top of it. You’re catching on. Now you’ve got it. How smart. Good job. You are the clever one. You are just delightful. That’s incredible. Remarkable job. You’re beautiful. You’re a winner. You make me happy. Dynamite. Hi, hip, hooray. You’re important. Magnificent. Beautiful. Super job. You’re the best. You’re on your way. How nice. You’re spectacular. You are a darling. Beautiful work. Good for you. Nothing can stop you now. You’re fantastic. Wow! Fantastic job. You’re a legend. Great discovery. You’ve discovered the secret. You’re a champion. Awesome. You’re precious. Marvellous. You are responsible. Terrific. You are exciting.

You're growing up. You tried hard. You nearly did it!. You figured it out. You're unique. What a good listener. You're a treasure. Super work. You mean a lot to me. You're a good friend. You deserve a big hug. You are an absolute gem. You're incredible. I like you. Now you're flying. I respect you. You're sensational. Phenomenal. Hooray for you. You care. Creative job. You belong. You made my day. You are nice to be with. You mean the world to me. You're important. A big kiss. You've got a friend. You're a joy. You make me laugh. You're A-OK-my buddy. I trust you. You're perfect. Bravo. You're wonderful. Exceptional performance. That's correct. Hey, I love you. P.S. Remember, a HUG is worth 1000 words.

### **A Generous Gift to our Parish**

“He gives generously to the needy; his kindness lasts forever.” And God, who supplies seed to plants and bread to eat, will also supply you with all the seed you need and make it grow and produce a rich harvest from your generosity.

[Corinthians 9:9:10]

We are very grateful for the generous gift of the air-conditioning systems for our church. This will mean so much to the comfort of our parishioners during the very hot summer and the cold winter months. I would like to mention the name of our kind benefactor and thank him publicly as he deserves, but this generous friend wishes to remain anonymous. He believes that “when you help others, do it in such a way that even your closest friend will not know about it.” [Matthew 6:3]

The spirit of God within him has moved him to come to our aid, in this way God almighty often helps us when we have true faith. As we meet and pray together, we will hold him in our hearts and pray for his welfare and that of his whole family.

### **NOVEMBER The month of remembrance of the departed souls.**

May God who calls our dear ones home, grant them peace and rest.

During each Sunday mass let us all join together in prayer to the Lord for mercy and peace for our departed loved ones.

“For where two or three come together in my name I am there with them.”

[Matt 18:20] May the merciful God hear our prayers and grant us all stronger faith, wisdom and love.

Any one who wishes to dedicate a special mass for the repose of souls, please do not hesitate to contact the church office.

### **Sydney 2008 World Youth Day**

The first foreign trip of the new elected Pope Benedictus the 16<sup>th</sup> was to his native country Germany. His Holiness attended the World Youth Day 2005; and with the announcement of Sydney's successful bid for this massive event we may be lucky enough to see the Pope amongst us in 2008. We have already learned on the grape vine that many of our young Armenian compatriots will make the pilgrimage to join the hundreds of thousands in Sydney to take part in this extraordinary youth gathering. We hope and expect many of our young will have the motivation to be part of the World Youth day 2008.

## **A New Church Magazine**

The Church Council is contemplating to replace the current Bulletin with a new and more comprehensive magazine. It is not yet known whether it is going to be a quarterly or six monthly production. This will depend of course on the available resources, human and other wise.

We, therefore, would like to hear from our able parishioners who can contribute in any way towards this objective. We need people with ideas and special talents to take part in this worthwhile cause within our church. So if you feel you have something to offer please contact Fr Parsegh as soon as possible so that a team can be formed and proper plans can be put into motion. Always remember that it will be a team effort and as such the burden will be shared by the team members.

## **Christmas Party 25<sup>th</sup> December**

The church council has decided to organise a Christmas Party for our community on the 25<sup>th</sup> December (Xmas day). The venue will be "The Emporium function Centre Bankstown. Entertainment will be provided by the renowned Armenian performer M/s Lucine. Please remember that this party is for the children because Santa will be coming with great presents for all. Tickets will be available at the church and we ask all families to secure their tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Tickets donations for adult's \$60 children \$35.

## **Our new Church Calendar for 2006 (new format)**

We wish to announce that our parish will be using the same calendar of the Armenian Catholic Patriarchate's in Syria and Lebanon for the year 2006. The calendar will embrace the three languages, Armenian, Arabic and English. It will depict some famous Armenian Saints especially the picture of the statue of St Gregory placed recently in the St Peters Basilica in the Vatican.

## **The Devil in the Machine**

It's wise to remember how easily modern technology can be misused, sometimes unintentionally, with serious consequences.

Consider the case of the Illinois man who left the snow-filled streets of Chicago for a vacation in Florida. His wife was on a business trip and was planning to meet him there the next day. When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick email. Unable to find the scrap of paper on which he had written her email address, he did his best to type it from memory. Unfortunately, he missed one letter, and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife, whose husband had passed away only the day before. When the grieving widow checked her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint. At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen:

Dearest wife,

Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow.

Signed:

Your eternally loving husband.

PS. Sure is hot down here.



***Always remember to forget the troubles that pass your way;  
But never forget to remember the blessings that come each day.***

### **Births**

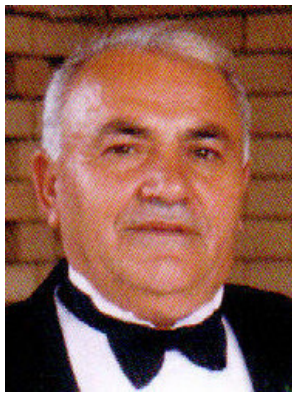
We wish to congratulate George and Jessie Madfouni, for the arrival of their second born Serena on 24 September 2005.

Congratulation also to Richard and Christine Gardner for the arrival of their third child Alexander on 22 August 2005

Congratulation also to Charlie and Hanaa Majarian for the arrival pf their second child on Krista 4 October 2005

May the lord bless them and give them health and long life.

### **Farewell to Our Ayoub (Abu Haitham)**



Our Parish lost one of its most popular sons in the person of Ayoub known to all as “Abu Haitham”. Ayoub was born in March 1942 in Syria. He married his childhood sweetheart Jeanette Bedoghlian, niece of the current Armenian Catholic bishop of Greece, Monsignor Andre Bedoghlian. He then moved to Lebanon where his five children were born. (Haitham, Nabil, Fady, Joe and Rania).He left Lebanon for Europe to seek a better future for his young family, and having lived in Sweden for a number of years he decided to migrate to Australia to join his Son Nabil who had already taken residence in Sydney .His lifelong ambition was to have his entire family around him living in peace and harmony. He will be sadly missed by all his children and especially his lifelong partner Jeanette. No doubt he will be remembered for his jovial and contagious happy character.

***We would like to inform all friends and relatives that the Mass for the repose of his soul will be celebrated on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 11 am at our church.***

#### **IN LIEU OF FLOWERS FOR THE LATE AYOUB AYOUB**

\$100: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Leone

\$ 50: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Boladian \$ 50: Mr. & Mrs. Garo Tcherkezian

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