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ARMENIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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“Our Lady of the Assumption” feast day celebrations

The Armenian Catholic Community of Sydney once again celebrated its Annual Dinner Dance during the feast of our Church on 4th August 2007, at the Emporium Function Centre in Bankstown. The celebration also coincided with the 40th anniversary of the church council. In fact it was a double celebration, and to add flavour to the night, and to also mark the special occasion, the Hamaskaine Sevan Dance Group with all its colourful costumes performed to the much delighted and surprised patrons. We were also entertained by the one and only “Karnig” who dug deep into his much loved repertoire of Armenian, Spanish, Arabic music right through the wee hours of the morning. All sang and danced to their hearts content.

However the main attraction was the Hamaskaine Sevan Dance Group who with their colourful national colourful costumes mesmerized all present with their graceful skills. We are in turn grateful to the Hamaskaine Sevan Dance Group for the support and valuable contribution on the night.

The Dinner dance was also a great fund raiser for our Church, and we would like to thank all our supporters for their generosity and generous spirit, without whom the evening could not have been as successful.

Sunday the 12th of August was the feast Our Lady of the Assumption and blessing of the grapes, this tradition is upheld right through the ages, and we wish to take this opportunity in thanking Mr& Mrs Garo & Christine Tcherkezian and Mr. Raffi Bouchakjian for their efforts in organizing and donating of the grapes.

Immediately after the blessing of the grapes ceremony and Mass, our church’s Annual Bazaar, which is organized by the Ladies of the Auxiliary, was declared open. As usual, there were many stalls on display, from Arts and Crafts, handicraft, and assorted foods and sweets. There was also games for the children and a chocolate wheel for the grown- ups. All in all it was a great fun day for the family and especially for the children. Those who attended had a great time socialising with their families and friends.

We wish to thank all those who helped us directly or indirectly with the Bazaar, whether in preparing or cooking or by just simply being there. And if by chance you didn’t make it this time, we would like to see you and your family and friends next year.

We wish to thank the Church Council members, H. Boladian, G. Tcherkezian & B. Sinian, who donated the Kebab meat and the associated ingredients.

Although our community was struck with tragedy during the abovementioned week, and even though our numbers were somewhat down on previous years, nevertheless the day was a great success.

Introducing Jack Simonian (from Josephite Associates May Bulletin)

Jack Simonian is an Australian of Armenian descent, a devout Catholic and a long-time member of the Knights of the Southern Cross. For many years, Jack has devoted time, energy and his own funds to promote devotion to blessed Mary MacKillop. His story may encourage others to make similar efforts.

Mary MacKillop and Jack

- From 1988 onward, Jack has been distributing leaflets and books about the life and work of Mary MacKillop.
- Between 1993 and 1996, Jack, at his own expense, put together a display about the life of Mary MacKillop. This display was erected in thirteen libraries across NSW.

- Jack organised Sisters of St. Joseph to address various branches of the Knights of the Southern Cross in preparation for Mary's Beatification.
- Jack encouraged ethnic papers to publish articles related to the visit of the Pope and the forthcoming Beatification of Mary MacKillop.
- In 1994, Jack became a Josephite Associate, joining a group at North Sydney which he still attends, despite advancing age and frequent health problems.
- On 12th May 2000, Blessed Mary MacKillop Close was proclaimed by the Mayor of Randwick as a result of seven years lobbying by Jack. Bishop David Cremin Blessed a commemorative plaque.
- Icons of Mary MacKillop, purchased and donated by Jack, are displayed in the following Churches: Matraville, Clovelly, Randwick North, Botany, Moree, The Entrance, Mascot and Malabar.
- In 2006, Jack encouraged the organisation of a Parish Pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop place.

What a wonderful story of one person's mission to inform Australia about Blessed Mary MacKillop! Well done, Jack!

The Armenian Catholic Church of Sydney would like to add its name to the chorus in commending Mr Jack Simonian for his relentless efforts to achieve the public awareness about the life and deeds of the Australian Saint, Mary MacKillop. Well done Jack!

What is Hye Hoki? (From the Website www.hyehoki.com)

It's a network. Its Australian-Armenian youth. It's community.

Hye Hoki was formed in mid-2001, when a group of young Australian-Armenians gathered at a forum to discuss the Armenian community in Australia. That forum addressed some big issues, particularly:

What does it mean to be an Armenian in Australia?

How do we create connections between Australia's diverse Armenian youth?

Following that forum, and within two years, Hye Hoki has developed into a website that promotes the Australian-Armenian community and into a network that organises events including parties, forums and a Cultural Festival.

In all its activities, Hye Hoki strives to reignite the Armenian spirit among Australian-Armenian youth. By being non-political, non-denominational and non-partisan, anyone can get involved or attend Hye Hoki's activities.

This website is like a virtual community – a place where you can find out about what's going on, who's organising what, how you can get involved, and where you can have your say.

This website and the Hye Hoki network are all about people– so it's up to you and other young Australian-Armenians to make Hye Hoki and the future of the Armenian community in Australia a success.

This Armenian Cultural Festival is a worthwhile and important event, we encourage our parishioners and friends to make the effort and take part in the festival as it a fantastic way to spend the day with your family and friends. It is an occasion that every Armenian in Australia should be proud of, and what's more it is an occasion to show the public at large the metal we are made of; the bigger the numbers the bigger the impact. Let us be proud to be Australian Armenians.

Wedding

21 July 2007 Berj Totonjian & Belinda Riotta. Our heartfelt congratulations to the newly-weds and may the Lord grant them a long and a happy life together, and may they also be blessed with many healthy children.

Births

Isabella first born of Domenico De Felice & Rita Golossian on 11.08.2007

Anna Maria first born of Bedros Soloukjian & Alice Ishkhanian on the 15.08.2007

Congratulations to the proud parents and we pray that they may grow in the Christian faith and may they become valuable assets to the community and society at large.

Baptism

07.07.07 Nairi daughter of George and Knar Kalenderian congratulation to the proud parents and we pray Nairi may grow in the Christian faith and become a valuable member within the Armenian Catholic Community.

Deaths

The Armenian catholic community of Sydney was celebrating the feast of our Church (our lady of the Assumption) during the month of August, whilst two prominent members of our parish passed away to meet their Lord creator.

Vartouhi Markarian (age 59) and Joseph Kalenderian (age 79) enjoyed reasonable health and it was somewhat a great shock to their respective families and friends to hear of their premature and sudden death.

Both were members our parish and both brought their contribution to their church and community in their own way. They will be sadly missed by their families and friends.

We pray that they may rest in peace and that the Lord may have mercy on their souls and deem them worthy to enter His kingdom in Heaven.

Hokehankist

23.09.07 Hokehankist for the late Joseph Kalenderian

30.09.07 Hokehankist for the late Vartouhi Markarian

DONATION TO THE CHURCH

\$ 1000: Mr & Mrs Youseph Wazir

\$ 500: Mr Zohrab Keverian & Family

\$ 300: Mrs Nadia Taylor, Mr Frank Nashaty,

\$ 250: Mr & Mrs Sami Shehadeh

\$ 200: Mr Joseph Halwagi, Alexis Diodati,

\$ 150: Mr Edouard Georgeflie & Mrs Emily Hanoun & Family,

\$ 100: Mr & Mrs Isidor Der Matossian, Anonimus, Mr George Sarkis.

\$ 85: Dr Daniel Ghougassian.

\$ 50: Mrs Beatrice Bedan, Mr & Mrs Antoine Kedsi.

In lieu of flowers for the late REFAAT BABIK

\$ 100: Mrs Georgette Jeghelian, Mr & Mrs Eddy Jeghelian, Mr & Mrs George Jeghelian, Mr & Mrs John Khourouzian,

\$ 50: Mr & Mrs Garo Tcherkezian, Mr Joe Stephen & Miss Carmen Khourouzian

\$ 40: Mr Bedros Sinian

\$ 25: Elie & Jean-dark Francis

\$ 20: Mrs Enza Nol, Mr & Mrs Bergoudian.

In Lieu of flowers for the late VARTOUHI MARKARIAN

\$ 500: Khatchik, Abraham & Tamar Markarian.

\$ 150: Mrs Vartouhi Mouratchalian. Mr & Mrs Artin & Nora Etmekjian.

\$ 100: Mrs Marie Kahvejian, Mr & Mrs Minas & Lena Kahvejian & Family, Mr & Mrs Kevork & Anne Gharibian & Family, John, Sylvia, Michael & Melanie Aghabekian, Armenian Catholic Ladies Auxiliary, Armenian Catholic Church Council.

\$ 50: Mr & Mrs Vahan & Aida Ohanian, Mr & Mrs Avo & Seza Karageuzian, Mr J. Yardoumian, Mr & Mrs Avedis Qasabian, Mr & Mrs Garo Tcherkezian, Mr & Mrs Joseph Boladian, Mr & Mrs Ekmetsjian, Mrs Sonia Balekjian, Mr & Mrs Elie & Diana Topjian, Mr Krikor Atarian & Family, Vahan & Joseph Chanakian, Mr & Mrs Eddy & Meline Nol, Mr Nicola Nol, Mr Soghomonian & family, Mr & Mrs Hovig Mouradjallian, Mr & Mrs Elias Helou, Mr & Mrs Khatchig & Sossi Mourtchalian, Mr & Mrs Mouradjalian, Mr & Mrs Alphonse & Rosemary Diodati.

\$ 40: Mr & Mrs Aram Emirzaian, Mr & Mrs Sako & Maggie Berberian, Mrs Marie Bablanian & family.

\$ 30: Mrs Gladys Zeitounian, Mr Hagop Jambazian, Mrs Arshalouyce Ayanian, Mrs Siranoush Mouradian, Mr Bedros Sinian, Mr Nerses Menendian, Mr & Mrs Jack & Annette Diodati, Diana, Paul & Kurtis Wenban.

\$ 25: Mr & Mrs Joseph. Diodati, Mr & Mrs Alex & Keghanoush Kolokossian, Mr & Mrs Garo & Ani Anteriasian.

\$ 20: Mr & Mrs Sarkis Majarian, Mr & Mrs Khatchig Majarian, Mrs Knar Bayramian, Mrs Aznif Kalenderian, Mrs Marie Yardoumian, Mr Haigazoun Ohannesian & family, Mrs Enza Hajjarian, Mr & Mrs Sarkis Misislian, M/s Taline & Raffi Pailajian, Mr & Mrs William Sarkissian, Mr & Mrs Sarkis Zilifian, Mrs Osan Keoroghlanian, Mrs Maggie Kasparian, Mr & Mrs Odabashian, Mr & Mrs Harout Asmar, Mr & Mrs Basil Asmar, Mr & Mrs Bashir & Julie Babik, Mrs Verjin Markarian.

\$ 15: Mrs Mara Kalaoujian.

In Lieu of flowers for the late JOSEPH KALENDERIAN

\$ 200: Mr & Mrs Paul Menzagopian, Mrs Aznif & Mr Paul Kalenderian

\$ 100: Armenian Catholic Ladies Auxiliary, Armenian Catholic Church Council, Mr John Momdjian & Family (Canada), Mr B. Momdjian & Family, Mr & Mrs V. & M. Paylagian, Mr & Mrs Youlious & Alice Sultan

\$ 50: Mr & Mrs G. & V. Tavoukjian, Mr & Mrs Joseph Halwagi, Mrs Antoinette Halwagi, Mr & Mrs Steve & Zepure Gifford, Mr & Mrs Abdoulahad Madfouni, Mr Caine Schofield, Mr Richard Mesk, Mr & Mrs Panos Kalenderian, Julie & Mary Momjian, Derderian Family, Mr & Mrs Joseph Boladian, Mr & Mrs Garo & Christine Tcherkezian

\$ 40: Mr & Mrs Elias Fakhoury, Mr & Mrs H. Kerkeshrian

\$ 30: Mr & Mrs Avedis Qasabian, K. Bezdikian, Mr & Mrs V. & T. Avedissian

\$ 25: Mr & Mrs Garo & Ani Anteriasian

\$ 20: Mr Hagop Karadjian, Mr & Mrs Khachaturian, Mr & Mrs H. Bablanian, Mrs Seta Pampukian, Mrs Arpy Armen & Family, M/s Nevert Tachjian, Mrs Alice Izmirilian, Mr Samaan Shamoun, Mr Arous Markarian, Mr & Mrs Charlie & Hanna Majarian, Mrs Kanna, Mr & Mrs Khatchik Majarian, M/s Paulina Youssef, Mr Frank Alkhas, M/s Margo Bablanian, Belinda, John & Paul Shehata, Mrs Kenan Bayramian, M/s Hoda Bashian, Mr Tony Boladian, Mr Hagop Boladian, Remi Bandsma, Carol & Ed Balow, M/s Maggie Yegenian, Mr & Mrs Sarkis Majarian, Mr & Mrs Antoine Menzagopian

\$ 10: Mrs M. Papazian, Mrs Marie Meloyan

\$ 5: Mr Ohaness Khatchadourian

Fro the Diabetic Society

\$ 20 Mrs Seta Pampoukian

Special thanks

We wish to publicly thank few of our sponsors and supporters without whom our Annual dinner dance wouldn't have been as successful.

Firstly we would like to thank the Hamaskaine Sevan Dance group for going out of their way in supporting us, Also we would like to thank Mr George Shad, for his contributions and auctioneering on the night, Mr Zohrab Keverian & Mr Raffi Akelian for donating jewellery auction item, Mr Paul Michael for donating Antique old ring as auction item.

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