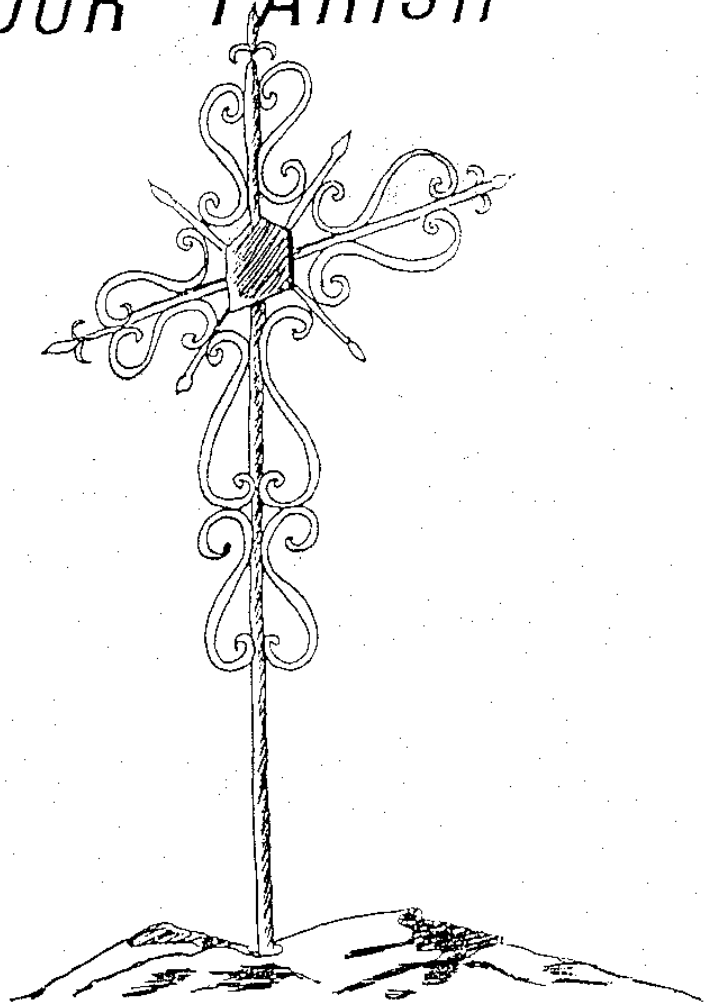


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APRIL 24, AT OUR SCHOOL

On April 24, at 6.00 pm for one hour, we commemorated our martyrs of the 1st Genocide of this century.

We commenced with 2 hymns, that the High School students learned in 3 days. It was a successful performance on their part, given the shortness of time, and given that for the first time, they sang in 2 voices.

Some students recited poems. Amongst them 3 recited their own writings. *Tina Tahmizian* and *Annie Tateossian* from Year 8 and *Elizabeth Tahmizian* from Year 5. Also *Carla Qasabian* recited in English a Poem she had written in English (you can read all these poems in this issue of the bulletin).

Mrs Maggie Badelian sang and we had also a song written by *Raffi Qasabian* and performed by *Mrs Annie Der Artinian*.

Our guest speaker for ther day was *Mr Kaylar Mikaelian* who spoke for about 10 minutes only, but to the point and in a way that was understood by all present.

It was a moving commemoration. It was difficult to withhold tears, specially when listening to the poems written by our students.

A special atmosphere was created by *Mr Vladimir Grigorian* who painted a backdrop just for the occasion:

DZIDZERNAGAPERT, with Ararat at the back and the Risen Lord in the Middle - A message of hope.

I would like to thank all those who made that commemoration a memorable event - My special thanks to the students.

MAY 1993 The Pilgrim Virgin

The month of May is the most beautiful month of the year in Europe and the Middle East. The freezing temperatures have finished, it is mid-Spring. Life is in its fullness all around. And flowers everywhere . . .

It is the month dedicated to Mary. The Blessed Virgin Mother of God. A month of special prayers - asking Mary to make sure that the flowers of the trees will become fruits. It will be a fruit full year.

In Australia we are in Autum. It is still a beautiful month - a different beauty. In Australia too we pray Our Lady - asking for her help and intercession.



2 weeks ago, a group of our Parishioners celebrated the 2nd Anniversary of something that was started by them.

"The Pilgrim Virgin."

2 years ago, Mr George Kalenderian commenced this beautiful prayer occasion: The statue of the Blessed Virgin is taken to a different house every week, where the people of that household pray the rosary every day of that week and on Monday evening, all relatives, friends and neighbours are invited to take part in the prayers and in the honouring of the Blessed Virgin.

Special prayer books have been made: In Armenian, English and Arabic. These books are used during the

changes. We would like to hear your comments about the possibility of buying the material cheaper, doing something better . . .

Date: May 2nd 1993
Venue: Church hall
Time: 10.00 a.m.
Object: What we can do to improve the Hall and How we can do it.

This brings the question of financing this project.

- **How much would it cost?**
We don't know, but we would like to bring down the cost of the renovations.
- **Who will pay?**
We are asking for donations. You can make donation of any amount . . . or you might offer to give on a weekly basis (\$5 or \$10 a week?)
- **Where do we get the capital to pay now?**
Mr George Kalendarian has organized a loan, for the church, and we have to repay the loan.

We will have a better picture when the work is finished and an account will be presented to you.

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE ST GREGORY'S FEASTDAY JUNE 26

On Saturday June 26, the schools Parents & Friends Association is organizing it's annual Dinner Dance on the occasion of the School's Feastday.

They guarantee that you will enjoy yourselves and really have a good time. they are so confident, that they are offering money back guarantee.

Hurry and organize your group and book your tables . . .

Date: June 26, 1993
Venue: Grand Westella, Lidcombe
From: 7.00 pm
Tickets: \$35



MOTHERS' DAY SATURDAY MAY 15

On the occasion of Mothers' Day this year, something different is taking place at school. For the first time, since the building at our school, we are allowing a cosy Dinner-Dance to take place in the school hall.

Very limited tickets are available. Only 100. Hurry, and book immediately (almost half are already booked!)

From 7 p.m. - Tickets \$20