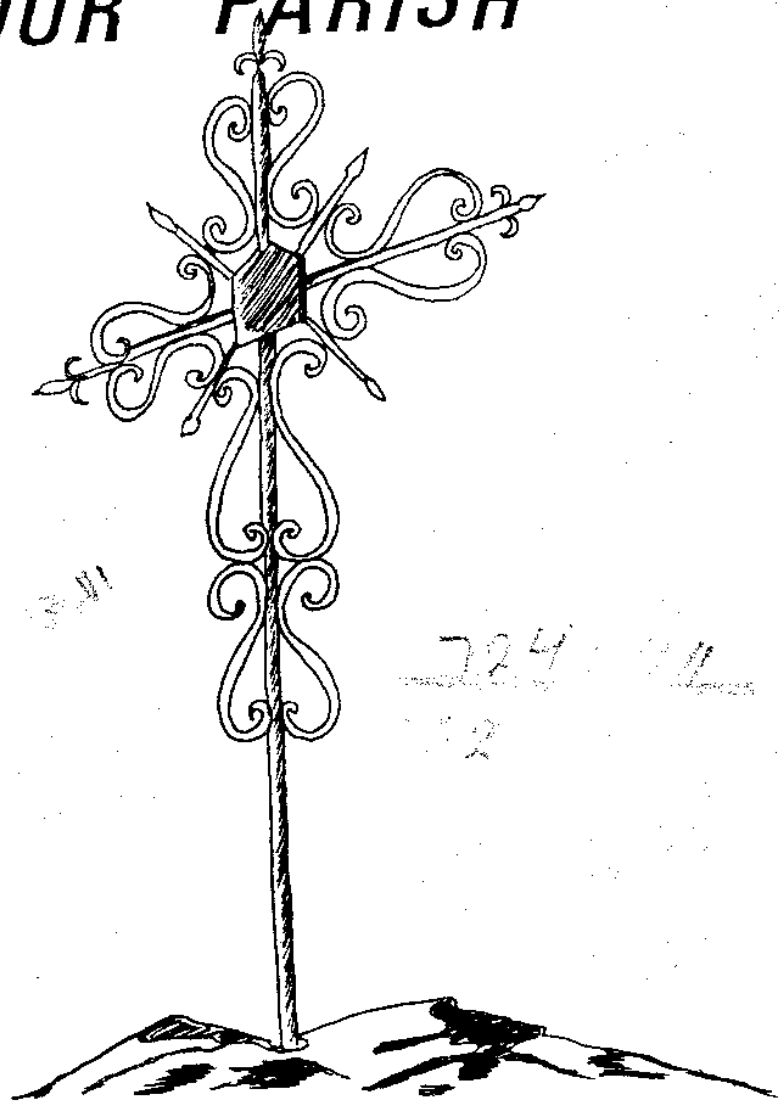


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Is this how you love me, God?

**PRAYER CAN BE DANGEROUS**

Here is a favourite of the Sufi Master Sa'di of Shiraz:

*A friend of mine was delighted that his wife was pregnant. He ardently desired a male child. And he made vows to God with this in mind.*

*His wife gave birth to a boy. My friend rejoiced and threw a party for the entire village.*

*Years later, on my return from Mecca, I passed through the village of my friend and was told he was in jail.*

*"What happened?" I asked.*

*"His son got drunk, killed a man and ran away. So his father has been thrown into prison."*

To persistently ask God for what we want is laudable \_ and perilous.

**STREAKY PEOPLE**

*A preacher put this question to a class of children: "If all good people were white and all bad people were black, what colour would you be?"*

*Little Mary Jane replied: "I'd be streaky!"*

So would the Preacher. So would the Mahatmas, Popes and aints.

*A man, looking for a good church to attend, happened to enter one in which the people and the priest were reading from their Prayer Book: "We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done."*

*The man dropped into a seat and sighed, "Thank goodness, I've found*

*my crowd at last."*

Attempts to hide your streakiness will sometimes be successful, always dishonest.

ANTHONY de MELLO

**BAPTISM**

On Sunday October 8th, 1989 *Serena Anjelle TOTONJIAN* from Carlingford was baptised and confirmed in our church.

On Sunday October 29th, 1989 *Teny Maria BOYAJIAN* from St Johns Park was baptised and confirmed in our church.

Our congratulations and best wishes to their parents.



**Donations to the school**  
Mr & Mrs H. GUVLEKJIAN

\$1,000

**Donations to the church & bulletin**  
Mr & Mrs J. BAYNDRIAN

\$50

3- Թէեւ Հայ կաթողիկէ եկեղեցին կը պատկանի կաթողիկէ Եկեղեցւոյ միութեան, սակայն ան մաս չի կազմեր Աւստրալիոյ Լատին ծէսի կաթողիկէ եկեղեցւոյ: Ենչտեղու համար այս կէտը, որոշուած է թէ Հայ կաթողիկէ պատկազրութիւնը պիտի օրհնուի մի միայն Հայ կաթողիկէ եկեղեցւոյ մէջ:

Կը գիտակցինք, որ անձնական կարգ մը անյարմարութիւններ թերեւս տեղի ունենան մեր համայնքի անդամներէն շատերուն մօտ, սակայն կ'ուզեմ յիշեցնել թէ այս բոլորը ի նպաստ մեր համայնքին են, պահելու համար մեր ծէսը եւ այն համոզումին թէ օր մը Հայ Առաքելական եւ Հայ կաթողիկէ եկեղեցիները պիտի միանան:

Յաջողութիւն կը մաղթեմ եւ վստահաբար համաձայն եմ ձեզի, թէ ինչ ալ ըլլայ, դուք կը մնաք մեր համայնքի կարեւոր անդամներէն:

Աւելցնեմ նաեւ Եթէ պսակուողները հայեր են, չեմ կրնար արտօնութիւն տալ որ օտար վարդապետ մը պսակազրէ զիրենք: Նաեւ նման ամուսնութիւն մը պէտք չէ կատարուի մեր եկեղեցիէն դուրս: Որպէս վարդապետ, որ իրաւասութիւն ունիմ պատարագելու եւ պսակազրելու նաեւ Լատին ծէսով, երբեմն կը հրաւիրուիմ օրհնելու ոչ-Հայ բարեկամներու պսակազրութիւնները, նման պարագաներուն եւ միայն նման պարագաներուն է որ արտօնուած է ինծի ի պաշտօնէ ըլլալ ոչ-Հայ եկեղեցիի մը մէջ:

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19

ST GREGORY'S ARMENIAN SCHOOL is 5 years old. This is quite an achievement. From very humble origins, slowly it is growing . . .

The other day watching the video of the very first school concert we gave in June 1985, I was surprized by the calibre and the quality of the performance of those 24 students who entertained us and moved our innermost soul for about one and a half hours !!

Now, with 155 students, we come to present another concert, which should find the same success as the concerts of years gone by.

Proudly we invite all Armenians and the friends of Armenians to come and see the flourishing Armenian spirit in this far-away land.

Place: Lane Cove Town Hall, Longueville St, Lane Cove  
Date: November 19  
Time: 3.30 p.m.

Children under 12 do not pay.

Others: \$8.00. \$3.00 of this will be dedicated to the Earthquake Relief Fund.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT LIDCOMBE

On Sunday Evening, December 24, you are all invited to our Church at Lidcombe.

At 7.30 p.m., students of St Gregory's Armenian School will be singing Christmas Carols in Armenian in the church. This will be followed by Mass.

After Mass we will continue the celebrations in the Church Hall. Dinner will be served, and the students will sing some more Christmas Carols (this time in English).

Make sure to keep that evening free. (More details in December issue of this bulletin).

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12

As the classes of St Gregory's Armenian School become more numerous, the Pre-Schoolers are feeling that they will not get their fair share of time at the School's Annual Concert. They asked for a separate show.

They deserve it. I can vouch for them, they can and they will entertain you in a very professional way.

**Place:** The School Hall, Mungerie Rd, Rouse Hill

**Date:** November 12th, 1989

**Time:** 2.30 p.m.

Those children have worked very hard. They deserve your encouraging presence.

Before the Concert, you may come early and enjoy a picnic atmosphere and a kebab luncheon, or (if you are a connoisseur) the succulent Mensaf.

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Սուրբ Գրիգոր Լուսավորիչ վարժարանը կազմակերպած է ՃԱՇԿԵՐՈՅԹ-ՊԱՐԱՀԱՆԴԷՍ մը, որ տեղի պիտի ունենայ Շարաթ, 4 Նոյեմբերին, Dresden Lounge-ի մէջ: Պիտի սպասարկուին տնօրէտեր ու աշակերտներ, համեղ ճաշ, բաց խմիչք եւ գուարճալի պահեր միայն \$35-ի: Վստահ ենք, որ պիտի ըլլաք քաջալերողներէն մէկը: Տոմսերը նախօրօք ապահովել դպրոցէն, հեռաձայնելով վարժարանի համարին:

### Ս. ՄՆՆԴԵԱՆ ԵՐԳԵՐ ԼԻՏԳԸՄՊԻ ՄԷՋ

Կիրակի, 24 Դեկտեմբերի երեկոյան, բոլորը հրաւիրուած էք Լիտգըմպի եկեղեցին: Երեկոյեան մամը 7:30-ին Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսավորիչ վարժարանի աշակերտները պիտի երգեն Ս. Մննդեան յատուկ երգեր, եկեղեցւոյ մէջ, որոնց պիտի յաջորդէ Ս. Պատարագը:

Պատարագէն ետք հանդիսութիւնը պիտի շարունակուի սրահին մէջ: Պիտի սպասարկուի ընթրիք, ուր աշակերտները պիտի երգեն յաւելեալ երգեր (անգլիերէն լեզուով):

Հաճեցէք ազատ պահել այդ օրը: Յաւելեալ մանրամասնութիւններ լոյս պիտի տեսնեն Դեկտեմբերի թիւին մէջ:

Իսկ պազարէն ետք ...

Շնորհաւորելի է պազարը կազմակերպող յանձնախումբը, որ նման արդիւնաւէտ աշխատանքով իր կարելին ըրաւ հայ վարժարանին համար: շնորհաւորելի են նաեւ ծրագրուած աշխատանքը ի դործ դնողները, որոնք աւելիով փայլք մը աւելցուցին այդ օրուան յաջողութեան:

Վարձքերնիդ կատար ...

Ե.Տ.

ՍԻՐԵԼԻ ՀԻՒՐ ՄԸ ԵՒՍ...

Սուրբ Գրիգոր Լուսաւորիչ Վարժարանի աշակերտութիւնը առիթը ունեցաւ մօտէն ճաշակելու սփիւռքի մէջ Թնդացող քաղցր ու փայլուն ձայներէն ձայն մը:

Հայրենասիրական ու ազգային երգերու լաւագոյն մեկնարան եւ հռչակաւոր երգիչ՝ Լեւոն Գաթրճեան իր ջիւղ ու պայծառ ձայնով երգեց նաեւ մեր վարժարանի երախաներուն: Ան իր երգած երգերով ոչ միայն հմայեց աշակերտութիւնը, այլ՝ հայրենիքի պատգամը փոխանցեց անոնց, որոնք բաց ու զոհ սրտով ընդունեցին այդ բոլորը:

REFLECTIONS

The school concert is near at hand. I was trying to put some thoughts on paper, preparing the "Principal's Report".

I could feel that the malaise that was in me for some time now, gradually was taking shape, it was becoming rather clear, it was recognizable.

I started analyzing my activities, my life, my hours of the day. Now it was clear. Most of the day and of the night my main concern was Finance. How can we Finance the school.

No matter what other people might say or think the facts are the following:

We have 2 million dollar debt. We pay \$440,000 a year interest. The government subsidizes \$180,000. We have to find \$260,000.

The eight buses and their drivers cost the school \$246,000 this year.

The school fees and government grant pay for the salaries of the teachers and the sundry expenses of the school.

There are about 110 families who send their children to the school. We are asking \$500 per family towards the building fund. This raises \$55,000 a year and another \$20,000 is received in donations. We have some friends of the school who give regularly \$5, \$10, or \$20 per week which means \$260, \$520, or \$1,040 per year. All this together comes to about \$85,000 a year.

Sevag Pty Ltd, trading as Sevag Catering, Sevag Packaging, Sevag Chemicals, Armenian Pizza, St Gregory's Printing Service, Killara Pizza, is contributing this year \$68,000.

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|-----------------------------|-----------|
| The interest we have to pay | \$260,000 |
| The bus expenses            | \$246,000 |
|                             | \$506,000 |

## Our Parish

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|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| All donations and contributions to building fund | \$85,000  |
| from Sevag                                       | \$68,000  |
|                                                  | \$153,000 |

We are short of \$353,000 this year.

Where will this money come from?

Some people looking at this figures say the school will close down . . .

NO. THE SCHOOL MUST GROW.  
IT WILL GROW.

It is a pity that I should spend more than 80% of my time thinking of how I can raise the necessary funds for the school.

My deepest desire now is to be relieved from the concern of raising funds.

In different conversations, I was told to find a new principal for the school, and to concentrate 100% of my time for raising funds.

But no. I am sorry. I did not become a priest to raise funds. . .

Others can raise funds. My vocation is to look after my people.

Do you care enough to help the school? Do not say that the \$5 or \$10 a week you may contribute will not help. Every little bit helps

Do not say you cannot afford it. Everyone can afford it. The amount of money that families spend on things that are not essential, on things that are not necessary is really appalling.

Do you know of any ways we might raise funds? Would you like to form part of the Finance Committee of the school? If so please rind me and we will get together and form something.

One parent, who has a child in our school in year two, is worried that we might not have High School. He went looking for the local Catholic

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High School, to enrol from now, his son. He was told that he has to start contributing from now \$10 a week , \$520 a year, to their School Building Fund. Also they should attend Mass every Sunday.

Talking to another parent who was worried about our possibility of starting the High School, the following conversation took place with the father.

- *If you were to send your son to a private High School, how much you will envisage to pay?*
- *About \$6,000 a year.*
- *If I were to start the High School, will you pay our school \$6,000 a year?*
- *Absolutely not.*
- *Why?*
- *You are Armenian.*

Is being an Armenian means being cheap? Or is being Armenian gives a person the right to demand everything for free?

Why did I start this school without making sure that I had the necessary funds? Maybe I made a mistake. If so, my mistake is only in the fact that I was convinced that the Armenian families care for their children. Am I mistaken?

If we use the school facilities to teach Australian children I can assure you that very easily I will find 150 families who would pay a minimum of \$4,000 a year for their children's education. Thus \$600,000 will be raised easily. I will have more time to think of the problems of being a principal.

The school will be able then to pay my salary (now I cannot draw even \$10 a week as salary).

This will also give me time to visit my parishioners. . .

But this is an easy way out. . . I am an Armenian Priest. My vocation is for the Armenians.

Father Anton

### THE SCHOOL BAZAAR

The weather was perfect. The number of people who came to enjoy a relaxing day in the beautiful school grounds surpassed our expectations. There were many who came to the school for the first time. These were pleasantly surprized by the whole thing.

We are greatful for all the help we received and for the gifts and the delicious foods and desserts donated. May I name only one person, to whom we owe a great deal, for organizing this Bazaar, Mrs Margo Samuelian. Here are the accounts for the day

|                                             |               |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Income:</b>                              |               |
| From food & drinks                          | \$4506        |
| From sales & chocolate wheel                | \$3460        |
| Bycicles                                    | \$180         |
| Games, woodcarving, badges . . .            | \$392         |
| Lottery                                     | \$1020        |
|                                             | <b>\$9558</b> |
| <br><b>Expenses</b>                         |               |
| Purchase of drinks, food, hire of equipment | \$1322        |
| Less money made on cake stalls              | \$860         |
|                                             | <b>\$562</b>  |
| Direct expense                              |               |
| Profit for the day                          | <b>\$8996</b> |

There are some monies outstanding. The final figure should be about \$9,500

The lottery was drawn numbers were

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|-----------|---------|---------------------|
| 1st prize | No 615  |                     |
| 2nd Prize | No 696  |                     |
| 3rd Prize | No 237  | SUSAN K...          |
| 4th Prize | No 366  | HAMLET YASAMIN      |
| 5th Prize | No 1146 | HAROUT DER ARTINIAN |

We had also advertized that the student selling the 1st Prize winning number will receive a prize:  
This prize was won by Carina KOOPELIAN and it is:  
A free Family Pass to Australia's Wonderland

With gratitude we acknowledge receipt of the following gifts.

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mr & Mrs Lebarede TATEOSSIAN                                        | Painting used as 1st prize  |
| Mr & Mrs Hagop KEUSHKERIAN                                          | Gold ring used as 2nd prize |
| Mr & Mrs Avedis QASABIAN                                            | \$100 car service           |
| Mr & Mrs Bedros QASABIAN                                            | The Succulent Pig on Spit   |
| Mr & Mrs Johannes SHIRVANIAN                                        | Sharp Colour T.V.           |
| (which we will use as 1st prize for our next guessing competition). |                             |