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Fr. Haroutiun's Easter Message from April 2022

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When picturing the scene of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I think that many of us will naturally draw details from the gospel accounts or from icons we have encountered over the years.

I am sure that many of us will include the same basic details in our mental pictures: the angel sitting on the rolled-back stone in his blindingly white clothing, the oil-bearing women gasping in terror and amazement at the sight, the shock when Jesus shows Thomas the marks on his hands and feet.

These images that come to our mind tell us much about the world-disrupting nature of this singularly unprecedented event in human history. However, equally as important to understanding the depths of the resurrection are details we choose not to include in our mental image of the scene, but are included in the gospel accounts.

We would not be to blame for reading past one crucial part of the resurrection story, because few artistic depictions include it, and this one critical detail is the fact that Jesus rises from the dead and leaves all

of his burial garments behind. In other words, when Christ leaves the tomb after his resurrection, he does so completely naked.

It is obvious why iconographers would choose not to depict this detail found in the gospel of John, but it is quite clear that when Simon Peter and the unnamed "other disciple" arrive at the tomb, they find both Jesus' linen burial cloths and the napkin for his head lying there, and therefore not on his body.

This seems like such a strange detail to include in a story about God's ultimate victory over death. And yet, the more we reflect on what Christ came to do, the more we realize that he did not simply come to defeat death, but he came to do so in a very particular way; by undoing all of the missteps by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

The biggest of these missteps is certainly when they ate the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. In breaking God's commandment to not eat of this tree, Adam and Eve became ashamed of their nakedness, and they covered up this nakedness with fig leaves.

Eventually, God provides them a more suitable covering made out of animal skins.

Many of our Church fathers interpret this passage by understanding that Adam and Eve, made in the image of God, did not have bodies of flesh, but rather were beings of light, radiating the light of God throughout the Garden.

By covering up their nakedness, they were really covering up the light of God that they were created to emanate. So when Jesus had finally conquered death, he laid the burial garments aside as a sign of the restoration of humanity's original nakedness; the capacity to shine the light of God as creatures made in his image and likeness, and, with that light, to illuminate a dark and gloomy world.

It should go without saying that the significance of Christ leaving his burial garments at the tomb comes not in the disposal of material clothing. Rather, through Christ's resurrection, we have been given the opportunity to lay aside any of the spiritual coverings that prevent God's light from shining through us.

Maybe you cover God's light with aggression or pride, maybe you veil God's light in insecurity or judgment, maybe you shroud God's light with addiction, or compulsion, or by alienating yourself from those you love. The Good News of Easter Sunday is that God himself has given us the way to be rid of all the garments that prevent the light of God within us from shining upon the world around us.

As you come to greet our Risen Lord this Easter Sunday in the Holy Badarak, pray that he might strip from you all of the coverings of brokenness that cover your inner light, and remember his words from his Sermon on the Mount, that "You are the light of the world.

A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)

**Christ is risen from the dead!
To you and to us, great news.**



Two Subdeacons Ordained at ACHR

Written by Atty Harry Mazadoorian

In a solemn and yet joyous service, Michael Connors and Jordan Pare were ordained to the rank of subdeacon at the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection in New Britain on May 22, 2022 by His Grace Bishop Daniel Findikyan. The ordination had originally been scheduled for an earlier time but was postponed and rescheduled because of COVID concerns.

Sponsored by Deacon Matthew Cannata, the two subdeacons were conferred their stoles and will continue their distinguished service at the altar.

Father Haroutiun Sabounjian, Pastor of the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection and who provided sustaining tutelage to the newly ordained subdeacons, said, "Glory to God for the mystical ways he inspires the servants of his Church! I have always been passionate about sharing my love for our Church's Sacred Liturgy with others. Typically, this enthusiasm is met with a tepid response; that those who encounter our sharagans, prayers and litanies simply do not see what I see within them.

It is for this reason that I was pleasantly surprised when I first arrived to serve the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection to find so many dedicated and passionate liturgical ministers faithfully serving this parish every week. This passion and dedication is palpable in a special way within our two new sub-deacons, Michael and Jordan, who actively and consistently seek out weekly deacon's training classes (sometimes even twice per week), push to further their understanding of our faith and the traditions of our Church, and take their roles as ministers of Christ's sacred throne with maturity beyond their years. I thank our Lord for placing this fire within them and pray for their continued growth into their service of Christ and his bride, the Holy Church."

Bishop Daniel, who had just returned from Armenia within the past 24 hours, commended the new subdeacons for their dedication and devotion. He noted the occasion by observing that they would be ministers of God's Grace in this world.

He counseled them that it is "important to keep the eyes of our hearts open and always vigilant, always alert to God's ever-present love and grace." Bishop Daniel's words served as a source of inspiration to all present on that day.

Family, friends and members of the congregation all joined in extending their congratulations and good wishes to the newly-ordained subdeacons



Brothers & Sisters - Axe Throwing Outing a Success!

Written by Jeanne Abrahamian

Bullseyes and blessings all around! The recent Brothers and Sisters social night at Montana Nights axe throwing venue was an enormous success!

We had 18 participants, learned a thing or two about our axe throwing skills, cheered each other on and enjoyed some friendly competition! After, many stayed for dinner and conversation aka bragging rights, with plans to add this to the list of activities to do again.

Thank you to all who supported our newly established group and look forward to the next event!

I do want to ensure we always thank Him who unites us, Him who encouraged our hearts to join in the event, Him who ensured our safe travel to and from and Him, our Lord Jesus Christ, who strengthens our church community, our friendships, our faith, and the blessing of the fellowship of the Brothers and Sisters.

If you have any questions/suggestions for the group, please contact Jeanne Abrahamian: jeanneabe@comcast.net or 860-916-7801.





New Altar Server robes and stoles

We would like to thank Dn. Matthew Cannata and Family, Dr. Gerard Roy and Family, and the Connors Family (in celebration of SDn. Michael's ordination) for their generous donation of two new sets of altar server robes and stoles.

We would also like to thank Yn. Patricia Buttero and Elisa Griego for volunteering to prepare and iron these robes for their use this weekend.

On July 3, the new vestments were blessed by Fr. Haroutiun and the Altar Servers wore them for the first time during Badarak.



Congratulations to Yn. Lucine!

We congratulate Yn. Lucine Sabounjian who, at this year's ACYOA General Assembly, was elected to the Central Council of the ACYOA Seniors. Yn. Lucine will be serving as the Ministries and Outreach Coordinator.

ACHR Armenian Festival is BACK!

Come one, come all. Get the word out to family and friends that the well-attended Armenian Festival at the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection IS BACK.

The past two years our festival has been "to go" meals to keep our tradition going. This year, our plan is to go back to our traditional outdoor picnic with live music, dancing and delicious food made by our always hard working parishioners.



Live music will be with the Harry Bedrossian Ensemble featuring musicians from the New England area. We will feature our traditional foods (losh kebab burgers, chicken kebab, khema) and also host a bake sale with many Armenian pastry delicacies.

Congratulations to our graduates!

Submitted by Betty Surabian

On behalf of the Women's Guild, I have the pleasure of announcing and congratulating our graduates on a "job well done" and congratulations to the families as well.

High School Graduates

Aidan Demircan

Amanda Shepherd

College Graduates

Brian Kallajian

Katherine Keithline

Meghan Simonian

Master's Degree

Deanna Soukiasian

We wish you the best of luck and success in whatever your future endeavors are. Our wish is that you will return to church on your school breaks and holidays!

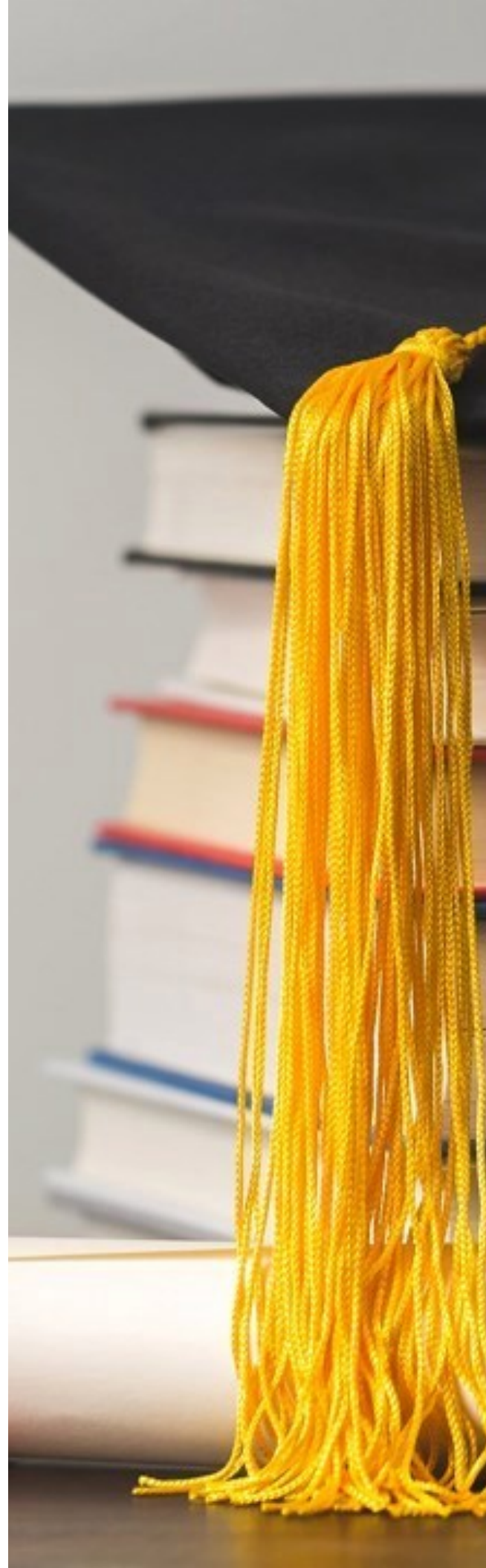
Women's Guild seeking volunteers for Coffee Fellowship Hour

We know that everyone enjoys coffee hour and we encourage individuals and or families to take a Sunday to host a coffee hour. We'd like to continue our Coffee Hour tradition with your help. Please consider taking a Sunday to host a coffee hour or volunteer to put on the coffee only and clean up. The coffee hour sign-up sheet is located in the church vestibule and the list of host duties are available in the kitchen. Thank you.

Seniors Social is back!

We are excited to announce the reopening of our Senior's Social! We are anxious to welcome you back and are happy to invite everyone age 55+ to join us. Games of your choose (ie. cards, board games, occasional bingo, knitting, etc.) We will meet at the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection every Wednesday, 10 AM-2 PM. Bring your lunch and beverages will be provided.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information, you may contact Gail Onanian at (860) 805-7398 or Yn. Patricia Buttero at (860) 677-1722.





Easter Yughakin

Peter Bagdikian
John & Roxie Maljanian
Lucy Simonian
Charles Vartanian
Art & Sylvia Simonian
Manusak Terdjanian
Rose Mosey
Adrienne Damian
LaPointe Family
Der Haroutiun & Yn. Lucine
Marge Litteral
Arthur Bagdasarian
Linda, Deanne & Aram Soukiasian
Anthony & Christine Parnagian Esposito
Richard Arzoomanian
Melanie & Richard Picard
Alice Shimshidian
Harry & Jane DerAsadourian
Robert & Katherine Azarigian
Elizabeth Surabian
Laurie George
Deborah Buttero
Mariam Terdjanian
Paul & Elisa G. Marotollo
Charles Hovsepien
Harry & Janice Mazadoorian
Tom & Mary Connors
Gary & Debra Kerr
Gary & Ellen Hovhanessian
Richard & Henrietta Kallajian
Hasmig & Joseph Cannata
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kallajian & Family
Anonymous

In Lieu of Flowers Margaret Onanian

Adrienne Damian
Rose Mosey
Gail Onanian
Laurie & Mark Kashkegian
Peter Bagdikian
Yn. Patricia Buttero
Lucy Simonian
Victoria Rogers
Mary Abrahamian
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kallajian
James & Cheryl Grasso

In Lieu of Flowers Angela Parnagian

Marge Litteral
Anthony & Christine Parnagian
Esposito

In Lieu of Flowers Thomas Bartumioli

Arthur and Sylvia Simonian



News from the Eastern Diocese and around the world

Information courtesy of the Eastern Diocese eNewsletter

Catholicos confirms election of Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan as Primate

In a letter dated May 17, 2022, His Holiness Karekin II, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, confirmed the election of the Very Reverend Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan to the office of Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

Fr. Parsamyan was elected to that position during the opening session of the 120th Diocesan Assembly, which convened in New York and online on May 6.

Immediately following the announcement of the election result, Diocesan Assembly chairman Gregory Saraydarian (of Holy Martyrs Church, Bayside, NY) and secretary Laurie Bejoian (Holy Translators Church, Framingham, MA) sent a message to the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, apprising His Holiness of the news, and asking for his blessing on, and confirmation of, the decision of the Assembly delegates. Catholicos Karekin II's reply was addressed to these Diocesan Assembly officers.

In accordance with the Eastern Diocese's Bylaws, with the confirmation of the Catholicos, Fr. Parsamyan now takes his place as the 13th Primate of the Eastern Diocese, succeeding His Grace Bishop Daniel Findikyan.

We offer prayers of support and gratitude for both of these worthy churchmen, as they embark on new chapters in their respective distinguished ministries.

From the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin

May 17, 2022 / No. 513

Esteemed Mr. Saraydarian and Ms. Bejoian:

We were gratified to be informed in your letter of May 6, 2022, that the Very Reverend Father Mesrop Vartabed Parsamyan has been elected as Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, by a majority vote of the Diocesan Assembly, convened in New York on May 6-7.

With our pontifical blessing we hereby confirm Father Mesrop Parsamyan's election as Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, and extend our congratulations and best wishes.

We are most hopeful that with the help of the Diocese's administrative and parish bodies, and with the support of our faithful, the newly-elected Primate will enjoy a fruitful service for the greater splendor of the Eastern Diocese of the United States.

With prayers to God, we ask the Lord to always keep the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church bright and unshaken, granting you good health and success in your church-loving activities.

With blessings,
KAREKIN II
Catholicos of All Armenians

Transitions honored, new paths opened, at 120th Diocesan Assembly

The 120th Diocesan Assembly of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America saw some significant transitions in the life of the Diocese. The gathering was the first time that delegates and clergy had an opportunity to meet and deliberate in person in more than two years, since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition, the Assembly saw the election of a new Primate for the Diocese, in the person of the Very Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan.

The 2022 Assembly convened on Friday, May 6, in a “hybrid” format incorporating both in-person and online participation. Current Diocesan Primate Bishop Daniel Findikyan presided. Some 56 voting delegates and a number of observers gathered in person at the St. Vartan Cathedral Complex in New York City. An additional 125 voting delegates attended the Assembly online, over the Zoom platform, interacting and fully participating in the meeting.

The election of officers was a major focus of the event. For all participants—those attending live as well as virtually—voting was conducted using a secure online balloting platform. In all, 181 delegates and clergy, representing the parishes of the Eastern Diocese, took part on the proceedings. A second general session went forward under the same format on Saturday, May 7.

Assembly chair Gregory Saraydarian (Holy Martyrs Church, Bay-side, NY) called the inaugural session to order on May 6. A formal message from His Holiness Karekin II, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, was read to the delegates, after which Bishop Daniel gave some warm welcoming remarks.

“Finally, after a long interval, we are together here—at least in part—face to face,” he said. The spirit of our Diocese is back in a way it hasn’t been lately. And it’s significant we meet here at St. Vartan Cathedral: a location that brings us together as no other place.”





A Special Recognition

Business moved forward at a brisk pace, with Nominating Committee chair Lynn Beylerian (St. Leon, Fair Lawn, NJ) taking to the podium to explain the very organized and secure method of online voting that would be employed throughout the proceedings.

The roll call of delegates was an occasion to honor a stalwart, beloved figure at Diocesan Assemblies over the past decades: Nubar Kupelian, the distinguished longtime staff member at the Diocesan Center. In introducing “Baron Nubar,” Bishop Daniel announced that the summer of 2020 had marked his 50th anniversary of service to the Eastern Diocese—and the delegates stood and burst into loud applause as Mr. Kupelian and his wife Anahid approached the dais. There, Diocesan Vicar Fr. Simeon Odabashian read a congratulatory letter from Bishop Daniel in honor of the occasion.

“Throughout his time here,” he read, “Nubar has been the heart and soul of this organization: an inspiration to all who devote their time and creativity to God and His church; a mentor to his co-workers; and an example of the fine, humane, patriotic qualities that have been the most noble expression of Armenian civilization.”

The letter continued: “Nubar’s 50-year presence at the Diocesan headquarters has been an enduring grace upon the entire Armenian Church. He is a devout Christian, an Armenian patriot, a man of quality to whom all of his colleagues look up. We have become better Christians, and better Armenians, for having shared our days with him.”

After some gracious remarks of thanks, Nubar Kupelian read the roll of delegates in the familiar voice that has endeared him to the community. The occasion was recorded for posterity on the online Zoom platform.

Face to Face, Heart to Heart

Bishop Daniel presented his annual address as Primate to the gathering, blessing the delegates and thanking the local parishes for keeping the church alive in spite of the pandemic.

“Technology has let us meet face to face. But the church needs to meet heart to heart,” he said. “We’ve moved ahead, finding ways to do the things we needed to do.”

The personal highlight of the past year, Bishop Daniel disclosed, was the opportunity he had to ordain three priests, 10 deacons, 12 subdeacons, and 41 tbirs into the service of the church. As recently as a month ago, he presided over the consecration of a new church in Dallas, TX.

With animated enthusiasm, he proceeded to describe some of the initiatives undertaken by the Diocese and its staff in the prior months. These included the ongoing development and expansion of the VEMKAR digital ministries platform, which has played such a prominent role in the church’s outreach during the pandemic crisis; the establishment of a Deacons’ Fellowship and “Faith-Building Women” group; a “Good Samaritan Ministry” group, dealing with social and racial justice and healing; a commitment to “continuing education” retreats and resources for Diocesan clergy; and the launching of an innovative collaborative fellowship program between the Diocese’s Krikor and Clara Zohrab Information Center and Fordham University.

Bishop Daniel singled out the efforts of the Diocesan Youth Ministry staff, thanking them for pioneering online activities for young people, and looking forward to in-person summer camps in the coming season. He thanked Diocesan Vicar Fr. Simeon Oda-

bashian, Director of Ministries Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan, Cathedral vicar Fr. Davit Karamyan, and Administrator of the Diocesan Center Michele Berjerac for their support and friendship.

He also referenced the ground-up review of renovation and development plans for the Diocesan Center, and promised that in all discussions on the matter, “this complex will always be considered sacred ground.”

In a turn to a more expansive tone, Bishop Daniel continued: “But this is all about past accomplishments. None of us would come out here during the COVID period just to talk about the past. What I’m interested in is the future.”

With that, he spoke about his vision for the Diocese, called “Building Up the Body of Christ,” as articulated in the book of the same name, recently released by Bishop Daniel and sent to all the clergy, delegates and parishes. “The past is interesting,” he said; “but what I as Primate need to be doing is leading forward into the future.”

After concisely sketching out some of the book’s observations, he called on Diocesan leaders to “move out of their comfort zone,” to move beyond the motivation of “mere survival for the church.



“We must be a church of action,” he said, “Let us work to find paths to become a church of healing.”

Candidates’ Remarks

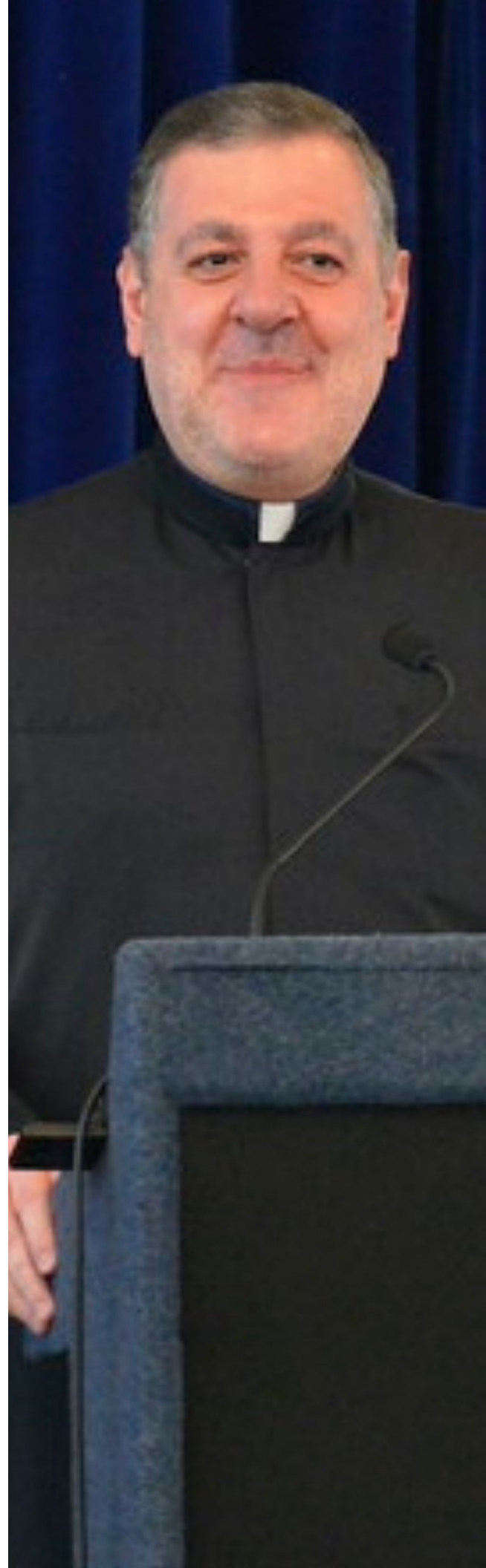
With an election for the office of Primate on the agenda, provision had been made for all three candidates nominated by the Diocesan Council to address the audience before delegates cast ballots.

Bishop Daniel, having just spoken at length, waved the occasion to speak as a candidate. The second nominee, the Very Rev. Fr. Mamigon Kiledjian, the Diocese’s Sacred Music Instructor, took the podium to offer a single statement: “My message is simple,” he said: “I love you all very much.”

The third nominee, the Very Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan, the Diocese’s Director of Ministries, began his address by thanking the Diocesan Council for nominating him. He revealed that his spiritual journey began as a teenager in Soviet Armenia, where he was born. “I walked the 30-mile distance from Yerevan to Khor Virab, the cradle of our faith,” he recalled. Camping out there overnight, he was awakened at dawn by church bells and hymns, which “caused a stirring in my soul.”

He described his early ministry in Etchmiadzin, Europe and America. In 2015, he entered the service of the Eastern Diocesan as pastor in a small Midwestern parish: Holy Shoghagat Church in Belleville, IL. Wondering at first whether he would be accepted in America’s heartland, he recalled how he was welcomed with “joy and hospitality, because we all had the same Armenian spirit. It shaped my understanding of the Diocese,” he revealed. Fr. Parsamyan explained that he “experienced firsthand the struggles and uplifting triumphs of our people” in his many administrative, academic, and pastoral assignments, which included two years as dean of Holy Etchmiadzin’s Gevorgyan Seminary, during the pandemic and Artsakh war.

Concerning the present election of the Diocesan Primate, he said that elections are “one of the only ways a community can express its voice.”





“Elections are also about independence,” he added. “When you agree to be a candidate in an election, you are making yourself accountable to the people whom you ask to vote for you.” He pledged to be “an advocate of the needs and well-being of the flock entrusted to my care.”

In a plea for a church that reaches out to all segments of the community, he said: “We slice up our community into every demographic, as if we’re trying to discover some secret truth. But the most important truth is standing in plain sight. There is only one demographic that matters, above everything else: We are the Armenian children of our Heavenly Father. This is our church—for all our people.”

“Our outreach must grow and embrace new members,” he declared. “We must teach our youth the relevance of the Armenian Church and the rich spiritual, liturgical and cultural heritage in their lives ... [and] recruit candidates to the priesthood and lay ministry.”

“We will do it together,” he concluded, “hand in hand, united in spirit and in devotion to our church, our people—and most of all, to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Reports and Results

As balloting went forward on a secure online platform, the assembly agenda went forward. Fr. Andreas Garabedian (St. Gregory the Illuminator, Chicago, IL) presented the report of this year’s Clergy Conference, which had met online in the days prior to the main assembly.

Diocesan Council members Lisa Kouzoujian and Roseann Manougian Attar gave a compact Diocesan Council report, in the understanding that discussion of financial matters would take place at a later session.

When election results were finalized (following a second ballot only for one office: an open seat on the Board of Directors), the Nominating Committee announced that Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan had been elected to the office of Primate on the first ballot, hav-

ing received the needed majority of votes. There followed the traditional procession of all the attending clergy, singing the Hrashapar hymn of welcome, leading the newly-elected Fr. Parsamyan through Haik and Alice Kavookjian Auditorium to the dais. Clergy and others approached him to kiss his hand and offer congratulations.

A formal message announcing the result was sent to Holy Etchmiadzin, in accordance with the diocesan Bylaws, for the confirmation of His Holiness Karekin II, the Catholicos of All Armenians. Upon confirmation by the Catholicos, Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan will become the 13th Primate of the Eastern Diocese.

Following the announcement of his election, Fr. Parsamyan gave a gracious acceptance speech, thanking the people of the Diocese “for the privilege to walk with this Armenian family of faith, on this road to salvation.”

“Let us renew our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, and again pledge to serve him by serving one another,” he added.

In warmhearted remarks, the present Primate Bishop Daniel said, “I want to congratulate Hayr Mesrop Vartabed for being elected the next Primate of this Diocese. He is a man, I know from personal experience, of enormous gifts, powerful faith deep within, and passionate concern for the building up of our church.”

Diocesan Legate Archbishop Vicken Aykazian closed the Friday session by imparting his fatherly wisdom to the listeners in the auditorium and watching online.

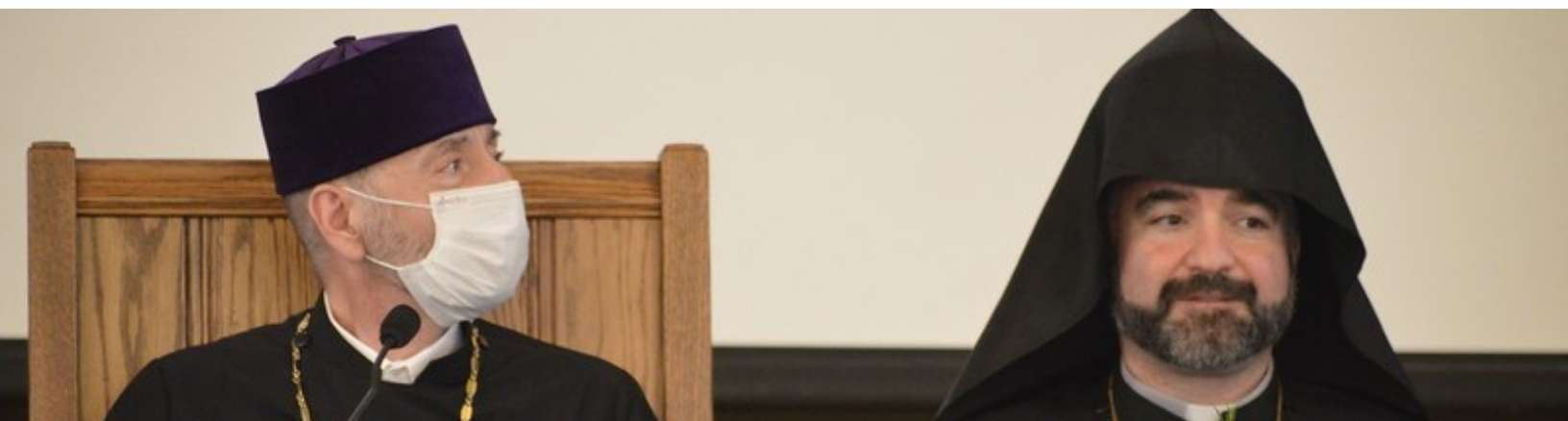
“Here there is no ‘win’ and ‘loss,’” he said; “what we see are two worthy churchmen. Bishop Daniel is and will remain one of the best spiritual leaders we have in the Armenian Church. His mission has only started...and I’m sure he will be helpful to the Armenian Church throughout the world.”

“To Hayr Mesrop,” Archbishop Aykazian went on, “he has a great task before him, and he will need all of our help. But by coming together, working together—as Hayr Sourp encouraged us—there is a lot we can achieve in our Diocese.”

Final Thoughts and Blessings

The session of Saturday, May 7, began with a requiem service for departed delegates, clergy, and Diocesan leaders who had passed away in the previous year.

It continued with a special presentation on plans to renovate and develop the St. Vartan Cathedral Complex. Diocesan Board of Trustees members Sandra Shahinian Leitner (in person) and Lisa Esayian (via online video) delivered an enlightening and clear discussion on the physical and structural needs of the Diocesan Center, the



projected costs involved in each phase of a proposed renovation, and on the pathways under discussion for the past several years restore the cathedral complex and bring its facilities up to date.

A productive question and answer session with the delegates followed. The presenters stressed that decisions have not yet been made on how to proceed with the project, but they pledged that the process would go forward as a transparent community undertaking, in cooperation and in consultation with the elected body of the Diocesan Assembly.

Before the session adjourned, Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan offered his closing remarks, calling on the faithful to seek guidance in “the good captain of the ship of our church, Christ the Lord, who has navigated us through the waters of community life and word events, and has always brought us to safe harbor.”

He expressed his love for the Eastern Diocese, and his promise to serve all its people faithfully. In a warm gesture of brotherly affection, he said he looked forward to working with Bishop Daniel in the future “for the prosperity of our Diocese and the glory of the Lord.”

Bishop Daniel in turn congratulated Fr. Parsamyan on his election, saying that “I am confident, hopeful, and prayerful Hayr Sourp will give his many gifts to the church, solidifying the faith of the people, and making this Diocese a beacon to the world.” “As for me,” he went on, “I am committed to helping you however I can. This is my church, and I am here for you and for our people. The last four years have been the greatest blessing in my life. I thank you all, and I thank God, for this blessed experience in my ministry.”

Archbishop Vicken Aykazian offered prayerful words of expectation of bright futures ahead for both Bishop Daniel and Fr. Mesrop, before assembly chair Gregory Saraydarian formally adjourned the session, slightly ahead of schedule.

The 121st Diocesan Assembly, meeting in May of 2023, is expected to go forward as an in-person gathering in Dallas, TX, at the newly-consecrated St. Sarkis Church.





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