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COMING EVENTS

- **August 15** - Asdvadzadzin– Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary, the Holy-mother of God
- **August 22-** Green Lecture– “The Wild Queens”
- **September 8-** Basketball program indoor practices start
- **September 19** - Saint Sarkis Annual Picnic with KidZone
- **October 2010** - Armenian Cultural Month -
- **October 2010** - Saint Sarkis Church 20th Anniversary

For additional information on all above events, kindly call the Church office at **718-224-2275**

Asdvadzadzin– Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary

On Sunday August 15th, Saint Sarkis Church will celebrate Asdvadzadzin– Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary, the Holy mother of God, one of the major days in the Armenian Church calendar. The morning service will start at 10:00 am, the Divine Liturgy at 10:45, and the Blessing of the Grape and Madagh following the services. The Guest celebrant on this day will be V. Rev. Fr. Mesrob Sarkissian, Member of The Brotherhood of The Great House Of Cilicia, staff bearer to the Catholicos. What makes this Holiday special at Saint Sarkis is the MADAGH (Herisa), and the Tan,



lovingly prepared by Karnig and Ani Nercessian, and Dori Shishmanian. Sandwiches will also be supplied by the Ladies Guild.

2010 YOUTH CAMP—FUN TIME FOR ALL



From July 5-16, 59 Armenian youth ages 5-14 have been coming to the 5th annual St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church youth camp, where they learned Armenian language, history, music and dance, practiced the *badarak*, made arts and crafts, and enjoyed friendly competition during sports.

The week was highlighted by a visit on July 12 from the Prelate Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Vicar General Bishop Anoushavan Tanelian, and Staff Bearer Father Mesrob Sarkissian. Antranig Boudakian, who has been sponsoring part of the expenses of the camp for the past 5 years, also met with

campers that day. Later during the week Archpriest Fr. Moushegh Der Kalustian also stopped by to see the campers.

Trips and special activities also took place during the two weeks. Campers went to *Strike Bowling Alley*, had a special session by the *Long Island Children's Museum*, and an extra class on health and nutrition. On the last day the campers put together a Talent Show that they have been preparing since the first day. As the fifth year of St. Sarkis Summer Camp came to a close, the staff has begun plans to hold monthly reunions for attendees and make plans for next year's camp.

Yeraz Dance Ensemble Dinner Dance at Saint Sarkis

May 22. 8:00 pm and guests are beginning to fill the Saint Sarkis beautifully decorated Chadrijian hall, going past the gatekeepers and "jack of all things" Ani, Diana and Maria at the entrance. Paid the fee, went in and already members of Yeraz were putting the finishing touches such as stocking the bar, adding a line to the Australian Merlot bottle called Veraz, to make it look like Yeraz, all under the cheerful supervision of the well bearded "Baron Karnig". The delicious "mezzes" prepared by Sossi Simonian, Zabel Babikian and Ani Nercessian led to tasty kebabs catered by the one and only Sevan Armenian Restaurant.

For some, the fun started with the blessing of the meal by Saint Sarkis pastor, Der Nareg Terterian, for others the music of Jaq Hagopian and his band provided the urge to



dance...Armenian.. that is. Soorch bar, hands up, groups, solos, everyone was on the floor swaying to the rhythm. But Yeraz being Yeraz, the best dance group in New York, the dancers, no longer willing to contain themselves

really put on a show. First the girls came in with their delicate and gracious movements, and the boys, not to be outdone,

showed off with an unending array of solos and group moves that would even make Cirque De Soleil take notice. Despite his fake protests, they even got Karnig to show a couple of moves, greening ear to ear. Yeraz has many talented members, and Shant Simonian, a co-leader of the Ensemble, played a wonderful song with an "ancient Armenian instrument"- the clarinet, to the cheers of his friends and dancers.



By all standards, this was a great party, with terrific food, music and entertainment and even if you were not there, you might enjoy some pictures that can be seen on the Saint Sarkis Church Facebook page.



Saint Sarkis Picnic—September 19

"The summer is not over until the last shish kebab is eaten, volleyball is volleyed, soccer ball kicked, tavloo dice thrown and Shoorch bar danced." With this credo as its driving force, the Saint Sarkis Church picnic committee is working hard to make this picnic highly satisfying for everyone.

This year the annual picnic will take place on Sunday, September 19, right at the beginning of New York's famous "indian summer".

The picnic will start following church services, but planned activities will include church services for the faithful at 10:00 a.m., basketball, volleyball and Frisbee tournaments for the youth, and of course the tavloo tournament. Other attractions will include the music of DJ Shant & Shant and once again this year there will be a **special area**

KidZone dedicated to kids with all kinds of fun things to do: Balloons, Face painting, Fun Tattoos, Sand Arts, Tug of War, Candy Neck-

laces, Hoola Hoops, Cupcakes, Limbo Contest, Big Bouncer to keep children entertained and parents free to enjoy a picnic.



There will also be a number of vendors exhibiting their wares for those inclined to do a little shopping. The committee is looking for volunteers to help with various tasks at the picnic, including supervising the tavloo and other tournaments, and food preparation and serving. Kindly call the church office to volunteer.

The **Saint Sarkis Basketball program** is looking for players for its Junior Boys, Girls and Senior Boys teams. Practices are during the week on Wednesdays and Games on selected Sundays after church.. Please call the Church office or Mr. Barsamian to join. 212-689-6273