

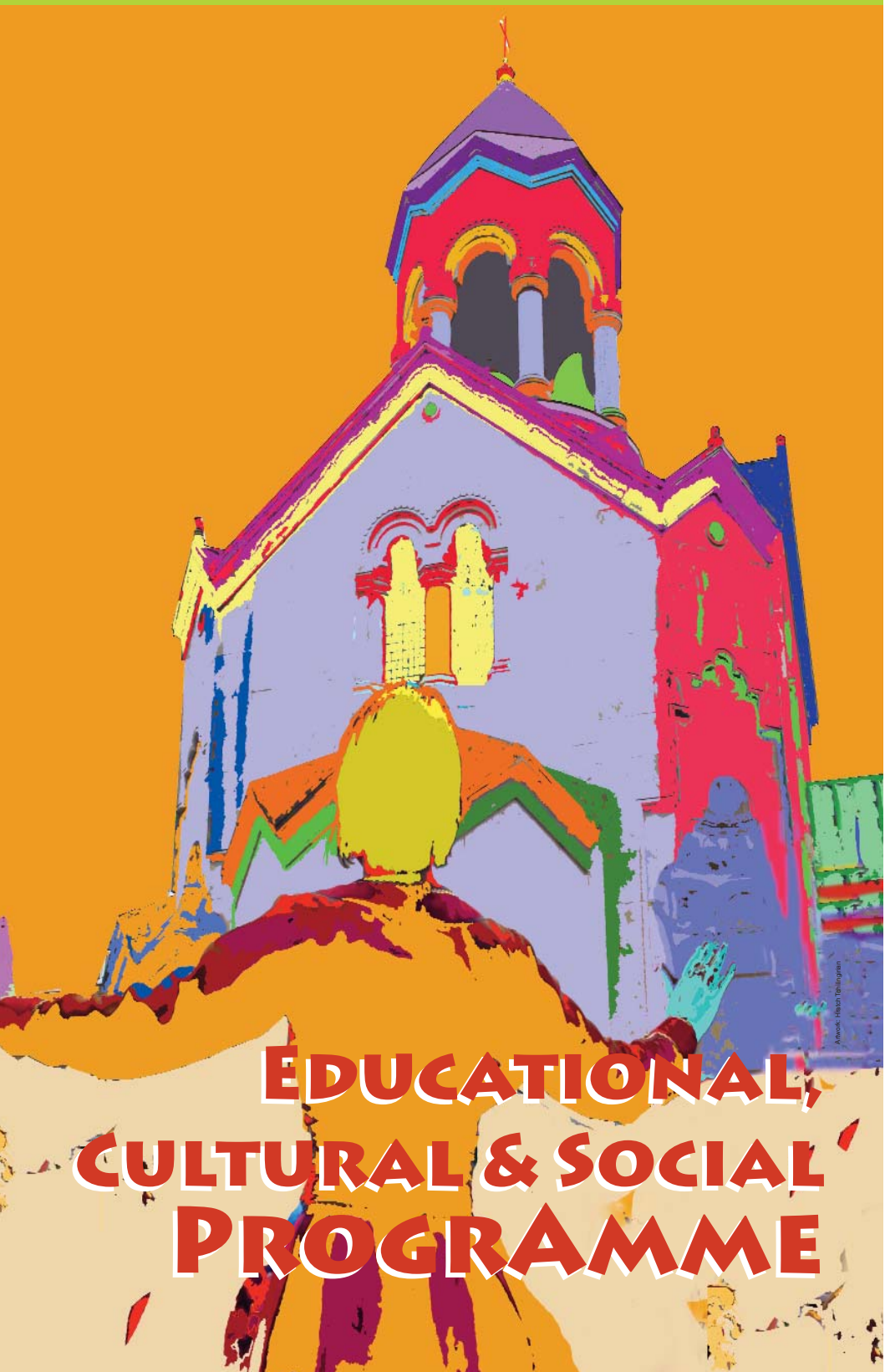
90th
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St. Sarkis
Church

1923-2013

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The Armenian Church in the UK & St. Sarkis Church celebrate
under the auspices of the Primate of the Armenian Church,
His Grace Bishop Vahan Hovhannessian
90TH Anniversary of the first Armenian Church in London



**EDUCATIONAL,
CULTURAL & SOCIAL
PROGRAMME**



SEPTEMBER 2012

SUNDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 1:00 PM

COLLOQUIUM

The Bible & the Armenian Church, a presentation by **His Grace Bishop Vahan Hovhannessian**, Primate, followed by discussion. Light lunch will be served in the Nvart Gulbenkian Hall following the Divine Liturgy and before the discussion. Donation: £10.

**co-organised with St. Sarkis Church Parish Council and the Armenian Institute.*

SUNDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER, 11:30 AM

AREV Children's play group

Arev Children's Play Group -- for Pre-School to 7 years old children at St. Sarkis Church -- is an exciting hour of fun through Armenian songs, storytelling and activities. Parents' participation is essential. 11:30 am Programme in the Nvart Gulbenkian Hall; 12:30-12:45 children and parents attend church service. The play group meets the last Sunday of each month. For more information about AREV please call or text Shakeh Major Tchilingirian 07968 446223 or email parish@stsarkislondon.com

OCTOBER 2012

SUNDAY, 7 OCTOBER, 1:00 PM

COLLOQUIUM

Sources of Faith of the Armenian Church, a presentation by Dr Hratch Tchilingirian (Oxford University) followed by discussion. Light lunch will be served in the Nvart Gulbenkian Hall following the Divine Liturgy and before the discussion. Donation: £10.

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SATURDAY, 13 OCTOBER, 7:00-8:00 PM

CONCERT IN ST. SARKIS CHURCH

A special concert on the occasion of the 90th anniversary. Mezzo **Anais Heggoyan** and tenor **Sipan Hakobyan** will present a special programme, including Mozart, Handel, Verdi, Curtis, Komitas, Ganachian, Harutyunyan. Donation: £10. *Advance reservation highly recommended.*

SATURDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 7:30 PM

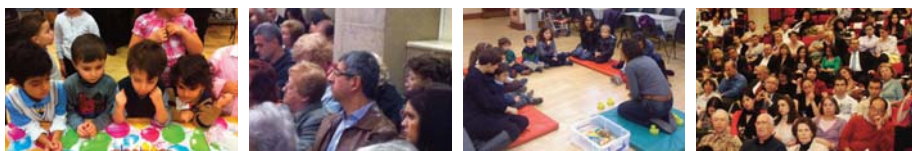
ARMENIAN EVENING AT ST. SARKIS

DINNER WITH POET PARUYR SEVAK. The poet will be *present* through his work. Participants will read their favourite Sevak poems. Armenian music and singing. An exciting cultural and social evening in the Nvart Gulbenkian Hall. Donation: £15. *Advance reservation highly recommended.*

SUNDAY, 28 OCTOBER, 11:30 AM

AREV Children's play group

Arev Children's Play Group -- for Pre-School to 7 years old children at St. Sarkis Church -- is an exciting hour of fun through Armenian songs,



storytelling and activities. Parents' participation is essential. 11:30 am Programme in the Nevart Gulbenkian Hall; 12:30-12:45 children and parents attend church service. For more information please call or text Shakeh Major Tchilingirian 07968 446223.

NOVEMBER 2012

SATURDAY, 3 NOVEMBER, 7:00 PM

ARMENIAN EVENING AT ST. SARKIS

DINNER WITH POET LOLA KOUNDAKJIAN. Participants will meet poet Lola Koundakjian from New York. She will read a selection from her recent book. Armenian music and singing. An exciting cultural and social evening in the Nvart Gulbenkian Hall. Donation: £15. *Advance reservation highly recommended.*

SUNDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 1:00 PM

COLLOQUIUM

Veneration of Saints in the Armenian Apostolic Church, a presentation by the **Very Rev. Fr. Gargein Hambarzumyan** (Sheffield University), followed by discussion. Light lunch will be served in the Nvart Gulbenkian Hall following the Divine Liturgy and before the discussion. Donation: £10.

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SATURDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 7:00 PM

CONCERT IN ST. SARKIS CHURCH

A special concert on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of St. Sarkis Church. Violinist **Levon Chilingirian** and Cellist **Alexander Chaushian** will present a special musical programme. Donation: £10. *Advance reservation highly recommended.*

SUNDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 11:30 AM

AREV Children's play group

Arev Children's Play Group -- for Pre-School to 7 years old children at St. Sarkis Church -- is an exciting hour of fun through Armenian songs, storytelling and activities. Parents' participation is essential. 11:30 am Programme in the Nevart Gulbenkian Hall; 12:30-12:45 children and parents attend church service.

DECEMBER 2012

WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 7:30 PM

COLLOQUIUM - Liturgical Language and Liturgical Celebration, a talk by the **Rev. Fr. Shnork Baghdassarian**, Pastor of St. Sarkis Church, on the tension between the sacred and the vernacular in the Liturgical celebration in the history of the Universal Church in general and in the Armenian Church in particular, followed by discussion. At Armenian House, 25 Cheniston Gardens, Kensington.

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SATURDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 7:30 PM

WINE & PHILOSOPHY - Food for thought, wine and light dinner
“If a fish and a bird fall in love, where will they build their home”, informal discussion and socialising led by Dr Hratch Tchilingirian over wine and light dinner in the Nvart Gulbenkian Hall. Donation: £10. *Advance reservation highly recommended, limited to 30 participants.*

SUNDAYS, 2, 9, 16 DECEMBER, 1:00 PM

CHRISTMAS FAIR AT ST. SARKIS

Prepared by St. Sarkis Church Ladies Committee a special 90th anniversary fair and authentic Armenian food after Divine Liturgy. Fun days for the entire family.

SATURDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

This inspiring evening of Christmas carol singing, worship and fellowship for all Armenians in London and their families is organised by the Armenian Church Youth Fellowship (ACYF). This festive event will take place in St. Sarkis Church this year in celebration of the church's 90th Anniversary. There will be an evensong service with Christmas carols in Armenian and English, prayers and reflection inside the St. Sarkis Church. The ACYF members will lead in the singing but all are welcome and encouraged to sing along. The church service will be followed by a fellowship reception in the Gulbenkian Hall. Bring your entire family to celebrate Christmas and our heritage.

JANUARY 2013

SATURDAY, 19 JANUARY, 7:30 PM

WINE & PHILOSOPHY - Food for thought, wine and light dinner
“If you could balance on a tightrope, over what landscape would you walk?” informal discussion and socialising led by Dr Hratch Tchilingirian (Oxford University) over wine and light dinner in the Nvart Gulbenkian Hall. Donation: £10. *Advance reservation highly recommended, limited to 30 participants.*

SATURDAY, 26 JANUARY; 7:00-8:00 PM

ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR WORLD PEACE

This special church service is held on the occasion of the feast of St. Sarkis, the church's Name Day. This year it will be dedicated to the 90th Anniversary, celebrated with ecumenical and civic guests, the Mayor of Kensington, Armenian community members and parishioners.

SUNDAY, 27 JANUARY, 1:00 PM

ST. SARKIS NAME DAY MADAGH, TRADITIONAL HARISA

On the occasion of the Feast of St. Sarkis and the Church's Name Day, the Blessing of Madagh will take place in the church courtyard following the Divine Liturgy. Traditional *Harrisa* will be distributed to the entire congregation.



16 SEPTEMBER



His Grace Bishop Vahan Hovannessian, PhD, was elected the leader of the Armenian Church in Great Britain in 2010. As the new Primate he has introduced transformative new programmes and activities in the life of the Armenian community. Against the background of over 20 years of pastoral experience in the United States, where he served as a parish priest in several churches, Bishop Vahan is a leading Biblical scholar, especially from an Orthodox perspective. He is the author of a number of books and publications on the Scriptures, liturgy and the theology of the Armenian Church, most recently, *The Canon of the Bible and the Apocrypha in the Churches of the East* (2012).

7 OCT, 8 DEC



Dr. Hratch Tchilingirian is a sociologist and associate faculty member of the Oriental Institute, Oxford University, focusing on the Middle East. Previously he held various academic positions at Cambridge University for nearly a decade. He received his PhD from LSE. He is a graduate of the Armenian seminaries in Jerusalem and New York. He has published and lectured extensively on sociological, religious and socio-cultural issues in the Diaspora and the Church (www.hratch.info). For more than 30 years has served the Armenian communities in the US and the UK, where he continues to be very active in various leadership positions.

13 OCTOBER



Anaïs Heghoyan, mezzo, is a graduate of the Royal College of Music's International Opera School. She has performed in many Operas and Oratorios/Concerts, including Weinberg's "The Passenger" (ENO 2011), Smetana's *The Bartered Bride*, Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte*, and many others. Anaïs has been the recipient of many scholarships, including a Royal College of Music scholarship. In 2006-2008 she gained a graduate and postgraduate diploma studying with Ryland Davies.

13 OCTOBER



Sipan Hakobyan, tenor, has taken part in concerts in various cities in Armenia, Austria, Germany, Russia and the UK. Recently he sang in the London premier of Anoush Opera in the role of *Ohan* and *Ancvort Akhper*. He holds a degree in Choir Conducting from Yerevan Komitas State Musical Conservatory. As a member of the London Philharmonic Choir he has performed in the Royal Albert and Royal Festival halls. He has extensive knowledge of Armenian folk and liturgical music and sings regularly in St. Sarkis Church and at community events.

3 NOVEMBER



Poet **Lola Koundakjian** is the author of *The Accidental Observer*, her first collection of poetry published in 2011. Her next book, *Advise to a poet*, is forthcoming. Born in Beirut, Lola has lived in New York City since 1979. She is the founder and curator of the online *Armenian Poetry Project* since 2006. Her poems were translated into Spanish for the 20th International Poetry Festival in Medellín and published in the *Memoria del XX Festival Internacional de Poesía*. She has translated the works of modern Istanbul poets and is the poetry editor of *Ararat*. She has read her work in various international venues.

11 NOVEMBER



Very Rev. Fr. Gargein Hambardzumyan is a member of the Brotherhood of Holy Etchmiadzin and a PhD Candidate at the Department of Biblical Studies of the University of Sheffield. A graduate of the Gevorgian Theological University in Etchmiadzin, he was ordained a celibate priest in 2009 and has held various positions, including as leader of the Armenian Christian Youth group during the celebrations of the 1700th anniversary of Christianity in Armenia. Fr. Garegin is the author of *Pilgrim's Guide* (2005), *Prayers for Healing* (2008), and others. In 2011 he created www.grabar.am for learning Classical Armenian online.

17 NOVEMBER



Levon Chilingirian is an internationally recognised virtuoso violinist and founder of The Chilingirian Quartet, one of the most active and celebrated string quartets on the international scene with tours to over fifty countries. Chilingirian also performs as a soloist in recitals and concerto appearances with numerous orchestras, and with other chamber music partners. He has been the Artistic Director and first violin of the Camerata Nordica (Sweden) and is the Artistic Director of the Mendelssohn on Mull Festival and the Pharos Festival (Cyprus). He received the Cobbett Medal and an OBE in 2000.

17 NOVEMBER



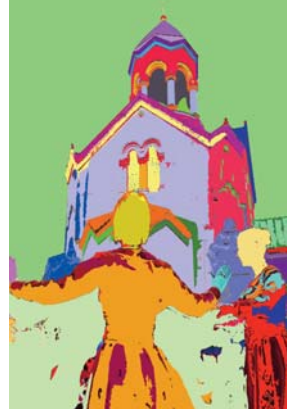
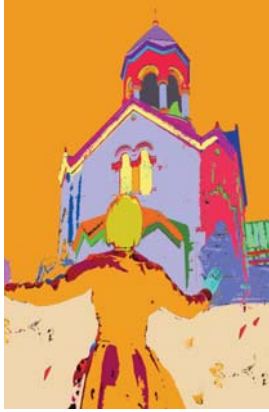
Alexander Chaushian is regarded as one of the finest cellists of his generation. He has performed extensively throughout the world. He has appeared as soloist with various orchestras including the Vienna Chamber Orchestra, the Philharmonia Orchestra, Luxembourg's Les Solistes Européens, conducted by Yehudi Menuhin, the Armenian Philharmonic Orchestra, etc. He has given recitals at leading venues in England, Finland, France and USA. He is the Artistic Director of the Pharos Chamber Music Festival (Cyprus) and the Yerevan Music Festival (Armenia).

5 DECEMBER



Rev. Fr. Shnork Baghdassarian has been the Pastor of St Sarkis Church for nearly 20 years (since 1993). He graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Liturgy from Heythrop College, University of London and is a graduate of the Gervorgyan Theological Seminary of the Catholicosate of All Armenians in Holy Etchmiadzin. Fr. Shnork provides pastoral care and religious services to St Sarkis Church and the wider Armenian community in London with love and dedication.

For reservations and tickets please send an email to
90th@stsarkislondon.org
call the church office **020 7937 0152**



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For further details and to be placed on the mailing list for future announcements, please send an email to **90th@stsarkislondon.org**. If you wish to volunteer for any of the anniversary activities, please contact the Chairman of the 90th Anniversary Organising Committee, Dr Hratch Tchilingirian, by email: info@hratch.info

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