

CYPRUS WEEKLY

REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION

Sir,

According to the Armenian Calendar of Saints, the Saturday of the 19th January 2008 is the name day of Benefactor Garabed Melkonian – the founder of the highly appreciated Melkonian Education Institute, based in Nicosia on its own campus of 18.5 hectares.

Educators and their promoters have always done and are doing the work of saints

“per interim”, when “the respect of the other” is essential in the implementation of their activities related to the education. We think this is so in any religion or faith creating the possibilities by which people of different cultures could co-operate for the common benefit of the mankind and this planet.

Garabed Melkonian has carried out that kind of a saint work. That’s why our worldwide organisation has a strong thought of thankfulness for him and reminds especially Western Armenians all over the world that Saturday, 19th of January is the name day of Saint Garabed.

This expression of gratitude is related to the work initiated by Agha Garabed. He has set up a Fund – known as Melkonian Fund, allocating an immense fortune belonging to him and to his late brother Krikor. The Melkonian Fund had to serve for the survival of the Western Armenians and the perennality of their Cultural Identity.

In present circumstances of remembrance, we will not comment upon the destructive operations targeting the Melkonian Educational Institute – main realisation of the Melkonian Fund.

Pro Edvcatio has already published with this regard the Communiqué 2007/09/03, in six languages, analysing the efforts of some people trying to annihilate the Culture of Western Armenians – the culture of Krikor and Garabed Melkonian benefactor brothers.

This Saturday, 19th of January, is the day of Saint Garabed.

Some people will assist to a requiem around the world, remembering Melkonian benefactor brothers.

Some people will pray out of churches. Yet some other people will think on the mass destruction efforts against a cultural identity. They will recall not only on Saturday or once in a year, but everyday they will continue to react for the resurrection in order to eradicate the annihilation of Human Rights.

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