

One of the most memorable moments of the event was the “Camel Game,” a traditional game that celebrates the victory over evil and oppression. The students showcased their agility and teamwork, while the game itself served as a reminder of the resilience and faith that continue to define the Armenian people. It was an exciting and interactive way to bring a piece of history to life for all in attendance.

The students’ performance also reflected the importance of the abundance of food during the two-week Barekandan celebration, which culminates on the day before the start of Great Lent, known as Boon Barekandan. This day is marked by the consumption of milk-based soups, yogurt, and eggs, symbolizing the transition from a season of indulgence to one of reflection and abstinence. As the students shared, the traditional saying of the day—*“We eat white eggs now, may God make us worthy to eat the red ones!”*—encapsulates the spirit of renewal and hope that underpins the holiday.

The event concluded with an enlightening discussion about the significance of Great Lent and the importance of both spiritual and physical abstinence. The students thoughtfully explained how this period of reflection prepares the soul for the celebrations of Easter. Their reflections on prayer and the ceremonies of Great Lent, including the names of each Sunday, served as a meaningful reminder of the spiritual journey that lies ahead.

As the celebration wrapped up, the students wished everyone “Bari Kandanutyun,” a heartfelt blessing that ushered in a season of spiritual renewal. Their performance was not just an entertainment but a powerful reminder of the values that have been passed down through generations, and the strength of a community united by its faith and traditions.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all the teachers and parents whose unwavering support made this event possible. Their dedication and commitment continue to inspire our community, enriching the lives of all who are part of it.