

## **ARS `Roubina` Chapter's** **2013 Annual Christmas Bazaar - A SUCCESS!**

On November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, ARS `Roubina` Chapter held its 43rd annual Christmas Bazaar at the Armenian Community Centre. At 11 a.m. on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Chair of the Bazaar Committee, Ungerouhi Arsho Astourian welcomed everyone and thanked the Bazaar Committee members and all those who helped with the preparation of the food and the organization of this unique and fun event for our Toronto community.



Unger Varant Barsamyan thanked everyone for their hard work and said that ARS has a unique position in keeping the Armenian culture alive and that the majority of the proceeds of this bazaar goes to support the ARS Armenian Private School. Very Reverend Father Meghrig Parikian congratulated everyone and with a prayer blessed this event and all of its participants.



Ungerouhi Varsenig Sarkissian, Chair of the `Roubina` chapter, thanked the Bazaar Committee members

who worked tirelessly for 10 months to make this event a successful one. She then introduced the honoured guest of the 2013 Bazaar, Ungerouhi Laura Mavlian who with 22 years of dedicated service to ARS has been a strong supporter of this one of a kind organization. Ungerouhi Laura cut the ribbon declaring the bazaar open to the public.



Over the 2 days, approximately 2,000 individuals frequented the bazaar and enjoyed the authentic Armenian food prepared by our volunteers. They purchased unique gifts and many people completed their Christmas shopping at this bazaar. They also bought food and dessert to take home to their families.

At 4 p.m. on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the winning lottery numbers were pulled from the tickets sold and the 20 winners were selected. The top 5 prizes were an IPAD, IPAD mini, a luggage set, and two beautiful women's watches.

The ARS `Roubina`` Chapter's Executive Board and the 2013 Bazaar Committee would like to thank everyone who took the time to visit the bazaar, to shop and to have their meals there with their families and friends. They would also like to thank the seven vendors who took part in this event, sold their products and were one of the reasons for making this event a success.

See you all again next year on November 1 and 2, 2014.

