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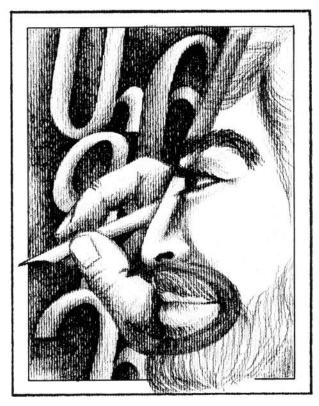
FEAST OF THE HOLY TRANSLATORS: OCTOBER 12

A Junior High/High School Activity

One of the best-selling DRE books in the Armenian Church Classics series (translations and editing of early Armenian Christian writings) is Mesrob Mashdotz: A Fifth Century Life which is a simpler, edited translation of the 5th century monk Koriun's story of his teacher Mesrob and how he founded the Armenian alphabet. Whew! That was a mouthful!

This year, on the Sunday after Holy Translators day, take the opportunity to review this fascinating story. A brief excerpt is provided on pages 3 and 4 to be used as follows with junior and senior high students. Adapt or reduce activities as desired.

Start the session by writing the words "Holy Translators" on the board. Say: "Yesterday was the Armenian Church feast of the Holy Translators. Anyone know anything about this feast?" Write students' answers on the board or, if your question draws a total blank, provide some yourself. Use the paragraph on page 2 to guide you. Then say,



"We're going to focus on the best-known of these saints, Mesrob Mashdotz, to learn a little—maybe a lot—more about the value of his life and work today." Then conduct a mini-lesson as follows: