

# Elmhurst Baptist celebrates 110 years

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THE ELMHURST Baptist Church celebrated its 110th anniversary last weekend with a gala celebration, packed with a variety of cultural activities.

On Saturday, a musical festival under the direction of Pavel Gintov featured the church's Chancel Choir, Ladies Ensemble, Frontlines (Youth) and Silent Praise. Also, from the Manhattan School of Music, soprano Julung Bae, violinist Renata Obal and tenor Young Chul Park performed. Festivities also included liturgical dance performances by the Queens Bible Church, an Indonesian band, the Myanmar Choir, Seventh Day Adventist-Bayanlian Choir and saxophonist Neil Wong.

The Sunday worship service began with the Chancel Choir. Following the service, a potluck lunch was held. A slide presentation in memory of the Rev. Cecil Kite was shown.

Kite served for 37 years at the church from 1936 until he retired to North Carolina in 1973. During his long tenure, Kite photographed many events held by the various groups' activities. The pictures shown were recently donated by his daughter, Carolyn Kite Gehbach.

"I am grateful to have the opportunity to work with the church to experience the warm, rich history, and to see how

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much they have changed along with the community," said interim pastor, the Rev. Timothy Partoja.

Elmhurst Baptist Church is located at 87-37 Whitney Ave., in Elmhurst. For more information call (718) 426-0139.

### College fair at Martin Van Buren HS

Martin Van Buren High School will hold a college fair from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today in the student cafeteria. Meet representatives from various colleges and universities. The school is at 230-17 Hillside Ave., Queens Village. Info: (718) 776-4728.

### For your shopping convenience

Marshalls department store and Target are the latest stores that have opened at Sky View Parc complex on College Point Blvd., in Flushing.

### Social celebration at Christ the King

Bella Italia Mia presents "13th Annual Celebration" on Oct. 30, from noon to 5 p.m., at Christ the King High School, 68-02 Metropolitan Ave., Middle Village.

Doors open at noon for social time, music, dancing and refreshments. Members \$25, nonmembers \$35. Ages 11 to 18 \$10. Under 11 free. Limited seating capacity. Reserve now. For more information, call (718) 426-1240.

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The Elmhurst Baptist Church Chancel Choir celebrates its 110-year anniversary in song and service. Photo by Desiree Navarro

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