

ETHIOPIAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

The Ethiopian Community Association of BC presents its annual celebration of food, entertainment, and family fun

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Vancouver Ethiopian Community



Adey Abeba Ethiopian Summer Festival !!!!

For more information on how you can involve your business or organization in this colorful festival event, please visit our website

www.vancouverethiopia.com or give us a call at 604-367-9662



Adey Abeba Flower

From August to September Ethiopia is covered by yellow-*Bidens* species endemic to Ethiopia.

In Ethiopia, yellow is a symbol of peace, hope, and love. Yellow *Bidens* are often displayed to signify the end of the rainy season and the beginning of the dry and sunny season and, more specifically, the start of the Ethiopian New Year, which falls on September 11th on the Gregorian calendar.

Saturday August 9, 2014

Wesburn Park, Burnaby
Patterson & Moscrop
11am to 8pm

Ethiopian coffee ceremony is an important part of our social and cultural life.



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The Ethiopian Community Association of BC is a non-profit organization that is established to preserve and promote our culture, thereby contributing to the cultural mosaic of Canada. In addition, we are engaged in community and youth empowerment programs that would foster a strong and vibrant community.

Five years ago the founders of “Adey Abeba” Ethiopian Summer Festival had a vision of establishing a gathering event that provides cross cultural understanding and interaction among Canadians of diverse heritage.

We are thrilled to continue this tradition and hope that this year you will have the opportunity to explore a little bit about Ethiopia, a nation that has been in existence for 3000 years.

Ethiopia, 13 Months of Sunshine

Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony

Make sure to stop by the Cultural Tent to learn something about Ethiopia and enjoy the Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony

Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony



Come and enjoy the number one Coffee bean in the world - Arabica Coffee Bean - roasted, and brewed right in front of you.

Coffee Ethiopian Style!

Coffee Arabica is the first species of coffee plant and is indigenous to Ethiopia. It has been cultivated in southwest Ethiopia for over 1,000 years.

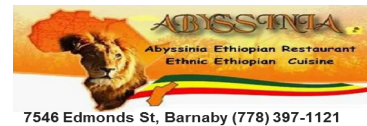
Next Coffee Ceremony Times:
12:00 – 14:00 – 16:00 – 18:00

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A Warm Welcome from ECA

Welcome to the 5th Annual "Adey Abeba" Ethiopian Summer Festival at Wesburn Park.

An opportunity for you to explore and celebrate Ethiopia, We invite you to enjoy the wonderful entertainment planned for this year, including our own Vancouver based Andualem Kassa, and his partner Tewodros Worku, acclaimed in several North American Cities.

Enjoy the unique and healthy cuisine made available to you by our partners and relax with a cold beverage while you listen to the pentatonic music rhythms that are unique to Ethiopia.

Indulge yourself and purchase a piece of Ethiopia to take home with you, our crafts and clothing market have lots of bargains; also visit our cultural tent and learn about the various cultural groups that made Ethiopia the epitome of multiculturalism, similar with Canada.

We are working diligently with the City of Burnaby in selecting a venue that is ideal for our event. We hope you enjoy what Wesburn Park has to offer as a setting for our magnificent production. We are greatly indebted to the City of Burnaby for being our Major Sponsor.

As always, we require the participation of our local community businesses, residents, and organizations throughout Metro Vancouver. We are grateful for our Platinum Sponsor, Gold Sponsors, Silver Sponsors and Bronze Sponsors.

Special thanks go to our Festival Manager Dr. Fitsum Tariku and his team, for putting together a great show. We invite others join us in the future. Please consider becoming a volunteer or partner next year.

Thank You,

Bereket Kebede, President
Ethiopian Community Association



Greetings From Derek Corrigan, Mayor



CITY OF BURNABY
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
DEREK R. CORRIGAN
MAYOR

GREETINGS

On behalf of Burnaby City Council and the citizens of Burnaby, greetings and best wishes for a very successful 5th Annual "Adey Abeba" Ethiopian Summer Festival on August 9th, 2014. This event is very important in our community because it aims to preserve and enhance Ethiopian culture while at the same time giving people from all walks of life an opportunity to experience and learn more about distinctly Ethiopian heritage, culture, and traditions.

In looking at the activities and features planned for the "Adey Abeba" Festival this year, it is going to be a very enjoyable and lively day filled with music and entertainment, delicious food and coffee, and different activities and competitions to involve and connect everyone who attends this special event.

Thank you to all the members, volunteers, and participants for making the "Adey Abeba" Ethiopian Summer Festival a continued success.

Sincerely,

Derek R. Corrigan
Mayor



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A Tribute to our Founding Members. Thank you!



Congratulations from Peter Julian, MP



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GREETINGS FROM PETER JULIAN, MP BURNABY-NEW WESTMINSTER

5th ANNUAL 'ADEY ABEBA' ETHIOPIAN SUMMER FESTIVAL

I am honoured to have this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the Ethiopian community for your significant contributions to our community and to our Province of British Columbia.

The Annual Ethiopian Summer Festival is the ideal event for showcasing a deeper understanding and connection to Ethiopian culture and heritage. This is an admirable endeavour and sends a message of unification and appreciation for the rich blend of our multicultural communities and values.

Special thanks to Bereket Kebede, President of the Ethiopian Community of British Columbia, Fitsum Tariku, ECABC Festival Manager and to all the staff and volunteers for their dedication and hard work towards making this event so successful.

Peter Julian, MP
Burnaby-New Westminster



Greetings From Raj Chouhan, MLA

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Congratulations

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to congratulate the Ethiopian Community Association of BC on the occasion of holding its 5th Annual Summer Festival.

The Annual Summer Festival is a wonderful way to honor the heritage and culture of Ethiopia and to recognize the important contributions Ethiopians have made to our province.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to the Ethiopian Community Association of BC for organizing such an important event that will continue to foster stronger cultural relations between the Ethiopian Community and Canadian Society.

I look forward to celebrating this special occasion and offer my best wishes on your continued success.

Yours sincerely,

Raj Chouhan, MLA
Burnaby-Edmonds
New Democrat Official Opposition
Assistant Deputy Speaker

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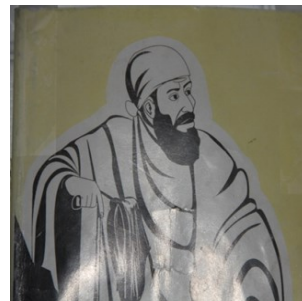
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Ethiopian Community Association

Celebrates

5th Annual Adey Abeba Ethiopia Summer Festival August 9, 2014

It is my pleasure to extend my very best wishes as you celebrate the 5th Annual Adey Abeba Ethiopia Summer Festival. This is a great opportunity for communities of people to join together in warm fellowship, great lively music, games, wonderful foods and much fun.

My thanks to the many volunteers who have worked so very hard to make today a reality.

Enjoy.

Richard T. Lee

Member of the Legislative Assembly for Burnaby North
August 2014

Appreciation from Burnaby RCMP



Burnaby Detachment

At the Burnaby RCMP, we recognize that one of the strengths of our community is the rich diversity and unique background of the population we are privileged to serve. By bringing the community together through events such as the Adey Abeba Ethiopian Summer Festival, it is an opportunity to showcase and celebrate the Ethiopian culture and share it with others. The Burnaby RCMP is honoured to be a part of the event and to support the vision and goals of the Ethiopian Community Association.

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August 6, 2014

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Constituency of Burnaby-Lougheed, I am delighted and proud to join you in celebration of the Adey Abeda Ethiopian Summer Festival. It is my honour to serve the office in the 40th Parliament of British Columbia Legislature to represent you. I am grateful every day for the kindness and strength friends like you give me. I look forward to meeting you in person and seeing you at the Festival and please feel free to stop by my office anytime to share your story!

Respectfully,

Jane Shin, MLA for Burnaby-Lougheed
Deputy Economic Sectors Spokesperson for Trade, Immigration & Multiculturalism

Our Performers

Sewit Haile is 10 years old and has finished graded 5 at St. Francis of Assisi School. Her favorite parts of the day are science and silent reading. At school she participates in choir and competes in spelling bees. She also takes part in peer helpers, classroom helpers and competes in speech arts for which this year she has won gold. Sewit takes acting and voice over classes. She loves ballet and started when she was just 3 years old, plays piano and takes lessons as well. Sewit's other favorite things to do are swimming, biking, and playing board games. Sewit has been in the 2010-2011 performances of "The Nutcracker" with the Goh Ballet. She has also been in the 2011-2012 Jewish musical theatre performance "Hanukkah in Chelm." Sewit has been in many commercials, short films, movies. Please enjoy her performances.



Blen Haile is an Instructor at Master Gee's Black Belt Academy and is a Third degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. He is 19 years old and has been practicing martial arts for 14 years and teaching for the past five years. His interests include reading, writing, swimming and watching movies. In the future he envisions himself working as a story writer for video games. He will be demonstrating simple self defense techniques and will call up children to the stage.

This demonstration will be approximately 15 minutes.

The techniques shown in this demonstration are to be strictly used in self defense, never in offense.



Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony

The story of coffee begins in Ethiopia, the original home of the coffee plant. Legend has it an Ethiopian shepherd observed some of his goats eating reddish berries from a bush, and becoming restless and excited.

He reported the incident to a monk. The monk later boiled the berries and he found it to be very useful during extended mass and all night prayers.

Ethiopia's coffee ceremony is an important part of our social and cultural life. An invitation to attend a coffee ceremony is a mark of friendship, respect and an example of Ethiopian hospitality.

Performing the Coffee ceremony is obligatory in the presence of a visitor, whatever the time of day.

The ceremony includes roasting, grinding and brewing; all done in the presence of the guests.

Coffee, also known as Black Gold, is an \$80 billion dollar industry. The profit margins of huge multinational coffee companies continue to rise and prices paid for coffee farmers have reached an all-time low, forcing them to abandon their once bountiful fields.

Let us remember the hundreds of thousands of struggling Coffee farmers. These hard-working people strive to keep the rich cultural heritage of their country intact by continuing to harvest some of the highest quality coffee beans. If we are aware, we can do our part in finding a fair price for the fruits of their labor.



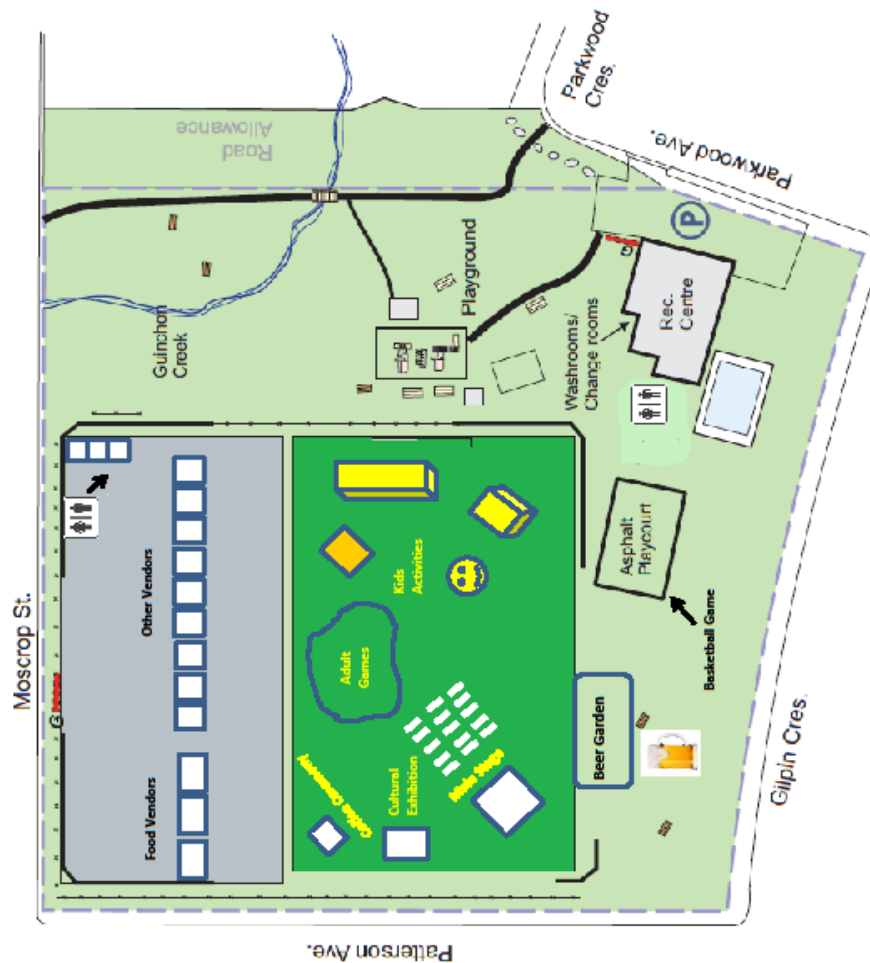
Enjoy our exquisite coffee!

Thank you!



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Festival Map



Our Performers

Danielle Haile is a 14 year old, grade 9 student at Notre Dame Regional Secondary School. Her favorite subject is Science. Danielle has been dancing since she was 4 years old at HZ Ballet Classique in North Burnaby. Besides classical ballet she takes international dance (Moldavian, Russian, and Spanish), contemporary ballet and tap. She goes to competitions with her ballet school for group and solo performances. Danielle has won many recognitions but her personal favorite is winning “***Most Promising Soloist***” for her African solo “***Spirit of the Cobra***” at Terpsichore Dance Festival held at Centennial Theatre. Also she recently won the **Act NOW! Youth-Sustainability Performance Art Competition**. She is involved in speech arts at school and has won 2nd place for her speech on how physical activity develops good traits. She takes piano lessons once a week and is currently in grade 6 (RCM). She also takes acting and voiceover workshops at Vancouver Youth Acting School. Currently, Danielle is part of the *Big Brothers and Sisters of Greater Vancouver*’s volunteering program for underprivileged children at D.R. AR Lord Elementary. Danielle was part of the anti-bullying campaign, Pink Shirt Day 2013 - TV Commercial. She has been in the 2010 and 2011 performance of the Jewish musical theatre comedy “Hanukkah in Chelm”. She has also been in the Goh Ballets 2010-2011 Production of “The Nutcracker”. She has danced in multiple recitals for her ballet school.



Our Performers


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Program outline: Adey Abeba Ethiopian Summer Festival-Aug 9, 2014		
No.	Activity	Time
1	Live music entertainment and DJ	11am-7pm
2	Ethiopian cultural food and drinks	11am-7 pm
3	Beer garden	11am-7 pm
4	Special remarks by the chair of ECA and GOH	3pm-4 pm
5	Ethiopian coffee ceremony	1pm-7pm
6	Cultural exhibition	1pm-7pm
7	Children program // Activities on the field	
	Bouncing castle/Turbo Rush	
	Face painting	
	Ethiopian children games	
	Children cultural exhibition room tour	
8	Trivia and Ethiopian got talent // Activities on the Stage	3:30-5:30 pm
	Trivia	
	Fashion show	
	Youth talents show	
	Young kids sing along	
9	Adults sport/cultural game // Activities on the field	5:30-6:30 pm
	Gebeta	
	Tag of war game	
	Sack race	
	Egg with spoon running	
	Penalty (soccer&small goal)	
10	Basket ball competition and tracking	11am-6pm
11	Sales (tombola, ticket for night party, t-shirts, and others)	11am-7pm
12	Closing	6:30pm-7pm
13	Night live music and DJ party	9pm-3am

Our Performers

Rahael Yohannes, is a 22 year old singer and song writer. Raheel says “music, for me, is an escape from the world we live in whether it is when I am listening to a song on the bus or singing in the shower. The songs I write do not necessarily reflect on the events of my life, but instead on everything and everyone surrounding me. If you would like to be serenaded by my voice and guitar, check me out on YouTube by typing in Rahael Yohannes!” Rahael is accompanied by her brother **Nebyu Yohannes** on trombone. It goes without saying musical talent runs in the family.



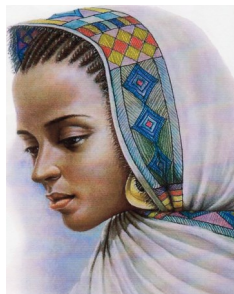
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አለቃ በአዲሱ ቴዎድሮስ ፤ በአዲሱ ዮሐንስ እና በአዲሱ ምንጊዘ ዘመን መንግሥት በደብር አስተዳዳሪነት እና በዳኝነት ያገለገሉ ሲሆን ፤ በተለይ ሊቁ ገብርኤል በአዲሱ ምንጊዘ ዘመን ቀሳውስቱንና ዲያቆቹን ከማስተማር በተጨማሪ ሥርዓተ ቤተክርስቲያንን እና ሥርዓተ ቤተ መንግሥትንም ለዳግማዊ ምንጊዘ ያስጠኑ ነበር። አባ ገብርኤል በልጅነታቸው መንኲሰና ፍፁም መላክ መስለው ከሊቅነት ጋር ምንኲስና ተጨምሮ አለም ሁሉ ሲቀናባቸው ለዘመናት ኑረዋል። እንዲህ ሲኖሩ ሳለ አንድ ባለፀጋ ትልቅ ድግስ ደግሶ የታወቁ ካህናትን በሙሉ ሲጋበዝ ከነዚህም አንዱ አለቃ ነበሩ። ከካህናቱ ጋር ግብረሰላም ተጠርተው ማሕሌት ገንቦ እየወረደ ጠጃቸውን ከጥሩ ጠለ ጋር ሲቀመቅሙ አምሸተው ስካር ጀግና ነውና ሰውነታቸው ዝሎ ግብግፍ ቢዘገይ ከዋሉበት ተኙ ፤ ባልንጆሮቻቸው አሁን የተኙትን ቀስቅሰን ይሄን ሁሉ መንገድ በጨለማ ከንግግላቱ ከዚሁ ተኝተው ቢያድሩ ይሻልል ብለው ትተዋቸው ሄዱ። ለካስ ባለ ግብረ ሰላም የማዘንጊያ አባት ኑሮ ስከረው ስላገኘቻቸው አስፈርሳቸው አደረጉ።

ማለዳ ኪዳን ሲደርስ ቆባቸውን ወስደው ከምህዋሩ ላይ አስቀመጡት ፤ ከካህናቱ አንዱ < ቅዱስ > ይበሉ

ቢላቸው < ጨምላቄ ፤ እኔስ ተጨማልቄያለሁና አንተ በል አሉት። < እንዴት አባ ፤ መጽሐፉ ይሠራዋል ? አዬ ጨምላቄ ፤ የሰውን እንጂ የራስህን አታይም ። ባልንጆራ ሲወድቅ ጥሎ መሄድንስ መጽሐፉ ይሰራዋል ? አሉትና በዚሁ ቃል ቆቡን በመጣበት አኑረው በድብትርና በመኖር ፤ ከወይዘሮ ማዘንጊያ ጋር ትዳር መስርተው መኖር ጀመሩ ። ምንም እንኳን የወይዘሮ ማዘንጊያ እና የአለቃ ጋብቻ ስርቆሽና ጠብ ፤ የተደባለቀበት የነበረ ቢሆንም ፤ አለቃ ከሚሰታቸው ተክሌ እና ጥሩነሽ የሚባሉ ወንድና ሴት ልጅ አፍርተው ነበር ። አለቃ ተክሌን በሚገባ በቤተ ክህነት ትምህርት ኮትኩተው በማስተማር የተዋጣለት ሊቅ ለማረጋገጥ በቅተዋል ። የጣና ሐይቅ ሞንድ ባካባቢው የሚገኙትን ሽምብቆዎች ወደ ጎን እያዘመመ ልክ ጣእመ ዜማ እንደተቀመጠላቸው ዳንኪረኞች አንዴ ወደ ግራ ፤ ቀጥሎም ወደ ቀኝ ሲያዘናፍላቸው የተመለከቱት ከሰተት ባለቃ አዕምሮ ውስጥ ልዩ የፈጠራ ክብራትን በመጫሩ ፤ የሰው ልጅም በዚሁ አምሳል ሊወዛወዝ የተገባ ነው ብለው አዲስ የዝማሬ ቅኝት ለልጃቸው ለተክሌ ስለስተላለፉ እናም በሱ ስለተሰፋፋ ዝማጫው ባሁኑ ወቅት የተክሌ አቋቋም በመባል ይታወቃል።

አለቃ ገብረሃና ወደ መጨረሻ ዘመናቸው እንደተቃረቡ ዝምተኛና አኩራፊ ሆኑ ፤ ሥጋ ወደመ ከተቀበሉ በኋላም አንደበታቸውን ከልክለው፤ ከመጠጥና ጥሩ ምግብ ተቆጥበው፤ መሬት እየተኙ መኖር ጀመሩ ። ያም ሆነ ይህ አገሩን ሁሉ ሲያስቁ የኖሩት አለቃ አኩራፊውና አንደበታቸውን ከልክለው ከኖሩ በኋላ በሰማንያ አራት የዕድሜ ዘመናቸው በሞት ተለዩ ።

ልጃቸው አለቃ ተክሌም ደቀ መዛሙሮቹ ስለበረከቱለት ካህናቱ ጠምደው ይዘውት ነበርና አባቱ በሞቱ በአስረኛው አመት መድሐኒት አቅምሰው ገደሉት። ይህ እኩይ ተግባር ግን እብኢትዮጵያ ብቻ አይደለም ፤ የሞዛርትና የጎርኪ እንዲሁም የሌሎች ታላላቅ ሰዎች ሕይወት ያለፈችው መፍጠር በማይችሉ ምቀኞችና ደናቂት እጅ ነው ።

(ከአለቃ ቀልደች በጥቂቱ ገጽ 26 እና 27)



አለቃ ገብረሐና

ከደበበ ጉሉ

የመረጃ ምንጭ አለቃ ገብረሐና እና አስቂኝ ቀልዶቻቸው በአረፈዳይኔ ሐጎስ

አለቃ ገብረሐና እንዲህ አሉ፡ እየተባለ ሲወሳ እንሰማለን፤ ለመሆኑ አለቃ ማን ናቸው? አለቃ ገብረሐና ከጫወታ ፈላስፋነታቸውም በላይ የፍትህ ነገስቱ፤ የመግረፍቱና የአቡሻክሩ ሁሉ አዋቂ ነበሩ። <አለቃ ገብረሐና እጅግ የተማሩ የጎንደር ሊቅ ነበሩ > ሲሉ ብላታ ህሩይ ወልደ ሥላሴ ይህንን መስክረውላቸዋል። ይሁንና አለቃ በዘመናችን የሚታወቁት በምሁርነታቸው ብቻ ሳይሆን በሃይለ ቃላቸውና በቀልዳቸው ነው፤ በርግጥም አለቃ ተረበኛ፤ ብልህና ጥርስ እያስከድኔ ነበሩ። ስለኚህ ቀልደኛ ሊቅ ከተመለከትናቸው መጻፍት ለአንባቢያን ጥሩ ግንዛቤ ያስጨብጣሉ ያልናቸውን ለንባብ ያመች ዘንድ አጠር መጠን በማረግ እንደሚከተለው አቀርባለሁ።

ገብረሐና ደስታ ተገኝ በደብረታቦር አውራጃ ፎገራ ወረዳ፤ ናባጋ ጊዮርጊስ በምስራች ስፍራ በ1814 ዓ.ም መወለዳቸው ይወሳል። ከፍ እንዳሉም ቁስ ትምህርት ቤት ገብተው በፊደል የጀመሩትን ትምህርት ወደ ዳዊት አዝልቀውት ዜማ ቤት ጥቂት ከቆዩ በኋላ ከዚያም ጎንደር ተመልሰው ሙሉ ፀዋት ዜማን፤ አቋቋምን፤ ድጓንና የመግረፍት ትርጉሜን ተማሩ። ገብረሐና አዲስ መምህር መጣ ተብሎ ወደ ተወራበት አካባቢ ሁሉ ይሄዱ እንደነበር አዋቂዎች ይናገራሉ።

ደቀመዛሙርቶቻቸውንም <የሰው ቀለም አትናቁ፤ ሰው ያመጣውን ሁሉ አትንቀፉ> እያሉ ይመክሩ ነበር ይባላል።

ተማሪ ገብረሐና በሐያ ስድስት ዓመታቸው ጎንደር ውስጥ ሊቀ ካህናት ሆነው ተሾሙ። አባ ገብረሐና በሊቀካህንነት ያሳለፉቸውን ሰባት ዓመታት በስብከት ችሎታቸውና በቀልድ አፍላቂነታቸው ተወዳዳሪ የሌላቸው መሆናቸውን ማረጋገጫ [ማመስከሪያ] አድርገዋቸዋል። ከንግግር አዋቂነታቸውም በላይ ፍትሐነገስቱን ከተካኑት ምሁራን አንደኛው ስለነበሩ በዳኝነት ተግባር ላይም ተሰማርተው አገልግለዋል።

ስማቸው እየገነነ ስለመጣ የትንሹ ራስ ዓሊ አጫዋች

እንዲሆኑ ተደረገ፤ ከዚያን ጊዜ ጀምሮ ነው ገብረሐና የመንደር ቀልደኛ መሆናቸው ቀርቶ ነገሥታቱን የሚያስቁ፤ መኳንንቱን አፍ የሚያስከቱ፤ ካልመሰላቸውም ነገስታቱን የሚጎነትሉ የምሁር ተረበኛና ቀልድ አፍላቂ ሆነው የኖሩት። ደጃች ካሳ ዳግማዊ ቴዎድሮስ ንጉሠ ነገሥት ዘኢትዮጵያ ተብለው በጳጳሱ አቡነ ሰላማ እንደተቀቡ፤ አባ ገብረሐናንም ቤተ መንግስት አገኙዋቸው። አፄ ቴዎድሮስ አባን በምሁርነታቸው ቢወዷቸውና ቢያከብሩዋቸውም ቀልዳቸውና ፊደኛነታቸውን ይጠሉ ነበር። አለቃ መኳንንቱን ሁሉ በየጊዜው በነገር እና በአሸመር ሲነድፉት ቴዎድሮስ በድርጊታቸው አዝነው፤ <ገብረሐና ፍትሃነገስቱን ጻፍ፤ ፍርድም ስጥ፤ ገንዘብም ያውልህ፤ ቀልድህን ግን ተወኝ፤ ተው ተው ተመከር! > በለው ተግባራዊ ምክርም ለግሰው እንደቀድሞው አቤቶ ምኒልክ አጠገብ [ንጉሠ ነገሥት] እየተቀመጡ ግብር እንዲበሉ አርገው ነበር።

የቴዎድሮስን መንግሥት ለመገልበጥ ካህናቱ በዶሉቱበት ወቅት፤ ከዶላቶቹ ቀንደኛ ካህናት አንዱ አባ ገብረሐና መሆናቸው እንደተደረሰበት አባ ገብረሐና እንዲታሰሩ በመታዘዙ፤ ይህን የሰሙት አባ ሸሽተው ዘጌ ገዳም ተደበቁ። ዘጌ ገዳም ሁለት አመታት በስደት እንደተቀመጡ ይወሳል። በዚህ ቆይታቸው ወቅት ረሃብ ይገባና ይቸገራሉ፤ አንድ ቀን ለወስፋት ማስታገሻ የምትሆን ቁራሽ ዳቦ ከአገልጋያቸው ጋር ተካፍለው ከበሉ በኋላ ዲያቆኑ ተነስቶ <ጌታዬ ስብሃት ልበል? [ምስጋና ላቅርብ] ቢላቸው፤ <ተው ልጄ ቀለዳችሁበኝ ብሎ ይቆጣል > አሉት ይባላል።

አለቃ ገብረሐና በአፄ ዮሐንስም ሆነ በአፄ ምኒልክ ዘመን መንግስት የቅርብ አገልጋይ እንደነበሩ፤ በተለይ በምኒልክ ዘመን እስከ አማካሪ መድረሳቸው ይነገራል፤ የሆኖ ሆኖ አለመታደል ሆኖ አለቃና አቴጌ ጣይቱ የማይዋደዱና አለቃም አቴጌቱን የሚመለከት ነገር ሲናገሩ ለነገ አይሉም ነበር እና ከለታት ባንዱ ቀን አለቃ በለመደ አፋቸው አቴጌቱን በመዝለፋቸው በቤተ መንግሥቱ ውስጥ

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Interesting Facts About Ethiopia

- ⇒ The name Ethiopia is derived from the Greek word Aithiopia. An Ethiopian, in Greek means “of burned face”
- ⇒ Ethiopia is the oldest independent and the second most populous country in Africa. Ethiopia has never been colonized, served as a symbol of African independence throughout the colonial period, and was a founding member of the United Nations.
- ⇒ Ethiopia’s population is about 84,320,987 (2012). Life expectancy: 55.4 years. Gender Make-Up: Female – 50.79% and Male – 49.21%
- ⇒ Ethiopia’s economy revolves around agriculture mainly relying on rainfall. Ethiopia is one of Africa's leading coffee producers.
- ⇒ The Capital City of Ethiopia is Addis Ababa (meaning New Flower Altitude: 2,438 meters. Population: 3,627,934 people)
- ⇒ Ethiopian Currency is called Birr \$ 1.00 CND = \$15.00 Birr
- ⇒ Haile Gebrselassie is regarded universally as the greatest distance runner of all times Tirunesh Dibaba: Long distance track athlete and outdoor women’s 5,000m world record holder. Dibaba won gold medals in 5,000m and 10,000m at the 2008 Beijing Olympics
- ⇒ Ethiopia is often ironically referred to as the "water tower" of Eastern Africa because of the many (14 major) rivers that pour off the high tableland. It also has the greatest water reserves in Africa

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Interesting Facts About Ethiopia

- ⇒ Ethiopia is the only country in the world to have 13 months in a year. Ethiopians also celebrate New Year in September. In Ethiopia it is the year 2007, while the rest of the world is in 2014.
- ⇒ Ethiopians measure time from when the sun rises and count time on the opposite side of the clock. When the sun rises at 6 o'clock it is said to be 12 o'clock – the start of the day in Ethiopia.
- ⇒ There are over 80 different languages spoken in Ethiopia. The most widely spoken of these are Amharic, Oromo and Tigrigna.
- ⇒ The Ark of the Covenant, the relic said to hold the 10 Commandments, is housed in a church in Ethiopia. Only one man, the guardian, is actually allowed to see the ark, so whether or not it is actually there remains a mystery.
- ⇒ Ever heard Rastafarians talking about Haile Selassie? He was an Ethiopian Emperor, born in 1892 and is worshipped by followers of the Rastafarian movement.
- ⇒ Ethiopia is the only country in Africa with its own alphabet. Actually it uses an Abugida, also known as an alpha-syllabary, which consists of 209 symbols and 25 letter variants.
- ⇒ The oldest fossil skeleton of a human was discovered in Ethiopia. So too was coffee, making Ethiopia the home of mankind and mankind’s favorite wake-up drink.
- ⇒ Ethiopian Abebe Bikila was the first African to win gold in the Olympic Games. He finished the marathon in first place after running the whole race barefoot.

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