

" RUN THE GOOD RACE "

1995 ACYOA NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND

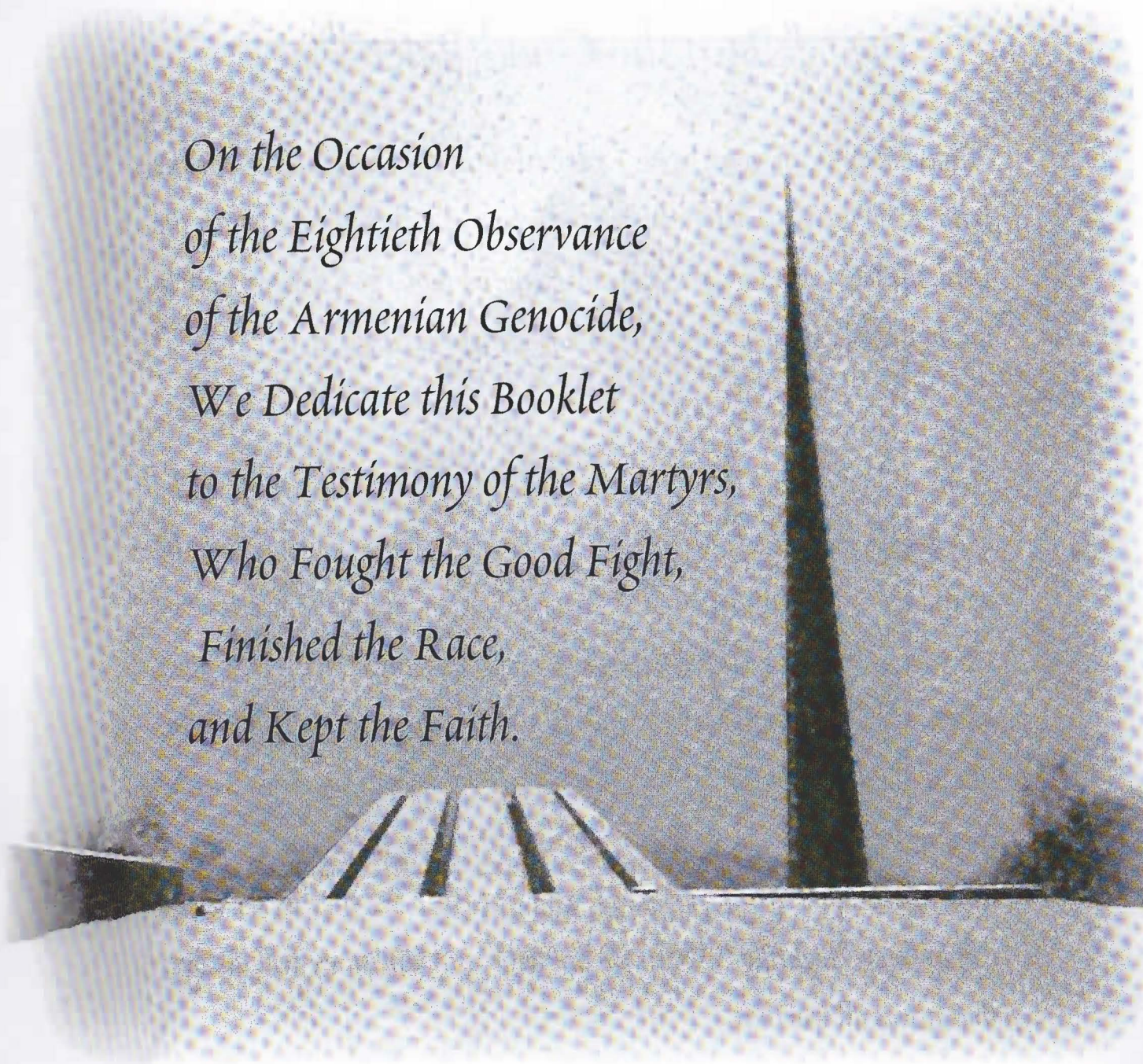
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St. LEON ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

FAIR LAWN, NEW JERSEY



*On the Occasion  
of the Eightieth Observance  
of the Armenian Genocide,  
We Dedicate this Booklet  
to the Testimony of the Martyrs,  
Who Fought the Good Fight,  
Finished the Race,  
and Kept the Faith.*

**Martyrs' Monument to the  
Victims of the 1915 Genocide  
(Dzidzernagapert)  
Yerevan, Armenia**

## "Run the Good Race"

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for HIS appearing."*

II TIMOTHY 4:7-8

*As he neared the end of his life, the apostle Paul could confidently say he had been faithful to his call. Thus he faced death calmly, knowing that he would be rewarded by Christ. Is your life preparing you for eternity? Do you share Paul's confident expectations of meeting Christ? The good news is that the heavenly reward is not just for giants of the faith, like St. Paul, but for all who are eagerly looking forward to Jesus' second coming. Paul gave these words to encourage Timothy, and us, that no matter how much opposition, suffering, and hardship we face as we serve Christ-keep "Fighting." When we are with Jesus Christ, we will discover that it was all worth it.*

*(Adapted from Life Application Bible)*



**His Holiness Karekin I  
Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos  
of All Armenians**



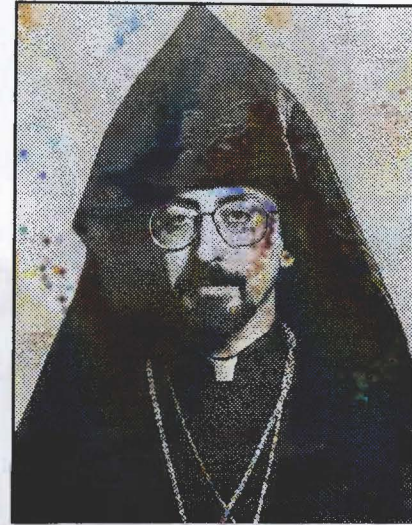
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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

**A Message From The Primate**

Greetings to the 24th Sports Weekend of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America. We convene this time in our Diocesan Year of the Holy Bible—a year during which we will focus special attention on the central book of our faith, which our forebears dubbed "Asdvadzashunch," or "the Breath of God."

It is my hope that the same "Breath of God" has inspired the youthful participants in this gathering at the St. Leon Church of Fair Lawn, New Jersey. Our hosts have chosen an appropriately Scriptural theme for the weekend: "I Ran the Good Race"—a reference to St. Paul's metaphor for the Christian life, and a reminder to us that it is not simply the things we achieve, but the way we achieve them, that distinguishes the Christian way of life from all others.



As the present festivities come to a close, it is important to remember that our efforts in the past few days—as well as in the days and weeks to come—are ultimately in the service of living up to the high standards exemplified in the Holy Scriptures. Whether we are organizing a friendly sports competition, serving in our local communities, or teaching children in our parish Sunday Schools, our highest task is to help the light of Christ illuminate the world, and shine in the hearts of our people.

My congratulations and gratitude go to the pastor of the St. Leon Church, the Very Rev. Fr. Vahan Hovhannessian, to the Sports Weekend Organizing Committee, the Parish Council and parishioners, as well as to the members of the ACYOA Central Council. Your diligent efforts and warm hospitality have made this a memorable gathering.

May God bless all our people, and grant them health and prosperity.

With prayers,

*Abp. Khajag Barsamian*

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian  
 Primate

September 3, 1995



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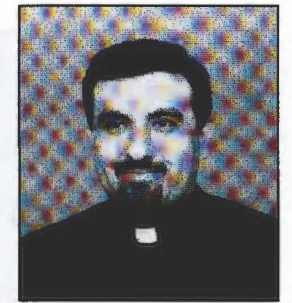
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**Very Rev. Fr. Vahan Hovhannessian, Pastor**



September 1, 1995

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."  
 (Matthew 18:20)

Dear ACYOA Members:

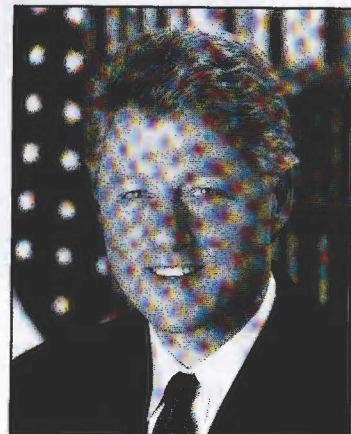
Welcome to St. Leon Armenian Church, the proud host of the 1995 ACYOA Sports Weekend. Our Lord promised His followers to be with them whenever at least two of them gather in His name. This weekend we have hundreds of Armenian Christian youth gathered together. We are assured, therefore, that Jesus Christ is in our midst. Our Lord is one of the participants with us this weekend, just as He was with the founders of the ACYOA when they met to establish this vital organization of our Church. Our Lord continues to be with each local chapter as they meet to discuss their activities and the future of the youth of our Church. Permit me to mention that I especially felt His presence when our own ACYOA members met every Tuesday to plan and discuss this weekend. I am convinced that He is with us today, pleased to see us enjoy our gatherings and interactions with one another.

Are you aware of His presence? The purpose of these annual gatherings is for our youth to meet each other and enjoy a long weekend of athletic, social, spiritual and educational activities in the context of the Armenian Church. It is true that there will be many athletic competitions vied for, and races run, this weekend. It is necessary, however, to remember that the most important race in our life is the journey of our faith. We must prepare ourselves for this race by using tools at hand, being strong in the knowledge of our Lord's presence, calling upon Him for strength to meet our challenges and to resist the temptations in this fallen world. Then hopefully, together with the blessed apostle Paul, we may say victoriously, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (II Timothy 4:7).

May this weekend be the beginning of your race of faith, with the goal to win all the challenging fights of your life. On behalf of the proud parishioners of St. Leon Armenian Church, I would like to congratulate the Sports Weekend Committee and the ACYOA for the great job they have done in preparing for, and organizing, this weekend. Looking forward to seeing and fellowshiping with you during the weekend and the Sunday Badarak, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Vahan Hovhannessian*  
 Fr. Vahan Hovhannessian



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 10, 1995

Greetings to the participants, coaches, and spectators gathered for the twenty-fourth annual National Sports Weekend of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America.

Athletic competition can bring out the best in all of us. As we practice and strive to develop our skills, we find untapped energy and talent, and we discover the true potential within us. When we finally put our training to the test, we join with dedicated individuals who share our enthusiasm for the spirit of friendly competition. Contests like yours provide an exciting opportunity to strengthen our faith in ourselves and our understanding of the value of teamwork.

I salute each of you for your energy and enthusiasm, and I extend best wishes to all for a most exciting competition.

*Bill Clinton*



CHRISTINE TODD WHITMAN  
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September 1, 1995

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to extend warm greetings to everyone gathered for the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America's 24th Annual National Sports Weekend.

Along with enjoying the fun and festivities, you each will have an opportunity to learn more about yourselves, each other, and the sense of community spirit that is so important to your organization. As Governor, I applaud the St. Leon Armenian Church Youth Organization and all who have helped make this event possible.

My best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable weekend.

Sincerely yours,

*Christine Todd Whitman*

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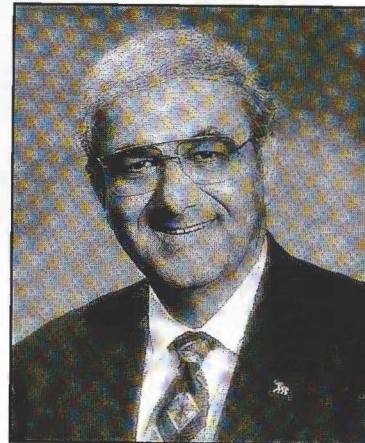


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GARABED "CHUCK" HAYTAIAN

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September 1, 1995

Dear Friends and Fellow Armenians,

It is a great pleasure for me, as one who shares your ethnic heritage, to welcome you to New Jersey for the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America's 24th National Sports Weekend.

We are happy to host this very special event, which combines physical competition, spiritual enrichment and social camaraderie.

I hope you will enjoy your stay and have an opportunity to sample some of the Garden State's many attractions and splendor.

Good luck and God's blessings to you all.

Sincerely,

Garabed "Chuck" Haytaian  
Speaker  
NJ General Assembly



ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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Dear ACYOA Members and Sports Weekend Participants,

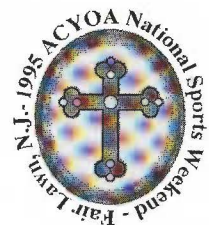
On behalf of the Central Council I extend well-deserved congratulations to the Host Committee for an extremely successful Sports Weekend. The Committee members have worked diligently and constantly since the fall to make this Sports Weekend a memorable one. They deserve our thanks and respect for having accepted the challenge of hosting this event. I encourage all chapters to be receptive to the possibility of sponsoring a regional or national event in the future.

As you are all aware, 1996 will mark the 50th Anniversary of the ACYOA, founded by the beloved Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, of blessed memory. Now is the time for us to evaluate the current status of our organization and determine what changes and improvements should be made to ensure our future growth. ACYOA has made a positive difference in all our lives--we must now show our commitment and willingness to give back to the organization in the interest of those who will follow over the next fifty years.

Remember, the youth are the *present* of the church--it is our responsibility to guarantee the future of our ACYOA and our church through our actions today. Let's all do our part to make the ACYOA thrive!

With best wishes,

Meline J. Kasparian, Chairman



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## 1995 ACYOA National Sports Weekend

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the St. Leon, Fair Lawn ACYOA Chapter, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to New Jersey. Our committee has been working diligently for the past ten months to make this the BEST Sports Weekend ever.

When I took the Chairman position last November, I was a novice. However, working with this terrific group of hard working individuals has truly been most gratifying. The cooperation and commitment of our committee has made my job an easy one.

Our Parish Council, led by Father Vahan Hovhannessian, has been there for us every step of the way. We knew we could count on them. The Women's Guild, Men's Club, and ACYOA Juniors were a tremendous help, as were many of our parishioners — for this we wholeheartedly thank them. We at St. Leon are truly a team — one for all and all for one, exemplifying true Christian spirit.

We would like to thank you, the ACYOA members, for without you all our preparations would be meaningless. These weekends enable people from all facets of life to come together in harmony and participate in various activities. Bonds and friendships are formed to last a lifetime. We are the future leaders of the Armenian community and need to support one another.

Once again, welcome to New Jersey and enjoy "Run the Good Race." May God keep us in good health and Christian spirit so that we can meet again next year.

Sincerely,

Brett Tenbekjian  
Chairman,  
1995 ACYOA National Sports Weekend

September, 1995



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**Roger Voskian**

*and our entire St. Leon family*



## In Memory of His Holiness Vasken I

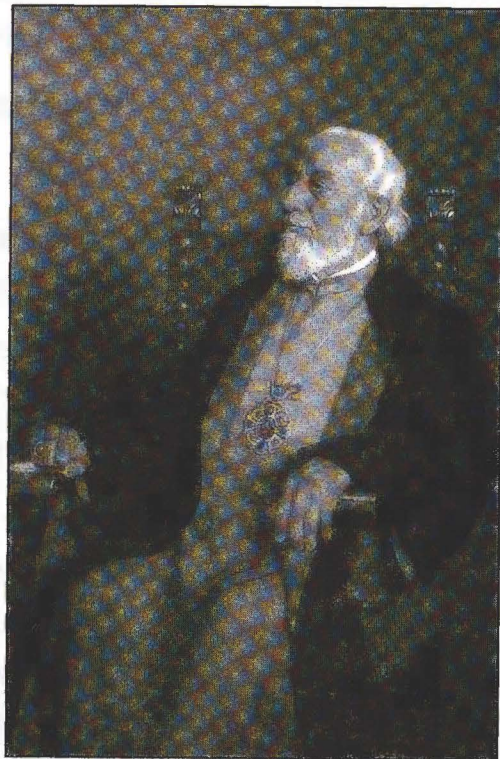
In August of 1994 the ACYOA received, with great sadness, the news of the departure of His Holiness Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, to the Lord. The following lines are reflections on his life and highlights of some of his achievements and services to the Armenians and the Armenian Church.

His Holiness was the 130th in the succession of Supreme Patriarchs of the Armenian Church. As the successor of St. Gregory the Illuminator in the Holy See of *Etchmiadzin*, His Holiness was leader and the spiritual father of all Armenians. He endured years of Soviet suppression but was able to steer our church and people with courage and wisdom. He was instrumental in keeping the doors of the Cathedral of Holy *Etchmiadzin*, the Monastery, the Seminary and many other Armenian Churches open. He led his people from the difficult years of the post-Genocide period through the Communist era to the age of the free and independent Republic of Armenia.

His Holiness was born on September 20, 1908 in Bucharest, Rumania, as Levon Garabed Baljian. His father was a humble shoemaker in his native Rodosko, Turkey. He emigrated to Bucharest, Rumania in 1898 to flee from the oppression of Sultan Abdul Hamid. There he met Siranoush, a young teacher also from Rodosko, who moved to Bucharest with her family in 1907. Their marriage was blessed with the birth of their only child, Levon Garabed.

After graduation from high school in 1928, Levon Baljian became a teacher in the Armenian School of Bucharest. At the same time he continued his higher education at the University of Bucharest. He graduated in 1936 with a degree in both pedagogy and psychology. The topic of his dissertation was "The Question of Discipline in Education." He founded and edited a monthly magazine, "Herg" in 1937. In addition to this monthly magazine, Levon authored and published other articles, such as: "The Concept of Individuality" in 1938, "Khrimian Hayrig as an Educator" in 1943, and many others.

At the height of the Second World War Levon responded to God's call and traveled to Athens, Greece, to consecrate himself for the service of God and His people. Levon Baljian was ordained a Celibate Priest, *Apegha*, in 1943 and named Father Vasken. After his ordination and during his first Badarak, the Fr. Vasken said, "From this day forth a new life begins in me, a life that will be dedicated to the church and to our people. May God be with me."



Five years after his ordination, Fr. Vasken was elected primate of Rumania in 1948. Three years later in 1951 he was consecrated a Bishop by his predecessor, the late Catholicos Kevork VI, at the Cathedral of Holy *Etchmiadzin*. In 1955 he was elected the Primate of Bulgaria as well. On September 29, 1955, during the National Ecclesiastical Assembly in *Etchmiadzin*, then-Bishop Vasken was unanimously elected as the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians. He was consecrated as a Catholicos on October 2, 1955.

Catholicos Vasken I, during the thirty nine years of his tenure, initiated and presided over the construction, renovation and restoration of the Cathedral of Holy *Etchmiadzin*, the *Veharan*, the living quarters of the members of the Brotherhood of *Etchmiadzin*, the Museum of *Etchmiadzin* and numerous churches throughout Armenia. He was indeed worthy of the title by which he was frequently called, "Vasken the Builder."

His concern for the lack of adequate Christian literature prompted him to revive the *Etchmiadzin* Press. This Press was successful in maintaining the publication of the official monthly journal of the Catholicate, *Etchmiadzin*, in addition to many other books and publications. His concern for good theological education was reflected also in his personal interest in, and support for, the various Armenian seminaries and monasteries around the world. His Holiness was also instrumental in the translation of the Bible into modern Armenian, a project which was fulfilled under his directions.

His holiness was fluent in Armenian, French, Rumanian, Russian, and Turkish. He strongly supported the ecumenical relations of the Armenian Church with the sister churches and other religions around the world. His concerns for Armenians all around the world was reflected by his pastoral visits to the Armenian churches in the former Soviet Union, Europe, the Americas, the Middle East, India, and Ethiopia.

His Holiness was very well known and beloved by the Armenians of America. He consecrated the Cathedral of St. Vartan in New York in 1968. He was received at the White House by Presidents Carter, Reagan, and Bush. His most recent visit to America was in February of 1989, which was a humanitarian mission for the aid of the victims of the devastating earthquake in Armenia of December 7, 1988.

In 1991, Catholicos Vasken I blessed the newly elected first President of the Independent Republic of Armenia, Levon Der Petrossian, as the latter took the oath of office. On July 28, 1994, His Holiness was granted the honor of "National Hero of Armenia" by a proclamation of the President and Parliament of the Republic of Armenia.

His Holiness Vasken I will occupy a unique place in the history of our people and Church. He will be remembered as a great builder, peacemaker, and most importantly a loving Father. May the soul of Catholicos Vasken I rest in peace.

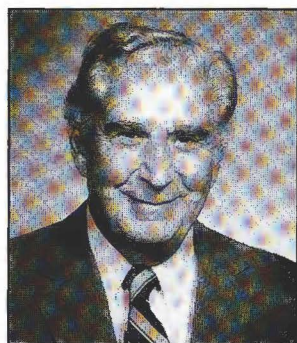
*"Christ, Son of God, forbearing and compassionate, have mercy upon the soul of our late Catholicos Vasken I and grant peace to his soul. Amen."*







**In Tribute  
Edward  
Mardigian  
1909-1993**



The 1995 ACYOA National Sports Weekend wishes to pay tribute to the late Edward Mardigian, a beloved benefactor of the ACYOA and servant of the Armenian Church.

Edward Mardigian came to America at a very young age, quickly adapting to his new surroundings. At nineteen years old, Edward attended courses at the Ford Motor Company and Wayne State University. With an educational background in engineering, he began an unprecedented career at Briggs Manufacturing Company. In just a short time, Edward moved on to establish his own engineering company and was nationally recognized for his work as an industrialist.

His years of dedicated servitude to the Armenian community began when he assumed the presidency of the Junior League of the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU). Along with his wife, Helen, he devoted much of his attention to various religious, cultural and educational philanthropies for the AGBU, both domestically and internationally. He chaired the first national campaign to raise funds which would be invested to perpetuate Armenian culture in the United States.

Together, Mr. and Mrs. Mardigian have become benefactors for a large number of charitable enterprises. Their generosity crosses the borders of the United States, Holy Etchmiadzin, Jerusalem, Venice, and Constantinople. Educational institutions which have benefited from their generosity include the Armenian Sisters Academy, the American-Armenian International College, Bentley College, Columbia University, La Verne College, St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, and the University of Michigan.

He also served on various committees and inspired many projects directed to the interests of Armenian youth. He was, and his wife continues to be, a lifelong benefactor and contributor to the ACYOA. Camps, schools, scholarships, song and dance ensembles, sports programs, social services, television programs and publications were all supported by Mr. Mardigian and designed with young people in mind. He felt very strongly that the future of the Armenian people depended on its youth, and he chose to strongly that the future of the Armenian people depended on its youth, and he chose to support endeavors which encouraged youth in the Armenian Church community.

Because of the loving dedication and heartfelt support Edward Mardigian demonstrated throughout his lifetime, the 1995 National Sports Weekend recognizes him and is most thankful. His contributions and unwavering support were a steadfast example of his belief in our faith, our culture, our heritage, and our youth.

" Those, oh Lord, who have departed, guard them in peace and grant that they may inherit the Kingdom of Heaven." ( adapted from the Armenian Requiem Service)



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(Ս. Պատարագ)



**"Heavenly King, preserve your Church  
unshaken and keep the worshippers of your  
name in peace."  
(Divine Liturgy)**



*"Takavor yérghavor, zégéghetsi ko ansharjh  
bahya. Yév zérgurbakoos anvanut koom  
bahya ee khaghaghootyan."  
(Soorp Badarak.)*



## The Prayer of the ACYOA

*O Lord Our Saviour Jesus Christ, Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, give us, the youth of the Church of Armenia, we beseech Thee, the wisdom to know, to love, and serve Thee in our personal lives severally, and in the corporate life of our Organization.*

*Thou that leadest men in the way, lead us, Thy children, that we may be able to serve the Church through our people, with courage and vision, and in the faith of our illustrious forefathers. Inspire us, O Lord, and open our eyes to Thy light, that we may cherish and profit by the heritage which our forefathers have left us, and that we may be aware of our responsibilities as citizens of our beloved country, the United States of America.*

*Fill us, O Christ our God, with Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be the obedient and unselfish servants of the Will of our Heavenly Father, to whom, together with Thee and the Holy Spirit, is befitting glory, dominion and Honor, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*



## The Pledge of the ACYOA

*I solemnly promise and declare upon my honor, that as a member of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, I shall, to the best of my ability, be a faithful member of the Armenian Church; shall be a devoted upholder of the Armenian cultural heritage; shall be a loyal citizen of the United States of America; and shall diligently abide by the objects, policies, and decisions of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America. I shall not strive for personal recognition and pleasure, but will serve our Church, our Community and our Country, for the greater glory of God.*



## The Objectives of the ACYOA

- ◆ To encourage its members to learn, practice, uphold, and propagate the principles and teachings of the Christian faith according to the doctrine, sacraments and canons of the Armenian Apostolic Church.
- ◆ To support and work for the strengthening of the Armenian Church and to promote the study and appreciation of the Armenian culture and heritage.
- ◆ To strengthen spiritual and social bonds and to contribute towards the development of a healthy community life among Armenians.
- ◆ To enhance and strengthen among its members the spirit of human freedom, universal justice and brotherhood of men, and devotion to duty as good citizens, dedicated to the service of God and Country.



## The Emblem of the ACYOA

The emblem of the ACYOA, adopted at its inception, is interpreted as follows:

- ◆ The Cross marks the true character of the ACYOA. The radiations behind the Cross symbolize the truths of Christianity that shine forth through the centuries.
- Under the horizontal bar of the Cross are:
- ◆ {On the Right} The double peaks of Mount Ararat, represent the Armenian people and their destiny. Mount Ararat has been the silent witness of the victories and defeats of the Armenians through their existence as a people and a nation. Its representation here means that the members of the ACYOA make the pledge of standing for the ideals for which the Armenian nation has always stood.
  - ◆ {On the Left} The United States Eagle, with its wings widespread and a star above each wing, looks proudly into the distance and holds a batch of arrows. The Eagle represents the United States of America. Its presence on the Emblem symbolizes the loyalty of the members of the organization to the Constitution of the United States and its principles of democracy and freedom.
  - ◆ The Chain that encircles the Cross represents the solidarity among the members of the ACYOA in their service to God and to people. These symbols are designed on a shield which stands for the determination with which the objectives of the ACYOA are to be carried out. The shield also stands for defense against dangerous encroachments. It will be noted that the dominant feature on the Emblem is the Cross. This indicates the fact that Christ is our Lord, and that to Him we owe obedience above all.





...Fear not, and be not dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, and the Lord will be with you." 2 Chronicles 20:17

## ՍՈՐՔ ՂԵՒՈՆԴ (SOORP GHEVONT)

### St. Leon

At the dawn of the fifth century, Armenians had invented their alphabet, translated the Holy Bible and established their first university. It was during this era, known as the Golden Age of Armenian Literature, that a promising young man was ordained a priest. His name was Father *Ghevont*, i.e. Leon. He emerged as the most enlightened spiritual leader of the Armenian people after the death of the great Illuminators, Sts. *Sahag* and *Mesrob*. Our Parish is honored to be the only Armenian church in America that bears this famous leader's name.

The Persians were determined to destroy the Christian faith of the Armenians and re-establish their religion of fire-worship. They delivered an official ultimatum. Father *Ghevont* inspired General *Vartan Mamigonian* to take command to defend the Armenians and their Christian faith in Armenia. General *Vartan* organized a strong army and led his people to fight the enemies of Christianity and defend the Armenian faith and homeland.

The battle of *Avarayr* in 451 AD represents the first military battle fought in the defense of Christendom in the history of the world. On the eve of the battle, Father *Ghevont* stressed the supreme sacrifice of Jesus, before offering the sacrament of Holy Communion. During the ensuing battle, General *Vartan* was martyred and the Armenian forces collapsed. Fr. *Ghevont* and other clergy were captured, subjected to unbearable tortures and finally put to death by the sword. Armenians lost the battle of *Avarayr*. The determination of their leaders such as Father *Ghevont* and General *Vartan* enabled them to win the war against the enemies of Christianity. Armenia remained Christian and her people defended the faith of their forefathers.

St. Ghevont became the patron saint of the Armenian clergy and is remembered two days before *Vartanantz Day*, when St. *Vartan* and the spiritual victory of the battle of *Avarayr* are commemorated. St. *Ghevont's* courageous spirit, patriotism and devotion to the Armenian Church and people have been, and remains to be, a source of pride and inspiration for more than sixteen centuries.

"May the eternal memory of the righteous be blessed. Amen."  
(Armenian Prayer)



"Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you are serving the Lord Christ." Colossians 3:23-24

## Historic Events of St. Leon Armenian Church

September 1928	Ladies Aid Society founded (now called Woman's Guild)
February 1950	Shenork Vartabed Kaloustian organized ACYOA
April 10, 1965	Blessing of the Foundation Stones by Archbishop Sion Manoogian, Primate
September 19, 1965	Consecration of St. Leon Armenian Church, Fair Lawn, by Archbishop Sion Manoogian, Primate
January 1966	Men's Club organized
November 1969	Boys' Basketball Team organized
January 23, 1972	Ordination of Deacons and Acolytes by Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
November 19, 1975	Founding of Senior Citizen Center
April 17, 1977	Ordination of seventeen acolytes by Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
November 1979	Girls' basketball team organized
October 1981	Care and Share, a mother's group, was initiated
November 15, 1981	Dedication of Community Center and Educational Wing by Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
March 19, 1983	First Spiritual Renewal Conference entitled "Living the Divine Liturgy" sponsored by the Diocese and hosted by St. Leon
May 3-6, 1984	82nd Diocesan Assembly hosted by St. Leon
September 16, 1984	Ordination of Deacon and seven Acolytes. Blessing of the Veils of six girls by Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
September 1989	ACYOA wins Chapter Achievement Award
March 20, 1994	Elevation of Very Rev. Vahan Hovhannessian to Vartabed
July 10, 1994	Ordination of six Subdeacons by Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
September 1-4, 1995	ACYOA hosts National Sports Weekend



"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."  
Ephesians 2:10

### ACYOA National Sports Weekend Host Chapters

- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1970 Watertown    | 1983 Toronto       |
| 1971 Detroit      | 1984 Palos Heights |
| 1972 Springfield  | 1985 Worcester     |
| 1973 Philadelphia | 1987 Detroit       |
| 1974 Toronto      | 1988 Providence    |
| 1975 Miami        | 1989 Houston       |
| 1976 Lowell       | 1990 Cleveland     |
| 1977 Detroit      | 1991 Hartford      |
| 1978 Providence   | 1992 Bayside       |
| 1979 Wisconsin    | 1993 Watertown     |
| 1980 Watertown    | 1994 Not Held      |
| 1981 Evanston     | 1995 Fair Lawn     |
| 1982 New Britain  |                    |

### ACYOA National Sports Weekend Aims and Goals

- ♦ Realizing that through athletic competition and conditioning the valuable attributes of physical coordination and moral intellectual maturity can be developed, the objective of the Sports Weekend of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America shall be to encourage athletic participation among ACYOA members on a national level.
- ♦ To make available various cultural, religious, and historical events during the weekend so that ACYOA members and citizens of the hosting community may become better aware of their Armenian heritage.



"Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are  
competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is  
from God..." 2 Corinthians 3:4-5

### Special Awards of the A.C.Y.O.A.

#### Chapter "A" Award

(Initiated in 1952, this award is given by the ACYOA Central Council to the chapter that has set forth the standards and fulfilled the requirements as set by the National Organization)

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1952 Detroit            | 1976 Watertown     |
| 1953 Cleveland          | 1977 Detroit       |
| 1954 Detroit            | 1978 Bayside       |
| 1955 Union City         | 1979 Cheltenham    |
| 1956 Watertown          | 1980 Lawrence      |
| 1957 Holy Cross, N.Y.C. | 1981 Palos Heights |
| 1958 North Philadelphia | 1982 Cleveland     |
| 1959 Worcester          | 1983 Wisconsin     |
| 1960 Detroit            | 1984 Palos Heights |
| 1961 Detroit            | 1985 Watertown     |
| 1962 Worcester          | 1986 Worcester     |
| 1963 Toronto            | 1987 Watertown     |
| 1964 Toronto            | 1988 Watertown     |
| 1965 Long Island        | 1989 Providence    |
| 1966 Racine             | 1990 Hartford      |
| 1967 Montreal           | 1991 Hartford      |
| 1968 Richmond           | 1992 Hartford      |
| 1969 Watertown          | 1993 Cleveland     |
| 1970 East St. Louis     | 1994 Bayside       |
| 1971 Detroit            |                    |

#### Sam Nersessian Award

(Initiated in 1979, this award is given to an ACYOA member who demonstrates the Christian values of love, patience, humility, and understanding. It is named after Sam Nersessian of St. Louis, Missouri, following his tragic death in 1979.)

- |                                      |                                     |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1979 Sam Nersessian (St. Louis)      | 1988 Susan Bergoudian (Watertown)   |
| 1980 Mariann Hovsepian (Detroit)     | 1989 Robert Shamgochian (Worcester) |
| 1981 Debbie Stephanian (Evanston)    | 1990 Paula Bechakian (Watertown)    |
| 1982 Gary Townsend (Lawrence)        | Richard Mardirosian (Hartford)      |
| 1983 Steve Sarkisian (Watertown)     | 1991 Ara Bagdasarian (Cleveland)    |
| 1984 Susan Boyajian (Palos Heights)  | 1992 Paula Jurigian (Cambridge)     |
| 1985 Ronald Godoshian (Detroit)      | 1993 Mark Horenian (Hartford)       |
| 1986 Beth Bilbilian (Worcester)      | 1994 Carl Bardakian (Bayside)       |
| 1987 Linda Ekizian (Washington D.C.) |                                     |

#### Gregory Arpajian Leadership Award

(Initiated in 1992, this award is given to an individual who has displayed leadership in service to the Armenian Church and Armenian community. It is named after Gregory Arpajian, a former ACYOA Central Council member, who tragically succumbed to Leukemia at age 26. Before and during his illness, Gregory was actively involved in the organization of the 1990 ACYOA National Sports Weekend in Cleveland, Ohio.)

- |                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1992 Kaiser Kaiserian (Racine) | 1994 Scott Najarian (Worcester) |
| 1993 Sara Andonian (Detroit)   |                                 |



"Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it ..." 1 Corinthians 9:24

### Athletic Awards of the A.C.Y.O.A

#### Charles Yaghoobian Individual Sportsmanship Awards

(Initiated in 1978, this award is given to the individual based on sportsmanship-like character.)

1978 Jan Avakian (Wisconsin)	1987 Matthew Keurajian (Detroit)
1979 Shirley Toumayan (Watertown)	1988 Gregory Arpajian (Cleveland)
1980 Ararat Hacetoglu (Toronto)	1989 Gregory Arpajian (Cleveland)
1981 Richard Yerganian (Watertown)	1990 Randy Dagley (Watertown)
1982 Malcolm Sagherian (Westchester)	1991 Papken Maksoudian (Watertown)
1983 Sevan Sirmakesyan (Montreal)	1992 Lisa Mardigian (Detroit)
1984 Steve Sarkisian (Watertown)	1993 Sam Arzumanian (Palos Heights)
1985 Ararat Hacetian (St. Catherines)	1994 Not Awarded
1986 Melina Spinuzza (Evanston)	

#### John Kulhanjian Memorial Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship

(Initiated in 1975, this award is based on chapter participation in Sports Weekend Competition. It was donated by the Kulhanjian Family of Miami, Florida, in memory of their father, John Kulhanjian.)

1975 Merrimack Valley	1985 Palos Heights/Wisconsin
1976 Bayside	1986 Washington D.C.
1977 New Britain	1987 Evanston
1978 Lawrence	1988 Cleveland
1979 Toronto	1989 Team Canada
1980 Cleveland	1990 Washington D.C.
1981 Palos Heights	1991 Watertown
1982 Palos Heights	1992 Detroit
1983 Montreal	1993 Boca Raton
1984 St. Catherines	1994 Not Awarded

#### Masis Award

(Initiated in 1987, this award is given to the chapter with the highest average of points per participant.)

1987 Washington D.C.	1991 Livingston
1988 Cleveland	1992 Cleveland
1989 Greenfield	1993 Bayside
1990 Greenfield	1994 Not Awarded

#### Babayan Cup

(Initiated in 1974, this award is given to the chapter which scores the highest number of points in all athletic competitions combined. It was donated by Mrs. Perouz Babayan of Toronto, Canada, in an effort to foster competitive Christian fellowship amongst the ACYOA chapters in the Diocese.)

1974 Detroit	1985 Montreal
1975 Detroit and Watertown	1986 Wynnewood
1976 Detroit	1987 Detroit
1977 Detroit	1988 Evanston
1978 Watertown	1989 Greenfield
1979 Wisconsin	1990 Greenfield
1980 Detroit	1991 Watertown
1981 Detroit	1992 Bayside
1982 Detroit	1993 Detroit
1983 Detroit	1994 Not Awarded
1984 Detroit	



"For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them..." Romans 12:4-6

#### Men's Basketball

1971 Oakland	1983 Detroit
1972 Watertown	1984 Wisconsin
1973 St. Gregory, N.Y.C.	1985 Worcester
1974 Detroit	1986 Wynnewood
1975 Detroit	1987 Detroit
1976 Detroit	1988 Watertown
1977 Detroit	1989 Greenfield
1978 Watertown	1990 Greenfield
1979 Wisconsin	1991 Watertown
1980 Watertown	1992 Bayside
1981 Detroit	1993 Bayside
1982 Detroit	

#### Women's

1976 Boston	1984 Detroit
1977 Detroit	1985 Detroit
1978 Boston	1988 No. New Jersey
1979 Detroit	1989 Fair Lawn
1980 Watertown	1991 Detroit
1981 Detroit	1992 Bayside
1982 Detroit	1993 Detroit
1983 Detroit	

#### Co-Ed Volleyball

1972 Detroit	1985 St. Catherines
1973 Detroit	1986 Detroit
1976 Detroit	1987 St. Catherines
1977 Toronto	1988 Evanston
1978 Toronto	1989 Greenfield
1979 Toronto	1990 Greenfield
1980 Watertown	1991 Toronto (Div. 1)
1981 Toronto	1991 Toronto (Div. 2)
1982 Watertown	1992 Toronto
1983 Montreal	1993 Toronto
1984 Detroit	



"For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant; later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it." Hebrews 12:11

### Track and Field

#### Women's Division

**1976**  
 50 Yd Dash: Karen Avakian (Midwest)  
 440 Run: Anita Keurajian (Fair Lawn)  
 Mile Run: Maro Bchakjian (Fair Lawn)

**1977**  
 50 Yd Dash: Jan Avakian (Greenfield)  
 100 Run: Karen Avakian (Greenfield)  
 220 Run: Laurie Koelian (Detroit)  
 440 Run: Diane Demerjian (Boston)  
 Mile Run: Chris Boyadjian (Greenfield)

**1978**  
 50 Yd. Dash: Jan Avakian (Wisconsin)  
 100 Yd. Dash: Karen Avakian (Wisconsin)  
 220 Run: Kathy Tatosian (Bayside)  
 440 Run: Janet Sabounjian (Watertown)  
 880 Relay: Wisconsin  
 Mile Run: Laura Hagopian (Lawrence)  
 Mile Relay: Detroit  
 Softball Throw: Janet Malkasian (Detroit)  
 Long Jump: Karen Avakian (Wisconsin)

**1979**  
 50 Meters: Jan Avakian (Wisconsin)  
 220 Meters: Karen Avakian (Wisconsin)  
 440 Meters: April Kashian (Wisconsin)  
 880 Meters: Shirley Toumayan (Watertown)

**1980**  
 50 Meters: Loraine Bogosian (Watertown)  
 100 Meters: Arlene Kakayan (Detroit)  
 220 Meters: Janet Malkasian (Detroit)  
 440 Meters: Shirley Toumayan (Watertown)  
 880 Relay: Watertown  
 Mile Run: Maro Bohakjian (Fair Lawn)  
 Mile Relay: Detroit  
 Softball Throw: Loraine Bogosian (Watertown)  
 Shot Put: Sara Gosmanian (Detroit)

#### Men's Division

**1976**  
 50 Yd Dash: Richard Markarian (Watertown)  
 440 Run: Randy Dagley (Lowell)  
 Mile Run: Ken Samuelian (Watertown)  
 Mile Relay: Midwest

**1977**  
 60 Yd Dash: Van Giragosian (Greenfield)  
 100 Run: Rich Baharozian (Detroit)  
 220 Run: Mark Geneau (Detroit)  
 440 Run: Kirk Nahabedian (Watertown)  
 440 Relay: Watertown  
 880 Relay: Watertown  
 Mile Run: Dave Kazanjian (Lawrence)  
 Mile Relay: Greenfield

**1978**  
 50 Yd. Dash: Mark Stephanian (Chicago)  
 100 Yd. Dash: Richard Markarian (Worcester)  
 220 Run: Mark Kazanjian (Lawrence)  
 440 Run: Dave Kazanjian (Lawrence)  
 880 Relay: Watertown  
 Mile Run: Dave Kazanjian (Lawrence)  
 Mile Relay: Watertown  
 Softball Throw: Charles Godoshian (Detroit)  
 Long Jump: Mark DerMugrditchian (W)  
 Shot Put: Chuck Palaian (Detroit)

**1979**  
 60 Yd. Dash: Van Giragosian (Wisconsin)  
 200 Yd. Dash: Dave Karagosian (Detroit)  
 440 Run: Andy Mikaelian (Wisconsin)  
 880 Run: Greg Arpajian (Cleveland)  
 880 Relay: Detroit  
 Mile Run: Dave Kazanjian (Lawrence)  
 Mile Relay: Wisconsin

**1980**  
 50 Yd. Dash: Van Giragosian (Palos Heights)  
 100 Yd. Dash: Dave Karagosian (Detroit)  
 220 Yd. Dash: Dave Karagosian (Detroit)  
 440 Yd. Dash: Mark Paseghian (Watertown)  
 880 Relay: Detroit  
 Mile Run: Mark Parseghian (Detroit)  
 Mile Relay: Detroit  
 Softball Throw: Charles Godoshian (Detroit)  
 Shot Put: Chris Boyadjian (Detroit)



"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

### Track and Field (continued)

**1981**  
 50 Yd Dash: Lisa Balian (Wisconsin)  
 100 Yd Dash: Lisa Balian (Wisconsin)  
 220 Yd Dash: Lisa Balian (Wisconsin)  
 440 Run: Lisa Balian (Wisconsin)  
 880 Relay: Palos Heights  
 Mile Run: Lori Cherian (Boston)

**1982**  
 100 Yd Dash: Kim Amboian (Detroit)  
 440 Run: Susan Boyajian (Palos Heights)  
 Mile Run: Carol Alexander (Boston)  
 Softball Throw: Shake Ajamian (Bayside)  
 Long Jump: Annie Ohannesian (Toronto)  
 Shot Put: Annie Krikorian (Montreal)

**1983**  
 100 Meters: Ani Kupelian (Montreal)  
 200 Meters: Ani Kupelian (Montreal)  
 400 Meters: Ani Kupelian (Montreal)  
 800 Meters: Maida Mutevelli (Toronto)  
 1600 Meters: Aline Zavzavartian (Toronto)  
 Softball Throw: Janet Shekerjian (Detroit)  
 Long Jump: Annie Ohanessian (Toronto)  
 High Jump: Annie Kouyoumdjian (Toronto)  
 Shot Put: Maida Mutevelli (Toronto)  
 4 x 100 Meters: Montreal  
 4 x 3 x 2 x 1: Montreal  
 4 x 400 Meters: Montreal

**1984**  
 100 Yd Dash: Kim Amboian (Detroit)  
 220 Run: Kim Amboian (Detroit)  
 440 Run: A. Marashliyan (Montreal)  
 880 Relay: Detroit  
 Mile Run: Carol Alexander (Boston)  
 Softball Throw: Shake Ajamian (Bayside)  
 Long Jump: Lisa Aurslanian (Cleveland)  
 Shot Put: Lisa Aurslanian (Cleveland)

**1985**  
 100 Yd Dash: Annie Krikorian (Montreal)  
 220 Run: Annie Karadjian (Montreal)  
 440 Run: Sandrine Mirasxedi (Montreal)  
 880 Relay: St. Catherines  
 Mile Run: Sandrine Mirasxedi (Montreal)  
 Softball Throw: Janet Shekerjian (Detroit)  
 Long Jump: Annie Karadjian (Montreal)  
 Shot Put: Annie Krikorian (Montreal)

**1981**  
 50 Yd Dash: Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit)  
 100 Yd Dash: Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit)  
 220 Yd Dash: Dave Karagosian (Detroit)  
 440 Run: Jay Bagdasarian (Cleveland)  
 880 Relay: Palos Heights  
 Mile Run: Dave Kazanjian (Lawrence)  
 Mile Relay: Detroit

**1982**  
 100 Yd Dash: Ara Selyan (Toronto)  
 440 Run: Randy Dagley (Lowell)  
 Mile Run: Jack Seferian (Westchester)  
 Softball Throw: Jay Bagdasarian (Cleveland)  
 Long Jump: Randy Dagley (Lowell)  
 Shot Put: Jay Ohanian (Lawrence)

**1983**  
 100 Meters: Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit)  
 200 Meters: Arthur Alajajian (Toronto)  
 400 Meters: Dave Kazanjian (Lawrence)  
 800 Meters: Dave Kazanjian (Lawrence)  
 1600 Meters: Dave Kazanjian (Lawrence)  
 Softball Throw: Kevin Nazarian (Lawrence)  
 Long Jump: Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit)  
 High Jump: Arthur Alajajian (Toronto)  
 Shot Put: Jay Ohanian (Lawrence)  
 4 x 100 Meters: Montreal  
 4 x 3 x 2 x 1: Lawrence  
 4 x 400 Meters: Montreal

**1984**  
 100 Yd Dash: Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit)  
 220 Run: Alain Tchaderjian (Montreal)  
 440 Run: Ara Doghramjian (Montreal)  
 880 Relay: Montreal  
 Mile Run: John Yaldezian (Evanston)  
 Softball Throw: Rich Koshgarian (Evanston)  
 Long Jump: Aram Kazandjian (Montreal)  
 Shot Put: Rich Koshgarian (Evanston)

**1985**  
 100 Yd Dash: Minas Daidalian (Montreal)  
 220 Run: Alain Tchaderjian (Montreal)  
 440 Run: Aram Kazandjian (Montreal)  
 880 Relay: Montreal  
 Mile Run: Guy Simonian (New Britain)  
 Softball Throw: Aram Kazandjian (Montreal)  
 Long Jump: Alain Tchaderjian (Montreal)  
 Shot Put: Aram Kazandjian (Montreal)



"Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed." Hebrews 12:12-13

### Track and Field (continued)

#### 1986

100 Yd Dash: Laurie Reizian (Detroit)  
 220 Run: Kathy Voskian (No. New Jersey)  
 440 Run: Lisa Melian (Wynnewood)  
 880 Run: NOF  
 Mile Run: Diane Sahakian (Washington, D.C.)  
 Softball Throw: Shake Ajamian (Bayside)  
 Long Jump: Shake Ajamian (Bayside)  
 Shot Put: Anna Pakhtigian (Wynnewood)

#### 1987

100 Yd Dash: Kim Ambolian (Detroit)  
 200 Run: Susan Kapelian (Watertown)  
 880 Relay: St. Catherines  
 Mile Run: Diane Sahakian (Washington, D.C.)  
 Softball Throw: Lynne Koltookian (Cleveland)  
 Long Jump: Andrea Koumjian (Watertown)

#### 1988

50 Yd. Dash: Lisa Aurslianian (Cleveland)  
 100 Yd. Dash: Lisa Aurslianian (Cleveland)  
 220 Run: Kate Terzian (Watervliet)  
 440 Run: Kate Terzian (Watervliet)  
 Mile Run: Linda Haytayan (Lawrence)  
 Softball Throw: Lynne Koltookian (Cleveland)  
 Long Jump: Lynne Koltookian (Cleveland)  
 Shot Put: Nora Chouljian (ACYOC)

#### 1989

50 Meters: Nayry Kessedjian (ACYO-WD)  
 100 Meters: Nayry Kessedjian (ACYO-WD)  
 200 Meters: Debbie Vendetti (Cleveland)  
 400 Meters: Debbie Vendetti (Cleveland)  
 800 Meters: Debbie Vendetti (Cleveland)  
 1500 Meters: Debbie Vendetti (Cleveland)  
 Softball Throw: Lisa Mardigian (Detroit)  
 Long Jump: NOF  
 Shot Put: Gloia Kalustian (Bayside)

#### 1990

50 Meters: Lynne Koltookian (Cleveland)  
 100 Meters: Marilyn Mardigian (Detroit)  
 200 Meters: Dina Aurslianian (Cleveland)  
 400 Meters: Dina Aurslianian (Cleveland)  
 800 Meters: Debbie Vendetti (Cleveland)  
 1500 Meters: Debbie Vendetti (Cleveland)  
 Softball Throw: Lynne Koltookian (Cleveland)  
 Long Jump: Dina Aurslianian (Cleveland)  
 Shot Put: Dina Aurslianian (Cleveland)

#### 1986

100 Yd Dash: John Reizian (Detroit)  
 220 Run: Zaven Dadian (Wisconsin)  
 440 Run: Vahan Janjigian (Wynnewood)  
 880 Run: Wisconsin  
 Mile Run: Vahan Janjigian (Wynnewood)  
 Softball Throw: Robert Nazarian (Lawrence)  
 Long Jump: Steve Sarkisian (Watertown)  
 Shot Put: Jay Ohnanian (Lawrence)

#### 1987

100 Yd Dash: Greg Kumkumian (Wash. D.C.)  
 200 Run: Craig Tertzag (Detroit)  
 880 Relay: St. Catherines  
 Mile Run: Clark Couyoumjian (Detroit)  
 Softball Throw: Bob Nazarian (Watertown)  
 Long Jump: Craig Tertzag (Detroit)

#### 1988

50 Yd. Dash: Aram Kazandjian (ACYOC)  
 100 Yd. Dash: Craig Bilizerian (Providence)  
 220 Run: Aram Kazandjian (ACYOC)  
 440 Run: Aram Kazandjian (ACYOC)  
 880 Run: Greg Arpajian (Cleveland)  
 Mile Run: Phillip Karayan (Cleveland)  
 Softball Throw: Aram Kazandjian (ACYOC)  
 Long Jump: Aram Kazandjian (ACYOC)  
 Shot Put: Jay Ohnanian (Lawrence)

#### 1989

50 Meters: Clark Couyoumjian (Detroit)  
 100 Meters: Clark Couyoumjian (Detroit)  
 200 Meters: Clark Couyoumjian (Detroit)  
 400 Meters: Greg Arpajian (Cleveland)  
 800 Meters: Greg Arpajian (Cleveland)  
 1500 Meters: Greg Arpajian (Cleveland)  
 Softball Throw: Eric Torigian (Detroit)  
 Long Jump: John Reizian (Detroit)  
 Shot Put: Steve Torosian (Fair Lawn)

#### 1990

50 Meters: Vinnie Baylerian (Detroit)  
 100 Meters: Vinnie Baylerian (Detroit)  
 200 Meters: Keg Giragosian (Greenfield)  
 400 Meters: Cliff Arslanian (Cleveland)  
 800 Meters: Cliff Arslanian (Cleveland)  
 1500 Meters: Cliff Arslanian (Cleveland)  
 Softball Throw: John Reizian (Detroit)  
 Long Jump: Dave Vartanian (Providence)  
 Shot Put: Ed Paroyan (ACYOC)



"Every athlete exercises self control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable." 1 Corinthians 9:25

### Track and Field (continued)

#### 1992

50 Meters: Andrea Najarian (Detroit)  
 100 Meters: Maral Demir (Detroit)  
 200 Meters: Diane Parnagian (Bayside)  
 400 Meters: Debbie Vendetti (Cleveland)  
 800 Meters: Nina Arzumanian (Racine)  
 1500 Relay: Detroit  
 Softball Throw: Dina Aurslianian (Cleveland)  
 Long Jump: Andrea Najarian (Detroit)

#### 1993

50 Meters: Taline Baltayan (ACYOC)  
 100 Meters: Andrea Najarian (ACYOC)  
 200 Meters: Lisa Mardigian (Detroit)  
 400 Meters: Andrea Najarian (ACYOC)  
 800 Meters: Andrea Najarian (ACYOC)  
 1600 Relay: Andrea Najarian (ACYOC)  
 Softball Throw: Lisa Mardigian (Detroit)  
 Long Jump: NOF  
 Shot Put: Lisa Mardigian (Detroit)

#### 1992

50 Meters: Vinnie Baylerian (Detroit)  
 100 Meters: Vinnie Baylerian (Detroit)  
 200 Meters: Scott Baker (Detroit)  
 400 Meters: Vahe Baboornian (Livingston)  
 1500 Meters: Robert Koseyan (Fair Lawn)  
 1500 Relay: Detroit  
 Softball Throw: Steve Tomasian (Fair Lawn)  
 Shot Put: Rich Ohnikian (Fair Lawn)

#### 1993

50 Meters: Bobby Parsakian (Watertown)  
 100 Meters: Bobby Parsakian (Watertown)  
 200 Meters: Bobby Parsakian (Watertown)  
 400 Meters: Paul Barsamian (Detroit)  
 800 Meters: Mark Barsamian (Detroit)  
 1600 Relay: Mark Barsamian (Detroit)  
 Softball Throw: Steve Tomasian (Fair Lawn)  
 Long Jump: Scott Baker (Detroit)  
 Shot Put: Rich Ohnikian (Fair Lawn)



"... Train yourself in godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come." 1 Timothy 4:7-8

### Aquatics

#### Women's Division

**1976**  
Breaststroke: Karen Avakian (Midwest)  
Freestyle: Nancy Madanian (Watertown)

**1977**  
Breaststroke: Karen Avakian (Greenfield)  
Backstroke: Ellen Bogosian (Greenfield)  
Freestyle: Renee Giragosian (Greenfield)  
F-style Relay: Greenfield

**1978**  
Breaststroke: Andrea McCauley (Watertown)  
Backstroke: Andrea McCauley (Watertown)  
Freestyle: Ellen Bogosian (Wisconsin)  
F-style Relay: Wisconsin

**1979**  
Breaststroke: Ellen Bogosian (Wisconsin)  
Backstroke: Holly Kazarian (Wisconsin)  
Freestyle: Gail Giragosian (Wisconsin)  
F-style Relay: Wisconsin

**1980**  
Breaststroke: Ellen Bogosian (Wisconsin)  
Backstroke: Holly Kazarian (Wisconsin)  
Freestyle: Karen Pagerian (Wisconsin)  
F-style Relay: Palos Heights

**1981**  
Breaststroke: Carol Kazarian (Wisconsin)  
Backstroke: Carol Kazarian (Wisconsin)  
Freestyle: Carol Kazarian (Wisconsin)  
F-style Relay: NOF

**1982**  
Breaststroke: Carol Kazarian (Wisconsin)  
Backstroke: Carol Kazarian (Wisconsin)  
Freestyle: Carol Kazarian (Wisconsin)  
F-style Relay: Palos Heights

**1983**  
Breaststroke: Carol Kazarian (Wisconsin)  
Backstroke: Carol Kazarian (Wisconsin)  
Freestyle: Carol Kazarian (Wisconsin)  
F-style Relay: NOF

**1984**  
Breaststroke: Carol Kazarian (Wisconsin)  
Backstroke: Carol Kazarian (Wisconsin)  
Freestyle: Carol Kazarian (Wisconsin)  
F-style Relay: Palos Heights

#### Men's Division

**1976**  
Breaststroke: Mike Donigian (Midwest)  
Freestyle: Mike Donigian (Midwest)

**1977**  
Breaststroke: Alan Simonian (Greenfield)  
Backstroke: Steve Kaishian (Greenfield)  
Freestyle: Mike Donigian (Greenfield)  
F-style Relay: Greenfield

**1978**  
Breaststroke: Charles Cholmakjian (Detroit)  
Backstroke: Steve Kaishian (Greenfield)  
Freestyle: Steve Mardigian (Detroit)  
F-style Relay: Wisconsin

**1979**  
Breaststroke: Ronnie Semerjian (Providence)  
Backstroke: Dave Onanian (Lowell)  
Freestyle: Steve Mardigian (Detroit)  
F-style Relay: Wisconsin

**1980**  
Breaststroke: Don Haroutunian (Providence)  
Backstroke: Don Haroutunian (Providence)  
Freestyle: Don Haroutunian (Providence)  
F-style Relay: Palos Heights

**1981**  
Breaststroke: Paul Raphaelian (Chicago)  
Backstroke: Mark Torosian (Detroit)  
Freestyle: Keg Giragosian (Palos Heights)  
F-style Relay: Palos Heights

**1982**  
Breaststroke: Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit)  
Backstroke: NOF  
Freestyle: Keg Giragosian (Palos Heights)  
F-style Relay: Lawrence

**1983**  
Breaststroke: Harry Sakarya (Toronto)  
Backstroke: Alain Tchaderjian (Montreal)  
Freestyle: Kevin Giragosian (Palos Heights)  
F-style Relay: NOF

**1984**  
Breaststroke: Garo Emerzian (Palos Heights)  
Backstroke: Garo Emerzian (Palos Heights)  
Freestyle: Garo Emerzian (Palos Heights)  
F-style Relay: Palos Heights



"May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners!" Psalms 20:5

### Aquatics (continued)

**1985**  
Breaststroke: Sandrine Mirasxedi (Montreal)  
Backstroke: Sandrine Mirasxedi (Montreal)  
Freestyle: Sandrine Mirasxedi (Montreal)  
F-style Relay: Wisconsin/Palos Heights

**1986**  
Breaststroke: Lisa Kazanjian (Wynnewood)  
Backstroke: Lisa Kazanjian (Wynnewood)  
Freestyle: Tina Pakhtigian (Wynnewood)  
F-style Relay: NOF

**1987**  
Breaststroke: Lisa Kazanjian (Wynnewood)  
Backstroke: Lisa Kazanjian (Wynnewood)  
Freestyle: Brenda Papazian (Watertown)  
F-style Relay: NOF

**1988**  
Breaststroke: Yasmin Alpei (ACYOC)  
Backstroke: Yasmin Alpei (ACYOC)  
Freestyle: Yasmin Alpei (ACYOC)  
F-style Relay: NOF

**1989**  
Breaststroke: NOF  
Backstroke: Lisa Coloian (Evanston)  
Freestyle: Nayry Kessedjian (ACYO-WD)  
F-style Relay: NOF

**1990**  
Breaststroke: Suzy Tamuzian (Greenfield)  
Backstroke: Suzy Tamuzian (Greenfield)  
Freestyle: Suzy Tamuzian (Greenfield)  
F-style Relay: NOF

**1991**  
Breaststroke: Arpi Musluyan (ACYOC)  
Backstroke: Arpi Musluyan (ACYOC)  
Freestyle: Arpi Musluyan (ACYOC)  
F-style Relay: NOF

**1992**  
Breaststroke: Doreen Melkonian (Bayside)  
Backstroke: Doreen Melkonian (Bayside)  
Freestyle: Doreen Melkonian (Bayside)  
F-style Relay: NOF

**1993**  
Breaststroke: Marie Norhadian (Bayside)  
Backstroke: Marie Norhadian (Bayside)  
Freestyle: Marie Norhadian (Bayside)  
F-style Relay: NOF

**1985**  
Breaststroke: Aram Kazanjian (Montreal)  
Backstroke: Alan Fenerdjian (Montreal)  
Freestyle: Keg Giragosian (Palos Heights)  
F-style Relay: Montreal

**1986**  
Breaststroke: Mike Voskian (No. New Jersey)  
Backstroke: Vahe Baboomian (Livingston)  
Freestyle: Mike Voskian (No. New Jersey)  
F-style Relay: Lawrence

**1987**  
Breaststroke: Neal Stewart (ACYOC)  
Backstroke: Neal Stewart (ACYOC)  
Freestyle: Neal Stewart (ACYOC)  
F-style Relay: ACYOC - St. Catherines

**1988**  
Breaststroke: Gregory Arpajian (Cleveland)  
Backstroke: Gregory Arpajian (Cleveland)  
Freestyle: Gregory Arpajian (Cleveland)  
F-style Relay: NOF

**1989**  
Breaststroke: David Madajian (ACYO-WD)  
Backstroke: Garo Emerzian (Greenfield)  
Freestyle: Garo Emerzian (Greenfield)  
F-style Relay: Palos Heights

**1990**  
Breaststroke: Cliff Arslanian (Cleveland)  
Backstroke: Cliff Arslanian (Cleveland)  
Freestyle: Cliff Arslanian (Cleveland)  
F-style Relay: NOF

**1991**  
Breaststroke: Aram Salatian (Cleveland)  
Backstroke: Vahe Baboomian (Livingston)  
Freestyle: Aram Salatian (Cleveland)  
F-style Relay: NOF

**1992**  
Breaststroke: Sayat Kuyumcuyan (ACYOC)  
Backstroke: Vahe Baboomian (Livingston)  
Freestyle: Sayat Kuyumcuyan (ACYOC)  
F-style Relay: Bayside





~ "For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble victory." ~

Psalm 149:4

### Tennis

1972

Women's Singles: Becky Baronian (Richmond)  
Men's Singles: Larry Zakian (New York City)

1973

Women's Singles: Becky Baronian (Richmond)  
Men's Singles: Douglas Haledjian (Tenafly)

1976

Women's Singles: Cindy Fayroian (Detroit)  
Men's Singles: Aram Hintlian (Boston)  
Mixed Doubles: Kathy Kaiserian & Lou Kalajian (Midwset)

1977

Women's Singles: Sona Palvetzian (Toronto)  
Men's Singles: Dick Zabounian (Toronto)  
Women's Doubles: Toronto  
Men's Doubles: Greenfield

1978

Women's Singles: Jessica Papazian (Providence)  
Men's Singles: Paul Yahnian (Wisconsin)  
Women's Doubles: Karen & Lori Cherian (Toronto)  
Men's Doubles: Paul Yahnian & Gary Akgulian (Wisconsin)

1979

Women's Singles: Karen Cherian (Toronto)  
Men's Singles: Paul Yahnian (Wisconsin)  
Women's Doubles: Karen & Lori Cherian (Toronto)  
Men's Doubles: Paul Yahnian & Jack Matosian (Wisconsin)

1980

Women's Singles: Karen Cherian (Toronto)  
Men's Singles: Mike Mousigian (Detroit)  
Men's Doubles: Mike Mousigian & Mike Zallakian (Detroit)

1981

Women's Singles: Helen Hovagimian (Toronto)  
Men's Singles: Mike Mousigian (Detroit)  
Men's Doubles: Greg & Peter Doumanian (Palos Heights)

1982

Women's Singles: Loraine Peters (No. New Jersey)  
Men's Singles: Mike Mousigian (Detroit)  
Mixed Doubles: Loraine Peters & Ron Chokmakian (No. New Jersey)

1983

Women's Singles: Helen Hovagimian (Toronto)  
Men's Singles: Mike Mousigian (Detroit)  
Mixed Doubles: Roseann Manoogian & Mike Mousigian (Detroit)



~ "Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles; lest the Lord see it, and be displeased..." Proverbs 24:17-18 ~

### Tennis (continued)

1984

Women's Singles: Roseann Manoogian (Detroit)  
Men's Singles: Osep Armagian (Wisconsin)  
Mixed Doubles: Detroit

1985

Women's Singles: Sue Mahtesian (Providence)  
Men's Singles: Osep Armagian (Wisconsin/Palos Heights)  
Mixed Doubles: Detroit

1986

Women's Singles: Lisa Hekemian (No. New Jersey)  
Men's Singles: Diran Alexanian (Wynnewood)  
Mixed Doubles: Corinne Santerian & Diran Alexanian (Wynnewood)

1987

Women's Singles: Linda Haytayan (Watertown)  
Men's Singles: Aram Toroyan (Detroit)  
Mixed Doubles: Lisa Hekemian & Craig Tashjian (No. New Jersey)

1988

Women's Singles: Linda Haytayan (Watertown)  
Men's Singles: Jack Melhbaum (Wynnewood)  
Mixed Doubles: Linda Haytayan & David Kazanjian (Lawrence)

1989

Women's Singles: Carla Kapikian (Bayside)  
Men's Singles: Mark Kasarjian (Bayside)  
Mixed Doubles: Carla Kapikian & Mark Kasarjian (Bayside)

1990

Women's Singles: Jenny Bogosian (Evanston)  
Men's Singles: Noel Mansoorian (ACYO-WD)  
Mixed Doubles: Suzan Hashasian & Jack Melhbaum (Wynnewood)

1991

Women's Singles: Kim Terzian (Detroit)  
Men's Singles: Sam Garabedian (Washington, D.C.)  
Mixed Doubles: Taline Artinian & Pascal Balakji (ACYOC)

1992

Women's Singles: Jennifer Morris (Detroit)  
Men's Singles: Mel Dasnabedian (Boca Raton)  
Mixed Doubles: Kim Terzian & Osep Armagian

1993

Women's Singles: Jennifer Morris (Detroit)  
Men's Singles: Noel Mansoorian (ACYO-WD)  
Mixed Doubles: Leslie Boghosian & Steve Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn)



"I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

Philippians 4:13

Table Tennis

1972

Men's Singles: Martin Nahigian (Boston)

1973

Men's Singles: Arnold Pekjian (Wynnewood)

1976

Men's Singles: Bedros Sarkisian (Westchester)

Men's Doubles: Dave Kazanjian & Brian Bogosian (Lawrence)

1977

Men's Singles: Bedros Sarkisian (Westchester)

Men's Doubles: Dave Kazanjian & Brian Bogosian (Lawrence)

1978

Women's Singles: Jessica Papazian (Providence)

Men's Singles: Ken Hagopian (Watertown)

Men's Doubles: Gary Reizian & Bob Simonian (Detroit)

1979

Women's Singles: Lori Cherian (Toronto)

Men's Singles: Mickey Mardirosian (Detroit)

Men's Doubles: Dave Kazanjian & Brian Bogosian (Lawrence)

1980

Women's Singles: Lori Cherian (Toronto)

Men's Singles: Krikor Zamroutian (Toronto)

Men's Doubles: Krikor Zamroutian & Hampartzoum Sahsuvaroglu (Toronto)

1981

Women's Singles: Lori Cherian (Toronto)

Men's Singles: Hagop Demirjian (Cleveland)

Men's Doubles: Hagop Demirjian & Charlie Arslanian (Cleveland)

1982

Women's Singles: Loraine Peters (No. New Jersey)

Men's Singles: Krikor Zamroutian (Toronto)

Mixed Doubles: Krikor Zamroutian & Mary Jamkoshian (Toronto)

1983

Women's Singles: Aline Egayan (Montreal)

Men's Singles: Hampo Hovagimian (Toronto)

Mixed Doubles: Aline Egayan & Alain Tchaderjian (Montreal)

1984

Women's Singles: Kiana Kaysserian (Detroit)

Men's Singles: Nick Akgulian (Wisconsin)

Mixed Doubles: Montreal



"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:14

Table Tennis (continued)

1985

Women's Singles: Kiana Kaysserian (Detroit)

Men's Singles: Jeff Tchaderjian (Montreal)

Men's Doubles: Montreal

1986

Women's Singles: Nancy Kazanjian (Wynnewood)

Men's Singles: Michael Sahakian (Washington D.C.)

Men's Doubles: Ara Sahakian & Michael Sahakian (Washington D.C.)

1987

Women's Singles: Nancy Kazanjian (Wynnewood)

Men's Singles: Michael Sahakian (Washington D.C.)

Men's Doubles: Diane Sahakian & Michael Sahakian (Washington D.C.)

1988

Women's Singles: Linda Haytayan (Lawrence)

Men's Singles: George Armoyan (ACYOC)

Mixed Doubles: Annie Tossounian & George Armoyan (ACYOC)

1989

Women's Singles: Cheryl Arslanian (Cleveland)

Men's Singles: Vrej Armoyan (ACYOC)

Mixed Doubles: George Armoyan & Vrej Armoyan (ACYOC)

1990

Women's Singles: Bella Grigorian (Armenia)

Men's Singles: Pat Kassabian (ACYOC)

Mixed Doubles: Vrej Armoyan & Aznive Kouyoumjian (ACYOC)



"His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man; but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love." Psalm 147: 10-11

**Tavloo**

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1973 Berj Feredjian (Springfield)      | 1985 Diane Kapikian (Bayside)        |
| 1975 Robin Gulezian (Merrimack Valley) | 1986 Sara Andonian (Detroit)         |
| 1976 Sarkis Shamshoyan (Lowell)        | 1987 Ararat Hacetoglu (ACYOC)        |
| 1977 Harry Tavitian (Westchester)      | 1988 Steve Tarian                    |
| 1978 Harry Tavitian (Westchester)      | 1989 Vache Keledjian (ACYO-WD)       |
| 1979 Garo Hovagimian (Toronto)         | 1990 Susan Chagachbanian (Fair Lawn) |
| 1980 Dale Sarkisian (Watertown)        | 1991 Armen Baboomian (Livingston)    |
| 1981 Raffi Boyadjian (Watertown)       | 1992 Jaques Dabaghian (Tenafly)      |
| 1982 Sue Maljanian (New Britain)       | 1993 Aram Lusarian (Boca Raton)      |
| 1983 Annie Manoukian (Toronto)         |                                      |
| 1984 Shake Ajamian (Bayside)           |                                      |

**Chess**

- |  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1976 Craig Simonian (New Britain)        | 1985 Kazar Terterian (Detroit)       |
| 1977 Craig Simonian (New Britain)        | 1986 Simon Koumjian (Wynnewood)      |
| 1978 Craig Simonian (New Britain) (tied) | 1987 Steve Mekenian (No. New Jersey) |
| Guy Simonian (New Britain) (tied)        | 1988 Steven Tourian                  |
| 1979 George Hadjinian (Wisconsin)        | 1989 Raffi Chouldjian (ACYOC)        |
| 1980 Ken Hagopian (Watertown)            | 1990 Norhan Yaseminci (W. Queens)    |
| 1981 Berj Basmajian (Toronto)            | 1991 Hagop Demirjian (Bayside)       |
| 1982 Craig Simonian (New Britain)        | 1992 Steven Megrđichian (Providence) |
| 1983 Raffi Chouldjian (Toronto)          | 1993 Steven Megrđichian (Providence) |
| 1984 Robert Casemont (St. Catherines)    |                                      |

**Checkers**

- |                                    |                                  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1979 Garo Papazian (Detroit)       | 1988 Gary Mousigian (Detroit)    |
| 1980 Garo Papazian (Detroit)       | 1989 Gary Mousigian (Detroit)    |
| 1982 Garo Papazian (Detroit)       | 1990 Hagop Demirjian (Cleveland) |
| 1984 Charles Arslanian (Cleveland) | 1992 Hagop Tozak (Toronto)       |
| 1985 Gary Mousigian (Detroit)      | 1993 Vartan Kasbarian (Toronto)  |
| 1987 Gary Mousigian (Detroit)      |                                  |

**Badminton**

- |                                     |                                    |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1976 Tom Malkasian (Detroit)        | 1982 Norair Tokmanian (Toronto)    |
| 1977 Tom Janikian (Greenfield)      | 1983 Vahan Kassabian (Montreal)    |
| 1978 Tom Janikian (Wisconsin)       | 1984 Tom Janikian (Wisconsin)      |
| 1979 Tom Janikian (Wisconsin)       | 1985 Vahan Kassabian (Montreal)    |
| 1980 Norair Tokmanian (Toronto)     | 1986 Mike Voskian (No. New Jersey) |
| 1981 Peter Bogosian (Palos Heights) |                                    |



"...let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith..." Hebrews 12:1-2

**Golf**

- |  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| 1976 Mark Kazanjian (Lawrence)         | 1991 Women's Division        |
| 1977 Mark Kazanjian (Lawrence)         | Lisa Nersessian (Livingston) |
| 1978 Richard Goshdigan (New Britain)   | Men's Division               |
| 1979 Mike Kahayian (Detroit)           | Jack Madanian (Watertown)    |
| 1980 Glenn Pulice (Detroit)            | 1992 Women's Division        |
| 1981 John Dadian (Chicago)             | Debbie Daufeldt (Bayside)    |
| 1982 Glenn Pulice (Detroit)            | Men's Division               |
| 1983 Palos Heights                     | John Nersessian (Livingston) |
| 1984 Glenn Pulice (Detroit)            | 1993 Women's Division        |
| 1985 Sam Sarkissian (St. Catherines)   | Debbie Daufeldt (Bayside)    |
| 1986 NOF                               | Men's Division               |
| 1987 Matthew Minnetian (No. N. Jersey) | Mark Melikian (Providence)   |
| 1988 Matthew Minnetian (No. N. Jersey) |                              |
| 1989 John Nersessian (Livingston-U.C.) |                              |

**Racquetball**

- |                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>1976</b>             |   |
| <i>Men's Singles:</i>   | Gary Assarian (Detroit)                               |
| <b>1977</b>             |   |
| <i>Women's Singles:</i> | Jana Hakalmazian (Greenfield)                         |
| <i>Men's Singles:</i>   | Ed Baylerian (Detroit)                                |
| <b>1981</b>             |   |
| <i>Women's Singles:</i> | Phyllis Madanian (Watertown)                          |
| <i>Men's Singles:</i>   | Avak Grigorian (Wisconsin)                            |
| <i>Men's Doubles:</i>   | Brian Bogosian & Jay Ohnanian (Lawrence)              |
| <b>1982</b>             |   |
| <i>Mixed Doubles:</i>   | Reed Ajamian (Bayside) & Leslie Koltookian (Lawrence) |
| <b>1983</b>             |   |
| <i>Mixed Doubles:</i>   | Mary Jan Dorian (Bayside) & Vartan Ajamian (Bayside)  |
| <b>1984</b>             |   |
| <i>Singles:</i>         | Reed Ajamian (Bayside)                                |
| <i>Mixed Doubles:</i>   | (Bayside)   |

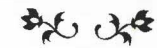


~ "...and if the Almighty is your gold, and precious silver, then you will  
delight yourself in the Almighty, and lift up your face to God." ~

Job 22:25-26

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Matthew 6:21

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~ "...the imperishable jewel of a gentle and quiet spirit, ...  
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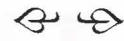
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- "MAY GOD HONOR YOUR GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AND HARD WORK." .....LUCY CHAGACHBANIAN
- "CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES." .....GEORGE AND LUCY DABAGIAN
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- "BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL WEEKEND." .....MARGARET AND PEGGY SEMONIAN
- "IN LOVING MEMORY OF GEORGE SHAHINIAN." .....SHAKAE SHAHINIAN
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