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THE PLEDGE OF THE A. C. Y. O. A.



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 SON OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH, SHALL BE A DEVOTED UPHOLDER OF THE ARMENIAN CULTURAL HERITAGE, SHALL BE A LOYAL CITIZEN TO THE UNITED STATES, AND I SHALL DILIGENTLY ABIDE BY THE OBJECTS, THE POLICIES, AND THE 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.

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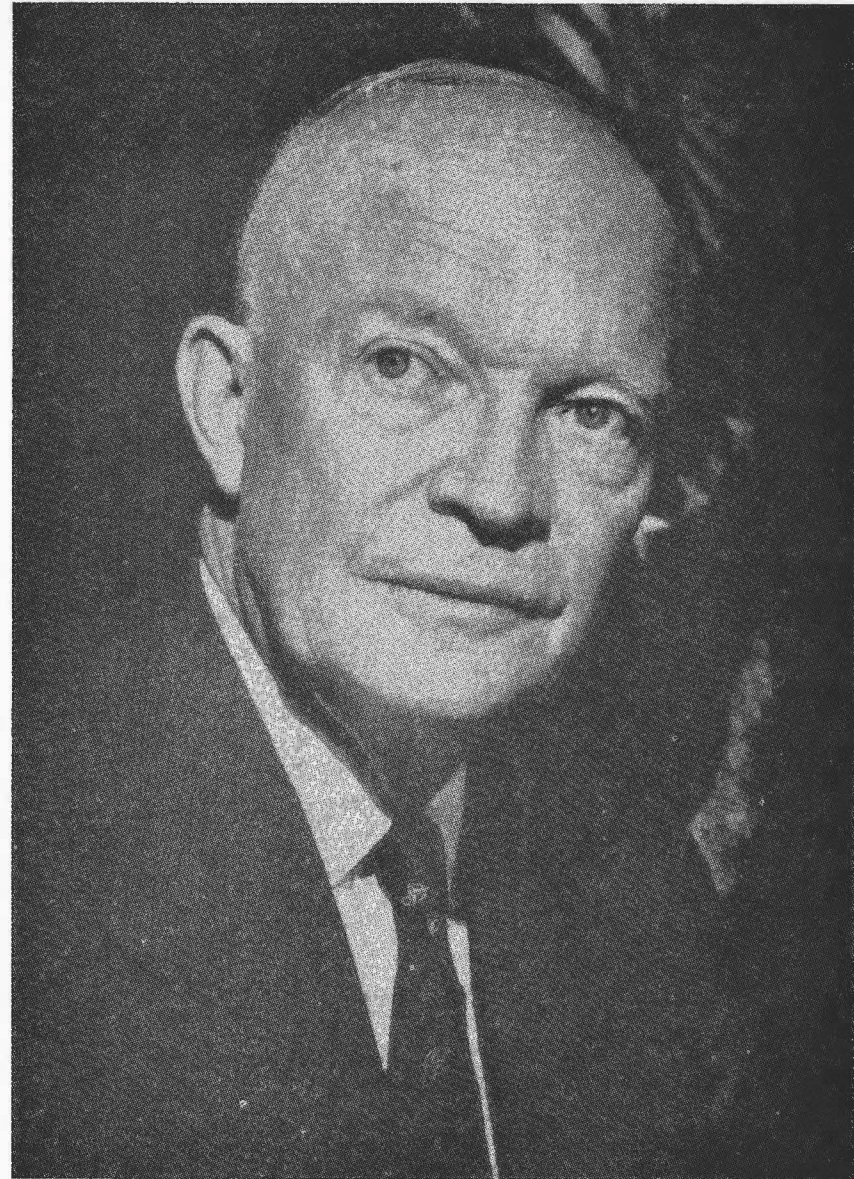


DEDICATION



WE HUMBLY DEDICATE THIS 11TH ANNUAL A. C. Y. O. A. ASSEMBLY BOOK TO HOLY ETCHMIADZIN — THE CENTER AND THE INSPIRATION OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. CHOSEN BY GOD, DEDICATED BY ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR, ETCHMIADZIN STANDS OUT THROUGHOUT THE CENTURIES AS THE SYMBOL OF ARMENIAN UNITY AND LOVE OF GOD AND CHURCH. CRUCIFIED AND BATTERED YET HOLDING FAST THE FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST, ETCHMIADZIN HAS REMAINED TRUE TO THE WORDS OF CHRIST TO ST. GREGORY IN THE YEAR 301 A. D.: "YOU WILL BUILD A CATHEDRAL FOR GOD UPON THIS LAND."

ETCHMIADZIN . . . THE PLACE WHERE THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD DESCENDED.



DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
President of the United States of America

TELEGRAM

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC JUL 16

DICKRAN A. ZAHIGIAN, CHAIRMAN ELEVENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY ARMENIAN
CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
MEETING IN THEIR ELEVENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, I SEND GREETINGS. INSPIRED
BY THE MORAL AND SPIRITUAL TRADITIONS OF YOUR FAITH, YOUR
ORGANIZATION ADDS THE VIGOR OF YOUTH TO THE WORK OF TODAY. WITH
SUCH A HERITAGE I KNOW YOU WILL ADVANCE IN THE SERVICE OF GOD AND
NEIGHBOR. BEST WISHES FOR SPLENDID ASSEMBLY.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA



When the Armenian Church took roots in America back in the early twentieth century there was little need of youth groups within the Church but as the number of young people increased in the various parishes a spontaneous formation of youth groups took place but with no organizational plan in mind. Some parishes had a youth group within the church and others did not feel the need of such a group since the work of the Church functioned merely about the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. However, as the scope of the work of the Church increased, the leaders within the Church saw the necessity of a youth organization within the Church in order to hold the young people to the Armenian Church and thus not allow them to drift to other churches by default. The attraction of other church youth groups drew many of the Armenian youth away from their centuries-old Church and so in the early nineteen forties the need for a national Church Youth Organization became imperative and one of our great Church leaders, His Eminence Archbishop Garegin Hovsepian, the Primate in America, took the first steps for the formation of such an organization. However World War II interrupted this noble work and most of the local youth groups were dissolved and the young people went into the service of the United States and served heroically the cause of their beloved United States.

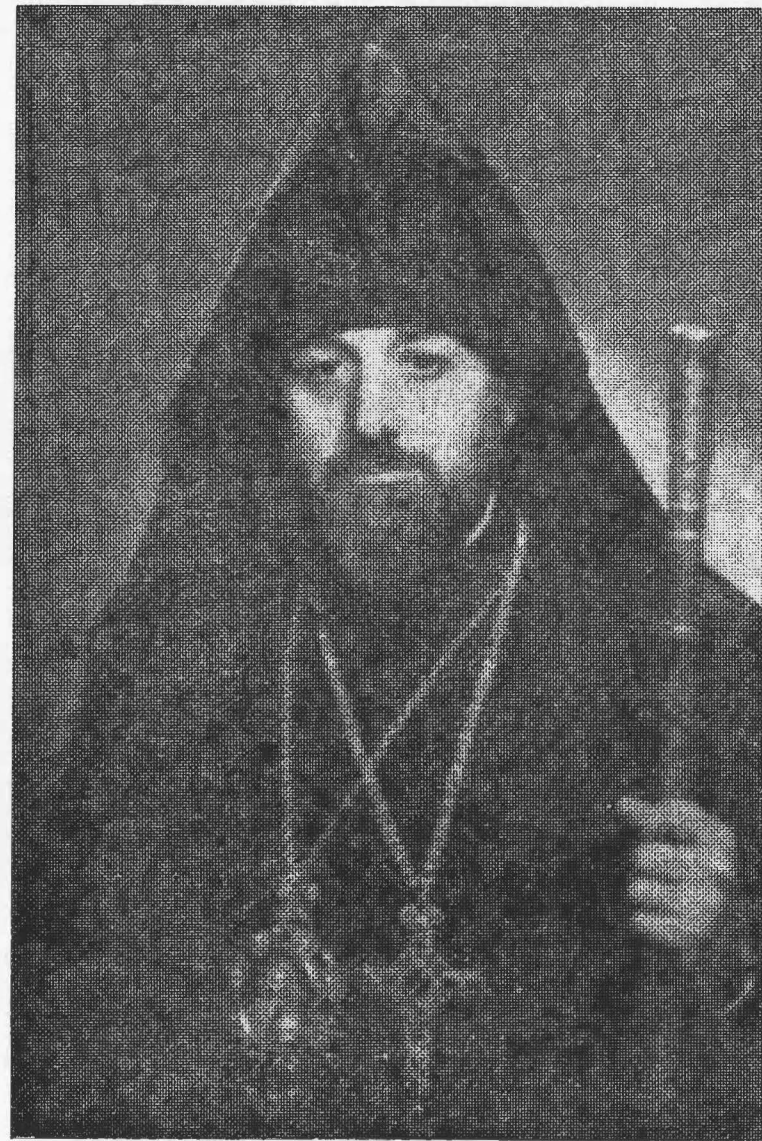
After the war a great religious revival swept over America and especially the Armenian Church. The Armenian youth flocked back into the Armenian Churches in America and providentially the Primate of the Armenian Church in North America was His Grace Bishop Tiran Nersoyan. Bishop Tiran, a religious and intellectual giant, stepped into the work of bringing cohesion and purpose to the youth, and with selfless devotion and inspiring leadership, he challenged the youth with spiritual and intellectual goals. The youth were quick to see the value of the man and the Church he represented and immediately set about establishing parish youth groups throughout the Diocese.

With Parish Youth Groups now active again within the Diocese, Bishop Tiran called together a group of interested youth and on January 12, 1946 the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America was formed at the Constitutional Assembly held in Providence, Rhode Island. For two days, young people from throughout the United States deliberated and formed the Constitution of the A.C.Y.O.A., established the objects of the organization, the activities, the administration and many other phases of the group which is now the largest and most active Armenian Youth group in America and possibly throughout the world. The Assembly elected a Central Council from its members and the reality of a Church Youth group under the supervision of the Primate and the Diocesan Council of the Armenian Church of North America was an accomplished fact. The guiding light and inspiration was His Grace Bishop Tiran Nersoyan.

From here the youth went back to their local parishes and within a few short years the phenomenal growth of this organization took place. Membership drives, social, cultural and educational programs took shape and the Armenian youth in America became active members within their beloved Church. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit the members became more Church-minded and more Armenian-Church conscious. Today the A.C.Y.O.A. numbers thirty-three chapters and over one thousand members. Annual Assemblies have been held in Providence, Rhode Island; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Detroit, Michigan; New Britain, Connecticut; Evanston, Illinois; Watertown, Massachusetts; Worcester, Massachusetts; Cleveland, Ohio; Troy, New York; Racine, Wisconsin; Washington, D. C.; and now this the 11th Annual Assembly in Boston.

The Organization has undertaken many projects on the local level to help the church and its mission in the community. It is the only Armenian youth group in the United States which has its own monthly magazine, THE ARMENIAN GUARDIAN, devoted to news of the activities of the organization with an emphasis on religious and Armenian Church news. On the national level the organization sponsors the annual Birthday Ball throughout the nation, ACYOA Day, publication of religious pamphlets, A Catechism of Armenian Christian Instruction, A Pocket Devotional Manual, and at the present time all members are contributing weekly to the Armenian Seminary Scholarship Fund, and the Youth Camp Fund. June Festival week-ends are held throughout the regions for the benefit of the Youth Camp Fund and Church School Teacher Conferences are sponsored by the ACYOA so that our young people will be instructed in religious matters by competent personnel. From the local chapter to the national organization the work of the ACYOA is primarily concerned with the spiritual improvement of Armenian young people and to make them more aware of their Sonship to God the Father and their responsibilities to God through the Armenian Church.

That this goal is slowly being realized is evident in the number of those people throughout the Diocese of America who after serving in the ACYOA step into positions of responsibility in the administrative work of the Church and continue to work for the spiritual growth of the younger generation that follows them.



HIS HOLINESS VASKEN I

Catholicos-Patriarch of all Armenians

PONTIFICAL ENCYCLICAL TO THE ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Vasken, Servant of Jesus Christ with the mercy of God and by the will of the people, chief Bishop and Catholicos of All Armenians, Supreme Patriarch of the nation's most-esteemed See, the Apostolic Mother Church Holy Echmiadzin of Ararat.

To the leaders and the members of the Armenian Church Youth Organization paternal greetings and pontifical blessings. Our Dearly Beloved Children,

Our Dearly Beloved Children,

This is the Catholicos of All Armenians, who speaks to you in this Epistle, responding gladly to the request made by your official organ, "The Armenian Guardian."

"For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ." (Colossians 2:5)

Our word comes to you from the heart of the country of Armenians, from Holy Etchmiadzin, where many centuries ago the Son of man-loving God, the Only-Begotten Himself descended and blessed it, and illuminated our people, by showing them the path of life everlasting.

"The Only-Begotten descended from the Father and the Light of Glory with Him."

Since that day, our land was sanctified and the offspring of our people became children of Light, children of God. Here is the great and wonderful mystery of our Holy Church, here is the moving power of the history of the Armenian people, here is the source of the creative graces of our children, here is the assurance of the luminous future of our nation. It is here that God has sealed His covenant with our people, and what God has joined no human hand can put asunder. And centuries told centuries about this sacred covenant, and generations one after the other remained faithful to it. The Armenian people were exhausted but did not rest, the Armenian people suffered constantly but did always create, the Armenian people became martyred but always revived and lived. You, beloved young people, are the genuine children of that God-loving faithful people. Know yourselves well, and with humble pride, with head high shout "I am Armenian."

Remain faithful to the sacred covenant of your forefathers, to the Christian luminous faith and to the God-built Holy Etchmiadzin, to our sweet mother tongue and to the culture of our people, to our just national cause, and to our reborn fatherland.

Remain faithful to the laws of your government, follow discipline, and be constructive citizens, always holding high the torch of the ideas of human freedom and brotherhood of nations.

Remain faithful to the objectives of your organization, and perform your works with honor for the flourishing of the Church and for the benefit of our nation.

Do not pay attention to the controversies and adversities, that are troubling the internal life of the Armenians in dispersion. They are transitory, superficial and often artificially created senseless phenomena. Do stay above all that, like the valiant pilot, who takes wing above the clouds toward the peaceful and bright heights of the firmament. The real Armenian person stands there, on that height with his triumphant Church, his heroic history, his glorious culture and with his present flight of re-birth.

Now, dearly beloved, do not be afraid, do not hesitate or do not weaken. All these are not befitting of youth. Do love your nation as you love your mother. Do love the Armenian Church, as you love your own home. Do love Holy Etchmiadzin as you love your parental heritage.

"So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter." (II Thessalonians, 2:15)

You, youngsters and youth born and raised in America, though far from our mother land, yet have a great share of work and toil on the road of the historic mission of rebuilding and blossoming forth of our nation and fatherland. You have your share of work and toil also on the road of realizing the just wishes of our people.

Be proud with that generous work, be proud with that sacred toil. Do not remain on passive positions, come forth, take the rudder of the works of our religious-national life in youthful hands and combine with the wisdom and experience of the aged, the light of your mind, the fire of your heart, your constructive will and your vision.

And above everything, with all your might, preserve and protect the unity and the indivisibility of our Armenian Church with most Holy Etchmiadzin. "For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at this coming? Is it not you?" (I Thessalonians 1:19)

Blessed are you for being young. The world is recreated for you. Before the Holy Altar, the Altar of Descent, we pray wholeheartedly that, the Lord keep and protect you—healthy and firm, may He abundantly grant His graces to your souls, and make your life fruitful, glorifying you and by you our Church and our wonderful people.

Do live, grow, blossom and work for the glory of God and the Armenian Holy Apostolic Church, now and always, amen.

Yours with pontifical blessing

VASKEN I

*Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos
of All Armenians*

(Translated by Abannes Kasparian)

This Encyclical was issued on the tenth day of
November, in the year of our Lord, 1956,
in Holy Etchmiadzin.



HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP MAMPRE CALFAYAN

Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church and

President of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIMATE

My beloved A.C.Y.O.A. members and friends,

I am indeed delighted and happy to greet you once again, through the pages of this booklet, and to wish every success to your Central Council and delegates at the Eleventh Annual Assembly.

I would like to take this occasion to remind you that while reviewing the past year's activities and formulating your future plans you always remember the basic principles on which your Organization is founded, and resolve to dedicate yourselves to these principles with everincreasing determination.

Beyond all social, cultural and educational activities your first duty and obligation is to become good Christians, ready to serve Christ and your Church, and to sacrifice willingly for Her well being.

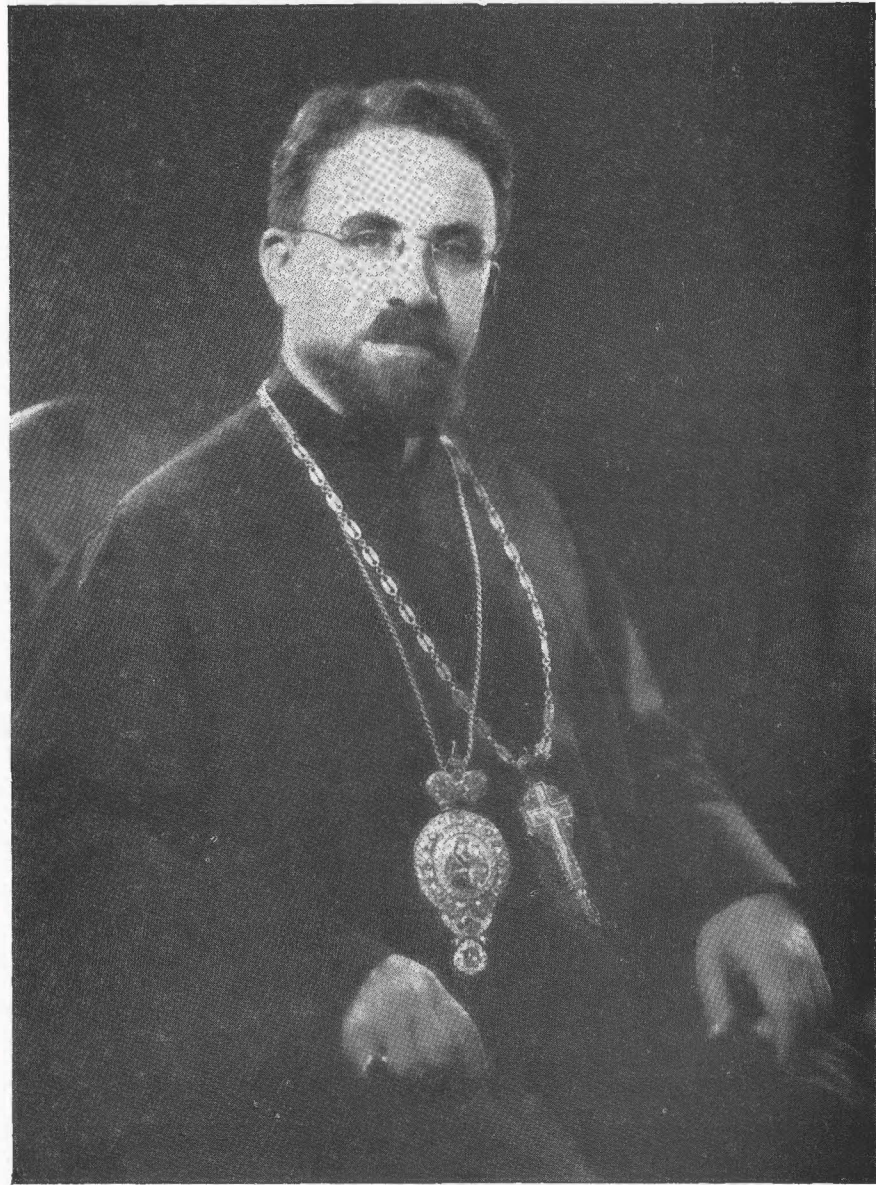
It is heartwarming indeed and very gratifying to know that all of you are intelligent, capable, full of enthusiasm and vitality to compete so excellently with all young men and women of other denominations in every field of endeavor. All of these assets should be channelled to crush the tides of evil that exist in this world, and to fight all enemies of truth, because only then will you without hesitation, face the future with assurance.

You are the future of our people and we have no doubt that you will always love and uphold your Armenian Church, Heritage and Culture, as these are treasures that have been handed down to you through millenia of suffering, persecution and death.

Throughout the year I have followed very closely Central Council and Chapter activities and find them gratifying. But there is still a great deal of work ahead. I am convinced and firmly believe that all of you will unhesitatingly assume your responsibilities, realizing full well that you will be rewarded by our Lord and Saviour many times over in His infinite mercy.

May God bless you all and inspire you with His Holy Spirit so that you may always remain worthy sons and daughters of our most sacred Armenian Church.

MAMPRE ARCHBISHOP CALFAYAN, *Primate,*
Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America.
With paternal blessings and prayers,



HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP TIRAN



REV. P APKEN MAKSOUDIAN

Pastor of the Armenian Holy Trinity Church of Boston

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Such as the beauty of a garden depends on the quality and arrangement of its multicolor flowers, so does the spirit of a church depend on the richness and abundance of its youth.

The Armenian Church Youth Organization of America is the multicolored flowers of the great spiritual field of the Armenian Church. The ACYOA is the pride and the beauty of this historic Church of Christ.

As the seed of today is the harvest of tomorrow, so the ACYOA membership of today will be the spiritual harvest of the Armenian Church tomorrow in this land of freedom and democracy.

For this reason youth should receive every possible encouragement to participate in the program of this worthy Organization. The Armenian Community should urge its youth to join the Parish ACYOA.

Membership in this great organization will serve to preserve and strengthen the spiritual faith passed on to us by our forefathers.

The ACYOA is the army, the spiritual army of the Armenian Holy Apostolic Church. Its members are the defenders of the Armenian Faith as practiced by the Apostles Thaddeus and Bartholomew, St. Gregory the Illuminator and the heroes of Avarair.

It is a great honor and a source of gratification that the last Assembly at Washington, D. C., voted to hold the Eleventh Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, the Cradle of Liberty.

On behalf of the Armenian Holy Trinity Church of Greater Boston, I welcome the Arachnord Surpazan Hyre, the Central Council, the Pastors and delegates of 35 chapters and the entire attending membership. May the Spirit of the Lord guide you in your deliberations.

God bless the ACYOA.

FATHER PAPKEN MAKSOUDIAN



Dear Members:

I am distinctly privileged and sincerely delighted to congratulate on behalf of ACYOA Central Council and Chapters, The Boston Holy Trinity Church priest, parish council, affiliate auxiliaries and specially our Boston Chapter and the assembly chairman and his fine committee for making this 11th annual assembly the huge success that it is. We all appreciate the effort and sacrifice they freely volunteered to insure us a very fine assembly, well balanced with religious, educational and social program.

May I take this opportunity to assure you that our Organization is dynamic, resilient and forward looking but still very much needs your devoted care and attention. If you look upon your function in this Organization as merely a process of getting together with your fellow Armenians, socializing and learning certain fundamentals of our Church and people, you will never experience in full measure the joy of accomplishment, nor know the deep satisfaction of being able to create . . . You are a true ACYOA member, only if you can, without hesitation say to one and all "I am building the future of my beloved church."

And you have reason to be proud of your mission! Your church is different from the one being built next door. For one thing, more heartache, suffering and blood has been mixed with her mortar and cement. For another she stands, as she has stood for generations, as a shrine dedicated to all true martyrs who died for Christ, and for still another, every rock, dust, stone and earth of an Armenian Church is blessed by God, because He Himself came down to dwell among us in Etchmiatzin, the holiest of all shrines.

You have reason to be proud of your ACYOA too! Organized through the genius of Archbishop Tiran only 11 years ago, and protected by our Primate, Archbishop Kalfayan for the last three years, it now stands as the largest Armenian Youth Organization in America, whose potential is of such magnitude that it will thrill the imagination and warm the heart of the most die-hard pessimist.

Let us together build a future then . . . knowing full well that what the future has in store for us depends entirely on what we place in store for the future. Our forefathers before us had no force to resist the tides of evil, starvation and massacre save a strong faith in the Armenian Spirit . . . a faith that was "dead to doubt, dumb to discouragement and blind to impossibilities."

You and I are so lucky . . . we have much, so much more than our fathers. All we have to do is imitate their faith, and I am sure, with the help of God, and for the sake of thousand upon thousand Armenian Americans still to be born, we will.

NUBAR DORIAN, *Chairman*
Central Council



GOVERNOR FURCOLO OF MASSACHUSETTS signs ACYOA week proclamation. Left to Right. Robert Goshgarian, Gary Babigian, The Governor, Rev. Papken Maksoudian, and Diran Zahigian.

WELCOME DELEGATES AND FRIENDS

The Boston Chapter of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America proudly welcomes you — visiting guests and delegates — to the "hub of the United States."

A varied social and religious program has been planned with each of you in mind and we sincerely hope that you will make this week-end one of enjoyment and one of spiritual benefit.

May this the Eleventh Annual Assembly of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America be a source of solidarity for our youth and serve to emphasize the responsibility of this great organization in the lives of our youth, the Church in the United States, and the Armenian Church throughout the world. To serve God and Country is the noblest goal of any organization and if we but look back and realize that this is what the countless generations of Armenians have done down through the centuries then we will see that Americans of Armenian descent have and will serve this great United States of America under God.

GOD BLESS THE A. C. Y. O. A.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

By His Excellency

FOSTER FURCOLO

Governor

1957

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Armenian Church Youth Organization is comprised of young men and women in some 35 chapters throughout the nation who play an important role in developing spiritual and social well-being in their respective communities, and

WHEREAS, Through this organization, as with similar organizations in our State and nation, numerous services and activities are undertaken that strengthen individual character and help fulfill moral obligations inherent in good citizenship, and

WHEREAS, These young men and women, by their active participation and membership, achieve in the course of their work additional goals that help children in their formative years to understand and later apply the democratic principles of our American way of life, and

WHEREAS, The Armenian Church Youth Organization is holding its 11th Annual Assembly in our State for the second time in a decade at which various national delegates will gather to further programs for promoting the aims of the organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FOSTER FURCOLO, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in welcome to members at this Assembly, do hereby proclaim, the period August 26 to September 2, 1957, as

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION WEEK

and request that every cooperation be extended to mark this Assembly with memorable success.

GIVEN at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twenty-seventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and eighty-first.

By His Excellency the Governor **FOSTER FURCOLO**

EDWARD J. CRONIN

Secretary of the Commonwealth



Foster Furcolo
Governor

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Department
State House, Boston

July 3, 1957

Gary Babigian
Chairman, Welcoming Committee
A.C.Y.O.
12 Sparhawk Street
Brighton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Babigian

May I take this opportunity to extend the greetings of the Commonwealth, along with my personal felicitations, to members of the Armenian Church Youth Organization at their Eleventh Annual Assembly.

The work that you have accomplished throughout the years has been significant to your communities and to your State and nation, and I know that the benefits derived from the activities of the Organization will be of lasting value not only to the young men and women participants but also the hundreds of children who receive guidance and assistance in their formative years from the programs of the membership.

Best wishes for a successful assembly and good luck in all your future endeavors.

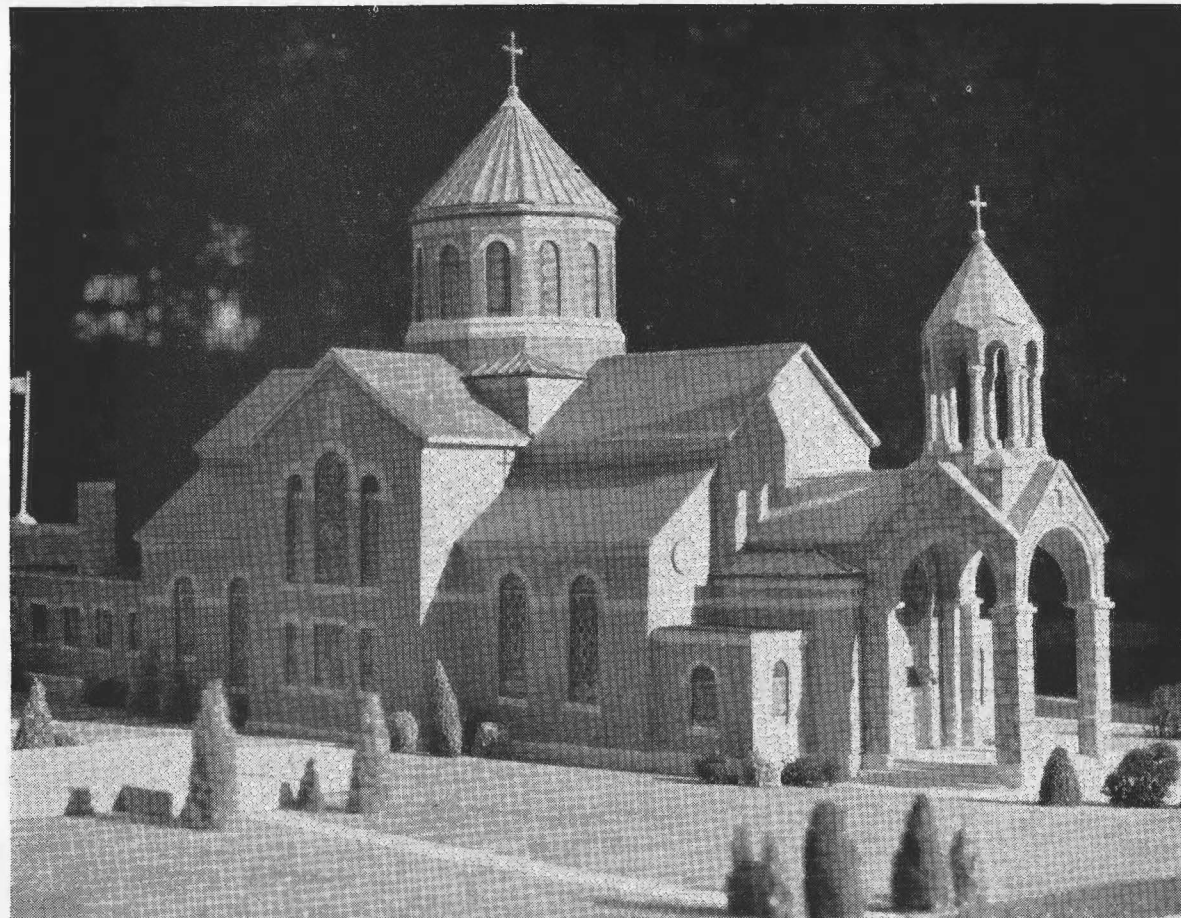
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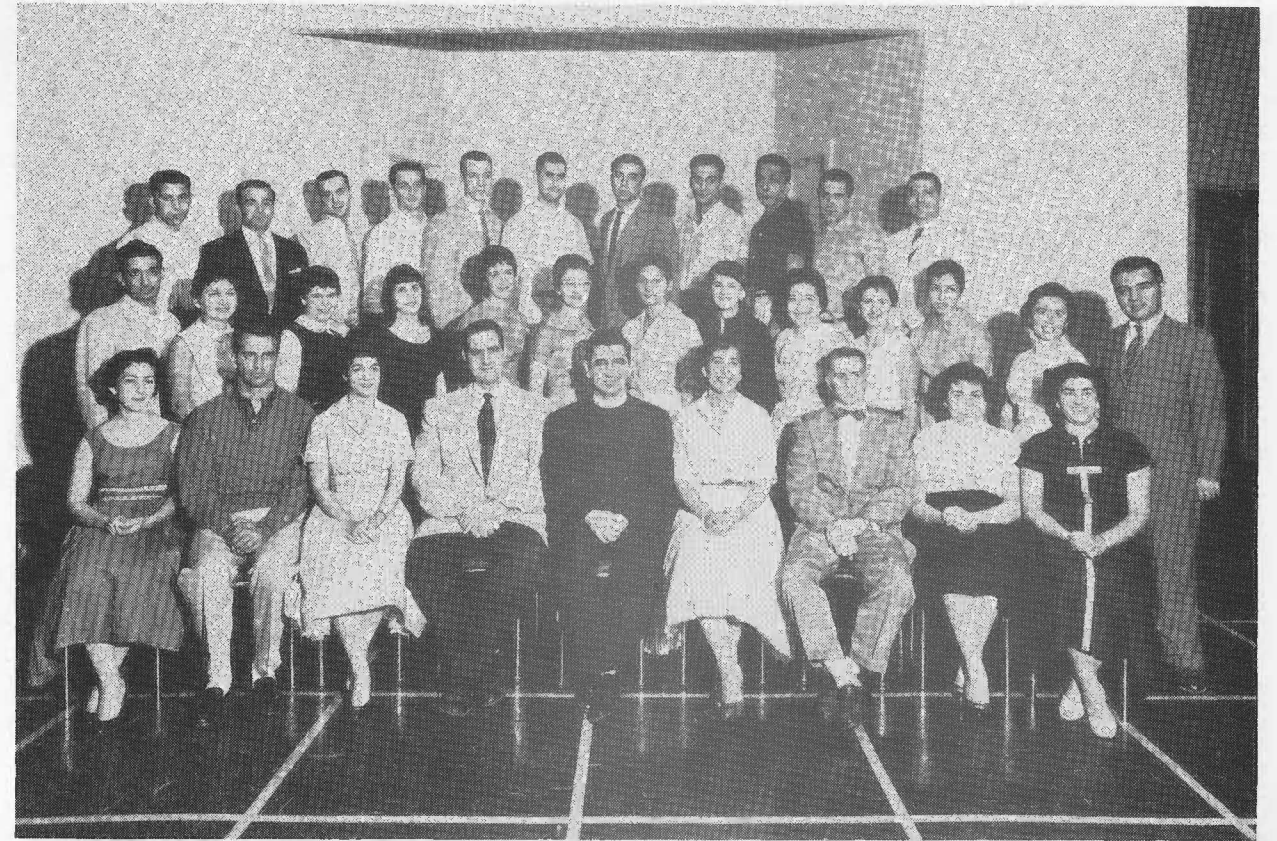
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THE EMBLEM OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA AND ITS SYMBOLIC MEANING

The emblem of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America adopted at its inception, is to be interpreted as follows:

The radiations from the center of the cross symbolize the truths of the Christian religion that shine forth through the centuries.

The symbols under the horizontal bar of the cross are:

- a) (right hand side) The double peaks of Mount Ararat, representing the Armenian people and its destiny. Ararat has been the silent witness of the victories as well as the defeats of the Armenians through their existence as a people and a nation. Its representation on the A. C. Y. O. A. emblem means that the members of the Organization make the pledge of standing for the ideals for which the Armenian nation has stood always.
- b) (left hand side) The United States eagle with its wings wide-spread and star above each wing. The eagle looks proudly into far distances and holds, as usual, a batch of arrows. The eagle represents the United States. Its presence on the A. C. Y. O. A. emblem symbolizes the loyalty of the members of the A. C. Y. O. A. to the Constitution of the United States and to its principles of democracy and freedom.

The chain that encircles the cross on the emblem represents solidarity among the members of the A. C. Y. O. A. in their service to God and to people.

These symbols are designed on a shield which stands for the determination with which the objects of the A. C. Y. O. A. are to be carried out. The shield also stands for defense against dangerous encroachments.

It will be noted that the dominating feature of the emblem is the cross. This indicates the fact that Christ is our Lord and that to Him we owe obedience above all.



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