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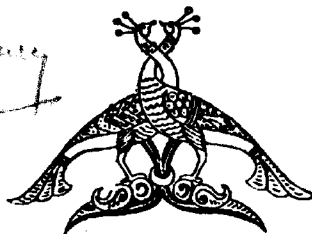
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ANCIENT ALTAR TAPESTRY DONATED TO HOLY SHOGHAGAT

The Armenian Church in Urfa was the only place large enough to house their sick and homeless during the sporadic Turkish raids on their village. During this time, every religious object had been put onto one table to make more space.

MRS. ARAM HANOIAN, of Granite City, a very young girl at that time, was in the Church when the priest shouted to them to run, that the Turks were on their way. He begged them to grab what they could, and to hide from the vicious murderers of our people.

Before leaving her Church for what was to be the last time, Mrs. Hanoian lifted a shiny and beautiful cloth, rich with jewel-like tones, gold and silver threads, clutched it to her, and fled from the Turks.

She ran and eventually came to America. For 65 years she has kept this tapestry and cared for it lovingly. The tapestry, approximately 4 ft. by 3 ft., is remarkably well-preserved. It is hand-embroidered with multi-colored silk threads and gold and silver metal threads. The center of the tapestry has a golden sunburst with a silver cross in the middle. What appears to be part of a date has been damaged over the years, but amazingly, the tapestry seems almost intact.

Mrs. Hanoian has generously donated this precious altar cloth to Holy Shoghagat in memory of her husband and our beloved DEACON ARAM. We thank her with all of our hearts for this magnificent gift.

We invite our fellow Armenians to visit Holy Shoghagat to view this treasured remembrance of the Urfa Church and the spirit of the young girl who cared for it. The tapestry will be on display after December 1.

Mrs. Hanoian, Holy Shoghagat and all Armenians thank you. Your church in Urfa lives again.

A.C.Y.O.A.



Christmas Ball

December 13, 1980

8 p.m. • Church Hall

Music by: The Flying Hyes of Chicago

LONGEST KNOWN ARMENIAN WORD:

YERGAYNAGLORAKHMORADZAGAVAJARAGANOOTION

Meaning: Macaroni merchandising.

SECOND-LONGEST ARMENIAN WORD:

AREVAJAJANCHAPILETSGHAGANOOTION

Meaning: Ability of the sun's rays to shine.

ARMENIAN SHOODASELOOG (a fast tongue-twister):

"Mooguhnedem, stzoogeh oodem;
stzoogeh oodem, mooguh nedem."

(throw away the mouse, eat the fish; eat the fish, throw away the mouse!)

Repeat as fast as you can for 8 or 10 times, or until you eat the moog/mouse and throw away the tzoog/fish!!

