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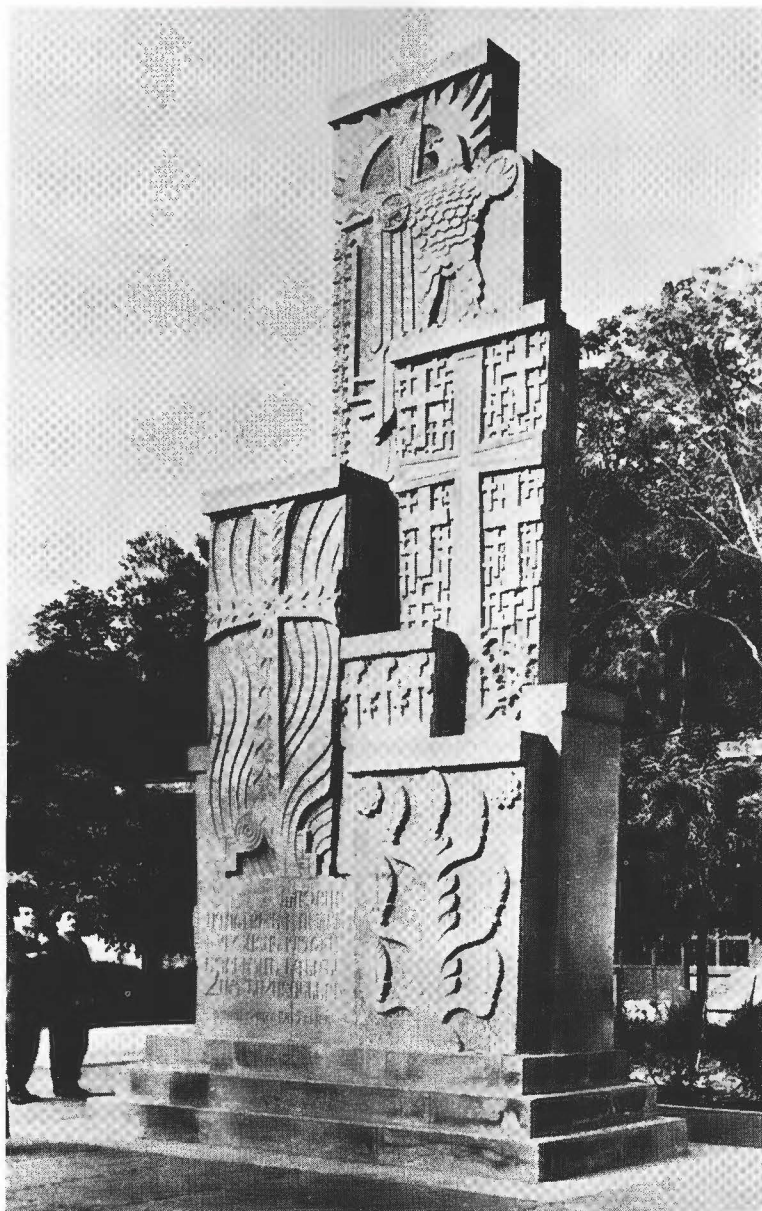
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VAZKEN I

Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos
of All Armenians

1. Ընտրություն, օծում եւ գահակալություն Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. վազգէն Ա. Ամեն-Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի, Հոկտեմբեր 2, 1955 ի Մայր Աթոռ Ս. Էջմիածին:
2. Սրբալոյս Միլոնի օրհնություն Հոկտեմբեր 9, 1955, ի Մայր Աթոռ Ս. Էջմիածին:
3. Հայրապետական առաջին ուղեւորություն արտասահման, Անթիլիաս, Եգիպտոս, Միլան, Ս. Ղազար, Փարիզ եւ Անգլիա, 1956 Փետր.—Մայիս:
4. Եպիսկոպոսական ժողովի Գումարում ի Գահիրէ, Եգիպտոս Մայր 1956:
5. Մայր Տաճարի Հիմնական նորոգություն եւ բարեգարգում Գալուստ Կիւլպէնկեանի նուիրատուութեամբ:
6. Հիմնական վերանորոգություն Ս. Հռիփսիմեանց, Ս. Գայեանեանց հար Վիրապի, Ս. Շողակաբի, Օշականի, Բջնիի եւ այլ եկեղեցիներու. Հայաստանի մէջ:
7. Կառուցում Ս. Էջմիածնի մայրավանքի պարիսպներու, գլխաւոր դարբասի ու ժամացոյցի աշտարակի:
8. Հիմնական վերանորոգություն նոր վեհարանի եւ Տրդատի Դրան:
9. Հայրապետական երկրորդ ուղեւորություն արտասահման, Միացեալ Նահանգներ եւ Հարաւային Ամերիկա 1960 Մայիս—Սեպտեմբեր:
10. Հայրապետական երրորդ ուղեւորություն արտասահման, Կ. Պոլիս—Թիւրքիա—1961 Յունիս:
11. Մայր Աթոռի նոր տպարանի կազմակերպումը եւ բացումը 1962ին:
12. Յանուն Հայաստանեայց Առաքելական Եկեղեցւոյ Մայր Աթոռ Ս. Էջմիածնի անդամակցությունը Եկեղեցեաց Համաշխարհային Խորհուրդին 1962ին: Եկեղեցեաց Համաշխարհային Խորհուրդի Ընդհ. Բարտուղարին եւ պաշտօնական անձանց այցը Տ. Տ. վազգէն Ա. Կաթողիկոսին ի Ս. Էջմիածին նոյն տարին:
13. Ազգային—Եեղոցական ժողովի գումարումի եւ Սրբալոյս Միլոնի օրհնություն Մայր Աթոռի մէջ 1962ին:
14. Հայրապետական Չորրորդ ուղեւորություն արտասահման, Երուսաղէմ, Եգիպտոս եւ Հնդկաստան 1963 Հոկտեմբեր—Դեկտեմբեր:
15. Հայրապետական Հինգերորդ ուղեւորություն արտասահման, Երուզիլա, Եգիպտոս, Ֆրանսա եւ Անգլիա Յունուար—Փետրուար 1965:



MONUMENT IN HOLY ETCHMAIDZIN

Commemorating The 50th Anniversary
Of The Armenian Martyrs
(Erected April 24, 1965)



Blessing Of The Holy Muron By The Catholicos
October 5, 1969

16. 1915 բուականի Ապրիլեան եղեռնի Յիսմամեակի համագգային տօնախրմբուրքին եւ նահատակաց Յուշարձանի հիմնարկէք եւ բացում էջմիածնի շրջարակին մէջ 1965 Ապրիլ 24ին:
17. Հայրապետական Վեցերորդ ուղեւորութիւն արտասահման, Պուլկարիա Ռումանիա, 1965, Յունիս-Յուլիս:
18. Հայերէն Աստուածաշունչի առաջին տպագրութեան 300-ամեակը նշող համագգային տօնախմբութեան յատուկ կոնդակ 1966 Յունուարին:
19. Ռեզդափառ Պատրիարքներու Յուստինիանոս Ռումանիոյ, Կիւրեղ Պուլկարիոյ, ինչպէս նաեւ Հայ Պատրիարքներու Եղիշէ Երուսաղէմի եւ Շնորհ Կ. Պոլսոյ էջմիածին այցը: Նաեւ Տ. Տ. Վազգէն Ա. Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի հանդիպումը Կ. Պոլսոյ Յոյն Տիեզերական պատրիարք Արքեանկորասին 1961ին եւ Կիլիկիոյ Խորէն Ա. Կաթողիկոսին 1963ին:
20. Հայրապետական Եօթներորդ այցելութիւն արտասահման, Ժրնեւ-Ջուրիցերիս: Յուլիս 1967ին, յատուկ հրաւերովը Եկեղեցեաց Համաշխարհային Կորիւնրդի ընդհանուր քարտուղար Իւնին Պլէյքի: Այցելութիւն նաեւ Վիեննա եւ Փարիզ:
21. 1967 Հոկտեմբեր 1ին Վեհափառ Հայրապետը իր գահակալութեան 12րդ տարեդարձին առիթով կը ձեռնադրէ երկու Եպիսկոպոսներ Ամերիկայի Թեմին համար: Վեհափառ Հայրապետի ձեռնասուն Եպիսկոպոսներուն թիւը կը հասնի 30ի:
22. Հայրապետական Ութերորդ ուղեւորութիւն արտասահման, Վիեննա եւ Նիւ Եորք, Միացեալ Նահանգներ օժելու համար Վիեննայի նորաշէն Եկեղեցին եւ Ամերիկահայոց նորակառոյց Մայր Տաճարը, 1968 Ապրիլ 28ին:
23. Վեհափառ Հայրապետի Երկրորդ այցը Ֆիլատելփիա Մայիս 8, 1968:



CATHEDRAL OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN

Historic Events Since the Enthronement Of His Holiness Catholicos Vazken I

October 1, 1955

1. Election, consecration and enthronement of His Holiness Catholicos Vazken I, October 1, 1955 in the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin.
2. Blessing of holy Muron (oil) October 8, 1955 in the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin.
3. First Pontifical visit of His Holiness to the Armenians in dispersion, February – May, 1956, (Lebanon, Egypt, Italy, France and England).
4. The Meeting of the Bishops convened in Cairo in March 1956, His Holiness presiding.
5. The renovation of the Etchmiadzin Cathedral by Kaloust Gulbenkian Foundation.
6. The renovation of Sts. Rhipsime, Gayane, Shoghagat, Oshagan, Butchne and other sanctuaries in Armenia.
7. The construction of the Walls of Etchmiadzin Monastery and of the clock tower.
8. Complete restoration of the new Veharan (the official residence of the Catholicos) and of the Tirdat Gate.
9. Second Pontifical visit of His Holiness to the Armenians in dispersion May – September 1960, (United States of America and South America).
10. The Third Pontifical visit of His Holiness to the Armenians in dispersion, June 1961, (Istanbul, Turkey).
11. The restoration and the opening of the Printing House of the Mother See of Etchmiadzin with the funds collected from the Armenians of the United States.
12. The enrollment of the Armenian Church as an active member to the World Council of Churches in 1962. The official visit of Dr. Visser't Hooft, the General Secretary of WCC to His Holiness.
13. The National–Ecclesiastical Council convened in Holy Etchmiadzin, October 1962, His Holiness presiding.
14. The Fourth Pontifical visit of His Holiness to the Armenians in dispersion, October–December 1963, (Jerusalem, Egypt and India).
15. The Fifth Pontifical visit of His Holiness to the Armenians in dispersion, January–February 1965, (Ethiopia, Egypt, France and Great Britain).
16. The Proclamation of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Armenian Martyrs during World War I. The erection of commemorative monument in Etchmiadzin, April 24, 1965.
17. The Sixth Pontifical visit to the Armenians in dispersion, June–July 1965, (Rumania and Bulgaria).
18. The proclamation to commemorate the 300th Anniversary of the first printing of the Armenian Bible in January 1966.
19. The historic visits of two Orthodox Patriarchs (Justinian of Rumania and Cyril of Bulgaria), and of two Armenian Patriarchs (Elisha of Jerusalem and Shnork of Constantinople) to His Holiness at Holy Etchmiadzin in 1963.
20. The Seventh Pontifical visit of His Holiness to the Armenians in dispersion, July 1967, Geneva, Switzerland, on the cordial invitation of the WCC General Secretary Dr. Eugene Carson Blake. His Holiness' visit to Vienna and Paris.
21. On October 1, 1967, on the occasion of the 12th anniversary of His election, His Holiness consecrated two bishops for the Armenian Diocese of North America. Catholicos Vazken I, has thus far consecrated 30 bishops for the Armenian dioceses all over the world.
22. The Eighth Pontifical visit of His Holiness to Vienna and to the United States in April and May, 1968, to consecrate the Armenian Church in Vienna and the Armenian Cathedral in New York (April 28, 1968).
23. The second visit of His Holiness to Philadelphia, May 8, 1968.



THE MOST REVEREND
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate of The Armenian Church of America

- 1889 - Առաջին Հայ Ինքնուրույն Ս. Յովսէփ Ծ. Վրդ. Սարանեան կազմայ Ամերիկայ: Առաջին հայ պատարագը կը մատուցուի Ռուսրի մէջ:
- 1891 - Առաջին Հայ Եկեղեցին կ'օծուի Ռուսրի մէջ: Ս. Մաղաթիա Ծ. Վրդ. Տէրանեան կ'ըլլայ առաջին հովիւը:
- 1898 - Տարուայ Հոկտեմբերի 16ին Ս. Ս. Մկրտիչ Երիմեան Հայրիկ Ամենայն Հայոց Կարողիկոսի Կանգալի ընթերցումովը Առաջնորդարանը կը հաստատուի Ռուսրի Ս. Փայիչ Եկեղեցւոյն մէջ, եւ առաջին Առաջնորդը կ'ըլլայ Ս. Յովսէփ Եպս. Սարանեան:
- 1902 - Յունիս 12ին կը գումարուի առաջին Երեսփոխանական Ժողովը Ռուսրի մէջ եւ կը կազմուի Թեմին Կանոնադրութիւնը: Երկրորդ Երեսփոխանական Ժողովը կը գումարուի 1906ին:
- 1913 - Ս. Արսէն Ծ. Վրդ. Վեհաւնի Առաջնորդութեան շրջանին Ամերիկայեայ Թեմը կ'ընդգրկէ ամողջ Միացեալ Նահանգաց եւ Հարաւային Ամերիկայի հայութիւնը:
- 1920 - Ս. Տիրայր Եպս. Տ. Յովհաննիսեան կ'ընտրուի Առաջնորդ: 1923ին Առաջնորդարանը կը փոխադրուի Փոսթոն: 1927ին Առաջնորդարանը կը փոխադրուի Նիւ Եորք:
- 1928 - Գալիֆորնիոյ շրջանը Հայրապետական կոնցրակով կը զատուի մայր Թեմէն եւ կ'ունենայ սրոյն վարչութիւն եւ Առաջնորդ: Այս սարի Միաց. Նահանգաց մէջ Հայկական Եկեղեցիներու թիւը կը հասնի 19ի:
- 1931 - Ս. Ղեւոնդ Եպս. Դուրեան Առաջնորդ կ'ընտրուի:
- 1933 - Երեսփոխանական Ժողովը կը ոչնչացուի եւ ժողովուրդին մէկ մասը կ'անջատուի Հայոց Եկեղեցիէն: Տեղի կ'ունենայ Առաջնորդ Ս. Ղեւոնդ Արքեպիսկոպոսի սպանութիւնը:
- 1936 - Ամերիկա կը ժամանէ Հայրապետական Նախարակ Ս. Գարեգին Արք. Յովսէփեանց:
- 1938 - Հարաւային Ամերիկայի շրջանը կը կազմէ ուրույն Առաջնորդական վիճակ գատուելով Ամերիկայի Հայոց Առաջնորդութեան: Ս. Գարեգին Արքեպս. Յովսէփեանց Առաջնորդ կ'ընտրուի:
- 1939 - Առաջնորդ Ս. Գարեգին Արքեպս. կը հաստատէ Առաջնորդականի պաշտօնաթերթը «Հայաստանեայ Եկեղեցի» ամսագրին հրատարակութիւնը: Իսկ սարի մը ետք ալ Առաջնորդարանի Օժանդակ Միութիւնը:
- 1944 - Լոնտոնէն կը ժամանէ նորընտիր Առաջնորդ Ս. Տիրան Վրդ. Ներսէսեան: Ս. Գարեգին Արքեպ. կ'ընտրուի Կարողիկոս Մեծին Տանն Կիլիկիայ:
- 1945 - Թեմի Կանոնադրութեան բարեփոխում: Առաջնորդ Ս. Տիրան Ծ. Վրդ. Եպիսկոպոսական օծում կը ստանայ Ս. Ս. Գեորգ Զ. Կարողիկոսէ:
- 1946 - Կը կազմուի Մայր Տաճարի եւ Մշակութային Կեդրոնի շինութեան Կեդրոնական Յանձնաժողովը: Սոյն շինութեան ծրագիրը սկսած էր մշակուիլ հայտարար Առաջնորդ Ս. Գարեգին Արք. ի օրով:



**ST. VARTAN
ARMENIAN CATHEDRAL
IN NEW YORK**

Consecrated April 28, 1968
By His Holiness Catholicos Vazken I

- 1947 - Կը հաստատուի Ամերիկայի Հայց. Եկեղեցւոյ Երիտասարդաց կազմակերպութիւնը: Նոյն տարին յառաջ կը տարուին բանակցութիւններ Ամերիկայի Առաջնորդական Թեմի միասնականութիւնը վերահաստատելու միտքով:
- 1948 - Առաջնորդ Ս. Տիրան Եպս. Ներսայեան իր կատարած ձեռնադրութիւններով եւ արտասահմանէն հրաւիրուած հոգեւորականներով իր շուրջ կուսեանայ 20ի հասնող հովիւներ: Իսկ համայնքներու թիւը կը բարձրանայ 37ի:
- 1949 - Կը գնուի Առաջնորդարանի սեփական հողն ու շէնքը եւ Առաջնորդարանը կը փոխադրուի հոն: Կը տօնուի Ամերիկահայոց Առաջնորդութեան հաստատման 50րդ տարեդարձը:
- 1954-1957 - Տ. Մամբրէ Արք. Գալփայեանի Առաջնորդութեան օրով կը սկսի շինութիւնը Առաջնորդարանի առաջին շէնքին, սեփական հողին վրայ, նուիրատութեամբ Տիարպէրբեան Եղբայրներու եւ նւիրական օժանդակութեամբ Ամերիկահայ ժողովուրդին:
- 1959 - Տ. Սիոն Արք. Մանուկեանի Առաջնորդութեան շրջանին կ'աւարտի շինութիւնը նոյն շէնքին եւ Առաջնորդարանը Կ'օժտուի յարմարագոյն գրասենեակներով եւ բնակարաններով:
- 1961 - Ամերիկահայ գոյգ թեմերու Առաջնորդարաններու ֆաջալերութեամբ եւ նախաձեռնութեամբ Տ. Տիրան Արք. Ներսայեանի, կը բացուի Թեմիս առաջին Աստուածաբանական Ս. Ներսէս Շնորհալի Վարժարանը Էվրեսթընի մէջ, Իլլընոյ: Դպրոցի շէնքը կը գնուի նուիրատութեամբ Գալիփոքնիարբնակ Տիկ. Սաթենիկ Ուզունեանի որ այնուհետեւ կոչուեցաւ Ուզունեան Տուն:
- 1965 - Առաջին անգամն ըլլալով Երուսաղէմի Հայոց Պատրիարք մը, Ամեն. Տ. Եղիշէ Արք. Տէրտէրեան կ'այցելէ Միացեալ Նահանգաց Թեմը յայտնելու համար իր շնորհակալիքը Թեմիս հոգածութեան եւ գուրգուրանքին հանդէպ Երուսաղէմի Հայ Պատրիարքութեան:
- 1965 - Մայիսի 2ին մեծ հանդիսութեամբ տեղի կ'ունենայ Մայր Տաճարի հողի օրհնութիւնը ձեռամբ Առաջնորդ Տ. Սիոն Արք. Մանուկեանի: Նոյն տարւոյն Հոկտեմբերի 2ին կը կատարուի Մայր Տաճարի հիմնարկէքն ու անկիւնաքարի օրհնութիւնը:
- 1965 - Սեպտեմբերին առաջին անգամ ըլլալով Թիւրքիոյ Հայոց Պատրիարք մը, Ամեն. Տ. Շնորհ Արք. Գալուստեան կ'այցելէ Միացեալ Նահանգաց Թեմը նուիրահաւաքութիւն կատարելու Պոլսոյ Ս. Խաչ Դպրեվանքին ի նպաստ:
- 1966 - Տ. Սիոն Արք. Մանուկեանի Առաջնորդութեան Բ. շրջանի աւարտին իր ձեռնադրած կամ հրաւիրած եւ գործօն հայ եկեղեցականներու թիւը կը հասնի 43ի, նոյնքան թիւով կազմակերպուած համայնքներու վրայ տարածուած:
- 1967 - Նորընտիր Առաջնորդ Գեր. Տ. Թորգոմ Եպս. Մանուկեանի օրով, Հոկտեմբերի 21ին, տեղի կ'ունենայ բացումը Կիւլապի Կիւլպէնկեան Մշակութային Շէնքի ու Հայկ եւ Ալիս Գավուսեան Հանդիսարանի, Երկուքն ալ Մայր Տաճարին կից:
- 1967 - Նոյեմբերին Տ. Թորգոմ Եպս. Մանուկեանի կողմէ կը հաստատուի Գանատայի Հայոց Առաջնորդարանի Երջանային Փոխանորդութիւնը:
- 1968 - Ապրիլի 25ին Ամենայն Հայոց Շնորհազարդ եւ Սրբազնագոյն Կաթողիկոսը Տ.Տ. Վազգէն Ա. երկուորդ անգամ ըլլալով կը ժամանէ Միացեալ Նահանգներ եւ կ'օժէ Ամերիկահայոց Մայր Տաճարը Ապրիլ 28ին:



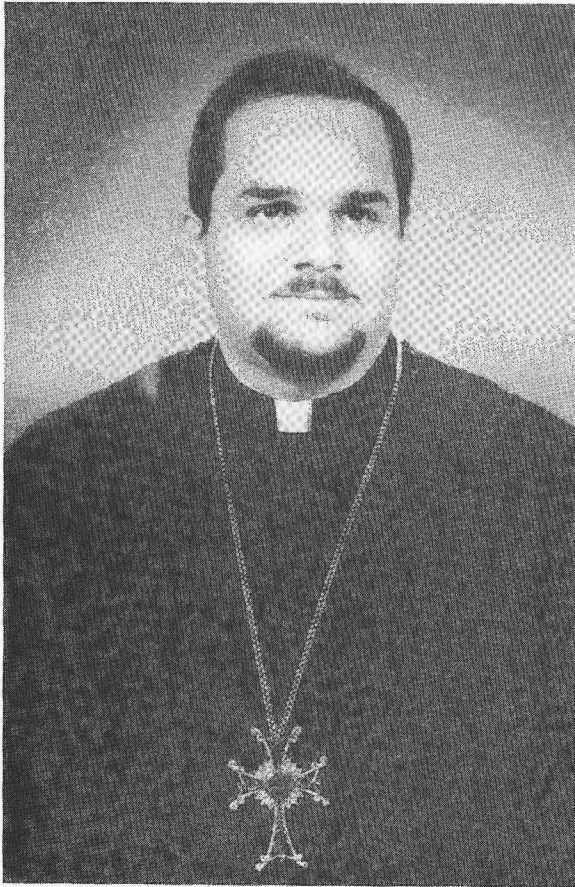
**VAZKEN I
CONSECRATES ST. VARTAN
ARMENIAN CATHEDRAL
IN NEW YORK**

OUTSTANDING DATES IN THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH

- 1834- The first Armenian immigrant comes to America as a student.
- 1889- The first Armenian clergyman, Der Hovsep Dzayrakouyn Vardapet Sarajian comes to America.
- 1895- As a result of the massacres ordered by Sultan Hamid a new wave of immigration begins. Six clergymen come to America with the new immigrants.
- 1897- The first Armenian church is consecrated at Worcester.
- 1898- On the sixteenth of October an encyclical of the Catholicos of all Armenians is solemnly read in the Church of the Saviour at Worcester. The Diocese is established in the same city. The first Arachnord being Bishop Hovsep Sarajian.
- 1902- The first Diocesan Convention meets at Worcester.
- 1907- The third Diocesan Convention elects Archbishop Yeznig Abahoony arachnord on May 30.
- 1913- Archbishop Kevork Utujian arrives in America as plenipotentiary delegate of the Catholicos of all Armenians, and the sixth Diocesan Convention elects Der Arsen Dzayrakouyn Vardapet Vehouny as Arachnord. The Diocese at this period comprises the Armenians of the United States and of South America.
- 1920- Bishop Khoren Mouradpegian arrives as plenipotentiary delegate to the Catholicos of all Armenians. The Diocesan Convention called by him elects Bishop Dirayr Der Hovannesian as Arachnord.
- 1923- The Prelacy is transferred from Worcester to Boston.
- 1927- The Prelacy is transferred to New York.

- 1928— The region of California is separated from the Mother Diocese by encyclical from the Catholicos of all Armenians and has its own administrative Council and Arachnord. The number of Armenian Churches in the United States has now reached 19. The Diocesan Convention votes upon the convention votes upon the constitution of the Armenian Church in Armenia and names it, “National Constitution of the Armenians in America.”
- 1931— The Diocesan Convention elects Bishop Ghevont Tourian as Arachnord.
- 1933— Dissensions occur in the Diocesan Conventions and a section of the people separate from the Armenian Church. Archbishop Ghevont is assassinated.
- 1936— Archbishop Karekin Hovsepianz, delegate of the Catholicos of all Armenians, arrives in America.
- 1938— South America organizes its own Diocese, separating from the Armenian Diocese of America. The fortieth anniversary of the establishment of the Armenian Diocese of America is celebrated, Bishop Mampre Calfayan being locum tenens. The Diocesan Convention elects Archbishop Karekin Hovsepianz as Arachnord.
- 1939— The Council for Spiritual Affairs of the Catholicate of all Armenians confirms the election of Archbishop Karekin as Arachnord of the Armenians of America. The official organ (“Hayastanyaitz Yegehetzi”) of the Armenian Prelacy of America is founded.
- 1940— Archbishop Karekin founds the Auxiliary Committee of the Prelacy. Inception of Cathedral & Cultural Center project.
- 1943— The Arachnord Archbishop Karekin is elected Catholicos of Cilicia. Tiran Vardapet Nersoyan is elected as Arachnord.
- 1945— The Diocesan Council reforms the Constitution of the Armenian Church in America.
- 1946— The Central Committee for the building of the Cathedral and Cultural Center is organized.
- 1947— The Armenian Church Youth Organization is founded. Deliberations are being made with the intention of re-establishing the unity of the Armenian Diocese of America.
- 1948— The number of active pastors reaches 20 with clergymen ordained and brought into this country by the Arachnord, Bishop Tiran, during two years. The number of newly organized parishes reaches 37.
- 1949— The Prelacy’s own site and temporary building are bought and the Diocesan Office is transferred thereto. The number of active clergymen reaches 22. The Fiftieth Anniversary of the establishment of the Armenian Diocese is celebrated.
- 1954— During the Primacy of Archbishop Mampre Calfayan the construction of the Diocesan House started on the premises of
1957 the Diocese. Contributions were made by the Diarbekirian brothers and the Armenians of North America.
- 1959— During the Primacy of Archbishop Sion Manoogian the construction of the Diocesan House is completed with the facilities of different offices and living headquarters.
- 1961— By the initiative of Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan and sponsored by the two Dioceses of North America the first Armenian Theological School of St. Nersess the Graceful, is opened in Evanston, Illinois. A substantial contribution was made by Mrs. Satenig Ouzoonian of Fresno, Calif. towards the purchase of the Ouzoonian House for the said school.
- 1965— For the first time an Armenian Patriarch, His Beatitude Archbishop Elisha Derderian, visited the United States to express his gratitude to the Armenians who contributed continuously, towards the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem.
- 1965— The ground breaking ceremonies for the Cathedral was con-
May 2 ducted by the Primate Archbishop Sion Manoogian.
- 1965— In September for the first time an Armenian Patriarch of Constantinople, His Beatitude Archbishop Shnork Kaloustian
Sept. visited the United States to raise funds for the Holy Cross Seminary in Istanbul.
- 1966— During the second term of Archbishop Sion Manoogian’s primacy, the total number of active clergy had reached 43. Many of these clergy either were ordained or were invited by him. Forty-three organized parishes had their own pastors.
- 1967— The newly-elected Primate, Bishop Torkom Manoogian presided over the inauguration of The Gullabi Gulbenkian Cultural Center and Haig – Alice Kavookjian Auditorium ceremonies on October 21.
- 1967— In November the Primate Bishop Torkom Manoogian assigned
Nov. a Regional Vicar for the Armenian Churches in Canada.
- 1968— April 25th, His Holiness Catholicos Vazken I, arrived in the United States for the second time. The Cathedral in New York was consecrated by His Holiness on April 28th.

HISTORY OF
THE HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH



**THE VERY REVEREND
ZAVEN ARZOUMANIAN
PASTOR**

Holy Trinity Armenian Church
North Philadelphia, Pa.

Up to the year 1925 there was one Armenian community in Philadelphia, under the blessings of the first consecrated church at Broad and Pike Streets, dedicated on September 30, 1917. After July 22, 1925 due to the increase of the Armenians in the area the community decided to have two different sections with respective parishes: West and North Philadelphia Armenian communities.

On March 2nd, 1927 the Armenians of North Philadelphia purchased a church located at 16th and Oxford Streets, around which more than 200 Armenian families were living. The church was consecrated in the name of St. Gregory the Illuminator by the Primate, Archbishop Tirair Der Hovhannesian with Mr. Frank Nahigian as Godfather.

At the time of the sad days of the history of the Armenian Diocese of North America in 1934, communities divided themselves and after seven short years of reorganization the North Philadelphia community lost the church and was obliged to look for another one. During the period of 1934 - 1940 the community worshipped in different churches under the leadership of their pastor Rev. Arsen Torosian, Deacon Minas Maloumian and Miss Aghavney Paroonagian.

In 1941, a church located on the s/w corner of Marshall Street and Susquehanna Avenue was bought by the North Philadelphia community and was consecrated in the name of the Holy Trinity by the Primate Archbishop Karekin Hovsepien with Mr. Aram Attarian as Godfather. The period of over 20 years of reorganized work kept the entire community together until a sad day, December 1, 1964, when an arsonist put the church building on fire and destroyed it completely. As conditions had changed and an increasing number of our congregation had moved to the north eastern suburbs, it was decided to purchase the 11 acres of ground in Cheltenham for the use of our future church location. Soon after the burning of the church the Building Committee, headed by Mr. Sooren Paretchianian, worked hard to build the new premises on that ground, a project which was achieved by the full cooperation of our parishioners and by the generous help of Mr. Harry Kuljian and his architectural firm.

During the years 1965-1966 we temporarily held our church activities at the Home of the Odd Fellows Orphanage until the new church and auditorium were completed in July 1966. The church was consecrated in September 1966 by Primate Bishop Torkom Manoogian and Mr. Azad Attarian as Godfather.

Today the North Philadelphia parish constitutes a healthy community of more than 400 members including those living in the southern areas of the State of New Jersey.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY 1945



Held in Holy Trinity Armenian Church of North Philadelphia on December 8, 1945

Scenes from the Consecration of Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church in Cheltenham, Pa. SEPTEMBER 18, 1966



**CLERGY OF THE EASTERN DIOCESE
OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA**



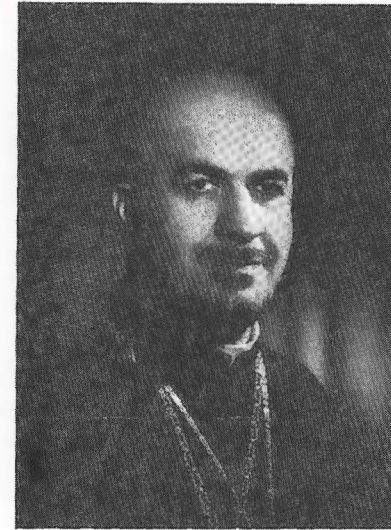
**CHURCH AND CENTER PROPERTY
PURCHASED BY MONTREAL PARISH**

Through the efforts of the Suffragan Bishop of Canada, the Rt. Rev. Vatche Hovsepian, the Armenian community of Montreal completed arrangements for the purchase of a church. Announcement of the purchase was made by Bishop Hovsepian on February 22, 1970 on the city's "Voice of Tekeyan" Armenian Radio Hour, which devoted its entire program to the news.

Built in 1935 on Fermount Street on a property of 23,000 square feet, the church belonged to the United Church Community. It can accommodate 700 persons, and has two halls with capacities of 500 and 300 respectively, as well as kitchen facilities to serve both areas. The larger hall can also be used as a gymnasium.

The structure adjacent to the church is considered ideal for an Armenian day school, plans for which are underway. Opening has been scheduled for this fall.

The first Armenian service in the new church was held on Sunday, March 29, to celebrate Easter. The Administrative office as well as that of the Suffragan Bishop will be established in the new center.



Primate's Legate and Pastor
St. Mary's Armenian Church
Washington, D.C.

RT. REV. BISHOP PAPKEN VARJABEDIAN

Born in Aleppo, Syria in 1918. Entered the Armenian Seminary in Jerusalem in 1932 and graduated 1936. Was ordained on June 1, 1941 by Archbishop Yeghishe Garoyan in Antelias, Lebanon. Arrived in the U.S. in September 1946 to serve as pastor of St. Peter's Armenian Church in Troy, N.Y. Entered Berkeley Episcopal Divinity School and graduated in 1950 receiving the Diploma of Sacred Theology Baccalauriate. Served also in the Holy Trinity Parish in North Philadelphia and St. Peter's in Troy for the second time.

Bishop Papken was elected Primate of the California Diocese in 1957 and was consecrated a bishop on November 24, 1957 by the Catholicos of All Armenians in Holy Etchmiadzin. In 1963 he was invited to assume the pastorate of St. Sahag-Mesrob parish in West Philadelphia and later in 1968 assumed the offices of St. Mary's Church and the Primate's Legate in Washington, D.C.



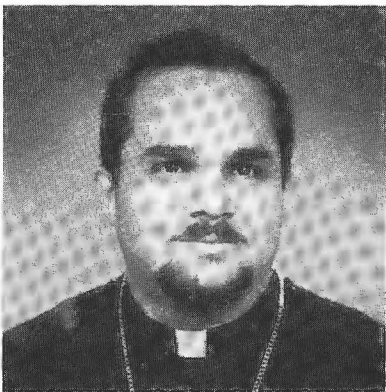
Executive Secretary
Cathedral and Cultural Center
New York City

Rev. Fr. Levon Arakelian

Born in Baghdad, Iraq in 1918. Entered the Armenian Seminary in Jerusalem in 1931 and upon graduation was ordained a deacon. Arrived in U. S. May, 1949

and was admitted to the school of Theology at Temple University graduating in 1953 with B.A. and S.T.B. degrees.

Father Arakelian was ordained a priest by Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan on September 10, 1950 and was appointed pastor of St. Sahag-Mesrob Church in West Philadelphia (1950-1962). Served in the Miami parish for a few years and then appointed as the Executive Secretary of the Cathedral and Cultural Center in New York. Has been a member of the Diocesan Council for several years and was a delegate in 1962 at the National Ecclesiastical Council in Etchmiadzin. The Catholicos of All Armenians granted Father Levon the honor to wear a pectoral cross in appreciation for his services to the Cathedral.



Holy Trinity Armenian Church
Cheltenham, Pa.
(North Philadelphia)

Very Rev. Zaven Arzoumanian

Born in Cairo, Egypt. Entered the Theological Seminary of Antelias, Lebanon in 1949, graduated 1954 and was ordained a priest the same year. Assumed

the pastorate of the Armenian community in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for two years (1957-1959) and then was admitted to the New College, University of London, England, where he studied theology from 1959 to 1962.

Father Arzoumanian came to the U.S. in 1962 and was assigned to the Holy Trinity Armenian parish in North Philadelphia since February 1963. Graduated from Temple University in 1967 with a Master's degree and presently is completing courses for his doctorate at the same University. Father Zaven was given the permission to wear a pectoral cross by the Catholicos of All Armenians in 1958. He was delegated to Etchmiadzin twice, from Ethiopia in 1958 and from the U.S. in 1969.

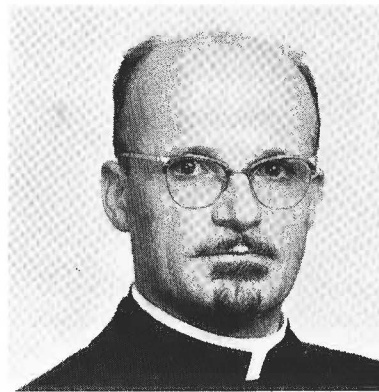


St. George's Armenian Church
Hartford, Connecticut

Rev. Fr. Khosrof Assadourian

Born in Erzroum, Turkey in 1908 Entered the Armenian Seminary in Jerusalem and studied there from 1923 to 1927. Was ordained a priest in Jerusalem on November 18, 1958 and was

called to serve in the Armenian Church of Marseilles, France for seven years. Father Khosrof came to the U.S. on September 21, 1966 and was appointed pastor of St. George's Armenian Church in Hartford, Connecticut.



Holy Cross Armenian Church
Lawrence, Mass.

Rev. Fr. Vartan Avakian

Born in Bitlis, Turkey in 1908. Orphaned after World War I. Entered the Armenian Seminary in Jerusalem and studied from 1924 to 1926. Has worked in the Printing House of the Patriar-

chate in Jerusalem from 1926 to 1951.

Fr. Avakian was ordained a priest on October 21, 1951 in Nicosia, Cyprus by Archbishop Ghevont Chebeyan and was assigned pastor of the Larnaca Armenian Church, in Cyprus for the years 1951 through 1957.

Came to the U.S. in February 1957 and was appointed pastor to the Armenian Church in Lawrence, Mass. where he is presently serving.



St. John's Armenian Church
Detroit, Michigan

Very Rev. Paren Avedikian

Father P a r e n Avedikian was born in the year 1938 in Beirut, Lebanon.

He r e c e i v e d his theological training first at the Seminary of the Armenian Catholicate of Cilicia in Antelias, Lebanon, and next at the Seminary of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem. In 1960 he was ordained a celibate priest in Jerusalem, Jordan.

In 1963 Father Paren came to the United States. Since 1964 he has served as pastor of the Armenian churches of Syracuse and Binghamton, New York and Washington, D.C. Since November 1969 he has been serving as the Assistant Pastor of St. John's Armenian Church of Greater Detroit.

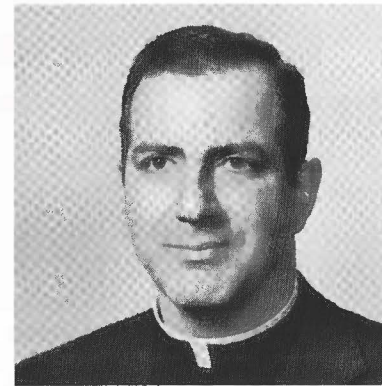


St. Sarkis Armenian Church
Niagara Falls, New York

Rev. Fr. Nerses Baboorian

Born in Julfa, Iran in 1913. Was admitted to the Armenian Seminary in Jerusalem in 1932 and graduated in 1935. Came to the U. S. in 1960 and was ordained a priest by Archbishop

Sion Manoogian on October 13, 1960 in Philadelphia. Among several parishes Father Baboorian has served as pastor in the St. John the Divine Armenian Church, Springfield, Mass. Presently is with the St. Sarkis parish of Niagara Falls, New York.



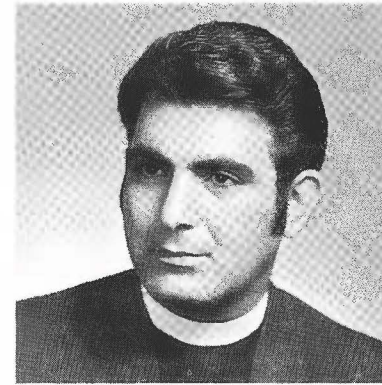
St. James Armenian Church
Richmond, Virginia

Rev. Fr. Arsen Barsamian

Born 1932 in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Attended University of Wisconsin and learned music. Arrangement was made for Father Arsen to go to Antelias, Lebanon (1953-1955) and later to the

Armenian Seminary in Jerusalem (1955-1956) to be trained for the priesthood. Upon his return to the U.S. he attended Kendall College, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary and Garrett Biblical Seminary in Illinois.

On March 13, 1960 deacon Barsamian was ordained a priest by Archbishop Sion Manoogian in Racine, Wisconsin. He served the newly built St. George Armenian Church in Waukegan from 1960-1964. February 4, 1964 he was assigned to the Armenian Church in South Milwaukee and then transferred to the St. James' parish in Richmond, Virginia, since March 1967.



St. James Armenian Church
Watertown, Massachusetts

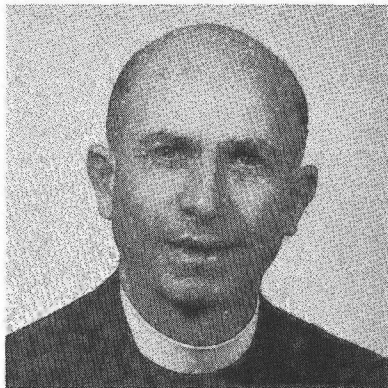
Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian

Father Davidian was born in Worcester, Mass., Sept. 14, 1934. Attended public schools in Worcester and later on the Armenian Theological Seminary, Antelias, Lebanon 1952-1955. Upon return

to the U.S. he attended General Theological Seminary, New York, N.Y. 1955-1959 and received the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology in 1955. As layman was active in Sunday School and ACYOA Chairman.

Ordained a deacon in 1957 by Archbishop Mampre Kalfayan and was assigned as Assistant, New York, Holy Cross 1957-1958 and Deacon-in-charge, Tenafly, (N.J.), St. Thomas 1958-1960. Was ordained a priest in July 17, 1960 by Archbishop Sion Manoogian in Worcester as pastor for Tenafly (N.J.) St. Thomas Church (1960-1962) and as Executive Secretary, ACYOA 1960-1962. Then became the pastor of Racine (Wisc.), St. Mesrob Church 1962-1969, also instructor at St. Nersess Armenian Theological School (Evanston, Ill.) 1962-1965.

Father Davidian is pastor, Watertown (Mass.), St. James Church since Sept. 21, 1969. Elected to Diocesan Council in 1967, re-elected in 1969.



Holy Resurrection
Armenian Church
New Britain, Conn.

Rev. Fr. Vartan Der Assadourian

Born in Deort-yol, Turkey in 1910. From 1926 to 1930 has worked for the British and Foreign Bible Society in Jerusalem and then entered the Armenian

Seminary in Antelias, Lebanon for two years. Returned to Antelias in 1949 and upon graduation was ordained a priest on June 24, 1951. His first parish was with St. George's Armenian Church in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia where he also served as the principal of the Armenian school.

Father Vartan came to the U.S. on November 17, 1954 and was first assigned pastor of St. Leon's Church in Paterson, N. J. He subsequently served in the parishes of Troy, W. Philadelphia, and Haverhill. Presently he is the pastor of Holy Resurrection Church in New Britain, Connecticut.



St. Sahag and St. Mesrob
Armenian Church
Providence, Rhode Island

Rev. Fr. Haig Donikian

Born in Bandirma, Turkey, lived in Greece and received his education at the American College in Salonica. Later he entered the Melkonian Institute in Cyprus and in 1938 returned to Greece. Lived in Vienna, Austria from 1942 to 1957 and served as a deacon in the Armenian Church. Entered the State University of Vienna in 1955 for theological studies, and later in 1957 came to the U.S. and was ordained a priest the same year by the late Archbishop Mampre Kalfayan. Father Donikian has served the Holy Cross parish in New York for one year and since 1958 he has been assigned as the pastor of St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church in Providence, R. I. He has been given permission to wear a pectoral cross in 1963 by the Catholicos of All Armenians.



St. Gregory the Illuminator
Armenian Church
New York, New York

Rev. Fr. Garen Gdianian

Born in 1925 in Aleppo, Syria. Entered the Armenian Seminary in Jerusalem 1938 and graduated 1944. He furthered his education in Antelias, Lebanon for two

years (1945-47). Came to the U.S. in 1947 and studied at the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Cambridge, Mass. and graduated with S.T.B. degree in 1950.

Father Gdianian was ordained a priest on December 19, 1948 by Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan and was assigned to the Lowell, Mass. parish until 1957 when he assumed the pastorate of St. Gregory's in New York City. Father Garen was given the permission to wear a pectoral cross in 1964 by the Catholicos of All Armenians.



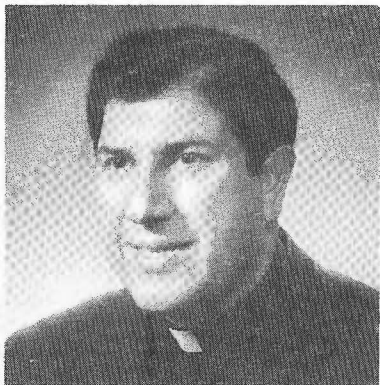
St. Vartan Cathedral
New York, N. Y.
Grand Sacristan,

Very Rev. Issahag Ghazarian

Born in 1918 in Grasnodar. Passed his childhood in Russia, Persia & Lebanon, then in 1932 entered the Armenian Seminary in Jerusalem and was ordained a priest in 1940 by Patriarch Mesrob Nishanian. Father Issahag was appointed a teacher to instruct at the Armenian Seminary in Antelias from 1943-1945.

Came to the U.S. in 1946 and served as a pastor in different parishes. In 1955 visited Holy Etchmiadzin when the present Catholicos was elected and consecrated. The following year Father Ghazarian was appointed a NUNCIO by the Catholicos to the Diocese of Greece. Later served in the parish of Milano, Italy and in 1963 in the parish of Miami, Florida.

Father Issahag is presently editing the Armenian Monthly of the New York Diocese and is the grand sacristan of St. Vartan Cathedral.



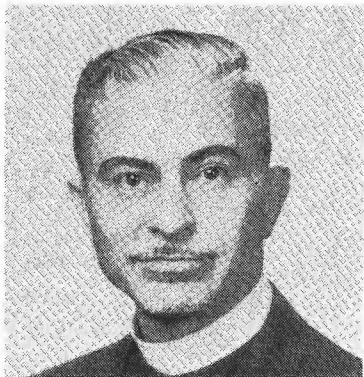
St. Sahag and St. Mesrob
Armenian Church
Wynnewood, Pennsylvania

Very Rev. Yeghishe Gizirian

Born in Damascus Syria. Entered the Theological Seminary of Antelias in 1940 and upon graduation was ordained a priest in 1947. Arrived in the U. S. on October 16, 1951 and served as pastor

in different parishes: Holy Cross, N. Y.; St. John, Miami; St. Mary's, Newark; Church of our Saviour, Worcester; and St. John's Detroit. Presently he is the pastor of West Philadelphia Armenian Church.

In 1963 Fr. Gizirian was appointed Vicar General of the Eastern Diocese for two years term. Also edited the monthly publication of the Diocese and served as a member of the Diocesan Council from 1963-1967. In 1960 the Catholicos of All Armenians conferred upon Fr. Gizirian the honor of wearing a pectoral cross while visiting the United States.



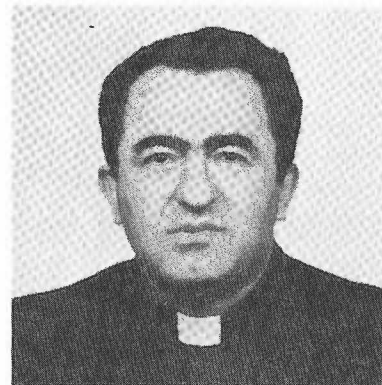
Armenian Church of Our Saviour
Worcester, Mass.

Very Rev. Muron Gurjikian

Father Gurjikian was born in 1912 in Istanbul. He graduated from the Jerusalem Theological School in 1934 and was ordained a celibate priest by Patriarch Torkom Koushagian.

He has served as a member of the teaching staff of both the Armenian Seminary and Theological School in Jerusalem. He was elected a member of the executive council of the Jerusalem Patriarchate and received the Pectoral Cross in 1940 from Patriarch Mesrob Nishanian.

He came to the United States in 1954 and served as pastor of Armenian churches in Bridgeport, New Britain and Hartford, Conn. He was appointed vicar general of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America in 1958. He held that position until his appointment as pastor in Worcester, 1963.



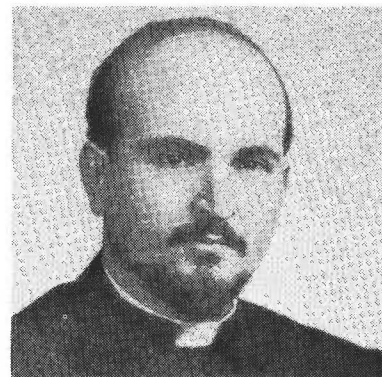
Visiting Clergyman

Rev. Fr. Krikor Hairabedian

St. Hovagim and Anna Armenian Church, West Pullman, Ill.
St. John Armenian Church, West Allis, Wisconsin

Born in Beirut, Lebanon. Entered the Armenian Theological Seminary in Antelias, Lebanon and upon graduation ordained a priest on June 28, 1953. Father Krikor served as parish priest in Beirut for six years and came to the U.S. in 1960. Was assigned to the Holy Resurrection parish in S. Milwaukee and presently is engaged with the missionary work "Renewal in Christ" and with the monthly publication for the same. He is graduating with a B.A. degree in Elementary Education from the Dominican College, Racine, Wisconsin.

Father Hairabedian is the visiting pastor of the two Armenian Churches in the mid-west.



Holy Cross Armenian Church
Union City, New Jersey

Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian

Was born in August 12, 1939 in Aleppo, Syria. Attended Antelias and Jerusalem Seminaries. Was ordained into priesthood in 1960. Since then he has served as vicar in Amman, Jordan as

teacher in Sts. Tarkmanchatz and Guiligian Secondary Schools, and as pastor of St. George Armenian Church of Waukegan, Illinois (1965-1968) at the same time attending Liberal Arts College there. Presently, he is the pastor of Holy Cross Armenian Church of Union City, New Jersey since April 1968.

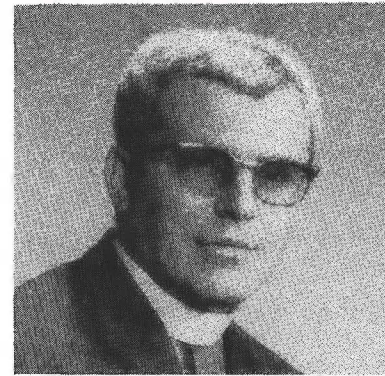


St. Gregory the Illuminator
Armenian Church
Chicago, Illinois

Rev. Fr. Sarkis Kashikjian

Born in Aleppo, Syria in 1923. Has been teacher in Vartanian and Giligian Armenian schools in Aleppo until 1954. Entered the Armenian Theological Seminary of Antelias in 1954 and upon graduation was ordained a priest in 1956 in Beirut, Lebanon by the then Primate Bishop Khoren Paroyan. Father Kashikjian arrived in the U.S. on December 10, 1957 and was appointed as pastor for the Holy Trinity Armenian Church in North Philadelphia, Pa., where he served until 1963. Subsequently served in the Bridgeport, Connecticut parish for three years and later transferred to Chicago, Illinois to assume the pastorate of St. Gregory the Illuminator parish.

Recently Fr. Sarkis was awarded the permission to wear a pectoral cross by the Catholicos of All Armenians.



Holy Resurrection
Armenian Church
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Very Rev. Vazken Keshishian

Born in Beirut, Lebanon. Studied in the Armenian Theological Seminary, Antelias, Lebanon (1949 - 1954). Was ordained a priest by the late Archbishop Mampre Sirounian in Cairo, Egypt and was assigned for the Armenian parish in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 1960. Later served in the parishes of Marseilles, France and Argentina. Came to the U.S. in 1968 and assigned to the pastorate of South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



St. Thomas Armenian Church
Tenafly, New Jersey

Rev. Fr. Arnak Kasparian

Born in Marash, Turkey in 1922. Entered the Seminary of the Armenian Patriarchate, Jerusalem in 1936 and upon graduation went to Aleppo as a deacon in 1944. Came to the U.S. on Jan. 29, 1947 and was ordained a priest in 1948 by Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan to serve in the New Britain and Hartford parishes.

In 1949 Fr. Kasparian earned his S.T.B. degree from the General Theological Seminary and later in 1951 his Master's degree in Religious Education from the Hartford Theological Seminary. He was then assigned to be the pastor of St. John's Armenian Church in Detroit, Michigan for 11 years. In 1962 he was transferred to St. Thomas Church in Tenafly, N.J. and served as the Chairman of the Diocesan Council. Father Arnak was given the permission to wear a pectoral cross by the Catholicos of All Armenians in recognition of his many services.

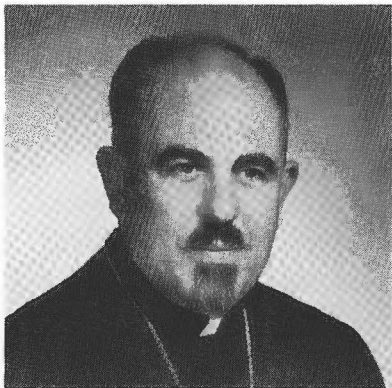


St. Gregory of Narek
Armenian Church
Cleveland, Ohio.

Very Rev. Arshag Khatchadourian

V. Rev. Arshag Khatchadourian was born in 1938, Beirut, Lebanon. Entered the St. James Armenian Seminary in Jerusalem 1953. Jarankavor Simon was ordained a deacon in 1956. Deacon Simon received ordination in Celibate Priesthood in 1960. A member of the St. James Brotherhood, served in the St. James Monastery from 1960 to 1966. His responsibilities in the Patriarchate; Choir master of the monastery and the local Armenian secondary school; in charge of the brotherhood's daily food; teaching Armenian history and religion. In addition the pastorship of the Armenian community of Jerusalem and vicinities; the Superior of the Archangel's church and of the Armenian Nuns residing in the same place.

Came U.S.A. February 26, 1966 and was appointed pastor of the St. George Armenian church of Hartford, Conn. Since 1967 January 16 Fr. Arshag is the pastor of St. Gregory of Narek church of Cleveland, Ohio.



Holy Trinity Armenian Church
Cambridge, Mass.

Rev. Fr. Papken Maksoudian

Born in Adana, Cilicia in 1909. Studied in the Armenian Seminary in Antelias. Worked in the field of Sunday Schools as superintendent for ten years in Beirut and as executive-secretary of the

same in Lebanon for two years. Edited "Zartok" Armenian daily for two years in Beirut. Was ordained to the priesthood on December 4, 1949 in Antelias. Became pastor of St. Mary's Church in Bourj-Hamoud (Beirut) for two years.

Came to the United States on December 24, 1951. Since January 1, 1952 he has been the pastor of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston. Through his efforts and leadership the parish built a magnificent church with adjoining halls and Sunday School.

His Holiness, Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians, bestowed upon him the Pectoral Cross on April 1961 and elevated him to the rank of Archpriest by his Gontag of September 19, 1961. He has been a member of the Diocesan Council for eight years.



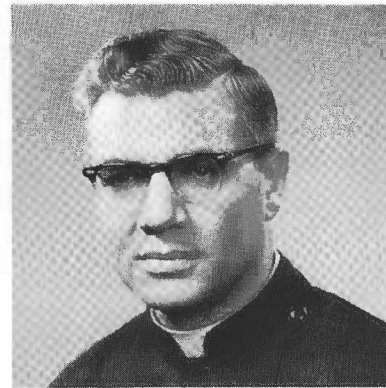
Armenian Church of the
Holy Martyrs
Bayside, New York

Rev. Fr. Vartan Megherian

A graduate of the Theological Seminary of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem. He taught in Armenian Schools of Aleppo, Syria for two years. He came to

U. S. in 1947, studied at Seabury-Western Episcopal Seminary and Northwestern University, from which he graduated in 1952 with a Master of Arts degree. Father Megherian was ordained to the priesthood in 1948 by Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan. Served as pastor of St. James Armenian Church of Evanston, Illinois until 1955, and serving as pastor of the Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs from 1956 to the present. Also served as Vicar-General of the Diocese from 1955 to 1958, and as a member of the General Board of the National Council of Churches from 1959 to 1965; he was elected a member of the Diocesan Council and served from 1961 to 1965.

Father Megherian was granted the right to wear a pectoral cross by the grace of His Holiness Vasken I, in November 1957.



St. John's Armenian Church
Detroit, Michigan

Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian

Born in Istanbul, Turkey in 1920 Has been teacher for several years and then studied at the Armenian Theological Seminary at Antelias, Lebanon from 1949 to 1950. Came to the U.S. in 1951

and was admitted to the Philadelphia Divinity School and later to the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Cambridge, Mass. graduating in 1955 with the B.D. degree. Father Papazian received his Masters degree from Harvard University in 1956.

Father Diran was ordained a priest in 1958 in Detroit, Mich. by the late Archbishop Mampre Calfayan and was assigned to the Detroit parish. Later he was given the permission to wear a pectoral cross by the Catholicos of All Armenians in 1966.



**Very Rev.
Mesrob Vahan Semerjian**

Born in Aleppo, Syria and raised from the age of four in Lowell, Massachusetts. Father Mesrob V. Semerjian was the first American-Armenian youth to go to Jerusalem to study for

the priesthood of the Armenian Church. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1940 in New York City by Archbishop Karekin Hovsepian (later Catholicos of Cilicia) and also received from him the rank of Vartabed in 1942. Years later he was elevated to the rank and degree of Dzayrakooyan Vartabed (plenary doctor) by Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan.

Father Mesrob is known to our diocese having served many parishes either as pastor or as visiting priest to churches without pastors. He is well known as an understanding and sympathetic counselor for religious and personal problems. He was commissioned by His Holiness Catholicos Vazken to make a thorough study of the subject of celibacy for the use of the Bishops' Synod of last fall. He has also two books presently being prepared for publication, namely a comprehensive Handbook of the Divine Liturgy and a Compilation of his "Question Corner" articles which have appeared in "The Armenian Guardian."

Hyre Soorp presently resides in Hartford, Connecticut and is a visiting priest.



Holy Trinity Armenian Church
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Very Rev. Jirayr Tashjian

Born in Beirut, Lebanon in 1936. Entered the Theological Seminary at Antelias in 1952, and later in 1954 the Seminary of the St. James' Patriarchate in Jerusalem. Upon graduation was ordained a

priest on February 7, 1960 by Archbishop Sooren Kemhajian, and was appointed rector of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

Father Tashjian arrived in Toronto, Canada with the approval of the Primate Archbishop Sion in 1961 and since then is serving as the pastor of Holy Trinity Armenian Church in Toronto. He received the rank of "Vartabed" by Archbishop Torkom, the Primate in December 1967.



Holy Cross Armenian Church
New York, New York

Rev. Fr. Mamigon Vosganian

Born in Istanbul, Turkey and served in his church as a choir leader for many years. Ordained a priest by the late Patriarch Karekin of Turkey and in 1963 came to the U.S. and assumed

the pastorate of Holy Cross Armenian Church in New York City.



St. John The Divine Church
Springfield, Massachusetts

Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian

Born in Aleppo, Syria, Graduated Aleppo College and arrived in the U.S. to seek seminary education for Armenian priesthood. Upon graduation from the Episcopal Theological Seminary in

Cambridge, Mass. with an S.T.B. degree, Deacon Jebejian was assigned for the Armenian community in Cleveland, Ohio, where he became instrumental for the building of the new church which was later dedicated to the name of St. Gregory of Narek. Deacon Nersess spent his valuable time of five years for organizing the Cleveland parish.

After serving as the youth director in the large parish of St. John's in Detroit, Michigan for three years, Deacon Nersess was ordained a priest by his uncle Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan in October, 1969 and was appointed by the Primate as pastor to St. John's Armenian Church in Springfield, Mass.

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