

The article below appeared in the Armenian Reporter newspaper in November.

On September 27 and 28th, The Armenian Community had the honor and privilege of having his Eminence Surpazan Ashjian accompanied by Hayr Soorp Anoushdvan Tanielian and Archdeacon Sevag Kendirjian as guests.

Mr. & Mrs. Artin Megerian very graciously hosted a reception at their beautiful home on Saturday evening. Among the guests were Dr. & Mrs. Harry Phillips from the Presbyterian Council of Atlanta and board members and their wives of the AICAA. It was a wonderfully relaxed evening wherein everyone enjoyed the warmth and humor of His Eminence.

A beautiful Sunday afternoon brought over 100 persons to the Morningside Presbyterian Church. A choir was organized by Mr. Rico Guergerian, who with only 5 people and 2 rehearsals sang with much passion. On the alter serving with Surpazan Ashjian was Dr. Ara Dostourian of West Georgia College who assisted Hayr Soorp Tanielian and Deacon Sevag. Also assisting as alter boys were 2 local young men, Mr. David DiBoyan and Mr. Vaitkes Mansourian.

The Badarak was a very moving experience for the Armenians from Atlanta, since we do not have a church and on rare occasions only have visiting clergy. Surpazan's Karouz was from Galatious 6:18 and during the services His Eminence used a new chalice for the first time, which was offered to him by His Holiness Catholicos Vazken I of Etchmiadzin during his recent visit in July of 1986.

His speech in Armenian and English was extremely moving and made you feel proud that no Armenian could digress from their Christian and Armenian heritage. He Spoke of both Catholicos' which enhanced his presitage to the people of Atlanta, in the wake of many complications that has existed in our churches today.

After the services a wonderful banquet was held in the church hall. President Nancy DiBoyan welcomed everyone. A short program followed with lovely Nancy Mooradian playing 2 beautiful piano pieces. Young Rosemary and Dicran Guergerian recited delightfully for us and Miss Lena Mujukian also gave a beautiful recitation. Two suprising additions to the program were Hayr Soorps magnificent rendition of "Haiston Yezir" and Archdeacon's Senags "Bakhra". President Nancy DiBoyan then asked Surpazian to speak. He again encouraged the Armenians of Atlanta to remember "peace through understanding" and that we had arrived at this point in our history in the face of overwhelming odds and because of our past would ultimately prevail.

The AICAA wholeheartedly and gratefully acknowledged all those who helped and participated in making this a "A Very Memorable Occasion".

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Thank you, Barbara for marvelous article. Also, a special Thank you to our following friends for their generosity.....

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

John D. Hagopian of Phoenix, Arizona, in an article titled "Real, Good an Armenian":

*"There is no such damn thing as a 'Real' Armenian.  
"An Armenian is an Armenian is an Armenian."*