

Diocese Dissolves Holy Cross Parish Council in Toronto

The following is the complete text of a statement issued by the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America dissolving the Holy Cross parish of Toronto, Canada.

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH OF TORONTO, CANADA

Pursuant to the decision of the 79th Annual Diocesan Assembly convened in Watertown, Massachusetts, we wish to inform our parishes that the Holy Cross parish of Toronto, Canada, was declared dissolved by the Primate and Diocesan Council on Feb. 21, 1982.

At the present time, until further notice, our clergy, parish councils and representatives of the Armenian Church of America, are directed to cease and refrain from communicating with or recognizing the Holy Cross parish of Toronto, Canada.

This communication is necessitated by the unruly behavior and actions of the members of the Holy Cross parish.

The Reverend Father Houssig Nishanian has been assigned to take care of the sacramental and ritual needs of the parishioners, and Deacon Krikor Zemroutian will serve as Spiritual Administrator along with an appointed parish council, to reorganize and re-establish a parish under the authority of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

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An Open Letter to Christian Churches

Since the early Twenties, when the Turkish lust for Armenian blood ran out of victims, wily Turkish governments and their functionaries have hit upon what they think to be a "clever" idea of denying the massive genocide which was carried out behind the black curtain of World War I and which has nevertheless proven, written about and come to be an undeniable grim part of 20th century history through thousands of books, eyewitness accounts, photo-

remaining Armenians by Kemal Ataturk's thugs in Smyrna in 1920-21. The archives of Christian churches and their missionary organizations in the United States and all of Europe, not to mention those of the State Department and other foreign offices, are filled with thousands of on-the-scene reports by missionaries and envoys confirming those horrible events. How come this eerie silence? Since it cannot be to protect non-existent converts from Islam, perhaps

They sat or stood patiently in the street before the door with foam on their lips, like waiting wolves." More recently the granddaughter of the late Mr. Henry Morgenthau, the United States ambassador to Turkey during the genocidal years and author of a frank and honest story of the terrible events, told the LA Times that she remembers as a child her grandfather saying the true and full details of the Turkish killings were too revolting to be put into public

News from Armenia

Garbis Bogosian reports that on his most recent trip to Armenia he delivered the two large bronze medals prepared by sculptor Krikor Kevorkian to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Armenian General Benevolent Union. The medals, depicting AGBU founder Boghos Nubar Pasha and AGBU life president Alex Manoogian, has been donated to His Holiness Vazken I for display at the Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum, which is completing construction.

The official opening of the Manoogian Museum in Etchmiadzin has been scheduled for Sept. 26. Designed by architect Bagdasar Arzoumanian, the three-story building is constructed of the characteristic

Armenian red toufa stone, with the floors made of marble imported from Italy.

Garbis also took with him to Etchmiadzin for the collection of the Catholicos a painting by the late Dikran Simsarian donated by Miss Arpi Hairo.

Cultural Committee Member

The head of the American department of the Committee for Cultural Relations with Armenians Abroad will visit the United States and Canada this month.

Dr. Hrair Babayan is scheduled to arrive in Montreal on April 19. He will immediately fly to California, where he will stop in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Fresno. He will then visit Washington, Chicago, Detroit, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Providence, and other cities before returning to Canada.



HENRIK MALYAN, of Armenia, movie director and people's artist, will visit New York this month for the opening of a festival marking the best films of 1981. One of the prize-winning pictures is his film "One Piece of Sky."

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serious interest in healing the disunity. All the legal negotiations boil down to the bare fact that, under the guise of cooperation, the dissident church tries to win recognition; and once recognized, will have no motivation to work towards unity. The dissident church has always been deliberately vague about the ultimate goal of that cooperation. It has refused to accept the idea that cooperation necessarily must lead to unity.

A similar situation was created when the Catholicos of Antelias, Khoren, insisted that Etchmiadzin had to recognize first the legitimacy of the election of the Catholicos in Antelias before any serious negotiations could be held. His Holiness took Antelias at its word and flew to Jerusalem for the historic embrace. Unfortunately, the embrace did not lead to any solution, and not even to any serious negotiations. If anything, it hardened the resolve of Antelias to continue the disunity. The embrace was used to undermine the opposition of all the Armen-