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## RARE BOOKS DONATED TO ST. VARTAN CATHEDRAL MUSEUM

The Museum of St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral has received into its collections two rare Armenian printed books donated by Mrs. Artemis Karagheusian. The Aghot'agirk' ust zhamagarkout'yan Hayastanyayts surb Yekeghetsvo "Prayer Book according to the canonical hours of the Holy Armenian Church" (Constantinople, 1891) is bound in tortoiseshell and gold, with the name of Mrs. Karagheusian's mother, Arax, engraved in a golden lozenge of flowers on the cover. The Girk' Saghmosats Davt'i "Book of the Psalms of David" (Venice, 1853) is bound and encased in gold-stamped leather. Both books are in excellent condition, and contain numerous fine engravings. The Prayer Book has explanations of difficult words in notrgir-set footnotes in ashkharhabar translation.

The Armenian Museum, in addition to a number of ancient manuscripts and printed books, has collections of textiles, ceramics, metalwork and jewelry, sculpture, paintings and carpets making it a virtual treasure house of Armenian history and tradition open to tens of thousands of admiring visitors every year from all corners of the globe. At present, the Museum is featuring an exhibit of Armenian needlework which has elicited reviews of amazed admiration in the local and national media.

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