

The Armenian communities of Racine, Greenfield and South Milwaukee, Wis., and Waukegan, Ill., ~~will~~<sup>gathered</sup> for a special requiem liturgy commemorating the passing of 1.5 million Armenian Christians at the point of the Ottoman Turkish sword on April 24 -- the 70th anniversary of the order to exterminate those Armenians who would not convert to Islam in 1915.

The liturgy and program ~~was~~<sup>was</sup> scheduled for ~~Wednesday~~ Wednesday, April 24, at St. Mesrob Armenian Church ~~in Racine, Wisconsin~~<sup>in Racine, Wisconsin</sup>.

The Racine commemoration corresponds<sup>ed</sup> with others being held around the world on that date in observance of the atrocity that gave Hitler the idea for a "Final Solution."

Following the liturgy, Dr. Vigen Guroian, a professor of theology and ethics at Loyola College in Baltimore, Md., ~~will~~ deliver<sup>ed</sup> the homelitic message, or sermon, titled: "How Shall We Remember?"

Survivors of the genocide ~~will~~<sup>were</sup> in attendance, as ~~will~~<sup>were</sup> state and local politicians and leaders of the Catholic, Episcopal and Orthodox communities of Southeastern Wisconsin.

Few events in the history of man have had the impact on a people that the Armenian genocide had on the remnant of the first Christian people.

Dr. Guroian received his doctorate in theology from Drew University in 1978. Since then, he has taught at the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia, and at the Center for Russian and East European Studies until assuming his current position.

Among his many works, Guroian has written a comparison of the Armenian and Jewish genocides, published in June 1983 in "Thought."

His article titled "Collective Responsibility and Official Excuse-Making: The Case of the Turkish Genocide of the Armenians," is included in a book of essays on the Armenian genocide published this year by Transaction Books.