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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

20 December 84

TO: All Parishes and ACYOA Chapters

SUBJECT: **1985 ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs**
(1) Educational Tour to Armenia
(2) Journey to Armenia

The ACYOA Armenian Studies Programs will again be offered this year for the young adults of our Diocese. Enclosed are materials pertaining to the Programs that will take place in the summer of 1985:

- (1) **POSTER** - please display.
- (2) **APPLICATION FORMS** - feel free to make additional copies.

Pastors are reminded that their recommendation and signature are part of the application process for Program One. Applicants should be ACYOA members, or for the most part involved in the activities of the Parish.

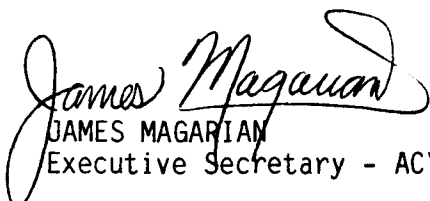
All applicants for Program One should be 18 years of age, or high school graduates by the summer of 1985.

Program One is a four week trip to Armenia in a structured atmosphere with daily routines and pre-arranged itinerary. Program Two is designed for the tourist and will be linked to a commercial tour if the minimum number for group rates is not received.

A serious minded young adult, interested in learning and experiencing indepth the many offerings of Armenia should participate in Program One. The less serious and more independent young adults would appreciate Program Two more.

Deadline for applications, with passports:

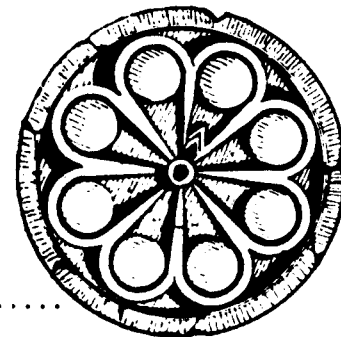
- Program One - APRIL 1st.
- Program Two - June 1st.


JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary - ACYOA

ASP

Armenian
Studies
Programs

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
Diocese of the Armenian Church



"JOURNEY" TO ARMENIA

Application Form

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(Please print clearly.)

Name: *(last)* _____

(first & m.i.) _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State & Zip: _____

Tel. No.: *(area code)* _____

Date of Birth: _____

Occupation: _____

Education: *(State diplomas & degrees earned, give dates and concentrations.)*

Hobbies & interests:

List Armenian oriented courses taken:

(give dates & locations) _____

Armenian Language fluency: *(fluent, good, fair, poor, can read)*

Physical illnesses or disabilities: *(state & describe)*

Please answer the following questions: *(Use space provided, reverse side, or attach sheets.)*

1. What attracted you to the program ?
2. What do you expect to receive from participating ?
3. What expectations do you have about Armenia ?
4. Explain the types of activities you are involved in. *(Church, school, community, etc.)*
5. Briefly describe yourself.

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[Note: Applications will not be accepted unless completely filled out and accompanied by a doctor's certificate of good health. See "specifics" sheet for additional application requirements.]

DEADLINE: May 1st

Send to: James Magarian
ACYOA Executive Secretary
180 Olde Westford Road
Chelmsford, MA 01824

I declare that the information provided here is accurate and that if I am selected to participate in the ASP "Journey" to Armenia program, I shall abide by the rules and regulations governing the tour group.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date _____

PASSPORT *****
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APPLICATION
YOUR



EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO ARMENIA

Application Form

[NOTE: This tour is for ACYOA members.]

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(Please print clearly.)

Name: (last) _____

(first & m.) _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State & Zip: _____

Tel. No.: (area code) _____

Date of Birth: _____

Marital Status: _____

Citizenship: _____

Occupation: _____

Parish & City: _____

Education: [State diplomas & degrees earned, give dates and concentrations.]

Hobbies & interests:

List Armenian oriented courses you have taken: [give dates and locations]

Armenian language fluency: [fluent, good, fair, poor, can read] _____

Physical illnesses or disabilities: [If any, state and describe.] _____

I declare that the information provided here is accurate, and that if I am selected to participate in the ASP Educational Tour, I shall abide by the rules and regulations governing the tour group.

Signature of the applicant:

Date: _____

Please answer the following questions: [Use reverse side and/or attach additional sheets.]

1. What attracted you to the program ?
2. Why do you wish to participate ?
3. What do you expect to receive from participating (educationally, emotionally, spiritually, culturally, socially) ?
4. Explain the types of activities you are involved in. (Church, school, community, etc.)
5. What are your expectations about Armenia, and what have you heard about Armenia ?
7. Why should you be chosen as a participant in this tour ?
8. Briefly describe yourself.

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PASTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:
[To be filled out and signed by the applicant's pastor.]

I recommend _____

as an applicant for the ASP Educational Tour to Armenia, based on the following: [check as many as apply]

- () as an active senior member of the ACYOA.
- () as an active parish member.
- () as a dues-paying member of our parish.
- () as having a basic knowledge of the Armenian language.
- () as having a sincere interest in our heritage.
- () as having demonstrated maturity and seriousness of purpose
- () as one who would greatly benefit from this program.

Pastor's signature:

Date: _____

Send to: JAMES MAGARIAN
ACYOA Executive Secretary
99 Long Pond Road
Tyngsborough, MA 01879
(617-256-7234)

DEADLINE: APRIL 1st

PASSPORT
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YOUR APPLICATION

Place Armenia On Your Summer Schedule Now!

Modern Armenia

Following the holocausts of 1914-1916 in which almost two million Armenians perished, the bulk of traditional Armenia remained in the hands of the Turks.

In 1920, The Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic was founded, with an expanse of 11,500 square miles.

The present population of Armenia is approximately 3 million, and the country is comprised of 33 administrative districts. 90 percent of Armenia is over 1,000 meters above sea-level.

Yerevan is the capital city with a population of approximately one million. It is one of the most ancient cities of the world and is preceded by the ancient Erepouni site, dating back some 6,000 years B.C.E. A sunny city with continental climate, Yerevan spreads near the banks of the Hrazdan River, and is the center of culture and learning.

In Armenia, there are 1,270 schools with over 400,000 students. 37 professional secondary schools and 11 university level institutes form the core of higher education. In 1921, The State University of Yerevan was founded, and in 1943 the Academy of Sciences of the Armenian Republic opened.

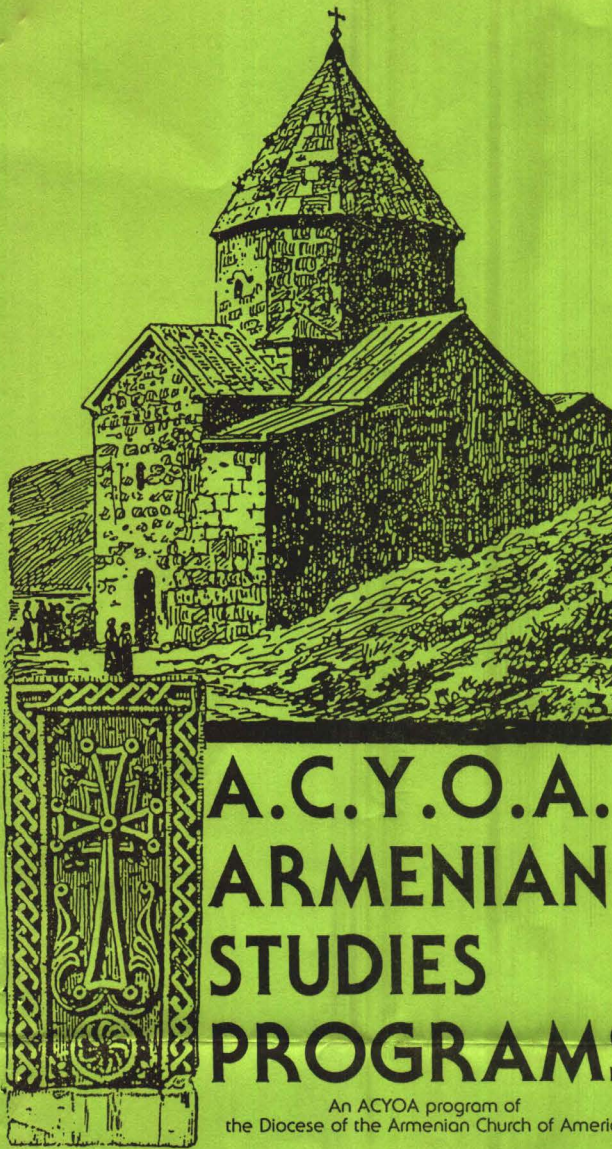
The institute of Research of Armenian Manuscripts was built in 1958. The repository contains some 16,000 ancient manuscripts, the oldest of which is the Lazarian Gospel, dated 887. There are fragments of manuscripts from the 5th and 6th centuries as well.

Armenia displays pride in its State Conservatory, the State Philharmonic Society, the State Academic Opera, and the Ballet Theatre - as well as the Dramatic Theatre, the Young Speculator's Theatre and the Theatre of Musical Comedy - all of which have distinguished themselves admirably in their various areas of the arts.

2,800 libraries can be found in Armenia containing nearly 20,000,000 books and periodicals. Armenia has 12 theatres and 20 museums. There are approximately 1,500 clinics, including 270 hospitals.

100 newspapers and periodicals are published in Armenia with a distribution of 400,000. 55 printing presses produce there, as well as over 100 texts annually for home, school and library use.

Modern apartment buildings, resorts, as well as cultural institutions and scientific developments inter-mingle with villages, ancient monuments and age-old monasteries and churches, weaving a magnificent picture of the thousands of years this ancient and durable nation has seen.



A.C.Y.O.A. ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAMS

An ACYOA program of
the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

Program (1).....

Educational Tour to Armenia (For A.C.Y.O.A. members)

Four Weeks in duration.

Visit Armenia as guests of His Holiness, Vazken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians.

See the many points of interest such as: Ancient churches and monasteries, monuments, historic sites, archaeological diggings, museums, galleries, the beautiful countryside and the magnificent metropolis of Yerevan, the capital city.

Experience many cultural, athletic and social activities, such as: The opera, symphony, ballet, and soccer games, as well as the Olympic training center and night-life in Yerevan.

See Armenia's Industry; The motion picture studios, the cognac factory, the automobile factory, the winery, art and crafts workshops and the restoration of ancient cathedrals and sites.

Visit Armenia's schools and universities, including the University of Yerevan, the Conservatory of Music, the Children's Summer Camps and student outing centers.

Participate in dance, language and music instruction.

Meet with professionals in your field of interest on an informal basis and exchange ideas and new concepts

Experience Divine Liturgy at the Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin, and an audience with His Holiness, the Catholicos.

Program (2).....

"Journey" to Armenia

Three weeks in duration.

A series of excursions to sites of ancient Cathedrals and Monasteries, historic points and places of interest.

Tours to the Art Galleries, Museums, Opera House, Manuscripts Library and more.

See the Monastery of Keghard, the churches of Sis, Hripsime, Gayane and Shoghagat. Visit Kor Virap, Sardarabad, and Erebuni - the 2750 year old archaeological discovery of the first settlement of the city of Yerevan.

Meet the people, in the market-places, downtown, at work and play, in the parks, the towns, resorts and their homes.

Shopping sprees and night-life in the exciting metropolis of Yerevan, Armenia's growing capital city.

Special tour to Holy Etchmiadzin, the Holy See of the Armenian Church.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Tentative Dates: Program #1 -
June 18 - July 18, 1985

Program #2 -
July 2 - 22, 1985

Costs: (1984 cost - increase expected)

Program #1 - \$1,795.00
Program #2 - \$1,995.00

Application Forms: Available at all Parish Church Offices, or from the ACYOA: ACYOA EXECUTIVE SEC. 99 Long Pond Road Tyngsborough, MA 01879 (617-256-7234) (617-649-6875)

DEADLINE: Program #1 - April 1st
Program #2 - June 1st

NOTE: If you do not have a current U.S. Passport, apply now at your local Post Office to assure proper processing by the prescribed deadlines for application to the programs. Those with foreign passports may experience problems with securing proper Soviet Visas.

SPACE IS LIMITED. APPLY EARLY.
LATE FEES MAY APPLY.