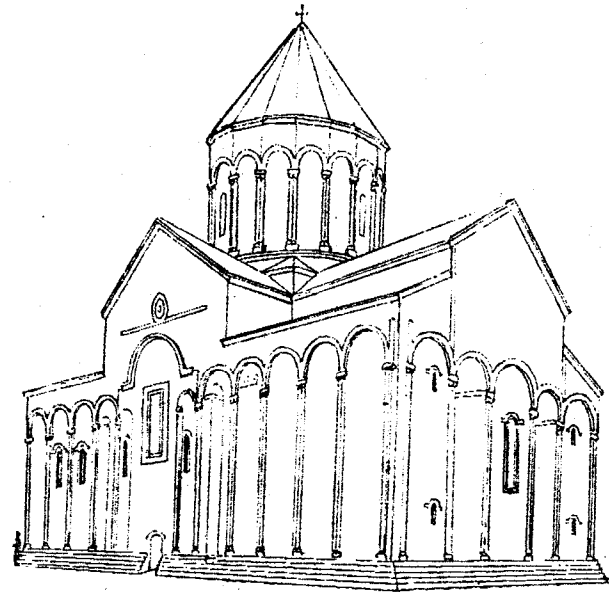


Ss.Vartanantz Armenian Ch.
of Greater Lowell
180 Westford Rd., Chelms.

Non-Profit Org
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit #468
Lowell Mass.

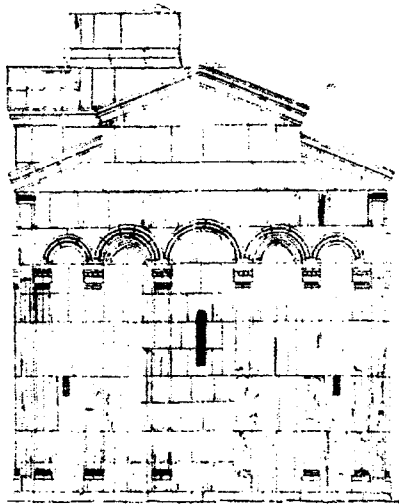
THIS COPY GOES TO:



Անիի ՄԱՅՐ ՏԱՃԱՐԸ
THE CATHEDRAL OF ANI

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER LOWELL TO BE PROTO-TYPE OF ANCIENT CATHEDRAL OF ANI, 10th CENTURY

The Cathedral of Ani is found at the highest peak of the city. It was built in the 10th century, during the most glorious part of the reign of the Bagratouni Kings of Armenia by the renowned Armenian architect, Drtad. The cathedral is considered a masterpiece of Armenian architecture, representative of the most classic features of Armenian architectural expression.



Like the Cathedral of Ani, the Lowell church shall have three entrances, the main entrance being on the north facade. The facade shall be adorned by 12 arches thrusting upward and enhancing the verticle effect of the ancient cathedral. In keeping the double-tiered roof effect, the Lowell church further stresses the concept of the cruciform centered by a broad conical dome, unique to

Armenian architecture.

The dome of Saints Vartanantz Armenian Church of Greater Lowell shall pierce the sky approximately 55 feet - thus being the highest peak for almost 60 miles into the New Hampshire mountains.

Besides the lofty dome, the interior shall feature a repetition of arches, a broad and high apse as well as a martyrion balcony in the old

monastic tradition.

In his two-volume work "Armenia", H.F.B. Lynch describes the Cathedral of Ani as an unparalleled work of art during this period of architecture in the Western world.

=====

SAINTS VARTANANTZ ARMENIAN CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE ARRIVES AT FINAL BIDS AND PLANS!

Our Building Committee advertised for bids for construction, and received 6 of them by October 6th. The bids ranged from 310 thousand to 170 thousand based on possible alternatives, and modifications. Negotiations, led by the chairman, Mr. Peter Onanian, resulted in preserving the beautiful architectural style originally planned for.

In its meeting of Monday, October 25th, the Building Committee unanimously voted to present the finalized plans, bid cost of construction and display of architectural renderings to a Special Parish Assembly for scrutinization and affirmation prior to submitting the finalized project to the Diocese.

=====

NOTICE

There will be a Special Parish Assembly of the Saints Vartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Lowell, on Sunday, October 31st, 1976 at 3 PM at the Armenian Center, for the affirmation of finalized plans and construction bids as negotiated in order to begin construction immediately upon Diocesan approval of architectural renderings and ramifications thereof.