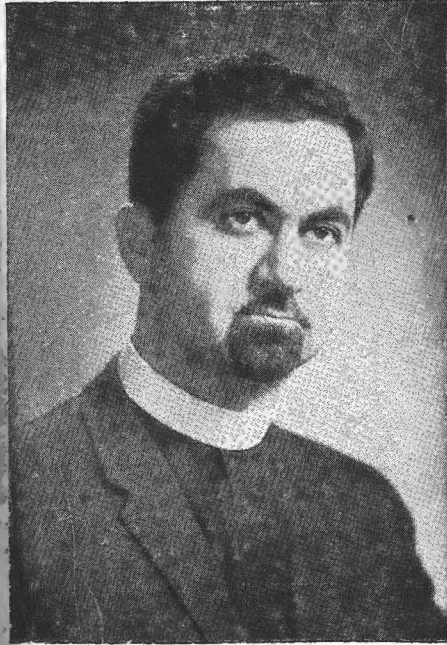


Very Rev. Vasken Kebreslian Named Vicar General



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The Very Rev. Vasken Kebreslian was named Vicar General of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America by His Grace the Primate. Fr. Vasken assumed his new duties on January 25. Prior to his assumption of the present office, he served as the pastor of the church of St. Gregory of Narek in Cleveland, Ohio.

Fr. Vasken was born in 1931 in Keboussieh, of Musa Dagh fame. His family joined the exodus of the people of the area, upon its transfer from Syria to Turkey in 1939, and settled at Ainjar, Lebanon. In 1947 he entered the Seminary of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem and after seven years of study was ordained as a celibate priest. He served in various capacities in the Patriarchate, as chief dragoman, as a teacher, and later principal of the elementary school maintained by the Patriarchate, and as the pastor, of the Armenian parish in ~~Amman Jordan~~. In 1960 Fr. Vasken entered the University of London to further his theological studies. He was made a Dsairakouyn Vartabed on January 12, 1964, and three days later, having been invited to serve in the Diocese of America, arrived in the United States and immediately assumed the pastorate of the parish in Cleveland. He was named Vicar General on January 5.

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The Very Rev. Fr. Vasken Kebreslian is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Hovhannes Kebreslian, born in 1931 in the village of Keboussieh of Moussa-ler (formerly Syria, at present Turkey). In 1939 he emigrated to Anjar, Lebanon with his parents, where he received his elementary education. In January 1947 he entered he entered the Seminary of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem. After seven years of study, he received the ordination of celibate priesthood in August 1, 1954. He served in the Patriarchate of Jerusalem as chief dragoman and as teacher in the seminary and in the Tarkmanchats school. In 1956-1958 he served the Armenian Community of Amman, Jordan as their pastor and ast the principal of the local Armenian Elementary school.

In 1960 Fr. Vasken went to London, England to continue his theological studies in London University. He was ordained Dsairakouin Vartabed (Archimandrite) on January 12, 1964 by Archbishop Bsak Toumayan of London.

On the invitation of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America he went to Cleveland as the pastor of the local Armenians on January 15, 1964. On December 5, 1966 he was appointed as the Vicar General of the Diocese by His Grace Bishop Torkom Manoogian, the Primate. He took his job on January 25, 1967 after being moved to New York City the privious day.

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