

ԱՉԳԷԼ ԾԱՌԱՅ ՅՒՒ ՔԻ ՈՂՈՐՄՈՒԹԵԱՄԲԸ ԱՅ ԵՒ ԿԱՄՕՔԸ ԱՉԳԻԱ,
 ԷՊԻՍԿՈՊՈՍԱՊԵՏ ԵՒ ԿԱԹՈՂԻԿՈՍ ԱՄԵՆԱՅՆ ՀԱՅՈՑ,
 ԾԱՅՐԱԳՈՅՆ ՊԱՏՐԻԱՐԲ ՀԱՄԱՉԳԱԿԱԼ ՆԱԽԱԵՇՄԱՐ ԱԹՈՒՈՅ ԱՅՐԱՐԱՏԵԱԼ
 ԱՌԱՔԵԼԱԿԱԼ ՄԱՅՐ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ ՍՐԲՈՅ ԿԱԹՈՒՐԻԿԷ ԷՋԱՄԱՇՆԻ

ՔՐԻՍՏՈՍԱԻԱՆԻ ՍԻՐՈՅ ՈՂՋՈՅՆ ԵՒ ՕՐՀՆՈՒԹԻՒՆ ՀԱՅՐԱՊԵՏԱԿԱԼ ՄԵՍԻ ՏԱՆՆ ԿԻԼԻԿՈՅ
 ԿԱԹՈՂԻԿՈՍՈՒԹԵԱՆ, ՊԱՏՐԻԱՐԲՈՒԹԵԱՆ ՀԱՅՈՑ ԵՐՈՒՍԱԼԷՄԻ, ՊԱՏՐԻԱՐԲՈՒԹԵԱՆ ՀԱՅՈՑ
 ԹՈՒՐԻՔՈՅ, ԱՐՔԵՊԻՍԿՈՊՈՍԱՅ, ԵՊԻՍԿՈՊՈՍԱՅ, ՎԱՐԴԱՊԵՏԱՅ, ՔԱՀԱՆԱՅԻՑ, ԹԵՄԱԿԱԼ
 ԵԿԵՂԵՑԱԿԱԼ, ԺՈՂՈՎՈՑ, ՀԱՅ ՄՇԱԿՈՒԹԱՅԻՆ ԿԱԶՄԱԿԵՐՊՈՒԹԵԱՆՑ ԵՒ ՄԱՄԼՈՅՆ, ԵՒ
 ՍԻՐԵՑԵԱԼ ՀԱՄԱՅՆ ՀԱԻԱՏԱՑԵԱԼ ԺՈՂՈՎՐԻԵԱՆ ՀԱՅՈՑ

«ՈՅՔ ՎԱՐԷՆ ԱՐՏԱՍՈՐՔ,
 ՏՆՅՈՒԹԵԱՄԲ ՀՆՉԵՍՅԵՆ»
 (ԱՄՂՄ. 125—5)

ԱՅՆ ՍԵՒ ՕՐԵՐԻՑ ԵՍԹՆԱՍՈՐՆ ՏԱՐԻՆԵՐ ԶԵՏՈՅ, ՀԱՅԱՍՏԱՆԵԱՅ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՆ ՈՒ ԺՈՂՈՎՈՐԻԷ ՀԱՄԱՅՆ, ՎԱՐԷ
 ՆԱՅ ԵՆ ՎԵՐՏՆԻ ԱՆՄՈՒԱՅ ՅԻՇԱՏԱԿԻ ԱՌԱՋ ԵՐԿՈՐ ՄԻԼԻՈՆ ԻՐԵՆՑ ՆԱՀԱՏԱԿՈՒԱՅ ՋԱՐԱԿՆԵՐԻ, ՈՐՈՒՔ ՉՈՂ ԳՆԱ
 ՑԻՆ ՕՍՄԱՆԵԱՆ ԿԱՅՐՈՒԹԵԱՆ ԿԱՌԱՎԱՐՈՒԹԵԱՆ ԿԱԶՄԱԿԵՐՊԱՅ ՑԵՂԱՍՊԱՆՈՒԹԵԱՆ 1915 ԹՈՒՐԻ: ՄԻ ՍՄՔՈՂ
 ԺՈՂՈՎՈՐԻ ՏԵՂԱՀԱՆ ԱՐՈՒՅ ԻՐ ՊԱՏՄԱԿԱՆ ԵՐԿՐԻ ԱՐԵՒՍԵԱՆ ՀԱՅԱՏԱՆԻ ՏԱՐԱՇՔԻՑ ՈՒ ԾՐԱԳՐՈՒԱՅ ԶԵՒՈՎ
 ԲՆԱՋՆՁՈՒՅ ՄԱՀՈՒԱՆ ՃԱՆԱՊԱՐՀՆԵՐԻ ՎՐԱՅ: ԱՐԵՐԱԿՆԵՐԻ ՎԵՐՍՇՈՒԵՑԻՆ ՈՒ ՀՐԿԻՁՈՒԵՑԻՆ ԲԱԶՄԱՀԱՐԻՐԻ ՀԱՅՎ
 ԲՆԱԿ ՔԱՂԱՔՆԵՐ ԵՒ ԳԻՐԼԵՐ, ՎԱՆՔԵՐ ՈՒ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՆԵՐ, ՀԱՏԵՐԸ ԿՈԹՈՂՆԵՐ ՀԱՅ ԴԱՍԱՄԱՆ ՃԱՐՏԱՐԱՊԵՏՈՒԹՅԱՆ,
 ԿԱՌՈՒՑՈՒԱՅ ՎԵՐՁԻՆ ՀԱԶԱՐ ԵՒ ՀՈՒՂ ՀԱՐԻՐԻ ՏԱՐԻՆԵՐԻ ԸՆԹԱՅՔՈՒՄ:
 ԱՅՍՈՐ ԱՐԻՒ ՀԱՅԱՏԱՆՈՒՄ ԹԷ ՍԹԻՐՈՒՔՈՒՄ, ՀԱՄԱՐԵԱ ՉԿԱՅ ՄԻ ՀԱՅ ՄԱՐԻ ՈՐ ՉՈՂԱՅ ՄԱՐՏԻՈՍՈՒԹԻՒՆԸ ՄԻ
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GOVERNOR BLANCHARD AND SENATOR LEVIN JOIN ST. JOHN'S IN COMMEMORATING THE 70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE GENOCIDE

Over 1000 people gathered at St. John's Armenian Church on Sunday, April 28, 1985 for the Commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the Genocide of the Armenian People. The day's observance commenced with a Requiem Divine Liturgy celebrated by Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian in memory of the 1½ million martyrs who fell victim to the Turkish massacres of the Armenian Nation during World War I.

Beginning at 10:00 a.m. reporters from the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press along with cameramen and reporters from the three local TV stations, and WWJ radio commentators filed into the already capacity filled Sanctuary.

Following a long established tradition at St. John's, each of the survivors was presented with a long stemmed red carnation, symbolizing life, as they entered the Sanctuary. Reserved seating was provided for the over one hundred survivors who were present. An impressive procession of Church School students, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of those who survived, each one carrying a red carnation was led into the Church. The encyclical issued by His Holiness, Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians, on the 70th Anniversary of the Genocide was read from the altar during the Divine Liturgy.

Fr. Paren Avedikian delivered an inspiring sermon. He first recognized the sacrifice of the martyrs; he then denounced both terrorism by Armenians to avenge the massacres as a sin that "under no circumstances can be justified," and also indifference by those who choose the opposite extreme and turn their back on their history, for by doing so they commit a grave injustice to the memory and the sacrifice of the martyrs. He further stated that we must remain sensitive and responsive not only to our own people's plight, but to the suffering of others throughout the world. He then concluded that the most proper tribute to the martyrs is our commitment to the preservation, development and progress of present Armenia. The small and rugged land which is the link to our past, is the expression of our vibrant present and the foundation of our hopes and dreams of the future.

Following the thought-provoking sermon, the Madagh was blessed. The great crowd then proceeded into the Church Cultural Hall for the Madagh, memorial meal, and Commemoration Program.

Tears of pride filled the massive hall as renowned Metropolitan Opera star, Ara Berberian sang the National Anthem. Michigan Governor James J. Blanchard arrived on the Church grounds by heli-

copter during the dinner, and U. S. Senator Carl Levin, who had attended the Church Services, also joined in the tribute to the martyrs at the Commemoration Program.

Parish Council Chairman, Arthur S. Mardigian welcomed the dignitaries and guests, and turned the podium over to Martin Cholakian, a personal friend of both the Governor and the Senator, who served as the moderator.

Mr. Edward Mardigian, President of the Armenian Apostolic Society, addressed the audience and stressed that the Turks have failed, for although the Armenians have been oppressed, the strength and faith of our people have resulted in their survival and they have proven to be a viable group throughout the world and are recognized as a contributing asset in their adoptive countries.

Governor James Blanchard delivered a dramatic address stating that the sad events of history are clearly as real and searing today, as they were 70 years ago. The Governor emphasized the important point that "Too many people do not understand the difference between war, military conflicts between nations, and genocide, the systematic decision by a government with full legal authority and force to eliminate an entire people." He continued, that the greatest tragedy of all would be to forget the Armenian Genocide, for if we forget, the events will be again repeated. The Governor pledged support to the Armenian people and stated that we cannot relent in our pursuit until the genocide is acknowledged by the Turkish Government, and an apology issued. At the conclusion of his remarks, Governor Blanchard presented the flag of the State of Michigan to St. John's.

In an eloquent speech, Senator Carl Levin, sponsor of the congressional resolution designating April 24 as a National Day of Remembrance of Man's Inhumanity to Man, and a long-time supporter of the Armenian cause, promised to persevere until the day that the Senate passes the resolution.

Mr. Alex Manoogian, Chairman of the Board of the Armenian Apostolic Society and International President of the AGBU, a living example of our survival from the genocide, recalled the tragedy that his generation witnessed, and stressed that our martyrs should never be forgotten and the crime committed against them should never be forgiven unless justice is done to the entire Armenian Nation. Mr. Manoogian praised Governor Blanchard and Senator Levin for their sustained interest in the Armenians.

Fr. Paren Avedikian, in his closing message, reflected upon his recent journey to Armenia. He vividly described the observance of the sacrifice of our people by our brothers and sisters in our homeland. Led by the Party Secretary, the President, the Prime Minister and the entire Cabinet, the government of Armenia, followed by thousands of Armenians paid their respects to the martyrs during official ceremonies at Dsidsernapert at 10:00 a.m. on April 24. Later Fr. Paren was part of the Etchmiadsin procession headed by His Holiness, Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians. The authorities had made arrangements to close the immediate vicinity to the Martyrs' Monument to enable the Church to pay her respects and offer the Requiem Service. On that same evening Fr. Paren returned to the monument, hoping for a more peaceful visit. However, upon approaching Dsidsernapert he witnessed an awe inspiring sight of hundreds of thousands of young Armenians making their way up the one mile climb to the monument to spend a moment of solemn remembrance. Because of the huge numbers of mourners this second pilgrimage to Dsidsernapert took three hours to complete. Fr. Paren stressed that the Armenians living in our homeland are our future, but the challenge for us who live in the free world is to make certain that the world recognizes the crime committed against the Armenians by the Government of Turkey. Fr. Paren concluded his words by thanking the Governor and the Senator for their continued support, and pledged our support to them now and in the future. The beautiful book *Treasures of Etchmiadsin* newly published by order of His Holiness, Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians was later presented to Governor Blanchard and Senator Levin as a remembrance of the Commemoration.

On this occasion, St. John's solicited donations for the starving peoples of Africa, for when our people faced starvation as a result of the massacres, it was through the generosity of America and the European Nations that the remnants of the Armenian people were saved.

Major television coverage was given to the entire day's events by the three television stations on that same evening. The Detroit News, Detroit Free Press and WWJ Radio covered the events on the following day.

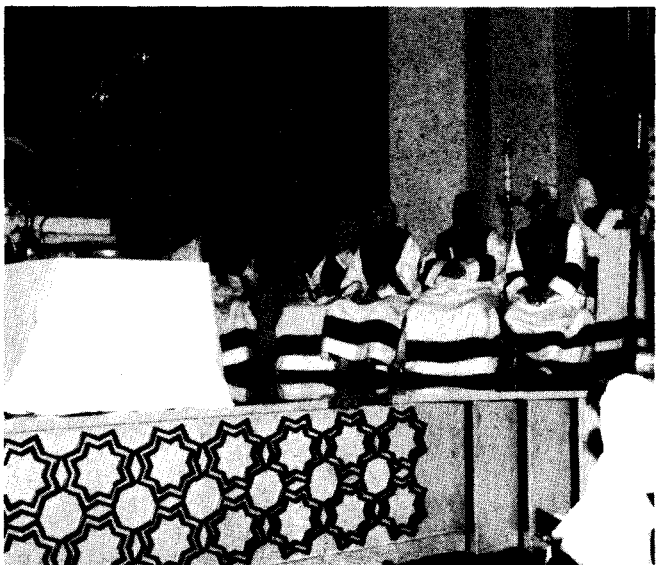
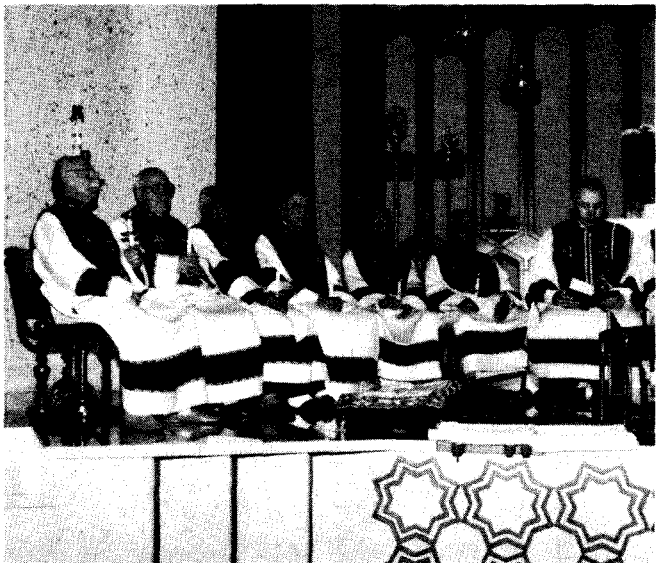
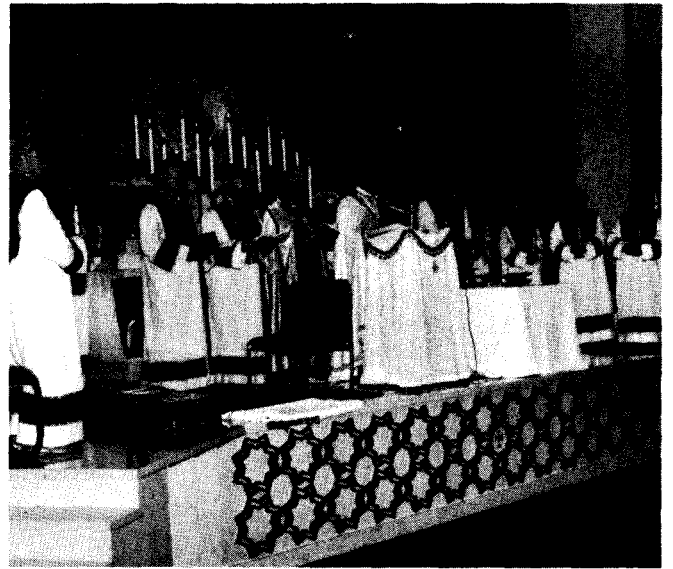
Extensive news coverage was given to the Armenians during the entire week preceding the Commemoration. Michigan Magazine, a supplement of the Detroit News, devoted eight pages of excellent interviews of survivors bringing the tragic events which befell our people seventy years ago to the forefront. An array of Armenian Artifacts provided by St. John's Armenian Church were beautifully photographed by News photographer Michelle Andonian and filled the entire cover of the magazine. Interviews were written by Professor Florence Mazian.

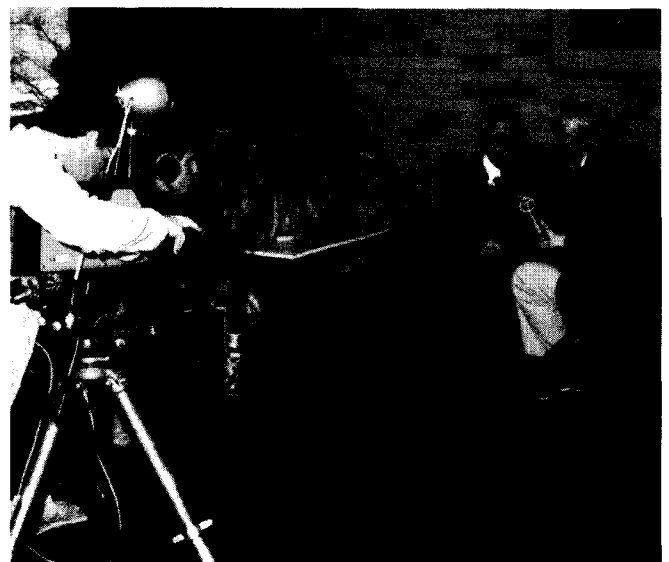
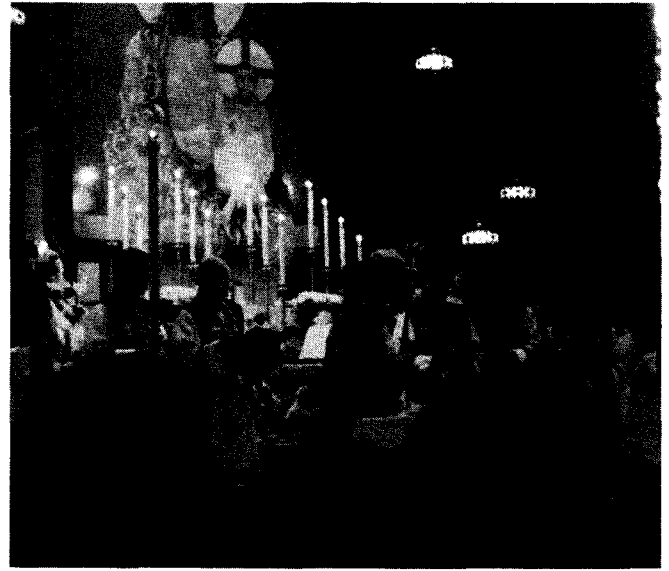
Both the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press contained various articles regarding the massacres several times during the week. Especially noteworthy was the courageous stand taken by the Detroit News on April 24 denouncing President Reagan's position on the Armenian Genocide. In addition, St. John's sponsored full page statements on April 24 and April 28 in the Detroit Free Press demanding recognition of the facts of the genocide by both the United States and the Turkish Governments. Our original intent was to publish the statement in both the Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press, but due to unforeseen circumstances, it was decided to utilize only the Free Press. On April 24, 1985 Governor James Blanchard issued a proclamation declaring this date as Armenian Martyrs Day in Michigan.

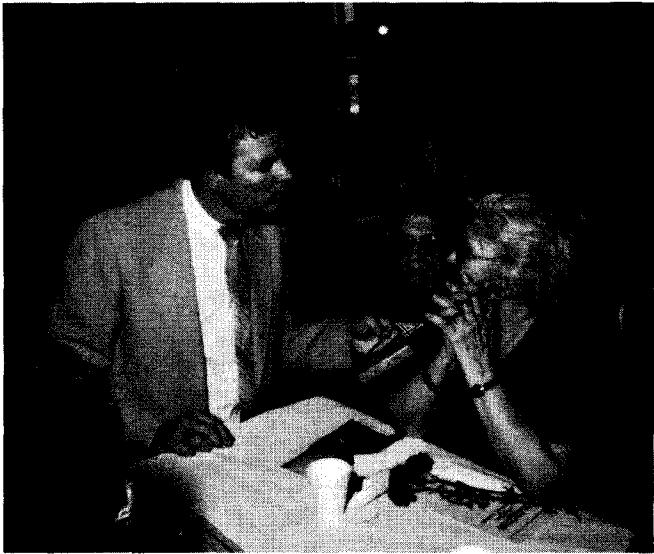
This year on Maundy Thursday evening, the following twelve survivors of the massacres participated in the Service of Washing of Feet, on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the Genocide of the Armenian Nation: Souren Aprahamian, Frank Broussalian, Karl Couyoumjian, Hagop S. Derderian, Zaven Hovsepian, Vahram Kayabalian, Yeprem Kaylian, Harry Kurkjian, Hagop Nersessian, Haig Ohanessian, Eli Sarkissian, and Hagop Vanerian.

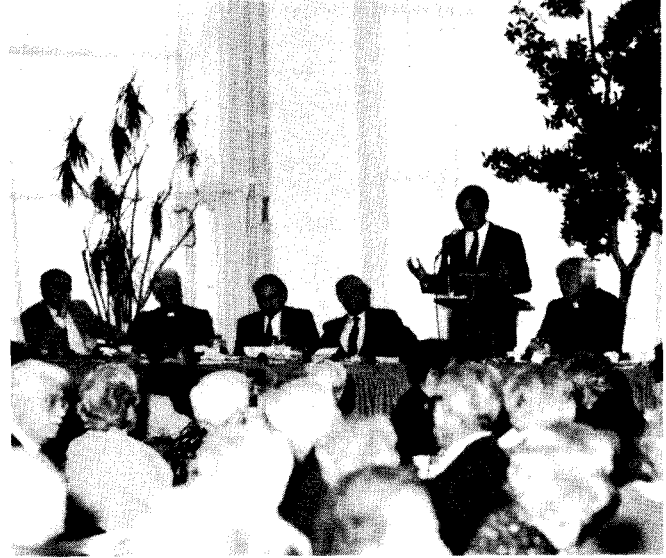
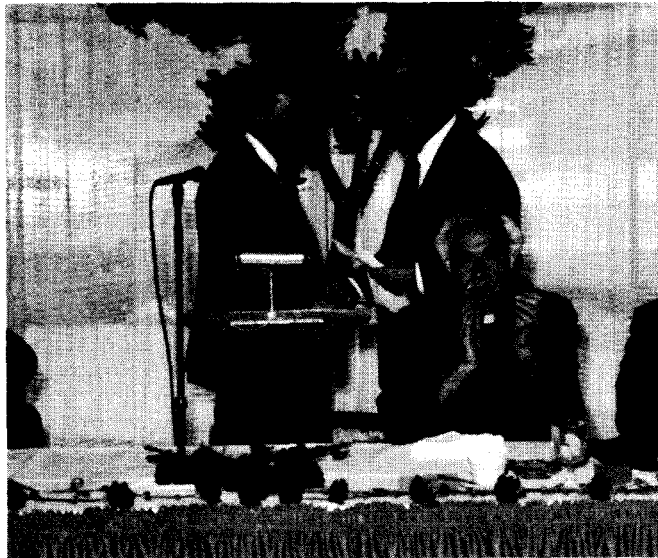
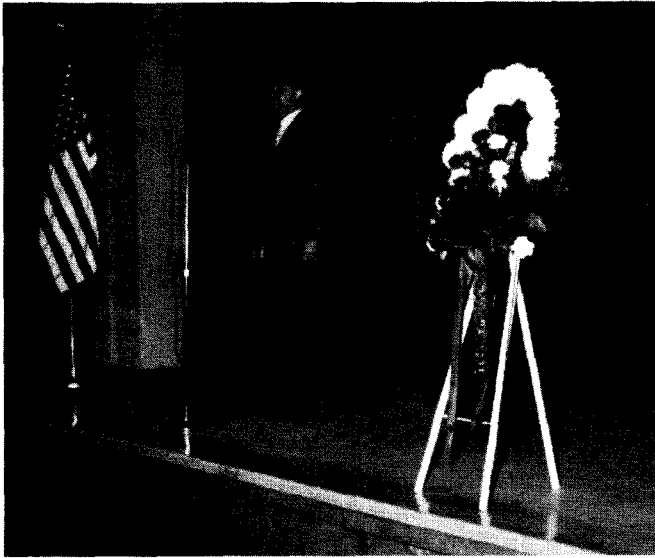
St. John's Parish Council and Diocesan Delegates comprised the 70th Anniversary Commemoration Committee for the solemn tribute to our martyrs. The Pastors and the entire Commemoration Committee extend their sincere appreciation to Mrs. Nancy Mouradian who arranged for the TV and press coverage for the occasion, Mr. Artin Artinian for serving as liaison to the Free Press for the statements sponsored by St. John's, Mr. Lou Mika from Detroit Art Service of Troy for designing the format for the statements, Mrs. Pergrouhi Javizian and the Committee from the Ladies Auxiliary and Mrs. Betty Yeghissian and the Committee from the Women's Guild for jointly co-ordinating the dinner preparation. Special thanks also to Mr. George Elian and Mr. Kazar Terterian on behalf of the Men's Society and Ushers' Corps, Mr. Richard Vahratian and the students from the Junior and Senior Departments of the Church School, and the A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors and A.C.Y.O. Juniors who all worked together in a true spirit of cooperation to efficiently serve the dinner. Thank you also to Mr. Edward Jizmejian and Mr. George Mashlakjian for slicing the lamb. We extend our gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew and Ann Tarpinian for their generous donation of 400 red carnations which were distributed to the survivors, the Church School students, and were also used for the table decor. In addition we thank them for the two beautiful floral arrangements which graced the altar.

St. John's gratefully acknowledges the madagh donations, the donations for the starving peoples of Africa, and the contributions to offset the cost of the paid statements in the Detroit Free Press.











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We apologize to the donors for the omission of their names, if it was their intent to have their names and donations listed.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

Governor James J. Blanchard

Hereby issues this Executive Declaration

in Observance of

APRIL 24, 1985

AS

ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY

The year 1985 marks the 70th anniversary of the genocide of the Armenian people perpetrated by the government of the Turkish Ottoman Empire in 1915 during World War I. More than 1,500,000 Armenians were massacred or starved and many more were forced to flee from their homeland.

The Armenians are an ancient people, having settled in the vicinity of Mount Ararat in the seventh century B.C. The Armenian Apostolic church was established in the fourth century A.D., making Armenia one of the first Christian nations. Armenians have always believed in the principles of freedom of conscience and religion.

Today as free people of the United States, Armenian-Americans join together in the pursuit of liberty, freedom, and peace with other nations. As a community, they have contributed to our quality of life in every profession, the arts, religion, and government.

Many Armenian congregations are marking this anniversary with a commitment to the dignity and value of human life by collecting contributions to assist the starving nations of Africa, as American and European nations came to assist those who survived.

We have learned a lasting lesson from the genocide of the Armenian people, in that they did not die in vain, but rather have served as a continual source of direction and purpose for all who struggle for humanity and equal rights. The time has come for all people regardless of color, creed, or ethnic origin to exercise a moral conscience by assisting those who need help.

Therefore, I, James J. Blanchard, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby declare April 24, 1985, as ARMENIAN MARTYRS DAY in Michigan. I urge all Michigan citizens to join with me in a moment of reflection for the Armenian people who lost their lives and to join in a steadfast commitment to work for the peace and harmony of our world for future generations.

Given under my hand on this fourth day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five and of the Commonwealth one hundred forty-ninth.

James J. Blanchard
GOVERNOR



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