

**Minutes of Meeting with Clergy Committee for the 1700th Anniversary of the
Conversion of Armenia to Christianity
May 16, 2000**

1. The meeting was opened with a prayer led by the Primate at 1:45 p.m. Present were Rev. Frs. Papken Anoushian, Diran Bohajian, Daniel Findikyan, Vazken Karayan, Karekin Kasparian, Untzag Nalbandian and Simeon Odabashian. Rev. Frs. Vertanes Kalayjian and Garabed Kochakian were absent.
2. The Primate introduced the purpose of this committee for the benefit of those attending for the first time. The purpose is to ascertain the clergies' input concerning the preparation of a guidebook for parish activities in commemoration of the 1700th anniversary. The clergies' opinions and evaluations on proposed plans are essential as to which programs are likely to be successfully implemented on the parish level. The following plans are in the works: Catholicos' visit to New York to be organized by young professional group, symposia by ZIC, booklets on church teaching by SNS, choir from Armenia, pilgrimage to historic Armenia – In the Steps of St. Gregory. A video of the pilgrimage will be prepared and disseminated to the parishes.
3. Other ideas:
Contest for the youth to compose appropriate song and poetry.
SNS to accept 17 new students.
Ecumenical service booklet.
Prayerbook with 17 prayers.
4. Intent: Recommit ourselves to the faith of St. Gregory.
5. Specific Programs
 - A. **4 Parish wide commemorations tied to feasts related to St. Gregory**
 - I. Sons and Grandsons of St. Gregory in **February**
 - II. Entrance into the Pit in **March**
Perhaps the meal can be simple with just bread and salt in remembrance of St. Gregory's imprisonment.
 - III. Hripsime, Gayane, Deliverance from the Pit, Etchmiadzin, Shoghagat, Trdat & Ashkhen in **June**
June will be declared the "Month of Pilgrimage – In the Steps of St. Gregory"
 - IV. Holy Translators in **October**
Pilgrimage video would be viewed at the October commemoration.

After some discussion it was decided that the above should take place on appointed Saturday evenings.
Public relations is essential to successful implementation
Half hour service based on our tradition with readings and appropriate hymns (and translations) available for the congregation.
Involve as many as possible in the service especially the youth.
Children can be involved in passing out and lighting parishioners' candles.
The booklet will include the text of the service in Armenian, English and perhaps Russian; story of the feast and its meaning for us today.
The service will be followed by a meal. Church organizations can be asked to organize each event.

Suggestion that the 2001 diocesan calendar indicate all of the special commemorations. Guidebook will give suggestions on how to celebrate each feast, with resources including pertinent works from Armenian literature, speakers, plays, recitations.

B. Opening of 1700th Anniversary

This will take place with a short prayer service following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 14, 2001. There will be no Hokehankist that day. An appropriate icon of St. Gregory will be mass produced for the parish to be displayed in a prominent place. On the opening day this will be blessed perhaps anointed with Myron and a lantern – *Loosavorchi Gantegh* will be lit in front of it. It was suggested that people take the flame home with them. Prayer cards with the above icon and with a prayer of rededication will be distributed. All will recite the prayer together.

An explanation of the legend of *Loosavorchi Gantegh* will be made available to the public.

The concepts of the baptismal vows – Faith, Hope and Love should be incorporated in the prayer.

C. Service for the closing of the 1700th anniversary will take place on a Sunday in December, 2001

D. Ecumenical Service

Primate suggested that our clergy approach local ecumenical organizations to see the possibility of having the 1700th anniversary commemorative ecumenical service hosted by a non-Armenian congregation. Ideally the local ecumenical body will be the organizer.

6. **The Sourcebook** will have two categories:

1. mandatory programs
2. optional recommended activities

Bible study guide geared to the theme of recommitment to span the year 2001.
Sermon outlines following a similar theme.

7. **Miscellaneous Ideas**

Parishes should set up special booths at bazaars and festivals to distribute information to the community at large concerning the 1700th anniversary.

Vocation Sunday will emphasize the importance of the priesthood. Clergy can give testimonies concerning their calling on that occasion. The goal will be to encourage men to consider the priesthood.

1700th anniversary souvenirs should be mass produced – such as pens, pins, crosses, icon magnets, key chains

A schedule of the yearlong activities will be printed in bulletins and newsletters.

8. Clergy were asked to review proposed plans of the departments and think of other ideas for the commemoration to be discussed at the next meeting – Wednesday, May 31 11-12:30.

The meeting ended with a prayer at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Fr. Simeon Odabashian

LOTTERY

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Mr. Gregory Akaraz

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No members between the ages of 18-28

St. Mesrob Church, Racine, WI

Miss Armida Markarova
Mr. David Johnson

Holy Martyrs Church, Bayside, NY

Miss Karin Bostanci
Mr. Sevan Aydin

St. Gregory, Haverhill, MA

Miss Melinda Loosian
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St. Gregory Church, Binghamton, NY

Miss Dlouisa Kontos
Mr. Raffi Kerjilian

St. Gregory the Enlightener, White Plains, NY

Miss Hera Hamparsoumian
Mr. Atam Aksu

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Miss Betty Doumad
Mr. Armen Salbashian

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No members between the ages of 18-28.

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Mr. Jimmy Magarian, Jr.

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Miss Heather Darrowch
Mr. Ara Arslanian

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Miss Tammy Baghdigian
Mr. Arthur Kosian

St. Kevork Church, Houston, TX

Miss Ann Marie Tcholakian
Mr. Zavig Sahagian

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Mr. Michael Vosbikian

St. Thomas Church, Tenafly, NJ

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Miss Lusene Garabedian
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Please share as soon as possible with the Primate.

Thank you, Beth Marootian

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To: Mary Berberian	From: Eileen Charbonneau
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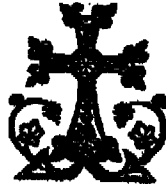
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Thank you for informing us that our parishioner, Andrew Layte, was chosen as one of the Diocese's representatives for the Opening Ceremonies in Armenia. Andrew's address and phone number are:

Mr. Andrew Layte
7 Major Moore Circle
Paxton, MA 01612
508-752-2006

Thank you.

Eileen Charbonneau



St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church
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Date: November 28, 2000
To: Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
From: Fr. Yeprem Kelegian
RE: Youth attending January 6 program from Wisconsin

Dear Srpazan Hayr,

Could you please forward the following flight information to the proper committee so that the youth from Racine and Greenfield will be communicated with, picked up and lodged.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALL FOUR:

Friday, January 5, arriving New York LaGuardia, 3:30 PM
Midwest Express, flight 3 (yes, that is "flight number three")

Saturday, January 6, departing LGA, 6:45 PM,
Midwest Express flight 12

RACINE

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c/o Irene Nahabedian
3663 Green Street, Racine WI 53402
262.639.6446

David Johnson, 18
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Union Grove WI 53182
262.878.9133

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414.423.1358
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Kristen Kopatich, 18
c/o Blinka (see above)

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Dear Father Simeon,

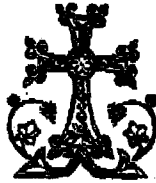
Here are the addresses I promised you. George's family had just moved and I've had to track their new address down. Phone had changed also.

George Mouradkhanian
1505 Crescent Lane, Apt. D
Matthews, NC 28105

Talene Sarkissian
6322 Sharon Acres Road
Charlotte, NC 28210

Please let me know what dates they need to program going to New York, and if chosen for the Armenia portion, the dates for those.

Thanks,
Lena



St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church

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Father *Yeprem Kelegian*
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November 13, 2000

Dear Srpazan Hayr,

The following names were drawn to represent St. Mesrob (Racine, Wisconsin) at the lighting ceremony, Saturday, January 6, 2001.

- Female: Armida Markarova
- Male: David Johnson

We really need to know the details of the weekend so that we can purchase inexpensive tickets and the above youth can arrange their work and school schedules. The ceremony is Saturday. How late do they have to stay? Do they have to stay over Saturday night? Do they have to arrive Friday night?

Madcheem i hampooyr tzer Soorp achooyn,


Fr. Yeprem Kelegian
Pastor

FAX



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FROM.....Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs
209-15 Horace Harding Expressway
Bayside, New York 11364

COVER SHEET

Our FAX # is 718-225-8470

DATE: November 13, 2000

TO: Ani Sahagian

FIRM NAME: Diocese of the Armenian Church

FAX #: 212-252-0681

FROM: Mary Selvinazian

SUBJECT: Youth Lottery

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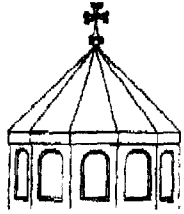
ADDITIONAL MESSAGE Winners of Lottery
from Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs
girl: Karin Bostanci
boys: Sevan Aydin

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Subject: re: youth lottery
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To the Diocese,

I am writing to inform you regretfully that St. George's Church located in Waukegan Illinois does not have any members between the ages of 18-28 to be selected for your Youth Lottery.

--- Michele Bertaud, Chairperson - Parish Council
--- dbartaud@earthlink.net



ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian
Pastor

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November 13, 2000

His Eminence
Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York New York 10016

Your Eminence,

The following are the names of the two young adults between the ages of 18 and 28 that were drawn in Sunday's lottery.

Armen Jesralyan
0-102 Morlot Avenue
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Ani Manuelian
604 Thurnau Drive
River Vale, NJ 07675

Our best wishes for an exciting and beautiful beginning of our 1700th Anniversary of our Church.

Yours truly,

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian



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Նոյեմբեր 13, 2000

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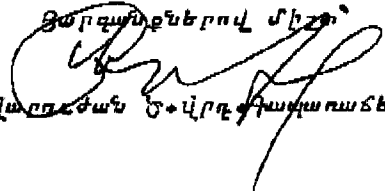
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In

Subject: youth lottery - nashville
To: "Prmoff" <prmoff@armeniandiocese.org>

Mary,
.....These are the names chosen in Nashville for the Youth Lotto:

.....Roman Novikov
.....5300 Maudina Avenue
.....Nashville, TN 37209
.....615-354-0078

.....Galina Musayelyan
.....306 British Woods
.....Nashville, TN 37217
.....615-361-9152

Roman Novikov
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St. John's Armenian Church
of Greater Detroit



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The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian, Pastor

November 7, 2000

His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016-4885

Your Eminence,

On Sunday, November 5th following the Divine Liturgy, the two names for the possible trip to Armenia with you and our parish youth representative for Armenian Christmas at St. Vartan Cathedral on January 6, 2001 were chosen. They are:

- Rita Akaraz - female
- Gregory Akaraz - male

Both young people are active at St. John's and have agreed to travel to Armenia should they be chosen.

We shall make arrangements for their participation at St. Vartan as soon as you inform us of the details.

With filial respect,

Father Garabed Kochakian
Pastor

From: HolyTrinityCam@aol.com
Date: Mon, 13 Nov 2000 12:03:10 EST
Subject: Young Adult Representatives/1700th Anniversary Opening Ceremony
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X-Mailer: Windows AOL sub 114
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Attn: Mary Berberian

This is to confirm Carol Krikorian's telephone conversation with you of this morning advising the Diocese of the selection of the two young adult representatives from our parish, Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston, Cambridge MA, to the 1700th Anniversary Opening Ceremony at the Diocese on Saturday, January 6, 2001.

Our representatives are:

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Hanover NH 03755
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Note: Christina will be at her home address from December 7 through January 1

2. Gregory Vartanian
59 Fletcher Road
Belmont MA 02478
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Email: gvartanian@aol.com

Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Seta A. Buchter
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His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
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Your Eminence,

1700th Anniversary - Youth Lottery

Female Winner:

**Miss Kelly Reibel
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Male Winner:

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Rev. Dn Aren Jebejian

Youth Lottery

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Ryan Bargas
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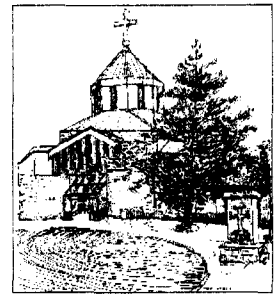
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Results of the local Youth Lottery held at St. Peter Armenian Church in Watervliet, NY, on Sunday, November 12, are as follows:

James Jerian, Age 23
son of Mr. & Mrs. Vartan Jerian
2338 17th St.
Troy, NY 12180

and

Lena Guleserian, Age 19
daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Sarkis Guleserian
2239 16th St.
Troy, NY 12180

If any further information is needed, please contact the church office.

Lori Payette Chamberlain
Secretary

St. John's Armenian Church
of Greater Detroit

The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian, *Pastor*



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November 7, 2000

His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016-4885

Your Eminence,

On Sunday, November 5th following the Divine Liturgy, the two names for the possible trip to Armenia with you and our parish youth representative for Armenian Christmas at St. Vartan Cathedral on January 6, 2001 were chosen. They are:

Rita Akaraz - female
Gregory Akaraz - male

Both young people are active at St. John's and have agreed to travel to Armenia should they be chosen.

We shall make arrangements for their participation at St. Vartan as soon as you inform us of the details.

With filial respect,

Father Garabed Kochakian
Pastor

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MEMORANDUM

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To: 1700th Anniversary Committee

From: Berjouhi Saladin

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Attached please find the minutes of the meeting of April 12, 2000.

Please note that the next meeting of the 1700th Anniversary Committee will be on Thursday, June 1, 2000 at 2:00 PM at the Diocese. Please advise.

1700 Anniversary Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 12, 2000, 3:00 pm

Attendance: Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Fr. Krikor Maksoudian, Mr. Michael Haratunian, Mr. Aram Arkun, Mr. George Kassis and Ms. Karen Bedrosian Richardson.

The meeting convened at 3:20 PM with Archbishop Khajag Barsamian offering the opening prayer. The minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2000 were approved as revised. Michael Haratunian stated that this committee has been meeting for one year discussing programs and activities for the 1700th Anniversary celebration. After one year of thinking it is time to go to work and implement the ideas that have been discussed.

1. **Exhibit:** Mr. Haratunian reported that, as previously decided, we would not proceed with the original exhibit program with the University of Michigan. We will, however, explore the possibility of a mini-exhibit in conjunction with the concert. Karen Bedrosian Richardson has agreed to chair the sub-committee for this exhibit. She will work with the Primate in examining the items that the Diocese has in its archives and their condition. They will also look into questions of packaging, transport and insurance, etc. if the exhibit were to travel with the concert to different parishes.
2. **Concert:** Mr. Haratunian reported that Sahan Arzruni would travel to Armenia this summer to audition choral groups and decide which group will perform at the concert. Mr. Arzruni will be asked to form a concert sub-committee. The New York concert is tentatively scheduled for the last week of October 2001. If the local parishes are agreeable, the concert could be performed in Boston, Detroit, Washington, DC, Philadelphia, Chicago, Boca Raton and Providence. The budget for the New York concert appears as **attachment 1**.
3. **Teaching Role of the Church:** The six pamphlets will be ready at the end of the year. George Kassis was asked to prepare a budget. 60,000 of each pamphlet will be printed, of which 38,000 will be mailed to the Diocesan mailing list and the rest sent to the parishes for local distribution.
4. **Ecumenical Service:** The Primate will be meeting with the National Council of Churches on May 15th and will have further information to provide to the committee at its next meeting.
5. **Youth:** Michael Haratunian stated that youth activities must be planned at the parish and regional levels. Fr. Untzag will be asked to speak to Fr. Vasken to prepare a proposal for these activities.
6. **Major Religious Event:** A sub-committee is being formed to plan this event.

7. **Academic:** Fr. Krikor presented a revised schedule, which appears as **attachment 2**, for a conference and symposium to take place during the second week of September 2001. The conference panels will discuss contemporary issues while the symposium will deal with more academic topics. Simon Balian, Arda Haratunian and Karen Bedrosian Richardson will be asked to serve on the sub-committee for the conference.
8. **Public Relations:** George Kassis presented the logo and letterhead submitted by Armen Garabedian. Suggestions and changes will be forwarded to Mr. Garabedian and he will be asked to incorporate them and submit new samples. Suggested as text for the banner were: "1700 Years in Affirmation of Christianity" and "The Enlightenment of the Armenian Nation."
9. **Fundraising:** An informal meeting was held on March 19, 2000 of the tentative fundraising subcommittee. The draft of the minutes of that meeting appears as **attachment 3**.
10. **Parish Activities:** The Primate reported that he will be meeting with a group of clergy this coming week and he will discuss with them parish activities for the 1700th Anniversary.
11. **Pilgrimage:** George Kassis reported that the pilgrimage to historic Armenia would be a 10-day trip. The pilgrims will travel to Caeserea. From there, the pilgrims will be divided into groups to visit their ancestral lands (Adana, Aintab, Sivas and Diyarbekir). The pilgrims will then reunite in Kars and travel to Ani from where they will cross into Armenia. An extension of stay in Armenia could also be offered.
12. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 1, 2000 at 2:00 PM in the Tahlij at the Diocese of the Armenian Church.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM with the Primate offering the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Berjouhi Saladin

The 1700 Anniversary Concert in New York

EXPENSES

(Based on a 3-day stay)

1. Round trip travel expenses from Armenia, including American visas, departure fees and ground transportation for 26 people @ \$1,250 each	\$32,500
2. Honoraria and per diem	2,000
3. Hotel (Milbourne)	5,500
4. Publicity	4,000
5. Fees for local soloists	2,000
6. Commission for an occasional composition	1,500
7. Production expenses	5,000
8. Miscellaneous	2,500
Total:	\$55,000

INCOME

1. Ticket sales	
100 center front @ \$100	\$10,000
200 side front @ \$50	10,000
300 back seats @ \$25	7,500
60 complimentary tickets for major donors	0
2. Sponsors	\$20,000
Total:	\$55,000

1700th Anniversary of Christianization of Armenia

Conference
(Saturday, 00 May, 2001)

The Armenian Church in the 21st Century

- Panel I (10:00 am to 12:00 pm)
The new constitution and the need to restore discipline in the administration of church affairs: A critical review of the draft of the new constitution.

Chairman: Richard Tarvezian
Speakers: Fr. Zaven Arzoumanian
Fr. Haigazoun Melkonian
Simon Balian

- Lunch break (12:00 to 2:00 pm)

- Panel II (2:00 pm to 4:00 pm)
The hierarchical setup and the role of the catholicate of All Armenians

Chairman: Dr. Dennis Papazian
Speakers: Fr. Arten Ashjian
Fr. Garabed Kochakian
Fr. Zenob Nalbandian

- Break (4:00 to 4:30 pm)

- Panel III (4:30 pm to 6:30 pm)
Reforms needed in the Armenian Church: Contemporary issues on a parish level—euthanasia, divorce and cohabitation, intermarriage, immigration issues, women in the church, language issue.

Chairman: Dr. Garo Garibian
Speakers: Fr. Karekin Kasparian

Fr. Mardiros Chevian
Dr. Ani Bakalian

PANEL DISCUSSION: THE UNITY ISSUE
(7:30 PM)

Chairman: Fr. Mampre Kouzouian

Speakers: Michael Haratunian
Onnic Marashian
Ed Chapien
Fr. Dajad Davidian

1700th Anniversary of Christianization of Armenia

Symposium
(Saturday, 00 September, 2001)

Panel I (10:00 am to 12:00 pm): Pre-Gregorid Armenian Christianity

Chairman: Dr. Robert Mirak

lecture 1 – 10:00 am to 10:20 am

Prof. Peter Cowe – the Syriac influence

lecture 2 – 10:20 am to 10:40 am

Prof. Nina Garsoian – the Greek influence

lecture 3 – 10:40 am to 11:00 am

Prof. James Russell – the Iranian influence

question and answer period – 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Panel II (2:00 pm to 4:00 pm): Early Armenian Christian

Weltanschauung

Chairman: Prof. Nishan Parlakian

lecture 1 – 2:00 pm to 2:20 pm

Dr. Levon Avdoyan – Early Armenian view of the
Secular World

lecture 2 – 2:20 pm to 2:40 pm

Dr. Hagop Nersoyan – Early Armenian theology

lecture 3 – 2:40 pm to 3:00 pm

Dr. Abraham Terian – Influence of Philonic
Literature

question and answer period – 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Panel III (4:30 pm to 6:30 pm): Revival and Development

Chairman: Prof. Ina McCabe Baghdiantz

lecture 1 – 4:30 pm to 4:50 pm

Prof. Robert Hewsen – Bagratid Revival

lecture 2 – 4:50 pm to 5:10 pm

Dr. Robert Bedrossian – Zakarid Revival

lecture 3 – 5:10 pm to 5:30 pm

Dr. Vazken Ghugasian – 17th Century Revival

Question and answer period – 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Draft for comments

Armenian Spiritual Leadership Fund

Prepare leadership that talks to your children as to you

(Notes from the informal meeting held Sunday, March 19, 2000)

Objective:

To Make the Armenian Church significant in the life of every Armenian and his/her family.

Background:

The Armenian Church has, for 1700 years, been the bedrock upon which we have maintained our heritage and spiritual values. The Church is the one institution where all Armenians come together to connect with their identities as Armenian Christians. It is the center and focus of our communities throughout all of America and around the world. The challenge is to prepare the leadership of tomorrow and to make the Armenian Church in America relevant and meaningful to the coming generations. 1700 years ago St. Gregory the Illuminator took the extraordinary step of bringing Christianity to Armenia and establishing the first Christian nation in the whole world. Today as we celebrate this great occasion, we invite you to take an extraordinary step towards our future as Armenian Christians.

Today, over 600,000 Armenians live in the geographical region of the Eastern Diocese. To minister adequately we need to take extraordinary steps to move forward with the spiritual preparation and continuous education of pastoral and lay leaders of the Church to meet the spiritual needs of our children as well as our spiritual needs. Estimating one pastor for every 5,000 Armenians, the Church needs 120 clergy, as contrasted with fewer than 50 at present. While lay leaders are normally involved on a part-time, and usually volunteer basis, lay leadership needs are even greater, and at the moment hardly attended to. If we estimate one lay leader for every 1,000 Armenians, some 600 persons need to be trained.

The Armenian Spiritual Leadership Fund is aimed at ensuring adequate funding to attract, develop and nurture this pastoral and lay leadership in the service of the Church, and thus will benefit every Armenian and every Armenian Church, both directly and indirectly.

Specific Purposes:

- Training of future pastors
- Continuous education of serving pastors
- Pastor sabbaticals
- Orienting and training of Parish Council members
- Orienting and training of Diocesan Delegates
- Training of Diocese and Parish staff responsible for church-wide programs
- Preparing the next generation of youth leaders, parish council members, Diocesan delegates and church-wide program leaders at the Diocesan level.

Important Initial First Steps:

1. Agree on a symbol
2. Form the Larger Committee and agree on its Executive Team.
3. Build a consensus among the clergy to support and promote the initiative
4. Plan the coming out event
5. Investigate how to contact Sam Simonian and his partner Akulian as possible major donors.

Next Meeting:

It was agreed to convene the next meeting on Saturday, April 29 at 9 a.m.

George Kassis
Rapporteur

**1700th Anniversary Celebration
Tentative Schedule
Year 2001**

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
January	Christmas kick-off	Pamphlet #1			
February					
March	Pamphlet #2				
April					
May	Pamphlet #3 Diocesan Assemble	Conference- New York			New York week end event
June	Ecumenical	Pilgrimage	Pilgrimage		
July	Pamphlet #4				
August					
September	Pamphlet #5	Symposium- New York			
October					New York Concert
November	Pamphlet #6 Concert – Parishes	Concert - Parishes			
December					