



# ARMENIAN LIFE



## Lecture Series



The "ARMENIAN LIFE" lecture series of illustrated cultural lectures, sponsored by St. Mary's and The Ararat Foundation, took place on selected Sunday afternoons for the fifth year. The chairman of the program is Dean Shahinian.

### A VIEW OF ARMENIA -- HER MONUMENTS, PEOPLE, BEAUTY AND HER PROMISE -- WITH A FOCUS ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Dr. Jack Kooyoomjian presented a lecture and slide show of a recent mission to Armenia where he participated in the development of an environmental engineering program for the State Engineering University of Armenia, which has over 23,000 students.

### AN AFTERNOON WITH COL. GEORGE JUSKALIAN

Col. George Juskalian described in entertaining and interesting anecdotes his distinguished military career, especially as it brought him into contact with other Armenians in such far away places as Iran, Japan, Korea, Vietnam and even in a German POW camp in Poland.

### MUSICAL SYMBOLISM IN THE BADARAK

Dr. Socrates Boyajian discussed the symbolic significance of various musical elements and conventions in the Yeghmalian Divine Liturgy. He illustrated this symbolism with vocal and piano accompaniment.

### THE ARMENIAN NATIONALITY CLASSROOM

Mr. Charles Klanian presented through slides the well-known Armenia Nationality Classroom at the University of Pittsburgh, which replicates medieval Armenian church architecture and stone masonry. It is based on the Sanahin monastery and contains the Armenian alphabet carved in the walls, friezes, khatchkars and other details -- in a room that is actually used for classes.

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During the month of January, we received an additional amount of \$1,671.00 from our \$100 Grand Raffle ticket sale of 1992, bringing our income to a grand total of \$19,861. Thanks to all who helped us achieve our goal in our fund-raising effort.

The Three-M Adult Fellowship through its Religious, Arts and Music, Health Sciences, Social and Fund Raising committees, organized a variety of interesting activities for our community.

On Jan. 17, Mr. David Zenian, Director of the AGBU Information Center, gave an eyewitness report about the conditions in Armenia to a large, interested audience.

On Sat. Jan. 23, 75 members and friends enjoyed an outing at the Mustache Cafe in Alexandria, Va.

In the month of Feb., a religious retreat was organized twice on two consecutive weekends. Unfortunately, they were both cancelled due to terrible snowstorms.

On March 19, the Three-M hosted the Lenten Evening Service. Mr. Zaven Kalayjian was our guest speaker.

On April 24, Three-M's Second Annual Multi-Media Art Exhibit was held. This year the coordinator was Mrs. Hilda Witherspoon. We thank her for the tremendous effort she put in to make the project a success.

On May 22 Three-M members enjoyed a dinner-dance at church.

On Nov. 20 Der Hayr and Yeretzgin gave a dinner to the members of the Three-M Executive Committee, and discussed ways of motivating and strengthening the organization.

On that same night, members heard a very beneficial lecture on "Stress Management". The guest speaker was Miss Lisa Dieter Borisky.

In Dec. Dr. Harold Kevorkian gave our members an informative talk about chiropractic care.

In Dec. we had our traditional Family Christmas Night with a pot-luck dinner, when Santa Claus visited and gave gifts to all children.

We are very thankful to Dr. Sonya Ioanidis, who donated a "round-trip ticket for two" to Cancun, Mexico. The raffled tickets brought in \$1400 which was donated to children in Armenia. We thank her for her generous donation.

In conclusion we thank Der Hayr and Yeretzgin for their untiring efforts to keep this organization serving the various interests and needs of our community. This broad-based and multi-faceted organization should be supported fully, so that it can live up to the challenges it faces for the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

The Executive Committee