AMAA Honors Nazar Y. Daghlian, Former Boarg

PARAMUS, N.J. - It has become the custom of the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) to honor each year an outstanding leader of the Association. The setting for this accolade is a banquet held in conjunction with the Association's annual meeting. On October 17, 1987, at the AMAA's Annual Meeting Banquet, this accolade was bestowed upon Mr. Nazar Y. Daghlian of Landsdowne, Pa., outgoing President of the AMAA Board of Directors.

Mr. Daghlian was honored for his long years of outstanding service to the worldwide mission ministry of the AMAA.

A deeply committed person to missions and Christian outreach, Mr. Daghlian became involved in the life and work of the Armenian Missionary Association of America and soon after his arrival in the United States in 1957; since then, he has served the Association as Board member, member of the Executive Committee and Chairman and member of many Standing, Special and Ad Hoc Committees. He was Vice President from 1966-68 and capably served as President of the Association from 1968-71 and 1984 to the present.

His many other involvements and services to the AMAA and the Armenian Evangelical Church in North America include: Moderator of the Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church of Havertown. Penn.; Trustee of the Stephen Philibosian Foundation (SPF); first editor of Armenian/American Outlook (now called the AMAA News); Trustee of Haigazian College; Chairman of the Task Force of the World Conference of Armenian Evangelicals, organized by the AMAA in 1978

His deep commitment to the global mission of the AMAA has taken him to various parts of the worldwide missionary field of the Association. In addition to numerous AMAA-related visits to different churches in the United States and Canada over the years, he has visited the Armenian communities in the South American countries of Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Association; headed an AMAA tour group to Yerevan, Armenia; joined the AMAA/SPF delegation's visit to Lebanon in 1980; headed the Association's delegation to the AMAA/Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches Conference in Cyprus in 1985; participated in the Annual Synod of the Armenian Evangelical Union of France; and visited Armenian communities in Germany and The Netherlands.

Held in high esteem for his capable leadership and sincere devotion to his Armenian heritage, Mr. Daghlian has served the Armenian community at large in various important capacities. He has served on the Board of the Armenian Sisters' Academy of Philadelphia, Pa.; as Secretary of the Armenian Historical Research Association; as Chairman and Secretary of the Union of Armenians of Aintab; and as a recently elected member of the Board of Directors of the American Armenian International College.

Mr. Daghlian is married to the former Lucy Kassouny, daughter of the late Reverend Yaghia Kassouny. As a loving wife and devoted Christian, she has prayerfully encouraged her husband in his Christian service and community involvements. Mr. and Mrs. Daghlian have three christians are serviced in the service of the service and community involvements.

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Growing Armenian Community of Kansas Is Well Organized; Has New Center

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The newly emerging Armenian community of Kansas City barely exceeds 30 families, but with their strong faith and dedication they have embarked on organizing as an active and energetic communi-The month of November proved to be an important period in this process of becoming organized. After a period of search and consultation, the Armenian Society of Greater Kansas City was officially created with a nine-member board.

The community now has its own center at 107 West 75th St., Kansas City, MO 64114; Tel. (913) 491-0511.

With the official invitation of the newly formed community, Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian accompanied by Rev. Nerses Manoogian, pastor of St. Gregory Church of Granite City, III., paid a visit to Kansas City on November 30, 1987. Messrs. Zaven Hatoutian and Ara Zakarian welcomed the Prelate at the airport on behalf of the community.

Archbishop Ashjian first paid a visit to the newly acquired community center which is in a process of renovation, and at 6:30 in the evening he celebrated the Divine Liturgy in a local Greek Church. In his sermon the Archbishop urged all the Armenians to answer the call of their church and take part in the organized life of their communities. It was moving to witness the happiness of a handful of Armenians as they participated in an Armenian church service.

Following Sourp Badarak there was a dinner in the church hall. Mr. Zakarian, the chairman of the Armenian Society, warmly welcomed Archbishop Ashjian and Rev. Manoogian and thanked them for their visit. He urged all the Armenians to join hands and strive to make their small community a strong and energetic body.

Rev. Manoogian invited Archbishop Ashjian to address the gathering. He congratulated all the members of the community for their exemplary dedication, and expressed his wishes for continued unity among all.

On behalf of the community, a \$100 check was given to the Archbishop for the "Help Lebanon's Kids" project, as a token of solidarity with their brothers and sisters thousands of miles away. At this moment, an Armenian Evangelical clergyman, Very Rev. George Terian, delivered a strong message reminding everyone of their national heritage and duties.



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