



HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH

DEDICATION
and
CONSECRATION SERVICES

Sunday, December 6
1953

14 Woodlawn Ave. West
Toronto, Ontario
Canada



*His Grace Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan
Primate
Armenian Church of North America*

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F O R E W O R D

The Parish Council of HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH of TORONTO takes this opportunity to thank all those whose vision, enthusiasm, initiation, and financial support made this Church edifice possible for the Armenian Community of Toronto.

We thank the members of the Building Committee for their untiring efforts and devotion, which culminated in the erection of this edifice under the guidance of our Primate, Most Rev. Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan.

We wish to thank all members of our congregation who stood by the Building Committee, supporting it financially and morally. We also express our deep appreciation to all former Torontonians and out of town Armenians, as well as many Canadian and American friends, whose generous contributions were an important factor in making this achievement possible.

We shall also feel ever grateful to the Anglican Church and the Synod for their warm hospitality and the financial support extended to the Armenian community of Toronto for the past quarter century, and for the great privilege given us in the use of their Churches to fulfil our spiritual needs.

Like our forefathers, we give glory and honor to God. HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH, born of that seed, is dedicated to serve its sons and daughters. In the name of those who were martyred in the faith of the Armenian Church during the past nineteen centuries, it is our hope and prayer that we, and the new generations succeeding us, will meet the challenge of our heritage—preservation of the Armenian Faith and Culture, culminating in a finer Canadian Citizenship.

It is with a great sense of appreciation that we hereby record Mr. Garabed Benlian as the "GODFATHER" of the HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH for his most generous financial contribution and moral support.

PARISH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.



CONSECRATION SERVICES
HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH

The Most Rev. Archbishop Tiram Nersoyan, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America, will officiate, assisted by Very Rev. Torkom Manoogian and Rev. Khoren Mamigonian.

SATURDAY, DEC. 5, 1953

Opening of the door, and
Blessing of the Church 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 6, 1953

Morning Service 9 a.m.
Consecration Service 10 a.m.
Divine Liturgy (Badarak) 11 a.m.

Banquet (Barclay Hotel)

with artistic musical
program and guest speakers 5 p.m.

THE ORIGIN OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH

The ancient and persistent tradition of the Armenian Church declares that she was founded by the Apostles St. Thaddeus and St. Bartholomew, who are accordingly recognized as "THE FIRST ENLIGHTENERS OF THE ARMENIANS."

St. Thaddeus entered Armenia in the year 43 A.D. and St. Bartholomew in 60 A.D. to preach the Gospel and to introduce the Christian Faith. The CHURCH as established is of direct Apostolic origin by reason of their labor, teachings and martyrdom.

Christianity was adopted as the State religion in the year 287 A.D. or no later than 301 A.D., thus making Armenia the first Christian State. St. Gregory the Enlightener was the instrument of this remarkable conversion during the reign of the Armenian King Tiridates.

In the year 451 A.D., Persia, a pagan nation, compelled the new Armenian Christian nation to renounce their Faith and re-embrace paganism. It is an undying inspiration for all the Armenians, and a memorable date to remember that the ensuing wars of Vartan and Vahan Mamigonian, culminating in a glorious victory, saved their Christian Faith for all time.

The Armenian Liturgy is a beautiful, colorful and devotional service which has retained all of its medieval enchantment and grace.

The CHURCH has been the guardian of Armenian RELIGION, LANGUAGE and CULTURE for centuries.

BANQUET AND ENTERTAINMENT

BARCLAY HOTEL
(Indigo Room)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1953
5 P.M.

MR. YERVANT PASDERMADJIAN
Master of Ceremonies

LORD'S PRAYER

TOAST TO THE QUEEN

Introductory Notes	George Semerjian Chairman, Parish Council
Piano Solo	Mrs. Winifred Selyan
Song	Miss Dalita Selyan
Recitation	Miss E. Shehirian
Kemantche Solo	Joseph Onanian
Song	Miss Mary Ohanian

Address: His Grace Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan,
Primate Armenian Church of North America

GUEST SPEAKERS

BENEDICTION BY HIS GRACE

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**FINANCIAL PROGRESS REPORT OF
CHURCH CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Total cost of building, land and expenses to date	\$58,721.91
Estimated cost to complete project	9,000.00
Estimated cost of Furnishings	<u>5,000.00</u>
	\$72,721.91

Cash donations to date	\$36,022.13
Specified donations	2,220.00
Sundry receipts	<u>5,274.58</u>
	<u>\$43,516.71</u>

EXCESS OF ESTIMATED COST OVER CASH RECEIPTS	<u><u>\$29,205.20</u></u>
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To be financed by

Mortgage (Can. Per. Mortgage Corp.)	\$14,000.00
Loan (Bank of Nova Scotia)	<u>5,000.00</u>
	\$19,000.00

NET AMOUNT NEEDED IN EXCESS OF MORTGAGE AND LOAN TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT	<u>10,205.20</u>
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CHURCH CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
A. SHISHMANIAN, Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

FEBRUARY 3, 1950 TO NOVEMBER 21, 1953

RECEIPTS

General donations	\$36,022.13
Specified donations	2,220.00
Sundry Receipts	5,274.58
Mortgage	14,000.00
Bank loan	<u>5,000.00</u>
	<u>\$62,516.71</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Cost of land and landscaping	\$ 3,715.00
Building contractor	37,490.35
Heating contractor	2,169.00
Plumbing contractor	2,132.00
Electrical contractor	1,100.74
Church interior	5,908.05
Architect's fees	1,400.24
Interest (Mortgage & loan)	515.67
Sundry disbursements	<u>4,290.86</u>
	\$58,721.91
Cash on hand, Nov. 21, 1953	<u>3,794.80</u>
	<u>\$62,516.71</u>

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
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WITH HEARTFELT GRATITUDE

DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS A SPECIAL BOOKLET WILL BE PREPARED, LISTING THE NAMES OF ALL THE CONTRIBUTORS AND GIFTS AND SERVICES FROM INDIVIDUALS THAT MADE THIS MEMORABLE DAY POSSIBLE. THE BOOKLET WILL ALSO CONTAIN A COMPLETE FINANCIAL REPORT, HISTORICAL FACTS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND POINTS OF INTEREST.

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