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THE CONSECRRATION OF THE HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH OF TORONTO



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1973



In Memoriam

**THIS MEMORIAL IS DEDICATED
TO ALL THOSE WHO, HAVING OFFERED
THEIR FINANCIAL, MORAL AND PHYSICAL SUPPORT
TO THEIR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY,
ARE NOW IN ETERNAL PEACE.**

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE BLESSED FOREVER.



HIS HOLINESS VASKEN I
Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians



DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 • 212-MU 6-0710

BISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

ԱՌԱՋՆՈՐԴ ՍՐԲԱՋԱՆԻ ԽՕՍԲԸ
ԹՕՐՕՆԹՈՅԻ Ս. ԵՐՐՈՐԴՈՒԹԻՒՆ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ ՀԱՄԱՑՆՔԻՆ

Հայկական առաքինութեամբ եկեղեցիներ կը կանգնեցնենք միասին պաշտելու զԱստուած եւ մեր ծառայութիւնն ի սպաս ղնելու ժողովուրդի հոգեւոր լուսաւորութեան համար: Այս բարձր նպատակով, ասկէ քսան տարի առաջ, կազմուեցաւ նաեւ Թօրօնթոյի Ս. Երրորդութիւն եկեղեցւոյ մեր համայնքը, որ կրցաւ իր տարեգրութեանց մէջ արձանագրել զնահատելի իրագործումներ:

Ձեռնարկութեան մը տարեդարձի նշումը առհասարակ կ'ըլլայ առիթ մը ուրախութեան եւ համարատուութեան: Եւ չկայ ուրախանալու համար աւելի մեծ առանձնաշնորհում մը, քան իրականացումը բարի գործի մը, որուն հիմնական նպատակը կ'ըլլայ փառաբանել Աստուած եւ արդիւնաւոր յայտագիրներ յօգուտ ազգային բարգաւաճման եւ մշակութային արժէքներու տարածման:

Փոքրաթիւ էր Թօրօնթոյի նորակազմ համայնքը, եւ այդ պատճառաւ սակաւ էին հաւատացեալները, բայց զաղութին հետզհետէ աճումով զգալիօրէն բազմացան պաշտամունքին մասնակցողներն ու գործեր կարգաւորողները: Նուիրումի եւ նախանձախնդրութեան զիտակից հոգիներու շնորհիւ համայնքը զօրացաւ մեր հայրերէն ժառանգուած հաւատքով եւ զեղեցիկ աւանդութիւններով ու դարձաւ աշխոյժ մասնիկը մեր ընդարձակ թեմին:

Արդարեւ Ս. Երրորդութիւն Հայց. Եկեղեցւոյ զաւակները վեհ նպատակին կատարման համար իրենց տարած յարատեւ աշխատանքով շահեցան զոհունակութեան եւ ցնծութեան իրաւունքը, եւ գործունէութեան տիպարներ հանդիսացան անոնց, որոնք պիտի զան ստանձնելու գործօն դերեր եկեղեցական եւ ազգային կեանքէն ներս:

Մեր մաղթանքն է որ Աստուծոյ օրհնութիւնը անպակաս մնայ Թօրօնթոյի մեր համայնքի զաւակներուն վրայէն, եւ հոգեւոր հովիւ ու ծխական խորհուրդ, գործօն մարմիններու աջակցութեամբ կարենան առաւել եւս ծաղկուն պահել հոգեւոր, մշակութային, կրթական եւ ընկերային կեանքը համայնքին մէջ:

ԹՈՐԳՈՄ ԱՐՔԵՊԻՍԿՈՊՈՍ
Առաջնորդ

Նոյ. 1, 1973



HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate of the Armenian Apostolic Church of North America



DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 212 686-0710

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

PRIMATE'S MESSAGE

We build our churches to serve God and our people. Twenty years ago the Holy Trinity parish organized its church community for just this purpose, and for twenty years it has accomplished it admirably.

Anniversaries are a time of rejoicing; they are also a time of reckoning. And there is no joy greater than a good purpose fulfilled, and service rendered to God and to our fellow man.

The Holy Trinity parish of Toronto was small when it started, just as its community was small; it grew as the community grew. And more significantly, it proved itself to be an essential factor in that growth.

For this you can rejoice.

Your community has been virtually transformed in the score of years since the founding of your Church, becoming a vital and vigorous part of our great Diocese, strengthening the faith of our fathers, and the heritage we hold so dear.

For this too you can rejoice.

And for the work you have done, and the purposes you have served, we commend you. It is an example all our people can follow with profit. It is an example in which all of us can rejoice.

May the Lord bless you for your service in His cause.

Abp. Torkom Manoogian
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN



VERY REV. JIRAYR TASHJIAN
PASTOR
Since 1961

Former Visiting Clergymen
Rev. Khoren Mamigonian
1945-1954
Very Rev. Vasken Tatoyan
1956-1961

ԽՕՍԲ ԵՐԱՍՏԱԳԻՏՈՒԹԵԱՆ ԵՒ ՈՒՍՏԻ

Ամերիկայի Հայոց Առաջնորդութեան հոգեւոր հովանիին տակ ծլող ու ծաղկող Թորոնթոնայ համայնքը, այսօր, երախտագիտական խորունկ զգացումով, սիրով եւ յարգանքով կը տօնակատարէ իր անդրանիկ եկեղեցւոյ՝ ՍՈՒՐԲ ԵՐԲՐՈՒԴՈՒԹԻՒՆ ՀԱՅԱՍՏԱՆԵԱՅՑ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ օծման քսաներորդ տարեդարձը, քացառիկ ֆանդիսութեամբ:

Քսան տարիներ առջ, փոքրաթիւ հայեր, բնի տարազրուած իրենց բնաշխարհի օջախներէն եւ ապաստան գտած Գանատայի այս հիւրընկալ ափերը, տեսիլքը եւ զիտակցութիւնը ունեցան իբրեւ իրենց ազգային գոյութեան կոռուան եւ ազդակ, իբրեւ իրենց կրօնական եւ ազգային խաւալին խորհրդանիշ՝ Հայաստանեայց Առաքելական Ս. Եկեղեցի, կազմակերպելու իրենց կրօնական եւ ազգային կեանքը, միատեղ լծուելու սրտագին պայքարի մը, ապահովելու համար մաշելու եւ ուծացումի վրտանսզին ենթակայ զալիք սերունդներու գոյութիւնը, հայ ազգային առողջ նկարագիրը պահելու մտահոգութեամբ:

Արդարեւ, աշխարհի այս ծայրամասին վրայ հայու շինարար ձեռքով կառուցւած հայ հաւատքի եւ ազգային նախանձախնդրութեան այս մշտնջենական կոթողը, կենդանի վկայութիւնն է գայն կառուցող սերունդին այն վրէժին, որ գիտցաւ, այս օտարութեան մէջ սիրտով կապուիլ իր եկեղեցիին հետ, որպէս զի կարենայ օր մը հալեցնել բոլոր տեսակի մտքի սառնութիւնները նոյն այդ սրտին տաքութեան:

Անոնք եղբայրանալով իրարու հետ, անկեղծ եւ աննախապաշար ոգիով, եկեղեցասիրութիւնը նկատեցին հագուազիւտ գիտակցական կարողութիւն մը, ուղղակի կապուելու Գերագոյն Կատարելութեան՝ Աստուծոյ, իրենց սիրար լեցուցին անձիր տենչանքներով եւ փափաքներով, եւ արտայայտելով եւ գործադրելով զանոնք, հանդիսացան սրբազան համերաշխութեան, հանդուրժողութեան եւ համագործակցութեան օրինակելի զաղուլ մը Գանատայի այս հիւրընկալ հողին վրայ:

Անոնց կերտած հաւատքի սիրոյ սեղանին առջեւ մենք եւս եղբայրացած իրարու հետ, ուխտենք վերանորոգել եւ վերանորոգուիլ անոնց լոյս տեսիլքով, որոնց արեան եւ նահատակութեան ժառանգորդ զաւակներն ենք բոլորս, առաւելագոյն եռանդով, գիտակցութեամբ եւ մանաւան եղբայրական սիրով աշխատելու Հայաստանեայց Առաքելական Ս. Եկեղեցւոյ քարզաւածման եւ Աստուծոյ յաւիտենական փառքին համար:

ԺԻՐԱՅԻ ՎՐԴ. ԹԱՇՃԵԱՆ
Հոգեւոր Հովիւ
Ս. Երրորդութիւն Հայց. Եկեղեցւոյ

Դեկտեմբեր 9, 1973
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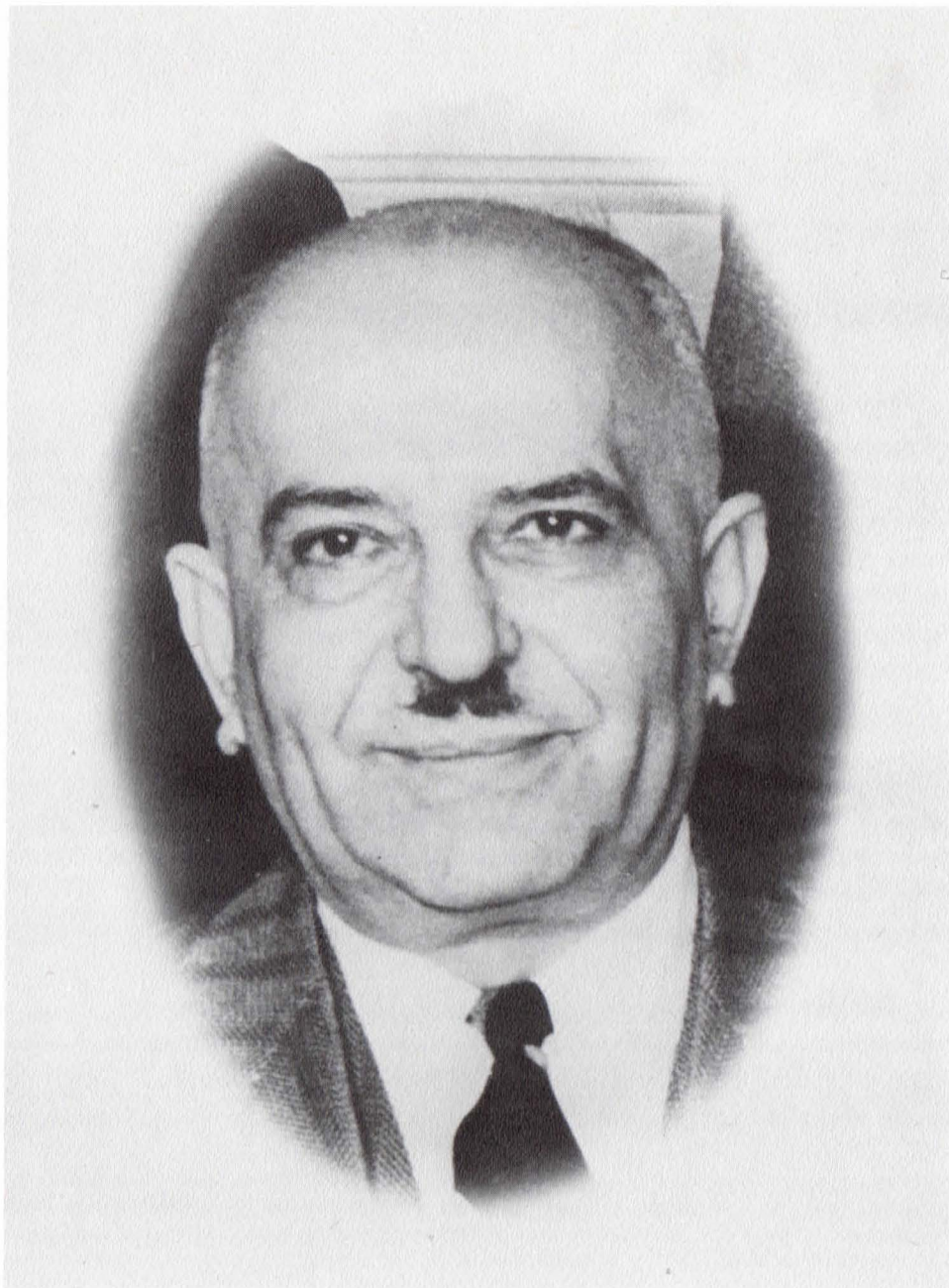
The Armenian community of Toronto, which has flourished under the spiritual guidance of the Diocese of the Armenian Church in America, is celebrating with love and devotion the twentieth anniversary of the consecration of the Armenian Holy Trinity Church in Toronto. Some twenty years ago a small group of immigrants, uprooted from their ancestral homeland, found haven on these hospitable shores of Canada. They had both the vision and determination to establish an Armenian Apostolic Church to serve as a symbol of their national and spiritual identity and by which they could preserve the character of the Armenian national heritage for forthcoming generations.

Today this monument of our Armenian national faith is living testimony of the spirit of those uprooted who, despite great tragedy and tribulations, did not lose their zeal for their House of Faith. From the outset they considered love and dedication to the Armenian Church to be a unique and rare experience on which to organize their parochial life.

Our present generation today, with resolute devotion, is renewing their commitment and pledge to the national and spiritual heritage of their ancestors, which is to further the cause of the Armenian people and the Armenian Church, for the eternal glory of God.

JIRAYR VARTABED TASHJIAN
Pastor of
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Toronto

December 9, 1973
Toronto, Canada.



MR. GARABED BENLIAN

1892-1960

born in Ceasarea (Gesaria), educated in England and emigrated to Canada in 1912. He was manager of Babayan's Rug Ltd. As the largest donor to the Church Building Fund, Mr. Benlian became the Godfather during the Consecration of the Church in 1953. He passed away in Toronto in 1960 leaving a bequest to the Holy Trinity Armenian Church. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elleen Benlian and his sister, Mrs. Perouz Babayan.



MRS. PEROUZ BABAYAN

born in Ceasarea (Gesaria) and educated in England. She moved to Canada with her marriage to the late Levon Babayan of Toronto, founder and president of the Babayan Rug Company. Since her husband's death in 1951, she has been president of the rug company. Because of the continued active interest and benefactions of the Babayans toward the Armenian Church and people of Toronto, Mrs. Perouz Babayan has been considered the honorary president of the Toronto Armenians.



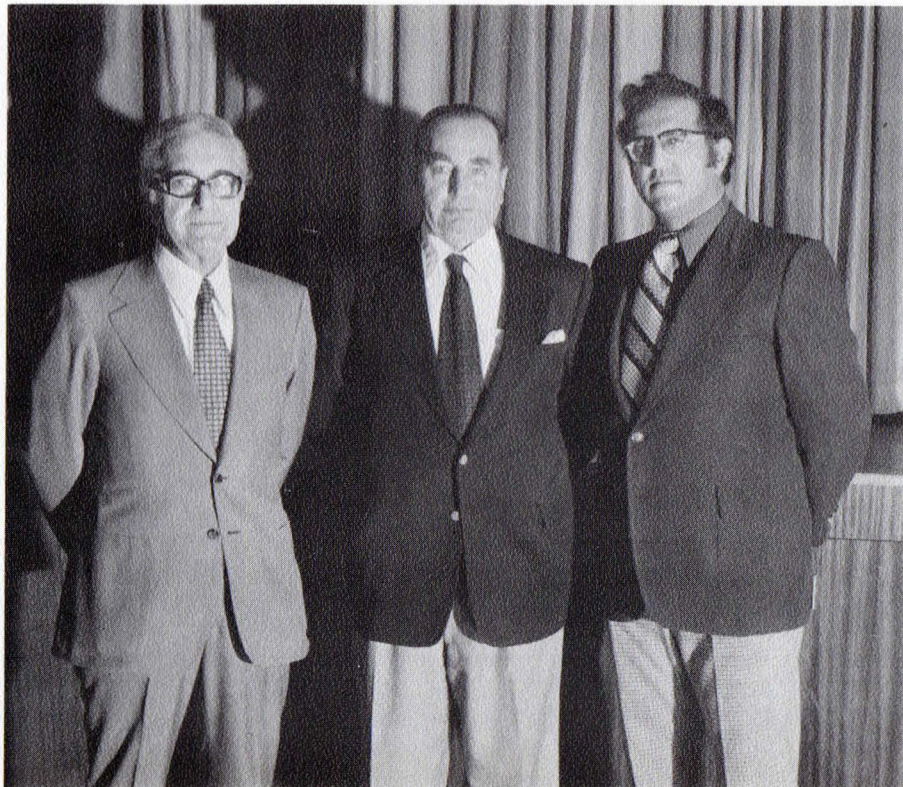
BUILDING COMMITTEE & PARISH COUNCIL 1953



LADIES' AUXILIARY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1953



PARISH COUNCIL 1973



DIOCESAN
DELEGATES
1973



SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF 1973



LADIES' AUXILIARY 1973



ARMENIAN SCHOOL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1973



ARMENIAN SCHOOL STAFF 1973



SENIOR CHOIR 1973 (partial)



JUNIOR CHOIR 1973



"NOR SEROUNT" MAGAZINE STAFF 1973



ACYOA 1973



FOLK DANCE GROUP COMMITTEE 1973

FLASHBACK

Holy Trinity Armenian Church is twenty years old today. As if it were only yesterday that His Eminence Archbishop Tiran NER-SOYAN, the Primate, assisted by the Very Rev. Torkom Manoogian and Rev. Khoren Mamigonian officiated at the Consecration services for the new edifice. It was Sunday, December 6, 1953. It was an ordinary Sunday by all other accounts. However, for the two hundred Armenians of Toronto, it was a special day of joy with the fulfillment of an impossible dream.

The Armenians of Toronto at the time had congregated in the Queen City as a direct result of the political upheavals in their Fatherland. Many had come to Toronto as young orphans having lost their parents in the Armenian holocaust of World War I. They had a common heritage in their Church, their language and their six centuries long political oppression.

They were free at last on Canadian soil. They were free to practice or abandon the faith of their forefathers. They were free to cherish or ignore the culture of their ancestors. They were free to congregate with their own kith and kin or go their own separate ways as full fledged citizens of a vast new country. Therein lay the challenge.

The indomitable spirit of the ancient Armenian people met that challenge head on. The Armenians of Toronto in the great majority held fast to the heritage that was bequeathed to them by the blood and sweat of

their predecessors. After dreaming and hoping for two decades and labouring furiously for three years, they had finally put together a Church and Community Centre. Financial and moral support came from afar. Former Toronto Armenians send in help. Neighbouring town Armenians extended a helping hand. Leaders of the parish even solicited funds from their non-Armenian friends, all for a good cause.

The small size of the community and the relatively large mortgage spurred everyone to selfless work. The Church and its hall became a second home to most. As the years were to go by and Armenian immigration to Canada was to rise, the new Armenian centre became a home away from home, a place to meet old and new friends.

In 1956 a large scale immigration began from Constantinople as a result of the Cyprus Independence issue making life less than stable in Turkey.

By early 1960s another wave of immigration began from Egypt as a result of the economic and social changes in the country. For similar reasons Armenian immigration is on the rise today from Syria and Labanon.

What began as a community of 200 souls back in 1953, today it counts 4000 to 5000 Armenians in its bosom. Holy Trinity Armenian Church and its new auditorium of 1963 as well as its original auditorium of 1953 became a meeting place for older resi-

dents as well as newcomers. People mingled together, prayed together and pooling their God given resources together produced a dynamic cultural and social life in the Parish; in the process transforming an English-speaking Parish to an Armenian-speaking community full of talent and vigour.

The older members of the community laid

a solid foundation on which the new members added the superstructure and embellished the entire parish life.

We have come a long way in twenty years. Let us sit back and review our accomplishments in the service of God and our fellowmen. Where do we go from here as Toronto Armenians?

MILESTONES

- 1953 Consecration of the first and only Armenian Apostolic Church in Toronto.
- 1960 Catholicos Of All Armenians, His Holiness Vasken I visits Toronto parish.
- 1961 The Church gets its first permanent pastor (Very Rev. Jirayr Tashjian)
- 1963 New Church Auditorium completed.
- ???? A Larger Church and Auditorium.

DIOCESAN DELEGATES

1952-1956

Kevork Semerjian

1956-1960

Kevork Semerjian
Setrak Adourian

1960-1964

Kevork Semerjian
Barkev Khojajian

1964-1968

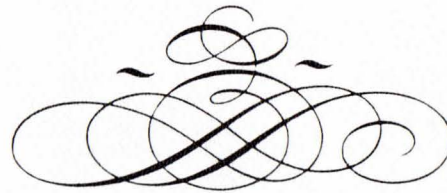
Yeznig Boyajian
Hagop Tossounian

1968-1972

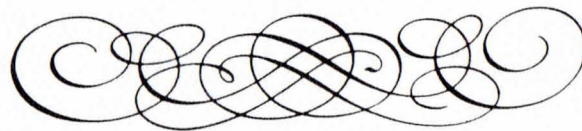
Arto Cavouk
Haig Selian
Jirayr Pederian

1972-1976

Setrak Adourian
Ardashes Sarian
Hrant Souin



**PARISH
COUNCIL
MEMBERS**



1953

Kevork Semerjian *Chairman*
Hagop Souin *Vice-Chairman*
Setrak Adourian *Secretary*
Hagop Shishmanian *Treasurer*
Mary Poladian *Advisor*
Krikor Kasparian *Advisor*
Mampre Shirinian *Advisor*
Dikran Ounjian *Advisor*

1954

Kevork Semerjian *Chairman*
Hagop Souin *Vice-Chairman*
Setrak Adourian *Secretary*
Hagop Shishmanian *Treasurer*
Mary Poladian *Advisor*
Krikor Kasparian *Advisor*
Mampre Shirinian *Advisor*
Dikran Ounjian *Advisor*

1955

Krikor Kasparian *Chairman*
Krikor Elmasian *Vice-Chairman*
Setrak Adourian *Secretary*
Hagop Shishmanian *Treasurer*
Vahe Oundjian *Advisor*
Dikran Ounjian *Advisor*
Mary Poladian *Advisor*

1956

Krikor Kasparian	<i>Chairman</i>
Setrak Adourian	<i>Secretary</i>
Hagop Shishmanian	<i>Treasurer</i>
Barkev Khojajian	<i>Advisor</i>
Krikor Elmasian	<i>Advisor</i>
Vahe Oundjian	<i>Advisor</i>
Mary Poladian	<i>Advisor</i>

1957

Krikor Elmasian	<i>Chairman</i>
Setrak Adourian	<i>Secretary</i>
Vahe Oundjian	<i>Treasurer</i>
Mary Poladian	<i>Advisor</i>
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Zaven Mesrobian	<i>Advisor</i>
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1958

Krikor Elmasian	<i>Chairman</i>
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Ashod Candan	<i>Advisor</i>
Dr. Ara Keresteci	<i>Advisor</i>

1959

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Kevork Semerjian	<i>Advisor</i>

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Boghos Maissian	<i>Advisor</i>
Bedros Tchilinguirian	<i>Advisor</i>

1965

Hagop Tossounian	<i>Chairman</i>
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Harry Artinian	<i>Treasurer</i>
Nubar Karadjian	<i>Advisor</i>
Bedros Kokorian	<i>Advisor</i>
Hrant Souin	<i>Advisor</i>
Boghos Maissian	<i>Advisor</i>

1966

Onnig Dzalian	<i>Chairman</i>
Hrant Souin	<i>Vice-Chairman</i>
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Garo Deirmendjian	<i>Advisor</i>
Jirair Pederian	<i>Advisor</i>
Haig Selian	<i>Advisor</i>

1967

Haig Selian	<i>Chairman</i>
Jirayr Pederian	<i>Vice-Chairman</i>
Garo Deirmendjian	<i>Secretary</i>
Harry Artinian	<i>Treasurer</i>
Benny Ampagoumian	<i>Advisor</i>
Arto Gulian	<i>Advisor</i>
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1968

Haig Selian	<i>Chairman</i>
Victor Catchick	<i>Vice-Chairman</i>
Jirayr Yeretsian	<i>Secretary</i>
Harry Artinian	<i>Treasurer</i>
Edmond Artin	<i>Advisor</i>
Arto Gulian	<i>Advisor</i>
Garo Kavoukian	<i>Advisor</i>
Jirayr Pederian	<i>Advisor</i>
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1969

Garo Kavoukian	<i>Chairman</i>
Hachy Horasan	<i>Vice-Chairman</i>
Jirayr Yeretsian	<i>Secretary</i>
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Ardashes Sarian	<i>Advisor</i>
Jirayr Soultanian	<i>Advisor</i>

1970

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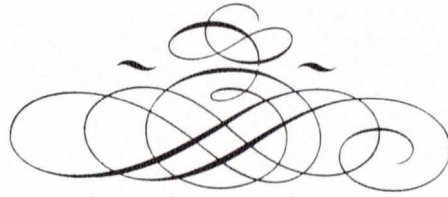
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1972

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Stepan Semerdjian	<i>Treasurer</i>
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1973

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Armen Kurkjian	<i>Vice-Chairman</i>
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MENU

Relish Tray

Chicken Noodle Soup

Tossed Green Salad

Rock Cornish Game Hen

Saffron Rice

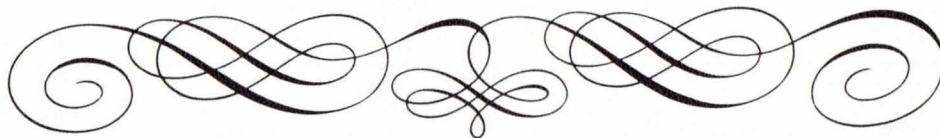
Parisienne Potatoes

Cauliflower Mornay

Rolls & Butter

Napoleon Slice

Coffee or Tea



PROGRAMME

NATIONAL ANTHEM

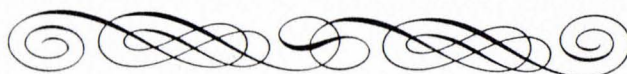
Araxie Kassarjian

INVOCATION

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian

BARKEV KHOJAJIAN

Master of Ceremonies



WELCOME	Armen Kurkjian Vice-Chairman, Parish Council
VOCAL SELECTIONS	Lena Tashjian Araxie Kassarjian, accompanist
THE PAST	Setrak Adourian
RECITATION	Suzu Alexanian
CHORAL SELECTIONS	Church Senior Choir
REMINISCENCES	Perouz Babayan
VOCAL SELECTIONS	Zarminéh Yeretsian Araxie Kassarjian, accompanist
ARMENIAN FOLK DANCES	Church Folk Dance Group



ADDRESS

HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN

Primate of the Armenian Apostolic Church
of North America

BENEDICTION



A TORONTO ARMEN

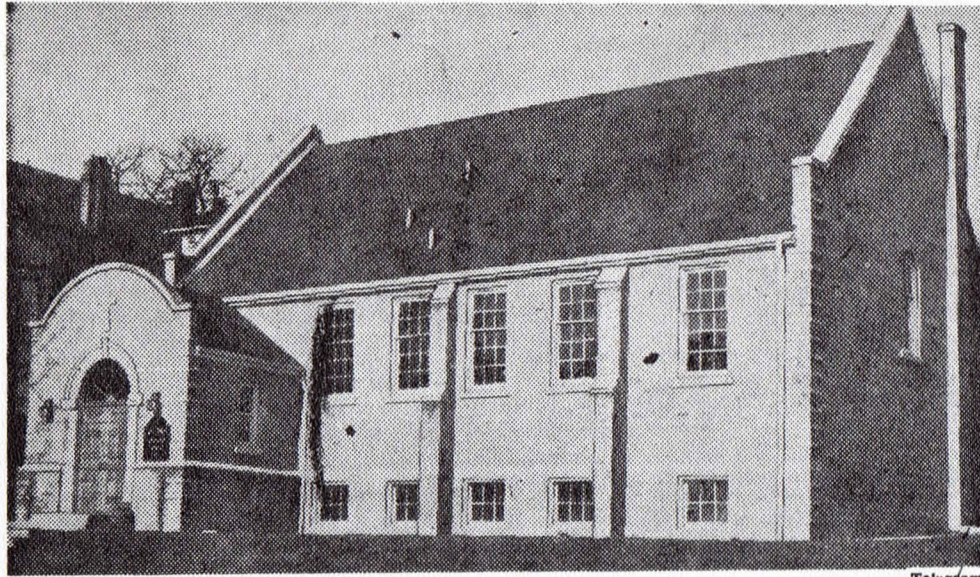


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A TORONTO ARMENIAN PICNIC 1949

Church Dream Fulfilled



Holy Trinity Armenian Church ready for opening and dedication Sunday.



CARL BENLIAN
"Godfather" largest donor



REV. KHOREN MAMIGONIAN
In charge of new church

Norsoyan, primate of the Armenian Church of North America, will officiate at the dedication service Sunday morning assisted by the pastor, Rev. Khoren Mamigonian of St. Catharines. Also present will be Rt. Rev. A. R. Beverley, Bishop of Toronto, and Canon Frank, representing the Church of England.

Holy Trinity Armenian Church, 14 Woodlawn ave. w., will be opened and dedicated Sunday, fulfilling the 25-year-old dream of the Armenian community in Toronto.

It was back in 1928 that the Armenians founded a congregation, but, being few in number and without funds, were unable to build a church of their own. For two years they worshipped at St. Stephen's Anglican Church and then moved to the Church of the Holy Trinity, which was more central. There for the past 23 years they have held their services in the chapel.

"We rejoice in the fact that they now have their own church although we will miss them," said Rev. Canon John C. Frank. "We were very glad to have them and always got along very happily together."

Canon Frank added that they deserve a great deal of credit, because although they are few—about 65 families—they have succeeded in preserving their own form of worship.

In recognition of the hospitality received over the years from Holy Trinity the Armenian Church is being named after it. As the largest donor to the building fund, tradition makes Carl Benlian the "godfather" of the new church.

"We decided to call it Holy Trinity for sentimental reasons—the years we worshipped in the downtown church," declared Mr. Benlian.

The new church will have a seating capacity of 150 in the nave with accommodation for 200 in the basement. The latter will be used for Sunday school and mid-week activities.

His Grace Archbishop Tiran



Randolph Macdonald
LEVON BABAYAN
Founder of rug company

Once Refugee Started Firm Of Rug Makers

Levon Babayan, 76, founder of the Babayan Oriental Rug Company, died today in Wellesley Hospital.

Mr. Babayan, who fled Turkish atrocities on the Armenians, in 1896, and brought to Canada the art of the Oriental rug-makers, had been ill for several months.

In 1915 he formed the Canadian-Armenian Relief Association, which collected \$1,000,000 for the persecuted Armenians. Another of his enterprises was the bringing of more than 100 Armenian youths to Canada.

Travel was his hobby. He annually visited Europe and the Near East. On one of these trips he met and married the former Perouz Benlian, in London, Eng.

Armenians, throughout the world, consider his name synonymous with Canada.

He was president of Babayans, Ltd., and a director and life member of the Armenian General Benevolent Union. He was a member of the Empire Club, Ontario Jockey Club and the Masonic Order.

As president of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Toronto, he was knighted by the Catholics (head of the Armenian Church) for his numerous philanthropic works.

In 1926, after an extensive trip through Egypt, Mr. Babayan returned with the mummy of a Royal Infant, from a tomb in the Valley of Kings. He presented it to the Royal Ontario Museum.

The Babayan home, Armavir, in North York, was well known for its collection of art.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 3.00 p.m. from Holy Trinity Anglican Church.

"Toronto Telegram"
December 1953

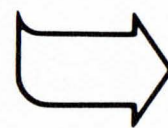
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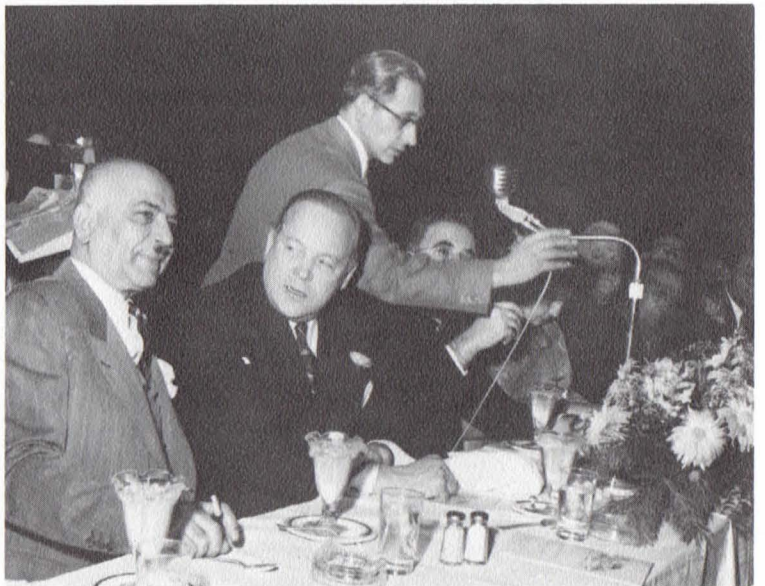
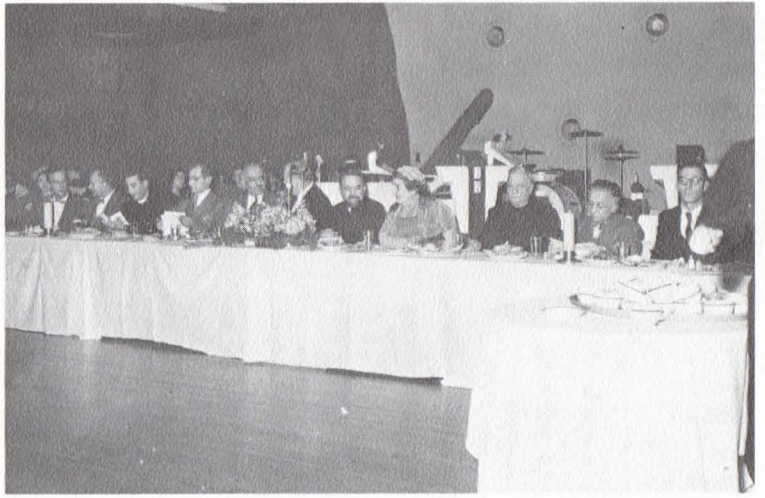
20 years

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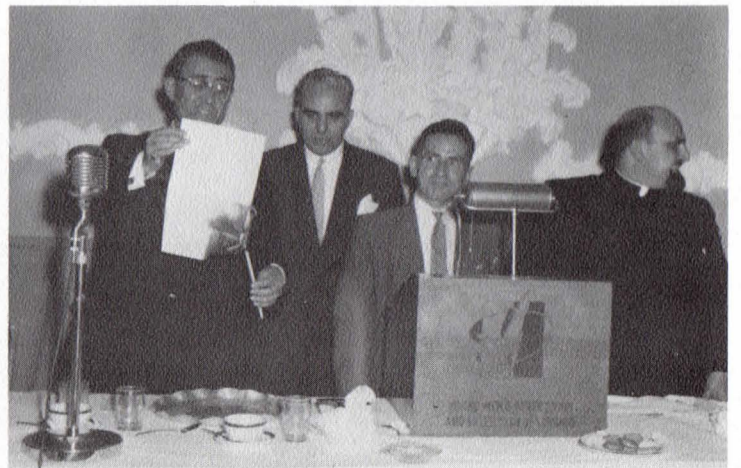














CITY OF TORONTO — PUBLIC NOTICE

"ARMENIAN DAY"

SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH, 1965

During 1965 the Armenian Community will observe the fiftieth anniversary of the wholesale massacre and deportation of Armenian citizens in World War I, and April 24th is set aside each year as a symbolic day of mourning.

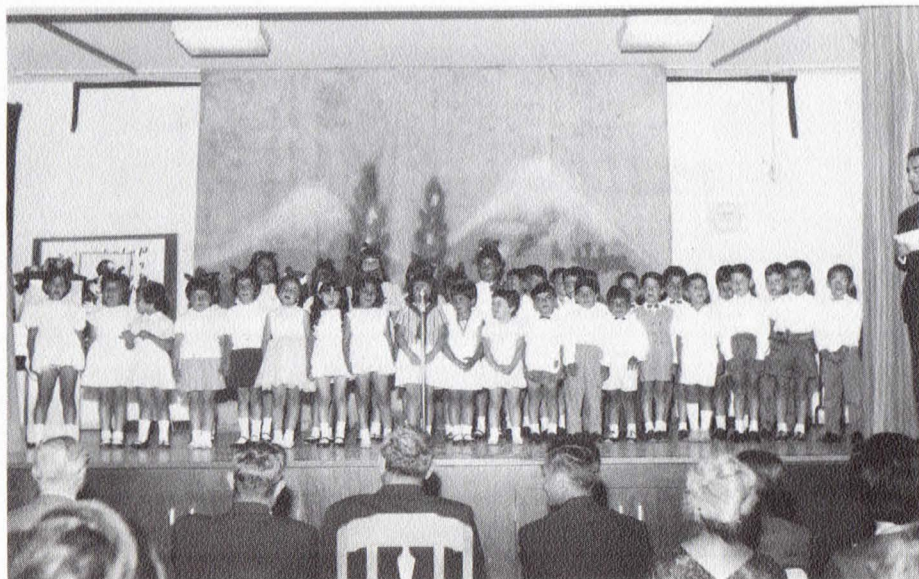
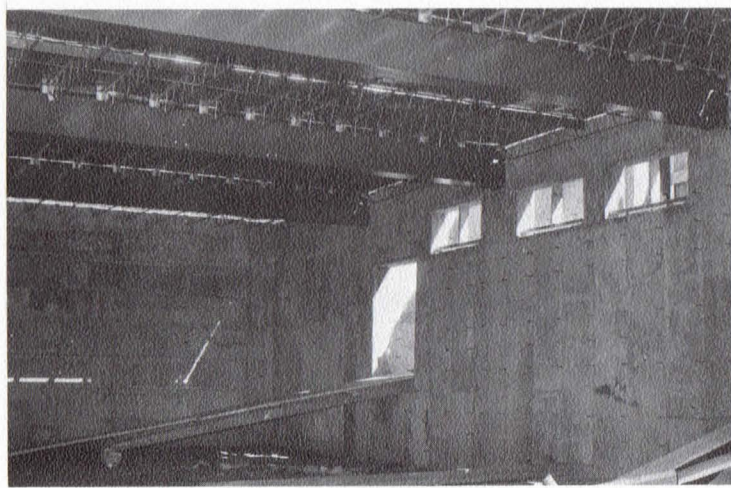
Canada's role in the Near East Relief saved many lives and the immigration of the first Armenians into this Country commenced with the Canadian adoption of a dozen orphaned Armenian children.

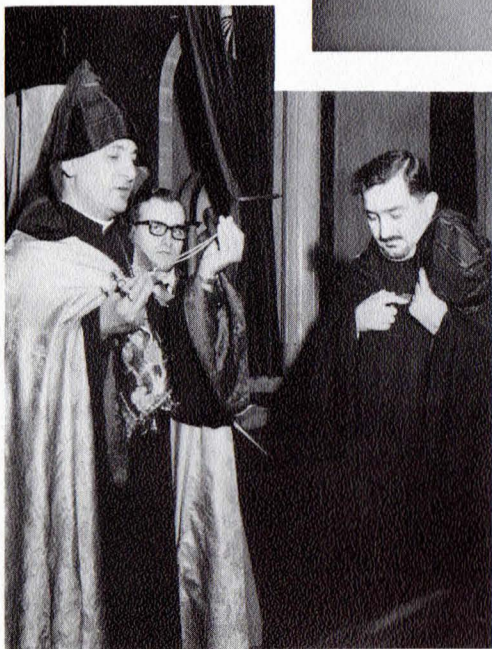
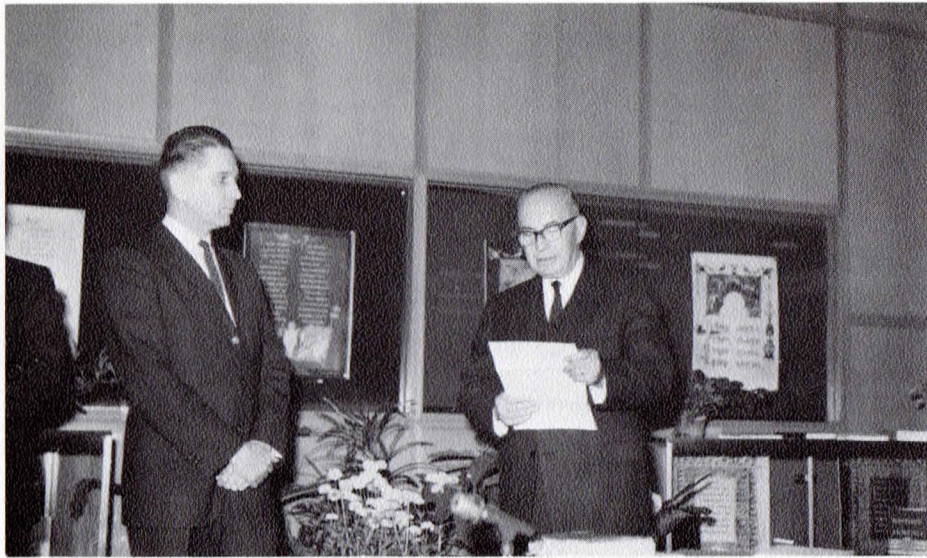
On April 24th memorial services will be held by Canadians of Armenian origin or descent for those who suffered martyrdom, and the Corporation of the City of Toronto hereby designates Saturday, April 24th, as "Armenian Day" in Toronto.

C. E. NORRIS,
City Clerk.

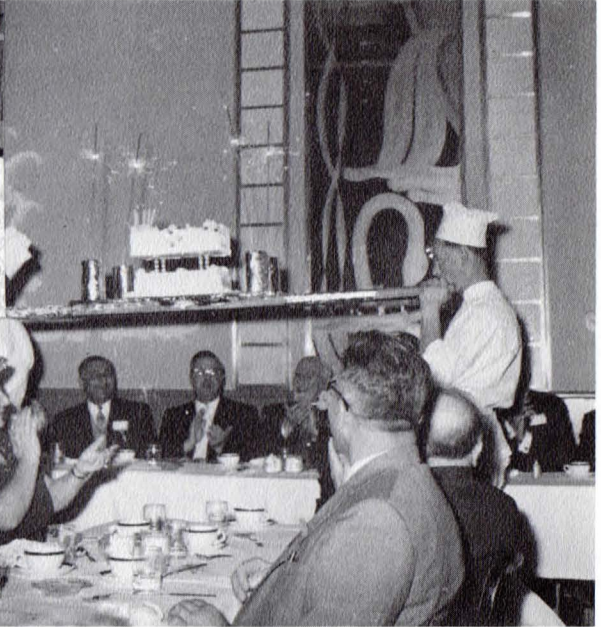
City Hall, Toronto,
April 23rd, 1965.



























20TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

This book is donated by Mrs. Perouz Babayan



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