

Memorial Day Prayer

On this day of remembrance for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we consider how they have followed in the footsteps of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Let us be ever grateful for their will to serve our United States defending our freedoms and to assure our protection.

May the members of our armed forces be blessed with the courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish their patriotic responsibility.

We ask that you would grant wisdom to the leaders of our armed forces. Guide and direct them in their decisions. May they be led by your will and your heart as they pursue our nation's freedom. We continue to pray for peace in our world. Lord, let your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen



MEMORIAL DAY

WE REMEMBER

STS. VARTANANTZ ARMENIAN CHURCH SUNDAY BULLETIN

May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

Feast of the Ascension – May 29



**I
am with
you
always
until
the end
of
the
World**

**Divine Liturgy (Սուրբ Պատարագ)...10:00 a.m.
Requiem Service (Պաշտօն Հոգեհանգստեան)
Sermon (Քարոզ)**

Բարի Գալուստ Սրբ Վարդանանց Եկեղեցի
 Տեր Խաչատուր Քահանայ Գեսապեան, Հովիւ
Welcome to Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church
Rev. Father Khachatur Kesablyan, Pastor

Scripture: I John 3:2-6 and John 9:39-10:10.

Today's Gospel Reading – John 9:39-10:10. Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that those who do not see may gain their sight, and the ones who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and asked him, "We are not blind too, are we?" Jesus replied, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin, but now because you claim that you can see, your guilt remains." I tell you the solemn truth, the one who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. The doorkeeper opens the door for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought all his own sheep out, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they recognize his voice. They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not recognize the stranger's voice. "Jesus told them this parable, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus said to them again, "I tell you the solemn truth, I am the door for the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters through me, he will be saved, and will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come so that they may have life, and may have it abundantly.

So that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4).

Church and Community Calendar

June 8 - Early Bird Men's Fellowship Father's Day Brunch following Church Services.

July 27 – Annual Vartavar Water Festival

August 3 – Annual Church Picnic.

October 24 – 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Priestly Ordination of Father Khachatur. His Eminence Bishop Parsamyan, Primate, to preside. Save the date.

November 22 - Annual Food Festival.



Our ACYOA Jrs. are practicing their volleyball and basketball skills in "Hye" Gear to prepare for the upcoming ACYOA Sports Weekend in Watertown, hosted by St. James Armenian Church.



Congratulations to the Murphy Family on the Baptism
Aren Joseph Murphy
Parents: Matthew and Jennifer Murphy
Godparents: David Murphy and Sarah Sievering
Grandparents: David and Carol Hildebrand

Requiem Service (Պաշտօն Հոգեհանգստեան)



Requiem Service has been requested in memory of.....

† **Perpetual Members of the Ladies Aid Society and Women's Guild** by the Women's Guild Organization.

† **The valiant defenders of the Battle of Sartarabad who gave their lives for their Faith and Motherland** by the faithful of Sts. Vartanantz Church.

† **American men and women who scarified their lives defending out United States of America** by the faithful of Sts. Vartanantz Church.

† **Irene Guregian** by John and Noreen Guregian, Karen Guregian, Jim Guregian, and Bettina Gould.

During the chanting of the Der Voghorma (Lord have mercy) petition, please remember in your prayers:

Our Artsakh brothers and sisters forcibly removed from their historic Armenian homeland and experiencing many hardships.

Immediate relase of all Armenian prisoners held captive in Azerbaijan.

An end to the violence which has brought tremendous misery for so many people throughout the world.

That our Lord guide our path through life, that we be instruments of peace and love in this world, and that we can help our fellow man find true happiness in this life.

The good health of family members and friends who may be experiencing physical, emotional, or spiritual distress.

Peace, stability, and prosperity for the Armenian Church.

Peace and prosperity for our Armenian Homeland.



Scholarships available for all Diocesan Camps, Conferences and Armenia Service Programs - Sts. Vartanantz offers up to 40% tuition scholarships to participants of Diocesan Programs (St. Vartan Camp, St. Nersess and ASP). The Sts. Vartanantz Scholarship Fund is to promote participation in these life-changing experiences for parish families as a stewardship benefit. If you meet the criteria please request and complete an application before June 1, 2025. Please contact us at SVSF@earthlink.net.

Diocesan On-line Adult Christian Education Resources on VEMKAR Platform - *Vemkar* is the Digital Ministry of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America designed to provide valuable resources to benefit the spiritual vitality of the faithful within our Diocese through a weekly eNewsletter. *Vemkar* refers to a flat stone that is consecrated by the bishop embedded within the center of the altar, upon which the chalice or Gospel book rests during Badarak. You can receive the *Vemkar* eNewsletter at <https://vemkar.us>

Parishioners welcome to Host Fellowship Hour following Sunday Church Services – Parishioners looking to mark a special occasion such as a requiem anniversary, birthday or wedding anniversary, or to celebrate some happy family event are invited to host a Fellowship (coffee) Hour following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Please contact Dave Kazanjian, to make arrangements.

Be sure to catch the Early Bird Father's Day Brunch, June 8 -
Indeed, Father's Day this year falls on June 15. BUT the Men's Fellowship is inspired to once again offer their "Early Bird" spectacular brunch one week earlier on Sunday, June 8th. A sumptuous menu of eggs, bacon, pancakes, cheese, fruits. Proceeds to benefit scholarships for our parish youth to attend Diocesan programs.

Visit the church's website for everything you want to know about Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church. www.stsvartanantz.com. Everyone is most welcome to sign up for the church's weekly eNewsletter.



Deceased Members of the Armenian American
Veterans Sam Manoian Post #1

Their sacrifice will never be forgotten



John Amboian
Carol "Butch" Aslanian
George Aslanian
Zakar "Zeke" Aslanian
Charlie Aslanian
Manoog Azoian
John Balian
Hagop Barbadian
Everett Barsamian
Gordon Bederosian
John Bedrosian
Menas Boghosian
Charles Boyajian
Oscar Chakarian
William K. Chakarian
Moe Chakarian
Anthony "Tony" Der Garabedian
Vasken Depoian
George Garabedian, Sr.
Haig Goodsoozian
Hagop Guregian
Jack Hagopian
Berge Harpootlian
Harry Hoshmatian
Edward Hovanian
Aram Jeknavorian
Azad "Duke" Juknavorian
Richard "Muggy" Juknavorian
Gerald J. Katibian
Nishan "Nelson" Kayajanian
Carl Kazanjian (Associate Member)
Dennis Kazanjian
Mugardish Sonny Kazanjian
John Kazanjian
Krikor "Kirk" Kirkorian

Sarkis Kirkorian
Hagop Kludjian
Zaven Kludjian
Hagop Koltookian
Arakel Krikorian
Gregory Krikorian
Martin Krikorian
Marty Krikorian
Michael Krikorian
Sarkis Krukorian
Howard Manoian
Margardich (Mike) Manoian
Samuel Manoian
Frank Melkonian
Kirkor "Frank" Minasian
Moush Moushegian
Victor Nazarian
Apkar Onanian
Armen Onanian
Arthur Onanian
Leo Onanian
Thomas Onanian
Manoog Oozoonian
George Parnagian
Berge "Tex" Parnagian
Oscar Paroyian
George Romian
Peter Sahagian
Very Rev. Fr. Ghevont Samoorian
George Sarkisian
Sahag "Sam" Sarkisian
Anthony Schiripo
Manoog Shabouian
Richard Shahtanian
Thomas Tookmanian
Beatrice Watson



Attention 2025 Graduates

All graduates are welcome to share the good news of their accomplishment by providing a short bio for publication in a special edition of the Saints Vartanantz eNewsletter.

Please email fatherkk2005@gmail.com.

Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn. –Benjamin Franklin

WOMEN'S GUILD MEMORIAL FLOWERS – 2025

REQUESTED BY	IN MEMORY OF
Adamian, Oldham & Avedisian Families	Harry Adamian
Pam Aprahamian	Barbara & George Aprahamian
Susanna Arustamyan & Family	Armenui Tsokalakian & George Chogourian
Elina Beglaryan	Larisa Verdiyan (Chilingaryan)
Sandra Baroyan	Tourvanda "Theresa" and Rose Amboian
Annette, Aryanna and Nicholas Cameron	Christine V. Cameron
Paul P. & Priscilla Der Ananian	Paul G. & Gregory Der Ananian
Aida Diloyan	Dirouhi Hovannessian-Shishmanian & Vartuhi Hovannessian
Armig Ferris	Abraham, Flora, & Aram Jeknavorian
Dolores Garabedian	Minas & Nazig Mgrdichian + George Migridichian
Kathy Geyer	Onanian, Geyer and Longley & Deceased Family Members
Carol Giffin	Touran Johnian
Isabelle Hamel	Boghos and Marie Shamshoyan
Joyce Hebert	Denis Hebert
Corie Horan	Peter & Betty Kougasian, Peter M. Kougasian, Connie and Mary Horan, Zita Horan & Robert Hart
Elizabeth Hzor	Vasken Hzor
Hagop & Linda Jarkian	Altoon Juknavorian & Almas Loosigian
Dn. Ara & Milka Jeknavorian	Yn. Eliza Feredjian, Diramayr Siranoush Feredjian, & Flora Jeknavorian
Mark & Diane Juknavorian & Family	George Parnagian, Christine Esposito, David & Linda Ainsworth, Azad & Lucy Juknavorian
Nona Juknavorian	Azad & Lucy Juknavorian
Donna Kavanagh	Diana Chutchian
Kayajanian Family	Nishan & Libby Kayajanian & Mary Gail Giragosian
Rev. Fr. Khachatur, Yn Anna, Vardges, Maria Narek Kesablyan	Diramayr Armik Kartchikyan Kesablyan
Beverly, Leslie, Ara, Lynne, Gary H. & Ming Koltookian	Gary Charles Koltookian

George & Joanne Manuelian	Harold & Haigoohi Manuelian, Jack and Anna Hagopian
Arthur & Karen Omartian	Omartian & Vorperian Families and Chapman & Johnson Families
Vicki Orphanos	John Orphanos, loving husband
Suzanne Perreira	My beautiful mother, Vanoohy Haroutunian DeStefano
Joan Poladian	Kevin Quinn & Albert Poladian
Steven & Anita Serian	Ara & Rose Serian, & Caloust & Arshagouhie Kouchakdjian
Shake Tokatlian	Takouhy Aghazarian
Michael and Kathy Casey	Thomas and Louise Casey, Thomas and Mary Davey, & Thomas E. Davey

Then Saint Vartanantz "Flower" ladies - **Joan Poladian and Kathy Casey** - have been hard at work to arrange a large selection of flowers that are beautifying the church sanctuary for today's celebration of the Soorp Badarak (Divine Liturgy).



Der Hayr, the Parish Council and Delegates have begun CPR and Defibrillator training conducted by GVCC Director, Danielle Santos

The church defibrillator is located across from the library.

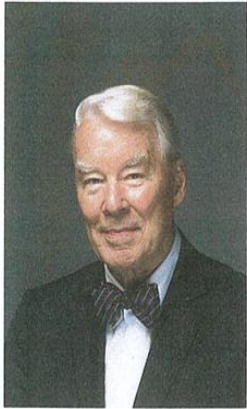
The Cambridge-Yerevan Sister City Association
39th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, June 4, 2025 | 7:00pm

Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston
Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall
145 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA 02140

Keynote Speaker: Alan Henrikson

“Educational Diplomacy: An Armenian and American Experience”



Dr. Alan Henrikson is Lee E. Dirks Professor of Diplomatic History Emeritus and the founding Director of Diplomatic Studies at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He has worked and taught in Austria, Belgium, China, Russia, and Armenia. His educational relationship with students from Armenia, both at the Fletcher School and in Armenia itself, is longstanding. He has given special courses in the Armenian Ministry Training Program, and in May 2006 he traveled in a Fletcher School delegation to Yerevan.



Sartarabad
Memorial in
Armenia

107 Year ago – A Battle for Armenia’s Survival - Each year on May 28, Armenians around the world honor the anniversary of the Battle of Sardarabad and the establishment of the First Armenian Republic (1918-1920). This week marks 107 years since those fateful events. In the depths of the Armenian Genocide, Ottoman forces advanced on Eastern Armenia—coming within striking distance of the capital city Yerevan and Holy Etchmiadzin. But they were repelled by the native Armenians in a series of battles at Sardarabad, Abaran, and Karakilisa—which have come to be known as the “Heroic Battles of May.”



Making Change for CASP

sponsored by our Women’s Guild

Please save your spare change
for the children and elderly in Armenia



Look for our collection jar in the church vestibule. Proceeds will go to:

- CASP (The Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program)
- Elder Care Programs in Armenia

Thank you for your continued generosity

"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." - Mother Teresa

Annual Early Bird Father's Day Brunch

**June 8th
following
Divine Liturgy**



A delicious, all you can eat buffet of pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, fruit, pastries, juice, and coffee

**Donation: Adults - \$15 Students - \$5
Under 5 – free**

hosted by the Men's Fellowship

Reservations Required!!

**Please email or text Dany Barooshian:
dbarooshian@gmail.com; 978-869-6040**



The men look forward to serving up a scrumptious brunch. So come and join the fun!! Proceeds to benefit the church's scholarship fund.

Proverb of Knowledge, 2:1-6

My son, if you receive my words and treasure my commands, turning your ear to wisdom, inclining your heart to understanding; If you seek her like silver, and like hidden treasures search her out: Then will you understand the fear of the Lord; the knowledge of God you will find; For the Lord gives wisdom, from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Church School Closing Exercises and Graduation Ceremony -

On Sunday, May 18th our Church School hosted their annual End of Year and Graduation Luncheon Program. This special day was filled with great enthusiasm celebrating the graduation of Alexander Arustamyan. After a warm welcome from Susan Manoian-Clark and an opening prayer from Rev. Father Khachatur Kesablyan, the church families and students enjoyed a delicious lunch. The program resumed with photo presentation of the school's many activities over the past year and successful fundraising efforts to fund various charitable projects. Next the younger students entertained the crowd with three mini skits they narrated and performed. Our teen class students followed by each speaking about topics they learned and discussed during the year. The graduate, Alexander Arustamyan was presented his diploma by his teachers, Steve Serian and Tatanya Flannery. He, in turn, expressed his appreciation for his fellow classmates, teachers and gratitude to his parents and family, then concluded with a special thank you to Father Kesablyan. The Church School board handed out participation certificates and prizes to all the students. Small gifts of appreciation were given to our wonderful teaching staff as they were recognized for the time and talents they share with our church school children. Parish Council chairperson, Bruce Kayajanian spoke on behalf of the board and parish to congratulate graduate, Alexander Arustamyan and to thank the church school for their dedication in providing our students with an excellent religious education program. Rev Fr Kesablyan concluded the program congratulating all the parents, students, and teachers for another great school year. The 2025 Church School Staff:

Church School Board: Yn. Anna Kesablyan, Susan Manoian-Clark, Corie Horan, and Patty Kayajanian

Church School Teachers: Sandra Adourian, Elina Beglaryan, Susan Manoian-Clark, Tatanya Flannery, Ruth Gougian, Dara Hagopian, Joyce Hebert, Steve Serian. Yn. Anna Kesablyan, and Roupén Roupénian.

Assistant Teachers: Lilit Aghabekyan, Deb Barry, Tanya Anoush Johnson, Tatev Stepanyan.

Substitute Teachers: Diane Juknavorian, Maria Kazanjian, Yelena Sennik. Submitted by Patty Kayajanian.

**PERPETUAL MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S GUILD AND LADIES AID OF
STS. VARTANANTZ ARMENIAN CHURCH ASLEEP IN CHRIST**

1 Sultan Juknavorian	43 Satenig Boghosian	85 Agavni Manolian
2 Yegsa Kazanjian	44 Arpine Kludjian	86 Azniv Aslanian
3 Tourvanda Parechanian	45 Margaret Kachanian	87 Mary Mousalian
4 Dikranoohi Arabian	46 Vartig Moushegian	88 Bea Kludjian Watson
5 Bessie Guregian	47 Louise Casey	89 Diane Kludjian
6 Alkatoon Asadoorian	48 Takouhi Moushegian	90 Elizabeth Barsorian
7 Anna Sabanjian	49 Nouritza Garabedian	91 Agnes Sahagian
8 Annig Sabanjian	50 Helen Kazanjian	92 Margaret Krikorian
9 Hripsme Marzbanian	51 Pehig Zadorian	93 Elizabeth Krikorian
10 Eva Tarpinian	52 Diramayr Mary Samoorian	94 Louise Ajemian
11 Ovsanna Kaloosdian	53 Eva Kraplan	95 Alice Manolian
12 Zagheg Aslanian	54 Victoria Gurinian Kulungian	96 Lucy Juknavorian
13 Halganoosh Asadoorian	55 Azniv Chakarlan	97 Anoush Manoukian
14 Tourvanda Mulkigian	56 Nuvart Goshgarian	98 Irene Guregian
15 Margaret Arabian	57 Azniv Tabolian	99 Carolyn Howard
16 Diramayr Prapeon Aharonian	58 Takouhi Asadoorian	100 Sue Goodsoozian
17 Dirouhi Kirkorian	59 Acaby Sarkisian	101 Virginia Juknavorian
18 Aghavni Markarian	60 Shooshan Torcomian	102 Libby Kayajanian
19 Youghaper Barsamian	61 Elizabeth Makarian	103 Elizabeth Schiripo
20 Yeghsabet Minasian	62 Agavni Aprahamian	104 Takouhy Aghazarian
21 Yeghsabet Giragosian	63 Lousanoush Simonian	105 Mary Bagdigian
22 Youghaper (Dadlian) Kesakian	64 Mary Boyajian	106 Alice Torcomian Dossett
23 Pilimitsa Kazanjian	65 Siranoosh Manooogian	107 Beverly Hedison
24 Mary Boyajian	66 Nazli Markarian	108 Rose Ambolian
25 Takouhi Donabedian	67 Maro Tateosian	109 Anna Garabedian
26 Yeghsa Najarian	68 Flora Jeknavorian	110 Zari Alice Bogosian
27 Miriam Menasian	69 Marie Shamshoyan	111 Mary Barsamian Malmone
28 Sharistan Buzdigian	70 Alice Keosian	112 Margaret Sarkisian
29 Mary Kazanjian	71 Vartanoush Boghigian	113 Linda Alnsworth
30 Miriam Arakellian	72 Perooz Babigian	114 Maria Mezian
31 Altoon Juknavorian	73 Varvar Arguoyan	115 Pat Ambolian
32 Martha Hoshmatian	74 Sara Koltookian	
33 Eglisapet Shaboulian	75 Eliza Sahagian	
34 Elizabeth Markarian	76 Tarviz Dadlian	
35 Serpoohi Sarkisian	77 Rose Manolian	
36 Ovsanna Kludjian	78 Tamar Krikorian	
37 Kohar Der Garbedian	79 Rose Longley	
38 Rachel Stepanian	80 Vanoohy Distefano	
39 Siranoosh Barbadian	81 Mary Melkonian	
40 Yeranoohi Depolan	82 Halgoohy Krikorian	
41 Zevart Buzdigian	83 Theresa Ambolian	
42 Virginia Sarkissian	84 Arshalooy's Goodsoozian	



Love project by church school students



Sunday School graduate Alex Arustamyan has had a terrific and rewarding experience at Sts. Vartanantz. In



addition to completing his religious studies, he is an ordained acolyte and active member of the ACYOA Juniors.

Proverbs 15: She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace.

Congratulations to Deacon Arman Shirikyan - Saint Nersess Armenian Seminary Graduate -

Our dedicated Deacon Arman Shirikyan along with fellow seminarian, Zareh Mirzayan, graduated from Saint Nersess Armenian Seminary in Armonk N.Y last Friday. Deacon Arman was awarded a Diploma in Armenian Church Studies under the St. Nersess the Great program, an accelerated course of theological studies designed to prepare men who seek ordination to the holy priesthood of the Armenian Church as a second or late vocation. The graduation ceremony took place on Friday, May 16 under the auspices of His Eminence Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan. Deacon Arman's family and fellow Saint Vartanantz parishioners led by Father Khachatur attended the graduation ceremonies. With this diploma, Deacon Arman looks to advance his preparation for eventual ordination into the priesthood. "The Saints Vartanantz parish is extremely proud of Deacon Arman's dedication and the hard work to complete his studies, and we pray that our Heavenly Father continues to guide him in his preparation to the priesthood," reflected Father Khachatur.



Clergy attending St. Nersess graduation ceremony.



"My seminary education and inspirational fellowship with the staff and fellow seminarians has prepared me not just to know the gospel, but to live it, and I am grateful for the spiritual foundation it has given me to serve God and the faithful of the Armenian Church," Deacon Arman.

A Pilgrimage for the Ages - Glory to God! Park Asdudzo !

Park Kez Asdvadz! To You be glory forever, O Lord, for watching over our pilgrims during yesterday's pilgrimage and blessing us with spiritually uplifting and rewarding experiences! Words cannot fully express the joy, fellowship, faith, and love experienced by our pilgrims on our journey to our Mother Church, St. Vartan Cathedral, and St. Nersess Seminary. Praying together, hearing the message and wisdom of our beloved Primate, and breaking bread at the heart of our Diocesan Center was truly uplifting. Our deep love and heartfelt gratitude go to our Primate, Mesrop Srbazan for generously taking time from his very busy schedule to meet with us, to pray with us, and to offer his pastoral and fatherly blessings. His message was comforting, encouraging, and truly inspiring. Our pilgrims had an opportunity to ask Srbazan Hayr questions and receive his wisdom. As a small token of our appreciation our Women's Guild presented Srbazan Hayr a donation for the cathedral's renovation effort. A sincere thank you to Rev. Fr. Davit Karamyan, the Vicar of the Cathedral, for his warm welcome and informative tour. We are also grateful to Degeen Anahit Eroian for preparing such a delicious luncheon. Following our visit to the Cathedral, our pilgrims traveled to St. Nersess Seminary, where we were warmly welcomed by the Dean, my brother in Christ, Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian. For many of our pilgrims, this was their first visit to St. Nersess. Until now, they had only seen photos and read about this sacred and vital educational institution in church publications. Der Mardiros gave us a detailed tour, sharing the history and essential mission of the seminary. Our parish has a strong connection with St. Nersess. Several parishioners have attended summer high school and deacons' training programs. Deacon Arman Shirikyan, graduated from the Late Vocations Program, and Deacon Ara Jeknavorian, serves as a member of the seminary's board. Before departing, we enjoyed coffee and refreshments graciously provided by the seminary. Our heartfelt thanks to the Women's Guild, and especially to members who organized this most memorable day — Milka Jeknavorian, Linda Jarkian, and Nona Juknavorian — for their dedication, time, and hard work in making this pilgrimage possible. In the words of some of our pilgrims, the day was: *"Educational, uplifting, and very spiritual."* *"A day I will never forget."* *"A wonderful, meaningful experience."* *"A most beautiful day with our Church family and the Sisterhood of Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church — a day I will keep close in my heart."* *"Certainly a memorable pilgrimage."* *"Such a meaningful, inspirational day."* *"Spiritual, educational, and very inspirational!"* From Father Khachatur FB page

