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The Story of My Passion and Struggle

By Ari Avedian



The plane lands.
I step out of the airport.
I breathe the air before getting on the bus. This feels right.
As the bus moves, I stare out the window into another world.
This place that I have never seen before felt so familiar.
The land is dry, yet so lively.
The city is big, yet not overcrowded.
It's good to be back to the home I've never been to.
During the visit, I look out the window and see those mountains. They surround me and the road I drive on.
Sheep and cows live freely, and there are barely any people around. Away from the noise of society, and now immersed by nature,
this is where I want to be: this pilgrimage to this holy land of mountains.
I take a sip of mud-thick coffee and feel my body warm up.
This is my passion and desire. This is where I want to be.
As long as I am within these lines on the world map, whether here in the city, or the hills, I just want this.
The people of this nation are valued like a man's expensive watch.
The watch is saved and spared from harm.
God is that man, and these people are the watch.
We are spared. The blood spilled has been washed away by the melting ice and the rainfalls,
but the pain of these people is blown like leaves in the wind as time passes.
No matter how far they fly, the leaves fall back down.
The wounds of my people have not scarred; they are open, and salt is thrown in them still.
The blood spilled here throughout history is spilled to this day. Hope is scarce, yet my people stand up to fight time after time, fighting against all odds.
My passion lies in the soil of this land.
This land that has brought so much pain and required such a long fight to keep.
When will we be free for good? When will the last fight be?
[Asonk en mer sareruh yev hos guh guhrveenk mer gyankin hamar]
These are our mountains, and this is where we fight for our lives.
[Aiyn verchin shooneh vor garnenk, goodank aiys gurvee hamar]
That final breath we take, we give for this battle.
My passion is this land, once called Land of Ararat, but now called Armenia.

Ari Avedian is a 15-year-old freshman at Pascack Hills High School and a recent graduate of the Hovnanian School. This poem first appeared in Pascack Hills High School 2025 - 2026 literary-art magazine "Echoes" Ari is the grandson of Haroutune and Arpi Misserlian.

Headline News

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Deacons' Training Program Welcomes Altar Servers from the Eastern, Western, and Canadian Dioceses Plus Belgium



From June 26 to July 5, the Deacons' Training Program in Armonk, NY, welcomed 44 young men from the Eastern, Western, and Canadian Dioceses and Belgium.

The participants, both first-time and returning attendees, gathered to learn the music and rituals of the Badarak and other services of the Armenian Church, as well as their meaning and importance.

The program was led by co-directors Fr. Haroutiun Sabounjian (2018 seminary graduate) and Dn. Alex Calikyan (2019 seminary graduate). The staff included counselors Dn. Johnny Chadoyan (a 2019 graduate),

Dn. Alexander Khoja-Eynatyan, Arman Tarkhanian, and Aram Krajekian, who also took photos during the conference. Fr. Mardiros Chevian, Dean, was present during the conference and supported the directors.

The day after arrival, a Karasoonk Hokehankist was held for Fr. Karekin Kasparian in the St. Hagop Chapel. In attendance were his family, clergy, faculty and staff members, and Deacons' Training Program participants. A memorial luncheon followed. Der Karekin will always be remembered for his foundational role in establishing the seminary in Evanston, IL, as a young deacon. He was instrumental in opening the

seminary in 1961 under the leadership of its founder, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan. He also played a key role in developing the Summer Conferences and the Deacons' Training Program.

Daily Armenian language classes focused on learning to read the Armenian alphabet including: Beginner Armenian (new to the language), Intermediate Armenian (familiar with the letters, slowly reading), and Advanced Armenian (reading fluently and grammar study).

Participants also gained fluency in Deacons' chanting in Armenian through four classes that were offered by different instructors: Symbolism, Etiquette, and Reverent Participation in the Holy Badarak (Fr. Tateos Abdalian); Chants of the Holy Badarak (Fr. Gomidas Zohrabian); Censing Patterns of the Holy Badarak (Fr. Andreas Garabedian, a 2019 seminary graduate); Deacon's Chants of the Baptism and Marriage Service (Fr. Haroutiun Sabounjian); Deacon's Chants of the Night and Morning Hours (Dn. Alex Calikyan). All students received invaluable theological explanations behind our sacred rituals.

During the week, students participated in daily bible studies, morning and evening worship, and cultural activities.

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St. Nersess

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On the first Sunday of the program, the group traveled to Fr. Haroutiun's home parish in New Britain, CT, the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection, where they actively participated in the Divine Liturgy and choir.

Throughout the week, there were evening lectures and activities offered by guest clergy, including Qualities and Character of Service (Dn. Armen Terjamenian, 2020 seminary graduate); Sacramental Theology of Wedding / Baptism (Fr. Sevak Gabrielyan); Christ/Holy Spirit in the Diaconate (Fr. Abraham Malkhasyan); Symbolic Significance of Badarak (Fr. Davit Karamyan); Witnessing Beyond Liturgical Worship (Dn. Hrach Kasaryan).

On Tuesday, the participants made the annual trek to Point Pleasant Beach in NJ, where the group enjoyed time on the beach and the boardwalk. This destination favorite is now in its 40th year.

On Friday, Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate of the Eastern Diocese and President of the Seminary's Board of Directors, spent time with the participants. "Thank you for your commitment and willingness to serve. Your love for the Church and your desire to serve the Lord are truly

inspiring," shared Mesrop Srpazan. "May God bless each of you, guide your journey, and strengthen you for the ministry ahead. I look forward to seeing how you will continue to grow and serve our Church."

On Sunday morning, the last day of the program, the group celebrated Divine Liturgy in the St. Hagop Chapel with Fr. Haroutiun Sabounjian as the celebrant. It was a special morning together before everyone departed.

"This year's Deacons' Training Program was not only our largest group in the history of the program, but the curiosity, passion, spiritual depth of our participants was truly remarkable," shared Fr. Haroutiun Sabounjian. "I leave this year's DTP deeply grateful for the time and talent shared by our instructors and staff, while also being inspired, encouraged, and hopeful about the future of the Armenian Church."

"Each year, my heart is full and spirit revitalized watching these young men grow into the deacons and altar servers our Lord has called them to be in the Armenian Church," shared Dn. Alex Calikyan. "Many thanks to all who contributed their time and talents to making this year's deacons training more successful than ever."

The participants enjoyed wonderful

meals throughout the week, prepared by Chef Joe Gatzmer. The program was supported by the seminary staff, including Dn. Levon Altiparmakian, Lucy Krikorian, Robin Perlmutter, and Donna Sirounian.

"We traveled from Belgium to the United States to attend the St. Nersess Seminary Deacons Training Program. We leave with grateful hearts, deeply inspired and spiritually strengthened by this unforgettable experience. Thank you all for your guidance, hospitality, and prayers. God bless the St. Nersess Armenian Seminary." - Arakel Karapet, Daniel Gonski, and Aleks Khodadadyan, acolytes of St. Grigor Narekatsi Church in Antwerp, Belgium.

"Whether it was meditation at night or working on my chanting of the deacons litanies for Badarak during the day, the memories I have made here will stay with me forever," stated Nareg Bamboukian, Holy Cross Armenian Apostolic Church, Laval, Quebec, Canada. Four participants from this parish were driven down and back by their pastor, Fr. Komitas Mirzakhanyan, a seven hour drive.

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Poetry presented by Mrs. Zarmine Boghosian

Մեր Գրական Աշխարհի Օաղկաստանէն

♥♥♥ *Through the Orchards of Armenian Language & Poetry* ♥♥♥ July /24-25/2026

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Մերութան Տէր Գուլանեան

Քարտէսանկար մեր հոգիներում,
Առասպելներում՝ մեր յար-քարակիր,
Մեզ մի մամռապատ հէքիաթ էր գերում,
Թէ իբր գիտենք հայրենիքն անգիր:

Բայց երբ օրհասի ճօճքը մեծացաւ,
Հէքիաթը տեսաւ իրականալի,
Լեզենդամեծար մշուշը անցաւ,

Մեր ձեռքում թողած կեանքի բանալին:

Եւ խաչ բանալին՝ իբրեւ գաղտնատես,
Մեր վզից կախուած, բայց եւ մեր ձեռքում,
Ելել ենք ոտքի որպէս մաշուած ծէս,
Արդէն քանի դար դուռն ենք որոնում:

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Լեւոն Պապուկեան

Բարի ենք ծնունդ՝ յոյսի բարուրներում,
Արդար շողերով մենք—

Արեգակին կապուում,

Ու մեր հոգիներում՝

ինչպէս գարնան այգում,

Բողբոջում են բիւր անուրջներ գուլալ

ու երագներ ծաղկում:

Յետոյ...արդէն դաւում են օրերը մեզ,

Անհոգ երգերին մեր խորթ

մի շունչ են խառնում,

Հեռավոր մի ցաւ է, բարբախտումով անտես,

Հաշուում մեզանից փախչող օրերը

ու վայրկեանները անվերջ:

Կրկներգ.

Ծանծաղուտ է դանդաղ

Մեր հոգու մեջ բացուում,

Ու մեր ժպիտները խամրում են անտես,

Շողեր են վախճանվում

աչքերում մեր յոգնած,

Պոտորում են մեր արցունքները ջինջ՝

Կարօտ ու խինդից ծնուած...

Ծննդեան մեր օրից անվերջ հեռանալով՝

Ընծաներն ենք կեանքի

կորցնում մենք այսպէս,

Ծաւալում են մեր մէջ

ու արձագանք տալիս

Հարկերը հատու այն ահագնացող,

Տիրական այն ցաւի...

Կրկներգ.

Ծանծաղուտ է դանդաղ

Երբ մարում է, սակայն,

Որ մեզ Արեւին ու

Առաջին օրն է այն յանկարծ

Ու... նորից ենք ծնունդ՝

Անյայտ երկնի տակ մի նոր:

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ԼՃԱԿ—Պետրոս Դուրեան

Ինչո՞ւ ապշած են, լընա՛կ,
Ու չեն խայտար քու պէտէկ
Միթէ հայրվոյդ մէջ անձկաւ
Գեղուհի՛ մը նայեցաւ:

Եւ կամ միթէ կ'գմայլի՞ն

Ալեակքդ երկնի կապոյտին,

Եւ այն ամպոց լուսափոթիթ,

Որք նըմանին փրփուրքիդ:

Մելամաղձոտ լճակդ իմ,

Քեզ հետ ըլլա՛նք մըտերիմ,

Սիրեմ քեզի պէս ես ալ

Գրաւուի, լընկ ու խոկալ:

Որքան ունիս դու ալի՝

Ճակատս այնքան խոկ ունի,

Որքան ունիս դու փրփուր՝

Սիրտս այնքան խոց ունի բիւր:

Այլ եթէ գոգդ ալ թափին

Բոյլքն աստեղաց երկնքին,

Նըմանիլ չես կրնար դուն

Հոգւոյս՝ որ է բոց անհո՛ւն:

Հոտ աստղերը չեն մեռնիր,

Ծաղիկներն հոտ չեն թոռնիր,

Ամպերը չեն թըջեր հոտ,

Երբ խաղաղ էր դու եւ օդ:

Լճա՛կ, դու ես թագուհիս,

Չի թ'հովէ մ'ալ խորշոմիս,

Դարձեալ խորքիդ մէջ խըռով

Չիս կը պահես դողդղալով:

Շատերը գիս մերժեցին,

«Քնար մ'ունի սոսկ — ըսին.

Մին՝ «դողդոջ է, գոյն չունի—

Միւսն ալ ըսավ — Կը մեռնի»:

Ոչ որ ըսաւ — հ'է՛գ տղայ,

Արդեօք ինչո՞ւ կը մըքսայ,

Թերեւս ըլլայ գեղանի,

Թէ որ սիրեմ, չը մեռնի»:

Ոչ որ ըսաւ — սա տղին

Պատե՛նք սիրտը տըրտմագին,

- Հոն հրդեհ կայ, ո՛չ մատեան:

Հոն կայ մոխի՛ր... յիշատակ...
Ալեակքդ յուզի՛ն թող, լճա՛կ,
Չի քու խորքիդ մէջ անձկաւ
Յուսահատ մը նայեցաւ... Ա Բ Գ

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Armenian ambassador outlines priorities for U.S. ties at Washington policy forum



Armenian Ambassador to the United States Narek Mkrtchyan took part in a roundtable discussion titled Armenia's

Path Forward at the American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC).

The ambassador outlined the current agenda of Armenia-U.S. relations, highlighted key areas of bilateral cooperation and emphasized new opportunities for collaboration in high technologies, critical minerals, semiconductors, nuclear energy and artificial intelligence.

Participants in the discussion also raised questions about Armenia-U.S.



relations, regional developments, Armenia's foreign policy priorities and other related issues.

China Southern Airlines doubles Urumqi-Yerevan flights to six per week



China Southern Airlines will increase the frequency of its Urumqi-Yerevan service from three to six flights a week starting July 21.

The announcement was made by Cen Jiaming, General Manager of China Southern Airlines' Yerevan Office, who said the move is aimed at further strengthening air connectivity between Armenia and China.

According to Cen, the expanded schedule will not only increase the number of flights but also provide passengers with more convenient travel options and better onward connections via Urumqi to Beijing, Guangzhou and other major Chinese cities.

"This marks an important milestone for China Southern Airlines in the Armenian market. Expanding the Urumqi-Yerevan route will further strengthen ties between our two countries and contribute to the growth of business, tourism and cultural exchanges," Cen said.

He added that the airline remains committed to continuously improving



its services and further enhancing air connectivity between Armenia and China.

China Southern Airlines has operated scheduled flights between Yerevan and Urumqi since 2024.

Simon Abkarian Awarded Armenian Culture Ministry's Gold Medal



Armenian Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports Zhanna Andreasyan has awarded French-Armenian actor, playwright and theater director Simon Abkarian the ministry's Gold Medal.

Abkarian received the honor in recognition of his significant contributions to international theater



and cinema, his distinguished representation of Armenian culture on global platforms, and his many years of productive work promoting Armenian-French cultural relations.

He was also presented with the Golden Apricot Master Award.

Expressing his gratitude for the recognition, Abkarian said, "I am happy to be in Armenia and to be a part of this wonderful festival."

Abkarian is among the honorary guests of the 23rd Golden Apricot Yerevan International Film Festival.

As part of the festival, audiences will have the opportunity on July 16 and 17 to watch director Antonin Baudry's two-part historical and biographical drama, *The Battle of de Gaulle*, in which Abkarian portrays General Charles de Gaulle.

Lisbon's Calouste Gulbenkian Museum Reopens



Following eighteen months of renovation, Lisbon's Calouste Gulbenkian Museum is open.

Housed in a modernist building designed by the architects Ruy Jervis d'Athouguia, Pedro Cid and Alberto Pessoa in 1969, the museum contains the collection of philanthropist and collector Calouste Sarkis Gulbenkian (1896-1955). Its objects number over 6,000 and include Islamic art, Egyptian antiques, Chinese porcelain,



European Old Masters, ceramics and jewellery.

The museum is housed within the grounds of the Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon, an 18-acre woodland comprising a number of iconic mid-century buildings.



Hovhannes Aivazian Aivazovsky



The great Armenian painter **Hovhannes Aivazian**, better known to the world as **Ivan Konstantinovich Aivazovsky**, was a renowned 19th-century artist who created hundreds of magnificent paintings, especially seascapes. Although he is widely known as the Russian painter Ivan Konstantinovich Aivazovsky, he was born into an Armenian family—just as Charles Aznavour is often identified as French and William Saroyan as American.

Aivazovsky's family name was **Aivazian**. His father was **Gevorg (Kevork) Aivazian**, and his mother was **Hripsime**. He was born on **July 29, 1817** in **Theodosia, Crimea**, a small town on the shores of the Black Sea.

He studied at the prestigious **Imperial Academy of Arts in Saint Petersburg**, where his extraordinary talent quickly gained recognition. In **1857**, he was awarded the **Legion of Honour** by France and became a member of several distinguished European art academies, earning international acclaim.

Aivazovsky traveled extensively and exhibited his works throughout Europe, the Near East, and the United States. Among his many masterpieces are paintings of **Niagara Falls** and the **Atlantic Ocean**, demonstrating his remarkable ability to capture the beauty



and power of water.

Since we are focusing on Aivazovsky's Armenian heritage, one story is especially meaningful.

In **1874**, the Ottoman Sultan awarded Aivazovsky the **Order of Osmanieh** for the paintings he had created for the imperial court. Following the **Hamidian Massacres** of Armenians in **1894–1896**, Aivazovsky protested by returning and publicly rejecting the Ottoman decorations. According to Armenian tradition, he threw the medals into the Black Sea and went on to paint works depicting the suffering of the Armenian people.

Another noteworthy fact is that Aivazovsky's brother, **Gabriel Aivazovsky**, was an Archbishop of the Armenian Apostolic Church and served as the first rector of the **Gevorkian Theological Seminary at Holy Etchmiadzin**.

Aivazovsky passed away on **May 2, 1900**, at the age of **82**. He was buried in the

courtyard of **Saint Sarkis Armenian Church** in Theodosia. His tombstone bears a quotation from the Armenian historian **Movses Khorenatsi**:

"Born a mortal, he left immortal memories."

Aivazovsky was married twice. His first wife was **Julia Graves**, an English governess, and they had four daughters: **Yelena (Heghine)**, **Maria**, **Alexandra**, and **Jeanne (Janna)**. At the age of **65**, he married **Anna Burnazian**, who was much younger than he was. Anna survived him by many years and passed away in **1944**.

The next time you read the name **Ivan Konstantinovich Aivazovsky**, remember the Armenian artist **Hovhannes Aivazian**, whose extraordinary talent and enduring legacy continue to inspire people around the world.

Armenia exports 7,654 tonnes of apricots since June 1



Armenia exported 7,654 tonnes of apricots between June 1 and July 19, equivalent to more than 380 heavy-duty truckloads, Economy Minister Gevorg Papoyan has said.

Papoyan shared the figures in a post on his Facebook page.

“The geography of our exports is very broad, but we have no exports to Spain and none to Portugal either. Therefore, I suggest that the opposition media ‘spoil’ another truckload of apricots supposedly exported to Portugal today,” Papoyan wrote.

The minister’s remarks came after Armenian news website Armatmedia reported on July 20 that a shipment of Armenian apricots exported to Spain had allegedly spoiled in transit and was no longer fit for sale.

Armenian Deputy Minister of Economy Arman Khojoyan subsequently dismissed the report, stating that Armenia has not yet exported apricots to Spain.

Russia has imposed restrictions on imports of stone fruits and grapes from Armenia since June 2.

In response, the Armenian government has taken steps to diversify export markets, creating opportunities for Armenian products to enter European markets. Armenia has already begun exporting certain products to European Union member states.

The European Union also plans to temporarily suspend import duties on around 80% of Armenian products as a support measure for Armenia amid the restrictions imposed by Russia.

President Khachaturyan undergoes routine medical examination



President of Armenia Vahagn Khachaturyan has undergone a routine medical examination at the Nairi Medical Center. He received the necessary medical services as part of the scheduled check-up.

Following the completion of the examination, President Khachaturyan returned to his regular work schedule.

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New York, NY 10016
212-686-0710

Prelacy of the Armenian Church

138 East 39th Street,
New York, NY 10016
212-689-7810

Saint Illuminator Armenian Cathedral

221 East 27th. Street,
New York, NY 10016
212-689-5880

Armenian Presbyterian Church

140 Forest Avenue,
Paramus, NJ 07652
201-265-8585

St. Leon Armenian Church

12-61 Saddle River Rd
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201-791-2862

Sts Vartanantz Armenian Church

461 Bergen Boulevard
Ridgefield, NJ 07657
201-943-2950

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Calendar of Events



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ [August 16, 2026 - St. Vartanantz Church annual picnic](#)
- ◆ [September 22, 2026 - AMAA childcare benefit evening](#)
- ◆ [September 25, 2026 - St. Thomas Cultural Committee present Steak & Cigar Night](#)
- ◆ [September 27, 2026 - Tekeyan Cultural Association - Masterpieces for Piano Trio](#)
- ◆ [November 6, 2026 - Baikar Newspaper 10th anniversary celebration at St. Leon Church](#)

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- ◆ [January 16, 2027 - Armenian Heritage Cruise](#)
- ◆ [April 10, 2027 - Hovnanian School's 50th anniversary gala](#)

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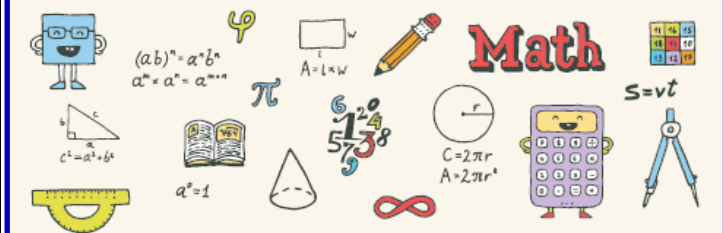
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