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History of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem (Abbreviated)



The first formally recorded Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem was Abraham, who served from AD 638 to AD 669 and received a charter and official recognition from the Arab Caliph Omar Ibn-Il-Khattab of the Omayyad (Damascus) Dynasty. The charter enumerated the rights and privileges of the Armenian Church in the Holy Land, guaranteeing its integrity and security. On the back wall facing the main entrance of the St. James Convent there is an elaborately carved inscription in Arabic which, loosely translated, warns all intruders: 'This decree from

our Lord Sultan and King Al-Daher Abu Sayid Mohammed, cursed be to all those and their future generation, and may Almighty God curse whoever harms or inflicts any injustice to this Holy Place. Abu Kheyer Razan hereby guarantees this to the St. James Armenian Convent in Jerusalem. In the year of Mohammed 854 (AD 1488)'. This and previous protective edicts have helped to strengthen and perpetuate the integrity of the Patriarchate and have provided a basis for succeeding conquerors to honor these pledges.

The final and most important pledge was made by the written declaration of the Turkish Sultan, Abdul Majid, in 1852. This declaration officially established the principle of "Status Quo" (i.e. existing "as is" condition) in the Holy Places, which defines, regulates and maintains, without change, the proprietary rights in the Holy Places granted exclusively to the three major Christian rites – Greek, Armenian Orthodox and Latin (Roman Catholic).

According to Armenian tradition, a practicing Christian would go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem at least once in his or her lifetime. Despite political and economic turmoil, thousands of Armenians flocked to the Holy Land every year. It is said of past times that the St. James Monastery could accommodate as many as eight thousand pilgrims at a given time. Pilgrimage brought to the Holy City renowned Armenian clergymen and statesmen, kings and princes, all of whom presented gifts and left their mark.

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In Armenian society it was a great honor for someone to have gone on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Such an act secured for the pilgrim a special social status, and he or she was referred to thereafter as Mahdesi – “One who saw death” – a reference to the Tomb of Christ.

By the second half of the 7th century, there were more than seventy

Armenian monasteries in the Holy Land. The present-day “Armenian Quarter” in Jerusalem – home to a closely-knit community of Armenian families – occupies the sites of some of these ancient monasteries. Enclosed within the present quarter are the St. James monastery, the Monastery of the Holy Archangels, and the Holy Savior Monastery.

The Armenian Patriarchate is one of the three Brotherhoods in Jerusalem that together share the responsibility and inestimable privilege of being Custodians of Holy Places, such as the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Grave of the Holy Virgin Mary, the church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and other places.

The Patriarchate also houses the second largest Armenian manuscript library in the world. It maintains as well an extensive collection of priceless vestments and vessels, inscriptions, paintings, a small bookstore and two printing plants. The St. James Press, founded in 1833, is the oldest in Jerusalem. Armenians also own a historic sea front monastery in Jaffa, one in Ramleh, and a large monastery in Bethlehem, adjacent to the Basilica of the Nativity as well as other real estate holdings in Israel.

The Armenian patriarchs of Jerusalem and the members of the St. James Brotherhood succeeded in protecting the rights of the Armenian Church – frequently at the cost of their lives. The Patriarchate has remained a haven for Armenian refugees throughout its history. During the first genocide of the 20th century thousands of refugees and orphans were taken by the Patriarchate.

The present patriarch – the 97th successive incumbent of the throne of St. James – is His Beatitude Archbishop Patriarch Nourhan Manougian, who was elected to the life-tenure position in 2013.

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Խաչատուր Աբովեան կը պատգամէ-
«Ո՛հ մի ազգ չի կարող առաջ գնալ, երբ իր
գաւակները մէկը միւսին կրծում են նախանձով
ու ատելությամբ...»

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Մերուժան Տէր-Գուլանեան

Կը նուիրեմ՝ Գարեգին Բ.
Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսին
Քրիստոս Աստուած՝ Արեգակ արդար,
Պայծառակերպուիր դարձեալ ու կրկին,
Իջիր մեզ վրայ քո յոյսով վարար
Եւ սիրով ծածկիր տաճար ու բազին:

Ուժ տուր պահպանենք խաչը անբասիր,
Մեզ՝ քո անունով հին խաչուածներին,-
Մոլորուել ենք, Տէր, օգնութեան հասիր,
Վտարենք մեզնից մեր ներսի չարին:

Հին աստուածները հեռացան մէկ-մէկ,
Ծամբայ բացելով քո յոյս յայտնութեան,
Տաճարդ աղօթք է գիշեր ու ցերեկ՝
Քո անունն հագած՝ քո սուրբ Յարութեան:

Քրիստոս տեսած՝ Մայր տաճարների
Ուխտաւորներդ՝ արար աշխարհից,
Քո ոտքն են գալիս՝ յոյս համբուրելի,-
Կենդանի ջուր ես, փրկեալ՝ մեզ չարից:

Ու ցոյց տուր ճամբան այսու եւ կրկին,
Մոլորեալներին քո դռները բաց,
Եւ թող պանծանայ անունը Մեր հին...
Արեգակ արդար՝ Քրիստոս Աստուած:

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ԾԵՐԱՆՈՒՄ ԵՆՔ * Պարո՛յր Մեւակ,

Ծերանում ենք, Պարո՛յր Մեւակ,
Ծերանում ենք, սիրելի՛ս,-
Հասակակից կանանց արդէն
Մենք նայում ենք եղբօր պէս,
Նկատում ենք մատղաշներին,
Որոնք մեզ չեն նկատում.
Ամէն մի նոր ծանոթութիւն

Ծերանում ենք, Պարո՛յր Մեւակ,

Ծերանում ենք, սիրելի՛ս.-

Մեր ապստամբ մագերէն արդէն
Կա՛մ պատըժուել են մահով,
Մեր խռովկան մատներն արդէն դարձել են հեզ ու
յսկան, Իսկ դաւադիր մեր ոտքերը՝
ընտանեւեր-տնասեր...

Ծերանում ենք, Պարո՛յր Մեւակ,

Ծերանում ենք, սիրելի՛ս.-
Մէկ օր խմում
Եւ երկո՛ւ օր արդէն խումհար ենք ընկնում,
Մէկ ժամ քայլում
Եւ երկո՛ւ ժամ խօսում դրա օգուտից
Կամ վնասից,
Եւ ըստ որում խօսում այնպէ՛ս լրջօրէն,
Կարծես մի մեծ գիւտ ենք արել
Կամ հերքում ենք մի հին գիւտ.
Եւ «բուժուել» կամ «հիւանդութիւն»
բառերն արդէն օրեցօր

Հոլովում են ու խոնհարում աւելի շատ եւ
նոյնիսկ- Առաւել քիչ դժգոհութեամբ,
Քան թէ թաքուն պարծանքով...

Ծերանում ենք, Պարո՛յր Մեւակ,

Ծերանում ենք, սիրելի՛ս.-
Թափառելու ժամ չի մնում,
Չենք հասցնում ձանձրանալ.
Քիչ ենք թախծում մենք անառիթ,
Շատ ենք տխրում առիթով.
Քիչ ենք կարդում, շատ ենք գրում,
Շատ ենք խորհում, քիչ քնում,
Որովհետեւ «անբնութիւն»
բառը դարձել է սոսի՛նձ

Եւ ուզում է մեր քրքրուած ջղերն
իրար կացընել...

Ծերանում ենք, Պարո՛յր Մեւակ,

Ծերանում ենք, սիրելի՛ս,
Ծերանում ենք, սակայն կարծես
Դարձեա՛յ խելքի չենք գալիս.-
Դեռ հիմա՛ էլ զարմանում ենք.
Դեռ կարո՛ղ ենք զարմանալ,
Ժամացոյցի սլաքները ետ ենք
տալիս մտովին,

Ի՛նչ է թէ մեր արդէն չարածն իբրեւ
անենք աշխարհում.

Անկարելի յաղթանակի ելք ենք
ճարում ինչ-որ կերպ.

Երբեմն էլի այս աշխարհն ենք
դեռ չափչփում յուսալից

Դո՛ն-Կիխոտի ոտքեր կոչուած
նոյն կարկինով ծայրամաշ.

Իսկ երբ մէկը խոր քնի մէջ
մեր երագն է կոխկոտում,

Առաջուա՛յ պէս... առաջուա՛յ պէս
վեր ենք ցատկում ճշալով...

Ծերանում ենք, Պարո՛յր Մեւակ,
Սակայն... խելքի չենք գալիս...

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“The future is now,” Pashinyan says as Firebird opens AI megaproject



Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan attended the official opening ceremony of the Firebird AI Factory in Hrazdan, highlighting the role of the August 8, 2025, Armenia-Azerbaijan peace summit in Washington in making the project possible.

The opening took place on the first anniversary of the peace summit.

“First, let me congratulate all of us on this event and, more broadly, on August 8, because I feel that August 8 is gaining increasing significance in the history of the Republic of Armenia.

What is happening today is, in fact, a very important and significant event. For a long time, we have been discussing, both publicly and privately within the government, the need to change our understanding of speed. When, last year, Rev Lebareadian (NVIDIA vice president), Razmig Hovaghimian (Firebird AI co-founder), and Alexander Yesayan (Firebird AI co-founder) told us about their intention to implement such a project within a year or even less, I must admit that it sounded very unusual and even

strange. At least, I did not show my feelings about it.

And here we are today, at the exact agreed location and at the right time. But we must recognize what made all this possible.

Of course, it is clear that the peace summit held at the White House in the United States on August 8, 2025, at the initiative and with the participation of U.S. President Donald Trump, and its outcome were of key importance to today's event.

I remember that last September, we had to justify ourselves for returning from the United States having signed only a memorandum of understanding in the fields of technology and artificial intelligence, because many people were not convinced by our argument that the memorandum was a substantial document and would produce results very soon.

And here is the result.”

Pashinyan once again emphasized that August 8, 2025, was a turning point for both Armenia and Azerbaijan.

“I called the President of Azerbaijan today, by the way, and we spoke about the significance of today's event. This is indeed an event of historic importance. We must acknowledge that peace is a turning point in terms of transforming the economic and investment environment in our country. Following these developments, international agencies have been revising Armenia's sovereign credit ratings one after

another, essentially sending a clear message to the investment community that Armenia is a place where investments can be made with confidence,” Pashinyan said.

He added that in the near future, the Armenian government will focus on another large-scale project, the TRIPP project, which will further raise Armenia's profile on the international investment map.

According to the Prime Minister, it is particularly interesting to see how political and economic processes go hand in hand.

“In our reality, although much has been discussed at the theoretical level about the interconnectedness of the economy and politics, and of investment and politics, in practice, we have not often seen this. Today's event is a vivid example. Following the establishment of strategic relations with the United States in January 2025, developments have accelerated,” he said.

Kazakhstan's Deputy Prime Minister Zhaslan Madiyev also attended the event. In his speech, Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan recalled that he had spoken by phone with the President of Kazakhstan the previous week and held working discussions with the Kazakh Prime Minister on August 7 on the sidelines of a meeting of the Eurasian Intergovernmental Council.

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“It is a great pleasure for us to have the Deputy Prime Minister of Kazakhstan here today, and we are grateful for his presence. Today, relations between Armenia and Kazakhstan are developing at an incredible pace. This is a very good example of how politics is changing in the Republic of Armenia, how political perceptions are changing in the Republic of Armenia, and how the very concept of the state is being reaffirmed in the Republic of Armenia,” Pashinyan said.

He also addressed Armenia-Diaspora cooperation, noting that the opening of the artificial intelligence factory in Hrazdan is a very good example of such cooperation.

According to him, Rev Lebededian and Razmig Hovaghimian, who represent the Armenian Diaspora, are focused not on sympathizing with Armenia, but on contributing to the country’s development and playing an active role in its progress.

“Ladies and gentlemen, the Republic of Armenia does not need sympathy,

and I say this officially. The Republic of Armenia needs partnership and cooperation. The Republic of Armenia is a reliable partner, and I want to thank you, dear compatriots, for responding to the government’s message.

I truly appreciate it, and it is a great honor for me that today we are talking about completely different agendas—an agenda of the state, an agenda of life, an agenda of the future. The future is now, it is here, it is today, and you can see that future with your own eyes today. Thank you to everyone who has helped create that future,” the Prime Minister concluded.

Firebird’s data center in Hrazdan is the largest AI factory in the CIS region, establishing a new AI computing hub powered by NVIDIA accelerated computing and Dell Technologies’ high-performance AI infrastructure.

While AI services are available globally, countries also need the capacity to develop and run AI for their own languages, industries and national priorities. Firebird’s AI factory brings

that capacity to Armenia, giving developers, startups, enterprises, universities and public institutions the compute to build and scale AI at home.

NVIDIA said that Firebird plans to deploy more than 70,000 NVIDIA Rubin and Blackwell GPUs and 300 megawatts of AI infrastructure capacity in Armenia by the end of 2027, accelerating the country’s development as a center for AI research, advanced computing and innovation.

At this scale, energy efficiency is essential. Built on the NVIDIA DSX platform, this AI factory integrates accelerated computing, networking, power and cooling as one codesigned system. Firebird’s AI factory is designed from the ground up to turn compute into revenue. With DSX, it can run up to 40% more GPUs on the same footprint, producing more tokens per dollar and extracting more value from every megawatt of capacity.

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Parliament speaker marks first anniversary of Armenia-Azerbaijan peace declaration



Speaker of Parliament Ruben Rubinyan has released a statement marking the first anniversary of the signing of the Armenia-Azerbaijan Peace Declaration in Washington.

“Today is the first anniversary of peace,” Rubinyan said on social media, posting a video message.

“A year ago, when the peace declaration was signed in Washington,

skeptics did not believe that it would bring real peace. They did not believe that it would put an end to the endless shootings and casualties along the border. They did not believe that we would break out of the blockade.

“They said outright that, by doing this, we were giving the other side a way forward, while getting nothing in return and remaining under blockade.

“The developments over the following year proved otherwise. It has now been not just one year, but two and a half years since no one has been wounded or killed by fire from the other side along the border,” he said.

He highlighted that Armenia has not only avoided remaining under blockade but has also been the first to reap the benefits of unblocking, gaining a

railway connection to the outside world through Azerbaijan. He emphasized that the same has happened through Türkiye, as Türkiye recently lifted restrictions on Armenia’s use of its railway network.

“This is real peace, and we should be happy about it. We deserve peace. Yes, not all the issues have been resolved yet. There will still be problems, and there will be statements that will upset us.

“We will still get upset, but not because of gunfire—or rather, we will get upset without gunfire along the border, without casualties. Because there is peace,” Rubinyan said.

Pashinyan: EU Has No Leverage to Pressure Armenia



“If anyone has leverage to exert pressure on Armenia, that leverage is not in Brussels, nor is it in the West, South, or East,” Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said on August 7 during a conversation with Russian journalists.

“As for Armenia’s policy, there is nothing new about it. Like all states, we are pursuing a policy of diversification. That is the sovereign and legitimate right of any country,”

Pashinyan added.

He stressed that the European Union has no leverage to influence Armenia or its decisions.

Speaking about trade and economic relations with Russia, Pashinyan criticized the recent restrictions imposed by Russia on Armenian goods, emphasizing that such measures only generate negative perceptions of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) in Armenia. According to him, violations of the Union’s fundamental principles point to existing problems within the EAEU.

“What is happening now with Armenian goods is, of course, a problem for the Republic of Armenia, but it is an even greater problem for the EAEU, because in practice it means that the

EAEU is not functioning. If its principles are not being upheld, then the organization is not functioning,” the Armenian prime minister said.

Addressing Armenia’s efforts to diversify its foreign policy and economy, Pashinyan noted that this has been a long-standing policy.

He added that, to some extent, the process was also encouraged by statements from some EAEU partners suggesting that Armenia “is not needed by anyone and is not welcome anywhere.”

According to Pashinyan, Yerevan took that message not negatively, but positively, and began working to prove the opposite.

Russia Steps Up Economic and Diplomatic Pressure on Armenia



Trade between Russia and Armenia has declined sharply in 2026 compared with the previous year, and the downward trend is expected to continue, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexei Overchuk said.

According to Overchuk, bilateral trade reached a record level of approximately \$12 billion in 2024 before falling to around \$8 billion in 2025. In 2026, he said, trade turnover has declined by roughly two-thirds.

“The situation developing in relations between the Eurasian Economic Union and Armenia was predictable. Over the past three or four years, we repeatedly told our Armenian partners that such risks existed, particularly the risk of declining trade,” Overchuk said.

He linked the decrease in bilateral trade to the current state of relations between Armenia and the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), stressing that Moscow had previously warned Yerevan about the possibility of such developments.



The remarks came amid broader criticism from Russian officials over Armenia’s foreign policy and its increasingly close ties with Western countries.

Alexei Fadeev, Deputy Director of the Information and Press Department of the Russian Foreign Ministry, said Armenia’s willingness to pursue what he described as genuine allied cooperation with Russia was increasingly in doubt.

“For the time being, we see that the Armenian leadership views our relations as a one-way street. We naturally expect the Armenian side to demonstrate a more balanced and realistic approach,” Fadeev said.

He accused Yerevan of moving away from its traditionally close relationship with Moscow in favor of alternative foreign policy orientations.

“In Yerevan, they are abandoning exclusive relations with Moscow, which they claim prevent them from choosing alternative directions. Instead, the population and ordinary citizens are

being presented with numerous declarations about allied cooperation with the West,” Fadeev said.

He also urged Armenian officials to consider the legal framework governing Armenian-Russian relations before making what he described as sweeping political statements.

“Before making such loud declarations, it would be useful to familiarize themselves with the legal foundation of Armenian-Russian relations, which clearly sets out who owes what to whom and to what extent,” the Russian Foreign Ministry official said.

Fadeev also criticized what he called “demonstrative courting between Yerevan and the Kyiv authorities,” referring to Armenia’s growing contacts with Ukraine.

“If Yerevan wants its interests to be taken into account, then why should Moscow not raise similar questions with its Armenian partners?” Fadeev concluded.

The statements by Overchuk and Fadeev reflect increasing economic and diplomatic pressure from Moscow as relations between Armenia and Russia continue to face strains over Yerevan’s foreign policy direction and its expanding engagement with Western partners.

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Rubio: The US allocated \$201 million for the development of TRIPP and the Middle Corridor



US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said that in the year since Armenia and

Azerbaijan signed a joint declaration in Washington, significant progress has been made in implementing the agreements, including the creation of the Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity (TRIPP).

According to Rubio, a year ago US President Donald Trump hosted Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev and Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan at the White House, witnessing the signing of a document that, the secretary of state noted, put an end to decades of conflict in the South Caucasus and laid the foundation for a new transport project.

“Over the past twelve months, the United States has worked side-by-side

with Armenia and Azerbaijan to turn that promise into progress,” Rubio said in the statement.

He noted that TRIPP, which envisions the modernization of railway, road, energy, and digital infrastructure, is gradually becoming a reality. In Armenia, engineering surveys have already begun for the railway section, while Azerbaijan is close to completing the construction of the road and railway that are to connect with Armenian infrastructure.

Rubio also announced the launch of the Trans-Caspian Enterprise Fund, created to stimulate private investment in the countries of the South Caucasus and Central Asia. The fund is headed by a recently elected board of directors, and its capitalization amounts to \$201 million from US government funds.

“Peace has opened the door to enhanced relationships between the United States, Armenia, and

Azerbaijan that will add to the economic prosperity of all three countries,” the secretary of state said.

According to him, TRIPP is not only an infrastructure project but also an important link in the Trans-Caspian Trade Route (the Middle Corridor), capable of expanding commercial opportunities for the United States and other countries.

“Peace and prosperity reinforce one another,” Rubio stressed, calling economic cooperation a model for consolidating peace after the resolution of protracted conflicts.

The secretary of state assured that Washington intends to continue working with Yerevan and Baku to strengthen the agreements reached and advance toward “durable and lasting peace” in the South Caucasus.

Shahan Shahnour (1923 - 1974)



S h a h a n Shahnour was a French Armenian writer and poet. He was born Shahnour Kerestegian in a suburb of Constantinople. He graduated from Berberian High School. In

1923, he moved to Paris, where he worked as a photographer, and in 1929 published his first novel, ‘Retreat Without Song’.

“We are retreating, parent, child, uncle and groom; customs, understanding, morals and love are retreating. The language is retreating; We all are retreating with work and deed, willingly and unwillingly, knowingly

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The novel is about an Armenian boy who, having survived the Genocide, has found refuge in Paris, and changed his name to Pierre and is working as an apprentice at a photographer’s studio. Pierre is also sexually involved with the owner of the studio, a voluptuous woman who goes by the name of Mrs. Jeanne, although she is single. Pierre socializes with a group of expatriate Armenians who muse about the fate of their people as they become more and more assimilated and get less involved

in the Armenian community. The intertwined and convoluted life of Pierre is what has made the book an Armenian masterpiece.

In 1937 Shahnour fell victim to a bone disease which caused him much pain and suffering for the rest of his life. In 1945, having partially recovered from his illness, he started writing in French under the name Armen Lubin, and from then on he was acclaimed as a French poet and received several literary awards.

His writings contain a devastating critique of the community as well as its leadership, clergy and educated classes. In 1962, a collection of his Armenian works was printed in Soviet Armenia by the Armenian State Press. Shahnour died on August 20, 1974, in southern France.

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- ◆ [August 16, 2026 - St. Vartanantz Church annual picnic](#)
- ◆ [September 12, 2026 - Holy Martyrs Armenian Festival](#)
- ◆ [September 12, 2026 - Kirikian Armenian School opening day](#)
- ◆ [September 12, 2026 - Kirikian Armenian School Toddler Program](#)
- ◆ [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](#)
- ◆ [October 14, 2026 - St. Mary Armenian Church Women's Guild Tricky Tray Dinner](#)
- ◆ [November 6, 2026 - Baikar Newspaper 10th anniversary celebration at St. Leon Church](#)
- ◆ [November 22, 2026 - Lilit Pipoyan live in concert at St. Mary Armenian Church](#)

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- ◆ [January 16, 2027 - Armenian Heritage Cruise](#)
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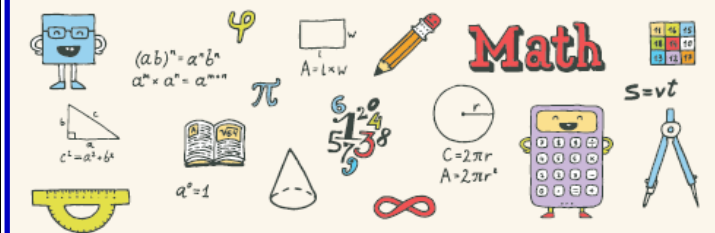
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