

# Armenian Interests

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## News & Events of the Armenian Community

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The cards and e-mails we share with each other, on December 31st, highlight our accomplishments during the past year and sets the tone for the new year. All of us are filled with hope and energy as we address all daily challenges with a positive attitude.

We at the Armenian Radio Hour of NJ want to do more. We will work harder to offer new ideas and new approaches and help direct the community in a constructive way.

We wish each of our friends and listeners a  
Happy New Year

### To our supporters

Mr.& Mrs. Harry and Suzanne Toufayan  
Mrs. Sheny Bobelian  
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**THANK YOU!**

# Poetry presented by Mrs. Zarmine Boghosian

*Մեր Գրական Աշխարհի Ծաղկաստանէն*  
♥♥♥ *Through the Orchards of the Armenian Language & Poetry* ♥♥♥ Jan. 3-4-2026  
Presented by: Zarmine Boghosian

ՅԱԲԳՃ  
**ՅՈՒՆՈՒԱՐ ԱՌԱՋԻՆ ԱՄԻՍԸ 2026-ին**

Անմահութիւնը ապրողներու յիշողութեան մէջ մնալն է...



**ՕՐԱՅՈՅՑ** \* \* \* Գեղամ Սարեան

Ծնած է 1902 -ի Գեկտեմբերի 25-ին Թաւրիզ-Իրան: Մահացած է 1976 Նոյ. 14-ին Երեւանի մէջ

**ՕՐԱՅՈՅՑ,**

Պոկում եմ ես այսօրուայ քո թերթիկը,  
որացո՛յց,  
Խինդաշաղախ թախիծով,  
հաճոյքով եմ պոկում ես,  
Ինչպէս աշնան մի տերեւ ու  
վարդի թերթը ինչպէս,  
Պոկում եմ ես այսօրուայ քո թերթիկը ,  
որացո՛յց:

Ես տեսնում եմ նրա մէջ ժամերի վազքը վսեմ,  
Մահացումներ եմ տեսնում եւ  
ծնունդները բազում՝

Ես տեսնում եմ նրա մէջ գալիք  
մեր կեանքը լուսէ,  
Այնքան յստակ , այնքան ջինջ,  
ինչպէս վճիտ երազում:

Եւ գիտեմ, որ պոկում է նա էլ մի օր  
իմ կեանքից,

Եւ առաջ է ընթանում կեանքը մի քայլ աւելի ,  
Սակայն հոգիս, օրացո՛յց,

Ականջում է նոր կեանքի  
որպէս մանուկ անհանգիստ  
երկաթաձայն քայլերին:

Ու գիտեմ ես , գիտեմ ես,  
ժամանակի որպէս քայլ

Թարմ հետքերը այսօրուայ  
դեռ աշխարհում կը մնան,

Որպէս ծիծաղ, որպէս մահ,  
հերոսութեան որպէս փայլ,

Որպէս ծնունդ , որ հիւսեց  
ժամանակի մեքենան:



**ԽՈՐՀՈՒՐԴ**

Մի՛ սարսափիր մահից դու,  
Ի՛նչ բարեկամ , ի՛նչ ընկեր,  
Մահը կորուստ չէ մարդու,  
Կործանում չէ դեռ:  
Սարսափի ր դու, երբ գիտես՝

Ապրում ես ու կաս,  
Ու քո կեանքում մեր կեանքին  
Բան չունես որ տաս:



**ՄԱՐՕ ՄԱՐԳԱՐԵԱՆ**

Խեղդուելու չափ պէտք ունեմ ես

Լաւ ընկերոջ ու լաւ մարդկանց.

Ոչ մի թաւիչ շող ու շքեղ,

Ոչ մի գունեղ մետաղ ու գանձ.

Ոչ մի թռիչք՝ երկինք հասնող,

Փառքի կատար ամենախանձ,

Ու պարտադիր սուտ սէրերի,

Ոչ մի կպչուն սոսիճ ու սանձ:

Մաքուր, մաքուր ու լուսնատես,

Լուսաբացի ցուրտ օդի պէս.

Ես յոգնել եմ, յոգնել եմ ես

Ձեւացնելով ու ձգելով,

Չեղած լաւը սուտ փքելով,

Յոյս տալով ինձ, սպասելով,

Ու մեղաներ ինձ ասելով:

Տարիները եկել, դիզուել՝

Ծանրացել են թռիչք ու թափ,

**Լաւ սրտերի պէտք ունեմ ես**

Խեղդուելու չափ,

Խեղդուելու չափ:



**ԿԱՂԱՆՂԻ ՕՍԱՌ** \* \* \* Զահրատ

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Կաղանդի ծառ մը շտկելու համար

Երկու բան պէտք է

Նախ ծառ մը –

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- **Օտռէն զարդէն գատ**

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Մէկ բան կը բաւէ –

ոչ ծառ ոչ ալ զարդ –

Ատիկա խիճերն աղամանդ կարծող

Միամիտ հոգուոյս բարի խաբկանքն է

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**Բարի տարի ձեզ եւ բարի պատրանք**

**2026**



# We Armenia



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# Current News from Around the World



*Armenian Interests*

## Armenia–U.S. Relations Reach the Level of Strategic Partnership, Says U.S. Ambassador



Armenia–U.S. relations have reached the level of a strategic partnership, U.S. Ambassador Kristina Kvien said in a New Year’s message.

“In 2025, Armenia–U.S. relations achieved greater progress than in any year since Armenia’s independence,” the ambassador stated. “During the historic meeting with Donald Trump at the White House, the framework of our cooperation was outlined—one that will

serve as a guiding benchmark for decades to come. Together, we are working to establish peace in the region.”

Kvien also emphasized that new Armenia–U.S. initiatives will be launched in the fields of advanced technologies, energy, connectivity, and security, further strengthening bilateral cooperation.

## Yerevan and Ankara to Grant Visa-Free Entry to Diplomats



The Armenian government has circulated a draft decision proposing that, starting January 1, 2026, a zero visa fee be applied on a reciprocal basis for holders of Turkish diplomatic, service, and special passports entering Armenia. The draft was included in the agenda of the

government’s written vote on December 29.

According to the justification prepared by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia, the agreement reached by the two sides will enable eligible passport holders from both countries to obtain free entry visas through the E-Visa system. Under current regulations, fees apply both to Armenian holders of diplomatic passports and to Turkish holders of service and special passports; the new decision would equalize these conditions.

Under the proposed regulation, Turkish citizens holding special and service passports would be granted free

entry visas for visits of up to 21 days to the Republic of Armenia, with the applicable fee set at zero drams in accordance with the Law on State Fees.

The document notes that the initiative aims to ensure equal conditions for both countries and does not stem from any separate strategic document. The government assesses that adopting the decision will not result in significant changes to state budget revenues or expenditures, given the limited number of beneficiaries and the application of the reciprocity principle between Armenia and Turkey.

**Armenian Radio Hour of NJ**

**Sundays 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. WSOU 89.5 F.M.**

# DIRECTORY

The following are addresses where Armenian gatherings are frequently held  
This is NOT a list of Armenian organizations or churches  
We will be glad to list additional addresses

**AGBU**

55 East 59th Street  
New York, NY 10022  
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Email: agbuny@agbu.org  
www.agbu.org

**Diocese of the Armenian Church**

630 Second Avenue  
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  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
201-791-2862

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Ridgefield, NJ 07657  
201-943-2950

**St Stepanos Armenian Apostolic Church**

1184 Ocean Avenue  
Elberon, New Jersey 07740  
Phone 732-229-3661 Fax 732-229-3857

**Holy Cross Armenian Church**

318 27th Street,  
Union City, NJ 07087  
201-864-2480

**Hovnanian School**

817 River Road  
New Milford, NJ 07646  
201-967-5940  
www.hovnanianschools.org

**Sacred Heart Armenian Catholic Church**

155 Long Hill Road  
Little Falls, NJ 07424  
Tel: 973-890-0447

**St. Thomas Armenian Church**

Route 9W-E Clinton Avenue  
Tenafly, NJ 07670  
201-567-5446

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973-533-9794

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38-65 234 Street  
Douglaston, NY 11363  
718-224-2275

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Greenville, NY 12083  
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**St. Nersess Armenian Seminary**

486 Bedford Road  
Armonk, NY 10504  
914-273-0200  
info@stnersess.edu www.stnersess.edu

**Armenian Network of America-NY Region**

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Bible School Park, NY 13737  
(617) 688-2741  
newyorkregion@armnet.org www.armnet.org

**Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs**

209-15 Horace Harding Expressway  
Bayside, New York 11364  
718-225-0235  
www.holy-martyrs.org

**Armenian Evangelical Church of New York**

152 E 34th St.  
New York, NY 10016  
Tel: (212) 685-3177

**St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral**

630 2nd Ave  
New York, NY 10016  
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**St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church**

1131 North Street  
White Plains, NY 10605  
Tel. (914) 428-2595

**Tekayan Cultural Association-Greater NY**

560 Sylvan Avenue  
Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632  
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# Calendar of Events



*Armenian Interests*

To be included in our Calendar of Events,  
please provide us with your non-profit organization's event, date and  
location along with a contact name and telephone number

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- ◆ Flyers will be posted NO EARLIER than 3 months prior to event date
- ◆ Announcements on the radio program will be made NO EARLIER than 3 months prior to event date
- ◆ Prior to the 3 month limit, your event will be listed in the "Save the Date" section of our events page with a link to your website/email for 6 months (9 months total)
- ◆ The only exception to this policy are cruises and travel (we will post those in our "Save the Date" section up to 12 months in advance, with flyers posted 6 months prior to departure & announcements made 6 months prior to departure)

*The Armenian Radio and Armenian Interests newsletter mission is to promote Armenian cultural/educational/social functions run by non-profit organizations*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ◆ [January 6, 2026 - Kirikian Armenian School Christmas Luncheon](#)
- ◆ [January 10, 2026 - Naghash Ensemble of Armenia presented by Tekeyan Cultural Association](#)
- ◆ [January 10-17, 2026 - Armenian Heritage Cruise](#)
- ◆ [February 14, 2026 - St. Leon Church Paregentan Celebarion](#)
- ◆ [March 20, 2026 - Save the date - St. Vartan Cathedral Cultural Committee concert](#)
- ◆ [April 11, 2026 - Armenian Relief Society anniversary gala dinner](#)

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(Sundays 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.)

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# **Armenian Christmas Luncheon**

*Tuesday*

**January 6, 2026**

**1:00 PM**

*Following Badarak in Church Hall*

**Donation Adults \$40**  
**Children under 12 years \$20**  
**Children under 3 are Free**

**Includes Mezze, Dinner, Desserts,  
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# NAGHASH

*ensemble  
of Armenia*



**The Presbyterian Church** at Tenafly  
January 10, 2026, 6 PM

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Friday | March 20  
7:30 pm | 2026

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Guest pianist **Kiron Atom Tellian** opens with a selection of Komitas's Armenian Dances, while cellist **Sergey Antonov** joins Hakobyan in Saint-Saëns's Cello Concerto No. 1 and Arutunian's Impromptu, followed by Rachmaninoff's Vocalise and Komitas arrangements. The concert culminates with Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, played and conducted by Hakobyan.

SAVE  
THE  
DATE!



St. Vartan Cathedral  
630 2nd Avenue  
New York, New York 10016



Armenian Relief Society  
NJ Shakeh Chapter



**111**

*Anniversary*  
*Gala Dinner*

Saturday, April 11, 2026  
7:00 PM

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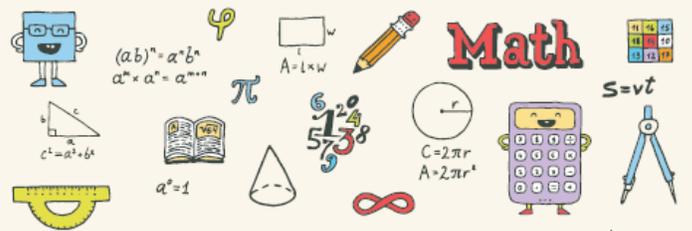
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