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Vice President JD Vance visit to Armenia is an historic event that opens new opportunities for Armenia. This is about peace—not just for one or two years, but for decades



On February 9, U.S. Vice President JD Vance arrived in Armenia on an official visit together with Second Lady Usha Vance and their children aboard U.S. Air Force Two landed at Yerevan's Zvartnots Airport.

Speaker of Parliament Alen Simonyan, Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sport Zhanna Andreasyan, Yerevan Mayor Tigran Avinyan and other officials welcomed the U.S. Vice President at the airport.

Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan met with Vice President Vance later that night. After two days in Armenia Vance will visit Azerbaijan on Wednesday and Thursday to push a Washington-brokered peace agreement that could transform energy and trade routes in the strategic South Caucasus region.

Vance is the first US vice president to visit Armenia, and the highest-ranking U.S. official to visit Armenia since its independence in 1991. He is seeking to advance the Trump Route a proposed 43-

km corridor across southern Armenia linking Azerbaijan to its Nakhchivan exclave and ally Turkiye.

Under the agreement signed last year, a private US firm, the TRIPP Development Company, has been granted exclusive rights to develop the proposed corridor, with



Yerevan retaining full sovereignty over its borders, customs, taxation and security.

Securing US access to supplies of critical minerals is also likely to be a key focus of Vance's visit. TRIPP could prove a key transit corridor for the vast mineral wealth of Central Asia — including uranium, copper, gold and



rare earths — to Western markets.

According to the Prime Minister of Armenia, the level of relations between Yerevan and Washington is higher than ever. "It is very important that with Vice President Vance we underscored the great potential for the further development of our relations. Yes, today we are at the highest point, but the agenda that we reaffirmed in our statements would multiply the scope of our cooperation. Armenia and the United States have established a strategic partnership, and it is very important that now we can demonstrate concrete manifestations of that strategic partnership, which are tangible and visible," the Prime Minister of Armenia emphasized.

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Armenia and the United States have completed negotiations on a 123 civil nuclear cooperation agreement, opening wide opportunities for the implementation of major projects, U.S. Vice President JD Vance said after a meeting with Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan.



“That means up to \$5 billion in initial U.S. exports, plus an additional \$4 billion in long-term support through fuel and maintenance contracts. This is the classic win-win for both Armenia and the United States of America. It means stronger energy security for my own country, and it also, I think, means stronger energy security for Armenia. And it is also going to create a lot of new jobs back home in the United States. It means small modular reactors. American technology is going to be coming to this country. And again, Armenia is one of the few countries where we feel confident enough to invest at this level, to send this kind of technology. And it's happening because of the leadership of the prime minister,” said JD Vance.

“I know there is an election coming up. I won't talk about that, but to the

extent my endorsement means anything, Pashinyan certainly has it, because this is a guy who can build the long-term partnership to make this kind of a thing stick,” Vance added.

In his remarks, Pashinyan praised the agreement, saying, “This agreement will open a new chapter in the deepening energy partnership between Armenia and the United States, contribute to diversifying Armenia’s energy resources, and support the introduction of safe and innovative technologies...

Armenia has also acquired V-B-8 type unmanned aerial vehicles from the U.S., whose effectiveness has been proven through extensive operational experience and which will significantly contribute to strengthening our defense capabilities,” Pashinyan announced, expressing hope that the deal would lead to expanded cooperation. Vance confirmed the sale, saying, “I am very pleased that we will be selling new drone technology to Armenia.”

Vice President JD Vance and Second Lady Usha Vance visited the Tsitsernakaberd Memorial in Yerevan to pay tribute to the victims of the Armenian Genocide.



Speaker of Parliament Alen Simonyan described Vance’s visit as, “an historic event that opens new opportunities for Armenia...this is about peace—not just for one or two years, but for decades.”

Poetry presented by Mrs. Zarmine Boghosian

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Փետրուար ամիսը իր յատուկ տեղը կը գրաւէ յիշատակումովը **Վարդանանց Պա տերազմին** հետ կապուած գաղափարին եւ յանուն **Հաւատքի եւ Հայրենիքի** Հայուն միասնական պայքարը արտայայտող երեւոյթին: Յատուկ օր նշանակուած է նաեւ յարգելու հոգեւոր հայրերը, որոնք **Ղեւոնդ Երեցի** օրինակով ազգին ճգնաժամային պահերուն չեն զլացած իրենց ներկայութեամբ, **խաչն ու զէնքը ձեռին պարզած**, կողք-կողքի դիմագրաւելու ժողովուրդին սպառնացող արհաւիրքը, հոգեւոր ուժ ներշնչելով ժողովուրդին:

Այս շաբթուայ մէջ –Երեքշ.՝ **Փետր. 10-ին** կը յիշատակենք **Սբ. Ղեւոնդեանց Քահանայիցը**, չինգշ.՝ **Փետր. 12-ին Սրբոց Վարդանանքը: Անունով ապրին** բոլոր անոնք՝ որ մկրտուած են մեր նա-հատակ սուրբերու անունով- ի մասնաւորի՝ **Վարդան, Վահան, Ծուշանիկ** անուններով: Ծաբաթ օր **Տեսնընդառաջ** եւ **Սիրոյ Օր է**, իսկ Կիրակի՝15-ին **Քուն Բարեկենդան է, որմէ ետք կը սկսի**

Մեծ ՊԱՀՔԸ:

Այս շաբթուայ էջը ձեզի պիտի բերէ նմոյշներ հայկական առակներէն որոնք Արժ.Տեր Բարին (RIP) հաւաքած եւ երկլեզու ներկայացուցած է հատորի մը մէջ: Այսպիսով, **Ս. Սահակ-Ս.Մեսրոպ եկեղեցւոյ նախկին հովիւ, (1985-2001) հոգոյս Արժ. Դոկտ. Բարի Մեթնեանին** յիշատակը նշած կ'ըլլանք թէ՛ **Ղեւոնդեանց Տօնին** առիթով եւ թէ՛ իր իսկ հաւաքած ժողովրդական իմաստուն խօսքերու փունջով:

Անցեալ շաբաթ **Երեցկին Անժէլ-Մեթնեան** եւ **ընտանիքը** Ս. Սահակ-Ս. Մեսրոպ եկեղեցւոյ հովիւ՝ Արժ. Տ. Արմաշին աղօթքով նշեցին Տ. Բարինին վախճանման **15-ամեակը:**



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*** Աղօթէ որ սրբանաս, աշխատէ որ կշտանաս:
 *** Ազատութեան հերոսներուն տուէք պսակ ոսկեղէն, ամէն դարեր թող օրհնութեամբ անունն անոնց հեղեղեն:
 *** Երկու անգամ բերանդ փակ պահէ- լողալու եւ բարկացած պահուդ:
 *** Որչափ ալ աչքը մեծնայ, յօնքէն վեր չի կրնար ելլել:
 *** Ուղտապանին բարեկամ եղողը՝ դուռը մեծ շինելու է:
 *** Գէշ խօսողը ընկոյզի պարկի պէս է, որքան որ շարժես, այնքան ձայն կը հանէ:
 *** Երբ մարդիկ առանց կրօնքի դաստիարակուին, խելացի սատանաներ կը դառնան:
 *** Ան որ կը ներէ կռիւին վերջ կը դնէ:
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 *** Ամէնուն բարիք չենք կրնար ընել, բայց ամէնուն հանդէպ բարեացակամ կրնանք ըլլալ:
 *** Տանիքէն ինկողը տանիքէն ինկողին վիճակէն կը հասկնայ:
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 *** Առաքինի մարդիկ կը նմանին արեւուն, իրենց բարութեան ճառագայթները կը տարածեն ամէնուն վրայ:
 *** Օրինակը գեղեցիկ խրատէն աւելի կ'ազդէ:
 *** Եթէ տղեկը իմանար, ծերը կարենար, ծոյրը կամենար, աշխարհի վրայ անհնար բան չէր մնար:



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Չապէլ Ասատուրէն – Հրանդ Ասատուրին Որչափ մեծ է սերս, Հրանդ, եւ որչափ հզօր ես դուն որ սիրովդ կ'ազդես ինձի: Քանի օրէ ի վեր ունեցած տրտմութիւններէս, ցաւերէս բան մը չմնաց այսօր. քեզ տեսայ եւ ամէն բան մոռցայ: Կը մտածեմ որ եթէ ամէն օր քեզ տեսնայի ի՛նչ կ'ըլլար կեանքս:
 - Ամէն ինչ լոյս, ժպիտ եւ ուրախութիւն է. վասնզի լոյսս, ժպիտս եւ ուրախութիւնս դո՛ւն ես, ամէն գեղեցիկ բաներու անձնաւորութիւնն ես դուն, Հրանդս, եւ քեզ սիրելէ աւելի քաղցր բան չկայ աշխարհի վրայ:

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Pashinyan and Aliyev to Travel to Washington for “Peace Council” Summit



“Peace Council” summit initiated by former U.S. President Donald Trump, following a regional visit by U.S. Vice President J.D. Vance.

on February 19 to attend the Peace Council summit.

Earlier, the outlet Axios, citing U.S. diplomats, reported that during the summit the White House intends to discuss and mobilize measures to support the implementation of the second phase of the ceasefire agreement in Gaza, as well as efforts aimed at the region’s reconstruction.

According to reports,

The leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan are set to travel to the United States to participate in the

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev plan to visit Washington

Armenian Ambassador presents credentials to King of Thailand

Armenian Ambassador to Thailand, Vahe Gevorgyan (stationed in Beijing), presented his credentials to the King of Thailand, Maha Vajiralongkorn.

The King noted that the warm and constructive relations between the two countries provide an important foundation for deepening bilateral cooperation and contribute to initiatives for regional and global collaboration.

Gevorgyan also met with Thailand’s Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sihasak Phuangketkeow, during which bilateral and multilateral cooperation issues were discussed.



Customs service will operate in accordance with EAEU regulations in case of TRIPP project



A customs service will operate in the case of the Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity (TRIPP) project. And since Armenia is a member of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), the entire legal system of the EAEU will operate in this case. Chairman of the State Revenue Committee (SRC) of Armenia, Eduard Hakobyan, announced this at a press conference Tuesday.

"That is, the cargo will pass through the appropriate X-ray, and that system will analyze it either through an analyst or artificial intelligence and select the targets to examine. The whole task is that as a result of this whole process, contact with people will gradually decrease," said the Armenian SRC chairman.

A team from the U.S.-based team of engineers arrived in Armenia to begin site assessment work for the TRIPP project



A team from the U.S.-based engineering and consulting firm AECOM has arrived in Armenia to begin site assessment work for the TRIPP project, under a mandate from the U.S. Department of State's Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment, the U.S. Embassy in Armenia reported.

and economic feasibility assessments and the development of proposals related to the construction of railways and other infrastructure, which will help stimulate long-term economic growth in Armenia, enhance connectivity, and promote regional integration," the embassy said in a statement.

Peace and Prosperity," or TRIPP, is a regional infrastructure initiative. Its foundational Joint Declaration was signed in Washington on August 8, 2025, by Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev, with the direct mediation of U.S. President Donald Trump.

The framework for the project's practical implementation was finalized on January 13, 2026, by Armenian Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan and U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio. Under the program, a joint Armenian-American company will be established to manage transportation routes passing through Armenia, while preserving Armenia's sovereign control and ensuring regional stability.

"These activities will include technical

The "Trump Route for International

Iran-Armenia ties enter new stage of development – Ambassador



The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Armenia celebrated Iran's National Day, the 47th anniversary of the Victory of the Islamic Revolution.

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Iran to the Republic of Armenia Khalil Shirgholami stated that this year marks the 35th anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Armenia, adding that Iran was among the first countries to recognize Armenia's independence. He stressed that the ties between the Armenian and Iranian peoples date back thousands of years.

"The 150,000-strong Armenian community in Iran and dozens of important Armenian holy sites in Iran testify to that indissoluble connection,"

the Ambassador said.

According to Shirgholami, 2025 has been a fruitful and successful year in the history of bilateral relations. He highlighted the visit of Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian to Yerevan in August 2025 as the culmination of positive developments in the historical, brotherly and strategic relations between the two countries.

The ambassador stated that trade turnover between Armenia and Iran during January–November 2025, excluding the defense sector, reached \$698 million. He noted that the goal of increasing bilateral trade to \$3 billion, outlined by the leaders of the two countries, remains on the agenda.

"Today, relations between Iran and Armenia have entered a new stage of progress, and mutual trust between the leaders of the two countries is the main capital of these relations and strategic partnership," he said.

Shirgholami also noted that Iran welcomes the peace process in the South Caucasus, expressing conviction

that peace and friendship among the peoples of the region are prerequisites for comprehensive development and deeper cooperation. He added that Iran attaches importance to the development of communications and the lifting of blockades through the use of transport and transit opportunities of all regional countries.

"There is huge economic potential in the South Caucasus region," the Ambassador said.

He assured that Iran seeks to see a strong, developed and prosperous Armenia.

"The friendship between the peoples of Iran and Armenia has a clear path of growth, development, greater interconnectedness and partnership," Shirgholami said, adding that the Iranian Embassy in Yerevan will continue to contribute to the implementation of this vision in close cooperation with state authorities.

From February 10 - 11, 2026 Vice President JD Vance visited Azerbaijan following the first-ever visit to Armenia on February 9, 2026



From February 10-11, 2026, U.S. Vice President JD Vance visited Azerbaijan as part of a diplomatic trip to the South Caucasus to advance regional peace and strengthen bilateral ties. Vance

and Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev signed a charter on a strategic partnership aimed at boosting cooperation in defense, energy, and security. Vance announced that the U.S. would provide "new boats" to Azerbaijan for "territorial waters protection" in the Caspian Sea. Aliyev highlighted that the new partnership covers defense sales, counterterrorism, and intelligence sharing.

The visit aimed to solidify a U.S.-backed peace process in the region following Vance's visit to Armenia.

Discussions included the "Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity" (TRIPP), designed to enhance economic opportunities and regional transit. President Aliyev described the partnership as a "new phase" in relations, while discussions also covered AI and economic cooperation.

This trip marked a significant high-level U.S. engagement in Azerbaijan, following the first-ever visit by a U.S. Vice President to Armenia on February 9, 2026.

Turkish Airlines to launch daily flights between Yerevan and Istanbul



Starting March 11, 2026, Turkish Airlines will operate flights from Yerevan to

Istanbul.

The Istanbul–Yerevan–Istanbul flights will operate daily.

Starting May 14, the frequency will

increase to 10 flights per week, and from June 15, to 14 flights per week, according to Armenian airport administration.

Armenia Showcases Indian-Supplied Weapons for the First Time



Armenia has, for the first time, publicly showcased several samples of military equipment acquired from India during the official visit of the Chief of Defence Staff of the Indian Armed Forces, General Anil Chauhan.

The presentation featured weapons produced in both Armenia and India. Armenian Minister of Defense Suren Papikyan announced the development in a post on his Facebook page, also sharing a video from the event.

“Within the framework of the visit of the Chief of Defence Staff of the Indian Armed Forces to the Republic of Armenia, samples of military equipment produced in Armenia and India were presented to him,” Papikyan wrote.

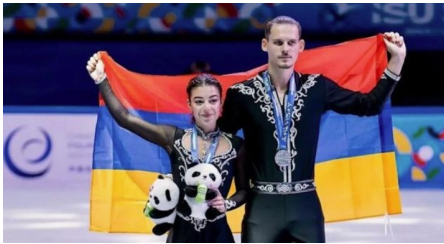
Against the backdrop of General Anil Chauhan’s visit, this open demonstration clearly indicates that Armenia–India defense cooperation has entered a practical, visible, and long-term phase.

The move sends a strategic message that Armenia is transitioning to a new level of defense capability—combining



missile and artillery strike forces, air defense systems, and diversified technological partnerships.

Azerbaijan Files Protest With IOC Over Armenian Skaters' Use of "Artsakh" Music



Azerbaijan's National Olympic Committee has filed a formal protest with the International Olympic Committee over Armenian ice dancers Karina Akopova and Nikita Rakhmanin's planned Olympic program, which is set to music by Ara Gevorgyan titled "Artsakh."

Azerbaijan argues that the selection carries political meaning and violates the Olympic Charter's requirement for political neutrality, urging the IOC to intervene ahead of the Winter Games.

Composer Ara Gevorgyan has officially granted permission for the Armenian ice dancers to perform to his composition "Artsakh" at the Olympic Games. He confirmed this in an interview with Sputnik Armenia.

The Armenian athletes had previously announced that they would skate to Gevorgyan's "Artsakh." It was revealed today that Azerbaijan's National Olympic Committee has filed a formal protest over the use of the composition at the Winter Olympic Games. Although "Artsakh" is an instrumental piece with no lyrics, officials in Baku claim it carries "political and separatist undertones."

Speaking with Sputnik Armenia, Gevorgyan said that, at the request of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the skaters formally sought his permission to use the music.

"I granted my permission and sent my written consent for them to submit to the Olympic Committee. Just yesterday, I received a video of their training session performed to this music," the composer said.

Addressing Azerbaijan's complaint, Gevorgyan suggested that the objection is primarily related to the title of the composition.

"Apparently, they don't like the title," he said. "They say Artsakh doesn't

exist, so the music shouldn't have that name either. I completely disagree. I have compositions titled Van, Mush, Ararat, Sis, Adana, Vagharshapat. Should we now go and change all these titles? It is the author's right to name their work as they see fit."

Gevorgyan also expressed pride and satisfaction that Rakhmanin and Akopova have chosen his "Artsakh" composition for their Olympic performance.

"Our figure skaters have made an excellent musical choice. This is a very strong piece—many athletes have performed to it and gone on to win medals or place very highly," he said.

The composer noted that "Artsakh" will be heard at the Olympic Games for the fourth time. It was first performed at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, followed by the 2006 Turin Winter Olympics and the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games, with its fourth Olympic appearance taking place now.

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New York, NY 10022
212-319-6383
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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461 Bergen Boulevard
Ridgefield, NJ 07657
201-943-2950

St Stepanos Armenian Apostolic Church

1184 Ocean Avenue
Elberon, New Jersey 07740
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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
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St. Thomas Armenian Church

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

St. Mary Armenian Church

200 W. Mt. Pleasant Avenue
Livingston, NJ 07039
973-533-9794

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38-65 234 Street
Douglaston, NY 11363
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Greenville, NY 12083
212-686-0710, x120
www.araratcener.org

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

P.O. Box 205
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

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New York, NY 10016
(212) 686-0710

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,
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ [February 14, 2026 - St. Leon Church Paregentan Celebarion](#)
- ◆ [March 8, 2026 - AGBU presents Past & Present Armenian Sounds with Trio Fadolin and Ara Dinkjian](#)
- ◆ [March 20, 2026 - St. Vartan Cathedral Cultural Committee concert](#)
- ◆ [April 11, 2026 - Armenian Relief Society anniversary gala dinner](#)
- ◆ [April 22, 2026 - Program honoring the legacy of the Armenian Genocide](#)
- ◆ [May 16-17, 2026 - St. Mary Armenian Church centennial celebration](#)
- ◆ [August 27-September 7, 2026 - Trip to Jerusalem](#)

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MARCH 8, 2026 / 2-5 PM
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CONCERT AND TALK

Past & Present Armenian Sounds with Trio Fadolin and Ara Dinkjian



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Join us for an evening of Armenian music blending folk traditions with modernist and contemporary forms, performed by Trio Fadolin and featuring a special guest appearance by oud virtuoso Ara Dinkjian.

2-4:00 PM Talk & Performance

4-5:00 PM Light Reception

Seating is limited. Scan QR code to make a reservation.

Presented in conjunction with the special exhibition:
Topographies of Dissent: Armenian Art from the Dodge
Collection.

To learn more about the performers visit trio.fadolin.com and
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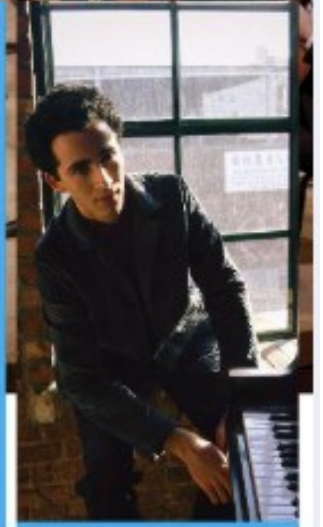


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Anniversary
Gala Dinner

Saturday, April 11, 2026
7:00 PM

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Program to Honor Legacy of the Armenian Genocide

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 @ 6:00PM-8:30PM

Dolan Auditorium-Annunciation Center

Saint Elizabeth University Campus

2 Convent Road, Morristown



An evening of
traditional food, music and
discussion will honor those lost
in the Armenian Genocide.
Starting in 1915 one and a half million
Armenians were murdered.

The program will honor the breath
and beauty of Armenian culture
while remembering the legacy of the
Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide.



- ❖ Doors open at 6 PM for a traditional Armenian dinner with music from the Maldjian Family
- ❖ Program to begin at 7 PM and feature author Chris Bohjalian and music from the Zulal Trio
- ❖ Hosted by Vartan Abdo of "The Armenian Radio Hour of New Jersey" on WSOU

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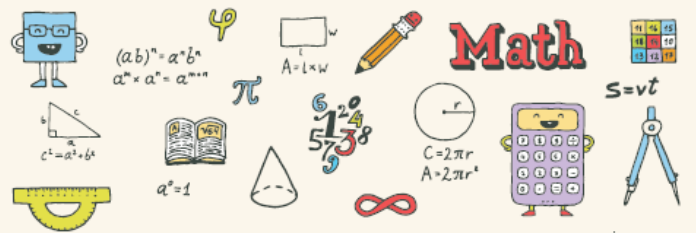
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