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ARHNJ volunteers ensure that the Armenian community's voice is heard—loud, proud, and united



Once again, the volunteers of the Armenian Radio Hour of New Jersey gathered on Sunday, February 15, at the hospitable Anahid's Restaurant. The dinner was graciously and generously hosted by Rafi and Kate Krikorian.

The table was overflowing with abundant and inviting dishes—more than enough to whet anyone's appetite. No one complained as they happily enjoyed the familiar flavors of beureg, chi-kofta, tabouleh, manti, and a variety of delicious salads. Beyond the wonderful food and desserts, what truly stood out was the high morale and warm camaraderie among the volunteers. It was as if the food itself whispered, "Eat, enjoy the evening—we thank you and appreciate your service to the community through ARHNJ."

Though these gatherings are not frequent, they are always deeply appreciated and warmly cherished when they do take place. The shared images of the radio family around the dinner table beautifully captured the joyful spirit of the evening.

One special highlight was the presentation of a celebratory cake for Hagop Deshoyan, honoring his acceptance to the prestigious Stevens Institute of Technology. Everyone shared in the exciting news and offered heartfelt congratulations.

The other dedicated volunteers—university students majoring in Finance and pre-law—continue to



immerse themselves both in their academic pursuits and in Armenian community life. Their commitment is truly commendable. With untiring dedication, they work together to keep the voice of Armenians strong and vibrant on the airwaves of WSOU, the radio station of Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey.

Their service ensures that the Armenian community's voice continues to be heard—loud, proud, and united.

Headline News



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AGBU Scholarship Program Announces Larger Awards and New Criteria for Select 2026-2027 Applications



In addition to opening applications for its 2026–2027 scholarship awards, AGBU is announcing significant updates to eligibility requirements, award amounts, and priority fields of study. These changes are designed to attract applicants whose academic pursuits align with social impact, Armenian advancement, and AGBU’s mission.

For the upcoming academic year, AGBU scholarship awards will range up to \$10,000 per student, with a limited number of highly selective grants of up to \$20,000 available to exceptional candidates. The expanded awards reflect the rising cost of higher education and AGBU’s commitment to providing support that is meaningful and impactful, particularly for students pursuing demanding graduate and professional programs at top universities.

New Criteria

The updated scholarship framework introduces a more focused approach, prioritizing fields of study that contribute to long-term educational, humanitarian, and socio-economic development in Armenia and the global Armenian community. These fields include Armenian Studies, Education, International Relations, Diplomacy and Political Science, Journalism and Communications, Medicine and Public Health, Performing Arts, Religious Studies, Social Impact and Economics, and STEM disciplines.

In addition to field specialization, AGBU has raised minimum GPA requirements for all applicants, including a 3.7 GPA for U.S. based graduate study and a 3.5 GPA for all other categories. Applicants are also evaluated based on the competitiveness of their academic institution.

“Beyond scholarly achievement, applicants are expected to demonstrate a strong connection to Armenianness, reflected through community service, leadership, and active involvement in Armenian life. This emphasis reinforces AGBU’s mission to support students who are committed not only to personal success, but also to giving back to their communities,” stated AGBU Central Board member Lena Sarkissian.

All AGBU scholarships are available to students of Armenian descent who demonstrate academic excellence and financial need. An exception applies to the Helen C. Evans Scholarship for Armenian Art and Culture, which is open to applicants regardless of Armenian descent. All applicants must be enrolled in a full-time degree program, demonstrate that a significant portion of tuition is secured through secondary funding sources, and may receive funding for a maximum of three years toward college or university education expenses.

In addition to financial support, AGBU continues to invest in strengthening relationships with scholarship recipients through networking events, virtual career workshops, and mentorship opportunities, fostering long-term engagement within the global Armenian community.

Applicants are encouraged to begin by completing AGBU’s eligibility quiz [Scholarship Eligibility | AGBU](#), which directs applicants to the appropriate scholarship. Full details on all scholarship criteria, and application deadlines are available at <https://agbu.org/scholarships>.

Armenian Radio Hour of NJ

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

Poetry presented by Mrs. Zarmine Boghosian

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*** Փետրուար 12, 1945-ին, Պոլսոյ երկնականարին վրայ գոյգ մը աչքերով նայող մանկիկը չէր գիտեր թէ քանի՞ հազար գոյգ աչքեր պիտի հետեւէին իր ձեռքին բռնած գրիչէն վիրաբոյժի եւ բանաստեղծի հոգիով թուղթին յանձնուած իր տողերուն հետ ապրելով:

*** Ծնած էր Պոլիս, նախնական կրթութիւնը ստացած էր Գատրգիւղի Արամեան-Ունճեան վարժարանի մէջ: Բարձրագոյն ուսումը կը ստանայ Սեն Ժոզեֆ ֆրանսական վարժարանին մէջ – կ'աւարտէ՝ 1963-ին: Իսկ 1969-ին Պոլսոյ համալսարանի «Ճերրահ-Փաշա» բժշկական համալսարանէն կը վկայուի որպէս՝ վիրաբոյժ:

Մանուկը, որ մեծ հորմէն ժառանգած **ԻՆԳՆԱՏԻՈՍ** անունով մկրտուած էր, աշխարհին ձգեց գիր-գրականութիւն սիրող անհաշուելի գրասէրներու հոգիներուն մէջ եւ շրթներուն վրայ յամեցող բանաստեղծ **Իգնա Սարրասլանի** անունը:

***Սկսած էր գրել 14 տարեկանէն, եւ հազիւ 17 տարեկանին 1962-ին արժանացած էր **ՍԱՐԳԻՍ ՊՕՂՈՍԵԱՆ** բանաստեղծական մրցանակին: Իսկ 1973-ին իր «**ԼՕ**» բանաստեղծութեան հատորը արժանացած էր **ՀԲԸՄ-ի Ալեք Մանուկեան** Հիմնարկի գրական բաժնի Առաջին մրցանակին:

***Բժիշկ էր մասնագիտութեամբ, սակայն իր արմատներէն երակներուն մէջ հոսող ասրիւնով դարձաւ բանասէր եւ մանաւանդ՝ սիրտեր գրաւող **ԲԱՆԱՏԵՂԾ:**

*** Այսօր՝ երկու օրով միմիայն հազիւ իր 81-րդ տարեդարձը շրջանցած- 2026-ի Փետրուար ամսուն 14-ին- այդ գոյգ մը ամենատես աչքերը յաւետ փակուեցան այս աշխարհին հանդէպ, մեզի ժառանգ ձգելով հսկայական հարստութիւն մը իր զմայելի տողերով:

*** Պոլսոյ **ՆՈՐ ՄԱՍԱՐՄԱՐԱՐԱՅԻՆ** գրական էջերը հարստացնող փնտռուած անուն մը դարձաւ, մամուլի զանազան էջերուն մէջ վերատպուեցաւ ու հիացողներու շարքը դարձաւ անհամար:



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Օր եղաւ լոյսս դարձար
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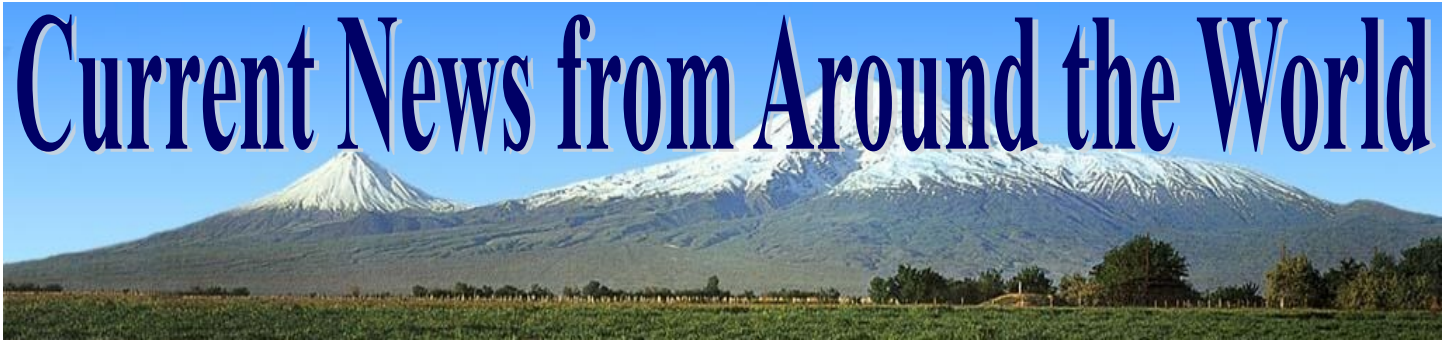
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Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan participate in the inaugural session of the Board of Peace in Washington, D.C.



Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan traveled to the United States to participate in the inaugural session of the Board of Peace in Washington, D.C.

The first meeting of the international body, which was established under the chairmanship of U.S. President Donald Trump, convened on February 19.

About 60 world leaders have been invited to join the Board of Peace, some of whom—including Armenia—are founding members. Trump has become the first chairman of the Board of Peace.

The countries attending the meeting are expected to discuss issues of security, humanitarian efforts and the Palestinian technocratic committee meant to run Gaza. Trump has previewed big announcements for the meeting, including billions of dollars to

support the reconstruction of Gaza and personnel for the stabilization force there.

Most of the US' traditional European allies have rejected membership. As such, they will not attend or will only send representatives as observers for Thursday's meeting.

Countries that make the fiscal commitment of \$1 billion become permanent members.

The inaugural meeting comes as the US military buildup in the Middle East is growing. Trump has threatened that the US could strike Iran if a nuclear deal is not agreed to in the coming weeks.

It's not anybody's preference to see a military action taking place in a region where at least 30% of the world's oil is concentrated, and around a place that

is a basic passage of traffic for international trade.

Many European countries have said they will not become members of the board. Russia and China were both invited to join but have not done so.

Indonesia is expected to highlight its announcement in recent days that it is readying about 1,000 troops – and possibly thousands more – to possibly be part of the International Stabilization Force (ISF) in Gaza.

Trump said the Board “will announce that Member States have pledged more than \$5 BILLION DOLLARS toward the Gaza Humanitarian and Reconstruction efforts and have committed thousands of personnel to the International Stabilization Force and Local Police to maintain Security and Peace for Gazans.”

Trump did not provide further details about the planned announcements. No country has publicly announced funding for the reconstruction effort.

The ISF, backed by the UN mandate, is a key component of the Trump administration's peace plan. It is meant to deploy to Gaza in order to support a Palestinian police force and allow Israel to begin withdrawing from the territory it still occupies. One of the thorniest parts of the Trump administration's peace plan – the demilitarization of Hamas – has not yet been resolved.

Macron to visit Armenia in May



French President Emmanuel Macron will arrive in Armenia on May 4 for a two-day visit. Armenia's Honorary Consul to France, Denis Djorkaeff, said on Friday.

“President of the Republic Emmanuel Macron will arrive in Armenia on May 4 for a two-day visit. He will meet with Nikol Pashinyan and participate in the

European Political Community Summit to be held in Yerevan,” wrote Djorkaeff on X.

The 8th European Political Community Summit will take place in Yerevan on May 4, 2026.

Azerbaijani court sentences Ruben Vardanyan to 20 years in prison



for Vardanyan.

Vardanyan is among the Armenians who remain in Azerbaijani captivity; he is one of 19 still held after the mass exodus of Nagorno-Karabakh's population to Armenia in September 2023 during the Azerbaijani offensive.

An Azerbaijani military court had earlier sentenced several former top political and military leaders of Nagorno-Karabakh to life imprisonment on war crime-related charges that are widely regarded as fabricated.

Former Nagorno-Karabakh President Arayik Harutyunyan, former Defense Army commander Levon Mnatsakanyan and his deputy Davit

Manukyan, former Foreign Minister Davit Babayan, and former Speaker of Parliament Davit Ishkanyan were all sentenced to life imprisonment.

Former Presidents Bako Sahakyan and Arkady Ghukasyan received 20-year prison terms because, being over the age of 65, Azerbaijani law prohibits life imprisonment for individuals of that age.

Vardanyan's trial was conducted separately.

After Azerbaijan's takeover of Karabakh in 2023, the Armenian population—over 100,000 people—fled to Armenia seeking refuge. The former politicians and others were detained during the exodus.

An Azerbaijani court on Tuesday sentenced former Nagorno-Karabakh State Minister and philanthropist Ruben Vardanyan to 20 years in prison on war crimes and terror-related charges, which he had denounced as a “farce” and which are widely seen as part of a sham trial. Prosecutors had sought a life sentence

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Moscow and Yerevan to Begin Negotiations on Restoring Two Railway Sections in Armenia



Russia and Armenia will begin negotiations on restoring two railway sections in

Armenia that would connect to Azerbaijan and Turkey.

The announcement was made by Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexey Overchuk.

“At the request of the Armenian side and guided by fraternal and friendly sentiments toward the people of

Armenia, the Russian Federation has decided to begin substantive negotiations on the restoration of two sections of Armenia’s railways. These will ensure their connection with the railways of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the Yeraskh area and with the railways of the Republic of Turkey in the Akhurian area,” Overchuk stated.

According to the Russian Deputy Prime Minister, the total length of the railway sections subject to restoration is approximately 1.6 kilometers and 12.4 kilometers, respectively. The technical, financial, and other

modalities for implementing the project are expected to be determined during the negotiations.

“Strengthening transport and logistics connectivity in the Caucasus is of critical importance for the peace, stability, and economic prosperity of the peoples of Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Iran, Turkey, and Russia. We hope for constructive cooperation among all the states of the region in addressing this important joint task,” Overchuk concluded.

Tatevik Simonyan accepted into Forbes Communications Council



exchange insights on the evolving communications landscape, and contribute to conversations that influence business decision-making across markets. I am confident that this continued dialogue and collaboration will

expertise in communications, event management, and building global partnerships, she develops high-impact strategies that accelerate brand growth and foster meaningful cross-cultural engagement. Through active involvement in professional communities, Tatevik also contributes her expertise to shaping impactful communication practices and advancing industry standards.

SPRING PR co-founder and the visionary behind the Doing Digital Forum, Tatevik Simonyan has been accepted into the Forbes Communications Council, an invitation-only organization for senior leaders with the opportunity to contribute expert insights on Forbes.com.

“Being accepted into the Forbes Communications Council community is a meaningful professional honor and recognition of the work we are advancing in strategic communications,” said Tatevik Simonyan. “Beyond that, it presents a valuable opportunity to engage with leading experts from around the world,

not only enrich my professional path, but also further strengthen Armenia’s voice and positioning within the global communications agenda.”

As a Forbes Communications Council member, Tatevik Simonyan will also be invited to work with a professional editorial team to share her expert insights in original thought leadership articles on Forbes.com, and to contribute to published Q&A panels alongside other experts.

With over two decades of experience in strategic communications across global business hubs, Tatevik Simonyan is a recognized leader in the international PR community. Renowned for her

Tatevik currently serves as a Board Member of the International Public Relations Association (IPRA), London, is an Advisory Board Member of the World Communication Forum Davos (WCFA), and a member of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA).

Among her notable achievements, Tatevik is the founder of the Doing Digital Forum, a leading digital transformation platform, and was named Global PR Leader of 2022 at the PR & Corp Communications Summit in New Delhi.

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MUST BE IN ORIGINAL PACKAGING/TAGS

New Clothing/Shoes:

- Underwear, Bras, Tights, Socks
- Hats, Scarves, Gloves
- Shoes, Boots, Sneakers, Slippers

Hygiene:

- Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Detergent
- Baby/Adult Diapers, Feminine Products
- Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Floss, Mouthwash

Beauty Supplies:

- Nail Clippers, Files, Polish, Combs
- Skin Care Items, Make-up, Perfume

Toys/Games:

- Toys (Without Batteries)
- Board Games, Puzzles, Legos

NEW OR GENTLY USED:

MUST BE WASHED BEFORE DONATING

Clothing:

- Clothing (Adult/Children/Baby)
- Belts, Handbags, Hair Accessories

Items for Sewing/Crafting:

- Yarn, Embroidery Thread, Craft Items
- Knitting and Crochet Needles
- Fabric, Felt, Notions, Buttons
- Thread, Sewing Needles

Art/Stationery:

- Art Supplies
- School & Office Supplies

NO LONGER ACCEPTING

- Suits, Ties, Dress shirts, Dress Pants
- Suitcases
- Home Goods
- Christmas decorations
- Medical Equipment
- Glassware

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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
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

Sts Vartanantz Armenian Church

461 Bergen Boulevard
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
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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

St. Mary Armenian Church

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

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Calendar of Events



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- ◆ Flyers will be posted NO EARLIER than 3 months prior to event date
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The Armenian Radio and Armenian Interests newsletter mission is to promote Armenian cultural/educational/social functions run by non-profit organizations

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ [February 28, 2026 - AGBU presents Tigran Hamasyan - Manifeste](#)
- ◆ [March 4, 2026 - Hovnanian School Preview Day](#)
- ◆ [March 8, 2026 - AGBU presents Past & Present Armenian Sounds with Trio Fadolin and Ara Dinkjian](#)
- ◆ [March 8, 2026 - St. Thomas Church Lenten Luncheon](#)
- ◆ [March 10, 2026 - AGBU Women Shaping the World \(WSTW\) Co-hosted by YPGNY](#)
- ◆ [March 11, 2026 - AGBU presents Armenian Life in Colonial Sudan featuring Vahe Boghosian](#)
- ◆ [March 20, 2026 - Hovnanian School Lenten Dinner](#)
- ◆ [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 4, 2026 at 3:30pm

Join us this March for our 2026-2027 Preview Day designed for current families and students to learn more about the year ahead at Hovnanian School!

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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



IMAGES: Courtesy of the artists

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:
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Women SHAPING the World

In Celebration of
International Women's Day

A discussion exploring how to navigate adversity, lead with empathy and integrity, and align professional success with a deeper sense of purpose.

Followed by an audience Q&A and a networking cocktail reception

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm (EDT)

AGBU Headquarters

55 east 59th Street, 7th floor New York, NY 10022





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Armenian Life in Colonial Sudan

Speaker: Vahe Boghosian

Embark on a photographic journey through the lives of three Armenian pioneers who arrived in Sudan in the early 20th century. This exhibition and historical talk contextualize the broader history and rapid modernization of the post-Genocide Sudanese Armenian diaspora between 1899–1956.



Wednesday, March 11th 7:30pm

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HOVNANIAN
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Annual Lenten Dinner

 Friday, March 20, 2026


 7:00


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817 River Rd, New Milford, NJ

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children under 12

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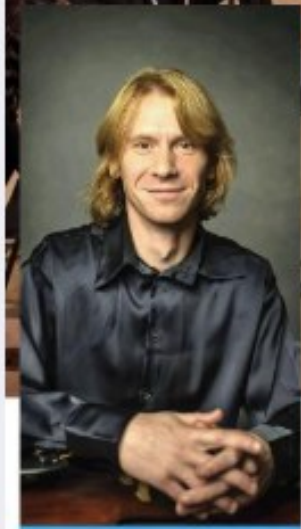
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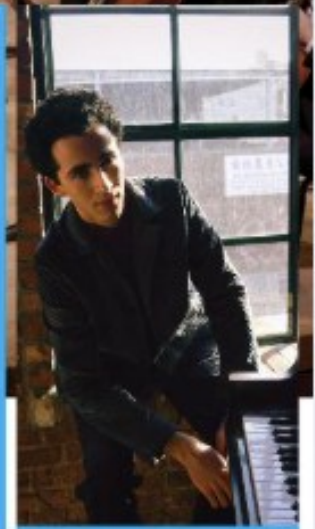
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ARMENIAN Voices AMERICAN Rhapsody



7PM **FRIDAY**
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Artistic Director and Principal Conductor **KARÉN HAKOBYAN** leads **PEGASUS: THE ORCHESTRA** in its debut at St. Vartan Cathedral in a vibrant program bridging Armenian heritage, classical masterworks, and American innovation.

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.



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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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August 27 - September 7

(Date may vary based on demand)

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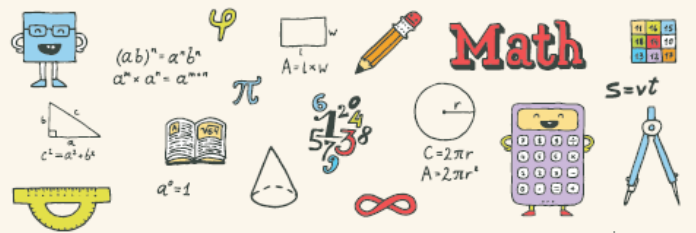
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