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Intergovernmental Commission on Economic Cooperation between the Republic of Armenia and Georgia took place on March 4



Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan traveled to Georgia on a working visit. Pashinyan was welcomed at Tbilisi International Airport by Georgian Foreign Minister Maka Botchorishvili.

The 15th session of the Intergovernmental Commission on Economic Cooperation between the Republic of Armenia and Georgia took place on March 4.

Prime Ministers of Armenia and Georgia, Nikol Pashinyan and Irakli Kobakhidze met privately.

“I would like to once again thank Prime Minister Kobakhidze for his support of the peace process between Armenia and Azerbaijan throughout this entire period. I also wish to express my gratitude to the Georgian state and people for their continued support. That support continues, and we see it. You know that



economic ties between Armenia and Azerbaijan are being established with Georgia’s support, and this is highly appreciated and valued by us,” Pashinyan said alongside Georgian Prime Minister Irakli Kobakhidze during a joint press event following the 15th session of the Armenia-Georgia Intergovernmental Commission on Economic Cooperation, held in Georgia.

Armenian Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan, who is in Georgia as part of Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan’s delegation, met with Georgian Foreign Minister



Maka Botchorishvili in Signaghi.

The foreign ministers discussed “agenda issues related to bilateral cooperation between Armenia and Georgia.



Headline News



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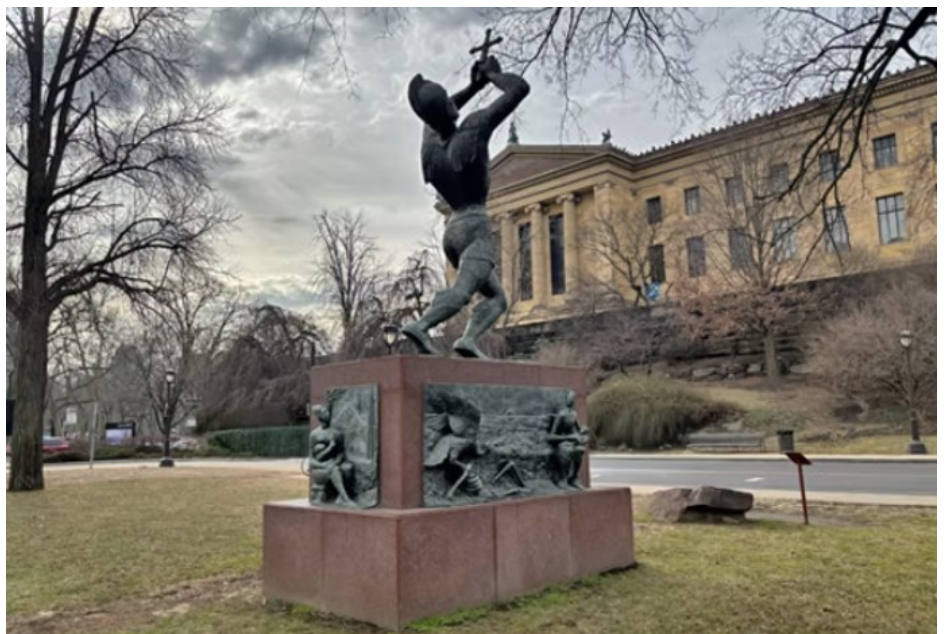
“The Armenian Heritage Walk” revitalize Young Meher Statue at the Philadelphia Museum of Art

There are many ways to pay tribute the memory of the Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide. One unique project in Philadelphia “The Armenian Heritage Walk” involves the revitalization of the Young Meher Statue at the Philadelphia Museum of Art with a walkway that combines a celebration of our history and culture with an expression of our gratitude to the United States of America for the sanctuary, freedom and opportunity this great country has provided us all. This year marks 50 years since the original unveiling of the Meher statue and is being given to the city on the occasion of America’s 250th birthday.

A weekend of “The Armenian Heritage Walk” celebration will begin on Friday April 24, with an inter communal Church service at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia at 7:00 P.M.

On Saturday “The Armenian Heritage Walk” dedication at the Philadelphia Museum of Art at 11:00 a.m.

On Saturday night “The Armenian Heritage Walk” Gala at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia at 6:00 P.M.



An ambitious program indeed. We will have more detailed information about this project in our upcoming

programs. You may also visit www.armenianheritagewalk.org for more information.

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About Prayers

God is not concerned with the

- a. rhetoric of our prayers – how eloquent they are
- b. nor by the melody of our prayer – how musical they are
- c. with the arithmetic of our prayer – how many they are



God is concerned with how sincere we are and how heart-sprung our prayers are.

Sermons We See

by Edgar A. Guest

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.

The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear,
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear;

And the best of all the preachers are the ones who live their creeds,
For to see good out in action is what everybody needs.

I soon can learn how to do it if you'll let me see it done;
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.

And the lecture you deliver may be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what you do.

For I might misunderstand you and the high advice you give,

Clocks “spring forward”

Daylight Saving Time begins March 8



On Saturday night, March 7, people should set their analog clocks and others that don't automatically adjust forward one hour. Note that most smartphones and electronic devices will automatically adjust at 2 a.m.

The time change means many people will lose an hour of sleep -- but it also means later sunsets.

The idea of Daylight Saving Time is to make better use of natural daylight.

Once the clocks fall back on March 8, you will notice a later sunset -- around 7:15 p.m. instead of 6:15 p.m.

By the first day of summer on June 21, the sun will set as late as 8:30 p.m.

Daylight Saving Time ends in November, when the clocks will fall backward.

Poetry presented by Mrs. Zarmine Boghosian

Մեր Գրական Աշխարհի Ծաղկաստանէն
Through the Orchards of the Armenian Language & Poetry March 7-8- 2026

Presented by: **Zarminé Boghosian**

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Ահաւասիկ հասանք ՄԱՐՏ ամսուան՝ Մարտը 31 օրերով բեռնաւորուած ամիսներէն մին է: Սովորաբար կը կրէ «**Խենթ Ամիս**» ածականը յաճախակի անկայուն եղանակի փոփոխութեան պատճառով:

Հաւանաբար Մարտ ամսուան ամէնէն նշանակալի օրը **Միջազգային Կանանց Տօն** հռչակուած **Մարտի 8-ն** է որ այս տարի **Կիրակի** օրուան կը զուգադիպի:

Մարտ- 8-ի Կանանց Միջազգային օրուան առթիւ ջերմ բարեմաղթութիւն-ներս իրենց **ԸՆՏԱՆԻԲԸ , ԼԵԶՈՒՆ, ԱԶԳԸ ԵՎ ՀԱՅՐԵՆԻԲԸ** բարձր պահող բոլոր հայուհիներուն:



Չարն ու բարին իրարմէ կարենալ զանազանելն է բարձրագոյն իմաստութիւնը: ՍՈՎԸՍ



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ՄԱՐՏ ԱՄԻՍԸ

Յովի. Թումանեան

Այս խենթ ամսուն Մարտ կ'ըսեն
Հանգիստ չունինք երեսէն.

Այսօր՝ ուրախ, մեղմ օրիկ,
Վաղը՝ աղմկոտ փոթորիկ,
Առտուն կանուխ՝ պայծառ օդ,
Ճաշին՝ մութ է, անձրեւոտ:

Օր մը ի՛նչ ցուրտ, օր մը տաք,
Հոս՝ բաց, իսկ հոն՝ ամպի տակ,
Հո՛ւ կը խնդայ, հո՛ւ կու լայ,
Ասանկ ալ խենթ բա՛ն կ'ըլլայ:



ԳԱՐՈՒՆ - Պարոյր Սեւակ

Այնպէս քա՛ղցր է զգալ

թեւածումը, **գարուն**,

Այնպէս քա՛ղցր է ապրել յուզանքդ պերճ,
Որ խայտում է իմ մէջ իբրեւ

բոսոր արին,

Շարժուում սրտիս խորքում,

երակիս մէջ:

Գարուն, նոյնն ես նորից,

նո՛յնն է խայտանքդ անուշ.-

Նորից զգում եմ ես

ծանրութիւնը սրտիս...

Դու ուզում ես, **գարուն**,

իբրեւ ծանօթ անուն,

Որ մոռացուել մի պահ,

արդ յիշուում է կրկին:

Բա՛ց է սիրտս հիմա, **գարուն**,

քո շնչի դէմ.

Ե՛կ, ողողի՛ր սիրտս քո

խնդութեամբ պայծառ...



ԲԱՐԵՒ, ԳԱՐՈՒՆ

Գարուն'ն, արեւի վառ շողով արի,

Որ չոր ճիւղ ու ծառ նորից կեանք առնի,

Լցուի բողբոջով ու ամէն բողբոջ

Պտղաւորուի սուրբ հողում հայոց:

Գարուն'ն, արի՛, այնպէ՛ս արի,

Որ մարած յոյսերը ծաղկի նորովի,

Ուժ տուր ու հաւատ սրտերին վիատ,

Թող ո՛չ մէկի փափագը չմնայ կիսատ:

Գարուն'ն, արի՛ թռչնի հետ Նոյի,

Նշան սիրոյ, նոր խաղաղ կեանքի,

Արի՛, հետդ բեր անթիւ հրաշքներ,

Որ հեռուից ցնծայ մեր Մասիսը ծեր:

ԳԱՐՆԱՆԱՅԻՆ

Գագիկ Մինասեան

Ա՛Յ, ՍԱ՛ Է ՍԷՐ՝

Գարունս կ'ասէր՝

Այո՛, կայ սէր . . .

Երբ դաշտի գրկում

Հողն առուին գրկում ,

Նրանց համբոյրից

Հողի արգանդից

Փամփիլիկ ու սիրուն

Ծաղիկ է ծնուում :

Գարունս կ'ասէր՝

Ա՛յ , սա՛ է Սէր . . .



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Current News from Around the World



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Armenian Army Chief Visits NATO Allied Joint Force Command in Brunssum



A delegation led by Lieutenant General Edward Asryan, First Deputy Minister of Defense of Armenia and Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces, visited the NATO Allied Joint Force Command Brunssum.

According to a statement released by Armenia's Ministry of Defense, Lieutenant General Asryan held a private meeting with the Commander of NATO Allied Joint Force Command Brunssum, General Ingo Gerhartz.

The one-on-one discussion was followed by an expanded meeting between the two delegations.

During the meeting, the parties discussed issues related to Armenia–NATO partnership and regional security.

Lieutenant General Asryan presented the key directions of the



transformation of the Armenian Armed Forces, emphasizing the important role of Armenia–NATO cooperation in this process.

Armenia Ready to Provide Any Necessary Humanitarian Assistance to Iran, Mirzoyan Tells Araghchi



Armenian Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan held a phone conversation

with the Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Abbas Araghchi.

During the call, Araghchi stated that Iran is in a state of large-scale war and vowed that the country would avenge the blood of its martyred leader.

In the course of the conversation, Mirzoyan expressed condolences over

the deaths of the Supreme Leader, as well as Iranian citizens, including women and children.

He also conveyed Armenia's readiness to provide any necessary humanitarian assistance under the current circumstances and expressed hope that the situation would be resolved through diplomatic means.

**The future will not be saved by only what we remember -
it will be saved by what we do now**

Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan Sends Condolence Message to the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran



Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan has sent a message of condolence to the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Masoud Pezeshkian, regarding the casualties recorded among Iran's leadership and citizens.

According to the Prime Minister's Office, the message states:

"Your Excellency, We are following the developments around Iran with deep concern. Please accept my condolences on the casualties recorded among the leadership and citizens of the Islamic Republic of Iran. We will always remember the personal role of Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei in the development of Armenia-Iran relations.

At this difficult moment, we hope for the swift restoration of peace and stability in the Middle East.

Taking this opportunity, I wish you patience, and to the friendly and neighboring people of Iran, peace and

resilience."

On February 28, Israel and the United States reportedly launched large-scale military strikes against Iran. According to the statement, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was killed on the first day of the attack. The military actions have expanded across several countries in the Middle East.

In response, Iran has reportedly carried out strikes on U.S. military bases located in countries across the region, as well as against Israel. Israel has also conducted strikes in Lebanon.

Iranian drones strike Azerbaijan's Nakhchivan international airport



Three Iranian drones have targeted the passenger terminal of Razi Airport

in Azerbaijan's Nakhchivan, near the border with Iran.

Videos from the scene show a drone flying towards the airport, damage to its main terminal and emergency crews on site.

Another video shows a drone hitting the airport with a large explosion and a cloud of smoke appearing following the strike. Nakhchivan is in close proximity to the Iranian-Azerbaijani border.

Baku has requested an official explanation from Tehran "within the shortest possible timeframe" and demanded that the attacks not repeat. "Azerbaijan is preparing the necessary retaliatory measures to protect the territorial integrity and sovereignty of our country and to ensure the safety of civilians and civilian infrastructure," the defense ministry said. "These acts of attack will not go unanswered," it added.

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We Are in Constant Contact with Nearly All Our Citizens and Know the Situation in Each Country: Mirzoyan



Armenian Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan stated that the government is maintaining constant communication with Armenian citizens abroad and closely monitoring their situations in various countries following the escalation around Iran.

Speaking during a National Assembly–Government question-and-answer session, Mirzoyan said that after tensions escalated around Iran and military operations began, Armenian embassies in all relevant countries were placed on an emergency working regime.

“Contact has been established with citizens of the Republic of Armenia, including through hotlines, and since that moment work has been underway to ensure their safe return to Armenia,” Mirzoyan said, noting that the situation is complicated because flight zones have been closed in nearly all the affected countries and many flights have been canceled.

He explained that one alternative route involves transporting Armenian citizens from the United Arab

Emirates to Oman, which shares a land border with the UAE. From Muscat, flights are then organized to Yerevan.

Mirzoyan noted that the Armenian government has taken responsibility for organizing the transport, including arranging companies, paying transportation costs, ensuring safe passage from the UAE to Oman, coordinating airport procedures, and obtaining flight permits through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, sometimes through negotiations with airlines.

According to the foreign minister, 110 Armenian citizens returned to Armenia through flights carried out yesterday and today, and additional flights are scheduled in the coming days. There is also a possibility that flights may resume from Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

Mirzoyan provided details about Armenian citizens currently in different countries:

Mirzoyan added that Armenian diplomatic missions are maintaining contact with citizens everywhere and working to assist them whenever possible, although in some cases travel remains impossible due to closed airspace.

He noted that the government is covering the cost of transporting citizens from the UAE to Muscat Airport, from where flights to Armenia can be arranged.

Addressing complaints about ticket

prices, Mirzoyan explained that flight costs have increased due to longer routes and higher operational expenses. According to information provided to him, the cost of a single flight can reach around \$170,000, which significantly affects ticket prices when divided among passengers.

“As a member of the government, my responsibility has been to ensure that our citizens have the opportunity to return home and to help them reach that point of departure,” he said.

Mirzoyan also noted that many of the affected citizens had traveled abroad for tourism, and that the government cannot always be expected to cover the full cost of airline tickets.

“At the same time, if there are other groups or vulnerable individuals, we will consider whether the government should assume that financial burden as well,” he added.

He concluded by emphasizing that the government is closely monitoring each case.

“As you can see, I know country by country and citizen by citizen where someone may need medicine, who wants to return, who has accommodation issues, and so on,” Mirzoyan said.

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Armenian youth orchestra evacuated from Beirut amid escalation



Members of the Yerevan Youth Orchestra, who were in Beirut,

Lebanon, for an international festival, have been safely evacuated amid the ongoing escalation in the Middle East.

Photos posted online showed the young orchestra members reuniting with their families at Yerevan airport on March 4.

The Armenian Embassy in Lebanon said that Ambassador Sarmen Baghdasaryan and the embassy's diplomats facilitated the orchestra's

safe passage to the airport through areas under bombardment.

Middle East Airlines organized the special flight following talks with the Armenian Embassy. Eighty-seven people, including attendants, returned to Yerevan on the flight.

The orchestra had been participating in the Al Bustan International Festival in Beirut but cut its participation short.

Kilometer-long queues of trucks at Armenia-Iran border checkpoint



There are kilometer-long queues of trucks at the Armenia-Iran border checkpoint. The checkpoint has not been able to operate due to technical problems.

About two dozen Iranians are stuck at the border and are unable to cross. In

addition, there are Armenian citizens who want to cross into Iran, but are forced to return after crossing the Armenian part of the border because the Iranian side is unable to process their entry due to the lack of internet connection.

Iran's participation in the 2026 FIFA World Cup is in doubt



Iran's participation in the 2026 FIFA World Cup — including a scheduled match in Seattle — is in doubt amid escalating geopolitical tensions.

Iran's potential withdrawal adds new complications to the World Cup preparations.

Mehdi Taj, the president of Iran's soccer federation, told Iranian media Saturday it's unlikely the national team will play World Cup matches in the U.S. following the U.S. and Israeli strikes. Iran is scheduled to play two matches in Inglewood, California, and one in Seattle.

Iran is scheduled to play Egypt on June 26 at Lumen Field in one of six matches hosted in Seattle. The match had already drawn controversy after the city

designated it a "Pride Match" tied to local LGBTQ+ celebrations, an initiative Tehran objected to last year.

As of Saturday, FIFA — soccer's global governing body — had not confirmed Iran's withdrawal. FIFA secretary-general Mattias Grafström said that officials were monitoring developments around the world but that it was premature to comment.

If Iran does formally withdraw before the tournament starts, FIFA rules allow a replacement team to be nominated — with Iraq or the United Arab Emirates as likely replacements.

Government to Nationalize 100% of Electric Networks of Armenia Shares, Says Romanos Petrosyan



The Armenian government is preparing to fully nationalize the shares of the Electric Networks of Armenia (ENA) company, recognizing a prevailing public interest and providing compensation to the current owner, Tashir Capital. This was announced by Romanos Petrosyan, the temporary manager of ENA and a board member of the Civil Contract Party, during an interview with Factor TV.

Petrosyan explained that February 21 had been the deadline for the government to present an offer and conduct negotiations so that, through

a deal, 100% of the company's shares would transfer to the state.

"I know that, in accordance with the law and within the required deadlines, the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure—on behalf of the government—made an official offer to the owners. However, no transaction took place," Petrosyan said. "This means that after February 21, under Article 60 of the Constitution, the government must recognize the company's 100% shares as a matter of overriding public interest and, after compensation is paid, fully nationalize it. The process has now entered that stage."

Petrosyan declined to specify the value of ENA or the price offered by the government. He also rejected claims that developments surrounding ENA constitute political persecution against businessman Samvel Karapetyan.

Petrosyan also stated that the government has submitted a proposal to the Public Services Regulatory Commission of Armenia to reduce

electricity tariffs. However, according to him, implementing such reductions is currently not possible due to the upcoming scheduled shutdown of the Armenian Nuclear Power Plant, during which Armenia will be forced to purchase more expensive electricity.

"If the coincidence of the nuclear plant's scheduled shutdown and modernization cycle had not occurred this year, I assure you that tariffs for our citizens would also have been reduced," he said.

Petrosyan added that the government plans to significantly reduce other fees. "We are planning a 30% to 40% reduction in the fees for becoming a new subscriber and connecting to the distribution network, which currently make up a substantial portion of the existing tariff. We will also reduce by 50% the payments related to increasing the capacity of supplied electricity," he said.



Front page of the
Philadelphia Inquirer on
Thursday, March 5, 2026
announcing installation of
"Young Mher" statue

TUMO Officially Launches EU TUMO Convergence Center Construction



On February 24, TUMO Yerevan hosted a presentation of the EU TUMO Convergence Center for Engineering and Applied Science, reflecting on the achievements to date, and marking the start of construction of the project. This €42.5-million initiative is funded by TUMO, with a €12.5-million grant from the European Union as part of the EU4Innovation program established between the Republic of Armenia and the European Union.

Building the Next Generation of Armenian Innovators
The project forms a key component of the Government of Armenia's ambitious reforms to transform and

advance technological education. The Center, whose architectural design was developed by the world-renowned Dutch company MVRDV, will serve as a unique tech hub in Yerevan, fostering innovation and bridging academia and industry. It will also host TUMO Labs, a free educational platform for everyone over 18 years of age.

In attendance were a host of dignitaries, including Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan; Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports Zhanna Andreasyan; Minister of High-Tech Industry Mkhitar Hayrapetyan; Mayor of Yerevan Tigran Avinyan; EU Ambassador to Armenia Vassilis

Maragos; and the ambassadors of EU countries in Armenia, along with representatives of the education and technology sectors.

Addressing the guests, TUMO CEO Marie Lou Papazian emphasized the unprecedented nature and far-reaching significance of the project: "This presentation not only marks the official start of the building's construction, but also reflects our collective belief, and our optimism regarding Armenia's future — a country that will stand out as a hub of scientific and technological excellence on the world map."

High-Performance Artificial Intelligence Equipment Arrives in Armenia



The first batch of high-performance artificial intelligence (AI) equipment, including GPUs, has arrived in Armenia. The announcement was made via Facebook by Minister of High-Tech Industry Mkrtych Hayrapetyan.

"This is an important step toward implementing the Government of Armenia's 'AI Factory Park' concept and building next-generation AI data infrastructure in our country," the minister wrote. "The import of this equipment represents the realization of our vision and a decisive step toward defining Armenia's place in shaping the technologies of the future."

According to Hayrapetyan, this phase follows a strategic meeting held months ago with the leadership of Eleveight AI, which is constructing an AI data center in the village of Kakar.

During that meeting, the expansion of high-performance AI infrastructure, as well as increasing accessibility and availability of advanced technologies, was identified as one of Armenia's national priorities.

The new infrastructure is expected to engage local innovators, strengthen the country's computing capabilities, and accelerate digital transformation in both the public and private sectors.

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- Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Floss, Mouthwash

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ [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 15, 2026 - 41st Annual Musical Armenia Concert at Carnegie Hall](#)
- ◆ [March 20, 2026 - Hovnanian School Lenten Dinner](#)
- ◆ [March 20, 2026 - St. Vartan Cathedral Cultural Committee concert](#)
- ◆ [March 22, 2026 - Carriage House Concerts presents Roots](#)
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- ◆ [March 27, 2026 - AESA 15th annual mentoring forum](#)
- ◆ [March 29, 2026 - St. Thomas Armenian Church Palm Sunday banquet](#)
- ◆ [April 11, 2026 - Armenian Relief Society anniversary gala dinner](#)
- ◆ [April 19, 2026 - The Cultural Committee of St. Thomas Armenian Church presents "Ojakh, On the Other Side of the Silence."](#)
- ◆ [April 22, 2026 - Program honoring the legacy of the Armenian Genocide](#)
- ◆ [April 23, 2026 - Speaking Truth to Power with Garo Paylan](#)
- ◆ [May 2, 2026 - A night of storytelling at the Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs](#)
- ◆ [May 16-17, 2026 - St. Mary Armenian Church centennial celebration](#)
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- ◆ [August 27-September 7, 2026 - Trip to Jerusalem](#)

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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.

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Women SHAPING the World

In Celebration of
International Women's Day

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

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Speaker: Vahe Boghosian

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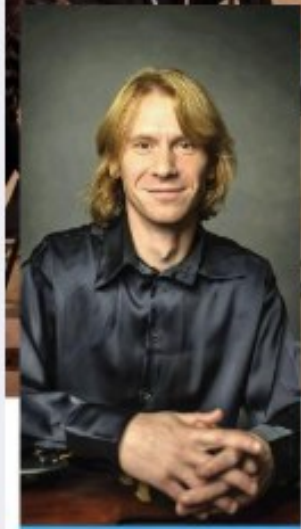
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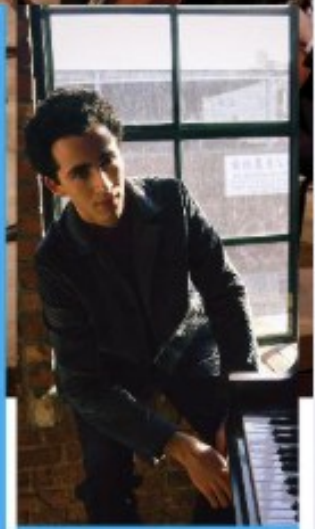
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Sunday, April 19, at 2 pm

A film by Diana Mkrtchyan

Inspired by the journey of the Turkish photographer Erhan Arik

A 95 minute film in Armenian, French, Turkish and English subtitles.

DIRECTOR DIANA MKRTCHYAN WILL JOIN SCREENING EVENT VIA ZOOM



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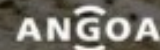
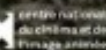
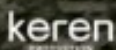
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Erhan Arik, a Turkish photographer, grew up in a house where Armenians once lived, driven out by the massacres in 1915. He had never been interested in this episode of history. In a dream, a voice asks him: "Why did you turn that room into a barn, where my wife used to make bread?" He wakes up with a jolt. The voice continues to haunt him. He then decides to set out to meet Armenians. This film tells the story of this journey. On the other side of the border, on the other side of the silence...

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 Editing: Diana Mkrtchyan, assisted by Christophe Perray and Olivier Talouarn
 Sound editing and mixing: Isaac Azoulay - Color grading: Julien Homo-Bavent
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Date
Thursday
April 23, 2026
Time
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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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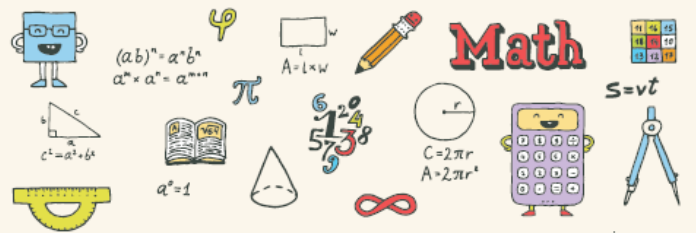
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