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Armenian Radio Hour of NJ (ARHNJ) interviews Ara Kochunyan



Radio interview video recorded



Dickran and Liza Kabrajian

On Sunday, November 9, 2025, Ara Kochunyan, editor-in-chief of Jamanak Daily, appeared live on the Armenian Radio Hour of NJ, where he shared insights about the new documentary On the Path of Identity, which explores the rich history of the Armenian Patriarchate of Constantinople.

The film is the result of a nine-year collaborative effort by scholars, clergy, and community leaders dedicated to encapsulating

over five centuries of the Patriarchate's history. Every aspect of the documentary was meticulously reviewed to ensure the information presented is both exact and unbiased.

The premiere screening took place in Turkey to coincide with the fifth anniversary of the enthronement of His Beatitude Sahag II Mashalian. The release also commemorates the 50th anniversary of the passing of Mardiros Kochunyan, former editor of Jamanak, to whose memory



Ara Kochunyan with radio host Serge Panossian

the documentary is also dedicated.

The full interview was video recorded by volunteers from Parev-TV and is now available for viewing on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lhBuVRWzB4&t=354s>

Following the broadcast, Ara Kochunyan and the radio team gathered for a dinner graciously hosted by Dickran and Liza Kabrajian.



Ara Kochunyan with young radio volunteers

Headline News

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AGBU Salutes Paul R. Ignatius—Public Servant, Business Leader, and Proud Armenian American



service, business leadership, and the celebration of his heritage.

He held key positions under the Kennedy and Johnson

Administrations: from Assistant Secretary of the Army and Under Secretary of the Army, to Assistant Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Navy.

The life of Paul R. Ignatius stands as a shining example of duty, honor, and service to one's country. He lived for over a century, passing away just a week short of his 105th birthday.

Born in Glendale, California to Armenian immigrant parents, Ignatius dedicated his life to public

Following his government service, Ignatius played important roles in the private sector: President of The Washington Post, President of the Air Transport Association, and founder of his own management-consulting firm.

His connection to AGBU was deeply personal. His grandfather, Avedis

Jamgochian, founded the first AGBU branch in Manchester, England, and the legacy of fostering Armenian community and culture lives on in Ignatius's own story. To learn about his distinguished career and inspired life, read the exclusive interview with him in the 2017 issue of AGBU Magazine.

His life stood as a testament to the ideals of integrity, service, and timeless values rooted in his Armenian American identity—honoring his ethnic heritage while sharing his gifts for the good of his native country. Paul Ignatius leaves an inspired legacy for successive generations who aspire to enter public life.

The AGBU Central Board mourns the loss of such an esteemed figure in the Armenian American story.

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AGBU Co-founds the Swiss-Armenian Academy of Hospitality to Empower Armenia's Hospitality Sector



AGBU Armenia President Vasken Yacoubian delivering remarks at the opening ceremony of SAAH

AGBU is proud to partner with AGBU Central Board member Vahe Gabrache to co-found the Swiss-Armenian Academy of Hospitality (SAAH) in Gyumri. Based on the world-renowned Swiss educational model, this new vocational education and training program in hospitality is developed in partnership with École hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL) and is officially licensed by Vocational Education & Training (VET) by EHL. By investing in talent and education, SAAH aims to elevate service standards in Armenia and strengthen the country's position as a competitive destination in the global hospitality landscape.

SAAH currently offers professional pathways in culinary arts, food and beverage service, and hotel administration, welcoming both newcomers and career changers aged 18 and above. Guiding them through a structured, high-quality training journey in hospitality, it offers three certification levels, culminating in a Professional



Aline Kamakian, Jean-Pierre Sedef, Vahe Gabrache, and Zohrab Mnatsakanian at the welcome reception of the SAAH opening

Diploma achievable within 12 to 18 months.

"The launch of the Swiss-Armenian Academy of Hospitality is more than an educational milestone—it's a statement of belief in Armenia's potential. We are building bridges between Swiss excellence and Armenian talent, between global standards and local aspirations. Our mission is to empower young people with the mindset, skills, and discipline to not only serve but to lead in Armenia and beyond," notes Vahe Gabrache.

AGBU Armenia President Vasken Yacoubian stresses the deep connection of this initiative with the AGBU broader mission: "AGBU is proud to be the co-founder and institutional partner of the Swiss-Armenian Academy of Hospitality in Gyumri—a project that fully reflects our mission to invest in Armenia's human capital. Building on AGBU's

legacy of co-founding transformative institutions like AUA and forming strategic partnerships such as TUMO, this initiative will address a key need in the hospitality sector and help raise service standards nationwide."

Adopting EHL's program design to serve the hospitality sector by equipping learners with practical, industry-relevant skills, the Academy is housed at the Grand Hotel Gyumri by Apricot Hotels—one of Armenia's leading hospitality destinations. This strategic partnership brings to life the Academy's "Learning by Doing" philosophy, offering students the rare opportunity to train in a fully operational, high-standard hotel environment from day one.

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Vahe Gabrache with his brother Dikran Gabrache, spouse, and daughter addressing the attendees during the SAAH opening ceremony

About the Partners

Swiss-Armenian Academy of Hospitality (SAAH)

“Every student who walks through our doors carries the potential to redefine what Armenian hospitality means to the world. With Swiss excellence, Armenian warmth, and a global outlook, we are ready to set a new standard for Armenia’s hospitality sector,” notes Khachik Hakobyan, general manager of the Swiss-Armenian Academy of Hospitality.

Open to talented individuals from diverse backgrounds, SAAH’s program is inclusive, offering partial and full scholarships, including to young adults demobilized from military service in 2025 and individuals displaced from Nagorno-Karabakh.

Chef Patrick Ogheard, Dean of the EHL School of Practical Arts, believes that by investing in people and professionalization, Armenia is fostering sustainable employment and inclusive regional growth. “The Swiss-Armenian Academy of Hospitality stands as a strategic pillar in this vision—bridging education with economic impact,” he concludes.

Founded in 2025 by Vahe Gabrache and the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU), SAAH provides world-class, practice-based hospitality education rooted in Swiss excellence and tailored to

Armenia’s service and tourism sectors. www.saah-edu.com

École hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL)

EHL is a global leader in hospitality and business education with campuses in Switzerland and Singapore. Through academic excellence and hands-on training, EHL prepares versatile professionals for careers in hospitality and experience-driven industries. [VET by EHL | Vocational Education & Training \(VET\) Licensing](#)

Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU)

AGBU is the world’s largest Armenian non-profit organization, committed to uplifting Armenian lives through educational, cultural, humanitarian and socio-economic development programs. As co-founder and institutional partner of SAAH, AGBU continues its legacy of establishing impactful institutions in Armenia. www.agbu.org | www.agbu.am



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Poetry presented by Mrs. Zarmine Boghosian

Մեր Գրական Աշխարհի Ծաղկաստանէն
♥♥♥ *Through the Orchards of the Armenian Language & Poetry* ♥♥♥ Nov. 15-16-2025
Presented by: Zarmine Boghosian

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ՆՈՑԵՄԲԵՐ՝ ԵՐԱՆՏԱԳԻՏՈՒԹԵԱՆ ԱՄԻՍ

Ծնորհակալ ըլլալու ամիս

Այս էջը կը նուիրենք մեր օրերու **ԱՆԱՂՄՈՒԿ ՄԵԾՈՒԹԻՒՆ՝**

Դոկտ. Բերկրուհի Ն. Սվաճեանին 107-րդ երկնային տարեդարձին յիշատակով-

Նոյեմբեր 11, 1918 - Փետրուար 24, 2001

Պատմութեան մէջանը ամենախամար-ձակն է այնտեղ՝ ուր փայլած է քաջութիւնը: Ծնորհակալութիւն եւ երախտագիտութիւն ձեր թանկագին ծառայութեան համար:



Նոյեմբեր ամիսը, յատկապէս Միացեալ Նահանգներու մէջ, կարելոր թուականներով կը յատկանշուի: Մին՝ **Veterans' Day** - **Վաստակաւոր-ներու** - յատկապէս **Չինձառայողները յարգելու Օր:** Այս տարի Երեքշաբթի՝ Նոյ. 11-ը դարձեալ միաժամանակ մեզի կը յիշեցնէ Դոկտ. Բերկրուհի Ն. Սվաճեանին ծննդեան օրը: **Վերջերաններու- Վաստակաւորներու** յարգանքի օրուան առթիւ անգամ մը եւս կը խոնարհինք իրենց կեանքին գի-նով հայրենիք պաշտպանողներուն յիշատակին առաջ: **Մեր ու յարգանք՝** հայրենիքի պաշտպանութեան եւ մեր մարդկային իրաւունքները ապահովելու համար բոլոր զոհուածներուն յիշատակին: Կը խոնարհինք անոնց յիշատակին առաջ եւ մեր երախտագիտութիւնը կը յայտնենք իրենց ծնողներուն... որոնք կ'ապրին, կը գոյատեւեն պատերազմներու ընթացքին իրենց կորուստներն ու ապրուած արհաւիրքը ամէն օր յիշելով: Խուսկ ու աղօթք մեր զոհուած հայրենի հերոսներու յիշատակին:

Արժեւորենք յիշատակները բոլոր մեր **անվերապահ սիրելիներուն:**



Իմաստուն խօսք մը՝ Մեծ հայրիկէ մը- "Երեք բան պէտք չէ քննադատես՝ **կնոջդ, երեխաներուդ եւ քու տունդ:** Կինը՝ քու ընտրութիւնդ է, երեխաները քու արիւնդ են, կառուցած տունդ ալ քու կարողութիւններուդ արդիւնքն է: Եթէ այդ ամէնը յաջողած է, այդ մէկը՝ քու արժանիքդ է, իսկ եթէ ոչ, ապա այդ ալ քու մեղքդ է":



ՄԻ ՏԵՂ ԻՇԽԱՆ ՌԻ ՏԵՂ * Համօ Սահեան

Մի տեղ իշխան ու տէր,
Մի տեղ համեստ հովիւ,
Մի տեղ ճորտ եմ եղել,
Մէկին մօտ-մտերիմ,
Մէկին հազիւ ծանօթ,
Մէկին խորթ եմ եղել:
Մի օր զարթնած անտառ,
Մի օր հնձած հովիտ,

Ինչ եղել եմ, եղել,—
Միայն չասէք, թէ ես
Աւելորդ եմ եղել:
Ես կատարեալ մարդու,
Մարգարէի, Աստուծոյ
Յաւակնորդ եմ եղել:
Ես եւ բարձր եմ եղել,
Եւ շիտակ եմ եղել
Իմ երազի նման,
Եւ իմ անցած երկար
Ճանապարհի նման
Խորդուբորդ եմ եղել:



ՔՈՅՐ ու ԵՂԲԱՅՐ *** Արմինէ Դալթեան

Քոյր ու եղբայր՝ երկու արեւ
Մէկը Արեգ, միւսն Արփի,
Աստուծոյ կողմից տրուած պարգեւ
Տիեզերքն են ճակատագրի:

Թէ քոյրն ունես դու հարուստ ես
Քեզ միշտ սիրող տաքուկ ձեռք կայ,
Եղբայր ունես, պաշտպանուած ես,
Կողքիդ հօգ անվախ սիրտ կայ:



ԽԵԼԱՑԻ ԸՆԿԵՐ

Աւետիք Իսահակեան

Ես ձեզ ասում եմ կու գայ ոգու սով,
Եւ դուք կը քաղցէք ճոխ սեղանի մօտ
Կ'ընկնէք մուրալու հափրած որկորով՝
Հրեղէն խօսքի, վեհ խօսքի կարօտ:
Լրբենի ծաղրով արհամարհեցիք
Ոգու վառ զեղմունք միտք ու երազանք,
Նիւթի տանալու արքած պարեցիք՝
Մոռացած անմահ, անհունի տենչանք:
Դուք, որ հեզնեցիք ուժն ստեղծագործ՝
Ձեր նիւթի հանդէպ կու գայ **ոգու սով**
Եւ մուրացիկի պէս փշրանքի համար
Ծարաւ ու նօթի կ'անցնէք ծովէ-ծով:



Աւետիք Իսահակեան - գրած է **1921-ին**

Ասա՛ մեզ, Եւրոպ, ո՛ր ես շտապում՝
Չեռնեղ ներկած հայի արւնով.
Դու յօշոտեցիր Սուրբ Հայաստանը,
Այժմ ո՛ր ես փախչում արնոտ ձեռներով:
Քո խիղճը երբեք չհայթիւնեց, Եւրոպ,
Փշրելով զանկեր բիւրաւոր հայի.
Անառակ Եւրոպ, բարբարոս Եւրոպ,
Անէ՛ծք սերնդիդ՝ անէ՛ծք դարերի . . .
Դէպի ծովերն ես շտապում հիմա,
Որպէսզի լուսա ձեռներդ արնոտ.
Ծովերը փոքր են, ովկիանը՝ չնչին,
Որ մաքրեն խիղճդ - խիղճդ արիւնոտ . . .
Յանցանքդ մեծ է ~ եւ աւելի շուտ
Ծովերն ու օվկիան արիւն կը դառնան
Ձեռներիդ արնով, հայի արնով.
Անէ՛ծք քեզ, Եւրոպ, անէ՛ծք յաւիտեան: **-1921**



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Pashinyan: Negotiation Papers to Be Published Before Year's End



Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan announced that the negotiation papers will be made public before the end of the year, responding to recent interviews given by former Armenian Presidents Robert Kocharyan and Serzh Sargsyan.

“The recent statements by R.K. and S.S. confirm once again that the Karabakh issue was used by certain forces as a leash to tie the Republic of Armenia to a ‘nearby tree.’ Concepts

such as the rights of peoples and historical justice were merely smoke screens to conceal the real objective,” the Prime Minister wrote on his Facebook page.

“All the proposals to stop the war were, in fact, about shortening that leash. The ultimate goal of this process was to bring an end to Armenia’s statehood. According to that script, the Karabakh conflict was supposed to conclude only through the loss of Armenian statehood. The Republic of Armenia, thanks to the sacrifices of our martyrs and the historical awareness of our people in Armenia and Karabakh, managed to escape that scenario,” Pashinyan stated.

In recent days, Armenia’s second and third presidents have given interviews

discussing the 44-day war and the negotiation process. In his interview with TV5, Robert Kocharyan said: “To me, it was clear that everything was being done to provoke a war. First of all, this was the result of the failure of the negotiation process, which occurred at Armenia’s initiative—Armenia refused to negotiate. For the first time in the entire negotiation process, one of the sides refused even to discuss the submitted document. That document was presented in the summer of 2019. At the time, Nikol Pashinyan said that we would start from a zero point and let negotiations be held with Karabakh. By refusing to negotiate the 2019 document, he effectively erased nearly 30 years of negotiation progress.”

Twenty killed in Turkish military plane crash in Georgia after leaving Azerbaijan



20 military personnel traveling on a Turkish C-130 cargo plane, on Tuesday, crashed in Georgia, have

been killed according to the Turkish government. The plane had taken off from Azerbaijan and was on its way back to Turkey when it crashed.

Video footage aired on news outlets appeared to show the aircraft spiralling down and leaving a trail of white smoke.

Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan said he was "deeply saddened"

and expressed his condolences for those killed in the crash.

A search and rescue operation has been launched in coordination with Azerbaijani and Georgian authorities.

The C-130E Hercules is widely used by Turkey's armed forces for transporting personnel and conducting logistical operations.

Paul Ignatius, Former U.S. Navy Secretary and Glendale Native, Dies at 104



Paul R. Ignatius, a management consultant who served as Secretary of the Navy during the height of the Vietnam War, died on November 6 at his home in Washington. He was 104.

His son, David Ignatius — a journalist and novelist for *The Washington Post* — confirmed his father's passing but did not specify a cause.

Born in Glendale, California, in 1920 to Armenian immigrant parents, Paul Ignatius's remarkable life reflected the values of hard work, service, and civic pride instilled in him by his family and community. His family settled in Glendale in 1911, where his grandfather built their first home on San Fernando Road — the same street that now houses the Paul Ignatius Post Office, named in his honor

through federal legislation championed by Congressman Adam Schiff in 2024.

Ignatius attended and graduated from Herbert Hoover High School in 1938, where he was active in student leadership, serving as both class president and student body president.

On May 23, 2013, the U.S. Navy announced that an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer, the USS Paul Ignatius (DDG-117), would be named in his honor. The ship was commissioned at Port Everglades, Florida, on July 27, 2019.

As a young man, Ignatius worked as a clerk at that same Glendale post office while attending college, never imagining that decades later it would bear his name. He often said that his Glendale upbringing shaped his commitment to public service and instilled a lifelong gratitude toward the community that gave his family its start.

During World War II, Ignatius served with distinction as an ordnance officer in the U.S. Navy. His dedication and leadership eventually led him to



become the 59th U.S. Secretary of the Navy under President Lyndon B. Johnson — making him the highest-ranking Armenian American in U.S. government history. He also served in senior positions under Presidents John F. Kennedy and Johnson within the Department of Defense, where he oversaw critical advancements in national defense and naval modernization.

Beyond his government service, Ignatius was a respected leader in business, academia, and philanthropy. He remained deeply connected to his Armenian heritage and to his hometown of Glendale, inspiring generations through his humility, wisdom, and devotion to both country and community.

1,734,247 Tourists Visited Armenia in January–September 2025



More tourists visited Armenia between January and September 2025

compared to the same period last year, according to the Statistical Committee of Armenia.

During the reporting period, Armenia welcomed 1,734,247 tourists, up from 1,721,245 visitors recorded in the same months of the previous year.

The largest number of tourists came from Russia — 713,479 visitors. Other major sources included Iran (138,010), Georgia (210,247), Turkey (9,115), and

Azerbaijan (3). From the United States, 50,599 tourists visited Armenia, followed by China (34,446), Germany (25,699), Ukraine (20,171), and India (20,843).

Tourists also arrived from several dozen other countries, including France, Italy, the United Kingdom, Poland, Japan, Jordan, South Korea, Fiji, Denmark, Egypt, and Bangladesh.

One new postage stamp dedicated to the theme “Prominent Armenians. 100th Anniversary of Ofelya Hambardzumyan”



On November 12th, 2025, one postage stamp dedicated to the theme “Prominent Armenians. 100th Anniversary of Ofelya Hambardzumyan” has been put into circulation.

The postage stamp with the nominal value of 320 AMD depicts the prominent Armenian singer, the People’s Artist of the Armenian SSR Ofelya Hambardzumyan (1925-2016).

The postage stamp also depicts the inscriptions “OFELYA HAMBARDZUMYAN” and “ARMENIAN SINGER” in Armenian and English languages.

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- ◆ [November 13-16, 2025 - Celebrations in honor of the 30th anniversary of the enthronement of His Holiness Catholicos Aram I](#)
- ◆ [November 16, 2025 - Carriage House Concert with Ani Kalayjian, Filip Pogady & Vssily Primakov](#)
- ◆ [November 21, 2025 - AAHPO Medical Forum on Dental and Orthodontic Care for Women and Children](#)
- ◆ [December 3, 2025 - CHHANGE Fall Testimonial Dinner & Tribute Journal](#)
- ◆ [December 5, 2025 - Hovnanian School manti night](#)
- ◆ [December 7, 2025 - A photographic pilgrimage by architect Ronald Altoon - Monasteries and Churches of Armenia](#)
- ◆ [December 13, 2025 - Hamazkayin Levon Shant Theater play "The Little Big Wars of Couples"](#)
- ◆ [December 13, 2025 - ARS NJ Shakeh Chapter Christmas party](#)
- ◆ [December 19, 2025 - St. Vartan Cathedral Christmas Concert](#)
- ◆ [December 28, 2025 - ARS NJ Shakeh Chapter bake sale](#)
- ◆ [December 31, 2025 - Hovnanian School New Year's Eve Celebration](#)

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- ◆ [January 10-17, 2026 - Armenian Heritage Cruise](#)
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

CONCERT AT CARNEGIE HALL, FEATURING ISABEL BAYRAKDARIAN (NEW YORK CITY)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

CULTURAL EVENT AT SAINTS VARTANANTZ CHURCH HALL (RIDGEFIELD, NEW JERSEY)

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Q&A Session Followed by Fellowship Hour

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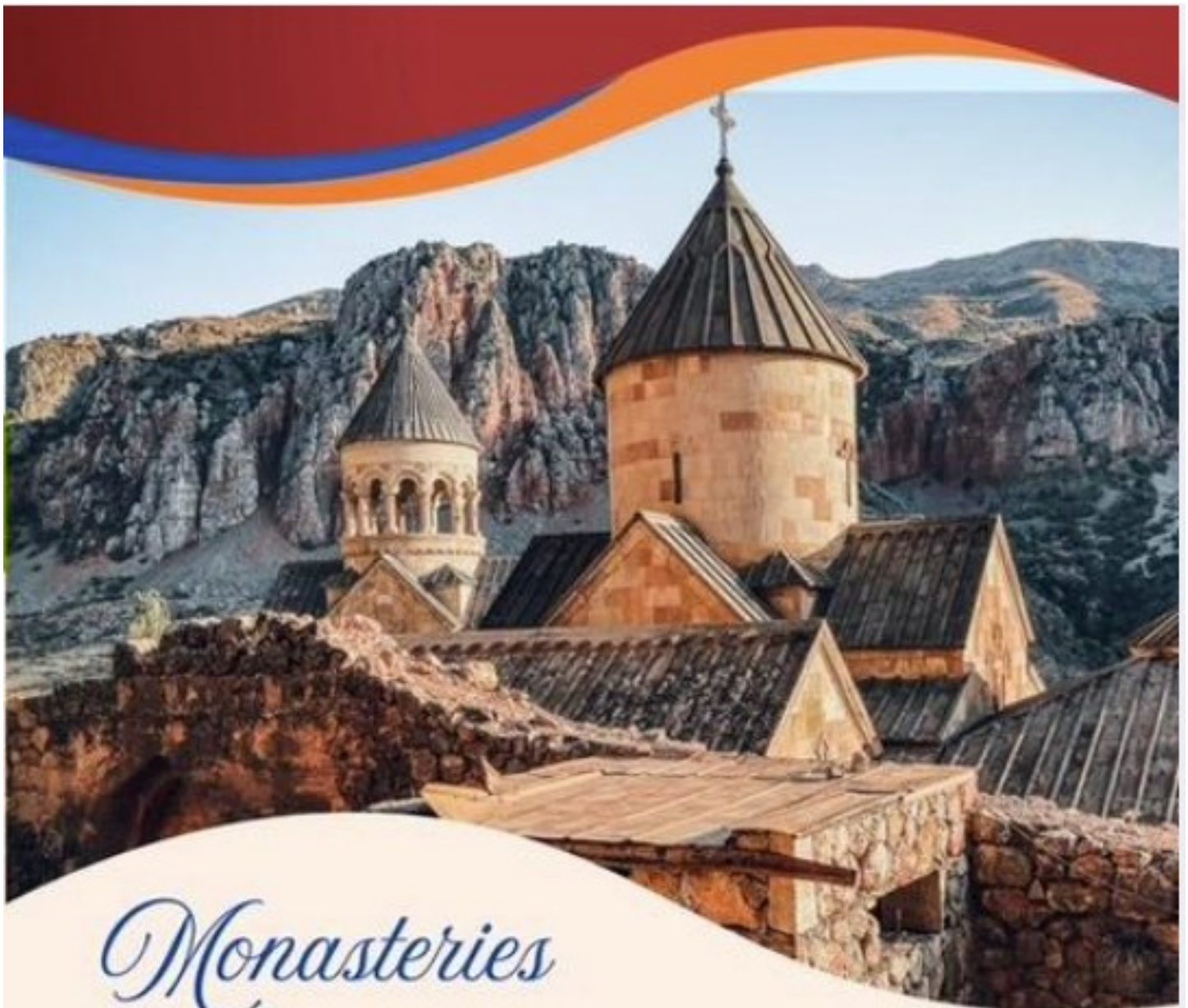
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Immediately After Divine Liturgy
Large Hall



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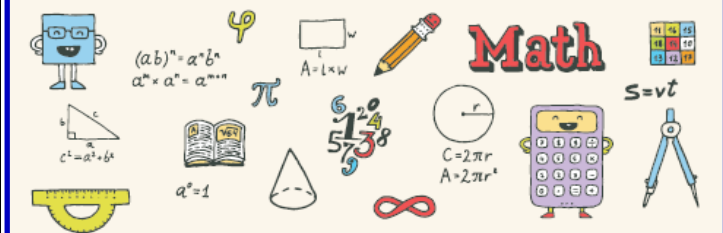
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