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Normalization of Armenia–Azerbaijan and Armenia–Turkey : Which came first: the chicken or the egg?



FM Fidan: We are ready to normalize relations with Armenia once a final peace agreement is signed between Azerbaijan and Armenia.

FM Ararat: While neither process is conditioned on the other, normalization with Turkey could actually have a positive impact on normalization with Azerbaijan.

For the normalization of Armenia–Azerbaijan and Armenia–Turkey relations, Turkey continues to demand amendments to the Armenian Constitution and raises the question of a transportation route planned through southern Armenia.

Why Turkey is not rushing the normalization process with Armenia? Fidan argued “by normalizing relations with Armenia at this stage, we would be taking away from Armenia its most important incentive



to sign a peace agreement with Azerbaijan.”

Armenia and Turkey appointed special representatives for normalization - Ruben Rubinyan for Armenia and Serdar Kılıç for Turkey. They have held six meetings to date and it is possible they will agree to ‘open the border for holders of diplomatic passports and citizens of third countries’.

FM Ararat stresses that unblocking of transport

infrastructure was agreed upon, at the peace summit held in Washington on August 8, the main principles being—territorial integrity, inviolability of borders, sovereignty, jurisdiction, and reciprocity. Within this framework, the TRIPP route will connect Azerbaijan with Nakhchivan, Armenia with other countries, and—on a broader geographic scale—different regions with one another through Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Headline News



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Ani Hovanessian: My dad often reminded me that education is what changed the trajectory of his life



Ani Hovanessian

(On November 15, 2025, the Armenian American Health Professionals Organization held a Charity Benefit at the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine, Nutley, NJ and honored Dr. Hambardzum Simonyan, FAR Healthcare Programs Director. The proceeds of the fundraiser is to benefit the AAHPO, Dr. Raffy Hovanessian Medical Education Program. The following remarks were delivered by Ani Hovanessian, daughter of Dr. Raffy Hovanessian.)

Thank you to AAHPO for hosting this event under the leadership of Dr. Larry Najarian and the selfless dedication of Dr. Hambardzum Simonyan in Armenia. Thank you for continuing the vision of my father Dr. Raffy A. Hovanessian.

My father's goal was to train health care professionals in rural remote villages in Armenia and Artsakh -



Mrs. Vicky Shoghag Hovanessian, Dr. Larry Najarian, Dr. Hambardzum Simonyan

many of those professionals are now in Armenia. Recently because of the need for medical care in such remote places, the fund has privately expanded outreach to train nurses caring for people in rural villages.

Why train? Why educate? Ultimately he was committed to help the weakest, those suffering and most in need in areas that would not have access to top medical care. Healing and reaching this population was front of mind for my father.

He admired Albert Schweitzer not only for his brilliance as a physician, but for his humanity and humility. My father lived by that example every day: healing where he could, giving where he could, and believing that every act

of service - in medicine, in church and our community - every one mattered.

He often reminded me that education is what changed the trajectory of his life. He walked long distances—sometimes more than an hour each way—to get to school, and his parents survivors of the genocide made enormous sacrifices so that he and his five brothers and sisters could learn. He never forgot those sacrifices. They are why he believed so deeply that when you educate one person, you uplift an entire family, an entire community, an entire nation.

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Ani Hovanessian

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And if he were here today, I know he would be so proud of AAHPO and FAR executing his dreams of expanding medical care for needy patients around Armenia. He would marvel at the fact that instead of walking for miles, a medical student or young physician can open a laptop and learn from the best minds in the world. That through his Continuing Medical Education Fund, we are now bringing the top experts together across continents—hosting symposiums over Zoom in fields like digestive disease and pediatric gastroenterology, connecting doctors from Armenia, Artsakh, and around the globe, and sharing the newest, cutting-edge medical knowledge in real time.

This isn't just programming—it is the realization of his life's vision. What once required sacrifice and distance is now available at the highest professional level, and the reach is wider than he ever could have imagined. Every workshop, every lecture, every CME credit earned through these symposiums which has reached 40,000 hours extends his legacy of service and compassion

forward.

By supporting this fund, you are not only honoring his memory—you are helping to carry this noble mission into the future. Thank you, from our family to yours, for keeping this vision alive and for ensuring that education continues to heal our world.

At this time, I would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Larry Najarian, Dr. Hampartsum Simonyan, and the entire staff of AAHPO in Armenia under the leadership of Bagrat Sarkissian for carrying forward my father's dream.

Charity Benefit

Hosted by:

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Drs. John and Sophie Bilezikian Dr. & Mrs. Lawrence V. Najarian
Dr. & Mrs. Aram Cazazian Mrs. Seta Nalbandian
Drs. Arthur & Louiza Kubikian Dr. Ara Tekian
Dr. Joyce Kurdian

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Saturday, November 15, 2025

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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian's Pastoral Visit to Barcelona: Welcoming Father Aram Tilikyan as Pastor of the Armenian Church



In an uplifting celebration of faith and heritage, the Armenian community in Barcelona welcomed Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Pontifical Legate of the Armenian Church in Western Europe, as he introduced Father Aram Tilikyan as the new pastor serving Barcelona and its surrounding Armenian communities.

The Armenians have a long and meaningful history in Spain, with roots dating back centuries through waves of migration and settlement. Today, the Armenian community in Spain numbers about 40,000, with approximately 10,000 Armenians living in and around Barcelona. The city has long served as a vibrant center for Armenian cultural and religious life.

During the Divine Liturgy celebrated on Sunday, November 16, at the Catholic Church of Saint Mary the Queen in Barcelona, Archbishop Barsamian offered words of encouragement and guidance to the faithful. In his sermon, he honored the devoted service of previous pastors—Fathers Sassoun, Shnork, and, more recently, Father Ghevont—and praised the dedication of community members who have laid the groundwork for a thriving Armenian Church in Barcelona.

“With the appointment of Father Aram as your full-time pastor, a new



opportunity emerges to further develop and strengthen your community—for the good of all Armenians in Barcelona, especially the younger generation,” said Archbishop Barsamian.

Reflecting on the day's biblical passage from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 1:9-11, Archbishop Barsamian reminded attendees of the significance of Christian love—its power to give meaning, peace, and joy to individual and communal life, and its crucial role in fostering unity.

He urged all faithful to work in harmony with Father Aram, organizing activities to ensure the mission of the Armenian Church flourishes in and around Barcelona. “As baptized members of the Armenian Church, you are entrusted with the stewardship of an ancient church with a rich heritage—an identity that has sustained us for centuries. It is our responsibility to preserve and pass it on to the next generation.”



The Archbishop emphasized integration, highlighting Spain's rich culture and traditions, and encouraged Armenians in Barcelona to be active participants in Spanish society while always remaining steadfast in their foundation as Armenian Christians.

Father Aram will serve the growing Armenian community in Barcelona, supported by two other priests under Archbishop Barsamian's guidance: Father Ghevont, who oversees communities in Madrid, Arnedo, Valencia, Alicante, and San Sebastian; and Father Toros, pastor for Malaga, Seville, Cadiz, and Portugal.



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Poetry presented by Mrs. Zarmine Boghosian

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Presented by: Zarmine Boghosian

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ԿԱՐՕՏՆԵՐՍ

Արտաշէս Յարութիւնեան-1873-1915
Նոր Քնար-1912

Հոգւոյս խորը կարօտներ կան՝

Որ կը քանդեն գիւ օրէ օր,

Ինչպէս բոցին կարմիր լեզուն՝

Մոմին ճերմակ մարմինն աղուո՛ր:

Կարօտներ կան խորը մըտքիս,

Որ անդադա զայն կը փորեն.

Լա՛ւ, ի՛նչ է վերջն այս ցաւերուն,

Լու՛ռ՝ կը խորհիմ ես ինքնիրեն:

Ու կը լայննայ վերքը տակաւ

Չըղարմանում կարօտներուն.

Ո՛չ ո՛ր գիտէ զանոնք, -ի՛նչ փոյթ,

Ես դագաղն եմ այդ ցաւերուն:

Չընչի՛ն ցաւեր. է՛, ո՛վ գիտէ,

Խորհուրդներն են անոնք հոգւոյս,

Մեծ երագներ եւ իղձեր վառ՝

Կը մարին խորն այդ ցաւերուն:

Ու կարօտներն իմ մեծամոլ

Կը սպասեն գիւ մինչեւ ցրմահ,

Ինչպէս բոցի կարմիր լեզուն՝

Մոմին մաքուր մարմինն աղուո՛ր:



ՎԱՂՈՒԱՆ ՏՈՒՆԸ

Մուշեղ Իշխան

Պիտի կերտե՛մ ես կրկին քեզ քերթուածի մը նման,

Տուած մեր հին քարերուն բոցէ շաղախն արիւնիս.

Պիտի ժայթքիս լուսագեղ դուն ինչպէս նո՛ր,

անմահ Բան՝

Պանդուխտի սե՛ւ օրերուն երկունքէն

վերջ տանջալից...

Հողին վըրայ հայրերուն,

վուր արեան տաք մո՛ւխ է դեմ՝

Պիտի կերտե՛մ քեզ գինո՛վ,

անյագօրէն, քար ամ քար,

Աչքերուն մէջ՝ շատերո՛ւ ջերմ կարօտներ վաղամեծ

Եւ թելերուն՝ ուժն ամբողջ

հայ հանճարին շինարար...

Դուն յաղթանիստ ու հպարտ պիտի ըլլաս

կեանքին դէմ.

Հովն ու արեւն հայրենի պիտի հասակըդ գրկեն,

Կռունկներու երամներ՝ ամպերուն հետ լուսագեղմ՝

Ազատութեան երգերով պիտի ճախրեն վերելէն:

Պիտի կանգնե՛մ քեզ իբրեւ

կենսագեղուն յուշարձան՝

Հեռուն անթաղ կորսուած մեռելներուն իմ բոլոր.

Քու մէջ հանգչիլ պիտի գայ անոնց հոգին անկայան,

Երբ հոն ընդմիշտ բարբախտ.

արեւաշող կեանք մը նոր...

Կտուրիդ տակ երջանիկ պիտի յառնէ մաս ամ մաս

Հարազատ խումբն անցեալի մեր

մեծ տոհմիկ քար ու քանդ.

Պարթեւ հասակն իմ եղբօր, քոյրիկիս դէմքը երազ

Եւ տակաւին՝ նոր դէմքեր՝

խորհրդասարդ ու անյայտ...

Բոլորին դէմ դուռըդ բա՛ց պիտի ըլլայ շարունակ

Եւ լեցրեն պիտի քեզ ամէն առտու, երեկոյ

Շէնշող քրքիջ ու գրոյց, երգերու ձայն ու նուագ,

Բայց եւ խաղա՛ղ, լո՛ւռ պահեր՝

մտերմութեան ու սիրոյ:

Եւ երբ անցնին առջեւէդ աղջիկ, տղայ, փոքր ու մեծ՝

Պիտի կենան ու ըսեն անոնք իրար ժպտալիք.

-Ա՛յս է ահա տունը մեր բանաստեղծին,

որ երգեց

Տուներու Երգն ու

երկա՛ր տառապեցաւ տարագիր...



Մայր

Ռազմիկ Դատյեան

Մօրս՝ Տիրամայր Զապէլ Մարտիկեան-Գալայճեանի

Յիշատակին- ըստ պաշտօնական

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Պատկերիդ հետ զրուցում եմ օրն ի բուն,

Ո՛վ կարող է ինձ ասել, թէ դու չկաս.-

Արցունքներս քո ձեռքերով ես սրբում,

Քիչ է մնում՝ իմ փոխարէն հեկեկաս:

Մա՛յր, ամէն օր

ինձ մայրութիւն ես անում,

Բայց քանի՞ օր ես քո զաւակը եղայ.-

Ցաւն իմ հոգուց հառաչանքներ է քամում,

Որ ողորքե՛մ մա՛յր, քա՛ դցր մայր, քեզ մեղայ:

Մեղայ սրտիդ, արցունքներիդ, տանջանքիդ,

Մեղայ մտքիդ ճառագումին անխափան,

Աղօթքներիդ, մրմունջներիդ ու ջանքիդ,

Քեզանից դուրս հիմա չկայ ոչ մի բան:

Որքան էլ որ ապրումներս խորանան,

Քո հայեացքի շրջանակից եմ կախուած,

Շրթունքներիս՝ քո խօսքերի մասնանան,

Հոգիս՝ սիրուդ լռութեան մէջ թաթախուած:

Մա՛յր, ամէն օր ինձ մայրութիւն ես անում,

Բայց քանի՞ օր ես քո զաւակը եղայ.

Ցաւն իմ հոգուց հին հառաչանքն է քամում,

Որ ողորքե՛մ մա՛յր, քաղցր մայր, քեզ մեղայ:



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Pashinyan: Armenia Is Living in Peace for the First Time in Its History



Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan stated during Armenia's first National Prayer Breakfast that 2025 is a very important year, because for the first time in its 34 years of independence, "we can say that peace has been established."

Armenia is living in peace for the first time in its history, he said, adding that this has been a long journey—one we have often traveled without fully

seeing or hearing the path that God has prepared for our people and state.

Pashinyan argued that what applies to the individual also applies to the state, emphasizing the importance of recognizing, seeing, and building the state's relationship with God. He highlighted the need to incorporate biblical principles into political activity and public administration.

Speaking about the integrity of public officials, he said: "Integrity is a matter of reform, of regulation, of checks and balances, but true integrity is impossible without God's presence, impossible without God's word."

Referring to the U.S. National Prayer Breakfast, Pashinyan said the peace



process is an event that has taken place "between two prayer breakfasts," which he believes may carry spiritual meaning.

He concluded his speech with Psalm 31, saying that the hours spent in this prayer-breakfast format provide spiritual strength to continue or reaffirm the path that, in his view, God has set for the Armenian people.

Armenian, Azerbaijani parliamentarians hold bilateral talks in Istanbul



Armenian and Azerbaijani delegations held a bilateral meeting in Istanbul, Türkiye, on November 18 as part of the 23rd Autumn Meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

The meeting took place based on the agreement reached during discussions between the Speaker of the Armenian

Parliament, Alen Simonyan, and his Azerbaijani counterpart, Sahiba Gafarova, on October 21 in Geneva, the Armenian parliament's press service said in a statement.

During the meeting, the parties emphasized the positive role of the Washington Summit and exchanged views on the agreements reached, the next steps aimed at strengthening peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and the importance of parliamentary support in both countries for the process.

They also discussed the role of the parliaments in implementing confidence-building measures between the two countries. Both sides highlighted the importance of constructive dialogue among parliamentarians within international organizations.

The Armenian parliamentary delegation was led by MP Sargis Khandanyan, Chair of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Armenian Parliament.

U.S. Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs visits Armenia



U.S. Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Allison Hooker visited Armenia to advance President Donald Trump's vision for regional peace and prosperity.

Hooker met with Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan, Foreign Minister Ararat



Mirzoyan, Security Council Secretary Armen Grigoryan, and Vice Speaker of Parliament, and Ruben Rubinyan, Special Envoy for Normalization with Türkiye.

The Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity (TRIPP) is a

connectivity project in Armenia envisaged under the U.S.-brokered Armenian-Azerbaijani joint declaration signed in Washington, D.C. The project is expected to unlock strategic economic opportunities, creating long-term benefits by promoting infrastructure investment and enhancing regional connectivity. TRIPP is part of the Crossroads of Peace project. Armenia and the U.S. also signed three bilateral MoUs on: Crossroads of Peace Capacity Building Partnership, AI and Semiconductor Innovation Partnership, and Energy Security Partnership.

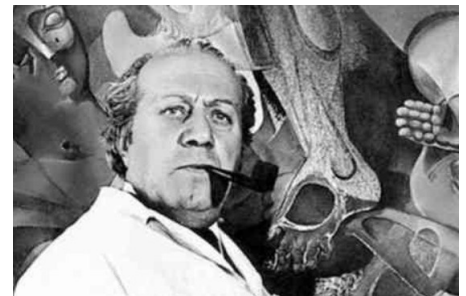
Yervand Kochar's memory immortalized in Tbilisi Georgia



A memorial plaque was placed on the building at 13 Pushkin Street in Tbilisi, stating that the renowned Armenian sculptor and artist Yervand Kochar lived in this house from 1899 to 1922.

The event was attended by Deputy Minister of Education, Science, Culture, and Sports of the Republic of Armenia Alfred Kocharyan, Chairman of the Tbilisi City Council Zurab Abashidze, Armenian Ambassador to

The plaque was installed at the initiative of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sports of the Republic of Armenia (MESCS) as part of events commemorating the 125th anniversary of Kochar's birth.



Georgia Ashot Smbatyan, Director of the Yervand Kochar Museum and the artist's granddaughter Karine Kochar, as well as members of the Tbilisi City Council.

The commemorative plaque was installed with the support of the Armenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Tbilisi city authorities, and the Armenian Embassy in Georgia.

Armenia PM on Vagharshapat-Etchmiadzin city election results: People simply chose life over apocalypse



There is much discussion now about why the ruling Civil Contract (CC) Party won and the opposition lost in the Vagharshapat elections. Prime Minister of Armenia Nikol Pashinyan said this during a Facebook live stream—and referring to the results of Sunday's local elections in

Vagharshapat—also known as Etchmiadzin—city.

“There is one global reason: The opposition was speaking about apocalypse, while the CC—about life. People simply chose life, people were simply choosing life. And in my humble opinion, this is how it will be in the 2026 parliamentary elections, because having gone through harsh trials together, we have ultimately left the apocalypse in the past, and today only life lies ahead,” the Armenian PM added.

Eight political forces ran in the council elections held in the Vagharshapat enlarged community, and three of which, according to the Central Electoral Commission's preliminary

data, have passed the minimum threshold: the Civil Contract Party, the ‘Victory’ bloc, and the Mother Armenia Party.

Accordingly, the 33 seats of the Vagharshapat council will be distributed as follows:

Civil Contract Party – 19 seats

“Victory” bloc – 12 seats

Mother Armenia Party – 2 seats

This means that the ruling Civil Contract Party can independently appoint the new mayor of Vagharshapat without the need to form a coalition with any other political force.

Order of the Golden Eagle award to Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan



Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan is on a working visit to Astana, Kazakhstan and met Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev. The “historic” documents to be signed between Armenia and Kazakhstan include an agreement to elevate the bilateral relationship to a strategic level.

“We highly appreciate your visit. The initiatives undertaken demonstrate that our friendship is strong. I want to emphasize that there is mutual respect between the peoples of Armenia and Kazakhstan. Our countries have open relations based on mutual trust...I want to emphasize that our interstate relations are special, and we have great opportunities to develop our cooperation in a multifaceted way,” said Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev.

Tokayev bestowed the Order of the Golden Eagle, the nation's highest award, upon Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan.

“Dear Prime Minister, you are known to the international community as a strong, visionary leader and



politician...In recognition of his role, today I have awarded you the highest state award of the Republic of Kazakhstan. This gesture is a symbol of the friendship between our countries and also demonstrates our intention to further deepen our mutual ties in the future,” Tokayev said at a press conference.

Andrea Martin explores Armenian roots in new play “Meet the Cartozians”



Andrea Martin, beloved for SCTV, *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, and *Pippin*, returns to the stage with a bold new project blending history, comedy, and satire.

In the play “Meet the Cartozians”, Martin portrays two characters: a

mother from an Armenian family in 1925 and a modern-day Los Angeles resident participating in a reality show about the family’s descendants—characters suspiciously reminiscent of the Kardashians.

Martin, whose family roots trace back to Armenia, embraces roles that allow her to explore her heritage and identity. “It’s a complex job: two eras, two characters, and I speak Armenian,” says the 78-year-old actress.

Though often thought of as Canadian, Martin was born in Portland, Maine, and moved to Canada at 23. Her paternal grandfather, a survivor of the

1915 Armenian Genocide, changed the family name from Papazian to Martin. She admits that growing up, she knew little about Armenia—her knowledge was limited to a recipe for Armenian gata—until her first visit in 1991, which inspired a deep respect for her culture and history.

“Meet the Cartozians” is more than a family story. It is an exploration of the Armenian diaspora, memory, and legacy, merging past and present, tragedy and humor.

The play premieres at Signature Theatre and will run from November 2025 through January 2026.

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.”

Development of Armenia-U.S. economic ties discuss in California

During a visit to California, Armenian Ambassador to the United States Narek Mkrtchyan met with John Shea, President and CEO of the World Trade Center of Northern California, and Tessa Carter, Director of Operations, the Embassy said in a press release.

Karen Israelyan, Consul General of the Republic of Armenia in Los Angeles also attended the meeting.

The parties discussed ways to deepen Armenian-American economic cooperation and, in this context, possible new initiatives. During the meeting, the prospects for expanding import and export, as well as the procedures for Armenian businesses to enter the U.S. market, were discussed. In this regard, the parties underscored the importance of developing programs



aimed at enhancing the skills and marketing capacities of Armenian enterprises, thereby strengthening

their overall competitiveness in the international market.



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- ◆ [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 7, 2025 - ARF Day Celebration. A Day of Appreciation Sponsored by the ARF Dro Gomideh](#)
- ◆ [December 13, 2025 - Hamazkayin Levon Shant Theater play "The Little Big Wars of Couples"](#)
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- ◆ [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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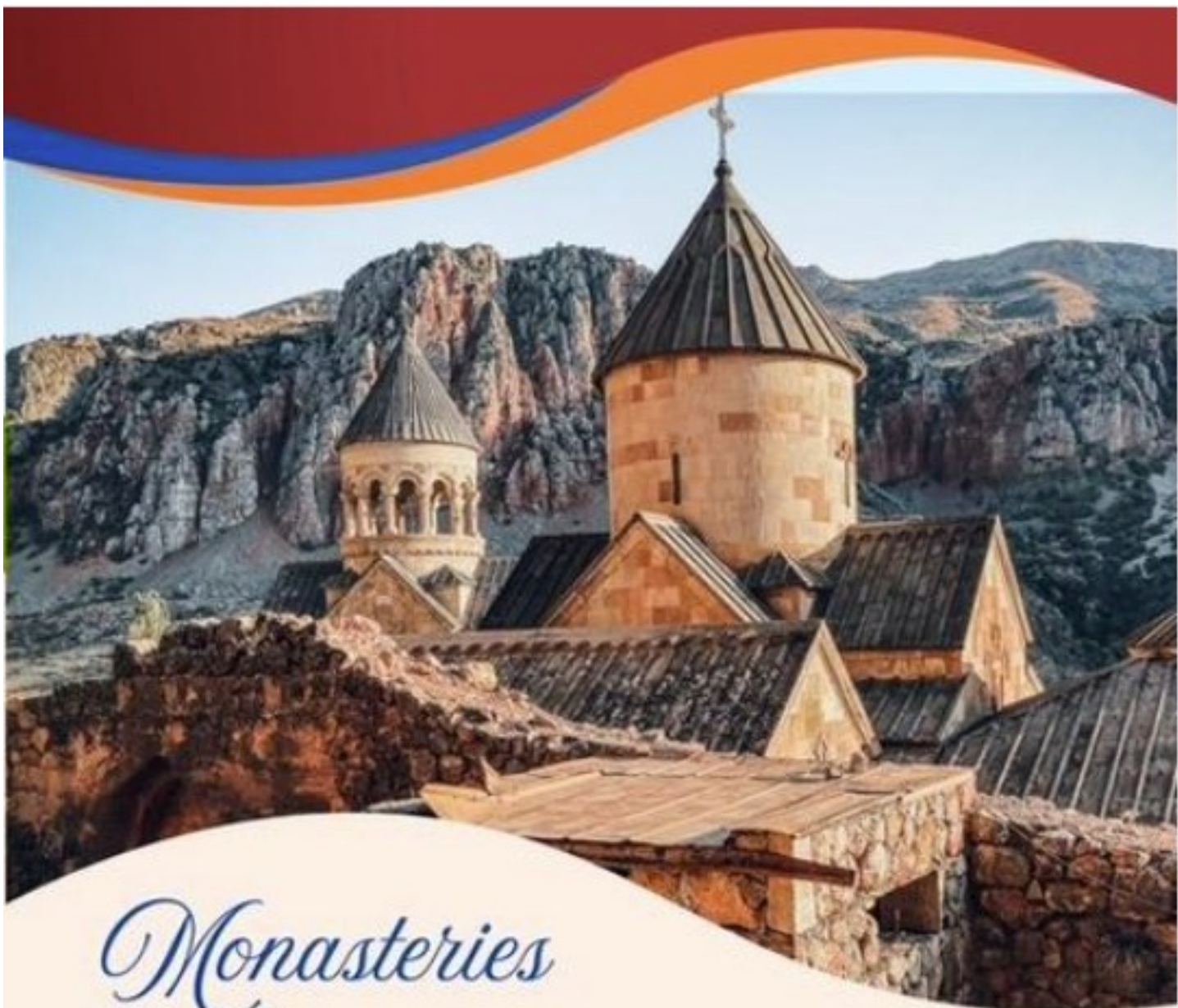
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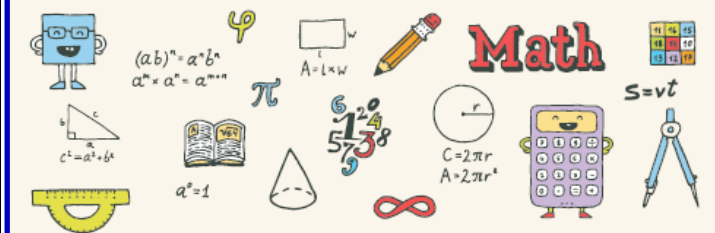
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