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*ST. ILLUMINATOR'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CATHEDRAL
NEW YORK, NY*

E-N E W S L E T T E R

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2012

REV. FR. MESROB LAKISSIAN, PASTOR



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**ST. ILLUMINATOR'S CATHEDRAL
RECEIVES DONATION FOR EDUCATION**

St. Illuminator's Cathedral received a donation of \$10,000 from Mr. Andreias Marderosian of Flushing, New York, in memory of his wife Lucia Marderosian. Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, pastor of the Cathedral, accepted the gift and announced that the funds will be used for the Cathedral's Sunday and Saturday schools to augment religious and Armenian educational programs.

In 2007, a donation of \$30,000 was made by the Marderosian family to the Cathedral and the Day School. Der Mesrob expressed thanks to Mr. Marderosian and said this generous donation "will help us educate young generations of Armenian Americans. The survival of the Armenian Church and community depends on individuals like Mr. Marderosian who have strong ties to the Armenian Church and heritage."



Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian accepts a check from Mr. Andreias Marderosian

GOMIDAS STUDY PRESENTED

The presentation of Dr. Meline Karakashian's recently published book, *Gomidas: A Psychological Study*, took place last Friday at the Armenian Center in Woodside, New York. The event was organized by the New York chapter of the Hamazkiayin Armenian Educational and Cultural Society.

The book was published by the Holy See of Cilicia's Richard and Tina Carolan Literary Fund. Dr. Ara Caprielian, chairman of the New York chapter introduced Dr. Karakashian who made an engaging presentation about the life of Gomidas Vartabed.

Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian performed the traditional Armenian ceremony of "Kinedzon." After brief remarks, Der Hayr asked the audience to honor the memory of the victims of the 1988 earthquake that occurred 24 years ago, with a minute of silence.

It should be noted that Fr. Mesrob Lakissian often collaborates with and encourages Hamazkayin.



Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian dedicates the book with wine as the author Dr. Meline Karakashian watches. Dr. Ara Caprielian, chairman of New York Hamazkayin, introduced the author to the audience.



Dr. Meline Karakashian autographs her books

“Celebrate Your Holidays” Dinner-Dance at the St. Illuminator’s Cathedral

Friends of the St. Illuminator’s Cathedral gathered at the John Pashalian Hall on Saturday, December 8, to celebrate upcoming holidays.



George Postian, Armen Boyajian, Michael Haratunian, Arshag Tarpinian and Avedis Alashaian enjoying the evening

Last Sunday, December 9, Fr. Mesrob Lakissian attended “PURSUING JUSTICE THROUGH ART” a Panel Discussion organized by Armenian Genocide Justice, an ARF-ER Committee At Hosack Hall of NY Academy of Medicine

Panel Discussion was moderated by Khatchig Mouradian.

Panelists: Chris Bohjalian, Eric Nazarian, Atom Egoyan and Arsinee Khanjian

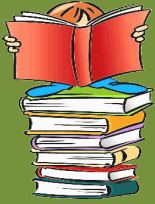


Fr. Mesrob Lakissian, Fr. Hovnan Bozoian, Archbishop Oshagan and Rev. Thomas Garabedian



Khatchig Mouradian, Fr. Hovnan, Chris Bohjalian, Fr. Mesrob, Arsinee Khanjian, Hagop Der Khatchadourian, Atom Egoyan and Hrair Baronian

ST. JAMES (HAGOP) OF NISIBIS



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This Saturday, December 15, is the feast of St. James (Hagop) of Nisibis (Mdzbin). He participated in the first ecumenical council in Nicaea (325), where he earned great respect from the Emperor Constantine and the other attendees. He was born

and died in the city of Nisibis (Nusbyien) located in what is now southeastern Turkey, an important early Christian center in Asia Minor and a transit point of the caravans traveling east and west.

St. James is one of the most beloved saints in the Armenian Church. He is also honored by the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Syriac Orthodox Church, the Coptic Church, and the Eastern Catholic and Roman Catholic churches. He was ordained Bishop of Nisibis in 320 AD.

St. James sought to find Noah's Ark as proof for skeptics. On the eve of his ascent, as he rested, an angel appeared and told him he need not climb to the summit and gave him a piece of the Ark which was nearby. This piece is kept at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.

The heavenly hosts rejoiced at the greatness of your feats by which you in the flesh became like the angels on high; we have you as intercessor for us before the Father in heaven. And we with a joyful voice celebrate your holy memory, O venerable witness of Christ, holy bishop James; we have you as intercessor for us before the Father in heaven. You decided on severe toils to see Noah's Ark and from the angel's hand received a portion of the wood which served the human race as salvation; we have you as intercessor for us before the Father in heaven."

(Canon to St. James, Bishop of Nisibis, from the Canons of the Armenian Apostolic Church)

Armenian Prelacy - Crossroads



St. Hagop's tomb in Nisibis

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2012

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ԱՒԵՏԱՐԱՆ ԸՍՏ ԴՈՒԿԱՍՈՒ (17:1-10)

Յիսուս իր աշակերտներուն ըսաւ. «Գայթակոութիւններ անպայման որ պիտի պատահին, բայց վա՛յ այն մարդուն, որուն ձեռքով ուրիշներ գայթակոութեան մէջ կ'իյնան: Նախընտրելի պիտի ըլլար, որ իր վիզին ջաղացքի քար անցընէին եւ զինք ծովը նետէին, քան թէ այս փոքրիկներէն մէկը գայթակոցներ: Հետեւաբար, զգուշացէ՛ք: Եթէ եղբայրդ մեղք գործէ՝ յանդիմանէ զինք, եւ եթէ զոջայ՝ ներէ իրեն: Նոյնիսկ եթէ մէկ օրուան մէջ եօթն անգամ քեզի դէմ մեղանչէ եւ եօթն անգամ քեզի գալով ըսէ՝ “կը զոջամ”, պէտք է ներես իրեն: Առաքեալները ըսին Տիրոջ. «Աւելցուր մեր հաւատքը»: Տէրը ըսաւ. «Եթէ մանանեխի հատիկի մը չափ հաւատք ունենաք եւ ըսէք այս թթենիին. «Արմատախիլ եղիր եւ ծովուն մէջ տնկուէ», պիտի հնազանդի ձեզի: Ենթադրենք որ ձեզմէ մէկը ծառայ մը ունի, որ հողագործ է կամ հովիւ: Երբ ծառան դաշտէն դառնայ եւ տուն մտնէ, տէրը իրեն կ'ըսէ՞. «Անմիջապէս գնա՛, ճաշդ կեր»: Բնականաբար ո՛չ: Ընդհակառակը, անոր կ'ըսէ. «Ընթրիքս պատրաստէ եւ գոգնոցդ կապելով սպասարկէ ինծի, մինչեւ ընթրիքս վերջացնեմ, անկէ ետք կրնաս ուտել ու խմել»: Կը կարծէ՞ք որ տէրը իր ծառային երախտապարտ պէտք է ըլլայ իր հրահանգները կատարելուն համար: Չեմ կարծեր: Դուք ալ նոյնպէս, երբ կը կատարէք ինչ որ հրամայուած է ձեզի, ըսէք. «Անպիտան ծառաներ ենք, ինչ որ պարտաւոր էինք ընել՝ կատարեցինք»:

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Ես. 38 :1 – 8 Եբր. 1 :1 – 14

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (17:1-10)

Jesus said to his disciples, “Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come! It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to stumble. Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive.” The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. “Who among you would say to your slaver who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!”

BIBLE READINGS

Is. 38 :1 - 8 Heb. 1 :1 – 14

**Requested by:**

Mrs. Peruz Nazaretyan

Mr. & Mrs. Serop and Liana Nazaretyan and children

Mr. & Mrs. Hagop and Ruzanna Kehehian and children

In memory of their beloved husband, father and grandfather

KHACHIK NAZARETYAN – 40th Day

Requested by:

Mr. Andreias Marderosian

In memory of his beloved wife

LUCIA MARDEROSIAN – 1st Anniversary

Requested by:

Mr. Hagop Markarian and sons Viken and Vasken

Mrs. Rosa Markarian

Mamarian, Enfiedjian, Enkababian families

In memory of their beloved wife, mother, daughter and relative

SONIA MARKARIAN – 3rd Anniversary

Requested by:

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In memory of their beloved parents

KHATCHADOUR & HRIPSIME DERDERIAN

AZAD & SIROUHI AZARIAN

In memory of their beloved sister

LOOSIN HOVASAPIAN

In memory of their beloved brother and brother-in-law

EDWARD AZARIAN

Also in memory of their beloved brother-in-law

NISHAN TATARIAN

FROM CATHEDRAL'S MAIL BOX



St. Illuminator's Armenian Apostolic Cathedral
Rev. Fr. Mesrob Lakissian
221 East 27th Street
New York, NY 10016

December 10, 2012

Dear Father Lakissian,

I would like to make a donation of \$10,000 to the St. Illuminator's Cathedral to be used for the Sunday and Saturday schools to support and further their religious and Armenian education programs.

The donation is in memory of my beloved wife Lucia Marderosian.

Sincerely Yours,
Andreias Marderosian

Dear Reverend Lakissian,

December 5, 2012

Enclosed is a small check for the St. Illuminator's Cathedral. I will always appreciate your kindness to our family. I am still struggling with the cancer. Please say a prayer for me. I know that your prayers are very helpful.

In appreciation,
Else Agajanian
Poughkeepsie, NY

Dear Der Hayr,

December 1, 2012

We wish you and your entire family a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with good health and happiness.

Once again we would like to thank you for your help and for just being there when we needed you.

Respectfully,
Chris and Luiza Dumitru
Hixson, TN

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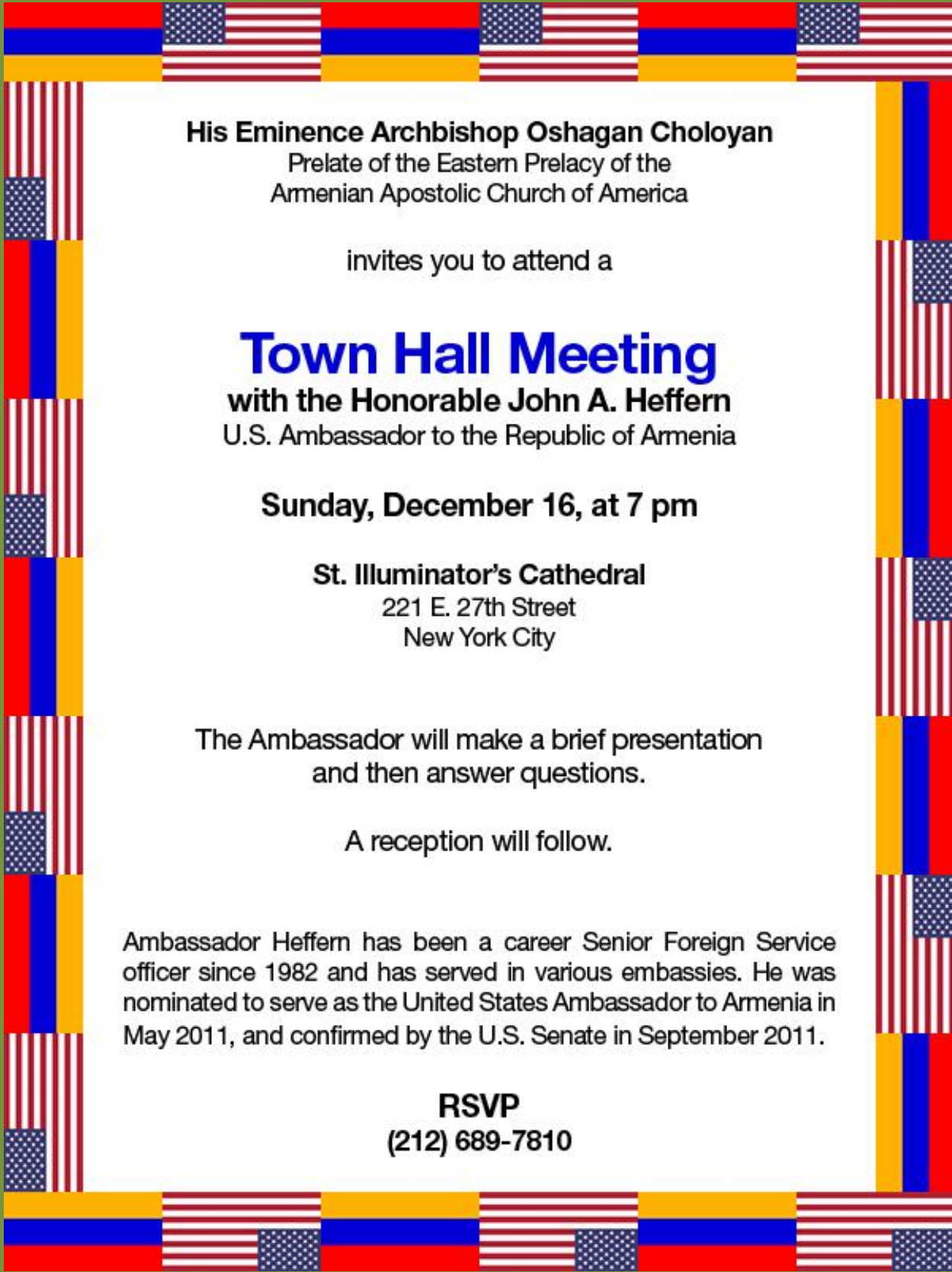
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St. Illuminator's Cathedral to Launch New Armenian Saturday School Program

NEW YORK—The St. Illuminator's Armenian Apostolic Cathedral recently announced the launch of a new Armenian Saturday School program to be held in Queens, New York. The school will open its doors beginning January 12, 2013 and run on Saturdays from 9:45-1:00 pm until May 18, 2013.

The organizing committee announced in the mission statement that the school's primary goal is "To teach Armenian language, history, and culture." It further states that through a "nurturing environment children will meet Armenian friends and stay close to their roots." A fresh new approach will be used to present a curriculum that aims to inspire students by giving them the core skills in the Armenian language, enhanced by special subjects like art, music, and dance that will also be taught in Armenian.

Registration is now open on a first come, first serve basis. Forms and more information can be obtained by emailing satarmenianschool@gmail.com or downloading forms from www.stilluminators.org or www.facebook.com/StilluminatorsSatSchool. Hard copies are also available at the St. Illuminator's Armenian Apostolic Cathedral office.



His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Cholyan
Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy of the
Armenian Apostolic Church of America

invites you to attend a

Town Hall Meeting
with the **Honorable John A. Heffern**
U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia

Sunday, December 16, at 7 pm

St. Illuminator's Cathedral
221 E. 27th Street
New York City

The Ambassador will make a brief presentation
and then answer questions.

A reception will follow.

Ambassador Heffern has been a career Senior Foreign Service officer since 1982 and has served in various embassies. He was nominated to serve as the United States Ambassador to Armenia in May 2011, and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in September 2011.

RSVP
(212) 689-7810

St. Illuminator's Armenian Apostolic Cathedral

LADIES GUILD

Will host Holiday Flea-Market and Bazaar

Sunday, December 16, 2012 from

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**The event will feature food, activities for children, raffles, vendors
(Armenian books and gift items, toys, shoes) and much more**

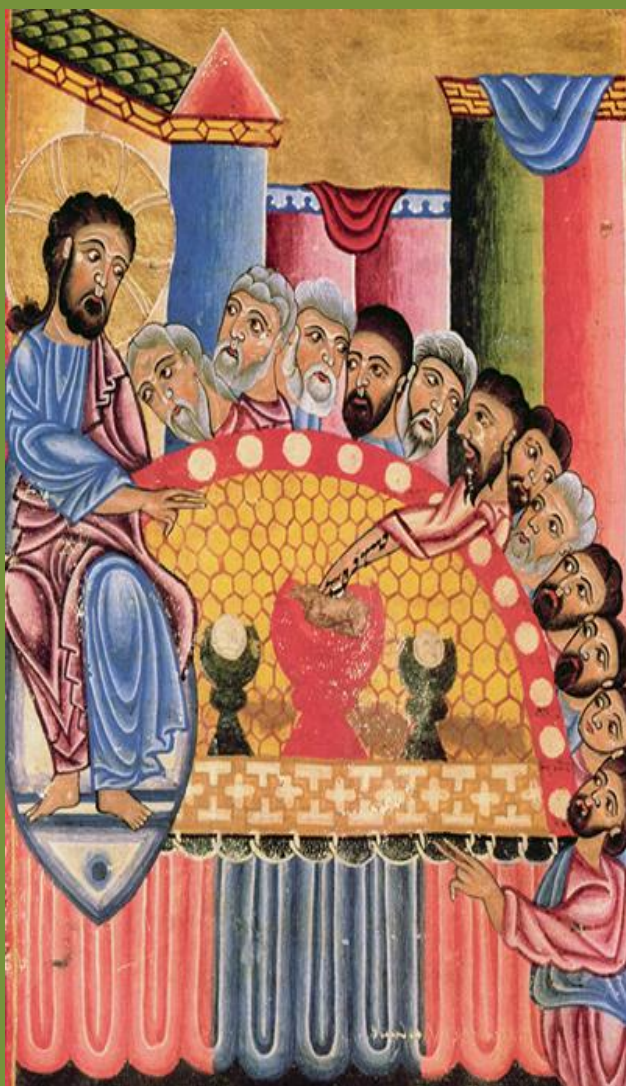
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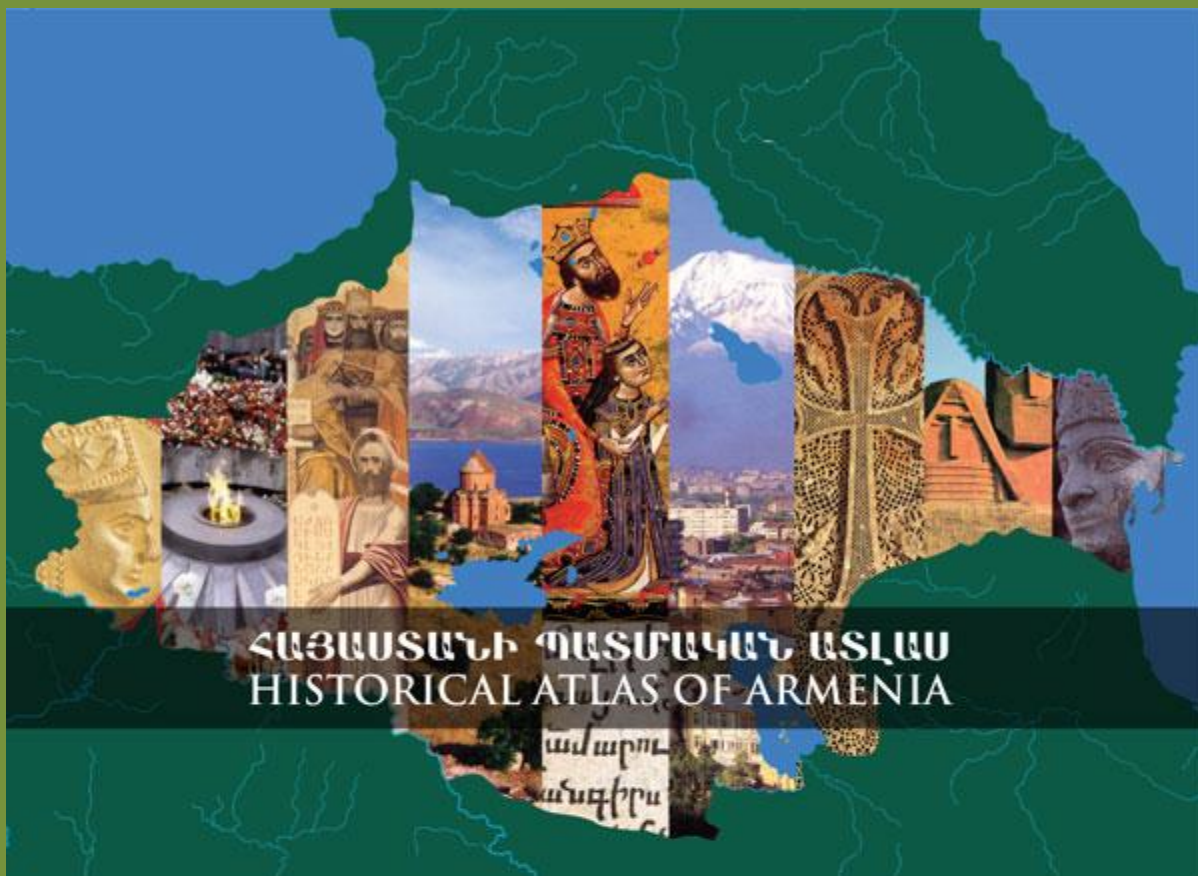
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