



Calendar of Events

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New York/New Jersey

May 30, noon, Tenafly, N.J. St. Thomas Church of Tenafly, NJ, will host a Memorial Day Picnic from noon to 6 p.m. Enjoy kebabs, desserts, vendors, rides, the Shurch Bars DJ, a raffle, and more. The Akh'Tamar Dance Ensemble of St. Thomas Church will perform. Free parking and free admission. The church is located at 174 Essex Drive, Tenafly, NJ 07670-2300. For information call (201) 567-5446 or visit <http://stthomasarmenianchurch.com/>.

May 30, New York City. The New York branch of the Armenian Students' Association will present its 62nd Annual ASA Artists' Ball Weekend of October 1-2, 2011 at Ico Gallery Chelsea 606 West 26th Street (at 11th Avenue) in Manhattan. The New York ASA is searching for Armenian artists to participate in this year's exhibit. Artist applications are NOW AVAILABLE on the [ASA's Web site](#). Deadline to apply is a post-mark date of no later than May 30, 2011. For more information, email ArtistsBall@asainc.org.

June 7-12, New York City. From the Lark Play Development's BareBones® Program that supported Katori Hall's The Mountaintop and Rajiv Joseph's Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo, the Lark announces a BareBones® presentation of Night over Erzinga by Adriana Sevahn Nichols, directed by Daniella Topol. This workshop presentation is the next stage of development for the play, which is part of Middle East America: A National New Plays Initiative, a collaboration between Lark, Golden Thread Productions in San Francisco, and Silk Road Theatre Project in Chicago. The performances at Lark run from June 7 - 12 at 311 West 43rd Street in Manhattan. Tickets are \$10, \$14, and \$18 available via <http://www.larktheatre.org/>.

June 12, 10 AM, Ridgefield, N.J. Walk Armenia, organized by Agnouni, Bergen, Shakeh and Spitak New Jersey Chapters of the Armenian Relief Society. Walk to raise money for Sosse Kindergarten in Medz Tagher, Hadrut Region and the ARS Eastern USA Armenia Projects. Registration begins at 10 am at Sts. Vartanantz Church, 461 Bergen Boulevard, Ridgefield, New Jersey. Walk begins at 1 pm. For information: Talin Daghljan 201-446-2316 or email karoon22@aol.com; Margie Babikian-Medina, 917-748-2997 or email Margaret@mbabikian.com.

June 19, noon, New Rochelle, N.Y. St. Nersess Armenian Seminary's annual Father's Day Picnic will be held on the scenic grounds at 150 Stratton Road, New Rochelle, NY. Delicious kebob meals, homemade desserts, live Armenian music, children's activities, vendors, and more. The day will start with Divine Liturgy in the Seminary chapel at 10 a.m., followed by traditional Picnic festivities. Free parking and admission. For info visit <http://www.stnersess.edu/> or call 914-636-2003.

New England

June 2, 8 PM, Belmont, Mass. Author and anthropologist Dr. Susan Pattie, Director of the Armenian Institute in London and Senior Research Fellow, University College London, will give a lecture entitled "Who Are the Armenians? Bringing Armenian History and Culture to Young Readers" at the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR) Center, 395 Concord Ave., Belmont, MA. More information about the lecture is available by calling 617-489-1610, faxing 617-484-1759, e-mailing hq@naasr.org, or writing to NAASR, 395 Concord Ave., Belmont, MA 02478.

June 6, 6:15 PM, Watertown, Mass. Dr. Noubar Afeyan, Phd, Managing Partner and CEO of Flagship Ventures will be the speaker at the dinner meeting of the St. James Armenian Church Men's Club. The Topic will be "The Global Armenian Nation - Fueling Armenia's Development ". The social hour starts at 6:15 P.M. followed by a complete losh kebab and kheyma dinner at 7 PM, \$ 12 per person. Ladies are welcome. The dinner meeting will be at the St. James Armenian Church, Mosesian Cultural Center - Keljik Hall 465 Mt. Auburn Street Watertown ,MA. For information contact Bob Semonian at 617-923-0727.

June 11, 11 AM, North Andover, Mass. St. Gregory Church, North Andover, Massachusetts, presents Armenian Food Festival, 11 am to 7 pm. Buffet served all day; take-out available. Pastries, handmade jewelry, Armenian gifts, raffles, and much more. For information contact church office, 978-685-5038.

June 16, 7:30 PM, North Andover, Mass. Second Annual Cigar Night & Dinner in memory of Rev. Fr. Vartan Kassabian, St. Gregory Church of Merrimack Valley, North Andover, Massachusetts. Featuring hors d'oeuvres with cold seafood buffet at 6 pm, followed by Filet Mignon & Stuffed Lobster dinner at 7:30 pm. Premium Cigars and Top Shelf Complimentary Bar. Donation: \$100 per person. For information/reservations contact church office 978-685-5038.

June 25, 8 PM, Boston. The Friends of Armenian Culture Society will present the 60th annual Armenian Night at the Pops at Boston's majestic Symphony Hall. The evening will feature soprano Hasmik Papian. Music director Keith Lockhart will lead the Boston Pops orchestra. The program will feature a selection of operatic arias by Puccini, Catalani and Johann Strauss. In addition to the traditional Lord's Prayer (Hayr Mer), Arno Babadjanian's Aria-Vocalise for soprano & orchestra will be performed. The concert will also feature overtures by Rossini and Suppé; the Parade of the Charioteers by Miklos Rozsa, and the Grammy Award winner Ricky Skaggs and his Kentucky Thunder band, performing some of their greatest hits. A "Meet-the-Artist" reception will follow the concert at the Colonnade Hotel on Huntington Avenue in Boston. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting <http://www.facsbboston.org/>. For information contact Ara Arakelian, Tel: (617)784-9820, email: arakelian@yahoo.com

Mid-Atlantic

May 28, 6 PM, Washington. Policy Forum Armenia will host the First Republic Independence Day reception at the [University Club of Washington, DC](http://www.universityclubofwashington.org/). Keynote Presenter: Dr. Rouben Adalian, Director of the Armenian National Institute, speaking on: "Armenia's Independence and Importance of the Battle of Sardarapat." Guests of Honor: Tigran Khzmalyan and Garegin Chugaszyan, Members of the Sardarapat Movement's Initiating Group. Wine and cheese will be served. This event is open to public. However, RSVPs are required at forum@pf-armenia.org due to limited capacity. Dress code is business casual for men and comparable attire for ladies (no denim, please).

May 29, 2 PM, Washington. The Greater Metropolitan Washington Area Section (GMWAS) of Armenian Engineers & Scientists of America, Inc. (AESA), jointly with St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church is

hosting a special lecture by the honorable Mr. Garegin Chugaszyan on Gomidas Vartabed: His Life, Works, Rare Archival Documents and Photos. At St. Mary's Church Hall, 4125 Fessenden Street, NW, Washington, DC 20016. Ph: 202 363 1923

June 3, 8 PM, Rockville, Md. Launch party for [Eh Wear](#), an organization dedicated to making great shirts with Armenian designs, will take place at La Tasca Spanish Tapas Restaurant, 141 Gibbs St., Suite 305 Rockville, MD. (If you come for dinner, make sure you mention you are there for the Eh-Wear fundraiser). All of the proceeds going to the Gavar Special School in Armenia, a school which helps children with special needs. Music provided by DJ Garret and Kamajian on live percussion. There is no cover charge but donations are greatly appreciated. Eh-Wear t-shirts will be on-sale.

June 4, noon-5 PM, Alexandria, Va. 19th Annual Alexandria Armenian Festival will be held at the Market Square in Front of Alexandria City Hall, 301 King Street, Old Town Alexandria, VA, featuring Armenian food, music and vendors. Admission is free. All donations and contributions benefit charities for children in Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh. The event is organized by Knights of Vartan. For background visit <http://www.armenianfestivals.com/>. For information on vending and advertising opportunities email washingtonregion@hotmail.com.

June 6, 11AM, Radnor, Penn. Armenian Sisters Academy will hold its 22nd annual Spring Scramble at the Radnor Valley Country Club in Villanova. The day includes a buffet lunch and dinner, auctions and awards presentations. In addition to a day on the links, participants can enter for two chances to win a 2 year lease for a new 2011 Land Rover from Main Line Land Rover & Jaguar. Companies Helena, E-Z-Go, Wells Fargo Advisors and Bell Rock Capital have sponsored this event which accounts for nearly 30% of the Academy's annual fundraising. Register at <http://www.asaspringscramble.org/>.

June 18, noon-5 PM, Rockville, Md. Armenian Network of America-Washington Region will hold its annual picnic at Cabin John Regional Park/ Shelter A, 7400 Tuckerman Lane, Rockville, MD 20852. Cost: FREE for students/interns, children, and Dues paying Members. Non-Members: \$10. If you would like to bring a dish to share, please email the network for planning purposes. All Food and Drinks will be provided by the network the entire time of the picnic. Please RSVP to washingtonregion@hotmail.com or Click Attend on [Facebook Group Event](#) for planning purposes.

June 24-27, Washington. The Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA) and the ANCA Endowment Fund will host a conference titled "Armenian Cause 2.0: Social Networks, Grassroots Power and Smart Advocacy" featuring an array of insider presentations, including Politico editor Charles Mahtesian as a keynote speaker as well as remarks by former U.S. ambassador to Armenia John Evans, interactive and hands-on training sessions, networking opportunities, engaging social events, including a special dinner reception at the Embassy of Armenia hosted by Ambassador Tatoul Markarian, and visits to Capitol Hill. For central DC hotel booking at reduced conference rates - \$149 regular and \$75 for student - and for more information and to register visit <http://www.anca.org/conference>.

July 9, Philadelphia. Eastern Prelacy's St. Gregory of Datev Institute will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a banquet at St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan, the Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America. For information regarding the banquet or for reservations, please contact the Prelacy office at 212.689.7810 or arec@armenianprelacy.org, or visit Datev webpage <http://armenianprelacy.org/index.php/departments/arec/datev-institute>.

Midwest

June 4, 7:30 PM, Chicago. The Society for Orphaned Armenian Relief (SOAR) will host an Evening of Art & Music Under the Stars at 600 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, 47th fl rooftop. Enjoy Armenian hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and wine. Silent auction of art by world-renowned designer Michael Aram and master wood artisan Boris Khechoyan. Special guest Dr. Levon Saryan. Live Armenian music. For information contact (847) 899-6298 chicago@soar-us.org

California

May 28, 8 AM, Los Angeles. Alpha Epsilon Omega Foundation will organize a Charity Bike Ride fundraiser for the Armenian Education Relief Foundation (AERF), a 501(c)3 non-profit that provides assistance to kindergartens in Armenia. The bike ride will take place in Glendale, CA on the LA River Bike Path (Meet at Ferraro Soccer Field Parking Lot in Griffith Park). The event is anticipated to attract 200 cyclists from around the LA region. Participants are encouraged to donate \$25 for buying school supplies for children in Armenia. The 12 mile bike path is perfect for families as the entire route is on a dedicated bike path on the river. For ages 7 and up. All Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. Ride starts at 8:30 a.m. Park in Ferraro Soccer Field Parking. For information email aerf@alphaepsilomega.org and visit <http://aerf.alphaepsilomega.org/>

May 30, 10 AM, Fresno. The Armenian Church Clergy from the Armenian Churches of the Greater San Joaquin Valley will conduct Armenian Hokehankist Memorial Services, Monday, May 30, 2011, at the Ararat and Masis Ararat Armenian Cemeteries of Fresno, California. The first service will take place at 10 AM at the Armenian Martyrs Memorial near the Yazijian Memorial Building Administration Office in the Ararat Armenian Cemetery, 1925 West Belmont Avenue, Fresno, California. A second service will follow at approximately 10:30 AM at the Soghomon Tehlirian Monument in the nearby Masis Ararat Armenian Cemetery, 250 North Hughes Avenue. The Armenian Community of the Greater San Joaquin Valley and the general public are invited to attend and participate. Additional information is available by calling the Administration Office of the Ararat and Masis Ararat Armenian Cemeteries at (559) 292.2415.1925.

May 30, 11 AM, Fresno. The First Armenian Presbyterian Church of Fresno will mark the 145th Anniversary of Memorial Day in America with its 114th Annual Decoration Day Picnic. The public picnic will take place at the Central Unified Aquatics Complex, 3535 North Cornelia Avenue at Dakota Avenue in Fresno. The Aquatics Complex is located at the Central High School East Campus, one and one-half miles west of State Highway 99.

June 2, 5 PM, Glendale. Monthly literary meeting of the Armenian Writers Association of California (AWAOC), sponsored by Glendale Public Library, will take place at the Auditorium of the Library, 222 East Harvard St, Glendale, CA 91205. The session is dedicated to the presentation of newly published novel: "The Arrival of King Tigran the Great at Musa Mountain Hamlet", of Novelist Poghos Lagisian. Editor of Kamarak Periodical Hakob Mkertchian will present a literary treatise. There will be presentation of a video clip. Proceedings will be in Armenian. Refreshments will be served. Admittance is free. Library visitors can receive 3 hours FREE parking across the street at The Market Place parking structure with validation at the loan desk in the Library. Email: awaoc@yahoo.com.

June 3, 7 PM, Glendale. Join Ara Oshagan at the Glendale Public Library for an exhibit opening and book signing for "Father Land," a photographic journey through Artsakh. Exhibition runs from June 1 to July 30,

2011. Artist talk will be on Friday June 10, 2011, 4 pm. Glendale Public Library is at 222 East Harvard Street, Glendale, CA 91205, (818) 548-2042. For information visit <http://www.glendalepubliclibrary.org/> and <http://www.fatherlandbook.com/>.

June 4, 9 AM, Glendale-Solvang. The Armenian National Committee- Professionals Network will organize its annual wine tasting trip to Solvang, CA. 9:00am - Pick up from Sidewalk Cafe in Glendale for a fun 2 hour bus ride with 50 of your closest ANC friends. 11:30am - Arrival & lunch served in Beautiful Solvang Village. 12:30pm - Wine Tasting and tour of the vineyards and factory at Firestone Vineyards in Los Olivos. 2:00pm - More Wine Tastings at Bridlewood Vineyards. 3:30pm - Optional wine tasting at BlackJack Winery in Solvang, or continue tour of the Village. 5:30pm - Group Dinner at AJ Spurs. Sign-up details for this Summer Kickoff Event will be released soon.

June 5, 4:30 PM, Mission Hills. The Ararat-Eskijian Museum will hold a presentation of English language CD-ROM entitled about Komitas Vardapet, his life, works, rare archival documents, and photos by Garegin M. Chugaszyan, Executive Director of the Information Technology Foundation, Yerevan. The museum is located at 15105 Mission Hills Road, Mission Hills CA 91345. For more information call (818) 838-4862 or e-mail mgoschin@mindspring.com.

June 8, 6:30 PM, Glendale. The Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA), Western Region, will be hosting its inaugural Dinner Series with California State Assemblyman Anthony Portantino. The inaugural dinner will be held at Phoenicia Restaurant in Glendale. To RSVP, individuals may email dinner@ancawr.org. The requested donation amount for the evening dinner is \$30. Proceeds will go toward the ANCA-WR and advancing issues of importance to the Armenian American community.

June 18, 2 PM, Los Angeles. Dance Camera West Dance Media Film Festival will screen a documentary, "The Last Tightrope Dancer in Armenia," at the Hammer Museum (Billy Wilder Theater), 10899 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90024. For information visit <http://www.hammer.ucla.edu/>. All festival events are FREE and open to the public. First-come first-serve seating. Guaranteed seating through special DCW Membership Pass is highly recommended.

July 15, Glendale. The Armenian Educational Foundation (AEF) is accepting applications for Richard R. Tufenkian Scholarship for the 2011-12 academic year. Five \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to Armenian undergrads at an accredited U.S. college/university. To qualify for this scholarship, students must be of Armenian descent, have a minimum 3.0 GPA, show financial need, and be actively involved in the Armenian community. Students who meet the above criteria should visit <http://www.aefweb.org/> for application and more information. All completed application packages must be postmarked no later than July 15, 2011 and mailed to the AEF office at 600 West Broadway, Suite 130, Glendale, CA 91204. Please do not use mail service that requires signature upon delivery. For more information, contact the AEF office at (818) 242-4154 Tuesdays and Thursdays 1 pm to 5 pm or email aef@aefweb.org.

Canada

May 29, 3 PM, Toronto. The Armenian Youth Federation (AYF) of Canada presents the official book launch of "The Reflecting Crane" a collection of Armenian poems written by brothers Garo and Raffi Sarkissian, published by AYF of Canada. At the Armenian Youth Centre, Cafeteria, 50 Hallcrown Place, Toronto, Ontario M2J 1P6. The book will be presented by Mr. Moushegh Karakashian. Books will be available for purchase and Garo and Raffi will be signing your copies. All proceeds will be going to the

Vanadzor Children's Summer Camp run by AYF Canada.

May 29, 7 PM, St. Laurent, Qc. AGBU Montreal presents a concert by the Sima Trio (Violinist Sami Merdinian, cellist Ani Kalayjian and pianist Sofia Melikyan) at Alex Manoogian Center, Jirair and Elise Dervishian Hall, 805, rue Manoogian, Ville St. Laurent, QC H4N 1Z5. Tickets - \$20, \$50. More Information - 514-748-2428

May 31, 8 PM, Scarborough, Ont. AGBU Toronto presents a Concert by the Sima Trio at Babayan Ballroom, Alex Manoogian Cultural Centre, 930 Progress Avenue, Scarborough, Ontario, M1G 3T5. Tickets - \$25. More Information - agbutoronto@bellnet.ca or 416-431-2428.

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