

Unit Four: A World Church

Lesson 4

The Armenian Church in America II



Pray Together

Hanoon Hor, yev Vortvo, yev Hokvooyñ Surpo, Amen.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Psalm 90:1-2

Quick Quiz

Mark the correct answer.

- Most of the earliest Armenian immigrants came to America in the 19th century as
 - factory workers
 - farm hands
 - students
 - government officials
- In what city was the first Armenian church in America established?
 - Detroit
 - Worcester
 - New York
 - Philadelphia
- The first priest sent to America to lead this flock, later to be our first Primate, was
 - Fr. Hovsep Sarajian
 - Fr. Vartan Mikayelian
 - Fr. Khachadour Vosgianian
 - Fr. Mamigon Babikian
- Archbishop Ghevont Tourian was assassinated in 1933 while celebrating Badarak in Holy Cross Church, NYC by
 - Turkish terrorists
 - American protestors
 - Armenian political fanatics
 - a disgruntled priest
- The Armenian Church Youth Organization was created under the leadership of Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan in
 - 1915
 - 1933
 - 1946
 - 2000

Your Own Cartoon History

In the boxes provided, sketch cartoons of your experience in the Armenian Church. Let each box describe a way you are part of the church. Feel free to add captions in bubbles or outside the boxes .

Me and My Church

Words to Live By

"The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."

Luke 13: 18-19



Our Armenian Way

The Armenian Patriarchate in Constantinople, today known as Istanbul, serves the largest Christian community in Turkey. The Constantinople Patriarchate was established in 1461, although there were several troubled periods in which no patriarch occupied the See in Turkey. With the assistance of two other bishops, the Patriarch of Constantinople runs the churches, as well as a school and the Holy Saviour Hospital. He also produces an annual review called "Shoghagat" or "Rays from Above."

The Patriarch of Constantinople reports to the Catholicos in Etchmiadzin. Though the community is small, its spiritual authority is respected by other area churches. It has been a loving protector and teacher for the faithful in Turkey for centuries.

