

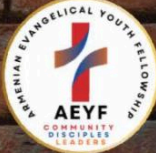


# AEUNA NEWS

Armenian Evangelical Union of  
North America



## APRIL 2026

**AEUNA & AEYF**  
**Biennial 2026**  
**Unshakeable**  
*I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.*  
Psalm 16:8

*Celebrating 180 years*  
OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS  
IN OUR UNION



Rev. Mark Lecompte      **June 25-28**      Rev. Mike Mekerdjian

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Montreal, Canada 

**2026 BIENNIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**



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# AEYF SUMMER TOUR

**JUNE 28–JULY 1, 2026**

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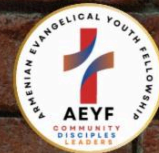
Quebec City, Old Montreal, St. Sauveur,  
Montmorency Waterfall, Cyclorama  
de Jerusalem, celebrate Canada Day with  
fireworks in Montreal, and more!

## CREATE

Unforgettable memories with new  
and long-time friends!

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**April 24 Commemorations**

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## **April 24 Joint AEUNA Service at Christian Outreach Armenian Church Commemorating the Armenian Genocide**

**“Struck down, but not destroyed”  
Remembering, honoring, and standing in faith together**

**A solemn and meaningful Armenian Genocide Remembrance Service was held at COA Church organized by AEUNA uniting the community in prayer, reflection, and reverence. The service was**



centered on the Scripture, “Struck down, but not destroyed” (2 Corinthians 4:9), a message that speaks to the enduring faith and perseverance of the Armenian people through suffering and loss. The English message was delivered by Rev. Haig Kherlopian, senior pastor of United Armenian Congregational Church. The Armenian message was delivered by Minas Atamian, youth leader at Armenian Christian Fellowship of Orange County and an In-Care Student with the AEUNA. [read more](#)



# Family Fun Fest

The Annual Camp AREV Open House and Fundraiser

**Saturday May 16**  
11-4 Pm

Camp AREV invites you to our Annual Family Fun Fest and Soccer Tournament. Come and enjoy a Kebab lunch, and see all the ways the Lord has blessed the camp. Your support is greatly appreciated

**Scan to RSVP**



**Lake Activities**

**Soccer Tournament**

**Camp Tour**

**\$30**  
Kebab Lunch







There's also  
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Armenian Evangelical Union of North America  
invites you to celebrate the:

*180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Armenian Evangelical Church*

With a Symphonic Concert  
under the baton of Maestro Garo Avesian

*Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 6:00pm*

*United Armenian Congregational Church*  
3480 Cahuenga Boulevard West, Los Angeles, CA 90068

The concert is free and has open seating.

Reception to follow.

Please RSVP by May 6, 2026 via this link:

<https://forms.gle/tbeQcL1xwKK9n9C68>

For questions call: 818-500-8839



[RSVP Here](#)

[Donations for the event are appreciated](#)

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**In Memorium  
Jorge Gazebayukian**

Jorge Gazebayukian was born on February 16, 1941, in São Paulo, Brazil, to Zaruy and Luder Gazebayukian. His parents, Armenian immigrants who arrived in 1922, found refuge and hospitality in São Paulo after surviving the atrocities of the Armenian Genocide, and chose to make the city their home.





From an early age, Jorge lived a simple life shaped by a deep desire to serve the Lord above all else—a commitment rooted in the faith and example of his parents. As a youth, he became actively involved in the life of the Central Armenian Evangelical Church of São Paulo. By the age of 16, he was already serving as a youth leader, and at 18, he was elected President of the Armenian

Evangelical Youth. [read more](#)

## **Evangelism Committee Prayer Call**

**first Thursday of the month  
February - June**

Join Zoom Meeting (updated Zoom link)  
**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5592505475?  
pwd=ZnVGUjZTWHRWVjg3RkIMYTIWSmRLUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5592505475?pwd=ZnVGUjZTWHRWVjg3RkIMYTIWSmRLUT09)**

Meeting ID: 559 250 5475  
Password: Aslan

February 5  
March 5  
April 2  
**May 14**  
June 4

12-12:30 pm PT/3-3:30 pm ET  
Please share this information within your churches.

If you can't make it, but would like to share particular prayer requests,  
please e-mail [\*\*evangelism@aeuna.org\*\*](mailto:evangelism@aeuna.org)



# LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL

AMAA

As Armenian Evangelical churches, schools, and Haigazian University respond to the ongoing and prolonged emergency situation in Lebanon, the **Armenian Missionary Association of America** is fundraising to support relief efforts, current ministries and services in greater Beirut and Anjar.

- **Operational Continuity of Armenian Evangelical Institutions**  
Ensuring that our churches, schools, and university remain functional, and able to serve their communities despite challenging conditions, economically, psychologically and physically.
- **Education Support (Scholarships & Student Aid)**  
Providing tuition assistance, scholarships, and emergency aid so students who are impacted by the conditions can continue their education without interruption.
- **Healthcare and Hygiene**  
Supplying essential medications, medical care, hygiene kits, and preventive health support for vulnerable individuals and families.
- **Support for Displaced Families**  
Delivering food, clean water, temporary shelter, and access to electricity for those who have been displaced.
- **Emergency Relief and Support for and Basic Needs of Families in the Affected Communities**  
Covering urgent daily necessities including fuel, heating, clothing, and essential household supplies.
- **Material Preparedness for Future Emergencies**  
Securing supplies, equipment, and contingency resources to respond quickly and effectively to future crises.

*Together, we can make a difference!*

**Here are four ways you can donate today**

To mail a check: AMAA, 31 W Century Road, Paramus, NJ 07652 memo: LEBANON RELIEF 2026

To make an online donation: Visit [amaa.org](http://amaa.org) --> Donate --> Lebanon Relief

To make a wire transfer: Please call (201) 265.2607 x107 or email [mpoulos@amaa.org](mailto:mpoulos@amaa.org) for wiring instructions

To make a donation via phone: Please call (201) 265.2607 x126

Scan the QR code to make a donation - Choose Lebanon Relief from the drop-down menu



## Immanuel Armenian Congregational Church Downey, CA

On April 5, 2026, Immanuel Armenian Congregational Church and St. Nareg Armenian Church came together for a unified Easter worship service. The combined gathering brought congregants from both churches into one shared space, where the spirit of Easter was expressed through, heartfelt prayers, scripture readings, and a vibrant worship music program.





## Calvary Armenian Congregational Church San Francisco, CA

CACC has planned and enjoyed many special events in the last couple months.

Beginning with our Annual Church Retreat at Mount Hermon on March 14! The topic for the day was led in 2 sessions by Rev. Aren Bahadourian titled “Sharing the Gospel from the Inside Out” about evangelizing to those close to you and how to change your heart posture toward encouraging others.

Next they enjoyed 3 action packed back to back Sundays!

- Palm Sunday (March 29): Where the Sunday school kids praised the Lord in a special short program.
- Good Friday Silent Supper (April 3) & Easter Sunday (April 5): Where the congregation gathered to meditate on scripture reading, hymns, a message, and shared in communion.
- CACC’s 100th Anniversary Gala & Worship Sunday (April 11-12):
- This weekend was very special to the history of CACC and all those who have attended throughout the years. On Saturday night, around 200 guests gathered to enjoy a wonderful program where they honored the history of the church with a video montage and an intergenerational panel reflecting on how CACC impacted their lives for Christ. Several of CACC’s previous pastors were in attendance.
- On Sunday, Rev. Steve Muncherian and Rev. Sam Albarian spoke the English and Armenian sermons. The worship team was led by Rev. Nerses Balabanian, Sevan Balabanian, and Misak Israelyan (who was the musical guest the night before). After the service, the congregation took a memorable group photo to cap the special celebratory weekend.

Visit @CalvaryArmenianChurch on YouTube or Facebook to watch past live streams of these services! And please stay tuned by subscribing to our YouTube page to see the 100th Anniversary Gala evening footage (which will be posted soon!) to commemorate the special night for years to come.







**First Armenian Church  
Belmont, MA**

**Ordination & Installation of  
Rev. Sevag K. Melkonian  
A Celebration of Faith, Calling, and Community**

**“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” (Isaiah 6:8, NIV)**

On Saturday, April 11, 2026, the First Armenian Church of Belmont, the entire Armenian community all around the Boston area, and representatives from the sister churches joyfully gathered to celebrate the ordination and installation of Rev. Sevag Melkonian.

This sacred and historic service marked a significant milestone in the life of the First Armenian Church, as we affirmed God’s calling and welcomed Rev. Sevag into his ministry among us.

The service featured clergy and guests from the Armenian Evangelical community and beyond, along with scripture readings, prayers, greeting messages, and sermons.

The ordination included the formal presentation of the candidate, vows of ordination and installation, and the laying on of hands—a powerful moment symbolizing blessing and commissioning into pastoral service.

Messages of encouragement were shared by church leaders and partner organizations, followed by a time of fellowship and celebration with the congregation.

We give thanks to God for His faithfulness and look forward to Rev. Sevag Melkonian’s future ministry at First Armenian Church. May this new chapter be marked by spiritual growth, unity, and continued service to our community.











## **AEYF-ER Juniors' Conference Recap**

This year's Juniors' Conference, held at the Ararat Church in Salem, New Hampshire, brought together nearly 50 middle and high school students from 8 churches across the Eastern Region for a powerful weekend centered on the theme "Rewrite: Living God's Story."

[Read More](#)

**Ararat Armenian Congregational Church  
Salem, NH**

**The Journey of Ararat Youth**

For more than a century, Ararat Church has stood as a quiet but steadfast presence in New Hampshire. Founded in 1913, it holds the unique distinction of being the first and only Armenian church in the state. Over the years, its story has been marked by seasons of growth, hardship, and perseverance. There were moments when its future seemed uncertain, when membership dwindled and the possibility of closing its doors felt very real. Yet the story did not end there.

In the past decade, Ararat Church has experienced a remarkable revival. The church was growing at a pace no one could have predicted. One of the clearest expressions of that transformation is the birth and growth of Ararat Youth.

Luke and Lilia Hagopian, who were relatively new members of the church, felt called to establish and lead the church's youth program, and so in July of 2025, the church officially launched its youth group. However, they could only think of four kids who might come. Not exactly what most people picture when they hear “youth group.” But it was something. Instead of waiting for everything to be perfect, they just started. And they weren’t alone — Alanna, Mimi, Erin, Gabe, Mark, and Aline, other like-minded, spiritually strong young adults, stepped in as well, volunteering as leaders and helping build something from the ground up. Together, they prayed a simple prayer: that God would provide the youth. And He did.

In less than a year, Ararat Youth has grown into a thriving and consistent gathering, welcoming an average of 10–15 kids each week—not including leaders. What began as a small step of faith has turned into a flourishing ministry. The room that once might have felt empty is now filled with energy, friendships, laughs, and real conversations about Jesus. Throughout this time, the group has also spent time discussing important, real-life topics through a biblical lens, including marriage and dating, what it means to be “fishers of men,” and even health and fitness according to the Bible.

Ararat Youth is proof that you don’t need a huge starting point to see something grow. It’s about being willing to show up, take a step, and trust God to do the rest. So much has happened at Ararat Youth in the last year alone, and this is only the beginning. We can’t wait to see what God is going to do next.

Lilia Hagopian





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## Holy Trinity Armenian Church North Hollywood, CA





Easter Sunday English service

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## Christian Outreach Armenian Church North Hollywood, CA

### Holy Week services

Holy Week services were held at COA Church, guiding the congregation through a sacred journey into the final days of Jesus Christ's earthly ministry.

The week began with Palm Sunday, marked by a Worship Service and a Special Blessing for Children. As the church rejoiced in Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the congregation reflected on the call to deeper faith, remembering that we are invited not to what is earthly, but to *"Mount Zion and to the city of the living God"* (Hebrews 12:18–29), a place of grace, hope, and eternal promise.

On Maundy Thursday, the congregation gathered for Holy Communion and the Foot Washing Service. As Jesus knelt to wash His disciples' feet, *"He began to wash the disciples' feet"* (John 13:1–11), the believers were reminded that true greatness is found in humble service.

Good Friday was dedicated to the remembrance of the Crucifixion. In a deeply moving service, the congregation meditated on the suffering and sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

The Holy Week journey reached its joyful fulfillment on Easter Sunday, during the Resurrection Worship Service. The church celebrated the victory of life over death, proclaiming hope, salvation, and new life in Christ.

Walking in faith and fellowship: COA Church day  
at Descanso Gardens



The COA Church family was blessed to spend a day of heartfelt fellowship at Descanso Gardens, embracing both the beauty of God's creation and the joy of Christian unity. The gathering became a meaningful reminder of the Lord's presence in every part of our lives.

This day of fellowship was more than a simple gathering - it was a time of spiritual renewal, gratitude, and unity. With thankful hearts, the COA Church family returned encouraged and strengthened, continuing to walk together in faith, love, and service to God.



**Hayassa Armenian Saturday School children honoring the memory of the Armenian Genocide victims**

In a moving tribute, the children of Hayassa Armenian Saturday School presented a special performance dedicated to the memory of the Armenian Genocide victims. The event took place at the garden of Sardarapat /Eternal Valley Memorial Park/, where the children also brought flowers, laying them with love and respect. The children performed the well-known Armenian poem by Hovhannes Toumanian, "*Mer Oukhte*" (Հովհաննես Թումանյան, «Մեր ուխտը»), and also sang the song "*Sourberou Achkere*" («Սուրբերու աչքերը»).

Through their voices, poetry, song, and gestures, they honored the martyrs while carrying forward a legacy of remembrance, faith, and hope.



## **Armenian Presbyterian Church Paramus, NJ**

### **Breakfast and Eggs at APC!**

**We here at Armenian Presbyterian Church love our Easter Sunday Breakfast and Egg Hunts! Every year, our Sunday School sponsors an Easter Breakfast before our Resurrection Worship Service, and it is a wonderful time of family camaraderie and fun for the kids. This year was no different.**

**The congregation pitched in with food, setup, decorations, and their smiles! The yearly event brings together our families in one place, something that is now becoming increasingly more difficult as life has become busier than ever for everyone. What a perfect opportunity to gather together in fellowship in a lighthearted atmosphere. We are grateful to our Sunday School for sponsoring it, and we pray blessings on everyone who prepared, helped set things up, led the kids in the egg hunt and supported our Sunday School. May the Lord bless you richly and reward you for your efforts!**



# Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt 2026



# EAST AEYF



## 2026 AEYF EVENTS

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**20-22**  
**FEBRUARY**

**SENIORS CONFERENCE**  
Grade 12 to Age 30  
Camp fo the Woods, NY

**10-12**  
**APRIL**

**JUNIORS CONFERENCE**  
Ages 12 to Grade 11  
Salem, NH

**25-28**  
**JUNE**

**BIENNIAL CONFERENCE**  
All Ages  
Montreal, CA

**28-1**  
**JUNE-JULY**

**AEYF BIENNIAL TOUR**  
Ages 12 to 25  
Montreal, CA

**9-11**  
**OCTOBER**

**FALL CONFERENCE**  
Ages 12-30  
Location TBD

EAST AEYF





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Speaker: Rev. Paul Haroutunian

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# forum

*Christ is  
Risen*

*He is Risen  
Indeed*

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Senior Pastor - Armenian Congregational Church of Detroit

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