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The WHITE CROSS Charitable Foundation is dedicated to promoting works of mercy and enlightenment by mobilizing people worldwide.

The Foundation's goal is to prevent tragic events that can affect individuals through active and systematic efforts in mercy, education, and spiritual growth. An essential mission of WHITE CROSS is to implement systemic institutional projects of international significance for Armenia and the Christian World.

Furthermore, the Foundation aims to restore and care for the Christian monuments, Sights and Churches of Armenia, ensuring their preservation and enhancing their appeal for visitors from other countries.



Charitable Foundation of The Republic of Armenia



**Collaborate with us through faith in action*



GRACHIA MARGARIAN

Founder/Director

"As the founder and executive director of the WHITE CROSS Foundation, I am dedicated to fostering institutional projects that focus on charity, education, spiritual revival, inter-church collaboration, and ecumenism. Our Foundation places special emphasis on inter-church dialogue, Christian unity, and various educational initiatives.

The White Cross Foundation offers a comprehensive database of essential Christian literature, video lectures by renowned theologians, and engaging presentations. These resources are designed to help individuals immerse themselves in the rich culture of spiritual life.

I firmly believe that creating accessible and innovative solutions for Christian missions and implementing complex projects are crucial for the Christian community. These efforts are vital for the spiritual renewal of society, the advancement of the ecumenical movement, the preservation and enhancement of Armenia's ancient Christian heritage, and the fostering of unity among Christian nations".

PERSONAL PROFILE:

With many years of experience in private entrepreneurship, development and charitable Foundations, I have successfully created several entrepreneurial and social initiatives, focusing particularly on institutional and systemic projects.

I have a diverse range of academic and professional qualifications, including Systematic and Applied Theology, Religious Studies, Politics, International Relations, and International Business. I hold a postgraduate degree from Oxford University, along with degrees from other esteemed institutions. Currently, I am pursuing my doctorate in Theology at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland.

I am deeply engaged in a variety of conferences, give lectures and contribute scientific research in my areas of expertise. I am a member of the Armenian Apostolic Church and have very close relationships with many Christian denominations.

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HOLY ARMENIA PROGRAM

The Holy Armenia Project aims to promote the Armenian Christian heritage on a global scale. Since Armenia became the first Christian state in 301 AD, it shares many profound Christian values and sacred sites with other European countries. The project's goal is to revive and showcase Armenia's Christian heritage to the world. To achieve this, the White Cross Foundation develops specific initiatives and share knowledge to draw attention to Armenia's holy sites.

The White Cross Foundation organizes tours for youth groups and pilgrims from various countries to explore the Christian sites of Armenia. Alongside its beautiful mountains, the most significant attractions are the holy relics, churches, monasteries, and ancient buildings, which boast unique histories and distinctive architecture. Some of these sites are:

Etchmiadzin Cathedral (between 301 and 303) is the mother church of the Armenian Apostolic Church - often regarded as the oldest cathedral in the world.

Tatev Monastery - 9th-century monastery, nestled in the heart of the majestic mountains of Syunik.

Arshakid Kings Mausoleum - a grave monument complex of the 5th century. It is best known for the mausoleum that once contained the remains of both Christian and pagan kings of the Arshakid dynasty of Armenia.

Karahunj - an ancient megalithic complex from approximately 5,700 to 2,000 BC. This complex features numerous large standing stones.

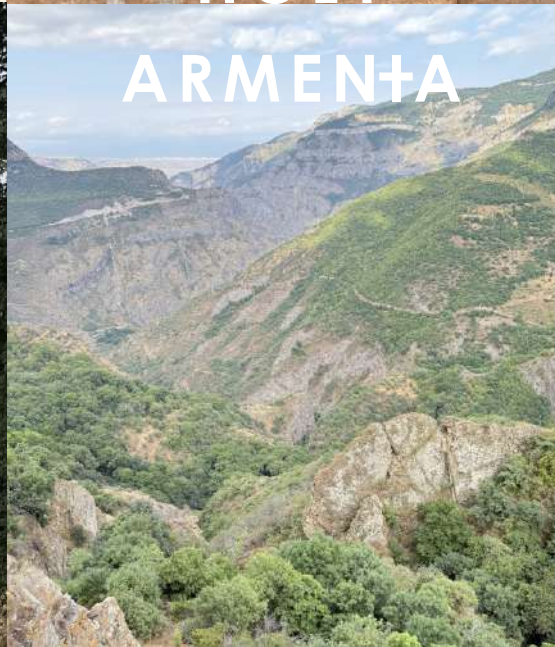
**In 2025, the Foundation hosted students from Warsaw University of International Relations and organized an intensive cultural and educational tour to various regions of Armenia.*

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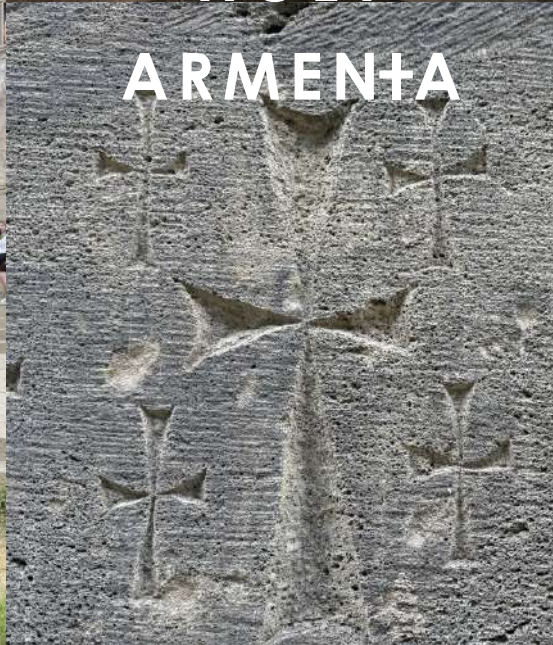


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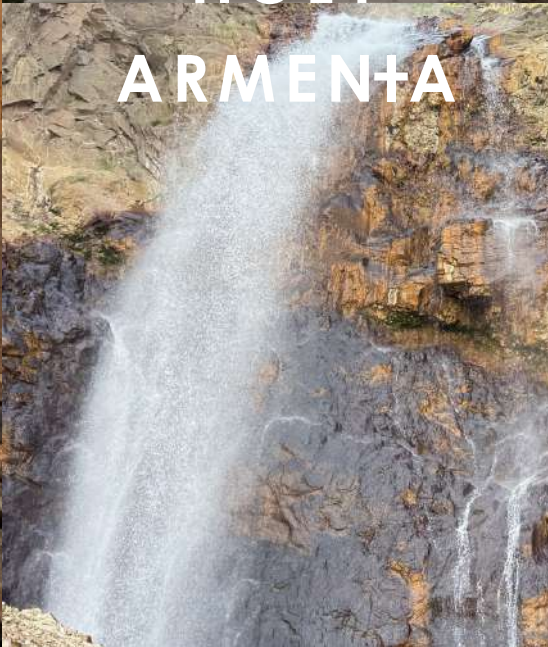
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Way of St. James in Armenia

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Santiago
de Compostela

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ARMENIAN IN CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

The Camino de Santiago, known in English as the “Way of St. James” is a network of pilgrimage routes that lead to the tomb of Saint James the Apostle in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, located in Galicia, northwestern Spain. The relics of Saint James are housed there.

The WHITE CROSS Foundation has begun efforts to integrate Armenia into this program due to its historical significance. According to the New Testament, the Apostle James was executed “with the sword” which suggests he was beheaded. Tradition holds that Saint James's head was preserved in the Armenian Church of Saint James in Jerusalem, while his body was transported to Spain, where the site became known as Santiago de Compostela. Over the years, the Camino de Santiago has developed into one of the main pilgrimage routes, fostering European unity and enabling the exchange of Christian traditions along the way.

The Holy Armenia program aims to implement this initiative and create pilgrimage opportunities in Armenia as part of the Camino de Santiago.

Armenia is home to many ancient Christian shrines, which should be made accessible to pilgrims through this pilgrimage route!





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THEOLOGICAL LITERATURE, TRANSLATION AND PUBLICATION

BOETHIUS

The Consolation of Philosophy



The Consolation of Philosophy of Severinus Boethius in Armenian

One of the most influential books in Western thought, "The Consolation of Philosophy", was written by a condemned man in a prison cell. Anicius Manlius Severinus Boethius (c. 480–524) was a Roman scholar, theologian, philosopher, and statesman. He was imprisoned by the Ostrogothic king Theodoric, likely on false charges of subversion, and placed in a remote prison where he was eventually executed.

*While awaiting his fate, Boethius composed a dialogue in alternating prose and poetry between himself and his spiritual guardian. The central theme of this work is human happiness and the potential to achieve it amidst the suffering and disappointment that characterize human existence. As noted in the introduction, "For the reader of the Christian Middle Ages, *The Consolation of Philosophy* celebrates the life of the mind, or reason, and the possibility of its ultimate victory over the misfortunes and frustrations that accompany fallen man's pursuit of temporary substitutes for the Supreme Good, which alone can satisfy human desires."*

The Armenian translation will primarily convey Boethius's spiritual meanings and ideas. The result aims to be a beautifully compiled publication that has a powerful impact on modern thinkers and theologians in Armenia. This work will serve as a source of spiritual consolation for a diverse range of readers.



ERASMUS

In Praise of Stupidity



In Praise of Stupidity of Erasmus in Armenian

“The Praise of Folly” (Latin: Moriae Encomium, sive Stultitiae Laus) is a short satirical work by Erasmus of Rotterdam, written in 1509. The work features two key aspects typical of Renaissance literature: a nod to ancient authors and a critique of both public and private life. Erasmus critiques the traditions, beliefs, and superstitions prevalent in European society, as well as church customs and practices. Although he was not a supporter of the Reformation, his work significantly influenced this religious movement.

Erasmus himself considered this work to be a literary trifle, yet it is to this text that he owes his literary fame and his place in history, no less than to his comprehensive scholarly works. “The Praise of Folly” continues to be read today – relatively few in the original Latin, but almost everyone has accessed it through various translations available in all European languages. First published in 1511, Erasmus of Rotterdam's satire went through seven editions within just a few months.

The White Cross Foundation has started translating a renowned work by Erasmus of Rotterdam. This translation aims to enhance the relationship between the church hierarchy and Christian parishioners in Armenia. This effort is particularly important now, as the influences of communism and Muslim countries have shifted these relations.





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FREE WILL OR PREDESTINATION

*Theological reflection on the relationship between
Divine Knowledge, "Omniscience", "Omnipotent" & Human Free Will*

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FREE WILL OR PREDESTINATION

One of the most complex topics in theology throughout time

The topic of free will has been one of the most complex issues in theology throughout history. Discussions about this problem have emerged in European philosophy since the time of Aristotle and have generated an extensive body of literature, arguably more than any other philosophical question.

A key issue is the relationship between human free will and the will of God. It is often argued that the will of God is ultimately subordinate to human will, which can be categorized into two types: Natural Will and Gnostic Will.

Another critical aspect is the discussion surrounding God's omnipotence and omniscience in relation to human freedom. It is important to note that God is not considered omnipotent in a way that allows for contradictions or absurdities, especially concerning human wills.

History of the issue

Historically, the imperfect understanding of these concepts and the lack of systematic interpretations have led to disagreements, resulting in divisions within the church itself and the rise of various socio-political ideologies.



CONCLUSIONS

God is essentially Almighty, but in creating humanity, He willingly limits His will in relation to human will. In this context, we can say that God cannot oppose the human gnostic will. He cannot change it, as humans possess a godlike freedom. However, the consequences of humans exercising their will are still within God's power.

The risk inherent in creating humanity paradoxically aligns with omnipotence. The height of Divine omnipotence encompasses a certain kind of powerlessness, reflecting a particular Divine risk. We can thus assert that God is omnipotent precisely because He embraces this limitation.

It's important to clarify that the notion of "not being omnipotent" must be understood in the context of humanity's free gnostic will. Additionally, we should recognize that God, out of His love, intentionally designed it this way when He created humanity.



THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS, REFLECTION AND SOLUTIONS

+ CHURCH

- Body of Christ, Community
- Pentecost
- Sacraments
- Unity of the Church

+ AGAPE (LOVE)

- God is love
- Sacrifice
- Commandments
- Family, Marriage

+ FREE WILL

- Divine Omniscience
- Annunciation
- Middle Knowledge, Open Theism
- Predestination?

+ PERICHORESIS (UNITY)

- Relationships in the Holy Trinity
- The unity of God and Man, how close?
- Holiness and New Saints
- Holy Spirit & Grace

+ SIN & OVERCOMING

- The fall of Adam
- Original & Personal sin
- Immaculate Conception
- Redemption

+ DIVINIZATION (THEOSIS)

- Image and Likeness
- Theosis
- Omnipotence paradox
- Essence of God

+ RESURRECTION, EASTER

- Unity with Christ
- Eucharist
- Transfiguration, Body of Christ
- New body but Same body

+ ESCHATOLOGY

- The End of Time
- New Heavens and a New Earth
- Apocatastasis?
- Kingdom of God





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LEADERSHIP IN MODERN TIME

Faith in Action, Practice, Spirituality and Social Work

Course prepared for the Armenian Church Youth Organization



PRINCIPLES OF LEADERSHIP

DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT

The superiority of leaders over others lies in the ability to indicate the direction of movement

Vision

Manifests itself in the form of ideas

Concepts and thoughts

VISION

To see the expected future further more clearly than others

To be better than others in identifying opportunities

To understand possible situations

The God Himself always explained to people, showed, warned, convinced in various ways, but, nevertheless, left the choice to the person himself, without violating the principle of free will established by Him.



THEOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES OF LEADERSHIP

“A CORRECT UNDERSTANDING OF THEOLOGICAL DOCTRINES, ESPECIALLY THE DOCTRINE OF FREE WILL, IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR MOTIVATING TO LEADERSHIP & ACTION”

- Understanding the world helps us understand God
- Re-examining my beliefs about God may change my practice
- Listening to people's stories helps us see their connection to or disconnection from God's story
- Conversations between people may led to fresh disclosures of God's intentions
- Creative words, how we speak, life giving words
- Not possible to do theology without community
- Promoting theology dialogically

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Philippians 2:5-8



NOAH

Interreligious Dialogue

ISLAMIC DECREES RELATED TO THE ARMENIAN PATRIARCHATE OF JERUSALEM

Collaborative effort between the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem, the White Cross Foundation, and Hamad Bin Khalifa University to collect, preserve, and digitize significant Islamic decrees (firmans/ahdname) that concern the Armenian presence in Jerusalem and the rights of Armenian Christians under Islam generally. These historical documents, originating from early Islamic leaders to the Ottoman period, represent invaluable testimonies of coexistence, protection, and religious diplomacy. The project aims to make these documents accessible for scholarly analysis, translation, and publication, thus promoting peacebuilding and dialogue between Armenia and the Muslim world.

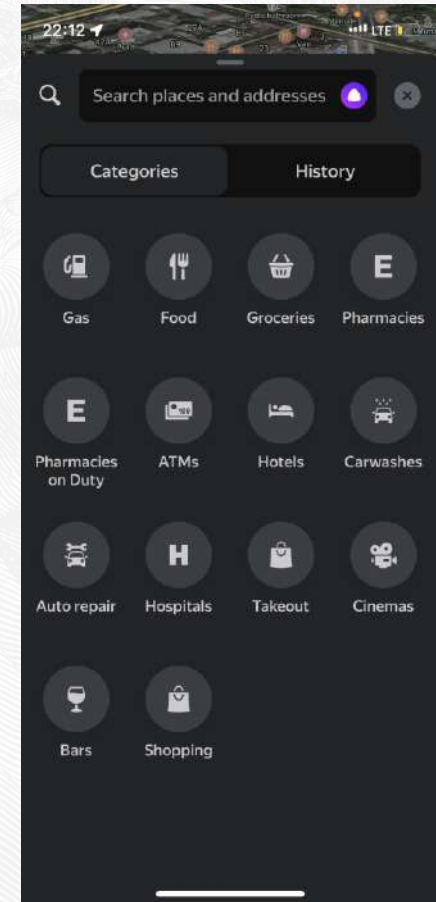
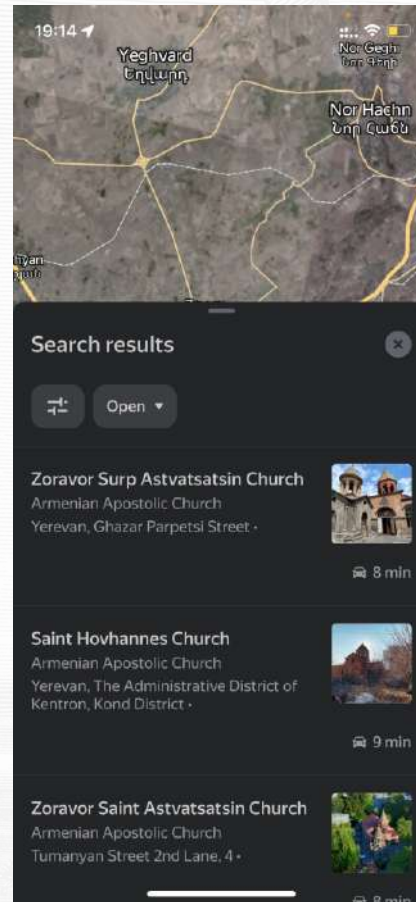
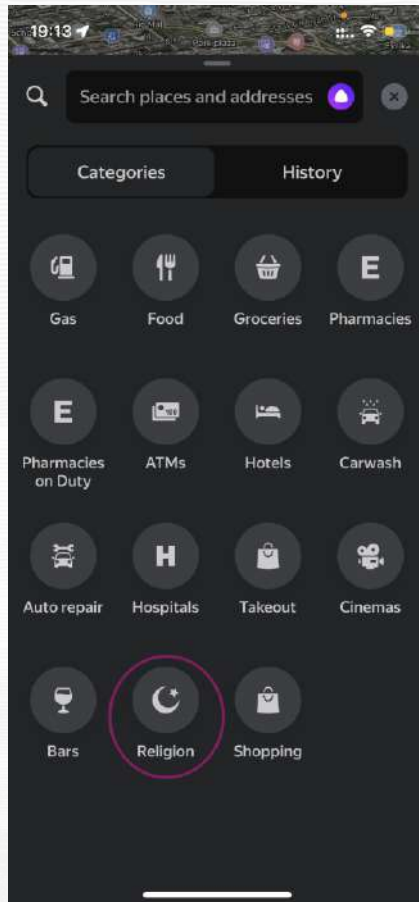
This project stands at the intersection of history, scholarship, diplomacy, and interfaith peacebuilding. By preserving and publishing these historic decrees, we aim to revive forgotten traditions of coexistence, strengthen Armenia-Muslim world relations, and contribute lasting value to the global understanding of religious diplomacy.



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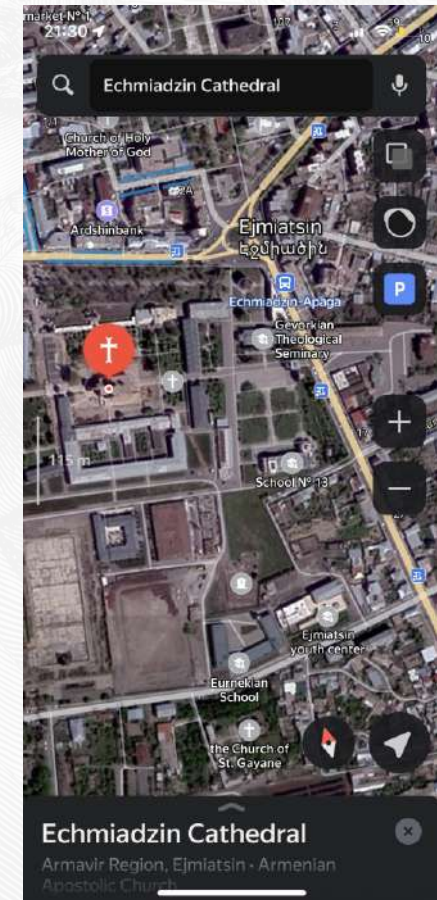
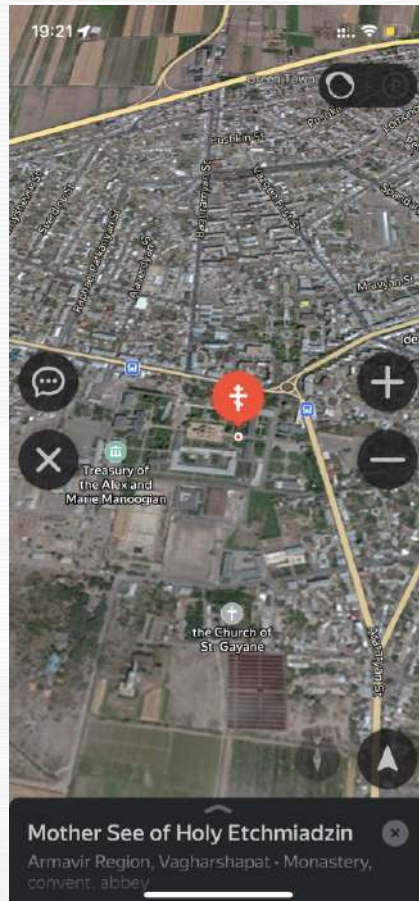
ISLAMIC CRESCENT IN YANDEX ARMENIA



** In Yandex Navigator in Armenia, the Islamic sign in the religion section displays Armenian churches. After our intervention, this sign was removed. We do not oppose any religion or religious tradition and respect each person's faith. The actions taken were aimed at restoring the proper display of religious symbols in Armenia, in line with its traditions and Christian heritage.*



RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CROSS MARK ON THE MAP AT ETCHMIADZIN



** The Russian cross was depicted at the Mother See of Etchmiadzin, the Spiritual Center of the Armenian Apostolic Church. After our intervention, the Russian cross was replaced. A cross in the style of the Armenian Apostolic Church was marked at the cathedral.*





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THE FIRST EVER ARMENIAN LITURGY IN THE MAIN CHURCH OF OXFORD University Church 24.04.2024, The Day of Armenian Holy Martyrs



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THE FIRST ARMENIAN LITURGY IN OXFORD

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ORDER OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER
24 APRIL 2025, ARMENIAN VESPERS
UNIVERSITY CHURCH, OXFORD, UK

ARMENIA

110 Anniversary of the Genocide
Vespers in memory of the Holy Martyrs

OF THE HOLY MARTYRS WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES
DURING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE
FOR FAITH AND FOR THE HOMELAND

UNIVERSITY CHURCH
OXFORD, High Street

Date: **April 24, 2025**
Thursday **4:00 PM**

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COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE IN THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF OXFORD, The Day of Armenian Holy Martyrs 24.05.2025



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Oxford University Church Hosts Armenian Vespers to Commemorate the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide

On the evening of 24 April 2025, a solemn and deeply moving Armenian Vespers Service was held at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin in Oxford, marking the 110th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. Armenian Divine Service is one of the ancient Christian traditions with specific features and unique choir.

The Service began with a welcome address by the Revd Canon Dr William Lamb, Vicar of the University Church, who reflected on the Church's historic role as a symbol of peace and reconciliation. He highlighted its involvement in significant religious events, including the trials of the Oxford Martyrs. The director of the White Cross Foundation Grachia Margarian stated that the victims of the Genocide became Holy Martyrs, witnesses of Christ, through their sincere faith, heroism and hope in Resurrection. He also noted that this event represents Christian unity, shared spiritual heritage and culture from Armenia to the United Kingdom.

During the event, a collection of historical materials was shared that vividly illustrate the tragic events of that period, including the Genocide. These materials, which comprise historical photographs and written testimonies, were generously provided by the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute.

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A Sermon in the Chapel of
PEMBROKE COLLEGE
by Grachia Margarian
on All Saints
Sunday Services

Sunday, 03 November 2024

“CHRISTIAN UNITY FROM ARMENIA
TO THE BRITISH ISLES”

Grachia Margarian

Founder & Director of the WHITE CROSS Foundation

Armenian Apostolic Church, Oxford Alumni in Applied Theology

A Sermon in the Pembroke College Chapel, Oxford by Grachia Margarian on All Saints Sunday Services



Links to sources:

<https://www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/event/sunday-service-michaelmas-2024>



CHRISTIAN UNITY FROM ARMENIA TO THE BRITISH ISLES

Dear brothers and sisters,

I have come today from the eastern border of Europe, where Christianity meets its limits. This land, however, is where new life began and where Christianity was established as the official religion. It is the land where Noah's ark came to rest after the flood, giving rise to nations around the world. This is where Christianity was adopted, making it the first Christian country and enabling its spread to the far reaches of Europe, including the British Isles. Yes, I hail from Armenia.

The Anglo-Saxon Chronicles, found here in Oxford, tell us that one of the earliest inhabitants of the British Isles originated from Armenia. From Armenia to the United Kingdom, we share the same values, civilization, saints, and Christ. As I stand here in Oxford — a place that has witnessed many theological debates throughout history — I believe it is essential to form a genuine unity within the Church of Christ, where His spirit and real presence can be felt.

One of my essays here in Oxford focused on finding a formula for the unity of the Church. From Armenia to the United Kingdom, we are one family under one Christ. Armenia represents not just a nation but a set of values and a mission that we must carry out together. For example, Saint Servatius, who was born in Armenia, traveled to the Low Countries out of faith, baptizing what we now know as the Netherlands and Belgium, eventually becoming the first bishop of those lands. Today, we have placed a monument to him in Armenia to highlight our interconnection.

Let us strive to be united in our everyday lives, grounded in our shared heritage, all our saints, and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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**St. SERVATIOS
Monument**



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DIANA APCAR MONUMENT



The first Armenian diplomat who served in Japan.
She was the first appointed female Consul in the world.



DIANA APCAR

Diplomat, writer, philanthropist and person guided by God

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DIANA APCAR MONUMENT IN YEREVAN

Work on the Monument

Starts, May 28, 2025

Monument Dimensions

About 3.0 (height) x 1,5 (width) meters
(Height includes pedestal - 90 cm)

Monument Materials

Bronze Sculpture

Granite or Marble for pedestal

Tempered glass for the red sun

Estimated Opening Date

April 07, 2026

(Motherhood and Beauty Day in Armenia)



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⊕ THE FIRST MONUMENT TO A HISTORICAL WOMAN IN YEREVAN

About DIANA APCAR

Diana Apcar (or Abgar; Armenian: Դիանա Աբգար, 17 October 1859 – 8 July 1937) was a diaspora Armenian writer and humanitarian, was appointed Honorary Consul to Japan during the short-lived First Republic of Armenia (1918-1920). She is the first Armenian woman diplomat and the first woman in the world to be appointed as Honorary Consul.

Born in Burma (Myanmar) to descendants of Armenians from New Julfa, she attended school in India. In 1890 Diana Apcar moved to Japan with her husband. In 1918, Armenia gained independence, and it was only in 1920 that this independence was recognized de facto on an international level. One of the countries that recognized Armenia's independence was Japan. Out of respect for her tireless work on behalf of her people over a decade, Hamo Ohanjanyan, the Republic's Foreign Minister, appointed Diana Apcar Honorary Consul to Japan.

By 1920, Diana had written nine books, seven of which addressed the Armenian Question and its right for self-determination. She also wrote over 100 articles discussing global politics, focusing on the impact of imperialism on smaller nations under imperial rule and its effects on global peace.



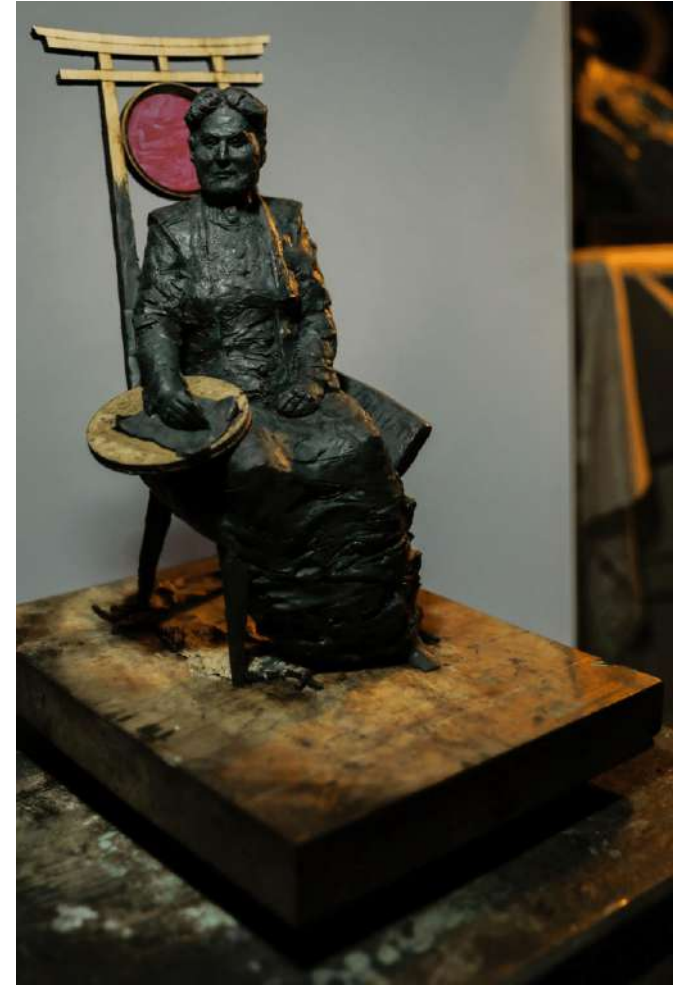
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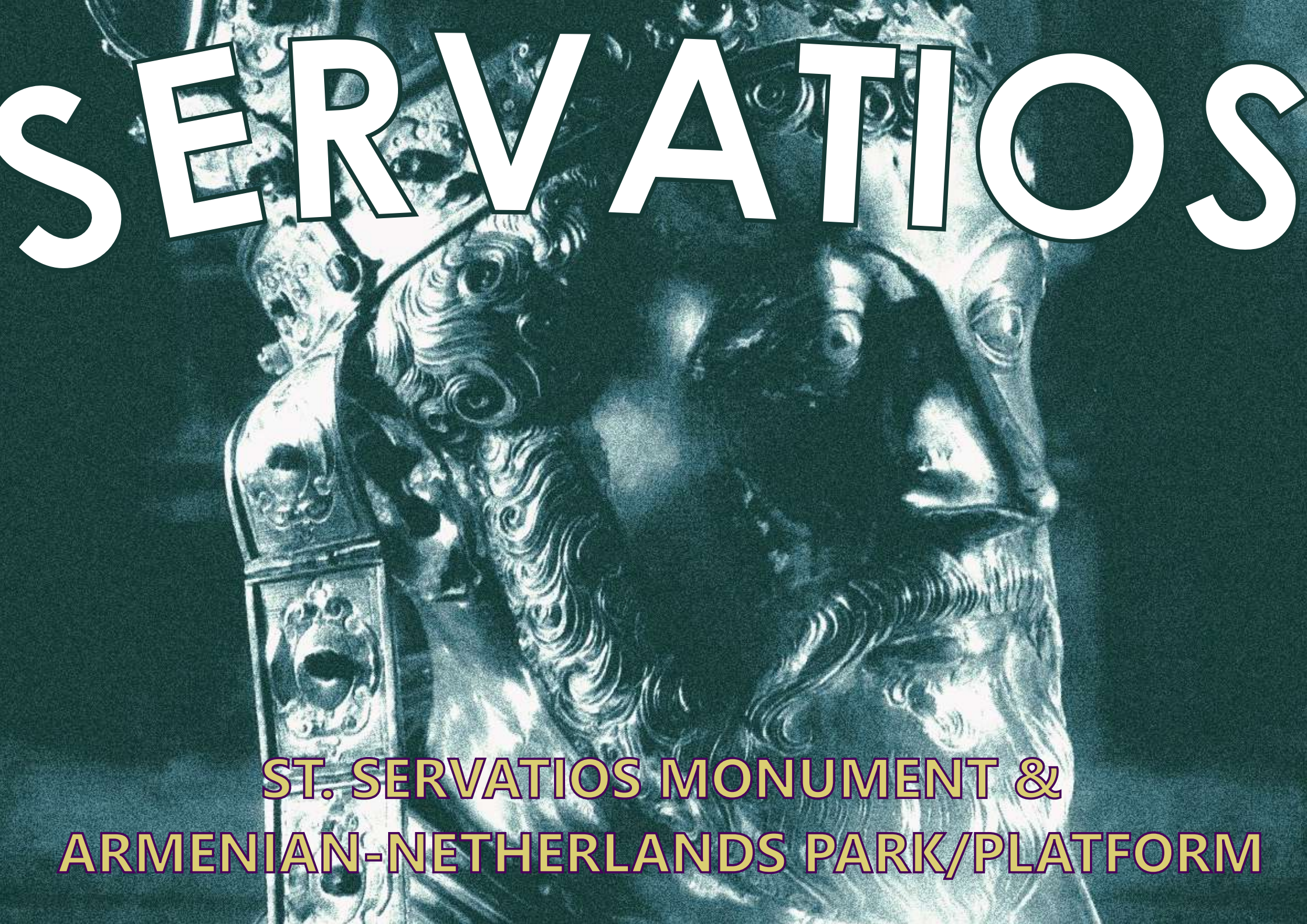
MODEL OF THE DIANA APCAR MONUMENT

Competition Winner Project



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SERVATIOS

ST. SERVATIOS MONUMENT &
ARMENIAN-NETHERLANDS PARK/PLATFORM



St. Servatios was born in Armenia, became the first bishop of Maastricht (Netherlands) and Tongeren (Belgium). He baptized these lands and played a vital role in spreading Christianity in the Low Countries.

St. SERVATIOS

The first Bishop of the Netherlands from Armenia

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ST. SERVATIOS MONUMENT IN YEREVAN

Sketch & The Model

A competition will be announced

Monument Dimensions

Up to 2,5 (height) x 2,0 (width) meters
(without pedestal)

Monument Materials

Bronze Sculpture
Stone for pedestal

Estimated Opening Date

May 13th, 2027
(Feast day of St. Servatios)



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St. SERVATIOS

Saint Servatios (Dutch: Sint Servaas; French: Saint Servais; Armenian: Սուրբ Սերվատիոս "Servatios"; died 13 May 384) **was the first bishop of Maastricht in the Netherlands and Tongeren in Belgium.** He was a Christian leader in the Low Countries and is recognized as one of the Ice Saints. As the bishop of Tongeren, he played a significant role during the Roman Empire and built the chapel in Maastricht. His three basilicas - Our Lady in Tongeren, Our Lady Star of the Sea in Maastricht, and Saint Servatios in Maastricht - are among the most beautiful medieval monuments in the Low Countries.

Saint Servatios & Armenia

According to historical accounts, Saint Servatios was born in Armenia, which was part of the Kingdom of Armenia that existed from 189 BC to 428 AD. He died on May 13, 384, and was buried in Maastricht. The feast day honoring him, the first Christian leader of the Netherlands and Belgium, is observed on May 13.

Armenia was the first country to adopt Christianity as the state religion in 301 AD, and the oldest cathedral in the world, located in Etchmiadzin, is a testament to this significant milestone. The earliest reference to Saint Servatios's Armenian heritage dates back to the 11th century, although it relies on earlier, now-lost sources. However, his suspected link with Armenia does explain the many different Servaas-related objects and relics that come from Armenia.

Beginning in the sixth century, several memorial churches were built over his tomb, culminating in the basilica that stands today.



**St. SERVATIOS
Monument**

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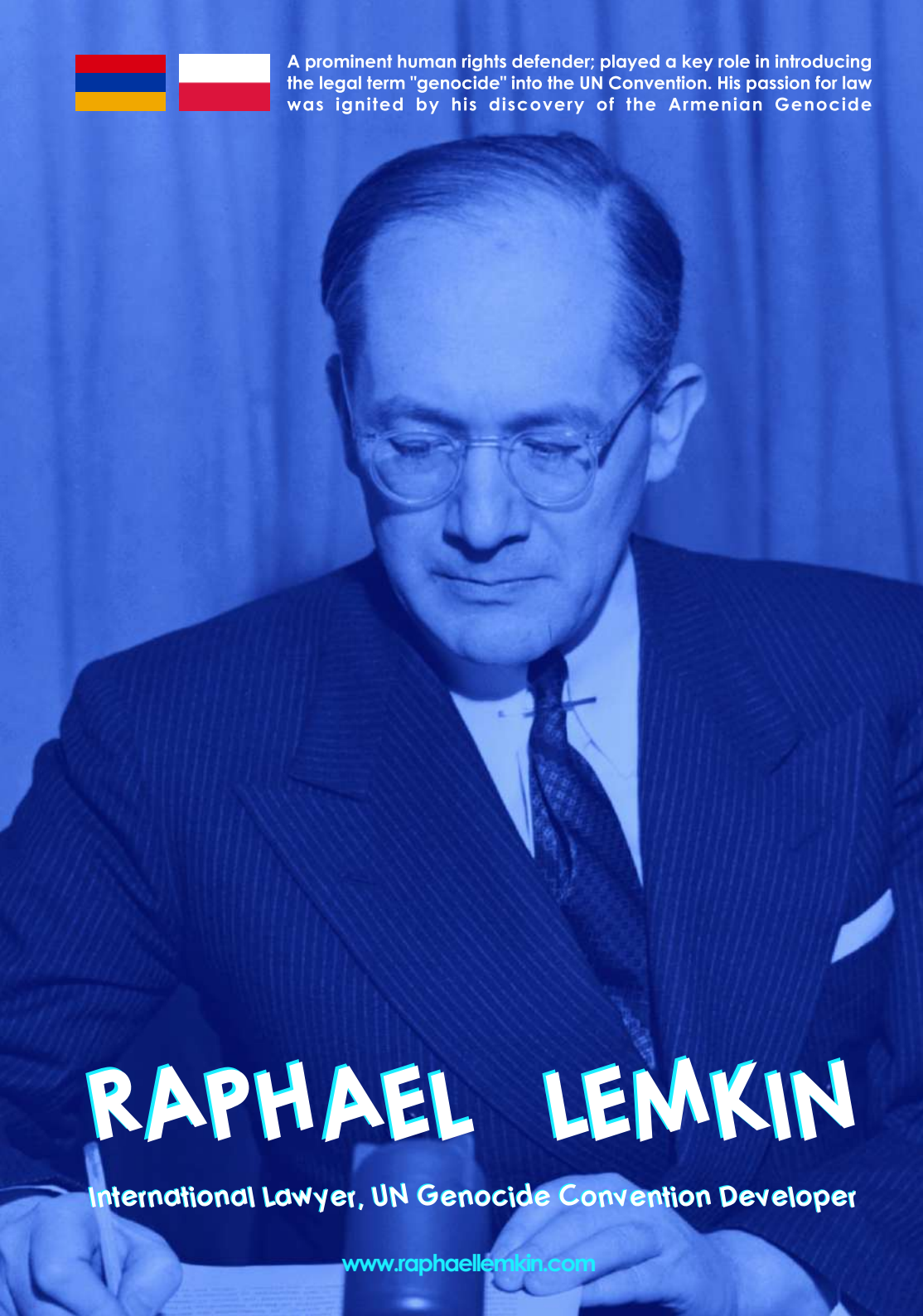


RAPHAEL LEMKIN

Monument & Armenian-Polish Platform



A prominent human rights defender; played a key role in introducing the legal term "genocide" into the UN Convention. His passion for law was ignited by his discovery of the Armenian Genocide



RAPHAEL LEMKIN

International Lawyer, UN Genocide Convention Developer

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MONUMENT TO RAPHAEL LEMKIN IN YEREVAN

Competition for the Best Sketch Design

From June 24, 2025

Monument Dimensions

Up to 2 x 2 meters

Monument Materials

Bronze sculpture

Stone elements

Projected Opening Date

April 24th, 2026

(Armenian Genocide Remembrance day)



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RAPHAEL LEMKIN

Raphael Lemkin (Polish: *Rafat Lemkin*; 24 June 1900 – 28 August 1959) was a Polish lawyer who is best known for coining the term genocide and initiating the Genocide Convention. Lemkin's interest in this problem arose after he learned about the Armenian Genocide and discovered that there were no international laws to prosecute the leaders of the Ottoman Empire who committed these crimes. His work contributed to the creation of international institutional mechanisms to deter and prevent genocides in the world.

Armenia and Genocide prevention

Today, Armenia is an active participant in the international process for the prevention of genocides around the world. Armenia is committed to international principles of human rights protection as a fundamental condition for the prevention of crimes against humanity.

The Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute and Polish WSG University are partners in the Raphael Lemkin monument project and are involved in its implementation.



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