

NATIONAL COMMEMORATION OF THE Armenian Genocide Centennial

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On May 7, 8 and 9, 2015, thousands will gather in Washington, D.C. to commemorate the centennial of the Armenian Genocide. While remembering those who were lost, we will also give thanks for the creation of a new Armenia and for thriving Armenian communities around the world.

Grateful for the opportunities our ancestors found on arrival in this country, we are also deeply indebted to those institutions and individuals who helped the survivors during the Genocide. In the nation's capital this May, we will thank those who have helped to spread awareness of the Armenian Genocide, and those who work tirelessly to prevent genocide elsewhere in the world.

Four major events will carry these themes forward:



THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL, MAY 7 AT 7:00 P.M.

Prayers of remembrance, respect, and unity will make a powerful beginning for the weekend, as His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, and His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, jointly lead Armenian clergy and representatives of other faiths in an ecumenical service. Armenia's President Serge Sargsyan will attend, and senators, congressmen, diplomats and other dignitaries will remember the lost in the Genocide, and show gratitude for the regeneration of life that the survivors worked to create. The service will include musical contributions and speakers who will inspire awareness and a sense of purpose.



THE MUSIC CENTER AT STRATHMORE, MAY 8 AT 8:00 P.M.

Armenian culture will come alive in "A Journey Through 100 Years of Armenian Music." The acclaimed Hover Chamber Choir of Armenia and other renowned musicians will present a range of music, from the classic melodies of Komitas Vartabed to contemporary pieces composed especially for the Genocide centennial. A program full of surprises and ending with a truly "grand" finale will engage and delight the audience.



NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. MAY 9 AT 10:00 A.M.

His Holiness Karekin II and His Holiness Aram I will lead a unified celebration of the Armenian Divine Liturgy. The liturgy will be sung by a united choir of representatives from Armenian churches around the country. The 3,000-seat Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, on the campus of Catholic University, will provide a stunning atmosphere for the occasion.



THE MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL, MAY 9 AT 6:00 P.M.

A reception and banquet offer "A Time to Give Thanks": an opportunity to honor those who have helped Armenians in the past and present. Awareness, unity, and gratitude will be expressed through the words of keynote speaker Dr. Vartan Gregorian, President of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Mark Geragos will host the evening of musical performances and awards.



EXHIBITIONS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, MAY 7-9

Throughout the weekend, innovative workshops, films, and exhibits will be mounted in public spaces in the nation's capitol and around the Marriott Marquis. Themes of the commemoration will be explored by well-known authors and speakers. Events will be designed in cooperation with young people, bringing in new generations and looking to the future. Activities will be provided for children, with entertainment and childcare available during the banquet.

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