



100 YEARS

SURVIVAL · GROWTH · LIFE

1915 - 2015

COMMEMORATION GUIDE

“For Armenians, the 20th century commenced with a woeful path to Golgotha. However, our people emerged victorious as a result of their unshakable Christian faith, their firm belief in the restoration and the resurrection of our nation. Let us commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide with the vision of our fallen ancestors. April 24 is no longer a day of mourning and sorrow. April 24th is a symbol of victory for our resurrected nation.”

~Archbishop Hovnan Derderian
Primate

The 1915 Blanket Project

A survivor from 1915 escapes with only the shirt on his back and a blanket on his shoulder. The wool from that blanket is now distributed to each parish of the Western Diocese. A design from each parish, reflecting their uniqueness is sewn with this wool, contributing to a patchwork tapestry. The created artwork will tour the parishes from 2014 to 2015, reflecting the diversity of the makeup of our Diocese.

Publications

- ◆ The Problem of Evil - An Armenian Church Perspective (Summer 2012)
- ◆ Teotig: Golgatha of the Armenian Clergy - English Translation
- ◆ Teotig: Resurrection of the Armenian Clergy - Pastors & Clergy of the Western Diocese
- ◆ Reprints of classical works of reference and stories of faith from the Armenian Genocide
- ◆ Soliciting Manuscripts: Christian, Spiritual, Religious implications and ramifications of the Armenian Genocide.

Chapel of the Holy Martyrs

The centerpiece of the Diocesan commemoration will be a Chapel dedicated to the memory of the 1.5 Million Martyrs and celebrating the Resurrection of the Armenian People. The chapel will have a special place within the St. Leon Cathedral, headquarters of the Western Diocese.



Pilgrimages - 2014 - 2016

- ◆ Armenia
- ◆ Historic Armenia
- ◆ Der Zor
- ◆ “Returning Home”
- Martyrs’ Walk from Der Zor to Yerevan
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Commemorate & Celebrate...

- ◆ Ecumenical Services - Roman Catholic, Episcopal and Interfaith
- ◆ Conference/Symposium Colaborations
- ◆ Visual Arts - Presentations
- ◆ Displaying the Creative Energy of the Armenian people
- ◆ “Global” event ~ to be announced

Invitation to commemorate...

THE YEAR 2015 will mark the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. Throughout the world this anniversary will be marked with programs and events. In the Western Diocese we will be commemorating around the theme of “Survival, Growth and Life”

SURVIVAL: After the planned and systematic attempt to annihilate the Armenian people, the Armenian Diaspora was created. A large number of Armenians migrated to and settled in the Western United States. The Church was there to offer hope in the midst of destruction.

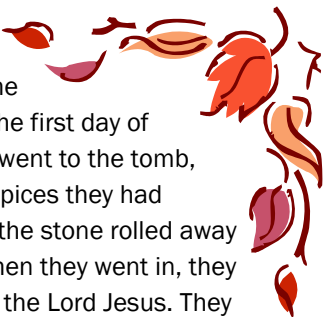
GROWTH: Surviving difficulties, persecution and discrimination, the Armenians built a new life, prospering in business and trades. They created centers, schools, communities and in the middle of each community, they built their Church.

LIFE: We celebrate God’s gift of Life, the object of our survival and growth.

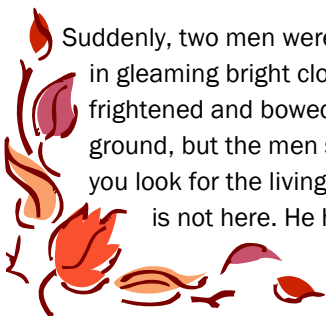
HONORING PAST · RECOGNIZING TODAY · DEFINING FUTURE

The Western Diocese will remember the Genocide of 1915 with programs and events that will honor the past, recognize the present and define a future. The programs listed here are intended to bear witness to the power of Resurrection as demonstrated by Jesus Christ, expressed by the Armenian Church and delivered to the Armenian Nation. Bring your participation to the commemoration. Tell us your strengths and where you could and would like to help.

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Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. They did not know what to make of this.



Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here. He has risen!

~Luke 24