



Under the auspices of  
His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian  
Primate of the Western Diocese  
of the Armenian Church of North America

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination  
of  
Father Vazken Movsesian



Solemn Celebration of the  
Holy Divine Liturgy  
St. Leon Ghevondiants Armenian Cathedral  
&  
Launch of



at the Diocesan Kalagdjian Hall

September 23, 2022  
(Holy Cross of Varak)



“The Armenian Apostolic Church has been the heart and soul of the global Armenian nation for centuries. I pray that everyone around the world will have access to the incredible tradition, history, and teachings of the Armenian Church thanks to our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.” - Eric Esrailian

**LAUNCHING TODAY:**



## **APOSTOLIC EVANGELISM FOR AN ELECTRONIC WORLD**

His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian, Primate, is marking the 40th anniversary of Fr. Vazken’s ordination with the launch of a new and dynamic ministry of the Western Diocese called “Epostle dot net.” pronounced ē-pāsəl (apostle with a long “e”). It stands for *apostolic evangelism for an electronic world*.

Fr. Vazken has pioneered the use of electronic technologies for the dissemination of information about the Armenian Church and faith since the early 1980s. From electronic bulletin boards, to Armenian forums, to videos and podcast, his ministry has touched thousands throughout the world.

With the initiative and encouragement of Dr. Eric Esrailian, Epostle.net is now broadening its scope. Now all of Fr. Vazken’s content from the last 40 years can be found in one place. Furthermore, with the use of the latest in technology, the Armenian Church experience can be enhanced by offering daily prayers, meditations, and readings, which are already popular on many websites. However, with Epostle.net the limits will be pushed to bring engagement and interaction to and with the faithful.

Epostle is part of the expanding vision and mission of the Western Diocese and becomes the newest ministry of the Western Diocese, focusing on electronic transmission of the Gospel message for today’s world. The ministry will work in concert with the current Diocesan Media Department, which boasts an extensive library of multimedia productions from the last two decades. Epostle.dot will become a hub for new outreach, exploiting the potential of technology and will grow to house libraries of Armenian Christian literature, lesson plans and interactive submersive experiences.

Learn more about Fr. Vazken, his ministry and walking “In His Shoes” in an article written by Sophia Armen, SWANA feminist organizer, in “The People’s Priest” in [Armenian America](#) magazine — available on the Epostle.net site or at this link [bit.ly/Vazken39](http://bit.ly/Vazken39).

Epostle welcomes you to this new chapter in the life of the Armenian Church. To get involved, contribute, help, follow current happenings and to be up to date on the latest, sign up for our mailing life by pointing your camera to this QR code. 📷





# Program

## WELCOME

Dn. Varoujan Movsesian, MC

## OPENING

*Groong*

Nick Movsesian, *Clarinet*

## REMARKS

Dn. Dikran Harutyunian, *St. Andrew Cupertino*

Fr. Sarkis Petoyan, *St. Gregory Pasadena*

Derik Ghoogasian, *Diocesan Council Chairman*

## MUSICAL SELECTIONS

*Kele, Kele, Gomidas and Bjinko, Srvandzyants*

Lauren Movsesian, *Soprano*

Allen Dishigrikyan, *Piano*

## REMARKS

Hrair Tashjian, *Homenetmen, Ani Chapter*

Mardiros Dakessian, *Youth Ministries and In His Shoes*

Bishop Daniel Findikyan, *Reflections*

## THE LAUNCH

Fr. Vazken Movsesian

## CLOSING REMARKS & BENEDICTION

Archbishop Hovnan Derderian





## ***A Blessing is luck, without the element of chance. ~Fr. Vazken***

*I'd like to thank the following for making today a reality and filled with blessings:*

**The blessed memory** of those who went before us, grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, brother and the clergy who have had an impact on my ministry:

*His Holiness Vazken I, Catholicos (1955-1994)*

*Abp. Asoghig Ghazarian, Abp. Shnork Kalustian, Abp. Tiran Nersyan,  
Abp. Torkom Manoogian, Abp. Mesrob Moutafian, Abp. Sebu Chouljian,  
Fr. Dirayr DzV Dervaishian, Fr. Gourgen Mouradian, Fr. Shahe Semerdjian,  
Fr. Krikor Hayrabedian, Fr. Hovhanness Maroukian, Fr. Vartan Dulgarian,  
Fr. Mesrob Sarafian, Fr. Torkom Saraydarian, Fr. Levon DzV Apelian,  
Fr. Maghakia Amirian, Fr. Shahe Altounian, Dn. Hrair Nalbandian*

### **Clergy present today:**

*Abp. Hovnan Derderian, Primate, who made possible this day and the ministry we enjoy. His untiring efforts for our Church and people is motivational and inspiring.  
Abp. Vatché Hovsepien, who ordained me in 1982 and assigned me to some of the most vibrant and dynamic areas of our Church. He is a father figure to many of us.  
Bishop Daniel Findikyan, whose knowledge of our Church and personal friendship throughout the years have been sources of comfort and inspiration*

*Fr. Arshag Khatchadourian, my sponsor, mentor and a true priest role-model.*

*Dn. Hrair Dekmejian, mentor, co-worker in the ministry, joining on-line with Anoush*

**From my ordination 1982:** *Stephen Mikaelian, godfather and lifelong friend*

**The Organizing Committee:** *Fr. Manoog Markarian, Lida Ananian, Anush Avejic, Maria Hamparian. Carmen Markarian, Kathy Markarian, Michelle Markarian, Yn. Susan Movsesian, Suzie Shatarevyan, Sona Smith*

**Epistle.net - Website:** *Gregory Beylerian & Michelle Markarian*

**Epistle.net logo:** *Anush Movsesian Avejic, AnushMovsesian.art*

**Producer of Epistle Programming:** *Suzie Shatarevyan*

**Performances:** *Nick Movsesian, clarinet and Lauren Movsesian, soloist*

**In His Shoes Award Recipient:** *Dr. Ani M. Babayan, Yerevan, Armenia*

**Centerpieces:** *Lida Ananian*

**Anniversary Cake:** *Christine Jelloian*

**Electronic, video & photographs:** *Media Dept- Aram Mousioian & Vahe Sargsyan*

**Logistics:** *In His Shoes Ministries*

*And to all of you for taking time to attend and share your and our blessings today.*

**To my family:** *Susan, my partner in this Ministry for the last 40 years, and my incredible team of sisters Anush and Sona, brother Haig, and my children Varoujan & Lauren, Sevian & Robin, Christophor & Jackie and of course Ari & Alek, whose smiles make me believe in brighter tomorrows.*