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# Under the Auspices of His Eminence Arcbishop Hovnan Derderian, Primate

Western Diocese of the Armenian Church

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## Program

#### Part I - Service

9AM - Registration - Coffee, etc.

10AM – Welcome – Fr. Vazken Movsesian and Sousanna Pogosyan MC

10:10 - Fr. Kevork Arakelian - Service in the Church from St. Stephen to Today

10:30 – Gregory & Peter Turpanjian – Rejecting Orthodoxization & Worldly Powers: Survival of the Pure Faith in the Armenian Church

11:15 – Fr. Grigor Grigoryan & Luiza Grigoryan ~
"Arev" Down Syndrome Children Health & Development Center

World Premiere of the Arev Short Subject Video

12:00 noon – Fr. Vazken Movsesian & Gregory Beylerian ~ Epostle.net and the Metaverse Explored

12:45 - Group Picture & Lunch



#### Part II - Service in Action

- 1:45 Fr. Mardiros Chevian, Dean of the St. Nersess Armenian Seminary– The Seminary and presentation of "Broadening the Call"
- 2:30 Deacon Kevin Kestekian Presentation From St. Stephen to Today – In Practice for the Church today.
- 3:00 Panels Deacons Council & ACYO

Panel 1 - Service as a Christian Responsibility - how can it be exercised through our parishes and with our parish priests.

Dn. Christaphor Movsesian, Moderator

Panel 2 – Service in a world that is drifting farther and farther apart. With the current atmosphere of polarization and intolerance in our world does 'service to others' have a place in our communities? If so, how? Practical approaches to implementing service programs in and through our churches.

Dn. Sevan Movsesian, Moderator

4:45 – Closing Remarks – Archbishop Hovnan Derderian, Primate

5:00-6:00 – Tour of the Zorayan Museum - Savana Aghamal

6:00 – Agape Meal - Spiritual Mediation on John 13

Those who lead a life of service towards humanity are certainly the ones who have embraced true joy. Hierarchy is all about servitude. The higher positions we hold in the Church, the more visible our service should be. The ranks in the hierarchy ought to mark the level of maturity of serving others. - Archbishop Hovnan Derderian



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## Not lost, just Reclaimed...

Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast. And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know *it*; but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among *their* relatives and acquaintances. So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him.

Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."

And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

-Luke 2

