

WHAT:
TO BUILD "THE MONUMENT OF GRATITUDE" IN YEREVAN SYMBOLIZING THE GRATEFULNESS OF THE ARMENIANS TO THE ARABS AND MARKING THE ETERNAL FRIENDSHIP OF THE TWO PEOPLES.

WHY?

NOT MANY ARMENIANS WOULD HAVE SURVIVED THE 1915 ARMENIAN GENOCIDE HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE HONORABLE ARAB NATION WHO SAVED THE REMNANTS OF THE DEPORTEES IN THE SYRIAN DESERT, TOWNS AND VILLAGES. ARMENIANS SURVIVED AND STRIVED ON ARAB SOIL, ENJOYING FREEDOM, PRESERVING THEIR HERITAGE AND RESTORING THEIR CULTURE AND TRADITIONS. FROM SYRIA, MANY SURVIVORS SPREAD TO NUMEROUS COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD THUS FORMING TODAY'S DIASPORA. AS DESCENDENTS OF THE SURVIVING ARMENIANS, WE OWE A BELATED DEBT OF GRATITUDE TOWARDS THE NOBLE ARAB PEOPLE.

WHO WE ARE?

THE PROJECT IS SPONSORED, INITIATED AND FOLLOWED-UP BY:

- Knel Archbishop Jerejian ✝ Beirut – Lebanon
- Bishop Armash Nalbandian Damascus – Syria
- Primate of the Armenian Orthodox Church Diocese of Damascus Aleppo – Syria
- Reverend Mgrdich Karagozian USA
- President of the union of the Armenian Evangelical Church of the Near East Damascus – Syria
- Souren Artinian Aleppo – Syria
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- Vartkes Boghossian Damascus – Syria
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THE MONUMENT OF GRATITUDE

YEREVAN, ARMENIA

THE MONUMENT OF GRATITUDE, WHICH IS PLANNED TO BE BUILT IN YEREVAN – ARMENIA, IS AN UNDERTAKING CONCEIVED BY SEVERAL DIASPORAN ARMENIANS INTENDED TO SYMBOLIZE THE GRATEFULNESS OF THE ARMENIAN NATION TO THE NOBLE ARAB PEOPLE FOR THEIR HUMANE AND DIGNIFIED STANCE, WITHOUT WHICH NOT MANY ARMENIANS WOULD HAVE SURVIVED THE 1915 ARMENIAN GENOCIDE.

"... Many monuments immortalizing great deeds found their place on Armenian soil. However, this particular monument is special for us since it expresses great gratitude of the Armenian Nation to the Noble Arab Nation..."
Karekin II, Catholicos of all Armenians

"... It is with utmost pleasure that I welcome your patriotic initiative and pledge my full support to the project, although belated but most appropriate..."
Prof. Vahagn N. Dadrian

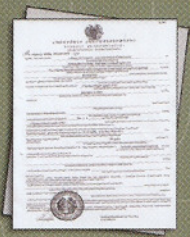
PROJECT STATUS: 2008

AFTER BREAKING GROUND IN AUGUST 2002, THE PROJECT CAME TO A COMPLETE HALT BECAUSE IT HAD TO BE RELOCATED TO A DIFFERENT SITE. HOWEVER, THE AUTHORITIES IN ARMENIA WERE VERY DILIGENT IN ALLOCATING A NEW LOT NEAR THE ORIGINAL LOCATION ON ADMIRAL ISAKOV AVE., (THE MAIN ROAD FROM YEREVAN TO ZVARTNOTS AIRPORT) THE OWNERSHIP OF WHICH



WAS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE MOTHER SEE OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN IN MAY 2007 (*Deed file:01-011-001-001 No.:164*), SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS PROJECT.

FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE DESIGN, A COMPLETE FILE WAS PRESENTED TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE CITY OF YEREVAN AND A BUILDING PERMIT WAS OBTAINED ON MARCH 12, 2008 (N02/18-4475-182).



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