




Journeys of Faith, Survival, and New Beginnings: Stories from St. Mary's Parish

St. Mary Armenian Church is launching a new page on our church website dedicated to preserving and sharing the stories of our parish families whose parents and grandparents came to America in the aftermath of the Armenian Genocide.

These are not only personal family histories -- they are also part of the foundation of the St. Mary's community. These journeys of faith, survival, perseverance, and new beginnings helped shape our parish and deserve to be remembered and shared with future generations.

We invite parishioners to participate by sharing their brief story related to any of the three topics below:

- How their parents or grandparents experienced the *Mets Yeghern*,
- How they came from the "old country" (whether that is Eastern or Western Armenia, or another country) to the United States,
- Their family's involvement in founding and supporting St. Mary's Parish.

If you would like to participate, please contact Anna Amirkhanyan at (301) 300-3181 or anna.a.amirkhanyan@gmail.com to schedule a time to share your family's story. Anna is a social scientist with extensive field work experience. She will listen to your story, faithfully transcribe it into written form, allow you to review and approve the text, and include any ancestral photographs you would like to share before posting it online.

By preserving these memories, our Parish can honor the sacrifices and faith of those who came before us and ensure their legacy lives on within our parish community.

Ready to Share Your Story? Contact Anna
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