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St Mary Armenian Church
Fr. Hovsep Karapetyan, Pastor
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St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church
89th Anniversary Luncheon
Celebrating 50th Anniversary of
Priestly Ordination
His Eminence Abp. Vicken Aylkazian



December 12, 2021

Program

Greetings: Mr. Avedis Seferian, Master of Ceremonies
Welcome: Mrs. Shoghig Sahakian Parish Council
Invocation: His Eminence Abp. Vicken Aykazian

Lunch

Remarks: Her Excellency Lilit Makunts
Ambassador to the US
Remarks: Very Rev. Mark Morozowich, Dean and
Assoc. Prof. of Liturgical Studies/
Sacramental Theology at CUA
Remarks: Rev. Stefanos Alexopoulos, Ph.D.
Assoc. Prof. of Liturgical Studies, CUA
Performance: St. Mary Shnorhali School Students
Remarks: Mr. Bryan Ardouny, Executive Director,
Armenian Assembly of America
Remarks: Dr. Robin Darling Young,
Assoc. Prof. of Church History, CUA
Keynote: Mr. James Winkler
President and General Secretary of
the National Council of Churches
Reflections: Rev. Fr. Hovsep Karapetyan
Benediction: His Eminence Abp. Vicken Aykazian

Biography

Archbishop Vicken Aykazian is the Ecumenical Director of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern), in which capacity he has served since January of 2000.

Born in Siirt, Turkey he moved to Jerusalem as a young man to study at the city's Armenian Patriarchate. There he was ordained a deacon in 1968 and a celibate priest in 1971 on the Feast of the Transfiguration. In 1992, His Holiness Vasken I, the late Catholicos of All Armenians, consecrated him a bishop at Holy Etchmiadzin, the Mother See of the worldwide Armenian Church.

His Eminence received his Ph.D. from the Armenian Academy of Sciences' Department of History in 1999. He completed the Ph.D. course requirements at Fribourg Catholic University in Switzerland, received a Bachelor of Divinity degree at Kings College in London, studied pastoral theology at St. Augustine's College in Canterbury, and attended the Armenian Theological Seminary in Jerusalem and the Holy Cross Armenian Seminary in Istanbul. He speaks Armenian, English, Turkish, and French.

In a ministry that has taken him around the world, he has served the Armenian Church in diverse roles including tenures as Primate of the Diocese of Switzerland and as Director of the Fund for Armenian Relief's office in the Republic of Armenia.

In 2007, he was elected as President of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and served his term from 2008 through 2009. He was the first Oriental Orthodox clergyman to serve as president of America's leading ecumenical organization. He currently sits on the Executive Board of the NCC as well as on the board of the World Council of Churches, where his involvement has been extensive and continuous since 1985.