

The Repatriate Returns

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About 50 people gathered in late February to hear the story of *The Repatriate Returns: Home, Family, and the FBI*, the sequel to Tom Mooradian's *The Repatriate: Love, Basketball, and the KGB*. The event, co-sponsored by St. John Armenian Church and the Edward & Helen Mardigian Library, was held in the St. Vartan Room.

The program included reflections on the eighty-year friendship of Tom and Mitch Kehetian throughout their lives. Mooradian's book is one of two that tell the story of the 1947 repatriation program written in English. The sequel answers questions that people had after reading the first book and was published posthumously in 2025.

The presentation was well-received with one person sharing, "That was the best program I have ever attended at St. John!" The following day, others called the church to express their appreciation for the program.