

## Chilingerian to Discuss the Armenian Church in Karabagh in Pasadena, July 22

PASADENA - Scholar and analyst of contemporary Armenian affairs, Hratch Tchilingirian, will lecture on the Armenian Church in Karabagh, Wednesday, July 22, 1998 at St. Gregory Armenian Church.

Since 1988, the earthquakes in Armenia, the struggle for independence, the war in Karabagh have all shaped the public and private lives of Armenians. However, parallel to the political, economic and social factors of these events, a religious perspective was added to public discourse particularly in Karabagh. This presentation will focus on the role of the Armenian Church and clergy in Karabagh and the language of religious discourse in the context of the war with Azerbaijan.

Tchilingirian is a Ph.D candidate, Sociology Department, London School of Eco-

nomics and Political Science. Since 1994 he has been studying the developments in Armenia and Karabagh and has traveled there extensively. In 1996, Tchilingirian spent the summer in Karabagh where he conducted qualitative research for his dissertation. His analytical articles have appeared in European, North American and Middle Eastern journals and publications.

This lecture is part of a series of events sponsored by the 1700th Anniversary of Christianity committee of the Western Diocese, under the presidency of Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian, Primate.

The lecture begins at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22. St. Gregory Armenian Church is located at 2215 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena. For more information call (626) 449-1523.

## AMAA/ACMF Ship 45,000 Lbs. Formula for Children in Armenia

PARAMUS - Health Ministry sources in the Republic of Mountainous Karabagh confirm that there are approximately 2000 births in Karabagh every year. While this number is encouraging indeed, a major concern is what percentage of these infants will grow and remain healthy.

Thanks to the nutritional programs of the Armenian Children's Milk Fund (ACMF) of the Armenian Missionary Associa-

## Armenian Steps with Tom Bozigian at St. James Church, August 1

LOS ANGELES - The St. James Armenian Church Parish Council is proud to present Armenian Steps with Tom Bozigian on Saturday, August 1, 1998 from 7:00 p.m. to midnight. The evening will be filled with instructional Armenian and open dancing, continuous hot and cold mezzas, and drinks.

Tom Bozigian was born in Los Angeles to Armenian parents, his father having immigrated from Gumayri, Armenia SSR. He was raised and educated in Fresno, California's Armenian community. Armenian song and dance were an immense part of his youth. His many years as an athlete and Armenian percussionist tied in directly to his dance development.

Mr. Bozigian earned a BA degree in Russian Area Studies and a MA degree in Education from California State University, Fresno. He then spent two years in Soviet Armenia graduating from the State Choreographic School, Sayat Nova, and in coordination with the University of Yerevan Ethnographic Institute did regional field research filming and recording original songs and dances in target regions of the



Come and spend the evening with good friends enjoying dancing, socializing, and good food. Reservations for Armenian Steps at the St. James John Gogian Hall on August 1st can be held by calling the church office at (213) 295-4588, Lucille Bogosian at (310) 821-2179, or Bob Melcon at (310) 474-0551. Donation \$15.

## AGBU Delegation Meets with NKR President Ghukasian

STEPANAKERT - Nagorno-Karabagh President Arkady Ghukasian received on July 11 the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU) delegation, led by AGBU Armenia office head Ashot Ghazarian. Ani Lachinian, AGBU Melkonian Educational Institute (Cyprus) Principal, Lana Kazanjian, AGBU Central Board Special Project Coordinator in Armenia, Davit Zenian, Armenian Information Service head in Washington DC and Anahit Ghazarian, American University of Armenia, Extension Program Executive Director were among the delegation.

President Ghukasian presented the current situation and prospects for conflict resolution and commented on the stance of the Karabagh leadership on the same issue. The sides discussed the strengthening of links with Diaspora. Ghukasian emphasized development programs, focusing on the importance of creating new job opportunities in Nagorno-Karabakh.

The AGBU delegation expressed readiness to support development in the Republic.

AGBU already is assisting several schools in Karabagh.