



PONTIFICAL VISIT OF HIS HOLINESS ARAM I TO EASTERN PRELACY IN OCTOBER ANNOUNCED



His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan and the Religious and Executive Councils are pleased to announce that His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, has accepted an invitation to visit the Eastern Prelacy in October.

Jack Mardoian, Esq., a member of All Saints Church in Glenview, Illinois, and Karen Jehanian, a member of St. Gregory Church in Philadelphia, have been appointed co-chairs of the Pontifical Visit National Steering Committee. The co-chairs have served in leadership positions on the Prelacy's Executive Council for a number of years—Mr. Mardoian as chairman and Ms. Jehanian as secretary.

The Catholicos is expected to arrive in the United States on October 4, and remain until October 31. With guidance from His Holiness, the theme of the visit has been designated as “Witness and Renewal: Taking the Church to the People.” With this in mind, His Holiness will visit all of the parishes and will focus his attention on parish renewal and making the life of the Church a part of everyday life for the faithful of all ages.

A National Steering Committee is currently being formed to oversee the Pontifical Visit, as well as a number of sub-committees with specific responsibilities.

Archbishop Oshagan noted, “We are grateful to His Holiness for accepting our invitation. This visit will be an occasion for all of our parishes and faithful to welcome our beloved Vehapar, and a magnificent opportunity to rededicate ourselves to our Christian faith and Armenian heritage.”

Mark Your Calendars!

**His Holiness will visit St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church, Dearborn
on the weekend of October 20-21, 2012.**

A local Steering Committee is in place to mark this visit.

We will post new information as it becomes available.