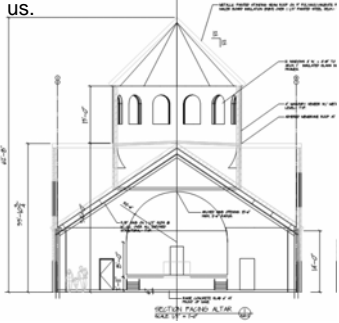


Building our Legacy – The Future is Now!

The torch has been passed to our generation to carry the tradition of building for future generations. The building of a church is no simple task. Many of us have parents and grandparents who sacrificed much to build our churches, halls, and classrooms. Today, we are called upon to match their generosity and nurture and cultivate our church community in the Merrimack Valley.

Since Armenia became the first nation to adopt Christianity in 301 A.D., Armenians and Christianity have had an unbreakable bond for over 17 centuries. We must light the way for future generations. We have a debt of honor to those visionaries and builders who came before us.



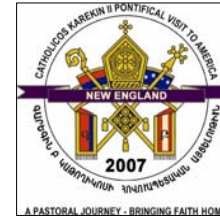
A commitment to the building of the Armenian Church at Hye Pointe is a unique and exciting opportunity to invest in the preservation of our Armenian Christian heritage in the Merrimack Valley. This will be the first time two Parishes in North America have been merged to create a new unified congregation. We are the model for many other communities around the world who need to both consolidate and update facilities in order to survive and prosper. With your dedication and generosity, we can build a new Church that will make us proud and that will serve our community for many more years to come. If you would like to become involved in the Building Committee and/or Fund Raising Committee please contact Myles Couyoumjian at myles.couyoumjian@franke.com or call 978.852.2959.



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Blessing of Four Cornerstones by His Holiness Karekin II
Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians
October 8, 2007 A.D.



1. Cornerstone Blessed by His Holiness Karekin II Catholicos of All Armenians – October 8, 2007 A.D.
2. Armenia – The First Christian Nation 301 A.D.
3. St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church Haverhill, MA Consecrated Dec. 23, 1945 A.D.
4. Holy Cross Apostolic Armenian Church Lawrence, MA Consecrated Aug. 28, 1931 A.D.



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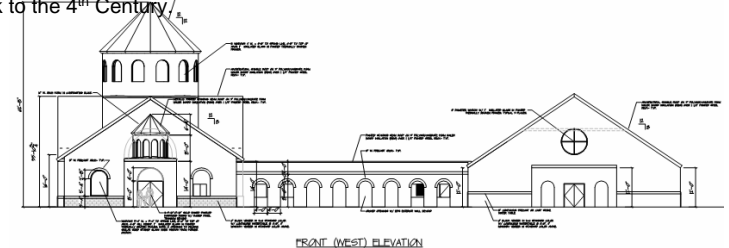
His Holiness Karekin II

Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians

His Holiness Karekin II was born in 1951 in Voskehat, Armenia and baptized Ktrij Nersissian. He entered the seminary of Holy Etchmiadzin in 1965, graduating with honors in 1971. He was ordained a deacon in 1970 and a celibate priest in 1972, at which time he received his priestly name "Karekin." In 1975, Fr. Karekin moved to Germany, graduating from Bonn University. In 1979 he graduated with his postgraduate from the Russian Orthodox Academy in Zagorsk, Russia.

In 1980, Fr. Karekin entered the service of the Araratian Pontifical Diocese, the Armenian Church's most populous diocesan jurisdiction, including Armenia's capital, Yerevan. In 1983 he was consecrated Bishop by the hand of His Holiness Vasken I. In 1992 he became Archbishop.

In June 1999, Catholicos Karekin I passed away. On October 27, 1999, the National Ecclesiastical Assembly of the Armenian Church elected Archbishop Karekin Nersissian, and following his consecration and enthronement took the name and title of His Holiness Karekin II (the Second), Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians. He is the 132nd Catholicos in a continuous line dating back to the 4th century.



Our Churches

Saint Gregory the Illuminator Church History

Armenians first immigrated to the Merrimack Valley circa 1890-1892. Following the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923, thousands more migrated to the United States with over 300 families settling around Haverhill proper. The Armenian community purchased the future home of Saint Gregory the Illuminator on Main Street in Haverhill, MA on July 6, 1943. After two years of extensive renovations, St. Gregory was consecrated on December 23, 1945 by His Eminence, Archbishop Tiran-Nersoyan. In 1952 the addition of the church function hall was completed.



Holy Cross Armenian Apostolic Church History

The Holy Cross Armenian Apostolic Church began its journey on December 1, 1912 when the Armenian faithful of the greater Lawrence area elected their first Parish Council. In November 1923, a Building Committee of 16 members was established, purchasing the East Haverhill Street property on November 21, 1927. In 1931, the dedication of Holy Cross Armenian Apostolic Church took place by the Very Reverend Ghevont Martougesian. The consecration of the cornerstone took place on August 28, 1931 by His Eminence Archbishop Ghevont Tourian. In February, 1979, the Church community added a new kitchen, 6 Sunday School classrooms, and the church function hall.



Artifacts and Precious Memorabilia

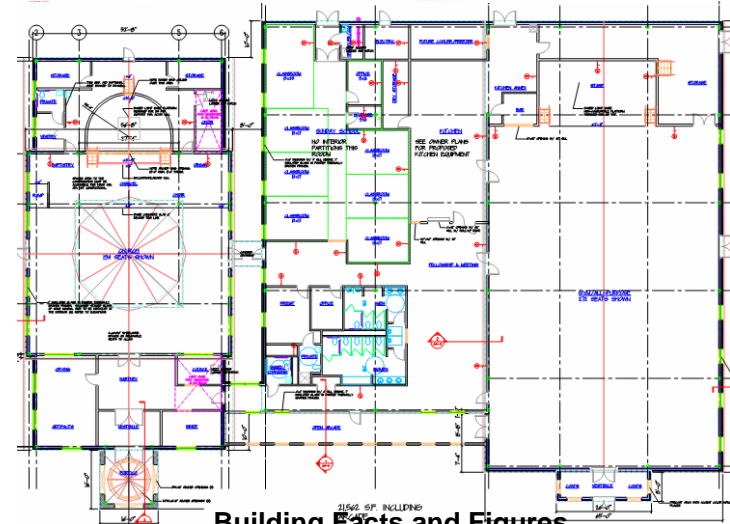
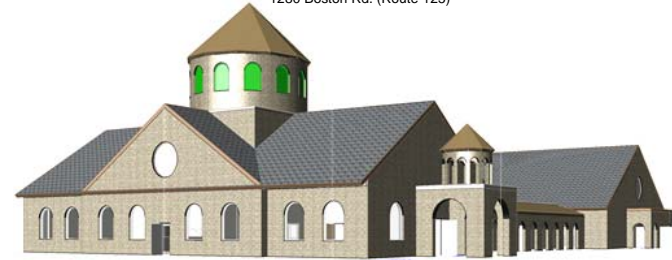
The Parish Council and Building Committee takes a solemn responsibility in preserving our precious artifacts and religious icons. Below is a partial list of the items we will be salvaging and incorporating into the design of our new Church:

- The pews from St. Gregory
- Holy Cross organ
- The two candle Altars from St. Gregory
- Holy Cross Altar will be displayed in the artifacts room
- Paintings from St. Gregory and Holy Cross
- The baptismal font from St. Gregory
- Chandeliers from St. Gregory and Holy Cross
- Khachkar from St. Gregory
- (8) Large stained glass windows from Holy Cross
- (18) Smaller stained glass windows from Holy Cross
- Select kitchen equipment and furniture from both churches



Armenian Church at Hye Pointe

1280 Boston Rd. (Route 125)



Building Facts and Figures

- The above facility is 19,900 square feet not including the front exterior arcade.
- The Church is 5,500 sq.ft. and has a seating capacity of 220 with a crying room, brides room, artifacts room, and Parish Council office.
- The Sunday School and offices are 6,400 sq.ft. and contain (7) large Sunday School classrooms, a priest's office and two administrative offices. It also incorporates the kitchen, a large (1000 sq.ft.) Fellowship area, and two large restroom facilities.
- The Function Hall is 7,950 sq.ft. with a seating capacity of 275 persons. It includes a stage, wet bar, dance floor, large storage rooms, a coat room, and allows for the conversion into a regulation basketball court.
- We will also have over 10,000 sq.ft. of outdoor picnic area on the south side of the Function Hall.