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TAMPA/ST. PETERSBURG ARMENIAN COMMUNITY COMMEMORATES THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

On April 24, 2015, Gulf Coast Armenians will join Armenians around the world in solemnly remembering the great tragedy that befell their people in 1915.

Starting in 1915, the Ottoman Turkish government began a planned campaign of genocide against their Armenian subjects. Approximately 1.5 million Armenians—75% of the Armenian population of the Ottoman Empire—were killed. This was the first attempt at genocide perpetrated in modern times. Indeed, the very word “genocide” (denoting the destruction of an entire people) was originally coined in 1944 to describe the policy of systematic extermination which the Ottoman regime used against the Armenian population, and the Nazis waged on European Jews.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of this dark episode, and a series of specially orchestrated events are taking place around the world and here locally in the Tampa/St. Petersburg region on and around April 24th:

Featured Event:

AN EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE

Fri. April 24—7PM at St. Hagop Armenian Church

7020 90th Avenue, Pinellas Park, FL 33782

Armenian heritage comes to life in gifted performances of song and prayer to remember those lost in the Armenian Genocide and to celebrate their ongoing legacy.

Supporting Events:

“STOP GENOCIDE” 5K COMMEMORATIVE WALK/RUN

Sat. March 28—8:30AM at Ft. Desoto Park

3500 Pinellas Bayway South, St. Petersburg, FL 33715

All walkers and runners are invited to this Ft. Desoto 5k dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, and raising awareness about all genocides.

“ORPHANS OF THE GENOCIDE” SCREENING & DIRECTOR Q&A

Thurs. April 9—7PM at The Florida Holocaust Museum

55 5th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

The documentary by director Bared Maronian shows the orphanages that housed the many orphans who lost parents and were separated from siblings during the Armenian Genocide.

“ORPHANS OF THE GENOCIDE” & “THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE” AIRS ON WEDU+

Tue. April 21 at 8PM and 9:30PM on WEDU+

“Orphans of the Genocide” is a documentary by director Bared Maronian showing the orphanages that housed the many orphans who lost parents and were separated from siblings during the Armenian Genocide. Starts at 8PM (90 minutes).

“The Armenian Genocide” is the complete story of the first Genocide of the 20th century. It features interviews with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Samantha Power and best-selling author Peter Balakian, and contains historical footage of the events. Narrated by Julianna Margulies, it also includes narrations by Ed Harris, Natalie Portman and Laura Linney, among others. Starts at 9:30PM (60 minutes).

“RISING FROM THE ASHES OF TRAGEDY” LECTURE AND STUDENT PANEL

Thurs. April 23—2PM at USF Tampa, Main Library

4th Floor Grace Allen Room

Armenian scholar Dr. Garabet Moundjian presents "Rising from the Ashes of Tragedy – Armenia’s Triumph Over Its Genocide," followed by USF student panel discussion. Hosted by the USF Libraries Holocaust and Genocide Studies Center.

“RISING FROM THE ASHES OF TRAGEDY” LECTURE AND Q&A

Sat. April 25—7PM at St. Hagop Armenian Church

7020 90th Avenue, Pinellas Park, FL 33782

Armenian scholar Dr. Garabet Moundjian presents "Rising from the Ashes of Tragedy – Armenia’s Triumph Over Its Genocide," followed by Q&A.

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