

FROM THE CREATION OF THE NATIONAL CHURCH TO THE
PRESENT DAY

1. ST. GRIGOR I. Loosavorich; preached the gospel in 301; ordained in 302; foundation of Etchmiadzin in 303; died in 325, at the age of about 86.
2. ST. ARISTAKES I. Parthian, coadjutor with his father since 306; was present at the Council of Nicaea in 325; on his return, he succeeded his father; suffered martyrdom in 333.
3. ST. VRTANES I. Parthian, elder son of St. Grigor; succeeded his brother in 333; died in 341, at the age of 80. St. Grigoris, son of Vrtanes, exarch of Caspian Albania, suffered martyrdom in 337.
4. ST. HOOSIK I. Parthian, son of Vrtanes; succeeded his father in 341; suffered martyrdom in 347. St. Daniel, who was elected to succeed, suffered martyrdom in 347, before he occupied his seat.
5. PHAREN I. of Ashrishat, a relative of St. Grigor; succeeded, after the refusal of the sons of St. Hoosik, in 348; he carried on the administration for four years; died in 352. After him, *Shahak* of Manazkert administered in an acting capacity for a year.
6. ST. NERSES I. The Great, grandson of Hoosik; elected in 353, at the age of 27; for four years, 359-363, he withdrew from his post, the duties being carried on by *Shahak* of Manazkert, otherwise Chonak; Nerses administered for twenty years; he died on July 25, 373.
7. SHAHAK I. of Manazkert, of the family of Albanus, who had acted for St. Nerses; filled the seat in 373; he was also called Hoosik; he died in 377.
8. ZAVEN I. of Manazkert, a relative of the former; elected in 377; he administered for four years; died in 381.
9. ASPOORAKES I. of Manazkert; succeeded his brother in 381, and administered for five years; died in 386. The see was vacant for a year.
10. ST. SAHAK I. The Great; elected in 387, at the age of 39; in conjunction with St. Mesrop, invented the Armenian alphabet in 404; exiled in 428; *Soormak* of Manazkert, appointed anti-

- patriarch in 428, was expelled a year later; *Brguisho* the Syrian, who was made to take his place, was expelled in 432; *Shmuel* the Syrian, appointed antipatriarch, died in 437; St. Sahak, on his recall from exile, was installed at Bloor in 432, where he carried on the spiritual administration; *Soormak* was re-elected antipatriarch in 437; St. Sahak died on September 7, 439. The spiritual administration was continued by St. Mesrop, who died on February 17, 440.
11. ST. HOVSEP I. of Hoghozim; succeeded to the spiritual administration in 440; he was recognized by the government at the death of *Soormak* in 444; he presided at the Council of Shahapivan in 445, and at that of Artashat in 450; he was exiled in 451; resigned in 452; suffered martyrdom on July 25, 454.
12. MELITUS I. of Manazkert; elected in 452; died in 456.
13. MOVSES I. of Manazkert; elected in 456; died in 461.
14. ST. GÜR I. of Arahez; elected in 461; exiled in 471; withdrew to Othmoos in 472; died in 478. The name of Kristaphor I. Arzrooni mentioned in lists ordinarily met with has not been made good by any valid proof.
15. ST. HOVHANNES I. Mandakooni; elected in 478; transferred the see to Dwin in 484; died in 490.
16. BAGGUEN I. of Othmoos; elected in 490; presided at the Councils of Dwin in 506 and 513; died in 516. The brief pontificate which the ordinary lists attribute to him is not in keeping with the chronology.
17. SAMUEL I. of Ardzke; elected in 516; died in 526.
18. MOOSHE I. of Ailaber; elected in 526; died in 534.
19. SAHAK II. of Ooghki; elected in 534; died in 539.
20. KRISTAPHOR I. of Tiraridj; elected in 539; died in 545.
21. GHEVOND I. of Erast; elected in 545; died in 548.
22. NERSHES II. of Bagrevand; elected in 548; presided at the Council of Dwin in 554; died in 557.
23. HOVHANNES II. Gabeghian; elected in 557; died in 574.
24. MOVSES II. of Eghivard; elected in 574; *Hovhannes* of Bagaran was elected antipatriarch in Greek Armenia in 590; Movses died in 604. The see, vacant for three years, was administered by *Vrtanes Kerthogh*.

25. **ABRAHAM I.** of Aghbatank; elected on April 30, 607; presided at the Council of Dwin against the Georgians in 609; the anti-patriarch Hovhannes died in 611; Abraham died in 615.
26. **COMITAS I.** of Aghtzik; elected in 615; restored the cathedral of St. Rhiphime in 617; died in 628.
27. **KRISTAPHOR II.** Apahooni; elected in 628; resigned in 630.
28. **YEZR I.** of Parajenakert; elected in 630; presided at the Council of Karin in 631; died in 641.
29. **NERSES III.** of Ishkhan, surnamed Shinogh; elected in 641; withdrew from the administration in 652, returning to it again in 658; died in 661.
30. **ANASTASIUS I.** of Akori; elected in 661; died in 667.
31. **ISRAEL I.** of Othmoos; elected in 667; died in 703.
32. **SAHAK III.** of Tsoraphor; elected in 677; died in 703.
33. **EGHIA I.** of Arjesh; elected in 703; died in 717.
34. **ST. HOVHANNES III.** of Otsoon, surnamed Imastaser; elected in 717; presided at the Councils of Dwin in 719 and of Manazkert in 726; died in 728.
35. **DAVID I.** of Aramonk; elected in 728; died in 741.
36. **TRDAT I.** of Othmoos; elected in 741; died in 764.
37. **TRDAT II.** of Dasnavork; elected in 764; died in 767.
38. **STON I.** of Bavonk; elected in 767; presided at the Council of Partav in 768; died in 775.
39. **YESSAI I.** of Eghipatroosh; elected in 775; died in 788.
40. **STEPHANOS I.** of Dwin; elected in 788; died in 790.
41. **HOVAB I.** of Dwin; elected in 790; died in 791.
42. **SOGHOMON I.** of Garni; elected in 791; died in 792.
43. **GUEORG I.** of Burakan, surnamed Hailorbook; elected in 792; died in 795.
44. **HOVSEP II.** of Pharpi, surnamed Karidj; elected in 795; died in 806.
45. **DAVID II.** of Gagagh; elected in 806; died in 833.
46. **HOVHANNES IV.** of Ova; elected in 833; died in 855.
47. **ZACHARIA I.** of Tsak; elected in 855; died in 876.
48. **GUEORG II.** of Garni; elected in 877; died in 897.
49. **ST. MASHOTZ I.** of Eghivard; elected in 898; died, October 13, 898.

50. **HOVHANNES V.** of Drashanakert, surnamed Patmaban; elected in 898; transferred the see to Tsorovank in 928; died in 929.
51. **STEPHANOS II.** Rshtooni; elected in 929; transferred the see to Aghthamar in the same year; died in 930.
52. **THEODOROS I.** Rshtooni; elected in 930; died in 941.
53. **YEGHISHE I.** Rshtooni; elected in 941; died in 946.
54. **ANANIA I.** of Moks; elected in 946; transferred the see to Arkina; died in 968.
55. **VAHAN I.** Suni; elected in 968; deposed in 969.
56. **STEPHANOS III.** of Sevan; elected in 969; died in 972.
57. **KHACHIK I.** Arsharooni; elected in 973; constructed the residence at Ani in 991; died in 992.
58. **SARKIS I.** of Sevan; elected on March 29, 992; transferred the see to Ani in the same year; resigned in 1019.
59. **PETROS I.** Guetadarts; elected in 1019; *Dioskoros* of Sanahin appointed antipatriarch in 1036; Petros returned to his see in 1038; *Khachik II.* appointed coadjutor in 1049; the see transferred to Sebastia in 1050; Petros died in 1058.
60. **KHACHIK II.** of Ani; succeeded in 1058; transferred the see to Thavbloor in 1062; died in 1065. The see remained vacant for one year.
61. **GRIGOR II.** Vkayaser; elected in 1066; transferred the see to Zamindia in the same year; *Gueorg III.* of Lori appointed coadjutor in 1067, removed in 1072; *Sarkis* of Honi proclaimed antipatriarch in 1076, died in 1077; *Theodoros* Alakhosik took his place in 1077, died in 1090; *Barsegh I.* appointed coadjutor in 1081; *Poghos* of Varag proclaimed antipatriarch in 1086, withdrew in 1087; Grigor died June 3, 1105.
62. **BARSEGH I.** of Ani; succeeded in 1105; died in 1113.
63. **GRIGOR III.** Pahlavooni; elected in 1113, at the age of 20; *David* Thornikian proclaimed antipatriarch at Aghthamar in 1114, the see transferred to Rhomkla in 1147; Grigor resigned; August 17, 1166; died three months later.
64. **ST. NERSES IV.** Shnorhali; elected in 1166; died, August 13, 1173.
65. **GRIGOR IV.** Tgha; elected in 1173; presided at the Council of Rhomkla in 1179; died, May 16, 1193.
66. **GRIGOR V.** Karavej; elected in 1193; deposed and died in 1194.

87. GRIGOR VI. Apirat; elected in 1194; *Barsegh II.* of Ani proclaimed antipatriarch in 1195; Grigor died in 1203.
68. HOVHANNES VI. Medzabaro; elected in 1203; *Anania* of Sebastia proclaimed antipatriarch in 1204; *David III.* of Arkakaghin appointed coadjutor in 1204; Hovhannes died in 1221.
69. CONSTANTINE I. of Bartsberd; elected in 1221; died, April 9, 1267.
70. HACOB I. of Gla, surnamed Guitnakan; elected in 1268; died in 1286.
71. CONSTANTINE II. Pronagordz; elected, April 13, 1286; deposed in 1289.
72. STEPHANOS IV. of Rhomkla; elected in 1290; carried away a prisoner into Egypt in 1292; died in 1293.
73. GRIGOR VII. of Anavarza; elected in 1293; transferred the see to Sis in the same year; died in 1307; the Council of Sis was summoned after his death.
74. CONSTANTINE III. of Caesarea; elected, March 19, 1307; died in 1322.
75. CONSTANTINE IV. of Lambron; elected in 1323; died in 1326.
76. HACOB II. of Tarsus; elected in 1327; resigned in 1341; reverted to the see in 1355; died in 1359.
77. MKHITAR I. of Gmer; elected in 1341; died in 1355.
78. MESROP I. of Artaz; elected in 1359; died in 1372.
79. CONSTANTINE V. of Sis; elected in 1372; died in 1374.
80. POGHOS I. of Sis; elected in 1374; died in 1382.
81. THEODOROS II. of Cilicia; elected in 1382; died in 1392. The see remained vacant one year.
82. KARAPET I. of Kghy, surnamed Bobik; elected in 1392; died in 1404.
83. HACOB III. of Sis; elected in 1404; died in 1411.
84. GRIGOR VIII. Khantsoghbat; usurped the see in 1411; deposed in 1418.
85. POGHOS II. of Garmi; elected in 1418; died in 1430.
86. CONSTANTINE VI. of Vahka; usurped the see in 1430; died in 1439; *Hovsep*, a pretender, was unsuccessful in usurping the see.
87. GRIGOR IX. Moosabeghian; elected in 1439; withdrew in 1441.
88. KIRAKOS I. of Virap; elected in 1441, on the occasion of the transfer of the see to Etchmiadzin; resigned in 1443.
89. GRIGOR X. Jalalbeghian; elected in 1443; *Karapet* of Tokat proclaimed antipatriarch at Sis in 1446; *Aristakes II.* appointed coadjutor in 1448; *Zacharia* of Aghthamar usurped the see in 1461; withdrew in 1462; *Sarkis II.* appointed coadjutor in 1462; Grigor died in 1465.
90. ARISTAKES II. Athorakal; succeeded in 1465; died in 1469.
91. SARKIS II. Adjatar; succeeded in 1469; *Hovhannes VII.* appointed coadjutor in 1470; Sarkis died in 1474.
92. HOVHANNES VII. Adjakir; succeeded in 1474; *Sarkis III.* appointed coadjutor in 1474; Hovhannes resigned in 1484.
93. SARKIS III. Musayl; succeeded in 1484; *Aristakes III.* appointed coadjutor in 1484, *Thadeos I.* in 1499, *Yeghishie II.* in 1504, *Hovhannes* in 1505, *Nerses* in 1506, and *Zacharia II.* in 1507; Sarkis died in 1515.
94. ZACHARIA II. of Vagharshapat; succeeded in 1515; *Sarkis IV.* appointed coadjutor in 1515; Zacharia died in 1520.
95. SARKIS IV. of Georgia; succeeded in 1520; died in 1536.
96. GRIGOR XI. of Byzantium; elected in 1536; died in 1545.
97. STEPHANOS V. of Salmast; elected, 1545; *Michael I.* appointed coadjutor in 1545, *Barsegh III.* in 1549, *Grigor XII.* in 1552, and *Aristakes IV.* in 1555; Stephanos died in 1567.
98. MICHAEL I. of Sebastia; succeeded in 1567; *Stephanos VI.* appointed coadjutor in 1567; Michael died in 1576.
99. GRIGOR XII. of Vagharshapat; succeeded in 1576; *Thadeos II.* appointed coadjutor in 1577, *Arakel* in 1577, and *David IV.* in 1579; Grigor died in 1590.
100. DAVID IV. of Vagharshapat; succeeded in 1590; *Melchisedec I.* of Garmi appointed coadjutor in 1593, *Grigor XIII.* Serapion in 1603, and *Sahak IV.* of Garmi in 1624; David resigned in 1629.
101. MOVSES III. of Tathev; elected, January 13, 1629; died, May 14, 1632.
102. PHILIPPOS I. of Aghbak; elected, January 13, 1633; died, March 25, 1655.
103. HACOB IV. of Djoofa; elected, April 8, 1655; *Yeghiazar I.* proclaimed antipatriarch in 1663; Hacob died at Constantinople, August 1, 1680. The see remained vacant for two years.
104. YEGHIAZAR I. of Aintab; elected in 1682; died, August 8, 1691.

105. NAHAPET I. of Edessa; elected, August 10, 1691; died, June 13, 1705. The see remained vacant for one year.
106. ALEXANDER I. of Djoolfa; elected in 1706; died, November 22, 1714.
107. ASTWADZATOR I. of Hamadan; elected, May 7, 1715; died, October 10, 1725.
108. KARAPET II. of Zeytoon; elected and consecrated at Constantinople, February 27, 1726; returned to Etchmiadzin in 1728; died, October 9, 1729.
109. ABRAHAM II. of Khoshab; elected in 1730; died, November 11, 1734.
110. ABRAHAM III. of Crete; elected, November 25, 1734; died, April 18, 1737.
111. GHAZAR I. of Djahook; elected in 1737; consecrated in 1738; *Hovhannes* of Akoolis proclaimed antipatriarch in 1740; Ghazar is superseded by *Petros II.* Kutoor, as substitute *ad interim*, in 1748, for one year; Ghazar died in 1751.
112. MINAS I. of Akn; elected, September 15, 1751; died, May 12, 1753.
113. ALEXANDER II. Karakashian; elected in 1753; consecrated, March 6, 1754; died, 1755. *Sahak V.* of Kghy, surnamed Ahaguin, elected in 1755, was never consecrated; died in 1760.
114. HACOB V. of Shamakhi; elected, November 24, 1759; died in July, 1763.
115. SIMBON I. of Erevan; elected in 1763; died, July 26, 1780.
116. GHOOKAS I. of Karin; elected, August 2, 1780; died, December 27, 1799. *Hovsep* Arghootian, elected in 1800, died in 1801 without receiving consecration.
117. DAVID V. Gorghanian; usurped the see, April 28, 1801; was deposed in September, 1807.
118. DANIEL I. of Soormari; elected in 1801, but unable to hold possession of the see until May 14, 1807; died, August 21, 1808.
119. YEPREM I. of Tsoragegh; elected, December 26, 1809; resigned, October 8, 1830.
120. HOVHANNES VIII. of Karbi; elected, March 20, 1831; consecrated, November 8th; died, March 26, 1842.

The new system is now introduced of having elections a year after the occurrence of a vacancy.

121. NERSES V. of Ashtarak; elected, May 18, 1843; consecrated, June 9, 1846; died, February 13, 1857.
122. MATTHEOS I. Choohtjjan (of Constantinople); elected, May 18, 1858; consecrated, August 15th; died, August 22, 1865.
123. GUBORG IV. Kerestjjan (of Constantinople); elected, September 17, 1866; consecrated, May 21, 1867; died, December 6, 1882. The see remained vacant for three years, in consequence of the withdrawal, followed by the death, of *Nerses* Varjapctian, who was elected May 9th, and died October 26, 1884.
124. MACAR I. Ter-Petrosian; elected, April 21, 1885; consecrated, November 10th; died, April 16, 1891.
125. MKRTICH I. Khrimian (of Van); elected, May 5, 1892; consecrated, September 26, 1893; died, October 29, 1907.
126. MATTHEOS II. Izmirlian (of Constantinople); elected, November 1, 1908; consecrated, September 13, 1909; died, December 11, 1910.
127. GUBORG V. Soorenian (of Tiflis); elected, December 13, 1911; consecrated, July 2, 1912; died, May 8, 1930.
128. KHOREN I. Mooratbeguian (of Tiflis); elected, November 12, 1932; consecrated, November 13, 1932; died, April 6, 1938. The see remained vacant seven years.
129. GUBORG VI. Cheorektjjan (of Nor-Nakhichevan); elected locum tenens, April 12, 1941; elected catholicos, June 22, 1945; consecrated, June 24, 1945; died, May 9, 1954.¹

¹ The dates of the last five catholicos are according to the New Style.

130. Vazken I. Bajjan elected October 1955
died August 1994

131. Karekin I elected April 1995
(died) 1999

132. Karekin II Elected October 2000