

# VARTANANTZ

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

$\text{♩} = 66$

**(C)**

*mf.* նո - րա - հրաշ ար - սա - կա - ւոր եւ զօ -  
No - ra - hrash bu - sa - ga - vor yev zo -

րա գլուխ ա - ռա - քին - եաց, վա - րե - ցար զի - նու հոգ - ւոյն  
ra - klookh a - ra - kin - yatz, va - re - tzar zi - noo hok - vouyn

*p.* **(D)** solo.

ա - րի - ա - րար ընդ դէմ մա - հու. վար - դան  
a - ri - a - par unt tem ma - hoo. Var - tan

քաջ նա - հա - տակ որ վա - նե - ցեր ըզ - թըշ - նա - մին,  
kach na - ha - dag vor va - ne - tzer uz - tush - na - min,

վար - դա - դոյն ար - եամ - բըդ քով ար - սա - կե - ցեր զե - կե - դե - ցի:  
var - ta - kouyn ar - yam - pud kov bu - sa - ge - tzer ze - ge - ghe - tzi.

this, all that he did in his daily life, his attitude towards others, towards the enemy, towards wealth and power was determined accordingly. Political safety and prosperity did not mean as much to him if they were to be at the cost of oppression and the loss of the freedom of self-determination. St. Vartan had the courage to voice that attitude and stand up for it. He had his opponents, those who preferred the glory and power and the so called freedom from harassment by the Persians. To them the inner peace and freedom of being true to oneself was of less value than the material affluence and political power that they would enjoy in return for their acquiescence to Persian demands of fire worship.

The spirit of St. Vartan is what Christ wants all Christians to emulate. That means to live our lives in such a way that every minute event or act of it would reflect Christian values. There can be no room for dichotomies. A true Christian cannot lead a 'religious

life' out of the context of life in the world or in isolation. The test of one's sincerity of faith is reflected by what one does daily and how one embraces the challenges of daily life.

St. Vartan was confronted with a great challenge and test. We know how he faced the challenge and led others to join him. The challenge is still there for all of us in a variety of forms. How shall we confront it? How will our children confront it?

Let us hope that the example of all the saints and this month of St. Vartan and his companions will be a guiding light in our lives.

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