

Two Members of the Brotherhood of the Cilician Catholicosate
Very Rev. Father Muron Aznikian and Very Rev. Father Barte
Gulumian Invited to Serve the Western Prelacy

The Prelate of the Western Prelacy, His Eminence Archbishop Moushegh Mardirosian, the Religious and Executive Councils announce to our parishioners that upon the request of the Prelate, His Holiness Aram I of the Great House of Cilicia, kindly envoys two members of the Cilician Brotherhood to serve the spiritual needs of the Western Prelacy.

Very Rev. Father Muron Aznikian and Very Rev. Father Barte Gulumian have already arrived and resumed their religious duties working and reaching out to the various religious-spiritual as well as educational needs of the Western Prelacy by enhancing and promoting Christian education within various parishes of the Prelacy. Their work in the organizational field will include Prelacy's schools, Sunday schools, Youth Groups, Adult spiritual education, Bible Study classes and the publication of the Prelacy's periodical "BRISMAG" the Spiritual Spectrum.

The Reverend Fathers are already well familiar to our parishes and communities.

Father Muron, baptismal name Vahe, was born in Beirut-Lebanon in 1957. After completing the eight year curriculum of the Seminary he was ordained celibate priest in 1980 and was renamed Hayr Muron. In 1995 he was elevated to the Rank of Supreme Archimandrite. Father Muron has served the Catholicossate as the Spiritual advisor to the Armenian Church University Students Association (HEHOM), as teacher at the Seminary, and assistant Sacristan. He has also been assigned and served as Dean/Pastor to Eastern and Western Prelacy's parishes. In 2000, Father Muron successfully graduated and obtained Masters in Sacred Theology S.T.M., degree in Theology and Biblical Studies from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Father Barte, baptismal name Berj, was born in Syria in 1976. He was ordained celibate priest in 1995 and was renamed Hayr Barte. After attending the Theological studies for three years in Rome he graduated and obtained M.A in Liturgy.

Father Barte has served the Catholicossate and the Seminary as teacher, assistant to the Dean and Choir Director to the Cathedral in Antelias, as well as conductor of the Catholicossate's Shenorhaly Chorus. During the last four years he has been assigned as Dean of the Seminary and conductor of the Seminary's Choir.

We are happy to announce that this coming Sunday, on August 28th 2005, by the ordinance of His Eminence Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian, the Prelate, Father Muron Aznikian, will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at Holy Martyrs Church in Encino and Father Barte Gulumian will celebrate and offer the Eucharist at St. Mary's Church, in Glendale.

On behalf of the Prelate, the Religious and Executive Joint Councils we welcome our newly assigned clergy and wish them well tenure and success in their ministry.