

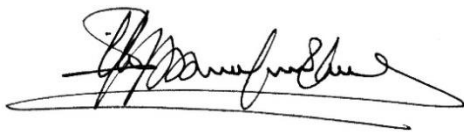
Dear fellow patriots,

The pastor and Board of Trustees of Soorp Khatch (Holy Cross) Armenian Apostolic Church thanks all those, especially from distant states, who participated in a peaceful demonstration in front of the White House to express their anger and frustration with the large-scale Turkish and Azerbaijani attacks on the Armenian people. We also thank the organizing and participating organizations and associations, most notably the AYPF and ARF, which efficiently planned and managed the demonstration and provided the agenda.

We implore all of you to also contribute financially to fulfill our sacred mission in supporting the defense of our people. The daily expenditure of our Artsakh self-defense forces fluctuates between 2-3 million U.S. dollars and they need our support to defend our people, our faith, and our culture against further attacks. The Artsakh government has asked for all donations to be made through the Hayastan All-Armenian Fund (<https://www.himnadram.org/en>) or the Armenian Relief Society (<https://arseastusa.org/artsakh/>) and to avoid the micro-fundraising efforts that many organizations are promoting.

We are confident that our people, aware of their sacred obligations and national duty, will immediately respond to our call and contribute to the defense and salvation of our ancestral homeland.

Yours in Faith,



Archpriest Fr. Sarkis Aktavoukian
Pastor



Colonel Aram Sarafian
Chairman

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