

# Vardan Mamikonian



**Vartan** (Armenian: Վարդան) (**Vardan** in Eastern Armenian **Mamikonian** (Armenian: Մամիկոնյան; 387 AD — 451 AD) was an Armenian military leader, a martyr and a saint of the Armenian Church. Vartan, best known for leading the Armenian army at the Battle of Avarayr in 451, ultimately

secured the Armenians' right to practice Christianity.

A member of the Mamikonian family of Armenia's highest caliber aristocrats (known as *nakharars*), is revered as one of the greatest military and spiritual leaders of Armenia, and is considered a national hero by Armenians. According to Arshag Chobanian "To the Armenian nation, Vartan [...] is the most beloved figure, the most sacred in their history, the symbolical hero who typifies the national spirit." Major Armenian churches are named after Saint Vardan. Equestrian statues of St. Vardan are found in the Armenian capital Yerevan and in the country's second largest city - Gyumri.

Vartan Mamikonian was born in 387 AD at the village of Artashat (Artaxata) of Daron region, north of the city of Moosh,[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vardan\\_Mamikonian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vardan_Mamikonian) - [cite note-6](#) to Hamazasp Mamikonian (Armenian:

Համազասպ Մամիկոնյան) and to Sahakanoush (Armenian: Սահականուշ), daughter of Isaac of Armenia.

After Vartan became Sparapet (supreme commander of the armed forces) in 432, the Persians summoned him to Ctesiphon. Upon his return home in 450 AD, Vartan repudiated the Persian religion and instigated an Armenian rebellion against their Sassanian overlords.

Vartan died in the Battle of Avarayr on the Avarayr Plain in Vaspurakan. Also known as the Battle of Vardanants, was fought on May 26, 451 AD on the Avarayr Plain in Vaspurakan, between the Armenian Army under Saint Vardan and the Sassanid (Persian) rulers. While the Persians were victorious on the battlefield itself, with Vardan killed in battle, the Battle of Avarayr paved the way for the compact between Persians and Armenians that guaranteed religious freedom for Christian Armenians. Vartan Mamikonian was consecrated as a saint of the Armenian Apostolic Church after his death. He is also revered by the Armenian Catholic Church as a saint of the church and by Armenian Evangelical Church.

His commemoration day in the official Armenian Church calendar is usually in the month of February and on very rare occasions may fall in the first week of March. The actual Saint Vartan day is a moving day, as it always has to fall on a Thursday.

Vardan or Vartan (from Middle Persian *Wardā*),<sup>[7]</sup> are both common given names for Armenian males, the female version is Vardanoush or Vartanoush. Vardanyan, Vardanian, and Vartanian are also common Armenian family names.

## **Friends and Family News – Mary Negosian**

Birthdays:

Fr. Aren (50 <sup>th</sup> )	Sally Tarpinian (90 <sup>th</sup> )
Kay Vartanian (102 <sup>nd</sup> )	Mary Negosian (83 <sup>rd</sup> )

## **Don't Forget ... - Judy Cristiano**

.... Thursday, February 4, Vartanantz

.... Friday, February 5, Daughters of Vartan presents Manti & More

.... Sunday, February 7, Poon Paregentan



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## *Thought for the month*

*"It's not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that creates happiness."*

### **"Monthly Humor" – Dan Cristiano**

#### **Unique Business Signs**

*In a Podiatrist's office:* "Time wounds all heels."

*On a Septic Tank Truck:* Yesterday's Meals on Wheels

*At an Optometrist's Office:*

"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

*On a Plumber's truck:*

"We repair what your husband fixed."

*At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee :*

"Invite us to your next blowout."

*On a Maternity Room door:* "Push. Push. Push."

*At a Car Dealership:* "The best way to get back on your feet -miss a car payment."

*Outside a Muffler Shop:* "No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."

*In a Veterinarian's waiting room:*

"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

*At the Electric Company:*

"We would be delighted if you send in your

payment. However, if you don't, YOU will be delighted."

*In a Restaurant window:*

"Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up."

*In the front yard of a Funeral Home:*

"Drive carefully. We'll wait."

*At a Propane Filling Station:*

"Thank heaven for little grills."

#### **Uniuue Sayings**

I am not lazy, I just enjoy doing nothing!

I prefer not to think before speaking. I like being just as surprised as everyone else by what comes out of my mouth.

So when is this "Old enough to know better" suppose to kick in?

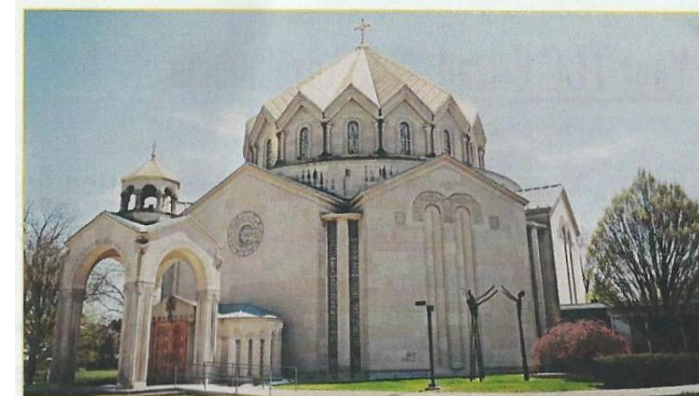
The fact that there is a "Highway to Hell" and only a Stairway to Heaven" says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers.

Every day thousands of "innocent plants" are killed by vegetarians. Help end the violence. Eat Bacon.

You know that little thing inside your head that keeps you from saying things you shouldn't? Yeah, I don't have one of those.

I can explain it to you, but I can not understand it for you.

## ***St. John Armenian Church***



# ***Tuesday Lunch Club***



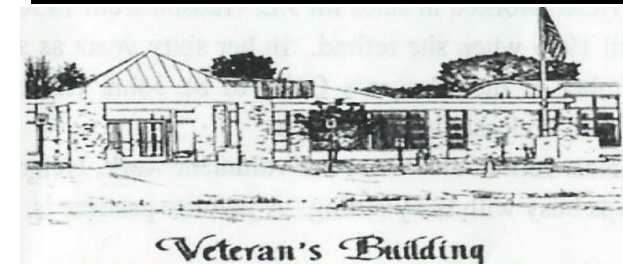
## ***News***

**February 2016**

### **Join us for lunch on Tuesdays**

We always have a great meal and a good time with old friends. Come as you are and enjoy the camaraderie with old friends and new acquaintances.

### **Every Tuesday in the Veterans Building**



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