

*A Service of Worship and Thanksgiving
to Celebrate the Life of*

**Rev. Dr. Soghomon
Nuyujukian**

1923 – 2008



His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'
Matthew 25:21

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A Service in Remembrance of Pastor Emeritus

**Rev. Dr. Soghomon
Nuyujukian**

Saturday, September 20, 2008 – 2 p.m.
Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church

Prelude

Call to Worship

***Hymn** – To God Be the Glory insert

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Lord's Prayer** – Hayr Mer / Ha3r Myr (Yegmalian)
[red AEUNA] 133

Psalm of Thanks – I Chronicles 16:8-34
Badveli's grandchildren

Anthem – And the Glory of the Lord (Handel) Choir

Scripture Readings

Remembrance

***Song** – Blessed Be Your Name insert

Reflections

Message Rev. Dr. Peter B. Doghramji

Anthem – I Surrender All (Weeden/arr. Hayes) Choir

Prayer of Comfort

***Doxology** [red AEUNA] 2

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Those who are able may stand*

INTERMENT

A private interment took place on Friday, September 19, at Arlington Cemetery, Drexel Hill, with the Rev. L. Nishan Bakalian officiating.

THANKS

The family of Rev. Nuyujukian thanks you for your prayers and expressions of love towards Badveli Nuyujukian and his family in recent months, and especially since his death. Special thanks to Lucille Balukjian for biographical text; Kurt and Michelle Lingle for leading the praise song.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Charitable donations in memory of Rev. Nuyujukian may be made to the Armenian Missionary Association of America, Rev. and Mrs. Soghomon Nuyujukian Endowment Fund, 31 W. Century Road, Paramus, NJ 07652. Envelopes are provided in the narthex.

GUEST BOOK

Please remember to sign the guest book.

RECEPTION

You are all cordially invited to the social hall after the service for a special reception prepared by Badveli Nuyujukian’s family.

Rev. L. Nishan Bakalian.....	Pastor
Ms. Mary Loiselle.....	Music Director
Ms. Michele Scanlon.....	Organist

Biography

Soghomon Nuyujukian was born on March 1, 1923 to Deuvlet and Lucia Nuyujukian, who were refugees from Aintab, Turkey, where Soghomon's four older siblings were born. Although his father was a master weaver and designer, times were hard, and Soghomon left school after the eighth grade to work in the family business eighteen hours a day. Two years later, with scholarship aid, he completed high school and one year of college before enrolling in a five-year combined program at the Near East School of Theology and American University in Beirut.

Returning to Aleppo after graduation in 1948, Soghomon served as assistant to the minister of his home church, Emmanuel Armenian Evangelical Church, where he soon became the senior pastor. He then married Matilde Cholakian. However, Matilde was soon diagnosed with lymphoma. After nine years of marriage, Matilde died, leaving behind eight-year-old Jessy and six-year-old Hratch.

In 1959, he married Hilda Cholakian. That year Rev. Nuyujukian left the Aleppo church in the hands of his associate pastor and went with his family to Alexandria, Egypt, to temporarily fill the desperately needed role of pastor. During their time in Egypt, Hilda gave birth to Ara.

In 1962, Badveli was invited to Beirut, Lebanon to serve as secretary of the Armenian Evangelical Union of the Near East. Two years later, Christine was born. Starting in 1968, he was minister of the First Armenian Evangelical Church of Beirut until 1974, when the family moved to America to pastor the Ararat church in Salem, New Hampshire.

While at the Salem church, Badveli enrolled at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary to pursue further studies. He received his Doctorate of Ministry, Cum Laude, in 1979. In 1980, he was called to Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church, in Havertown, where he ministered until 1988.

On January 30, 1989, his wife of thirty years was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She died on May 25th. Hilda's funeral was one week before Christine's wedding. Badveli lived with Christine and Bruce from then on.

Though officially retired, Badveli took on many pastoral assignments, including interim pastorates in Glenside, Pennsylvania; Paramus, New Jersey; Chicago; and Belmont and Watertown churches in Massachusetts. He was moderator of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America from 1994 – 1996. As a representative of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, Badveli traveled to all U.S. Armenian Evangelical churches, as well as Uruguay, Brazil, Argentina, France, Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Armenia, Syria, and Lebanon. Last year, Badveli was named Pastor Emeritus of Armenian Martyrs'. This year, at age 85, Badveli Nuyujukian celebrated his 60th year of Christian ministry. On Sept. 14, Badveli peacefully passed from this life to eternal life.

Badveli is survived by his daughters Jessy and Christine, and son Hratch. His younger son, Ara, died last year. He has twelve grandchildren and four great grandchildren. His older brother, Kevork, lives in Massachusetts.