

Monastic and Seminarian Life within the Armenian Patriarchate of Constantinople

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Each of the hierarchical sees of the Armenian Church has established monastic and seminarian institutions for the training of clergy. The Patriarchate of Constantinople has maintained a number of such institutions over the centuries. Among the most notable was the Armenian Monastery of Armash, whose operation, while short-lived, was very significant. This talk will survey a number of these institutions, including the Monastery of Armash, the Kalfayan congregation, and the Tbrevank seminary of Uskudar, while also discussing their connection with Holy Etchmiadzin and Jerusalem.

Fr. Harutyun Vartabed Damadyan was born in 1988 in the city of Istanbul. Upon his ordination in 2015, he was appointed to Surp Takavor Armenian Church of Kadikoy and the Armenian Church of the Princes' Islands, while also serving a role for the Patriarchate. He is the author of three books and has penned numerous sermons and articles on religious topics. In 2021, he resided in the Holy See of Etchmiadzin, where he defended his dissertation on the monastic and seminarian life of Constantinople, upon which he entered the order of vartabed. The following year he was invited by the Eastern Diocese to reside at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, in an effort to advance his knowledge on the Armenian-American community.

