



# Armenian Genocide Centennial



*We Remember and We Demand*

## Commemorative Rally and Memorial March

**11:00 am - 2:00 pm • Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Daley Plaza • 50 W Washington Street, Chicago, IL**

*Join us on this historic occasion as we gather to mark the Centennial as a united community to honor the memory of our 1.5 Million Martyrs and the survivors of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923*

### Commemorative Rally

*Keynote Speaker*

**Chris Bohjalian**

Author of *The Sandcastle Girls*

*Guest Speakers*

**Cong. Mike Quigley**

Illinois 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

**Cong. Bob Dold**

Co-Chair, US House Armenian Caucus

**Fritzie Fritzshall**

President, Illinois Holocaust Museum Board and Holocaust Survivor

### Memorial March

Immediately following the Commemorative Rally, the Memorial March will begin at Daley Plaza and continue to the Turkish Consulate at Cityfront Plaza.

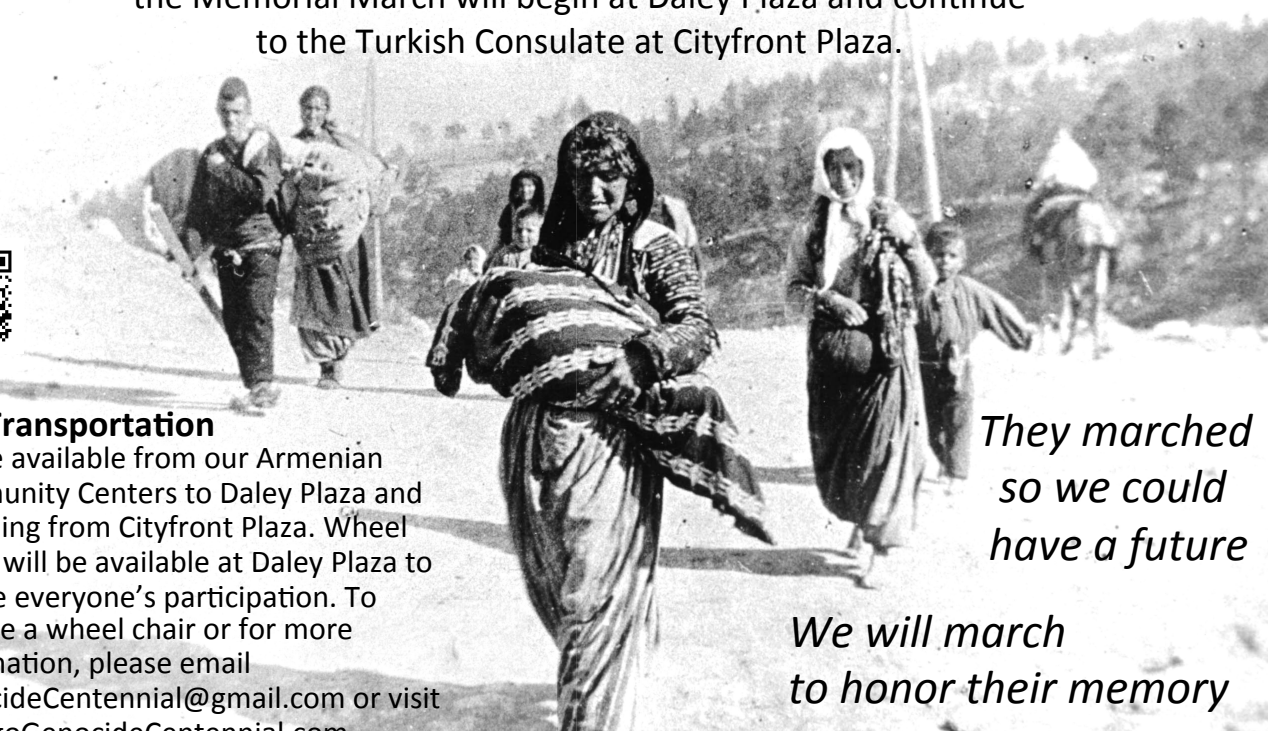


#### Bus Transportation

will be available from our Armenian Community Centers to Daley Plaza and returning from Cityfront Plaza. Wheel chairs will be available at Daley Plaza to enable everyone's participation. To reserve a wheel chair or for more information, please email [GenocideCentennial@gmail.com](mailto:GenocideCentennial@gmail.com) or visit [ChicagoGenocideCentennial.com](http://ChicagoGenocideCentennial.com).

*They marched  
so we could  
have a future*

*We will march  
to honor their memory*





# Upcoming Chicago Genocide Commemoration Events



*In addition to the Rally and March on April 24<sup>th</sup>, below is just a partial listing of the many events and activities planned for the Centennial. Your participation matters! The Genocide Centennial Committee encourages you to visit **ChicagoGenocideCentennial.com** for more detailed information and to sign up to follow us via email, on Facebook, Twitter @100YearGenocide, and on Instagram at MySurvivor.*

*The Committee would also appreciate your financial support to help underwrite the cost of these many undertakings by making a tax-deductible contribution to the Armenian Cultural Association of America (ACAA) via our website or by mailing a check to ACAA, 811 N. Wilshire Lane, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.*

**Panel Discussion:** The Aftermath of the Armenian Genocide: Armenian Communities in Turkey, Syria, and Lebanon after 1915  
April 6, 4:00 pm at Swift Lecture Hall, University of Chicago, 1025 East 58th Street in Chicago. Moderator: Holly Shissler, U of Chicago. Speakers: Lerna Ekmekçioğlu, MIT; Nicola Migliorino: Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane; Keith Watenpaugh, UC-Davis.

## **Unified Mass and Final Requiem Service for the 1.5 Million Martyrs**

April 19, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, at All Saints Church, 1701 N. Greenwood Road in Glenview. Sponsored by of all seven Chicago-area Armenian Churches. Additional off-site parking and shuttle buses will be available. See website for details.

## **Candle Light Vigil** by the Chicago "Ararat" Chapter of the Armenian Youth Federation

April 23 at 6:00 pm, at All Saints Church, 1701 N. Greenwood Road in Glenview. Brief presentations by Chicago youth will conclude with a candlelit vigil at the Armenian Martyrs' Monument. For more information, please email [chicagoararat@gmail.com](mailto:chicagoararat@gmail.com).

## **TV Broadcasts**

- The program **Digging into the Future – Armenia** will be broadcast on WYCC Channel 20.1 on April 6 at 9:00 pm
- The documentary **The Armenian Genocide** will be broadcast on April 23 at 10:00 pm on WTTW HD Channel 11.1, on April 24 at 4:00 pm on WTTW Prime Channel 11.2, and on April 27 at 4:00 am on WTTW HD Channel 11.1

## **Beast on the Moon Play** at the Raven Theater, 6157 N Clark Street in Chicago

The play will preview from April 21 to 26, with regular performances from April 27 to June 6. A Special Performance will take place on May 3 beginning with a reception at 1:30 pm and followed by a Q&A with the playwright and cast. Only 100 tickets for the Special Performance are available. Tickets are \$50 and can only be secured in advance by contacting Nairee at 312-615-7698.

## **Project 1915**, a mural project by artist Jackie Kazarian

Project 1915 will be displayed at the Mana Contemporary gallery Friday, April 17 to Friday, May 29. An opening reception will be held on April 17, 6-9 pm and on April 19, 4 pm, the artist Jackie Kazarian will give a talk about the project.

## **Library Events**

- April 6, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Petty Auditorium, in the **Skokie Public Library**, 5215 Oakton Street in Skokie. Atom Egoyan's film **Ararat** will be screened as part of the library's World Film Night program. A discussion about the Genocide will follow.
- **Harold Washington/Thomas Hughes Children's Library**, 400 S. State St. in Chicago. During the month of April, a special display of books and artifacts accompanied by an explanation of the Armenian Genocide.
- **Gail Borden Public Library**, 270 N. Grove Ave. in Elgin will feature an Armenian Genocide book display beginning on April 24 and will be promoting Armenian Genocide-themed books on their book club lists.
- **Antioch Public Library**, 757 Main St. in Antioch will have a special Armenian-themed book display throughout April, 2015.

## **Billboards**

Billboards will appear in at least two locations in the Chicagoland area from April 13<sup>th</sup> to May 11<sup>th</sup>. A traditional billboard will be visible from Eastbound I-290 near Cicero Ave. and a digital billboard will be visible from Northbound I-294 near North Ave.

## **Other Activities and Initiatives**

In addition to the above, the Centennial Committee is also conducting an Armenian Genocide education program for students, holding a film festival, organizing an academic conference on genocide denial and other events throughout 2015.