

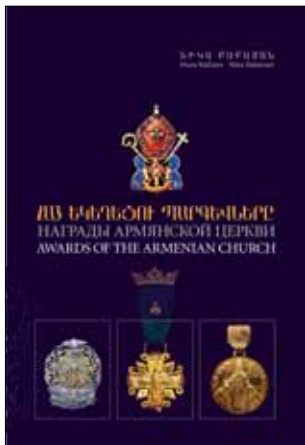


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# “AWARDS OF ARMENIA AND THE ARMENIAN CHURCH”

by

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Armenian awards (orders, medals, and badges) have been given since the 17th century. The awards can be divided into three groups: **Awards of Armenia** (First Republic, Soviet Armenia, the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Artsakh); **Awards of the Armenian Church** (Apostolic, Catholic, and Protestant); and **Armenia Diaspora Awards**.

In this presentation Babayan will discuss these awards, how they were established, and how they are awarded today. Examples of the various awards will be presented through photographs. Babayan has published two books on the topic:

*Awards of Armenia, 1918-1939* and *Awards of the Armenian Church*, 196 pages, 300 photos. Awards of the Armenian Apostolic Church, including the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, the Cilician Catholicosate, the Patriarchate of Constantinople, the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, Dioceses and Prelacies in Artsakh, the USA, Syria and Lebanon, are displayed in the volume.

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**The books: *Awards of Armenia, 1918-1939* and *Awards of the Armenian Church* will be on sale at the lecture.**

