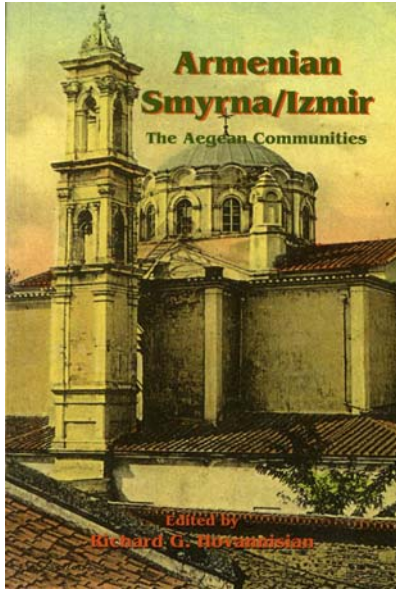


AN ILLUSTRATED MEMORIAL LECTURE IN HONOR OF
DR. MARJORIE HOUSEPIAN DOBKIN,
AUTHOR OF *SMYRNA 1922: THE DESTRUCTION OF A CITY*

THE SMYRNA CATASTROPHE, 1922-2013



by
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Friday, May 17, 2013

8:00 p.m.

**St. Leon Armenian Church
12-61 Saddle River Road
Fair Lawn, NJ**

September 2012 marked the 90th anniversary of the Smyrna Catastrophe when much of the city, the second largest in the Ottoman Empire, was destroyed by fire during the final phase of the Greco-Turkish War. The calamity, a part of the final phase of the Armenian Genocide, marked the end of a strong Christian presence in the historic Aegean coastal regions and turned hundreds of thousands of Greeks and Armenians into refugees.

In this illustrated lecture, Prof. Richard Hovannisian will discuss the important role of Smyrna (Izmir) in modern Armenian history and the inferno that engulfed the city in September 1922. Hovannisian is the editor of the recently published *Armenian Smyrna/Izmir*, the eleventh volume of proceedings from the UCLA conference series *Historic Armenian Cities and Provinces*. He also traveled to Izmir and its environs in June 2012 as the historian-guide for a NAASR Armenian Heritage Tour led by Armen Aroyan.

***Armenian Smyrna/Izmir* will be available
for signing by Professor Hovannisian**

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