

# The Life, Works, and Legacy of St. Nerses Shnorhali 850 Years Later



**St. Nerses Preaching  
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Constantinople 1825**

Dr. Jesse Arlen is the inaugural Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Armenian Christian Studies and Director of the Krikor & Clara Zohrab Information Center, a newly arranged joint appointment between the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America & Fordham University.

Earlier this year, His Holiness Karekin II, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of all Armenians, invited the entire church community to commemorate St. Nerses Shnorhali’s eternal memory during this 850<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Saint’s death (ca. 1100 – 1173).

Catholicos, poet, musician, theologian, and one of the preeminent figures of the Armenian and universal church, St. Nerses Shnorhali’s vast achievements are still palpable today.

This talk will cover the life, literary works, and legacy of St. Nerses Shnorhali in broad brushstrokes, helping us to gain an appreciation for this great figure of the 12th century.

Join us as Dr. Arlen inspires us and shows us how the teachings of St. Nerses are relevant and meaningful today.

Dr. Jesse Arlen earned his Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages & Cultures at the University of California, Los Angeles, with a dissertation entitled, "A Window into the Tenth Century: The Life and Literary Works of Anania of Narek." His research pertains to literature and intellectual history, with attention to asceticism, mysticism, and education in Eastern Christianity and Islam. He is also a published writer of creative prose, poetry, and literary criticism in Western Armenian. He is currently working with the Primate of the Eastern Diocese of America, Very Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan, on a translation and commentary of St. Nerses Shnorhali’s prayer “With Faith I Confess (Քաւաւսով խոստովանիմ)”.

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**Dinner at 7:00PM; Presentation at 8:00PM**

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