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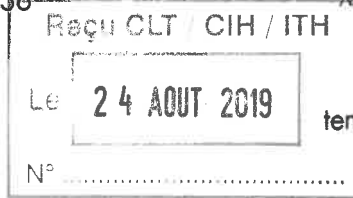
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## To whom it may concern

As it is known the historical monastery of the apostle St. Taddeus has been registered In 2008 in the world heritages list as one of the most valuable and historical monument.

We as primate of the Armenian Diocese of Tehran and North very much appreciate and bless the intention of ragistring the ceremonies of pilgrimage related to the Apostle st Taddeus.

It is worth mentioning that the pilgrimage of Apostle st Taddeus is worldwide recognized and very much appreciated by not only Armenians in Islamic republic of Iran and republic of Armenian but also by all Armenians all over the world. Each year thousand of pilgrims are participating in this traditional pilgrimage.

With fatherly blessings.

Prayerfully

*Sebouh Sarkissian*

Archbishop Sebouh Sarkissian  
Prelate of the Armenian diocese of Tehran and North



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ARMENIAN PRELACY OF AZERBAIJAN  
TABRIZ - IRAN

DATE: 10.03.2019  
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UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage

Dear Esteemed Evaluation Committee,

I am pleased to address you as the Prelate of the Armenian Diocese of Azerbaijan with this letter of consent for the nomination of the St Thaddeus the Apostle Monastery three Day Pilgrimage for Intangible Cultural Heritage status. The St Thaddeus the Apostle Monastery is located within the geographical borders of our diocese.

It gives me deep spiritual gratification to witness the thousands of Christian pilgrims who gather every year at St Thaddeus the Apostle Monastery following a pious tradition of offering prayer and worship to God and venerating the apostle of Christ, St Thaddeus, whose remains, according to ancient tradition, are buried beneath the main altar of this Holy shrine. The annual pilgrimage to this site has been a continuous tradition in the modern era since 1954 and was initiated by a predecessor prelate of our diocese. As the spiritual leader of the Armenians in northern Iran, it is indeed humbling as a clergyman to observe the love, hope and faith of the pilgrims in attendance who through their acts of charity and piety in turn bolster my personal faith and the faith of their neighbors and fellow pilgrims.

As Prelate and presiding officer of the National Representative Assembly, the highest authority in the Armenian communities in Northern Iran, we have empowered the Nomination Committee in collaboration with Diocesan Executive Council to plan, execute and oversee the St Thaddeus the Apostle Monastery three Day Pilgrimage. Additionally since 2013, the 13 member Nomination Committee was charged with systematically informing all community organizations, churches and schools, obtaining consent, garnering grassroots support and assistance for the Element's nomination for Intangible Cultural Heritage status. The Nomination Committee worked in close cooperation with the Foundation for the Preservation of Churches in Iran and local governmental authorities assuring that all parties were fully aware and supportive of the nomination process.

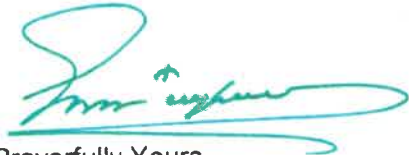
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St Thaddeus the Apostle Monastery three Day Pilgrimage is the most significant event in the lives of the Armenians of Northern Iran; moreover, for Christians worldwide, this pilgrimage underscores the honor and preeminence of the world's oldest monastic shrine which has served as ecclesial center for centuries and the custodian of the relics of St Thaddeus, the Apostle of Christ.

It is my earnest hope that our nomination of the St Thaddeus the Apostle Monastery three Day Pilgrimage is inducted into your prestigious organization's register of Intangible Cultural Heritage as a unique occurrence and a venerable tradition that should be preserved for the benefit of all Christians worldwide and in particular the Armenian Christian minority of Iran.



Prayerfully Yours,

Bishop Krikor Chiftjian, Prelate  
Armenian Diocese of Azerbaijan  
Tabriz, Iran





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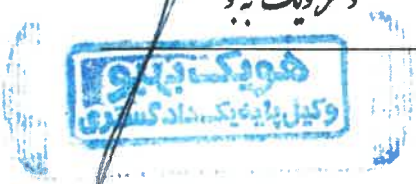
هویک بهبو  
وکیل پایه یک دادگستری و مشاور حقوقی

تاریخ: ۱۳۹۷/۱۲/۰۶  
شماره: ۸۱۶۸۷  
پست: ندارد

بسمه تعالی

بدینوسیله اینجانب امضاکننده ذیل بعنوان وکیل پایه یک دادگستری و عضو کمیته حقوق اقلیت‌های کیسیون حقوق بشر کانون وکلای دادگستری مرکز در کمال خرمندی و آزادی اراده، رضایت قلبی خود را جهت ثبت جهانی مراسم آیین کلیسای تادئوس مقدس اسلام نمود و این اقدام را به نام برگزاری مراسم فوق‌نزهت‌بار برای میمن ارمنی که کوری جهان دارای ویژگی خاص قومی و مذهبی است بلکه در جهت وحدت و همبستگی تمام میمن ایران، بسیار جایز اهمیت و مؤثر می‌باشد. برای دست اندرکاران این اقدام شایسته آرزوی موفقیت دارم.

باتقدیم احترام  
دکتر هویک بهبو



To whom it may concern;

I, as the undersigned and the attorney at law and a member of the minority's committee of Human Rights Commission of the Bar Association hereby expresses my satisfaction with the universal registration of Pilgrimage To The St., Tadeus Apostle Monastery and declare that the above ceremony is not only important for Armenian Gregorian's of world but it is very important for the unity and empathy of all Christians in Iran.

For those who are involved in this action, I wish good luck.

Sincerely your's,  
Dr.Hovick Behboo

*Hovick Behboo*  
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Քամրիզ, Date: 10.03.2019.  
No. 19.101  
Համար .....

Dear Sirs/Madams,

The Ladies Guild of the Armenian Diocese of Azerbaijan and our entire membership is fully knowledgeable, agreeable and encouraged with the nomination of the St Thaddeus the Apostle Monastery three Day Pilgrimage to UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage status. For over 64 years our organization has provided labor and support to the pilgrimage which will be celebrating its 65<sup>th</sup> year of continuous operation in July 2019.

Our responsibility as a women's organization with a crucial role in the planning of the pilgrimage encompasses several important areas in addition to the normal duties of ensuring the beautification of the sanctuary and preliminary event planning. The Ladies Guild is entrusted with the distribution of votive candles and the collection of offerings from the attending pilgrims. The pilgrims' heartfelt demonstration of piety to this sacred place of worship is indeed encouraging for all our members. To the best of our abilities, we encourage the younger generation's love and respect for this centuries-old pious tradition. To that end, we design and hand-sew all the robes for the girls and boys who serve on the altar and sing in the youth choir during these high holy days of pilgrimage. From year to year, new robes are sewn in different colors and motifs so our pilgrim visitors are exposed to new and changing pageantry.

It is our heartfelt desire that your esteemed organization recognizes and inducts the St Thaddeus the Apostle Monastery three Day Pilgrimage to the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage so the pilgrimage will be honored with the prestige of your venerable organization.

Respectfully Yours,

Mine Nazarian  
On behalf of the Ladies Guild  
Armenian Diocese of Azerbaijan



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Islamic Parliament of Iran  
The 10<sup>th</sup> Round  
Yonatan Betkolia  
Representative of Assyrian in Iran

Date: March 05, 2019

*The peace of the Lord be with you*

*Hello God be with you*

*With great pleasure, I announce my satisfaction with the inscription of the Pilgrimage To The St. Thaddeus Apostle Monastery by the two countries of Islamic Republic of Iran and Republic of Armenia .*

*Signed & Sealed*

*Yonathan Betkolia*

*secretary general of the Assyrian Universal Alliance*

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تاریخ: ۱۳۹۷/۱۲/۱۸

## بنام خدا

بدینوسیله اینجانب دکتر کارن خانلری نماینده ارمنه تهران و شمال کشور در مجلس شورای اسلامی با کمال خرسندی رضایت خود را جهت ثبت جهانی «مراسم آیینی کلیسای تادیوس مقدس» از طرف دو کشور جمهوری اسلامی ایران و جمهوری ارمنستان اعلام و اظهار می دارم که برگزاری مراسم فوق برای مسیحیان ارمنی گریگوری ایران و جهان اهمیت فراوان دارد. لازم به ذکر است که محل دقیق تدفین تنها سه حواری عسیبی مسیح یعنی پطرس، بارتقیمیوس و تادیوس مقدس به لحاظ جغرافیایی مشخص می باشد، که کلیسای مذکور در محل دفن تادیوس مقدس، پدر معنوی کلیسای حواری ارمنستان بنا شده و از این منظر نیز برای مسیحیان جهان از اهمیت خاصی برخوردار است.

با آرزوی موفقیت روز افزون  
دکتر کارن خانلری



دکتر کارن خانلری

عضو کمیسیون آموزش و تحقیقات

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عضو شورای عالی سنجش و پذیرش تحصیلات تکمیلی





Islamic Parliament of Iran  
The 10<sup>th</sup> Round

Dr. Karen Khanlarin  
Representative of Armenians in Tehran & North of Iran

Date: March 09, 2019

This is to certify that, I, Dr. Karen Khanlarin, representative of Armenians in Tehran and North of Iran in the Islamic Parliament of Iran, hereby declare my consent regarding the inscription of the "Pilgrimage To The St. Thaddeus Apostle Monastery" by the two countries of Islamic Republic of Iran and Republic of Armenia and I further add that the said ceremony is of great importance to the Armenian Gregorian Christian in Iran and around the world.

It is worth mentioning that the exact location where three Apostles, including Petrus, Bartimaeus, and Thaddeus were buried is specified, and the above-named church is built at the burial place of Saint Thaddeus, the priest of Armenia Apostle Church, which is also of great importance to Christian around the world.

*Signed & Sealed*  
*Dr. Karen Khanlarin*

*Representative of Armenian of Tehran and North of Iran in the Islamic Parliament of Iran*  
*Member of Education & Research Commission*  
*Member of High Council of Evaluation & Post-graduate Admission*

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### **Letter of Recommendation**

*The board of Ararat Sport and Cultural Complex expresses its satisfaction for the attendance of adolescences and youths of this Complex in the annual ceremony of universal registration of "Pilgrimage To The St. Taddeus Apostle Monastery" by Islamic Republic of Iran and Republic of Armenia, and states that the above ceremony is not only important for Armenians but also for whole Christianity all around the world.*

*Yours Sincerely*

*Harmik Zovelian  
President, Board of Directors*

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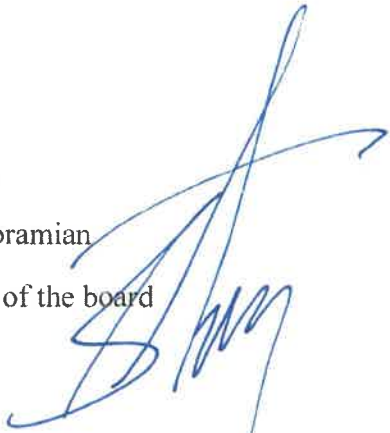

The Armenian Association of University Graduates (AAUG), as a non-governmental charity organization (established 1943) declares its deepest gratitude and satisfaction for the universal registration of “Pilgrimage To The St. Taddeus Apostle Monastery” by Islamic Republic of Iran and Republic of Armenia, acknowledging that the mentioned ceremony has significant importance for Armenians and also whole Christianity all around the world. Moreover, member of this organization annually participate in the event mentioned above.

Hereby we express our deepest appreciation to all of those whom are involved in this program.

Sincerely,

Shapin Abramian

Chairman of the board

فہمیت نامہ اعلیٰ (وستی) کہہ کیا جیت ثبت جوفی مراسم آئینی مقدس از طرف دولت ایران و آرمینستان  
we consent to the world inscription of anniversary "Pilgrimage to the  
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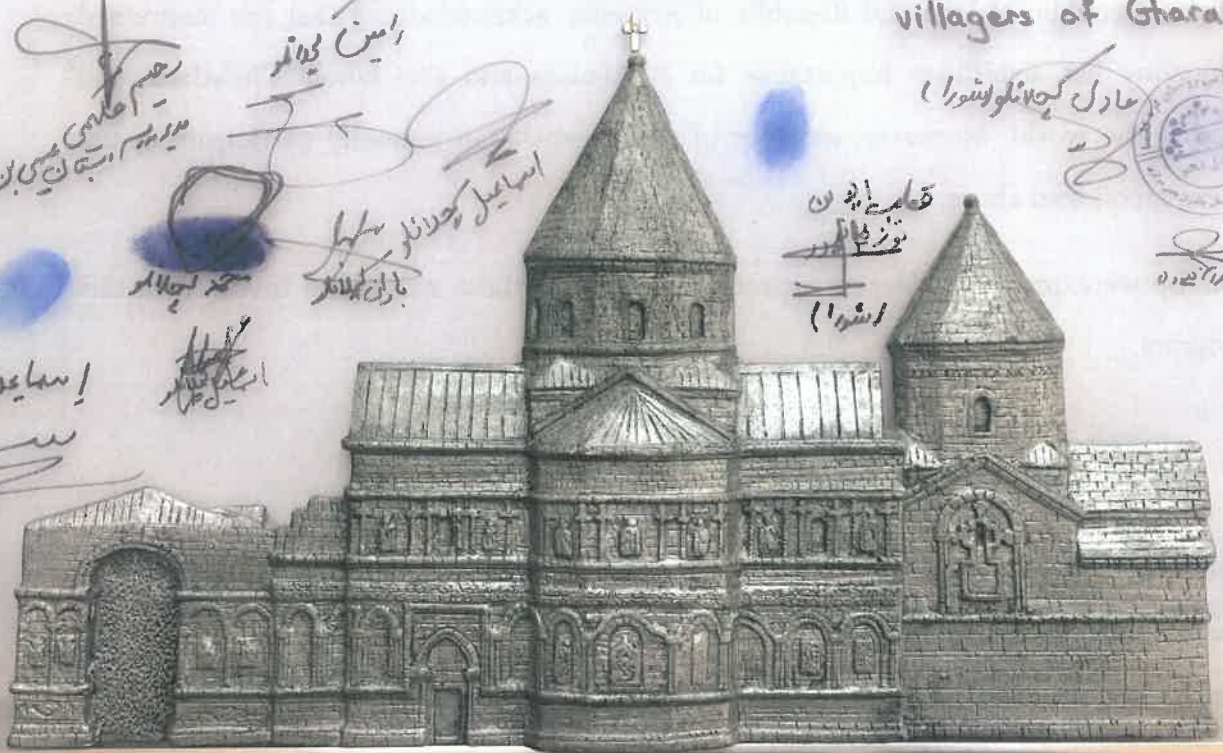
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