

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1
AFTERNOON



Արամբայ Երկնաւոր շնորհալի՝ Սր. Մերսես Շնորհալի
Armenia's Apostle of Divine Grace St Nerses Shnorhali

C. ST NERSES AS AN EXEGETE

- 3.00 – 3.30 **Erna Shirinian**, Yerevan
St Nerses as an exegete
- 3.30 – 4.00 **Abraham Terian**, New York
St Nerses Shnorhali on the Beatitudes

D. CONCLUSIONS

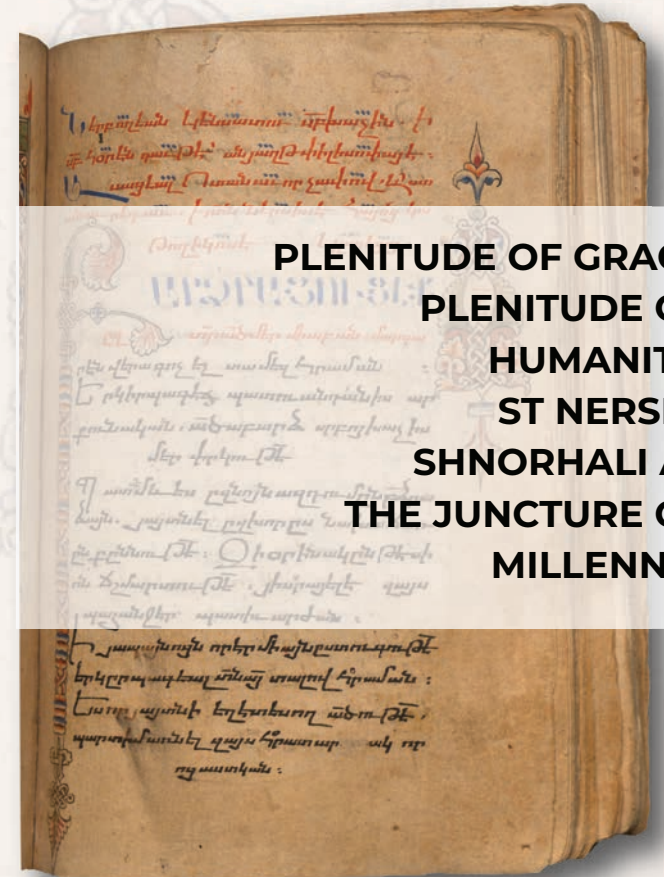
- 4.00 – 4.45 Closing Speech:
Card. Claudio Gugerotti
- 4.45 – 5.45 General Discussion

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**PLENITUDE OF GRACE
PLENITUDE OF
HUMANITY:
ST NERSES
SHNORHALI AT
THE JUNCTURE OF
MILLENNIA**

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30
MORNING

GREETINGS

9.00 – 9.30 **Rev. David Nazar, SJ**, Rector of the Pontifical Oriental Institute
H.E. Card. Claudio Gugerotti, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches

A. OPENINGSESSION

9.30 – 10.30 Key-note speech:
Abp Boghos Levon Zekiyian, Istanbul
San Nerses Shnorhali: La sua figura poliedrica, la sua unicità nel contesto ecclesiale universale, l'attualità perenne del suo messaggio

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break

B. THE TIMES AND CONTEXT OF ST NERSES

11.00 – 11.30 **Vahan Ter-Ghevondyan**, Yerevan
The Creation of the New Armenian Homeland and the Era of Nerses Shnorhali

11.30 – 12.00 **Marco Bais**, Rome
I Pahlawuni, le origini gregoriane e la Vipasanut'iwn di s. Nerses Shnorhali

12.00 – 12.30 **Azat Bozoyan**, Yerevan
La vision de Nerses Shnorhali sur les relations entre les Eglises

12.30 – 1.00 **Valentina Calzolari**, Geneva
La lamentation sur la prise d'Edesse de Nerses Shnorhali

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C. ST NERSES AND HIS THEOLOGY

3.00 – 3.30 **Benedetta Contin**, Vienna
The Body of Christ in St Nerses Shnorhali's Reflection: Background, Context, and Problems of an Old Quarrel in the Churches of the East

3.30 – 4.00 **Peter Cowe**, Los Angeles
Nerses Shnorhali's Contribution to the Evolution of an Armenian Ecclesiology

4.00 – 4.30 **Roberta Ervine**, New York
From a Voluntary Prison: the Healing Words of Nerses Shnorhali's General Epistle

4.30 – 5.00 Coffee Break

D. ST NERSES AND HIS ECUMENICAL ENDEAVOUR

5.00 – 5.30 **Abp Anushavan Tanielian**, New York
St Nerses' Theology and Ecumenical Endeavour

5.30 – 6.00 **Riccardo Pane**, Bologna
La corrispondenza di Nerses Shnorhali con l'imperatore Manuele Comneno: fonti, metodo e intuizioni di un paradigma ecumenico

6.00 – 6.30 **Sergio La Porta**, Fresno (CA)
Among the Archangels: Nerses Shnorhali, Dionysius the Areopagite, and the Armenian scholarly-mystical tradition

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A. ST NERSES: LITURGY AND MUSIC

9.00 – 9.30 **Bp Michael Daniel Findikyan**, Echmiadzin
St Nerses and the Liturgy

9.30 – 10.00 **Haig Utidjian**, Prague
On the music associated with the legacy of St Nerses the Gracious

10.00 – 10.30 **Armenuhi Drost-Abgarjan**, Halle-Wittenberg
Nerses Shnorhali as Hymnographer

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

B. ST NERSES: HAGIOGRAPHY AND PASTORAL CARE

11.00 – 11.30 **Zaroui Pogossian**, Florence
St Nerses and Hagiography

11.30 – 12.00 **Armine Melkonyan**, Yerevan – Florence
Commentary on the Encomium on the Holy Cross of David the Invincible by St Nerses Shnorhali and some observations on its Latin Translation

12.00 – 12.30 **Jesse Arlen**, New York
Catechetical Instruction, Ritual Initiation, and a Mysticism of Light: Catholicos Nerses' Graceful Approach to the 'Children of the Sun' (Arewardik')

12.30 – 1.00 **Edda Vardanyan**, Yerevan – Florence
St Nerses Shnorhali's Theological Views and Cilician Manuscript Illumination