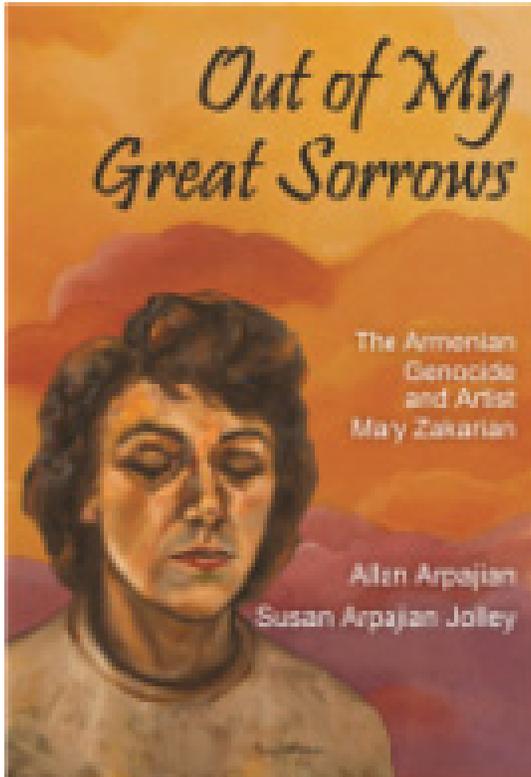


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Book Presentation



Mary Zakarian, life-long parishioner of St. Gregory's, former Sunday school superintendent, and painter of the artwork on St. Gregory's altar, is the subject of a new book entitled *Out of My Great Sorrows: The Armenian Genocide and Artist Mary Zakarian*. The book is authored by Mary's niece and nephew, Susan Arpajian Jolley and Allan Arpajian, and has been released by Transaction Publishers, whose Armenian Series is edited by Dr. Gerard Libaridian.

The book examines the life and art of Mary Zakarian, who was profoundly affected by the experiences of her mother in the Genocide of 1915 and its aftermath. The authors recreate the lives in the old country of Mary's mother and father, both from Khnus in Eastern Turkey, trace their independent roads to the United States, and follow the life of their third child Mary, whose career as artist and teacher in Philadelphia spanned over fifty years.

Most importantly, the book depicts the struggles and conflicts that permeate the families of genocide survivors as well as survivors of other forms of trauma. As the authors demonstrate, citing current research on the topic, posttraumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, has a far reaching impact on both survivors and their descendants.

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ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Allan Arpajian, a retired computer analyst for Unisys Corporation, and Susan Arpajian Jolley, a retired high school English teacher are the nephew and niece of Mary Zakarian who undertook the tedious job of writing this book with honor and great respect to their aunt Mary Zakarian who was haunted by her mother's untold story and was driven to express the tragedy of the Armenian Genocide in her art.

Allan and Susan have done a great tribute to their aunt.