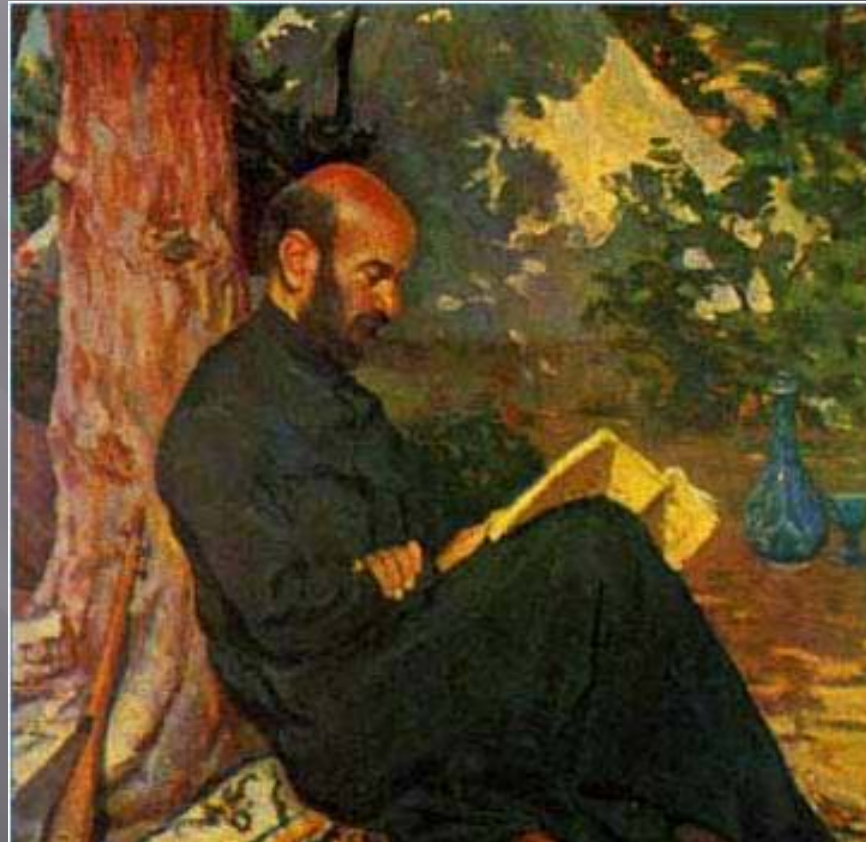


# KOMIDAS VARTABED

“the Founder of Modern  
Armenian Classical Music”



# Early Life

- Born on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1869 in Kutahya as Soghomon Soghomonian
- “A little vagrant singer”

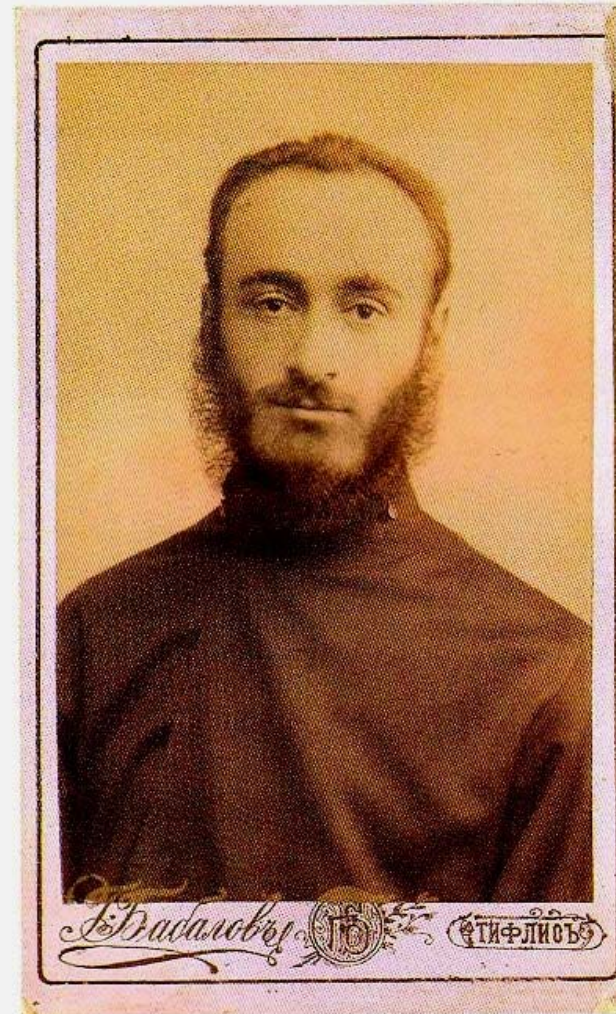


# Education, Priesthood

- At request Catholicos Kevork IV Gevorgian Theological Seminary
- Conductor of Cathedral Choir
- 1890-> Monk 1893-> "Komidas" -> 1895 Vartabed

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ԿՈՄԻԴԱՍ ՎԱՐՏԱԲԵԴ KOMITAS VARDAPET



1895 թ. հոկտեմբերի սկզբին Խոնքուսու վարդապետը մեկնում է Քիֆլիս ք. վեց ամիս ճարտանկարային և ուսանում Մ. Ա. Կարևի մոտ:

In the early October of 1895 Komitas Vardapet left Echmiadzin for Tiflis and studied harmony with Makar Yekznatun for six months.

1896.  
20 փետրուարի. Քիֆլիս  
February 20, 1896, Tiflis

# Education, Priesthood II

- ▣ Studied in Europe; received his Doctorate
- ▣ Returned to Etchmiadzin in 1899
  - Changed the musical system at the Seminary
  - Own orchestra
  - Request to leave to Catholicos

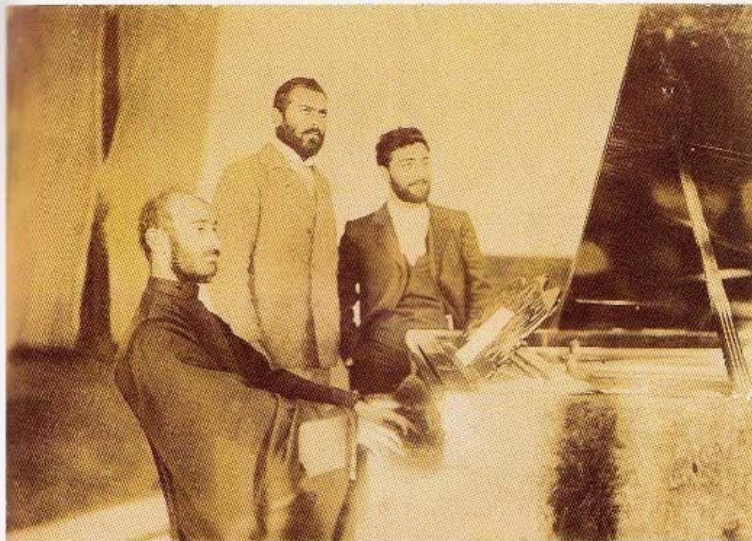


Կերթեան հեծարանի տնօրէնանմարդ Կարապետ Քոչարեանի տարակետ  
1904, 27 մայիսի, Քննչարի  
The staff of the Gevorgian Seminary in Karapet Kocharian's garden, Thursday, May 27, 1904

# Education, Priesthood III

1899-1905

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1900. 10 յունիս.  
Ի. Էջմիածին,  
Դեղքանոց ճեմարան

Hely Echn iadzer,  
Georgian Seminary,  
June 10, 1900

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Վարդապետ,  
Կերթան ճեմարան  
(1903)

Vahorshapat,  
Georgian Seminary,  
1903



Արքեպիսկոպոսի Վարդապետի ֆունկցիոնալ  
Komitas Vardapet's Functionion.

# Constantinople – 1910

- ▣ Dream to create a National Conservatory
- ▣ Gousan Choir of 300 men
- ▣ Caught attention of Europe



# Genocide

- April 24, 1915 – sent to the Çankırı



# Genocide II



- Ambassador Morgenthau plead his return to Constantinople to Talat Pasha
  
- ▣ Spent remainder of his life in Paris (1919)
- ▣ Several works never completed, including “Badarak”

# Accomplishments Part I

- ▣ 1) Collection and Preservation of village songs
  - Traveled all across the Armenian provinces
  - Restored over 3,000 songs
  - **Al Aylughs**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Av-xclNYj18>
  - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzqxIrk6RDI>
  - Groung



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# Accomplishments Part II

- ▣ Qele Qele
- ▣ [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WOmVs\\_k1GIj4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WOmVs_k1GIj4)
- ▣ [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQTnsG\\_O9v4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQTnsG_O9v4)

# Accomplishments Part III

- ▣ “Badarak”
- ▣ Cleaned of “foreign influences”
- ▣ 3 piece male choir
- ▣ Re-arrangement of existing melodies
- ▣ Polyphonic
- ▣ Never finished to his original intention
- ▣ 1933 Paris - printed, 1988 Yerevan - digitalized

# Recognition

- ▣ International Music Society
- ▣ Music Academy in Yerevan
- ▣ Statues in Detroit, Etchmiadzin, Paris and Yerevan
- ▣ 140<sup>th</sup> Year Old Birthday
  - Kusen Choir
  - <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/n.php?n=gomidas-vartabed-to-be-commemorated-in-turkey-on-his-140th-birthday-2010-11-10>