

# Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic (Armenian SSR)

(PART TWO 1955-1991)



# Part 1: 1922 – 1954



- **What Three HUGE aspects of Armenia's life were taken away with becoming a part of the Soviet Union (Russians) ?**

# 1) Changes for the Armenian people



Armenian SSR National Anthem

## 2) Changes for the Armenian people



# 3) Changes for the Armenian people



- **Biggest Change?**



# Changes



- Who was the Soviet Dictator who oppressed the Church?
  - Joseph Stalin
- Died in 1953
- A more tolerant policy of Soviet leaders



# Positive Trends: >100,000 Armenians emigrate



- Diaspora immigration – ‘hayrenadartsner’



# Positive Trends – History not lost



- **National Union Party**
  - Reunification with Western Armenia, Artsakh and Nakhijevan
- **April 24, 1965**
  - 50<sup>th</sup> Genocide Anniversary
  - 400K protestors



# Positive Trends – History not lost



- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xU1c4SMzs8>



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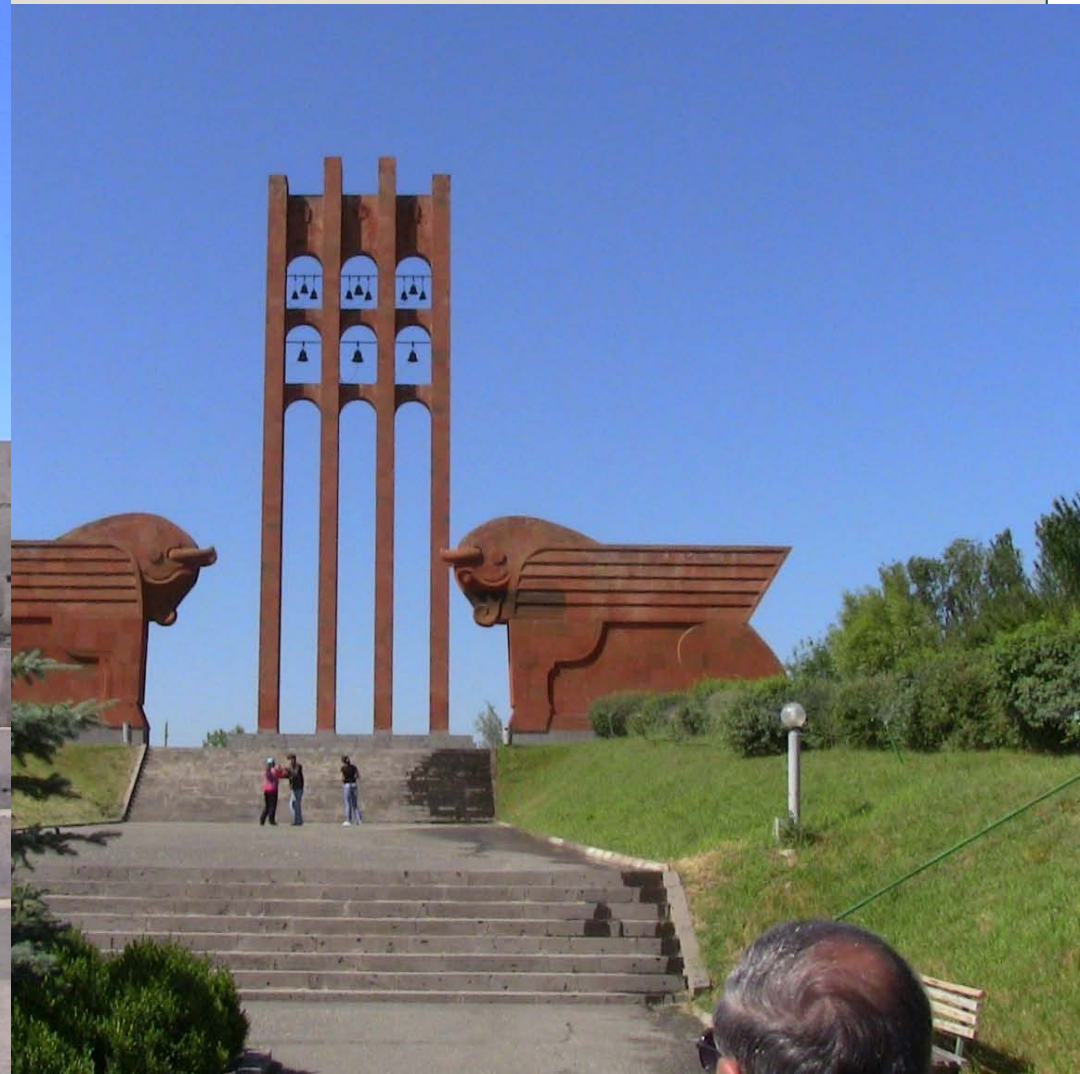
- **Completion of Tsitsernakaberd – 1967**



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# Vazgen I



- Catholicos 1955 – 1994
- “National Hero of Armenia”
- Loosened Soviet policy against Church

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OO-SzEw9zCc&feature=related>



# Spitak Earthquake – 12/7/1988



- Aid from US, Europe, Africa
- 25,000 people lost
- Damage of \$3.5 Billion



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# Hope was not Lost!



- Feb 20, 1988: Artsakh voted to unify with Armenia:  
Demonstrations in Yerevan
  - 7 Days prior in Stepanakert, Artsakh



# What was the eventual result?



**09/21/1991: Armenia becomes free from the Soviet Empire, ending almost 70 years of rule**

**1991- 1994: Artsakh War**

**Armenians gain independence from Azerbaijan and continue to live freely today**