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DAYTON, Ohio, April 17, 1969 --- Dr. H. J. Nersoyan, professor of philosophy at the University of Dayton for two years, will travel to the Soviet Union in May to deliver a series of lectures on "Contemporary Trends in Western Philosophical Theology." Dr. Nersoyan was invited by Patriarch Catholicos Vazken I of the Armenian Orthodox Church, who resides at Etchmiadzin, Soviet Armenia.

The Cathedral at Etchmiadzin (a word meaning "the only begotten descended") was one of the first buildings erected specifically as a house of Christian worship (300 A.D.). Armenia is the world's first country to adopt Christianity as a state religion.

Dr. Nersoyan, who was born in Antep, Turkey, came to UD from the Diocese of the Armenian Church, New York, where he was Consultant on Ecumenical Affairs and Social Issues to the Primate. He has written two text books, "A History of the Armenian Church," and "The Faith of the Armenian Church," both Delphic Press, New York, and contributor of several articles to religious magazines.

He has a doctoral degree from the Union Theological Seminary at Columbia University. He has served as a lecturer and consultant at Hofstra University, State College of New Jersey, Kellogg Institute in Detroit, and the Diocese of the Armenian Church in New York.