



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ARMENIAN STUDIES AND RESEARCH (NAASR)  
THE NEAR EAST FOUNDATION



*Present the Boston-Area Public Premiere of the Documentary*

## THEY SHALL NOT PERISH:

### *The Story of Near East Relief*

Friday, October 13, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Scottish Rite Masonic Museum (formerly National Heritage Museum), 33 Marrett Road,  
Lexington, MA (at the intersection of Route 2A and Massachusetts Avenue)

Produced by NEF Board Member Shant Mardirossian and award-winning director George Billard, the documentary *They Shall Not Perish* details the unprecedented humanitarian efforts of thousands of Americans who saved a generation of orphans and refugees during the collapse of the Ottoman Empire and in the aftermath of the crisis that came to be known as the Armenian Genocide. The film teaches us the amazing role ordinary citizens can play in responding to humanitarian crises.

Following the screening, Marc Mamigonian, NAASR Director of Academic Affairs, will moderate a panel discussion with Shant Mardirossian and scholars Dr. Taner Akçam, Kaloosdian-Mugar Professor of Armenian Genocide Studies at Clark University; Dr. Hayk Demoyan, Director of the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute in Yerevan, Armenia; and Dr. Nora Nercessian, author of the study *City of Orphans: Relief Workers, Commissars and the Builders of the New Armenia Alexandropol/Leninakan 1919-1931*.

*This event is free and open to all. A reception will follow the program.*

*For additional information about this event, please contact NAASR at 617-489-1610 or [hq@naasr.org](mailto:hq@naasr.org).*

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