

**“ETCHMIADZIN”**  
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**(February - March 2001)**

1. Speech of His Holiness Gareguin II, Catholicos of all Armenians, at the Opening Ceremony of the Exhibition "Treasures of the Arch" in the British Library, dedicated to the 1700th Anniversary of the Adoption of Christianity as State Religion in Armenia, London, 1 March 2001 (p. 3-5).

**PATRIARCHAL ENCYCLICALS AND BLESSINGS**

2. Blessing and Congratulation Message of His Holiness Gareguin II, Catholicos of all Armenians, to the AGBU Melkonian School of Nicosia (Cyprus), 7 February 2001, no. 131 (p. 6-7).
3. Blessing and Congratulation Message of His Holiness Gareguin II, Catholicos of all Armenians, to the AGBU Manoukian-Demirchian School of Los Angeles, 20 February 2001, no. 134 (p. 8-9).
4. Patriarchal Orders "St. Nerses Shnorhali" and "St. Sahak - St. Mesrop", as well as Blessing and Congratulation Messages granted in February and March to a number of Armenian Church Prelates and Laymen (p. 10).

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5. Audience given at the Holy See by His Holiness Gareguin II to the Georgian Official Delegation headed by State Ministre Gueorgui Arsenashvili, 17 February 2001 (p. 11).
6. Congregation Meeting at the Holy See of Echmiadzin, 19-21 February 2001 (p. 12).
7. Visit of His Holiness to the National Assembly of RA on the Occasion of the Opening Ceremony of the International Conference "The Church, the State, the Society and the Crisis of World Reconstruction Concept", organized by the International Fund of Orthodox Nations Unity within the Frame of the European Interparliamentarian Summit of Orthodoxes, Yerevan, 21 February 2001 (p. 13-14).
8. Official Visit of His Holiness Gareguin II to the Head-Quarters of the World Churches Council in Geneva. During the same Trip His Holiness visited also Moscow and London, 23 February - 3 March 2001 (p. 14-15).
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