

Stepan Zoryan (1889-1967)

The decision to establish a museum of writer Stepan Zoryan was made in 1972 and by 1981 it was listed among the cultural assets of Vanadzor (formerly Kirovakan). The opening took place in September 1990, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the writer's birth.



Stepan Zoryan moved to Yerevan in 1919 where he held various educational, political, literary and administrative positions. However, he spent the summers and falls of 1964 – 1967 in the summerhouse in Vanadzor.



A second floor was added to the original summer house after the writer's death. The patio of the house features the bust of the writer.

The collection has about 1,400 items. The ground floor includes a panorama of Vanadzor, his birthplace; objects related to his childhood and adolescence; his study, and a small bedroom. The second floor has memorabilia and material related to Zoryan's literary career in Tiflis, Yerevan and Vanadzor, as well as photographs, including those of his contemporaries Bakuntz, Isahakyan, Charentz and Sevag; two portraits of the writer, one by Dimitri Nalpanyan and the other by Martiros Saryan; various documents and translations of his books. In a display case are original copies of publications to which he contributed, such as Areg, Mshag, Surhandag, etc.



The museum is located at 24 Stepan Zoryan Street in Vanadzor.

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