



## **EASTERN CHRISTIANS: COMMEMORATING GENOCIDE, CONFRONTING THE FUTURE**

**A Panel Discussion on Thursday, August 6th at 7pm at Silk Road Rising**



This panel, held at Silk Road Rising's theatre space in the Historic Chicago Temple Building (77 W. Washington St., Chicago), will feature panelists from Arab Christian, Armenian, Coptic, Muslim, and Syriac communities as they reflect on the centennial of the Armenian, Aramean/Assyrian, and Greek Genocides, and discuss present day challenges confronting Christians in Egypt, Iraq, Syria and beyond.

Panelists will exchange ideas for strengthening pluralism and religious freedom in the Middle East, promoting security for all

religious communities, and building greater Christian - Muslim cooperation. In addition, select excerpts from Adriana Sevahn Nichols' play *Night Over Erzinga* will be presented.

### **PANELISTS:**

Nairee Hagopian (Armenian Orthodox)  
Dr. Kamal Ibrahim (Coptic Orthodox)  
Dr. Nabeel Khoury (Melkite Greek Catholic)  
Deacon George Kourieh (Syriac Orthodox)  
Dr. Khalil Marrar (Sunni Muslim)

The panel will be moderated by Silk Road Rising's Artistic Director Jamil Khoury (Antiochian Orthodox).

**TICKETS:** The panel is free to attend and open to the public; however, reservations are required. To register, visit [www.silkroadrising.org](http://www.silkroadrising.org). We expect the event will be sold out; only those patrons with reservations are guaranteed seating.

**PARKING:** Silk Road Rising is easily accessible via all major public transportation. If you wish to drive, the theatre offers \$8 parking with Self Park, 230 W Washington St (3 blocks west of the theatre at corner of Washington & Franklin, building with Cosi restaurant). Ask box office to provide you with a discount voucher.