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Flushing, N. Y. 11367.
October 14, 1967.

The Most Reverend Archbishop Terkon Manougian
Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
New York

Your Excellency,

It is with great pleasure that I received your letter asking me to participate in the Gomidas Festival which is to take place in December. I would certainly like to contribute my share in celebrating the Centennial of the birth of Gomidas Vartabed. I hope I shall be able to help make the Festival a success.

Respectfully yours,

Norair Artinian

October 13, 1969

Mr. George Yacoubian
487 Paxon Hollow Road
Broomall, Pa. 19008

Dear Mr. Yacoubian:

Thank you for your letter of October 6. I have enclosed a copy of the program, which you requested, together with a copy of our brochure, for your information.

I would appreciate it if you could send me a copy of your flier, so that I may have all the necessary information concerning time, place, etc. We will plan the arrival and departure of our artists accordingly. Let me know too if any function is being planned after the concert; or will the artists be free immediately after the concert?

I will in due course notify you concerning arrival time, etc., so that they may be properly received. It will be necessary to provide a place for them to rest for a couple of hours before the concert.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian

S. Sahag and Mesrob
Armenian Church

630 Clothier Rd., Wynnewood, Pa.
Tel. MI 2-4212



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RT. REV. BISHOP PAPKEN. Pastor.

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487 Paxon Hollow Road
Broomall, Pa. 19008
October 6, 1969

Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America
Mr. Jack Antreassian,
Gomidas Centennial Celebration
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016

Dear Mr. Antreassian,

As you well know, the date of the Philadelphia commemoration of the Gomidas Centennial is November 23, 1969.


A flyer has already been designed for the first mailing and will soon be released.

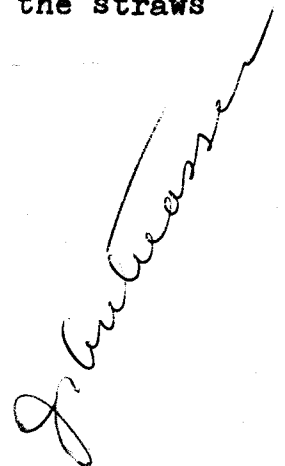
For the second, however, we need the concert program so that we may include it in the floater, not only for the additional mailing, but for distribution that afternoon.

Father Z. Arzoumanian is away, of course. He suggested we contact you and the Diocese for additional information. Hopefully you can assist us. You may send it either to the above church or to my home address, typed above. DO NOT SEND IT TO HOLY TRINITY! This would only necessitate their mailing it to us, causing additional delay. Also, while Father A. is away, we are picking up the straws on publicizing the concert.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Sincerely yours,


George S. Yacoubian



July 3, 1969

Bishop Elisha Simonian, Primate
Western Diocese of the Armenian
Church of America
821 So. Crenshaw Blvd.,
Los Angeles, California 90005

Dear Bishop Elisha,

We were delighted that we had an opportunity to discuss with you the concerts we would like very much to have presented next December in the three principal cities of your Diocese; Los Angeles, Fresno and San Francisco.

As you know, we are inviting Asdghig Dedeyan (formerly Antreassian) from Paris, to sing for us in a series of concerts commemorating the Gomidas Centennial. It would be a pity, we feel, if she did not appear in California, where she has so many friends, and is so well-known.

It is our hope that you will have no objections if we arrange these concerts directly with the parishes involved. They will represent no burden for your Diocesan office, and will indeed represent income for the churches, as well as make available to them an outstanding cultural program.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manougian
Primate.

P.S. We shall soon write to the parish priest and council of St. James, Los Angeles - St. Paul, Fresno, and St. John, San Francisco. Your consent to our request and a directive to the above mentioned for cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Abp. Torkom

July 3, 1969

The Very Rev. Aris Shirvanian
5814 La Tijera Blvd.,
Los Angeles, Cal. 90056

Dear Father Aris,

Our Diocese is marking the Gomidas Centennial this Fall with a series of concerts in a number of our parishes. Participating in these concerts will be soprano Asdghig Dedeyan (formerly Antreassian) who lived in Fresno much of her life and has many, many friends there. She has since studied for five years at the Conservatory in Erevan, and is living in Paris currently, singing with various opera companies.

We felt it would be most desirable to arrange concerts on the west coast as well, so that our people there might have an opportunity to enjoy her fine voice once again. Our churches will also benefit, both financially and through the prestige of an outstanding cultural affair.

We strongly urge that your parish undertake the sponsorship of such a concert. The costs are not excessive; \$350 for the artist, plus transportation and hotel accommodations, plus arrangements for an accompanist. We can provide one, but it would be less costly to secure one locally. Fifty per cent of the profits from the concert can be retained by your church.

If it were at all possible, we would suggest that a concert hall be rented rather than the church auditorium; but the choice of course is yours. Our office would be prepared to assist with publicity, if necessary. Also we can make available the special book we are publishing on Gomidas. You might seek sponsors whose names could be published in a separate folder with the program, and inserted in the book. These are merely suggestions that might help to ease your task.

Mrs. Dedeyan can be available from December 7 through December 21. Would the date of Sunday, December 14, 1969 be appropriate for your parish?

Please let us hear from you as soon as possible.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkos Manooqian
Primate.

July 3, 1969

Rev. Fr. Shahe Altounian
St. Paul Armenian Church
1317 "N" Street
Fresno, California 93515

Dear Father Shahe,

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Mrs. Dedeyan can be available from December 7 through December 21. Would the date of Sunday, December 7, 1969, be appropriate for your parish?

Please let us hear from you as soon as possible.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torcom Manoogian
Primate

P.S. We have written to His Grace
the Primate, Bishop Elisha Simonian,
for his consent to communicate with
you directly.



KOMITAS VARDAPET

San Joaquin Valley Armenian Churches

Western Diocese — Publicity Office

KOMITAS CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

P. O. Box 1285

Fresno, California 93715

September 30, 1969

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TO THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY
OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Dear Friends:

We announce with pleasure an important event. In accordance with a directive received from His Holiness, Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians, the San Joaquin Valley Armenian Churches of the Western Diocese will commemorate the Centennial of the birth of Komitas Vardapet, the Father of Armenian Music.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Elisha Simonian, Primate of the Western Diocese, has appointed The Rev. Fr. Shahe Altounian as Chairman of the San Joaquin Valley Komitas Centennial Committee. In turn, a committee has been formed of representatives from the four parishes of this area to prepare for the centennial celebration.

The entire Armenian community of the San Joaquin Valley is expected to attend the Centennial Celebration for which the committee is planning a most memorable day.

On Sunday, November 2, The Most Rev. Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan will celebrate the Divine Liturgy, deliver the sermon and preside at the Repose of Souls Service for the late Komitas Vardapet at St. Paul Armenian Church, N and Merced Streets, in Fresno.

A Commemorative Banquet and Program will be held at the Fresno Hacienda, Sunday afternoon, immediately following church services. Tickets for the Banquet must be purchased well in advance to allow the committee to make the necessary arrangements, as seating capacity is limited and no tickets will be sold at the door.

Tickets may be obtained from those names listed on the left at \$6.00 donation each--checks to be made payable to: KOMITAS CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE. Those wishing to make reservations by mail may write to the above address.

More details regarding the Centennial Celebration will be made available soon.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

September 16, 1969

Miss Srpouhi Essefian
The Woodner B-1206
Washington, D.C. 20010

Dear Miss Essefian:

The volume on Gomidas Vartabed, which the Diocese is publishing on the occasion of the centennial of the great composer's birth will be ready by the end of October. We anticipate that it will be a beautiful and impressive book, worthy of the man.

And for this we are indebted to you, among others, for the fine contribution you made.

We are most grateful for your generous and valuable participation in this outstanding project. We will be happy to see to it that two copies of the book are sent to you as soon as they are ready.

Prayerfully,

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate

September 16, 1969

Miss Vehig Tavitian
2899 Kingsbridge Terrace
Bronx, N.Y.

Dear Miss Tavitian:

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Primate

September 16, 1969

Mr. Bedros Norehad
c/o A.G.B.U.
109 East 40th St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Norehad:

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Primate

September 16, 1969

Mr. John Tembeck
96 Franklin Avenue
Yonkers, N. Y.

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Primate

September 16, 1969

Miss Adrina Zanazanian
587 Third Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Zanazanian:

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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate

September 16, 1969

Mr. Sooren Manuelian
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Manuelian:

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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate

September 16, 1969

Mr. Hagop Asadourian
276 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Asadourian:

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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate

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Յուլիս 28, 1969

Մեծայարգ
Տիար Յակոբ Ասատուրեան
Նիւ Եորք:

Սիրելի Պրն. Ասատուրեան,

Մեր գնահատանքը կը յայտնենք Ձեզ որ Տիարը Սուրէն Մանուէլեանի եւ
Ճէք Անդրէասեանի հետ կը ջանաք ներկայանալի հատոր մը տպագրութեան
յանձնել ի յիշատակ Կոմիտաս Կարդապետի, անոր ծննդեան հարիւրամեակին
առիթով:

Բացի տպագրելի գիրքէն եւ Առաջնորդարանի Օժանդակ Միութեան երա-
ժրշտական յայտագիրէն, Նոյեմբերի մէջ, յստահ ենք թէ Կոմիտասեան փա-
ռատօնի շարքի մը, որուն ծրագիրը կազմած էք, տրամաբանական եզրակա-
ցութիւն մը պիտի ըլլայ Դեկտեմբեր ամսուն մէջ:

Երաժշտական Ձեր խոր հետաքրքրութիւնը եւ յատկութիւնները նկատի
առած, ապահով կը զգանք որ Պրն. Մանուէլեանին հետ պիտի կազմակերպէք
Կոմիտասեան հանդիսութեան Հայկական Երեկոյի յայտագիրը:

Մեր փափաքն է որ Պրն. Մանուէլեանին հետ դուք ստանձնէք ատենապե-
տութիւնը Կոմիտասեան Փառատօնի հանդէսներուն, անգլերէն լեզուով երե-
կոյթին պատասխանատուութիւնը ուրիշներու յանձնելով: Այս կերպով ամբողջ
յայտագիրներուն նկարագիրը եւ որակը ապահոված կ'ըլլանք:

Ազատ զգացէք յանձնախումբի մէջ գործելու հրաւիրել Ձեր յարմար դա-
տած անձերը:

Աւրախ պիտի ըլլանք յանձնախումբիդ հետ խորհրդակցելու երբ որ մեզ
խամցնէք:

Կորովի եւ յաջողութեան լաւագոյն մտղթանքներ:

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Առաջնորդ



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Archbishop Torqom Manougian, Primate

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Ամերիկայի Հայոց Առաջնորդարանի Օժանդակ Միութիւնը, Առաջնորդ Գեր-
Տ. Թորգոմ Մանուկեանի նախագահութեամբ, կազմակերպած է շարք մը համերգ-
ներ, հանդիսաւորելու անմահ Կոմիտաս Կարդապետի ծննդեան հարիւր ամեակը:

Համերգները, մեծ մասամբ, պիտի հրամցեն Կոմիտասի երաժշտական գործե-
րը: Յատկանշական յայտագիրներուն պիտի մասնակցին Հայկական Լարային
Քառեակը՝ ղեկավարութեամբ Հէրրի Ջառացեանի, եւ սօբրանօ Աստղիկ (Անդրէ-
սեան) Տէտէան:

Պրն. Ջառացեան յայտնի երաժիշտ մըն է, որուն թէ անձնական եւ թէ իր
Քառեակին գործը բարձրօրէն գնահատուած է:

Տիկին Աստղիկ Տէտէան, որ Ամերիկա ծնած եւ ուսած է Եոթեանի երաժշ-
շտանոցին մէջ, վերջին երեք տարիներու ընթացքին կը ընակի ֆրանսա եւ կը
մեներգէ տեղական օբերայի մէջ:

Համերգները տեղի պիտի ունենան ցարդ որոշուած հինգ օրաքններու մէջ,
ինչպէս՝ Նիւ Եորք՝ Նոյեմբեր 2, Պոսթոն՝ Նոյեմբեր 7, Տիթրոյթ՝ Նոյեմ-
բեր 16, Ֆիլատելֆիա՝ Նոյեմբեր 23, եւ Շիգակօ՝ Նոյեմբեր 30: Միւս հա-
մերգները պիտի ծանուցուին հետագային:

Նիւ Եորքի համերգը տեղի պիտի ունենայ Կիրակի, Նոյեմբեր 2, յետ մի-
ջօրէի ժամը 2.30ին, Գալուքժեան Սրահին մէջ--35րդ Փողոց եւ Սեզրնտ Ա-
լինիւ: Տոմսակներու գին նշանակուած է եօթր եւ հինգ տուար: Կարելի է
ստանալ Առաջնորդարանի գրասենեակէն (686-0710):

Առաջնորդարանի Օժանդակ Միութիւնը, ատենապետութեամբ Տիկին Աստղիկ
Իգնատիոսեանի, կը կատարէ համերգի ընդհանուր կարգադրութիւնները:

Կոմիտաս Կարդապետի կեանքն ու գործը պատկերող գիրք մը պիտի հրատա-
րակուի այս առթիւ:

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Յուլիս 25, 1969
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Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

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Armenian String Quartet

under the Direction of Harry Zaratian

Vartan Manoogian, First Violin

Annie Kavafian, Second Violin

Harry Zaratian, Viola

Michael Masters, Violoncello

Sunday, November 16, 1969 — 3:30 P.M.

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Astghig Antreassian Dedeyan, Soprano

Mme. Astghig Antreassian Dedeyan, like many American artists, earned her reputation in Europe. She studied at the New England Conservatory of Music; Gomidas Conservatory of Music in Erevan, Armenia, graduating with honors and prizes in 1966; the Paris Conservatory; and the Conservatory in Milan. Her repertory of opera roles is more than twenty, in seven languages. She recorded broadcasts for BBC Radio and the music of Armenian composers for the USSR Radio.

What the Critics Say—

"Mme. Dedeyan has conquered the public with her warm technique allied with an enormous talent." — **Notre Voix, Bordeaux.**

"Mme. Dedeyan's interpretation of Desdemona was one of the great events of the season at the Grand Theatre of Bordeaux." — **L'Aurore, Paris.**

Harry Zaratzian, Violist

Harry Zaratzian, a distinguished violist, is a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music and the Graduate School of Julliard. He was a member of the New York Philharmonic and solo violist with the Philadelphia Symphony under Eugene Ormandy. As a soloist, he appeared extensively in the concert world both here and abroad. The arranging and recording of folk songs of Gomidas for quartet are among his many accomplishments. He is a faculty member of Rudolph Serkin's Marlboro Festival of Music in Vermont.

What the Critics Say—

"Mr. Zaratzian plays in a straight-forward, appealing lyrical way. His tone is warm, agreeable and expressively modulated . . . and he had the control and assurance to phrase with fine subtlety." — **New York Times.**



Gomidas Cent. Book

December 2, 1969

Mr. Manoog Young
National Association for Armenian
Studies and Research
175 Mt. Auburn Street
Cambridge, Mass. 02138

Dear Mr. Young,

Under separate cover we are mailing you six copies of
"Gomidas" - the recent publication by the Armenian
Diocese.

One copy of same is for you with our compliments, the
remaining five copies are to be disposed by you at
a price of \$4.00 each. Of this amount, \$1.00 per book
may be retained by your organization. If you wish
to have additional copies, we will be very happy to
send them to you.

With best wishes, I am,

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

October 13, 1969

Rev. Yeghishe Gizirian
St. John Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Mich. 48075

Dear Rev. Gizirian:

I have enclosed the program for the Gomidas Concert in Detroit on November 16, together with a copy of the flier we have prepared for the NY concert, which may be of interest to you.

I would appreciate it if you could send me a copy of the flier prepared for your concert, so that I may have all the necessary information concerning time, place, etc. It is our intention, if it can be arranged, to have the artists fly in and out the same day, schedules and weather permitting. If you have any plans for a reception or any such function, please let me know.

I will let you know the details of the flight so that the artists may be properly met. They will need a place to rest for a couple of hours before the concert.

I will be in touch. If there is any further information you require, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jack A. Treassian

October 13, 1969

Mrs. Rose Tatarian
23 Oneida Road
Winchester, Mass. 01890

Dear Mrs. Tatarian:

I have enclosed the concert program, as well as a copy of the brochure we prepared for our New York concert.

Please send me a copy of the flier you have prepared so that I may have all the necessary information about time, place, etc.

I will write you again concerning the arrival time of the artists so that they may be properly received. They will need a place where they may rest for a couple of hours before the concert. Asdghig will probably be there at home, and if hotel rooms are necessary for the others, these can serve this need as well.

I'll be in touch.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian

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465 MT. AUBURN STREET — WATERTOWN, MASS. 02172

September 30, 1969

Mr. Jack Antreassian
150-17 60th Avenue
Flushing, New York

Dear Mr. Antreassian:

Won't you please forward to me as soon as possible the selections which the guest artists, Mr. Harry Zaratzian and Mme. Astghig Antreassian Dedeyan, will perform at the Gomidas Concert of November 7, in Boston. Also the name of Mme. Dedeyan's accompanist and the names of the other members of the string quartet. We await this information before printing our program.

Also, will the performing artists be staying with their families in the Boston area? If not, how many hotel reservations will be needed? When and where will they arrive in Boston?

I await your speedy reply.

Sincerely,

Rose Tatarian

Rose Tatarian
Public Relations

Mrs. Albert Tatarian
23 Oneida Road
Winchester, Mass. 01890

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Oct. 16
Hotel reservation.

Answer
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October 8, 1969

Mme. Astghig Antreassian Dedeyan
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York

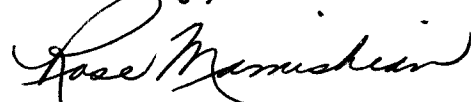
Dear Astghig:

The New England audience anxiously awaits your appearance in Boston on November 7. Music critics from the three major Boston newspapers have been invited as well as the editors of the local Armenian newspapers.

The Concert Committee has arranged a post-concert reception in your and Mr. Zaratzian's honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nubar Hintlian, 126 Crestview Road, Belmont, Mass. Representatives from the five sponsoring areas, members of the press and special invited guests will be in attendance.

As chairman of the reception preparations, please feel free to contact me about any special arrangements you would like me to consider.

Sincerely,


Rose Mamishian
Reception Chairman

Mrs. Rose Mamishian
151 School Street
Watertown, Mass. 02172
923-9393 area code 617

October 13, 1969

Mrs. Rose Mamishian
151 School Street
Watertown, Mass. 02172

Dear Rose:

Thank you for your letter of October 8. I will communicate its contents to Asdghig as soon as she gets to New York (probably next Monday), as well as to Mr. Zaratzian.

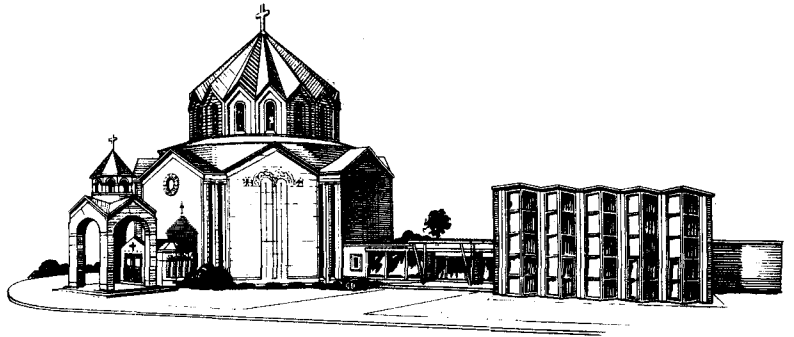
I am sure the reception you have planned will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian

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SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075

July 2, 1969

Mr. Jack Antreassian
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Antreassian:

In reference to your letter dated June 11, 1969, to Fr. Gizirian concerning the Gomidas Vartabed concerts, our date for commemorating the establishment of our library falls on the 16th of November. Since the Library Guild is basically a cultural organization, the Parish Council felt we would be the most logical group to sponsor the proposed Gomidas program in our cultural auditorium.

In our last meeting, questions arose that we would like to have answered.

1. To confirm our date of November 16, 1969.
2. Expenses we may incur
 - a. transportation
 - b. accommodations, number in party
 - c. arrival and departure date
 - d. publicity
 - e. other
3. Is there a ticket price established by the Diocese.

If there is any other information we may need for the success of the concert please let us hear from you as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

ROSE SHAHINIAN
Library Guild, Chairman

July 14, 1969

Dear Miss-Shahinian,

Thank you for your letter of July 2. I was happy to have confirmation of the November 16 date, and to learn of the assignment of sponsorship responsibility, though of course it is the Primate's expectation that the entire Parish will be mobilized to make this a fitting celebration of the Centennial of one of our greatest cultural figures.

As to your questions: Transportation and accommodations costs must be borne by your Parish; there will be six in the party, four in the quartet, the soprano and an accompanist; the arrival and departure dates cannot be given now, but in all probability, the group will arrive a day before the concert and leave the day after. Publicity and booklet matters were detailed in a separate sheet sent to Fr. Gizirian. Ticket prices will be determined by your committee.

The cost of the artists will be about \$1300, in addition to which you will have the transportation and accommodation costs. Our office will take care of most of the publicity. As indicated earlier, 25% of the net profits will be retained by your parish.

If there are any further questions, please let me know immediately so that everything might be resolved as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian

October 13, 1968

Mr. Deenan K. Krikorian
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church
666 Richmond Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Dear Mr. Krikorian:

I have enclosed enclosed the program Mrs. Dedeyan will present in Cleveland on November 9, together with a copy of the flier we have prepared for the New York concert. You might be able to use some of the material on it.

I would appreciate it if you could send me a copy of the mailing piece you prepare for your concert, so that I may have all the necessary information concerning time, place, etc. It is our intention, if it could be arranged to have the two artists fly in and out the same day, schedules and the weather permitting. If you have any plans for a reception or any such function, please let me know.

I will let you know the details of the flight so that the artists may be properly met. They will need a place to rest for a couple of hours before the concert.

I will be in touch. If you need any further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian

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PASTOR-VERY REV. † ARSHAG KHATCHADOURIAN

September 24, 1969

Mr. Jack Antreassian
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Antreassian:

This letter is to confirm the arrangements entered into by yourself and Mr. Obie Bagdasarian of this parish.

The Parish Council of St. Gregory of Narek desires to sponsor a concert on Sunday, November 9th, 1969; the performing artist is to be Mrs. Asdghig Dedeyan, accompanied by a pianist of her choosing.

The fee for this arrangement will be \$400. plus transportation expenses for Mrs. Dedeyan and accompaniest.

It is our understanding that at this moment we have a firm commitment for Mrs. Dedeyan's services for this date; and that this letter is the formal instrument obligating this parish and setting forth the terms of this arrangement.

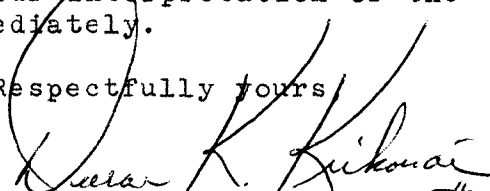
In your immediate reply, please indicate:

Any difference in the stated fee.
Any additional expenses.
Mrs. Dedeyan's itinerary so that we can arrange to cover her arrival and departure.

If Mrs. Dedeyan would like to stay overnight in Cleveland either before or after the concert, this can be arranged.

At this writing, we are proceeding with publicity, ticket printing and other details of such an affair. If any of the above does not accurately reflect your interpretation of the arrangements to date, notify us immediately.

Respectfully yours


Deeran K. Krikorian,
Corresponding Secretary
Parish Council

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SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY ARMENIAN CHURCHES
WESTERN DIOCESE - Publicity Office
for the Komitas Centennial Celebration
P.O. Box 1285
Fresno, Calif. 93715

September 19, 1969

Mr. Jack Antriasian
c/o Prelacy of the Eastern Diocese
630 2nd Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10016

Dear Mr. Antriasian,

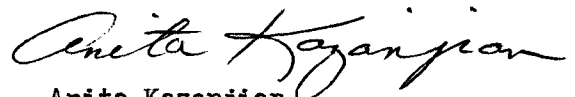
From a letter received from His Grace, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese we were informed that your committee has planned various projects in commemorating the Centennial of the Birth of Komitas Vartabed.

We are interested in the Memorial Booklet containing biographical material of Komitas Vartabed. In celebrating this event in the San Joaquin Valley our Publicity Committee felt that your booklet would be of great assistance. Therefore, we would appreciate at least five copies of your booklet mailed to the above address. Please bill us for costs.

We hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience as we are in the planning stages for our celebration on November 2nd in Fresno. We would also like to know if the articles within the booklet can be used in whole or in part in our publicity.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Anita Kazanjian
Publicity Director

of America

630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016

Archbishop Sarkis G. Ghougassian, Bishop

October 1, 1969

Miss Ani^{ka} Kazanjian
San Joaquin Valley Armenian Churches
P.O. Box 1285
Fresno, Calif. 93715

Dear Miss Kazanjian:

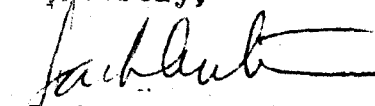
On the occasion of the Gomidas Centennial, the Eastern Diocese is publishing a 160-page hard-cover book containing a number of articles on Gomidas, written in both English and Armenian.

This book will be out late in October and can be made available to you at that time. I think it will be priced at \$4.00, with a discount given to our churches.

~~If it is this book you have reference too, please let us know, and they will be sent to you immediately upon publication. Such an order can be placed by communicating with Mr. Sooren Manuelian at the Diocesan office.~~

If you want some biographical material in advance of the publication date, this may be available, again through Mr. Manuelian.

Sincerely,


Jack A. Treassian

October 15, 1969

Miss Anita Kazanjian
Publicity Director
San Joaquin Valley Armenian Churches
Komitas Centennial Committee
P.O. Box 1285
Fresno, Calif. 93715

Dear Miss Kazanjian,

We have received your letter dated October 4, 1969, with request for material about Komitas Vartabet.

We are herewith sending you the material in book form, as you had asked for, and you may use for your publicity any part of contents as desired.

As soon as we receive the books from the printer, we shall be most happy to send you 20 copies to fill your order.

Yours truly,

Sooren Manuelian
Executive Director

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY ARMENIAN CHURCHES
WESTERN DIOCESE - Publicity Office
KOMITAS CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
P. O. Box 1285
Fresno, California 93715

October 4, 1969

Mr. Sooren Manuelian
c/o Prelacy of the Eastern Diocese
630 2nd Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10016

Dear Mr. Manuelian,

Pursuant to a letter written to Mr. Jack Antriasian, the Publicity Office of the San Joaquin Valley Komitas Centennial Committee requested copies of your Komitas Memorial Book containing biographical material which we might be able to use in our publicity program.

We received a letter from Mr. Jack Antriasian today in which he informed our committee to contact you for this material and also for the Komitas Memorial Book which you will have for sale.

After a phone conversation with Fr. Shahe Altounian, Parish Priest of St. Paul's Church of Fresno and Chairman of the San Joaquin Valley Komitas Centennial Committee, he advised me to write to you requesting at least 20 copies of the Komitas Memorial Books to be made available for purchase on the day of our Komitas Celebration on November 2nd. Our Publicity Committee would also appreciate any biographical material you may have for our use. Please mail all articles to the above address and bill us for costs.

I am enclosing our first publicity which was mailed to a combined mailing list of our Armenian Churches and news media of the San Joaquin Valley.

We will appreciate your kind attention to this matter as our time is running short. Our many thanks for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Anita Kazanjian
Publicity Director

November 12, 1969

Miss Anahid Alexanian
808 West End Avenue
Apt. 305
New York, N.Y. 10025

Dear Miss Alexanian,

Thank you for your kind letter of October 9, 1969, in which you inform us of your willingness to play at the Gomidas Festival scheduled for December of this year.

We regret to inform you that due to some changes in the general arrangements, the participating artists will appear only on the Friday night program (the 12th) and we are sorry that this date is inconvenient for you.

However, we are happy that you had consented to participate, and look forward to the pleasure of your performance at some future date.

Thanking you again for your cooperation, I am,

Prayerfully yours,

Archbishop Torkom Manougian
Primate

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November 22, 1969

Most Rev. Torkom Abp. Manoogian
Diocese of the Armenian Church
of America
630 Second Ave.
New York, N. Y. 10016

Your Grace:


It was good to see you at the concert here and to note that you are holding up well in spite of your extensive recent travels. However, I hope that the next time we meet we shall have an opportunity to converse at length about many matters of mutual interest and of increasing urgency.

At the concert I noticed that there was on sale a book on Gomidas; however, I did not get to see it and to note who published it. If it is a Diocese publication, we should like to receive a review copy of it and to know, also, what are its list and discounted prices (on quantity purchases for resale purposes).

Incidentally, did you receive a copy of our A Picture Book of Armenian Miniatures and have you made any decision on encouraging its sale by local parishes and its use in the Sunday schools? Also, would the Diocesan Book Store be willing to put it on sale? On quantity orders of fifty or more copies we shall be able to offer a discount of 50¢ per book.

I shall look forward to your reply and to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely yours,


Manoog S. Young
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Sent 6 copies "Gomidas"
1 complimentary
5 for sale. \$4. each,
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August 27, 1969

Mr. Varoujan Arslanian
244-15 Grand Central Parkway
Douglaston, N.Y. 11362

Dear Mr. Arslanian:

The Centennial of the birth of Gomidas Vartabed is being celebrated this year wherever Armenians live in substantial numbers, from Armenia itself to all our populous centers in the world.

Our Diocese in America is participating in a number of ways: first with a series of concerts to take place in our principal cities during the month of November; second with the publication of a book, in Armenian and English, dedicated to the great composer; and finally with a Gomidas Festival, scheduled for Monday, Wednesday and Friday, December 8, 10 and 12, during which his work will be discussed and his music presented.

It is for this last that we are writing you now.

We would be most pleased if you could participate in this Festival and help us celebrate this great occasion in the best possible manner. Such participation would entail offering perhaps two of Gomidas' pieces during this Festival. It is our earnest hope that you will be able to accept this invitation.

Please let us hear from you. We will wait for your response before communicating further details to you.

Prayerfully,

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate

247-6617 Home

August 27, 1969

Miss Nevart Polvetzian
77 West 55 Street
New York, N.Y. 10019

Dear Miss Polvetzian:

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Primate

749-7535

August 27, 1969

Miss Anahid Alexanian
808 West End Avenue
Apt. 305
New York, N.Y. 10025

Dear Miss Alexanian:

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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate

427-0722

August 27, 1969

Mr. Shahan Arzrouni
242 East 89 Street
New York, N.Y. 10028

Dear Mr. Arzrouni:

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(201) 864-9689

August 27, 1969

Mr. Vartan Manoogian
4914 Park Avenue
Weehawken, N.J. 07087

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Miss Annie Kavafian
3022 Glenview Avenue
Royal Oak, Michigan 48073

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Primate

(205-8858)

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August 27, 1969

Miss Siran Hartunian
338 E. 55th Street
Apt. 5-B
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Hartunian:

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Mr. Khosrof Hamamjian
4617 Hudson Avenue
Union City, N.J.

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August 26, 1969

The Very Rev. Fr. Yeghishe Gizirian
President of Gomidas Choir
St. John the Baptist Armenian Church
Southfield, Michigan

Dear Fr. Yeghishe:

It is always a joy to salute the work of the Gomidas Choir of Detroit, but especially so this year on the Centennial of the birth of the great composer. The occasion is being celebrated throughout the Armenian world, for Gomidas Vartabed has fully earned recognition as one of the towering figures of our Church and of our national culture.

The Gomidas Choir must be commended for its loving devotion to our Church and its music, which must be nurtured and cared for and cherished so that its infinite joy may be felt and communicated. It is a labor surely pleasing to God.

May the soul of Gomidas rejoice whenever sincere voices glorify the Master of Universe through the harmonious tunes and melodies as they were grasped, purified and revived by his genius.

Prayerfully,

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate

October 9, 1969

Mr. Norair Artinian
c/o Mr. John H. Keyishian
72-16 139 Street
Flushing, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Artinian:

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Primate

November 3, 1985

The Most Reverend Bishop Nerses Mikael Setian
Apostolic Exarch for Armenian Catholics in USA
St. Ann Armenian Catholic Cathedral
110 East 12th Street
New York, NY 10003

Your Grace:

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Primate

November 8, 1985

Ms. Anahid Ajemian
285 Central Park West
New York, NY 10024

Dear Ms. Ajemian:

Thank you for accepting our invitation to perform at the tribute commemorating the 50th anniversary of the passing of Gomidas Vartabed, our most revered and beloved composer, who died in 1935 debilitated from horrors of Turkish atrocities he had witnessed during the Armenian Genocide.

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We have appointed Ms. Alice Papazian as your contact for any questions you may have regarding the program (tel. 718-793-1466). She will also accept to be your accompanist, provided you need one.

Again, many thanks for your participation and may the Lord bless you and inspire you, always.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General

November 8, 1985

Ms. Ani Kavafian
29 East 22nd Street, #10-N
New York, NY 10010

Dear Ms. Kavafian:

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November 8, 1985

Ms. Harry Zaratzian
1000 Warburton Avenue
Yonkers, NY 1071

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November 8, 1985

Ms. Emma Takhmizian
63-186 Alderton
Rego Park, NY 11374

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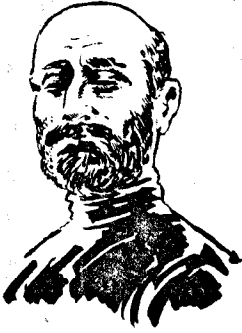
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KOMITAS CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE, Inc.

ARRA AVAKIAN
Executive Director

ANTRANIG SARKISSIAN
Treasurer

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Please Respond to:
Lionel S. Galstaun,
340 East 64th Street, Apt 23-D,
New York, N. Y. 10021

May 19, 1976

Mr. Jack Antreassian, Executive Director,
Diocese of the Armenian Church,
630 Second Avenue,
New York, N. Y. 10016

Dear Jack,

We have delivered to your storeroom, the following:

- MS/08*
~~725~~ Complete sets of THE MUSIC OF KOMITAS
- 71 Sets of The Music of Komitas which lack the explanatory notes
 - 25 Single records of KCC 100 A and D, comprising the choral music including the Badarag.
- An uncounted number of full-color reproductions of the Terlemezian painting of Father Komitas.

Our understanding is as follows:

1. The Diocese will be charged for records as they are withdrawn from the inventory, at the rate of \$6.00 per complete set, less a credit of \$1.00 for storage, or a net of \$5.00 per set. The retail suggested price remains \$12.50 per set.
2. The 71 sets which lack the explanatory notes will be charged at \$5.50 per set less \$1.00 for storage, or a net of \$4.50 per set. We suggest a retail selling price of \$11.00. We further suggest that the sale of these items be withheld until the complete sets are sold.
3. The single records (which have been placed in boxes, with a copy of the reproduction of the painting) will be charged at \$3.00 per set, less \$1.00 for storage, or a net of \$2.00. We suggest a retail selling price of \$5.00/
4. There will be no charge for the reproductions of the Terlemezian painting. The Diocese may wish to sell these as separate items.

November 3, 1985

The Rt. Reverend Bishop Clement
St. Nicholas Cathedral
15 East 97th Street
New York, NY 10029

Your Grace:

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Primate

R.S.V.P. (212) 686-0710

Ask for Primate's Secretary

November 3, 1985

The Most Reverend Metropolitan Philip
Primate, Antiochian Orthodox Christian
Archdiocese of North America
358 Mountain Road
Englewood, NJ 07631

Your Eminence:

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The Most Reverend Archbishop Giovanni Cheli
Permanent Observer of the Holy See of Vatican
to the United Nations
20 East 72nd Street
New York, NY 10021

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The Reverend Daniel Albarian
Armenian Evangelical Church
152 East 34th Street
New York, NY 10016

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The Reverend Father Gabriel Abdelsayed
Rector, Coptic Orthodox Church of St. Mark
427 East Side Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07304

Dear Father Gabriel:

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The Very Reverend Father John Meyendorff
Dean, St. Vladimir Orthodox Seminary
575 Scarsdale
Crestwood, NY 10707

Dear Father Meyendorff:

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The Rev. Phillip R. Cousin, President
National Council of Churches of Christ
475 Riverside Drive
New York, NY 10115

Dear Rev. Cousin:

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November 3, 1985

Ms. Pamela Ilott
Vice President & Executive Producer
CBS Religious Broadcasts
524 West 57th Street
New York, NY 10019

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Ask for Primate's Secretary
Sylvia Terzibashian

November 3, 1985

Mr. Russell Barber, Religious Editor
WNBC-TV 4
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, NY 10112

Dear Mr. Barber:

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Rev. Arie R. Brouwer, General Secretary
National Council of the Churches of Christ
475 Riverside Drive
New York, NY 10115

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manougian
Primate

R.S.V.P. (212) 686-0710
Ask for Primate's Secretary
Sylvia Terzibashian

November 3, 1985

The Rev. Alan J. Sorem, President
Religion in American Life
815 Second Avenue, Suite 200
New York, NY 10017

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November 3, 1985

The Most Reverend Archbishop Mar Athanasius Samuel
Primate, Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch in America
49 Kipp Avenue
Lodi, NJ 07644

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Primate

November 3, 1985

The Most Reverend Archbishop Yesehaq
Ethiopian Orthodox Church in the Western Hemisphere
Post Office Box 292
Bronx, NY 10451

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Primate

R.S.V.P. (212) 686-0710
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November 14, 1985

The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

On December 22, the 600,000 American citizens of Armenian descent will pause to pay tribute to one of their musicians of international stature, Gomidas Vartabed, who passed away fifty years ago this day.

Gomidas Vartabed was a determined clergyman and musicologist who dedicated his life to purifying and promoting Armenian secular and religious music. Singlehandedly, he travelled through the provinces of Armenia, meticulously gathering the folk songs as sung in the villages, and captivating the hearts of his audiences with the music he assembled and refined. Moreover, he harmonized the music of our Divine Liturgy, sung at Sunday Service in Armenian churches around the world. Indeed, the composer Debussy, after listening to Gomidas's song of the Exiled -- a nostalgic Armenian folk song of haunting beauty -- commented that even if the clergyman had never written another composition, that one melody would insure his artistic posterity.

To help us invoke his life and accomplishments, and to introduce this extraordinary scholar and musician to the American people, we would be most grateful if you would acknowledge this commemoration, recognizing him as one who purified and refined Armenian music, which is the soul of the Armenian people.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

November 14, 1985

Mr. Edward Mardigian
139-20 East Ten Mile Road
Warren, MI 48089

Dear Mr. Mardigian:

As part of the 70th Anniversary commemoration of the Armenian Genocide, the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America will observe the 50th anniversary of the passing of Gomidas Vartabed, our most revered and beloved composer, whose creativity was halted because of the horrors of the Genocide which he witnessed and lived with until his death - 1935.

To invoke his life and accomplishments, we have designated Sunday, December 22 as "**Gomidas Vartabed Day**". This milestone will be observed with a Divine Liturgy in the morning at the St. Vartan Cathedral and a commemorative concert at 3:00 p.m. Lili Chookasian, Ara Berberian, Anahid Ajemian, Anita Darian, Harry Zaratzian, Michael Kermoyan, Ani Kavafian, and Emma Takhmizian have accepted to bring their participation to this tribute.

We would feel privileged if you could accept to become the Honorary Chairman of the Committee, and encourage the observance of this significant milestone in our cultural history.

We will telephone you in a few days to confirm if you have accepted our invitation.

May the Lord bless you and guide you to success in every step of your life.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

November 8, 1985

Ms. Emma Takhmizian
63-186 Alderton
Rego Park, NY 11374

Dear Ms. Takhmizian:

Thank you for accepting our invitation to perform at the tribute commemorating the 50th anniversary of the passing of Gomidas Vartabed, our most revered and beloved composer, who died in 1935 debilitated from horrors of Turkish atrocities he had witnessed during the Armenian Genocide.

H.E. Archbishop Torkom Mancogian has designated Sunday, December 22 as "**Gomidas Vartabed Day**". The observance of this milestone will start with the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m., followed by a commemorative concert at 3:00 p.m. in St. Vartan cathedral.

We have appointed Ms. Alice Papazian as your contact for any questions you may have regarding the program (tel.718-793-1466). She will also accept to be your accompanist, provided you need one.

Enclosed are the music sheets for the suggested songs for your program.

Again, many thanks for your participation and may the Lord bless you and inspire you, always.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General

November 14, 1985

The Honorable Edward I. Koch
Mayor of the City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Koch:

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We shall be pleased if you could be present at the commemorative concert which will take place on Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 p.m. in St. Vartan Cathedral and present a proclamation, declaring December 22 as Gomidas Vartabed Day, recognizing him as one who purified and refined Armenian music, which is the soul of the Armenian people. Kindly let us know whether you will be able to attend.

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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PROCLAMATION

Today, the 80,000 Armenians who live in the great City of New York honor one of their most outstanding clergymen, whose creativity was halted because of the horrors of the Genocide of 1915, which he witnessed and lived with until his death in 1935.

Gomidas Vartabed was a scholar and a musician whose love for the music of his homeland inspired him to travel through the villages of Armenia to gather their folksongs. Not only did he assemble, transcribe, and refine Armenian music, he also saved it from extinction in the aftermath of the Genocide, preserving it for future generations. To his talent, Armenians owe the beautiful harmonization of the Divine Liturgy, along with a series of distinguished melodies and songs.

To cherish his memory on this solemn occasion of the 50th anniversary of his death, I, Edward I. Koch, Mayor of the City of New York, do hereby proclaim December 22, 1985 as

GOMIDAS VARTABED DAY

in New York City, in memory of the beloved and revered clergyman, who preserved the music which is the soul of the Armenian people.



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November 15, 1985

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016-4885

Your Eminence,

His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos received your announcement about "Gomidas Vartabed Day" to be observed on Sunday, December 22, 1985 at 3:00 p.m. with a commemorative concert. The Archbishop will not be able to attend the concert or the Liturgy in the morning as that is the Sunday before the Nativity of Christ.

His Eminence has asked me to attend the concert as his representative. I would be pleased to be present at this program to dramatize the support of our communicants for the tribute in honor of one of the great Armenian martyrs of modern times, the composer-musician Gomidas Vartabed.

Although I am not familiar personally with the contributions of Gomidas Vartabed, I can surely understand and appreciate what he must mean to the people of Armenia. I can also understand why his enemies must have feared the influence and spiritual force of his efforts through the beautiful music his choir projected. But his murder was undoubtedly a major setback for the human race, for who knows what he might have contributed to humanity had he been given an opportunity to live and continue writing and composing music. What a shame that cruel barbarism succeeds in extinguishing such luminaries who create beauty, love and peace of mind and soul for the whole human race.

I look forward to joining Your Eminence and the people of your Church in the coming observance on December 22.

Respectfully,

V. Rev. Alexander Doumouras

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Ecumenical Officer

AD/tc

November 3, 1985

The Most Reverend Archbishop Iakovos
Primate, Greek Archdiocese in North & South America
10 East 79th Street
New York, NY 10021

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PAUL BEDOUKIAN, PH.D.
96 WARNCKE ROAD
WILTON, CONN. 06897

November 20, 1985

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10016-4885

Your Grace:

Thank you for your letter of November 14 asking me to become a member of the committee for "Gomidas Vartabed Day." I feel honored, but unfortunately the pressure of business as well as my armenological studies prevent me from accepting your kind invitation.

As you know, in the past fifteen years it has been my ambition to establish an Armenian museum located in a hall easily accessible to the public. It has been an unforgettable blow to me to see the denial of space in the Diocesan complex for this purpose. I beg you to reconsider renting me the space (where my exhibits have been held in the past) for a period of, say five years. In return, I am willing to consider a by-law of the Armenian museum to the effect that in the event of its dissolution, all its artifacts would belong to the Church.

I am still waiting for my copy of the video tape from my last exhibit. Would it be possible to expedite this matter?

Respectfully yours,

P. Bedoukian



THEODOSIUS
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

November 22, 1985

His Eminence
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016-4885

Your Eminence, dear Brother:

I was most pleased to receive your kind invitation to attend the commemorative concert in honor of Gomidas Vartabed on Sunday, December 22nd.

Unfortunately, my schedule does not permit me to accept your kind invitation.

Please be assured of our constant prayers and best wishes.

Yours in Christ,

+THEODOSIUS
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America
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November 3, 1985

His Beatitude Theodosius
Orthodox Church in America
P.O. Box 675
Syosset, NY 11791

Your Beatitude:

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STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

MARIO M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

November 12, 1985

Dear Archbishop Manoogian:

Thank you for your kind invitation to Governor Cuomo requesting him to attend the commemorative concert in honor of Gomidas Vartabed Day to be held on December 22, 1985.

Please be assured that your invitation is being considered and we will contact you with a decision as soon as possible.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,


Leslie F. Stern
Special Assistant to
the Governor

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Diocese of the Armenian
Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016-4885

November 3, 1985

The Honorable Mario H. Cuomo
Governor of the State of New York
Executive Mansion
Albany, NY 12224

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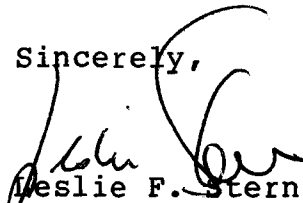
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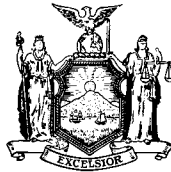
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Leslie F. Stern
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Diocese of the Armenian
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GOVERNOR

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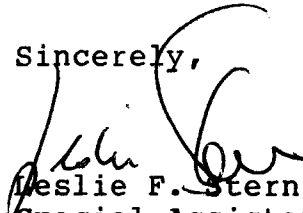
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THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

CYNTHIA S. ROSEL
DIRECTOR OF SCHEDULING

December 10, 1985

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate
Diocese of the Armenian
Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Archbishop Manoogian:

On behalf of Mayor Koch, I would like to thank you for your invitation to be present at the commemorative concert on December 22, 1985 in St. Vartan Cathedral.

Although the Mayor appreciates your kind invitation, he regrets that his schedule will not permit him to join you at that time. However, the Mayor will be sending a special message for the occasion.

Sincerely,


Cynthia S. Rosel

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December 23, 1985

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mardigian
13920 East Ten Mile Road
Warren, Michigan 48089

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Mardigian:

Thank you for responding so graciously to the Primate's invitation to be the Honorary Chairman of the commemorative tribute honoring Gomidas Vartabed.

You may have heard already, the event was a tremendous success, and was attended by over a thousand persons. The performers on the program were exceptionally good, and the comments received so far are nothing but unanimous praise. Unfortunately you were not with us to enjoy.

In our opening remarks we mentioned that although you were not with us physically; however, you were with us with your heart and spirit. We extended thanks on your behalf to the artists and members of the committee for their tireless efforts in making this event successful.

Enclosed we are sending you the program booklet.

Again thank you for your moral and financial support of Diocesan activities and may the Lord bless you and your loved ones always with His love and wisdom.

Prayerfully,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General

Enclosure: Receipt No.3365
Booklet

December 23, 1985

Dear

Thank you for a beautiful performance last Sunday at the Commemorative tribute to Gomidas Vartabed.

The Cathedral, as you noticed, was at full capacity and particularly everyone seemed in high spirits throughout the program. We appreciate your accepting our invitation to participate without any hesitation.

May God bless you and grant you and your loved ones many-many happy and healthy years.

The enclosed honorarium is a token appreciation for your time and effort in making this event successful.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General

Mailing list of Artists/honorarium sent
letter dated December 23, 1985

1. Alice Papazian
96-07 Metropolitan Ave.,
Forest Hills, N.Y. 11375
2. Mr. Harry Zaratzian
1000 Warburton Avenue
Yonkers, N.Y. 10701
3. Mr. Michael Kermoyan
817 West End Ave., #9F
New York, N.Y. 10025
4. Ms. Emma Tahmizian
63-186 Alderton St.
Rego Park, N.Y. 11374
5. Ms. Ani Kavafian
29 E 22nd Street #10N
New York, N.Y. 10010
6. Ms. Anita Darian
23 Troy Ave
E Atlantic Beach, N.Y. 11561
7. Ms. Anahid Ajemian
285 Central Park West
New York, N.Y. 10040
8. Tigran Makarian
21-34 31st Street
Astoria, N.Y. 11105
9. Maro Partamian
21-38 31st St.
Astoria, N.Y. 11105



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

December 22, 1985

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

On behalf of more than seven and a half million New Yorkers of all faiths and of all national backgrounds, I salute our friends of Armenian heritage on the solemn observances of the 70th Anniversary of Armenian Genocide and the 50th Anniversary of the passing of the Clergyman-composer, Gomidas Vartabed.

The genius of Vartabed was silenced during the Turkish atrocities. The long aftermath of his suffering was finally ended in 1935 when Vartabed died in a Paris asylum.

Today, "Gomidas Vartabed Day" is proclaimed with a Liturgy and Commemorative concert at St. Vartan's Cathedral.

May the music of freedom and of love of country be heard forever in the hearts of us all.

Sincerely,

Edward I. Koch
Mayor



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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

December 13, 1985

Dear Teacher:

The 70th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, which the Diocese continues to commemorate, coincides with the 50th anniversary of the passing of our most revered composer, Gomidas Vartabed. To observe this occasion, we have designated Sunday, December 22 as Gomidas Vartabed Day.

To invoke his life and accomplishments, the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America will observe the milestone with a commemorative program on December 22.

We would like to invite you to attend this musical tribute to Gomidas Vartabed which will be presented by a select group of Armenian performers.

Enclosed please find a complimentary ticket for this event.

Prayerfully,

abp. Torkom Manoogian

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 13, 1985

Ms. Angela Andrews
Religion in American Life
815 Second Avenue, Suite 200
New York, NY 10017

Dear Angela:

We are pleased to enclose a flyer and one complimentary ticket for the Spirit of Gomidas concert on Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 pm at St. Vartan Cathedral. The program will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the passing of our most revered and beloved clergyman-composer whose music, as presented by a select group of performers, we trust you will enjoy.

We would be honored if you could attend.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

Printed

December 12, 1985

Mr. & Mrs. Soss Melik
360 West 22nd Street, #12J
New York, NY 10011

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Melik:

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Mr. & Mrs. Melik Tokatlian
32 Colony Lane
New York, NY 11030

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Tokatlian:

We are pleased to enclose a flyer and two complimentary tickets for the spirit of Gomidas concert on Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 pm at St. Vartan Cathedral. The program will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the passing of our most revered and beloved clergyman-composer whose music, as presented by a select group of performers, we trust you will enjoy.

We would be honored if you could attend.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

November 18, 1985

Dear Friend,

Fifty years ago, our most revered and determined clergyman, Gomidas Vartabed, died, leaving the world his transcriptions and studies of Armenian religious and secular music, an aspect of our culture which surely would have been lost or diluted in the aftermath of the Genocide, which he witnessed and lived with until his tragic death.

As a tribute to his life and accomplishments, the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America has designated Sunday, December 22, 1985 as **GOMIDAS VARTABED DAY**. To mark the occasion, the Diocese, in cooperation with other leading Armenian organizations, will present a commemorative program on December 22, following a Hokehankist for the repose of Gomidas's soul. The program will include a concert tribute to the scholar-musician, with performances by outstanding Armenian artists as listed in the attached brochure. In addition, Edward I. Koch, the Mayor of the City of New York, has been asked to deliver a proclamation declaring December 22 as GOMIDAS VARTABED DAY, and a commemorative booklet will be distributed to all guests, in remembrance of the occasion.

To help defray the costs of this observance of GOMIDAS VARTABED DAY, we ask for the support of our community not only by being present at the day's programs, but also by being a sponsor of Gomidas's homage by contributing any amount marked or unmarked on the enclosed donation card.

While we welcome contributions of any amount, the significant task of each Armenian family is to introduce Gomidas Vartabed and his music to our children, friends, and the American public in general.

We thank you for your continued support.

Prayerfully,

F. Ichegyan Basa
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

Mr. Ara Berberian
c/o Metropolitan Opera
Lincoln Center
New York, New York

Dear Ara:

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

Miss Anita Terzian
69-49 Fleet Street
Forest Hills, NY 11375

Dear Anita:

We are pleased to enclose a flyer and ~~two~~ complimentary ticket for the spirit of Gomidas Concert on Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Vartan Cathedral. The program will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the passing of our most revered and beloved clergyman-composer whose music, as presented by a select group of performers, we trust you will enjoy.

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

Mr. Sahan Arzruni
215 East 80th Street, #LD
New York, NY 10021

Dear Sahan:

We are pleased to enclose a flyer and two complimentary tickets for the spirit of Gomidas Concert on Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Vartan Cathedral. The program will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the passing of our most revered and beloved clergyman-composer whose music, as presented by a select group of performers, we trust you will enjoy.

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

Ms. Ida Kafafian
357 West 84th Street
New York, NY 10024

Dear Ms. Kafafian:

We are pleased to enclose a flyer and two complimentary tickets for the spirit of Gomidas Concert on Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Vartan Cathedral. The program will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the passing of our most revered and beloved clergyman-composer whose music, as presented by a select group of performers, we trust you will enjoy.

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

Ms. Lili Chookasian
25 Sussex Road
Tenafly, NH 07670

Dear Ms. Chookasian:

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

Ms. Barbara Martin
72-12 Juno Street
Forest Hills, NY 11375

Dear Ms. Martin:

We are pleased to enclose a flyer and one complimentary ticket for the spirit of Gomidas Concert on Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Vartan Cathedral. The program will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the passing of our most revered and beloved clergyman-composer whose music, as presented by a select group of performers, we trust you will enjoy.

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

Ms. Cynthia Bally
c/o Robbins
50 Riverside Drive
New York, NY

Dear Ms. Bally:

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

Ms. Marguerite Ounjian
800 West End Avenue, #7A
New York, NY 10025

Dear Ms. Ounjian:

We are pleased to enclose a flyer and one complimentary ticket for the spirit of Gomidas Concert on Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Vartan Cathedral. The program will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the passing of our most revered and beloved clergyman-composer whose music, as presented by a select group of performers, we trust you will enjoy.

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

Mr. Christopher Hajian
86-33 Palo Alto Street
Holliswood, NY 11423

Dear Mr. Hajian:

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

Ms. Cynthia Khachadourian
22 Phillip Drive
Princeton, NJ 08540

Dear Ms. Khachadourian:

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

Mr. Robert Kinoian
80 Central Park West
New York, NY 10023

Dear Mr. Kinoian:

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

Ms. Felice Takakjian-Bedrosian
154 Delaware Avenue
Freeport, NY 11520

Dear Felice:

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

Ms. Seta Karakashian
56-19 196th Street
Fresh Meadows, NY 11365

Dear Seta:

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

Mr. Ruben Ter Arutunian
360 East 55th Street
New York, NY

Dear Ruben:

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

Ms. Kay Armen
435 East 57th Street
New York, NY 10022

Dear Ms. Armen:

We are pleased to enclose a flyer and two complimentary tickets for the spirit of Gomidas Concert on Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Vartan Cathedral. The program will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the passing of our most revered and beloved clergyman-composer whose music, as presented by a select group of performers, we trust you will enjoy.

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

Ms. Lucine Amara
260 East End Avenue
New York, NY 10023

Dear Ms. Amara:

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mardigian
13920 East Ten Mile Road
Warren, Michigan 48089

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Mardigian:

We are pleased to enclose five complimentary tickets for the spirit of Gomidas Concert on Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Vartan Cathedral. The program will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the passing of our most revered and beloved clergyman-composer whose music, as presented by a select group of performers, we trust you will enjoy.

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

Ms. Michelle Ekizian
8 Prince Willow Lane
Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Dear Ms. Ekizian:

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

The Rev. Alan J. Sorem, President
Religion in American Life
815 Second Avenue, Suite 200
New York, NY 10017

Dear Rev. Sorem:

We are pleased to enclose a flyer and two complimentary tickets for the spirit of Gomidas Concert on Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Vartan Cathedral. The program will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the passing of our most revered and beloved clergyman-composer whose music, as presented by a select group of performers, we trust you will enjoy.

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

Mr. Arsen and Armand Pushman
303 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Dear Arsen and Armands:

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

Mr. John Motley
All City High School Chorus
156 Rutland Road
Brooklyn, NY 11225

Dear Mr. Motley:

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We would be honored if you could attend.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 12, 1985

Ms. Lois Anderson
Religion In American Life
815 Second Avenue, Suite 200
New York, NY 10017

Dear Ms. Anderson:

We are pleased to enclose a flyer and one complimentary ticket for the spirit of gomidas Concert on Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 pm at St. Vartan Cathedral. The program will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the passing of our most revered and beloved clergyman-composer whose music, as presented by a select group of performers, we trust you will enjoy.

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 11, 1985

Mr. George Tzontakis, Conductor
The Metropolitan Greek Chorale
c/o Greek Archdiocese of North and South America
10 East 79th Street
New York, NY 10021

Dear Mr. Tzontakis:

We are pleased to enclose a flyer and four complimentary tickets for the spirit of Gomidas Concert on Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Vartan Cathedral. The program will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the passing of our most revered and beloved clergyman-composer whose music, as presented by a select group of performers, we trust you will enjoy.

We would be honored if you could attend.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

January 9, 1986

Mrs. Marjorie Dobkin
425 Riverside Drive
New York, NY 10027

Dear Marjorie:

Thank you for your letter of December 31, and for your donation of \$20.00 (twenty dollars) towards the Gomidas Tribute. We regret that you were unable to join us for this tribute.

The event was a gratifying success, and was attended by more than a thousand persons. The performers on the program were accomplished artists, and the comments received so far are nothing but unanimous praise. Enclosed we are sending the program booklet.

On the occasion of the Theophany of Our Lord, we extend to you and to your loved ones our best wishes and prayers that the coming year will be one of health, happiness and prosperity for you all.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

Barnard College
Columbia University
606 West 120th Street
New York, New York 10027

Office of the Dean of Studies

December 31, 1985

Archbishop Taron Manougian
Diocese of the Armenian Church
of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016-4885

Dear Surpagan Hayr,

I want to thank you for
presenting me with these
tickets which I was unfortunately
unable to use, to my great
sorrow. I've heard that it was
a splendid tribute and concert.

Thank you.

Enclosed is a token
contribution.

Yours very sincerely,

Marjorie
(Horosjian Solkhi)

BARNARD

January 17, 1986

Ms. Sos Krikorian Kadian
21 Cedar Street
Creskill, NJ 07626

Dear Ms. Kadian:

Thank you for your letter of January 6, 1986. We appreciate your comments for the Gomidas Tribute which seems to have touched the hearts of almost everyone present. We were pleased that you could attend and share with us the memory of our beloved Vartabed-composer.

Whenever you plan to visit the Diocese, please call our office, (tel. 212-686-0710) and our secretary will be happy to arrange for a mutually convenient date for a meeting.

On the occasion of the Theophany of Our Lord, we extend to you and to your loved ones our best wishes and prayers that the coming year will be one of health, happiness and prosperity for you all.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manougian
Primate

Dedicated for April 17, Jan. 6, 1986

Your Grace,

Since the afternoon of Dec. 22nd just before Christmas, both the spirit and the song of Armenia's tragic son, Gomidas Vartabed, have not left me.

His bitter-sweet melodies, heard by so many within the portals of St. Vartan Cathedral that day, run through my mind again and again; and as I brush by colleagues and associates in my contemporary life, I cannot help but feel within me a joyous enrichment of which the others know nothing.... one that is my own personal inheritance, as an Armenian.

I wish to thank you, Your Grace, for creating that splendid occasion at which not only was tribute paid to the brilliance and accomplishment of the prolific twenty five years that Gomidas Vartabed was to know, but also

for the continued Commemoration of Our Nation's Genocide; the grave remembrance of which surely cannot be concluded with a date upon the calendar.

Your personal commitment to the Armenian People, and the intensity and inspiration of "your knowledge" of the mind and the spirit of the creative giant, Gomidas; was truly infectious; and many of us look forward to hearing you more in depth, in the near future.

Over the holidays, my father, Anoush Krikorian; born on the western shore of Lake Van, in Akhlat, in the Province of Bitlis; who is himself, a poet, a performer, a minstrel, at heart; and who with little to no schooling, educated himself...and has always created and shared his God-Given abilities with the Armenian Community here in the United States; recorded on cassette, portions of Murznghn's, Չընդիկ Ինքնագրաբեկ, which we would like to present to you in appreciation of your many

endeavors.

May I take the liberty of calling
your office to make a brief appointment.

Thanking you personally for the
thoughtful generosity of your complimentary
ticket and wishing you ~~Ευχαριστώ~~
~~Ευχαριστώ~~ to ~~Ευχαριστώ~~.....

I remain,

Sos ~~Krikorian~~ Kadian



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Анонш. Кезікозіаю
601 West 175 St
New York N.Y. 10033



Адреса по Новом Менорзіаю
SE "Vesta" Asmanica Часеб.
630, 2nd Ave.
New York N.Y. 10016

January 28, 1986

Mrs. Marian Bandazian
70 Overlook Drive
Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07675

Dear Mrs. Bandazian:

On our return from pastoral visits we were pleased to find your letter of January 10.

We appreciate your comments for the Gomidas Tribute which seems to have touched the hearts of almost everyone present. We were pleased that you could attend and share with us the memory of our beloved Vartabed-Composer.

On the occasion of the Theophany of Our Lord, we extend to you and to your loved ones our best wishes and prayers that the coming year will be one of health, happiness and prosperity for you all.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

January 10, 1986

His Eminence Archbishop Meroogian
St. Vartan Cathedral
630 Second Avenue
New York City, New York

Your Eminence,

I am taking this opportunity to share some thoughts with you. We are very quick to criticize one another and our organizations and events. Rarely do we praise them. I am writing to commend you on the conception of the Gomidas Festival Program presented on December 22, 1985.

The performers were excellent, the program was well thought out and I was extremely moved by your dedication to the memory of Gomidas. We lack cultural events of this caliber in our community and I firmly believe that this type of undertaking is what is needed to perpetuate ^{our} rich cultural heritage.

Unfortunately I was not present at your Tenafly lecture but I do hope you will honor us and share your knowledge at St. Leon's someday soon.

↓ The amount of research and study you have
expended in regards to the life and works of
Jonidas Vartan is phenomenal. Your dedication
and moving presentation was memorable and
well appreciated. Many sincere thanks for this
endeavor.

Asking for your blessings,

Sincerely yours,

Marion Baddeley

April 7, 1986

University of Michigan
University Microfilms
300 North Zeeb Road
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106

Dear Sirs:

This is to remind you that we are in urgent need of a copy of the thesis of Harry Bagian on Gomidas Vartabed, his life and importance to Armenian Music - 1964, which we requested on March 19, copy of our letter is enclosed for reference.

It will be appreciated if you will expedite a copy to us together with your invoice as soon as possible. The reference number is UM 64-12,557.

Thanking you for your cooperation.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General

March 19, 1986

University of Michigan
University Microfilms
300 North Zeeck Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48106

Dear Sirs:

It will be appreciated if you will kindly send us a copy of the thesis of Harry Bagian on Gomidas Vartabed, his life and importance to Armenian music - 1964. The order No. is UM 64-12,557. Please let us also have your invoice for the above.

Thanking you for your prompt attention to this matter.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General

April 28, 1986

Ms. Arpi A. Simonian
245 Cheswold Lane
Haverford, PA 19041

Dear Ms. Simonian:

Thank you for your letter of April 8. We were most happy to participate in the program of the "Celebration of Armenian Spirit and Genius", and present the life and work of our beloved Gomidas Vartabed.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending us video cassette recordings of the Gomidas lecture, and the organ recital as a tribute to composer Richard Yardumian.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones always with His love and wisdom.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate



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TEKEYAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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245 Cheswold Lane
Haverford, Pa. 19041

April 8, 1986

His Eminence
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Your Eminence:

I am pleased to be writing to you on behalf of the Tekeyan Cultural Association and the Cultural Celebration Committee for "A Celebration of Armenian Spirit and Genius" to express our appreciation for your kind participation in the programs. The fact that your Eminence presided over the weekend of activities gave the entire project a solemn grace and an ambiance of loftier cultural celebration.

Your marvelous presentation of the life and work of Gomidas brought him to life and brought us face to face with the genius he was. Your expert delivery, encouragement of audience participation and demonstration of correct musical interpretation of the varied categories of songs left us with a desire not only to learn more about Gomidas, but also gave yet another impetus to our desire to learn more about the many Greats of our nation, throughout our history.

Enclosed please find two video cassette recordings; one of the Gomidas lecture and one of the organ recital as a tribute to the composer Richard Yardumian.

Thank you again for an evening of intellectual enrichment.

Sincerely,
Arpi A. Simonian
Arpi A. Simonian
Chairman
Cultural Celebration
Committee



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Sent Oct 18

October 17, 1985

Mr. Edward Boghosian
The Armenian Reporter
P.O. Box 600
Fresh Meadows, NY 11365

Dear Mr. Boghosian:

Please place the following information in your Calendar of Events from this week till the day of the event:

DEC. 22 - GOMIDAS'S SPIRIT IN FESTIVAL - Commemorating the 50th anniversary of Gomidas Vartabed's death. Divine Liturgy at 10:30 a.m. in St. Vartan Cathedral, Abp. Torkom Manoogian, Primate, celebrating, with the participation of the Gomidas Choir, followed by Madagh in the Kavookjian Auditorium. Special concert dedicated to Gomidas Vartabed at 3:00 p.m. in the Cathedral.