

PRIMATE'S MESSAGE TO THE PARISH OF ST. MARY ARMENIAN
CHURCH OF LIVINGSTON, NEW JERSEY

This is surely a day of joy for us as well as for the members of the parish of St. Mary Armenian Church of Livingston, New Jersey. We know the dedication and expense that this parish has brought to the bittersweet enterprise of rebuilding the church which was burnt a few years ago by criminal hands.

Today the lamp of the Illuminator lights in Livingston once again, and the spirits of our saints rejoice in Heaven above us. We are truly a people that has seen the threshold of extinction, but we have survived, and like a phoenix we have risen from our ashes to rebuild our lives and our churches. We stand firm in the faith of our forefathers, and may the world be witness to the fact that an ancient people with its traditions, its heritage and its culture cannot be destroyed if its Christian faith remains steadfast.

We rejoice with all those who have made St. Mary in Livingston their spiritual home, and celebrate with them this special day beseeching God to continue to love us as we love Him, and grant us many more years of service in His vineyard of St. Mary. We must solemnly promise to continue working for the glory of God and for the welfare of the old and new generations of our community in Livingston.

May God bless you all and may His Spirit shower our people with the faith and love that are His alone to bestow.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

March 1982

Saint Mary Armenian Church
requests the honour of your presence
at the Consecration Banquet
on Sunday, the fourteenth of March
nineteen hundred and eighty-two
Social hour is at 4:00 in the afternoon,
Dinner immediately following
The Parsippany Hilton Hotel
Route 10
Parsippany, New Jersey

Donation: Forty dollars per person
18 years and under: Twenty dollars

Consecration Banquet Reservation
Please respond on or before
February 7, 1982

M _____
Will _____ *attend*
No. of persons _____
Amount enclosed _____

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