

PRIMATE'S ADDRESS

We express our pleasure and appreciation to all who have organized this Midwest Regional Anniversary Ball and to the participants from the various parishes of our Diocese. It is gratifying to see that our youth from the Midwest Region can come together to enjoy each other's company in true Christian fellowship.

Seventy-five years ago there were barely 450 Armenian people who came together and undertook the building of the first Armenian Church in the United States. Today more than half a million Armenians are involved with their church and community life. We especially need our youth to take the initiative in serving their church and community. You are the source of inspiration, the rejuvenation of our people and the means of showing to the world not a nation destroyed, but a nation flourishing under the sunlight of God's love.

May God bless you with all the gifts of His Holy Spirit. May He protect you in the shadow of His strength and in the path of His love.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

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