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## PRIMATE'S MESSAGE

The pastor, the parish council, the members of the church-affiliated organizations and all the faithful anticipate the 25th anniversary of their church's consecration with joy.

Community life in Chicago became formalized as of 1915, when newly-arrived Armenians gathered around their church, deriving their spiritual, national and social sustenance in her embrace.

As the number of Armenians in the Chicago metropolitan area grew, a stronger foundation for Armenian church life developed and now, twenty-five years later, we are celebrating a special milestone to the life of that church community.

The Armenian Church, especially in the United States, is not only the home of our faith and worship, but also always was and still is the basis of our national, educational and social life.

We have seen how loyal the St. Gregory the Illuminator Church of Chicago has remained to the traditions of the Armenian Church and to the responsibilities with which it has been charged, for the glory of God and the good of the faithful.

We, as the Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, congratulate you on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the consecration of the St. Gregory the Illuminator Church, and bless the pastor, the parish council, and the faithful people. May God's blessings remain with you all in his loving care.

Prayerfully,

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