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HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

101 Ashmead Road, Cheltenham, Pa. 19012

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian
Pastor

MAY 30, 1990

VERY REV. KHAJAG BARSAMIAN, PRIMATE
DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH
630 SECOND AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10016

YOUR EMINENCE:

THIS LETTER IS TO CONFIRM OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION IN WHICH YOUR EMINENCE AGREED TO PAY A PASTORAL VISIT TO OUR PARISH ON NOVEMBER 24 - 25, 1990 WEEKEND.

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOUR EMINENCE HAS FOUND TIME IN YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE TO BE WITH US AND WE HAVE STARTED MAKING PLANS. AS THE TIME GROWS CLOSER WE WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH YOUR EMINENCE. THANK YOU.

YOUR SERVANT,

VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN
PASTOR
ON BEHALF OF PARISH COUNCIL

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

August 23, 1990

The Very Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Melkonian
Pastor, Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church
101 Ashmead Road
Cheltenham, Pennsylvania 19012

Dear Fr. Haigazoun:

Thank you for forwarding donations on behalf of the Cheltenham parishioners in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the Iranian Earthquake Relief Fund at this time of tragedy and suffering.

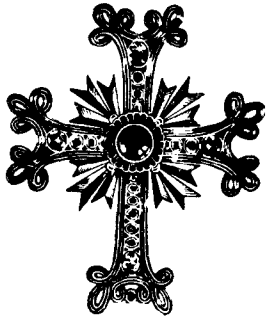
We are deeply grateful for all the efforts of our parishes throughout the Diocese towards humanitarian relief. Your concern will inspire hope and love for all who suffer everywhere. Every contribution we receive brings added strength to suffering people. There would be little hope without the united labors of all our faithful, each gesture of help adding to others, just as in the past, one stone added to another built cathedrals and whole cities.

God bless you, dear faithful, and may He gift us all with peace, courage and unshakable faith.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Primate

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January 31, 1991

**His Eminence Bishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016**

Your Eminence:

As of September 10, 1990 Dr. Garo Garibian resigned from the Parish Council due to pressing personal matters (of which Your Eminence is aware). At our regular Parish Council meeting of September 24, 1990 Vice- Chairman George Terkanian assumed Chairmanship and Larry Der Hagopian was elected Vice-Chairman.

I am sorry that it has taken so long to inform Your Eminence officially, yet it is imperative that this information be entered into the Diocesan files prior to the 1991 Diocesan Assembly.

Thank You for Your understanding.

Your servant,

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian
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March 15, 1991

The Very Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Melkonian, Pastor
Holy Trinity Armenian Church
101 Ashmead Road
Cheltenham, PA 19012

Dear Fr. Haigazoun:

We are pleased to enclose herewith our check #985 for \$771.63 (seven hundred and seventy-one dollars and sixty-three cents) representing the amount bequeathed by the late Elizabeth Chakarian of Worcester, Massachusetts, to the Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania.

Yours respectfully,

Syraun Palvetzian
Executive Director

Enclosure



Holy Trinity Armenian Church

101 Ashmead Road

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1966 - 1991

25th Anniversary of Consecration

July 24, 1991

**His Eminence Bishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016**

Your Eminence:

We have received a special request that Your Eminence officiate at the Baptism for Annie June and Ohannes Paul Hashas children of Kevork and Mercedes Hashas on Sunday, August 11, 1991. It will be a great honor not only for the Hashas family but our entire parish should Your Eminence be able to officiate.

When I had spoken to Your Eminence on the phone I had mentioned that prior to the Hashas baptism we also have a baptism for the Hanamirian family. Arsen Hanamirian has served this parish faithfully for over forty years as Parish Council member and Diocesan Delegate. And would likewise feel greatly honored if Your Eminence could officiate at the baptism of his grandchild.

I will make every preparation for Your Eminence and await Your reply.

Your Servant,

**Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian
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ARMENIAN PATRIARCHATE

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July 26, 1991

V.Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian
 Pastor
 Holy Trinity Armenian Church
 101 Ashmead Rd
 Cheltenham, PA
 USA

Dear Fr Haigazoun,

Thank you for your letter of June 26, 1991. It brings back so many fond memories for us.

You shall soon be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the consecration of Holy Trinity Armenian Church. This will be an auspicious occasion not only for Cheltenham, or the Armenian Church in America, but for all Armenians everywhere.

When, a quarter of a century ago, we consecrated this edifice here in this city, and put it squarely on the map, no one could have possibly dreamt of the immense progress the church would make.

We built our dreams with a modest scenario in mind, that did not take into account our burgeoning growth, the increasing demands of our times, the constant need for spiritual regeneration.

The Church of the Holy Trinity has stood the test of time, has flourished and has inspired generations of Armenians, who have come along their way filled with true faith and a recognition of their particular destiny.

Without the church to guide, inspire and teach, our nation would have long been lost. There is no measure of the great service this humble edifice has rendered our people throughout the past 25 years.

In generations to come, your children and your children's children will continue reaping the spiritual harvest we sowed in 1966.

In paying tribute to all those whose selfless devotion and service contributed towards the growth of this church, let us not forget the great part played by its former pastors, church councils and church organizations.

With blessings and prayers from Jerusalem,

Abp. Torkom Manougian
 Archbishop Torkom Manougian
 Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem



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September 20, 1991

Dear Brother in Christ:

In September of 1991 Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania celebrated the 25th Anniversary of its consecration.

Enclosed you will find a copy of our Anniversary Booklet.

Prayerfully,

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian
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October 7, 1991

**His Eminence Bishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016**

Your Eminence:

On behalf of the Parish Council and Parishioners of Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania I want to personally thank you for a most lovely and inspiring weekend. Saturday evening was especially beautiful and moving. Sunday the Commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of Consecration of our beloved House of Worship was an exceptional day.

Surpazan Hayr, our heartfelt thanks; without Your guidance and support, words of encouragement and leadership, and especially Your presence it would have been impossible to plan and implement such a major undertaking and achieve such an overwhelming success.

Please accept the enclosed small token of our appreciation as the traditional *Jamoutz*.

Your servant,

**Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian
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October 22, 1991

**His Eminence
Bishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016**

Your Eminence:

The Department of Religious Education should be commended on a job well done in organizing the special teacher's training program in Armenia. Your Eminence, I am sure, will be proud of the work accomplished by our group and organized by Your Diocesan staff.

I want to personally thank you for the wonderful experience that you afforded me by sending me with the group to Armenia. It was one of the most spiritually rewarding experiences of my life. The teachers and people we encountered were hungry for as much information that we could provide about the holy Mother Church.

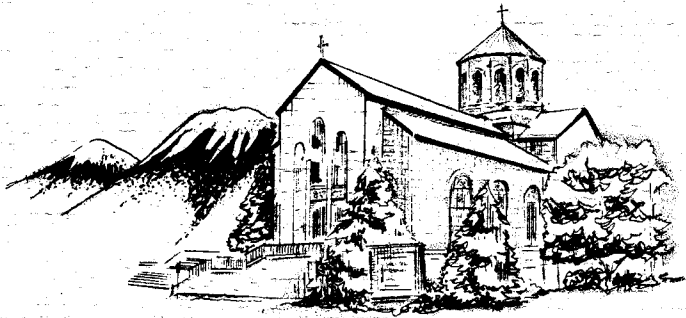
I look forward to meeting with Your Eminence and the Diocesan Staff to discuss our trip and future plans.

Your servant,

**Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian
Pastor**

cc. Elise Antreassian, Director
Nancy Basmajian, Director
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December 6 1991

**His Eminence Bishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016**

Your Eminence:

Many parishioners have expressed a concern about the mode of offering Holy Communion in our church because of the many and varied types of illnesses that are about today.

I realize that Holy Communion is the incorruptible Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Yet, that is a matter for theologians as some of our faithful have chosen not to communicate because of these fears. Likewise, the celebrant is at particular risk as he must consume the remainder and his fingers are exposed to every communicant's mouth.

Your Eminence, may I give Holy Communion to those individuals by placing it in their hands as we do when offering Holy Communion to another priest? This way they also can communicate.

Your servant,

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