

Vasken, Servant of Jesus Christ
and by the Incomprehensible Will of God
Chief Bishop and Catholicos of All Armenians
Supreme Patriarch of the National Pre-Eminent See
of the Araratian Universal Mother Church of Holy Etchmiadzin

To the Most Honorable Daniel Dorian
True Son of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin
Paternal Greetings and Pontifical Blessings
Cambridge, Massachusetts

The Good Lord has always enlightened the path of the soul-sustaining mission of the our Apostolic Holy Church, in the bosom of our devout people--both in Armenia and in the diaspora--through the active cooperation and moral encouragement of the devout sons of our nation.

The honorable name of Mr. Daniel Dorian belongs among the multitude of those faithful sons. As one of the founding members of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America and the Building Committee of the St. Mary Armenian Church of Livingston, New Jersey, you have rendered dedicated services to our church lasting half a century. Moreover, you have been involved in church activities in Boston by becoming a Diocesan Delegate, Parish Council member and Chairman of the Annual Diocesan Assembly for a period of two years.

Therefore, in deep appreciation of your half-century of devoted activities, and responding to the intercession of His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, we issue herewith our encyclical, bestowing upon you the honor of bearing the medal of "St. Nersess the Graceful". Furthermore, we convey to you our Pontifical blessings and heartfelt congratulations from the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin. We fervently pray that the Lord grants you and your family a long, healthy and peaceful life together.

"Be alive, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, and remain blessed forever on the part of the Lord and us."

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