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Dear Mrs. Chakirian

I thank you for your letter and the picture with the note.

In the picture of Gomitas Vartabed the persons I know and remember most of them are -

Front row seated from right first Zareh Sarian now is in Paris France. next to him is Hovanes Hakelkian a professor, in New Jersey is also living. next to Gomidas Vartabed also seated is Aram Babayan now living in Florida, next to him a friend we used to call him Mejiq. Second row from right first Mikael Kalbayan, a Altar boy also member of the choir is not living now, next is Vertanes Kapamajian also a member is dead, next is the old choir master of the Church and a dedicated teacher of the parish, Mr. Hamparzum.

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next to him a friend I don't remember
his name, next, just behind
Jonidas Vartabed is Dr. Stepan Gara-
bedian, our conductor. next ~~is~~ I
don't remember him. next is Kiikar
Garabedian who was our second conduc-
tor later became Kusan Vartabed and
Archbishop, died in Istanbul. next is
a altar boy, Papajian and the next
is my very best friend Zareh Keisian
he died while in the army, he was 19.
In the top row, from left first
Aram Nazarian, he died in
Egypt. next is Chemist Karnig
Garabedian in military uniform
he became Vartabed and Archbishop,
he was the pastor of Holy Cross
Church in New York City about the
end of 1930's. The rest I don't rem-
ember. The three Garabedians
I mentioned above are brothers

and all census of Gomidas Vartabed
who stayed in their house after
he was back from exile in 1916
just before Easter.

As you know I took this picture
after Gomidas Vartabed celebrated
the Mass at Holy Cross Church
which was a block away from
Garabedian's House.

If you need any more information
please let me know.

Respectfully
Aram Djidjian