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It gives me great pleasure to officially inform you of the forthcoming visit of His Holiness Karekin I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, to the Armenian Church Dioceses of North America. His Holiness will be in the New York area January 10 to 14, 1996.

While visiting the New York area, His Holiness will meet with the leadership of various Christian denominations and communities. As part of his visitation schedule, we are planning a special meeting for the Catholicos with the leaders of our sister Oriental Orthodox Churches here in America. He has been a proactive force in global interaction with our sister churches, and firmly advocates maintaining our Orthodox unity.

We invite you to a unique gathering with His Holiness on Thursday, January 11, 1996 at 4:00 p.m. here at our Diocesan headquarters. During this one hour meeting you will have the opportunity to personally greet him on behalf of your church, and discuss with him a number of issues regarding our internal unity as an Orthodox body and some of the challenges that face us individually and collectively, both in the United States as well as the diaspora.

Please inform us if you will be able to join us for this momentous occasion by contacting our Chancellor, Father Garabed Kochakian, no later than December 15, 1995.

We look forward to the opportunity once again to share Christian fellowship and extend our hospitality to you.

With prayers,

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian  
Primate

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**ORIENTAL ORTHODOX TEAM MEETING**  
**January 11, 1996 at 4:00 p.m.**

The Very Reverend Chorepiscopus John Meno  
St. Mark's Syrian Orthodox Cathedral  
260 Elm Ave.  
Teaneck, NJ 07666

His Eminence Archbishop Nicholovos Zacharia  
c/o General Theological Seminary  
175 9th Ave.  
New York, NY 10011

The Reverend Dr. K.M. Simon  
12 Dogwood Lane,  
Hohokus, NJ 07423

The Reverend Father Jacob Ghaly, Ecumenical Officer  
St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church  
31 Dolphin Rd.  
New City, NY 10956

His Eminence Archbishop Matthias, Primate  
Ethiopian Orthodox Archdiocese  
P.O.Box 77262  
Washington, DC 20013

His Grace Mathews Mar Barnabas  
Metropolitan Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church  
Indian Orthodox Church Center,  
80-34 Commonwealth Blvd.  
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Upon his arrival on Wednesday, January 10th, His Holiness will be received at the Saint Vartan Armenian Cathedral with a special service of thanksgiving and adoration. This will take place at seven o'clock in the evening. We would be most honored if you could join us in welcoming him to our Diocese on this, his first visit to America since his enthronement as the Catholicos of All Armenians.

Following this service, there will be a special reception during which you will be able to meet His Holiness and convey your words and greetings to him.

We invite you to vest for this service of welcome according to the propriety of your liturgical tradition. Please plan to arrive by 6:15 p.m. in order to vest and receive instructions.

Please let our office know if you will be able to join us on this very special evening. You may contact our Chancellor and Ecumenical Officer, the Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian, if you have any questions with regard to protocol and the timetable.

I look forward to this momentous occasion, and the opportunity to pray to our Lord as His Church in welcoming His Holiness to America.

With prayers,

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian  
Primate

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ORIENTAL ORTHODOX CLERGY MEETING WITH VEHAPAR  
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The Reverend Father David Bebawy  
19 Jefferson Ave.  
Staten Island, NY 10306

The Reverend Father Athanasius K. Farag  
483 Simons Ave.  
Hackensack, NJ 07601

The Reverend Father Norris Absalom  
St. Michael Ethiopian Orthodox Church  
P.O. Box 3248,  
Teaneck, NJ 07666

His Grace Bishop Youssef  
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