

December 21, 1970

Mr. Edward Tufankjian
412 Beechwood Avenue
Liverpool, New York 13088

Dear Mr. Tufankjian:

I have received your letter of December 6.

On this occasion I would like to inform you that our Primate, His Grace Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, will arrive in Syracuse on Saturday, January 9, on American Airlines #561 arriving at 4:12 p.m. to celebrate Armenian Christmas with the community of Syracuse. His Grace will celebrate the Divine Liturgy that same evening on the occasion of Christmas Eve and on Sunday, January 10, on the occasion of Christmas and Theophany of our Lord.

His Grace will depart for New York on Monday, January 11, at 12:15 p.m. on American Airlines #558 t

I am sure the Parish Council and the parish of Syracuse will take advantage of His Grace's presence amongst them.

I had asked Father Vertanes Papazian to bring incense with him to Syracuse last Sunday. I hope he has done so.

Wishing you and the Parish Council Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Mampre Kouzouian
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The Most Rev. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian of New York City will be guest of members of St. Paul's Armenian Church today and tomorrow to celebrate Christmas according to the Julian calendar.

Archbishop Manoogian is spiritual leader of the Diocese

of the Armenian Church of North America.

He will arrive at Hancock Field today and be celebrant at the Christmas Eve service starting at 7 p.m.

At 10 a.m. tomorrow in St. Paul's Armenian Church he will preside and be celebrant of the Divine Liturgy.

Following the service a dinner in his honor will be served in the church.

A native of Baghdad, Iraq, he studied at the Seminary of the Aermenian Patriarchate in Jerusalem and was ordained a celibate priest in 1939 on completion of his studies at the School of Theology. He served various posts both in this country and abroad. For a time he served an Armenian parish in Philadelphia, Pa.

He was elected as primate of the Western (California) Diocese of the Armenian Church in 1962 and consecrated a bishop the same year. He was elevated to archbishop in 1968.

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bishop Torkom Manoogian, third
from left, will celebrate Christmas
today at St. Paul's Armenian Church.
Archbishop Manoogian is head of the

Armenian Church of North America.
Meeting him yesterday were Edward
Tufankjian, left, Vag Avakian, second
from left, and Art Babikian, right.