

October 7, 1981

The Very Reverend Father Baret Yeretjian
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Dear Father Baret:

Enclosed please find His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian's message to the Holy Cross Armenian Church of Lawrence, Massachusetts, on the occasion of their fiftieth anniversary.

Yours respectfully,

Sylvia Terzibashian
Secretary to the Primate

Enclosure

HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN'S MESSAGE TO THE
HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH OF LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS, ON
THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

On this joyous occasion of the Golden Anniversary of the Holy Cross Armenian Apostolic Church of Lawrence, Massachusetts, we must all rejoice with all those who have made the Holy Cross Armenian Apostolic Church of Lawrence, Massachusetts, their spiritual home and celebrate with them this special day thanking God for His many blessings and bounty.

When measured against the ancient history of our Church, fifty years is nothing more than a moment of time. So vast has been the experience of our Church in the more than 1,600 years since it was established by St. Gregory The Illuminator, that our life in this new world is minute in comparison. But to us who have lived that life, who have worked in this Diocese, who have worshipped in its parishes, it is everything. The Holy Cross Church of Lawrence has been the spiritual and community center for several generations of our people, blessed with outstanding clerical and lay leadership, and blessed with parishioners who have seemed to understand the meaning of their church, and what love of it meant and means, and we rejoice with them during this special anniversary.

We pray that the blessing of God may abound on our sons and daughters of the Lawrence, Massachusetts, community. They who were instrumental in making the Church viable and active for these long years, will always be remembered with gratitude. We must solemnly promise to continue this good work for the glory of God and for the welfare of the old and new generations of our community in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

May God bless you all on this joyous occasion and may His Spirit shower our people with the faith and love that are His alone to bestow.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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