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**HIS GRACE BISHOP KEVORK SERAYDARIAN, PRIMATE
OF THE DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GEORGIA SSR,
ON VISIT TO THE U.S. EASTERN DIOCESE**

His Grace Bishop Kevork Seraydarian, a member of the Holy Etchmiadzin Brotherhood and Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of Georgia SSR, is presently on an extended visit to the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America. This is his fourth trip to the United States since 1972.

On October 20, Bishop Seraydarian paid a courtesy call on His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese, who has just returned from a month-long trip to Armenia. Bishop Seraydarian will reside in the Eastern Diocese until November 27th. On Sunday, October 30, he will celebrate the Holy Badarak in St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral. During his visit, he will also celebrate the Divine Liturgy in various parishes of the Diocese.

" It is a pleasure and joy for me to be here, to have been recieved so graciously by His Eminence Archbishop Manoogian, by my fellow clergymen, and the wonderful Armenian community. I always learn a great deal in my visits to the Diocese because it is one of the most well-organized and dynamic in the Armenian Church. I am looking forward to meeting many parish and community leaders during my stay."

Bishop Seraydarian was born on August 29, 1938 in Bucharest, Romania. He is one of the expatriates of 1948 from that country to Armenia. Following his high school education in Yerevan, he entered the Theological Seminary of Holy Etchmiadzin from which he graduated in 1962.

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He has served the Mother See in various capacities: in the financial department and as director of the Church Art Museum attached to the Etchmiadzin Cathedral. He has also served as an assistant to the canon of the Cathedral and as a staff bearer of His Holiness Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians.

For two years, 1970-1972, he taught various religious subjects, including the Church calendar. Issued by the Holy See, the calendar has been prepared by His Grace since 1971.

In 1972, His Holiness Vasken I appointed him Locum Tenens of the Diocese of the Armenian Church in Georgia SSR. In 1973, he was officially named Primate of the Diocese. In 1973, he received the degree of Dzire-akaoyv Vartabed by His Holiness Vasken I, and on September 30 of the same year, the Catholicos elevated him to the rank of Bishop of the Armenian Church.

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