

September 27, 1966

Mr. S. Saxonian
Chairman, Parish Council
1111 Bering Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Saxonian:

We have notified you through Rev. Levon Arakelian that we are planning to visit our Houston community, on the weekend of November 27th.

Please confirm the above date and kindly give us the program you would have during our stay in your parish.

Prayerfully,

BISHOP TORKOM
Primate of the Diocese of the
Armenian Church of America

October 26, 1966

U. S. Treasury Department
Internal Revenue Service
District Director
Austin, Texas 78767

Re: A:R:EO:GAB

Gentlemen:

I represent the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, the New York religious corporation.

This letter is written to reply to your letter of May 4, 1966 and of August 4, 1966 addressed to the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, c/o Armenian Church of Houston, 1111 Bering Drive, Houston, Texas.

The said Armenian Church of Houston as a constituent member of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (New York) will be given a new name at the consecration ceremonies scheduled for late November, 1966.

Since the said parish church of Houston was recently formed and is in its initial stages of organization, it requires time before it is fully functioning. Thereafter, it will file the necessary certificates to amend its articles of incorporation in order to change its present name to its consecrated name which will definitely eliminate and avoid the misconception as pointed out by your said letter of May 4, 1966.

Thereafter, it will forward to you two copies of such amended articles of incorporation as per your request.

Kindly accept our regrets for the delay, and this late reply.

Very truly yours,

MY:mr
c.c. 1 to, Diocese of the
Armenian Church of America,
630 Second Ave., N.Y., NY
10016

MARTIN YAZMAJIAN
c.c. 2 to, Parish Council
Armenian Church of Houston
1111 Bering Drive, Houston,
Texas 77027

December 8, 1967

Mr. Zaven Kirksharian
Saint George Armenian Church & Center
1111 Bering Drive
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Mr. Kirksharian:

Will you please send the names and addresses
of the individuals mentioned in your letter of Dec. 4th to
our Consecration Committee chairman, Mr. John Tenbeck, 305
East 47th Street, New York City.

We are sending your letter of Dec. 4th to
Mr. John Tenbeck.

Sincerely,

Bishop Vasken Kebresian
Vicar General

VK/asp

November 27, 1967

Mr. S. Saxenian
Chairman of Parish Council
1111 Bering Drive
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Mr. Saxenian:

We acknowledge receipt of the letter of Nov. 22nd, 1967, from Mr. Zaven Kirkhanian, together with the minutes of the last two parish council meetings. We appreciate what your parish council is doing locally to help build up a stronger community.

We will give the names of the raffle ticket winners to Mr. Bedros Norehad who is the editor of the Armenian Church, but bear in mind that the U. S. Post Office does not want any raffle announcements in non-profit organization publications. Mr. Norehad may use the words "names of prize winners".

For future consideration it is more efficient to write a separate detailed article about your affairs and send it immediately and not postpone it a few weeks.

Also, whenever you decide to have Divine Liturgy, please inform us ahead of time, so that we may make the necessary arrangements for a visiting priest. We have the impression that you will have Divine Liturgy on Vartanantz Day, but we will wait until we hear from you.

God bless you all and guide you through the right way.

Prayerfully,

Bishop Vasken Kebreslian
Vicar General

VK/asp

September 19, 1967

Mr. S. Saxenian
Chairman, Parish Council
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Saxenian:

A number of our parishes have requested the official photograph of the Primate, to be hung in the parish office as is customary.

Lately, it was possible to secure an official photograph of His Grace of which we are enclosing herewith a copy for your use.

Since it will be an extra expense on the Diocesan budget, the Diocesan Council reluctantly decided to realize the cost of each photograph, which is sixteen dollars (\$16.00), through the treasury of the parish councils.

While this amount will not be a considerable burden on the parishes, the entire cost of these photographs would be a noticeable weight on the Diocesan budget.

It will be appreciated if you kindly submit the above mentioned amount to the Diocesan Office on or before Oct. 20, 1967 in order to enable us to pay the photographer.

Prayerfully,

Fr. Vasken Kebreslian
Vicar General

VK/asp

ST. GEORGE ARMENIAN CHURCH & CENTER
1111 BERING DR.
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77027

PARISH COUNCIL

Armenian Church of Houston

1111 BERING DRIVE
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77027

February 22, 1967

AIR MAIL

Rt. Rev. Bishop T. Manoogian
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Ave
New York, N.Y. 10016

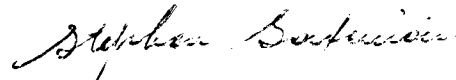
Serpazan Hayr,

We hope that you will be able to accept our proposition
for this coming Easter.

The parish Council of the Houston Saint George Armenian Church
decided in their January 23 and February 2 meetings to have Easter Mass
and celebration. We would be grateful if you could approve of Reverend
Levon Arakelian's coming to Houston on this occasion, in order that he may
be with us and celebrate the Mass, and preside the Banquet taking care, at
the same time, of some old outstanding questions.

Please accept our expression of deepest devotion and filial love.

Sincerely yours,



Stephen Saxenian.

*Fr. Levon will be
with them. 28/2/67*

August 23, 1968

Mr. S. Saxenian
7111 Bering Drive
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Mr. Saxenian:

I am happy to inform you that Rev. Mampre Kouzouian will be in your city from Sept. 11 through Sept. 14.

He will be there to participate in Houston to the General Board meeting of the National Council of Churches as a representative of our Church and Primate.

The meetings will be held on Sept. 10-13 in the Hilton Hotel, and they are open to the public.

In connection with this trip, His Grace Archbishop Torkom thought it would be very appropriate for Der Mampre to meet also with the people in your parish. I believe that you have already agreed on Friday evening, September 13, as the best time.

Der Mampre will be most pleased to speak to such a gathering on that night. His subject will be: "The Ecumenical Movement and the Armenian Church." He will speak for 10-15 minutes, after which he can answer whatever questions the parishioners may have.

Rev. Kouzouian is originally from Lebanon, has studied here at the General Theological Seminary and for a number of years has been pastor of our St. Mary Church in Irvington, New Jersey.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Antreassian
Administrator

June 13, 1969

Mr. Kegham S. Gregory
Chairman of Parish Council
St. George Armenian Church & Center
278 Maple Valley
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Mr. Gregory:

We are sure you will be pleased to learn that Deacon Dickran Metjian, who is currently serving our Worcester Parish, will be moving to Houston early in July. If he is able to secure suitable employment, he will settle there, and at the same time be of considerable service to our Houston Parish.

It would be greatly appreciated, both by ourselves and by the Deacon, if you and some of our other parishioners could help him secure a proper position. It will be a service from which all will benefit.

Deacon Metjian's qualifications are in the field of Guidance and Psychology: Counseling in social agencies and clinical setting; also working with young people and juvenile delinquents.

He has sent a job application to the Texas Employment Office in the Chamber of Commerce Building.

It would also be very helpful if temporary living quarters could be found for him until he has an opportunity to look around for himself.

Please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

With blessings,

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate

P.S. We enclose a copy of our letter addressed to Rev. Armen Jorjorian. It may prove helpful if you contact him as well.

August 18, 1972

Mr. Stephen Saxenian
Chairman of Parish Council
St. George Armenian Church
7534 Briar Rose
Houston, Texas 77042

1972-1973

Dear Mr. Saxenian:

We are pleased to appoint the following as members of the 1972-1973 Parish Council of the St. George Armenian Church of Houston, Texas:

Mr. Hrant Bardouni
Mr. James Boyajian
Mr. Anton Hagopian
Mr. Yohannes Hekimian
Mr. Joseph Kaloustian
Mr. Garabed M. Keramian
Mr. Zaven Kirksharian
Mr. Stephen Saxenian

We direct that a meeting be called during which these members may themselves elect their officers, and we ask that the results of this election be sent to us together with the names and addresses of the elected officers.

We pray that by working together cooperatively and devotedly, the Parish Council will continue to bring its exemplary service to our church community.

According to our present schedule, we plan to visit Houston on December 2 and 3 of this year, at which time we will look forward to greeting the members personally.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 20, 1972

Mr. Stephen Saxenian
Chairman of Parish Council
St. George Armenian Church
7534 Briar Rose
Houston, Texas 77042

Dear Mr. Saxenian:

We regret that our communication of August 18th, regarding Parish Council appointments, failed to reach you.

We are pleased to appoint the following as members of 1972-1973 Parish Council of the St. George Armenian Church of Houston, Texas.

Mr. Stephen Saxenian, Chairman
Mr. Yohannes Kekimian, Vice Chairman
Mr. Joseph Sarkisian, Secretary
Mr. James Boyajian, Treasurer
Mr. Garabed Keramian, Advisor
Mr. Gregory Matoesian, Advisor
Mr. J. Monjian, Advisor
Mr. Haigaz Ohanian, Advisor
Mr. Vigen Ohanian, Advisor

We pray that by working together cooperatively and devotedly, the Parish Council will continue to bring its exemplary service to our church community.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

December 20, 1972

Mr. Stephen Saxenian
Chairman of Parish Council
St. George Armenian Church
7534 Briar Rose
Houston, Texas 77042

Dear Mr. Saxenian:

We regret that our communication of August 18th, regarding your Sunday Community Service Committee, failed to reach you.

We are pleased to appoint the following as members of the 1972-1973 Sunday Community Service Committee of the St. George Armenian Church of Houston, Texas:

Mr. James Boyajian, Chairman
Mr. Joseph Kaloustian, Vice Chairman
Mrs. J. Boyajian, Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. J. Kaloustian, Recording Secretary
Miss Srpouhi Mekimian, Advisor

We pray that by working together cooperatively and devotedly, the Sunday Community Service Committee will continue to bring its exemplary service to our church community.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

ATM/sm

January 2, 1974

Mr. Stephen Saxenian
President of Parish Council
St. George Armenian Church
7534 Briar Rose
Houston, Texas 77042

Dear Mr. Saxenian:

We are very pleased to appoint Father Arnak Kasparian visiting pastor of Houston's St. George parish. We feel such an assignment will be of great benefit to your community until circumstances enable you to have a permanent priest.

We can arrange to have Father Arnak make periodic visits, help plan your activities and the future of your parish. He can also maintain more regular and direct communication. He will, of course, report and be responsible to the Primate.

We have already notified Father Arnak of this appointment and will expect him to communicate with you in due course.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc: Father Arnak Kasparian

ATM/vb

January 22, 1974

Mr. Stephen Saxenian
Chairman, Parish Council
St. George Armenian Church
7534 Briar Rose
Houston, Texas 77042

Dear Mr. Saxenian:

Since our last letter to you, we have received a written report from Father Hmayak in which he expresses gratification with the visit he made to the Houston parish, and delight with the devotion and leadership shown by the parish council and its chairman. We were very pleased by his impressions.

On Father Hmayak's next visit, we would like you to convene a meeting of your Council, with Father Hmayak presiding, at which a slate of candidates can be determined and submitted for our approval.

Slates should be submitted for 1974:

Parish Council
Ladies Auxiliary Executive Committee
Sunday Community Service Committee

A copy of this letter will be sent to Father Hmayak for his information. Please submit slates to us immediately following meeting.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc: Father Hmayak

May 1, 1974

Mr. Stephen Saxenian
Chairman, Parish Council
St. George Armenian Church
1111 Berine drive
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Mr. Saxenian:

We have received a letter from Fr. Hmayak Intoyan, reviewing his visit to your parish during Holy Week and the discussions that took place in the parish council meeting held while he was there.

He sent along the three names recommended for the parish council.

We would be pleased if the names of six rather than three candidates were submitted to us by you and your council, from which we might name three to the vacated posts. We are also contemplating on the feasibility of appointing a separate Church Building Committee. Please send us five names.

Let us hear from you at your earliest opportunity.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

August 2, 1974

Mr. Stephen Saxenian
Chairman, Parish Council
St. George Armenian Church
111 Bering Drive
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Mr. Saxenian:

Miss Lili Chookasian will be on an extended concert tour in the near future, in the course of which a concert will be scheduled in your area. We have listed below details of her appearance in your area:

Houston, Texas: November 19, 22, 24

We are sure that many of our people in your parish would be interested in knowing about this. We ask therefore that you make appropriate note of this, in your church paper, on your bulletin board and in whatever ways it is possible to bring this to public attention.

Miss Chookasian is one of our finest artists, a star of the Metropolitan Opera Company, and an opportunity to hear her should not be missed.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

September 16, 1974

Mr. Yohannes Hekimian
Parish Council Chairman
St. George Armenian Church
111 Bering Drive
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Mr. Hekimian:

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian will make a visit to the Houston parish from Saturday, January 25 to Tuesday, January 28. He will arrive from Memphis on Saturday, and leave for Miami on Wednesday, January 29.

Details of his flight schedule will be sent to you in due course. Meanwhile the Primate would like you to prepare for an evening service on Saturday evening if possible, the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning, as well as meetings with your parish Council and a joint meeting with the Executives of the various church organizations.

Please communicate your plans to the Primate as soon as they are completed.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian

March 26, 1976

Mr. Hrant Bardoony
3703 Travis
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Bardoony:

The St. George Armenian Church of Houston is taking steps to establish itself as a fully organized parish, with dues paying members, elections and a parish assembly to be convened as soon as it proves feasible.

With such plans, there is renewed interest in revitalizing the building campaign in which you played so significant a part in the beginning stages of our parish life in Houston.

In the circumstances we felt it would be appropriate to appoint a new building committee to carry on the work to which you have devoted so much of your time and energy.

We are deeply appreciative of your service, both in this area and in other aspects of our church and community life.

May God bless you always for your devotion to His Church.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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cc. Parish Council Chairman
Mr. Y. Hekimian

April 2, 1976

Mr. Yohannes Hekimian
Chairman, Parish Council
St. George Armenian Church
5930 Schumacher Avenue
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Mr. Hekimian:

With the appointment of your new building committee, it may be appropriate to note that it is important for us to see detailed architectural plans as soon as they are ready.

We realize that such plans may not now be available. But please have copies sent for our study and the recommendations of our architectural committee, as soon as they become available.

We have enclosed the photographs and biography Mr. Karamian requested.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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March 26, 1976

Mrs. Rose Sanjakian
6544 Belmont
Houston, Texas 77005

Dear Mrs. Sanjakian:

The St. George Armenian Church of Houston is taking steps to establish itself as a fully organized parish, with dues paying members, elections and a parish assembly to be convened as soon as it proves feasible.

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May God bless you always for your devotion to His Church.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc. Mr. Y. Hekimian
Parish Council Chairman

L.A.
Houston, Texas

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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77006

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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN
CHURCH OF AMERICA

April 27, 1976

Executive Committee
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016

Dear Sirs:

It has come to my attention that a priest of the Armenian Church acted in a disgraceful, rude and obnoxious manner to a lady parishioner of the St. George Armenian Church in Houston, Texas on the occasion of the Easter service (April 18, 1976). Fr. Artoun Sumpadian shouted insults to Mrs. Rose Sanjakian, the lady who was the guiding force behind the founding of the first Armenian church in Texas. She found this most valuable church property, persuaded the owner to sell at a much reduced price and found the benefactor who donated money for it.

It is most sacreligious and unseemly that a priest could act in such an un-Christian-like way before the assembled worshipers on an Easter Sunday. A priest should set an example for his congregation, and obviously Fr. Sumpadian only pays lip-service to the words of our Lord Jesus Christ to "love thy neighbor as thyself".

If Fr. Sumpadian, with his uncouth ways, is a representative example of the calibre of our Armenian priests today, then God help the Armenian Church!

Sincerely,



Virginia Varteressian (Mrs. L.A.)

cc THE ARMENIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE



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FR. TERENCE KONDRALIAN, *Pastor*

May 11, 1977

Mr. Yohannes Hekimian,
Chairman of the Parish Council
St. George Armenian Church & Center
1111 Bering Drive
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Mr. Hekimian:

During our recent Diocesan Assembly held in Providence, Rhode Island, I met with our Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian in reference to my assignment with your parish in Houston, Texas. During our brief discussion, several pieces of correspondence were presented to me for my personal attention.

I am most elated that arrangements can be made for my pastoral service with St. George Armenian Church and at this time I would like to make a visit to your Church to meet with you and other members of your Parish Council.

Accordingly, I have made arrangements to arrive in Houston on Tuesday, May 31, 1977 by plane through Delta Airlines Flight #323 which leaves Boston at 12:10 p.m. and arrives in Houston at 4:59 p.m.

During my visit, my hopes are to meet and discuss all the arrangements including financial and personal. Also, I would like to perform Divine Liturgy services for your Armenian Community and would like to hold a banquet following the church services which will give me an opportunity to meet with your parishioners. I would appreciate any and all arrangements which you can make regarding this.

I look forward to meeting with you and your Parish Council Members soon and ask for God's prayers to be with you all.

Prayerfully yours,

Rev. Terenig Kondralian

RTK/ck

cc Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.



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FR. TERENCE KONDRALIAN, Pastor

January 17, 1978

Qerashnorh
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
of the Diocese of the Armenian Church
of North America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Srbazan Hayr:

Following our recent telephone conversation, I informed and discussed that conversation with the members of my Parish Council.

Since my pastoral appointment here at St. George Armenian Church in September of 1977, our congregation has been very active and more involved than ever before. The attitude of all the parishioners towards each other, towards myself as their Pastor and especially towards the Parish Council members have shown great strength for an Armenian community working together. The relationship that is growing is one of great fulfillment.

Also, since my appointment as Pastor, our dues paid membership has grown considerably. I am attaching a complete up to date list of all our dues paid Church members in good standing along with their current addresses.

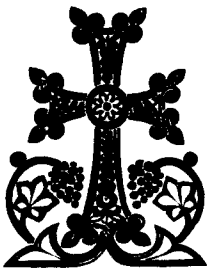
This year, on Sunday, February 5, 1978 immediately following our Divine Liturgy Services, our Church will hold her first Annual Parish Assembly. Invitations along with an agenda of the meeting pertaining to this Assembly have been prepared and are complete and will be mailed to all members and parishioners one week prior to the meeting. A copy of this invitation will also be sent to you.

On behalf of myself and my Parish Council we send you our very best wishes for a fruitful and healthy life during the coming New Year. Should any additional information be necessary, please do contact me.

Madchim Ee Hambooyr Tzer Adjooyan.

Rev. Terenig Kondralian, Pastor

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ST. GEORGE ARMENIAN CHURCH ● RECTORY ● 15119 WELLMAN LANE ● HOUSTON, TEXAS 77060
FR. TERENIG KONDRALIAN, Pastor TELEPHONE 713/448-9686

September 25, 1979

Qerashnorh
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church
of North America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Srbazan Hayr:

About a year ago, I received some correspondence from the Central Council Youth Director of the A.C.Y.O.A. inquiring as to the possibilities of establishing an A.C.Y.O.A. Group within the youth here in Houston, Texas as an affiliation through St. George Armenian Church.

At that time, myself along with the Parish Council felt the timing for such an organization in Houston was not feasible, whereby, I personally contacted the Youth Director to notify and explain in detail of our decision.

In May of this year, during the 77th Annual Diocesan Assembly in Lowell, Mass., I met and spoke with the Central Council Youth Director and our discussion led to a confirmation of establishing an A.C.Y.O.A. Group here in Houston, Texas for the Fall of 1979. He also stated to me, that if his time permitted, he, himself would like to make the trip to Houston for the establishing of this group.

In the past, I have spoken to you in regards to organizing a Youth Group for our Church and will appreciate your assistance at this time, by sending to Houston, the Youth Director or any other capable Central Council assistant to advise and promote the Houston Community with the procedures of establishing the A.C.Y.O.A. Youth Group.

Also, I would like to bring to your attention, a few additional items of necessity for our Church. At present, we are in need of Holy Muron for our Sacramental use. We would also like to obtain the necessary information for acquiring an Armenian style cross for processional reasons. If you could supply us with the name and address of any person with this information, we will be most grateful.

I sincerely appreciate all your assistance and advise to myself and Parish and will be in contact with you shortly in regards to your upcoming visitation to our Parish in March of 1980.

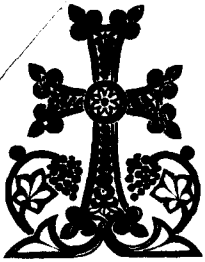
Respectfully yours,

Fr. Terenig Kondralian

Rev. Terenig Kondralian

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FR. TERENIG KONDRALIAN, Pastor TELEPHONE 713/448-9686

February 26, 1980

Qerashnorh
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate,
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Srbazan Hayr:

On behalf of the Parish Council of St. George Armenian Church and myself, we take this opportunity in extending to you, our cordial invitation to honor us with your presence and visitation to our Parish during the weekend of March 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

On Saturday, March 22, 1980, the Parish Council on behalf of St. George Armenian Church has planned a Banquet in your honor. Also to take place during this Banquet, will be a formal presentation and introduction to our New Church and Cultural Center's Fund Raising Program.

A personal invitation to attend this Banquet has been sent to Mr. and Mrs. Sam G. Harrison, both whom have been major financial supporters to St. George Armenian Church since her early beginning as a new striving parish in 1963 including even today. Recently, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Harrison donated \$61,500 as an incentive start towards our Fund Raising Program.

Our Church has always been very thankful and most appreciative to both Mr. and Mrs. Harrison and wish to show them our sincere gratitude by asking from you, Your Grace, to bestow upon Mr. Sam Harrison, the highest honor within our Diocese, that of St. Vartan. His gracious generosity to the Armenian Church truly deserves such an honor.

Should you require any additional information prior to your arrival to our parish in Houston, please do not hesitate to call upon us. We look forward to seeing and being with you once again soon.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. Fr. Terenig Kondralian,
Pastor

Provide St. Vartan Award

RTK/ck

October 27, 1980

The Reverend Father Terenig Kondralian
Pastor, St. George Armenian Church
15119 Wellman Lane
Houston, Texas 77060

Dear Father Terenig:

We write to inform you with deep regret that we are forced to postpone our journey to our parishes in the South and Southwest in November 1980. After our plans had been finalized, we received a call from His Holiness Catholicos Vazken I summoning us to Holy Etchmiadzin. It is our hope that before long we shall be able to renew our acquaintance with your energetic and rapidly growing communities, which are the source of deep gratification to us and to all Armenian Christians.

However, the Directors of our Youth Organization, the Armenian Language, and Christian Education, will visit you as we originally had planned. They will communicate with you and apprise you of the programs they have prepared for your community.

May the Lord send you the blessings of His Holy Spirit in all your endeavors, and may He bless you with peace.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

c.c. Parish Council Chairman

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September 18, 1980

The Reverend Father Terenig Kondralian
Pastor, St. George Armenian Church
15119 Wellman Lane
Houston, Texas 77060

Dear Father Terenig:

We would like to confirm our planned parish visit scheduled for November 22nd to Houston. The Diocesan Youth Directors and the Armenian School Director will be joining us for a special presentation, the details of which will be forwarded to you in mid-October. We look forward to this joint presentation with great anticipation as it promises to have a wonderful impact on the community.

The Parish Council Chairman of the San Antonio community, Mr. Diran Kaloostian, has also been notified of our Houston visit and we have suggested that the same program be presented there on November 24th. He will be in touch with you concerning further arrangements.

May we extend our prayers and blessings to you for your work and for the well-being of our beloved Houston community.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate