

ROCKEFELLER CENTER, INC.

50 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10020

March 11, 1976

Miss Syrann Palvetzian
Director of Cultural Affairs
Armanian Church Diocese of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Miss Palvetzian:

As part of New York's city-wide Bicentennial activity, Rockefeller Center is preparing a major exhibit saluting the immigrant's role in the history and shaping of our city and nation. It will open on Thursday, May 27, in the Channel Gardens, site of the Center's traditional holiday displays.

Kissiloff Associates, a New York City design firm, has been retained in connection with the preparation of the exhibit. Two staff members, Susan Kapsis and Jean Zien, are currently involved in searching out relevant information, photographs and artifacts. As part of this research they would very much welcome an opportunity to talk with you and will be contacting you shortly for this purpose.

Any cooperation or assistance you might offer will be deeply appreciated. Credit for such cooperation will be noted in the information released about the exhibit and at the site itself.

Sincerely,



Rita Gallagher

Asst. Vice President/Director Public Relations

cc: Mr. William Kissiloff

KISSILOFF ASSOCIATES, Inc.

909 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022, 421-8448

March 11, 1976

Miss Syrann Palvetzian
Director of Cultural Affairs
Armenian Church Diocese of America
630 Second Ave.
New York, N. Y. 10016

Dear Miss Palvetzian:

As you may know, we are working on an Outdoor Bicentennial exhibit for Rockefeller Center, concerned with the theme of Immigration and Ethnic Groups in New York City.

We would like to include your Group in the exhibit and will be calling you during the next week to request to look at items to photograph, reproduce, or borrow. These items would include diaries, letters and recipes, handicrafts and folkcrafts, needlework, pottery, wood carvings, toys, dolls and games, artisan's tools, and any items you feel would be appropriate to portray the rich traditions, heritage and lifestyles you contribute to and share in New York City.

Since the exhibit is to open May 27th, researchers Susan Kapsis, or myself, would hope to be able to meet with you in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you for your help in what we expect to be another celebration for all of us.

Sincerely,

KISSILOFF ASSOCIATES, INC.



Jean Zien

JZ:nl

cc: Rita Gallagher
William Kissiloff

May 12, 1976

Mrs. Ann Walton
446 Clinton Avenue
Wycoff, New Jersey 07481

Dear Mrs. Walton:

We have been made aware of the great service you rendered our Diocese in its special Bicentennial fund-raising program which was headed by Mr. Dadekian. It must have been gratifying to you, as it was to all of us at our Center, that the program proved altogether successful.

And as always, success is not achieved automatically, but is inevitably the result of sustained work and devotion - and in the case of the Church, on the part of many many people.

We are deeply appreciative of the effort and devotion you placed at the service of our Diocese; it is the sort of thing that enables the Church to survive, not so much for what it produces, but for what it means in itself.

May God bless you always.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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May 21, 1976

Mr. Michael Young Warder
Vice-President
Community Relations
Bicentennial Committee
4 West 43rd Street
New York, New York 10036

Dear Mr. Warder:

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian was pleased to receive your letter of May 16, concerning your Bicentennial Committee and its work.

The Primate is already involved in a number of such projects, and has as well continuing ecumenical responsibilities, and regrettably will be unable to participate in this program.

May your celebration of our Bicentennial be altogether successful.

Yours sincerely,

Reverend Mampre Kouzouian
Canon Sacrist

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Bicentennial
God Bless America
Committee



4 West 43rd Street
New York, NY 10036
Tel. (212) 391-2579

May 16, 1976

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

Your Eminence,

I am writing to introduce you to the Bicentennial God Bless America Committee. Enclosed you will find a Statement of Purpose drafted by the Committee, as well as a brief description of the Bicentennial Projects to be undertaken.

Basically, the purpose of the Committee is to awaken Americans to the values of their heritage -- to return to that spirit of faith, sacrifice, and service exemplified by our Founding Fathers and pioneers. Throughout 1976, the Committee will sponsor performing groups such as "Sunburst," "New Hope Singers International," and the New York City Symphony. The Committee also maintains a Bicentennial Speakers Bureau.

A spectacular Festival is planned on June 1st at Yankee Stadium to celebrate our country's 200th Birthday and to give thanks to God for the blessings He has bestowed on this nation. Enclosed you will find copies of the organization and projects of the Committee. Funding for all these projects is principally from the Unification Church.

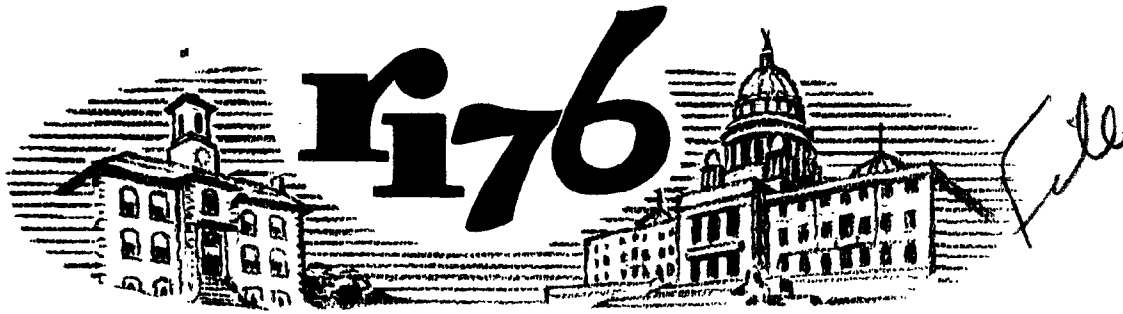
You have been recommended to be an Honorary Advisor to the Committee and we would be delighted if you would accept. Your responsibilities would be to suggest organizations or names of those to whom our Committee could direct its resources to promote the Bicentennial. You are invited to participate as much as your schedule will allow.

A Bicentennial Banquet/meeting may be held in the latter part of May for our Advisory Board members. We would be deeply pleased and honored to know that you would join us in helping to make this Bicentennial celebration a truly significant and memorable one.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Young Warder
Vice-President for
Community Relations

MYW/cs
cc: Rev. Mampre Kouzouian



ARMENIAN HERITAGE DAY

MAY 22

6 Overbrook Lane
East Greenwich, R. I. 02818
May 13, 1976

Miss Siraun Pavletzian
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Siraun,

It was so nice seeing you in Philadelphia even if for brief moments at best. It was such a hectic weekend for all of us that I wonder how we manage to survive such ordeals. The Armenian School conference was successful as usual although we could have used more time.

Our plans for Armenian Heritage Day are coming along very well at this stage as it gets down to the wire. I have arranged for a security van to be in New York on Friday May 21st to pick up both Mr. Hazarian's collection and your exhibit from the Diocese. They will be returned on Monday, May 24th in the same manner and all will be protected by insurance and guards throughout the time it is in our hands. Der Haik Donikian will be driving out to New York on Thursday to help Mr. Hazarian pack and will drive him back here to Rhode Island on Friday after the security van arrives and packs the items. He may be in touch with you during this time in case there are any last minute details to iron out. I'm sorry I couldn't be with him but I have so many last minute things to attend to -- if at all possible I will try to make the return trip with Mr. Hazarian on Monday.

I want you to know that the Armenian Heritage Bicentennial Subcommittee and myself as chairman of the Art & Fine Arts thanks you and Archbishop Torkom Manoogian for all your help and cooperation in allowing us to use the items at the Diocese to help make our Armenian Heritage Day celebration the best one this state has ever seen.

Most Sincerely,



Marilyn
Marilyn Wolochojian

Rhode Island Bicentennial Commission Rhode Island Bicentennial Foundation
The Old State House 150 Benefit Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 401-272-1776



DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 • 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

May 25, 1976

In anticipation of our Nation's Bicentennial, when as many as five million visitors are expected in New York, the Committee for July 4th in Old New York is planning one of the Nation's greatest Independence Day celebrations in historic Lower Manhattan. This event, which over the years has become one of New York City's major public events, will be the City's official July 4th Salute to our 200th Birthday.

As expected, there will be a blaze of activities too numerous and varied to mention here, but the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America wishes to invite you to participate in one of the major planned events -- the Armenian Art Exhibit -- which will be shown on Broadway across from Trinity Church. The hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with all proceeds from sales to be retained by the artists. Pegs on which to hang paintings will be provided.

We feel certain you will agree this is a unique opportunity not only to display your work to a large audience, but also to add another laurel to the already major contributions of the Armenian people to this great city.

If you are interested in participating, please call me at the Diocese before June 10 for further information. (Telephone 212-686-0710.)

Yours sincerely,

Syraun Palvetzian
Director

May 7, 1976

The Reverend Richard R. Kirk
Director
Committee for July 4th
15 State Street
New York, New York 10004

Dear Reverend Kirk:

I have received your letter of April 23 inviting me to participate at the Service of Thanksgiving marking the independence day celebration of our country. It would be my pleasure to attend this important event in the history of our nation.

May I also inform you that His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, will also participate at this important event.

Wishing you success in your endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

Reverend Mampre Kouzouian
Canon Sacrist

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March 30, 1976

The Reverend Richard R. Kirk, Director
Committee for July 4th
15 State Street
New York, New York 10004

Dear Reverend Kirk:

I have received your letter of March 29, concerning the city's observance of America's bicentennial and will be happy to participate in the Service of Thanksgiving planned for July 4.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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July 19, 1976

Mrs. Agnes Kalfayan
627 West End Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Kalfayan:

The participation of our Diocese in the celebration of the Bicentennial in New York on July 4 was a very happy occasion, with results that were altogether impressive and praiseworthy.

We have many people to thank for this, without whose help and cooperation we would not have been able to do anything.

Your invaluable contribution is deeply appreciated. As in the past, your readiness to bring your talents and energies to the service of our Church is highly commendable.

May God bless you always.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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July 19, 1976

Ms. Vanessa James
685 West End Avenue, Apt. 17A
New York, New York

Dear Ms. James:

The talent and time you so willingly contributed to our Diocesan celebration of the Bicentennial on July 4 are deeply appreciated.

Our best laid plans may have gone somewhat awry, but all of it together, with people like you involved, produced a most rewarding and joyful experience.

We are very grateful to you, and pray that the Lord may grace you with His blessings.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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July 19, 1976

The Reverend Vartan Megherian
Pastor, Holy Cross Armenian Church
580 West 187th Street
New York, New York 10033

Dear Father Vartan:

We wish to express our appreciation to you and your parish for its participation in the contribution the Diocese made to the Bicentennial celebration in New York on July 4.

The Armenian food prepared and dispensed by your parish on that occasion added considerably to the success of our endeavor.

Please communicate our gratitude to your council and to all those directly responsible for this outstanding effort.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc. Mr. Sam Chapootian
Parish Council Chairman

July 19, 1976

Mr. Michael Halberian
46-01 193rd Street
Flushing, New York

Dear Mr. Halberian:

We are extremely grateful for the huge responsibility you and your committee assumed and acquitted so well as part of our Diocesan celebration of the Bicentennial in New York on July 4.

The organization of the food area must have been a massive job, and indispensable to our overall program. As always you accomplished it in an excellent manner.

Please communicate our gratitude to Bart and Ed Azarian, Minas Daderian and George Harpootian.

May God bless you and all your loved ones for the readiness with which you always serve our Church.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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July 19, 1976

Mr. Arthur Appisomian
411 Westchester Avenue
Mount Vernon, New York

Dear Mr. Appisomian:

The participation of our Diocese in the celebration of the Bicentennial in New York on July 4 was a very happy occasion, with results that were altogether impressive and praiseworthy.

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May God bless you always.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

July 19, 1976

Miss Adrienne Alexanian
2361 Creston Avenue
Bronx, New York 10468

Dear Miss Alexanian:

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May God bless you always.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

July 19, 1976

Mr. Francis G. Waldron
Vice President
Irving Trust Company
1 Wall Street
New York, New York 10015

Dear Mr. Waldron:

We are in the debt of many people for the Diocesan area of the Bicentennial celebration on July 4, but very particularly in your debt.

You did so much for us in providing facilities, making essential arrangements, and yourself supervising so much of the activity all day long, that anything we might say will seem inadequate as a measure of our sentiments.

We are deeply grateful, and pray that you may enjoy God's blessings always.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoegian
Primate

July 19, 1976

Mr. William A. Trautman
Irving Trust Company
1 Wall Street
New York, New York 10015

Dear Mr. Trautman:

The exhibit of the Hazarian collection during the Bicentennial celebration on July 4 was truly impressive and added immeasurably to the area of our Diocesan participation.

We have, of course, seen the exhibit many times before, but never more beautifully or effectively displayed.

We congratulate you for your art; and thank you deeply for the devotion you brought to this work, and for the many other ways in which you helped our church on this occasion.

We pray that God may bless you always.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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July 19, 1976

Mr. Joseph A. Rice
President
Irving Trust Company
1 Wall Street
New York, New York 10015

Dear Mr. Rice:

The participation of our Diocese in the celebration of the Bicentennial on July 4 was a truly rewarding and joyful experience. For a good part of this we are indebted to you and your bank, not only for the splendid facilities provided, not only for the substantial costs incurred, but also, and perhaps mostly, for the personal involvement of the bank representatives whose personal devotion and attention to all aspects of the matter at hand were inspiring.

We have particular reference to Mr. Waldron and Mr. Trautman.

We are deeply grateful to you and to your bank.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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Bureau

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NEW YORK, N.Y. 10020

May 21, 1976

Ms. Syraun Palvetzian
Director of Cultural Affairs
Armenian Church Diocese of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016

Dear Ms. Palvetzian:

An outdoor exhibition saluting the immigrant's role in the history and shaping of our nation and calling attention to the immigrant experience -- so common to all of us in this nation of nations -- will open in Rockefeller Center, Thursday, May 27th at 12 noon.

I hope that you will be able to join us for this occasion. An informal reception in the Outdoor Promenade Cafe will begin at 11 a.m. followed by the opening ceremony in the Channel Gardens at 12 noon. Mayor Abraham D. Beame will open the exhibit.

Your help and cooperation in the development and preparation of this exhibit is most appreciated. I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Alton G. Marshall

Alton G. Marshall
President

RSVP: 489-4300

May 18, 1976

The Reverend Richard R. Kirk
Director
Committee for July 4th
15 State Street
New York, New York 10004

Dear Reverend Kirk:

As per my telephone conversation with you, I am submitting below some names and kindly requesting that invitations be extended to them to participate in the New York City Bicentennial celebration on July 4th.

His Eminence Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, Armenian Church
580 West 187th Street
New York, N. Y. 10022

His Eminence Archbishop Mar Athanasius Y. Samuel
Syrian Orthodox Church
293 Hamilton Place
Hackensack, New Jersey 07621

Father Gabriel A. Abdelsayed, Rector
Coptic Orthodox Church
97-15 Horace Harding Expressway
Corona, New York 11368

Father K. M. Simon, Indian Malabar Church
12 Edwin Street (Syrian Orthodox Church of the East)
Ridgefield Park, New Jersey 07660

Father Abba L. M. Mandefro
Ethiopian Orthodox Church
140 West 176th Street
Bronx, New York 10453

The Reverend Richard R. Kirk -2- May 18, 1976

The above are members of the Standing Conference of the
Oriental Orthodox Churches in America.

If it is possible, I would also like the following to be
included:

The Reverend Father Carnig Hallajian
Pastor
Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs
209-15 Horace Harding Expressway
Bayside, New York 11364

The Reverend Father Karekin Kasparian
Pastor
Armenian Church of Westchester
25 Manhattan Avenue
Crestwood, New York 10707

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Reverend Mampre Kouzoulian
Canon Sacrist

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May 7, 1976

The Reverend Richard R. Kirk
Director
Committee for July 4th
15 State Street
New York, New York 10004

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Wishing you success in your endeavors.

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15 State Street
New York, New York 10004

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The Committee for
JULY 4th
IN OLD NEW YORK



Office of the Chairman
30 Wall Street
New York N.Y. 10005

E. Virgil Conway
Chairman and President
The Seamen's Bank for Savings and
Chairman of the Committee for
July 4th in Old New York

Angier Biddle Duke
Vice Chairman

April 23, 1976

The Rev. Mampre Kouzovian
Armenian Church Diocese of America
St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Reverend Sir:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Mayor of New York and the Committee for July 4th in Old New York -- the City's official observance of the nation's 200th Anniversary -- to ask that you be present and participate in a Service of Thanksgiving to mark the opening of the Independence Day Celebration on Sunday, July 4th, 1976.

Representatives of the religious community are asked to gather at the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, 7 State Street, at 7:30 A.M. This will give you ample time to vest and move in Procession to Battery Park, where the Service of Thanksgiving will be held. The Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, the harbour of New York -- important symbols of man's search for political and religious freedom -- will form the background for this Service.

Following this, representatives of the religious community are asked to join the Mayor, state and city officials for the Civic Ceremonies. Both of these events will be held in Battery Park. The presence of television and radio requires that the Service of Thanksgiving begin promptly at 8:00 A.M. The Civic Ceremony which follows will end at 9:15 A.M.

This is an extremely important day in the life of our nation. The historic contribution of religion in determining the quality of life and its present prophetic and pastoral ministry are essential to the health of our city and our nation. Your presence and that of the other religious dignitaries will witness to the vitality of the religious community's commitment to the city and to those values which give meaning to our lives.

Battery-Castle Clinton Monuments Associates, Inc.
The Department of Cultural Affairs P.R.C.A.
The Department of Marine and Aviation
Lower Manhattan Cultural Council
Mayor's Office of Lower Manhattan Development
Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services

National Park Service
N.Y.C. Bicentennial Corporation
N.Y.C. Department of Civic Affairs and Public Events
N.Y.C. Economic Development Administration
New York City National Shrines Associates, Inc.
New York Landmarks Conservancy

Operation Sail
The Seamen's Bank for Savings
The Seamen's Church Institute
South Street Seaport Museum
Trinity Church
World Trade Center

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For purposes of the press releases, the television scenario, and the official program, it is important that we know as soon as possible that you will accept the Mayor's invitation.

With every good wish, sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard R. Kirk".

The Reverend Richard R. Kirk, Director

Please respond to:

Committee for July 4th
15 State Street
New York, N.Y. 10004
TEL: 269-2710

March 30, 1976

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Committee for July 4th
15 State Street
New York, New York 10004

Dear Reverend Kirk:

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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The Committee for
JULY 4th
IN OLD NEW YORK



Office of the Chairman
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New York, N.Y. 10005

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July 4th in Old New York

Angier Biddle Duke
Vice Chairman

March 29, 1976

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016

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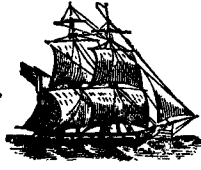
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The Reverend Richard R. Kirk, Director

Please respond to:

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15 State Street
New York, N.Y. 10004
TEL: 269-2710

4th of JULY IN OLD NEW YORK COMMITTEE INC.



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(212) 269-2710

May 13, 1977

Dear Miss Palvetzian:

This is to invite you to participate in this year's July 4th In Old New York 1977 Festival.

We will not be having quite as big a celebration as last year, but it will continue to be one of which the city can be proud and everyone will enjoy.

Naturally, a New York City July 4th without "ethnic plazas" would be missing part of what makes the Big Apple so great. So, we do hope you can participate.

We will not be able to provide funding like last year but you will be able to sell items and food at your site provided you meet the proper sanitation requirements, etc. We'll work with you on this.

Miss Jean McFadden will be the festival director this year and she will be in contact with you as soon as you complete and return to her the attached form. (She has to see how many groups want to participate before she can start working on sites, permits, etc.)

We do hope you will again be a part of July 4th In Old New York. It just wouldn't be the same without you.

Sincerely yours,



Carlyle Windley, President
4th of July In Old New York
Committee, Inc.

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4th of July '77 Festival Committee

American Stock Exchange • Downtown-Lower Manhattan Association • Fraunces Tavern Museum • Lower Manhattan Cultural Council • National Park Service • New York Landmarks Conservancy • New York Telephone • NYC Department of Cultural Affairs • Seamen's Bank for Savings • Seamen's Church Institute of New York • South Street Seaport Museum • Trinity Church/St. Paul's Chapel.