

**PRIMATE'S MESSAGE**

It is with great joy that we send this message of congratulations on the occasion of the 55th Anniversary of the St. John's Armenian Church of Southfield, Michigan.

Truly, the parish of St. John's has been a dynamic and flourishing example in our Diocese. When we think of anniversaries, it is natural that we think of the passing years, full of sacrifices and a treasury of dedicated personages who, through their efforts, glorified God and our Church. It is not enough to rest on the laurels of the past because we strongly feel that the past only receives its worth through the present and, of course, the future. The past is the foundation - the present and the future are the structures.

Let your works be worthy of what was started fifty-five years ago in your parish.

May the Lord shower His blessings upon the pastors, the parish council and all the church-affiliated organizations and the members. We ask our Lord to always guide you in your works and endeavors.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

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