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Deacon Raymond Arakelian Binghamton

Dear Deacon Ray:

The Primate will be arriving in Binghamton on Saturday, January 13, on Allegheny Flight #709, leaving Newark at 1:40 pm, and arriving in Binghamton at 2:22. He has reservations to return on Monday morning at 10:49.

You will of course make arrangements to have him met at the airport.

Very best wishes.

Jack

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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE, of the DIOCESE
ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, was elected Second Vice President
National Council of Churches at its Triennial Assembly in Dallas,
December 4th through 7th, 1972. It marked the first time in the
history of the National Council of Churches that an Eastern Clergyman
was elected to one of its highest offices. His Grace was also elected
as a member of its governing Board and its Executive Committee.

Prior to the Assembly the General Board and its Executive
Committee had its final session. His Grace, a member of the Executive
Committee and the General Board of the National Council of Churches,
took part in the Assembly, along with Father Mampre Kouzouian, Director
of the Ecumenical Affairs of the Diocese, and Father Nerses Jabejian
Pastor of the Armenian Church in Springfield.

His Grace also visited the Armenian community of Dallas, to
celebrate the Divine Liturgy and to visit his flock on Sunday, December
3rd.

Two major items of the Assembly were the restructuring of the
National Council of Churches and the election of new leadership for
the next three years. His Grace took an active part in the
Reference and Council Committee while the members of his delegation
participated in the work of other committees. On Thursday morning,
the new leadership was elected to office by the 800 delegates
representing 33 different Churches and denominations in this country
and comprising 44 million Christians of the Eastern Orthodox and
Protestant faiths. The Assembly elected Sterling Carey of New York City
as its new President and Dr. J. Edwin Espy as its General Secretary.

Thursday afternoon the Primate conducted a Requiem Service
for the deceased members of the Council who died since the last
Triennium. He also delivered the sermon on this occasion.

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