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PRIMATE'S MESSAGE

During the 100-year history of the Armenian Apostolic church in the United States of America, we have made vigorous attempts to sustain our spiritual strength and keep our people close to our houses of worship, close to the words and teachings of Our Lord. It has not been an easy task, specially when we consider our environment and its ever-increasing pressures.

For the development of our church communities, the work of our clergy cannot be underestimated. Through their devoted and compassionate work they have relentlessly shepherded our people.

One of them is Fr. Haigazoun, an American born young Armenian, who ten years ago decided to enter into the service of the Lord and His Church. Since then he has served in the St. James Armenian Monastery in Jerusalem, and in our Diocese; he has been the Parish Priest in Haverhill, Mass., and now in Philadelphia, wisely putting to use his Godgiven gifts as a clergyman and a community leader.

We join the parishioners of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Cheltenham and pray that Fr. Haigazoun will continue to grow in wisdom and grace and reap the blessings of his faithful service to Our Lord and the Armenian Apostolic Church.

May God bless him and guard him at every step in his life.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate