



Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church

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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN
Pastor

May 3, 1995

**His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
President, Diocesan Council
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016**

Your Eminence:

Your Eminence, enclosed you will find the correspondence that the Parish Council of Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Cheltenham, PA., has asked me to direct to the Pastor and Parish Council of our sister church, St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church of Wynnwood, PA.

Unfortunately, over the years there have been a number of conflicts in scheduling between the two parishes. As I mentioned in my letter to Rev. Dr. Pree Metjian, Holy Trinity has always provided the entire Armenian Community of Greater Philadelphia with a schedule of events at least one year in advance. We have been willing to accommodate the other churches in this area with special preference being afforded to St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church. For some reason the Pastor and Parish Council have chosen to ignore this accommodation.

Subsequently, some vociferous and ill inform parishioners from both parishes have capitalized upon these scheduling conflicts to create animosity between the two parishes.

A perfect example is the forthcoming celebration of Fr. Pree's 25th anniversary of ordination to Sacred Priesthood and Holy Trinity's Sunday School Graduation and Church picnic both scheduled for Sunday, June 4, 1995.

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I am sure that without this letter, Your Eminence would have been wondering why I or my representative are not in attendance. Had the Pastor or Parish Council informed us on a timely bases of their plans, we would have been more than willing to change our date. As it is, no official correspondence from St. Sahag and St. Mesrob has reach this office to date. We simply have received an invitation to the banquet from a banquet committee member dated April 10, 1995.

Your Eminence, this is not the first time that such a situation has occured and the ramifications are unfortunate. I have been hesitant to address this issue, however, this forthcoming banquet has forced my hand, perhaps with my letter to the Pastor and Parish Council of St. Sahag and St. Mesrob's and by informing Your Eminence of this unfortunate situation, it will be the last time. Thank you for your consideration.

Your humble servant,



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May 2, 1995

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Rev. Fr. Patee Metjian, Pastor and President
Parish Council Chairman and Parish Council Members
St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church
630 Clothier Road
Wynnewood, PA 19096

Dear Der Patee and Parish Council members:

I have been reluctant to write this letter for the past few years, however, the current situation demands that I make you aware of a problem which causes great concern for me personally and the Parish Council of your sister church.

Each year we supply you with Calendar of Events for the forth coming year. You are aware at least one year in advance of all the major events that we have planned. When we send these correspondences we always invite you to let us know of any conflicts that might occur and have always been willing to change our date when possible to accommodate your needs. Your parish has never acknowledge these correspondences.

In the past we have avoided conflict of dates with the other Armenian Churches and the Sister's Academy by making such accommodations. In some instances having parallel functions is not detrimental, example, church picnics or Palm Sunday Banquets. There are instances, where we would appreciate the attendance of your Pastor or where I, as Pastor, or my Parish Council Chairman, as representative, should be in attendance at St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church.

The case in hand is a perfect example; on July 9, 1994 we sent you a correspondence (copy enclosed) listing the events for 1995 at Holy Trinity Church the date June 4, 1995 had been set aside for our Sunday School Graduation and Church Picnic. We heard nothing from you to the contrary. In April of 1995 to my surprise, I received correspondence from a Banquet Committee Member inviting me to a banquet in honor of Der Patee's 25th anniversary of ordination. I personally would have been honored to share in this celebration for my brother in Christ, likewise, I am confident that many of my parishioners would have been delighted to attend the Banquet on this special occasion.

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Had your Parish Council written us even as late as the first of the year, we may have been able to postpone that day's activities. We have received no official correspondence from either the Pastor or the Parish Council but simply an invitation from a committee person which brings me to a second consideration. Protocol demands that when you are corresponding with the Pastor or Parish Council Chairman, letters be directed from either the Pastor or Parish Council Representative of the corresponding parish. I am constantly receiving invitation from ticket chairman, banquet chairman and/or committee members. I would appreciate in the future that you follow protocol and either the Pastor or appropriate Parish Council member direct all future correspondence.

I am saddened by the fact that I will not be able to attend the 25th anniversary of Rev. Dr. Patee Metjian's ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. I am sure you understand my parochial duties come first. I am enclosing however, a congratulatory letter on a separate sheet which I hope you have an occasion to share with the participants at the Banquet.

Prayerfully,



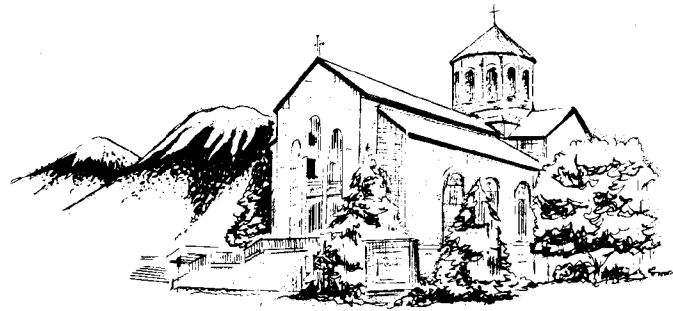
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c.c. Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
Papken Megerian, Parish Council Chairman

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May 2, 1995

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Rev. Dr. Patee Metjian, Pastor
St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church
630 Clothier Road
Wynnewood, PA 19096

Dear Rev. Dr. Patee Metjian:

My best wishes, congratulations and the greetings of the Parish Council and parishioners of Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Cheltenham, PA on this milestone of your service to our precious Lord and beloved Mother Church. I am confident that in the past 25 years you have touched the hearts of many and have helped your parishioners throughout your various pastorates upon the road to salvation in Christ Jesus.

I am saddened that I cannot be with you today but due to parochial commitments I am forced to be absent.

I pray the good Lord keep you healthy and steadfast in your service to His Bride, the Holy Church and to our beloved Armenian Nation.

Prayerfully,

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**Rev. Fr. Nerses Manoogian, Pastor
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**Rev. Fr. Parea Metjian, Pastor
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**Very Rev. Sarkis Gabadian, Pastor
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**Mr. Papken Megerian, Chairman Parish Council
St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church
630 Clothier Road
Wynnewood, PA 19096**

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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN
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July 8, 1994

Sister Louisa Kassarjian, Principal
Armenian Sisters Academy
440 Upper Gulph Road
Radnor, PA 19087

Dear Sister Louisa:

Enclosed you will find a Calendar of Important Dates for 1995. We are sending you this listing for your convenience and with the hope that by doing so we can avoid scheduling two community related events on the same day.

Thank you for your consideration. Please be kind enough to inform us of your schedule of forthcoming events.

Prayerfully,

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**HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES**

1995

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23	VARTANANTZ COMMEMORATION
SUNDAY, MARCH 19 or 26	WOMEN'S GUILD MITCHINK DINNER
SUNDAY, APRIL 9	ACYOA PALM SUNDAY BANQUET
SUNDAY, APRIL 23	MARTYR'S DAY COMMEMORATION
TUESDAY, MAY 16	ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER
SATURDAY, MAY 20	WOMEN'S GUILD FLEA MARKET
SUNDAY, JUNE 4	SUNDAY SCHOOL CLOSING - PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17	PICNIC
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30	YOUNG COUPLES RECEPTION
FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY OCTOBER 20, 21, 22	BAZAAR/FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18	WOMEN'S GUILD CRAFT SHOW
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3	AVAK BANQUET
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9	CHRISTMAS PARTY

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5	Jurakalouytz (Eve) of Theophany
FRIDAY, JANUARY 6	THEOPHANY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8	Baptism - Blessing of Waters
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23	Vartanantz
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26	Poun Paregentan
FRIDAY, MARCH 3	Lenten Service
FRIDAY, MARCH 10	Lenten Service
FRIDAY, MARCH 17	Lenten Service
FRIDAY, MARCH 24	Lenten Service
FRIDAY, MARCH 31	Lenten Service
FRIDAY, APRIL 7	Lenten Service
SUNDAY, APRIL 9	PALM SUNDAY
MONDAY, APRIL 10 -	
SATURDAY, APRIL 15	HOLY WEEK
SUNDAY, APRIL 16	EASTER SUNDAY
THURSDAY, MAY 25	Feast of the Ascension
SUNDAY, JUNE 4	Pentecost
SUNDAY, JULY 23	FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13	FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17	FEAST OF THE EXALTATION