

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

TO MARY MIRAKIAN

IN APPRECIATION OF HER SERVICE TO THE ARMENIAN CHURCH

It is always a pleasure to honor an individual who has dedicated her time and goodwill to the cause of our Church. Mary Mirakian has been a longtime and active member of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania. For thirty-eight years, she has dedicated her energy and enthusiasm to teaching in the parish Sunday School. In doing so, she has inspired a generation of children, and introduced them for the first time to the sweetness of God's love.

For many of those years, Mary served the Church side-by-side with her late husband, John; the two stood as an example to the rest of the parish of the strength and beauty of marriage in the Armenian Christian tradition. Among the many young souls to have been influenced by Mary's example are her own children, Armen and Marta, the latter of whom has followed in her mother's footsteps to become a Sunday School teacher.

We join the people of this community, their Parish Council, and their pastor, the Very Reverend Fr. Haigazoun Melkonian, as they express their gratitude to this exemplary daughter of the Church.

May God bless Mary Mirakian in all her endeavors, and may He continue to inspire Mary to devote her talents to the Armenian Church.

With prayers,

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian

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Primate

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