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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN
Pastor

January, 1993

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate Diocese of the Armenian Church 630 Second Avenue New York, New York 10016

Your Eminence:

Enclosed You will find our Parish Directory for 1993. We continue to pray for Your every success.

Prayerfully,

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian

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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN
Pastor

January 28, 1993

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

Your Eminence:

We are delighted that Your Eminence will be joining us on Sunday, February 7, 1993 to celebrate the Divine Liturgy and to preside over the Arapkir Union's Traditional Banquet.

As I had requested of Your Eminence by phone we have four young men who have been serving at the Holy Altar and for whom I have requested that You grant the right to bear a stole. In this way we hope to encourage them to even greater service in the church. They are:

- 1. David Hoplamazian
- 2. Stephan Hovnanian
- 3. Nicklas Terkanian
- 4. Ara Yeterian

We look forward to seeing Your Eminence.

Your servant,

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian



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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

February 4, 1993

Ms. Berjoohy Haigazian, Parish Council Chairman Holy Trinity Armenian Church 101 Ashmead Road Cheltenham, PA 19012

Dear Ms. Haigazian:

This is to inform you that your pastor, the Very Reverend Father Haigazoun Melkonian, has been appointed to serve as Educational Coordinator for this summer's St. Vartan Camp. The codirectors of the camp, the Reverend Father Mardiros Chevian and Ms. Nancy Basmajian have highly recommended Father Haigazoun because of his qualifications as well as his past experience with the camping program.

This summer's camp begins on July 3, 1993 and will end on July 17, 1993. It is during that period that Father Haigazoun will need to be absent from his parish duties. It should be understood that his participation in this important program is not to be considered his vacation time.

We are certain that you appreciate the importance of the St. Vartan Camp program and on behalf of its directors and participants, we thank you and your Parish Council for your cooperation and continued support. May God continue to strengthen us all as we work to teach and inspire our young people in the faith of their forefathers.

With prayers,

Abp. K. Banann'an

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian Primate



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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN

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June 21, 1993

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate Diocese of The Armenian Church 630 Second Avenue New York, New York 10016

Your Eminence:

Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors will be sponsoring the Juniors Sports Weekend, Friday through Monday, October 8-11, 1993.

We will be publishing an 'AD Booklet' and would like to include a message from Your Eminence.

We would be honored if Your Eminence could join us for the Week-end but especially for the Awards Banquet which will be held on Sunday, October 8, 1993 at 8:00 pm.

Our prayers are with Your Eminence.

Your servant,

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian Pastor



Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate



October 5, 1993

The Very Reverend Father Haigazoun Melkonian, Pastor Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church 101 Ashmead Road Cheltenham, PA 19012

Dear Father Haigazoun:

We are in receipt of your letter dated September 30, 1993 wherein you have advised us of the resignation of Mr. Michael Paretchan from your Parish Council due to personal reaons. We accept the resignation of Michael Paretchan and approve his immediate replacement on the Parish Council, Mr. George Javardian, who by virtue of your recent parish elections (ref. Bylaws Article 27) is the eligible alternate to fill this position.

With prayers,

Ahp. K. Barramian

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian

Primate



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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN Pastor

October 29, 1993

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

Your Eminence:

Enclosed you will find two (2) copies of our Sports Weekend booklet for your files.

Your Servant,

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian

Pastor



HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

101 Ashmead Road, Cheltenham, Pa. 19012

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian Pastor

November 17, 1993

His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate Diocese of the Armenian Church of America 630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Your Eminence:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation regarding Your Eminence's presiding at the 10th anniversary celebration of my pastorate at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania on Sunday January 23, 1994.

We hope You will preside at both the Sacred Divine Liturgy and the Banquet which will follow Church Services.

Please consider this letter of confirmation of the above mentioned date.

Your Humble Servant,

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian

Pastor

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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN
Pastor

March 9, 1995

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

Your Eminence:

Thank you for the copies of 'Chosen of God' written by Very Rev. Fr. Krikor Maksoudian and the 'Calendar of the Armenian Church' written by Your Eminence. These wonderful publications are a welcome addition to my library.

Your Servant,

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian

Pastor



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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN
Pastor

March 27, 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:

At the Annual Parish Assembly on March 5, 1995, it was decided that we approach Your Eminence for the services of Deacon Aren Jebejian upon the completion of his studies at the Armenian Monastery of Sts. James'.

Funds have been set aside in our 1995 budget for Deacon Jebejian. At this time we hope that You will keep this request in mind and in the near future the Parish Council together with the Pastor will submit to Your Eminence a job description and stipend plan for Your approval.

Your Servant,

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian

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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN
Pastor

May 16, 1995

His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate Diocese of the Armenian Church of America 630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Your Eminence:

I am writing to officially request Your permission to leave the country between August 19 and September 3, 1995. I intend to lead a Pilgrimage to Armenian Jerusalem with a number of my parishioners.

I thank You for Your consideration.

Your humble servant,

Very Rev. Haigazoun Meikonian

Pastor



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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN Pastor

July, 1995

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate Diocese of the Armenian Church 630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Your Eminence:

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Prayerfully,

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian

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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

August 30, 1995

Mr. Antranig Garibian 1366 Revelation Road Meadowbrook, Pennsylvania 19046

Dear Antranig,

A fine job!

I read through this draft and have made my corrections; please enter them into your computer. If you have any questions, give me a call. I pray you had a blessed time in the Holy Land.

Hoping to hear from you real soon.

With my prayers,

Fr. Garabed Kochakian

cc: Fr. Haigazoun Melkonian

Enclosure

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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

August 30, 1995

The Very Reverend Father Haigazoun Melkonian, Pastor Holy Trinity Armenian Church 101 Ashmead Road Cheltenham, Pennsylvania 19012

Dear Hayr Soorp,

His Eminence, the Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian has asked me to request of you to represent our Diocese at the CAREE annual meeting on Church Leadership for the New Century in Eastern Europe on Thursday, November 16, beginning at noon and ending November 17 at 9:00 p.m.

The enclosed details of location and schedule further explain the program. Please note that Dr. Vigen Guroian is slated as one of the keynote speakers on issues in Armenia. It is extremely important that we have ecumenical representation at this gathering. I hope your schedule will allow you to attend.

Please keep receipts for your registration fees. Also, we trust since you live locally you will not need to stay at the hotel. (This is one way of saving on expenses.)

Let me know as soon as possible upon your return if you are able to attend.

Your brother in Christ,

Prayers always,

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Fr. Garabed Kochakian

Chancellor

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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN **Pastor**

January 5, 1996

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

Your Eminence:

We received your A Pastoral Letter to the Armenian Faithful and are very grateful. Your Eminence, it was a most wonderful presentation and most beautifully written. I am sure our faithful will be as informed and impressed as I was.

We also received the Azkabadoum by Rev. Fr. Zaven Arzoumanian for which we are also grateful.

We pray for your continued good health and spiritual fortitude, and wish you a blessed New Year.

Your humble servant,

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian

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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN
Pastor

January 25, 1996

His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church 630 Second Avenue New York, New York 10016

Your Eminence:

We would like to request that Deacon Aren Jebejian share Holy Week (Monday, April 1 to Sunday, April 7, 1996) with us this year. We hope his responsibilities at the Diocese will allow him to be with us at this special time.

He will be of assistance in the celebration of the various rituals planned for that week as well as have an opportunity to meet with the youth of our parish and in particular the young men who serve at the Holy Altar.

Your humble servant,

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian

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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN
Pastor

March 25, 1996

Elise Antreassian,
Nancy Basmajian, Co-Chair
Department of Religious Education
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016



Dear Elise and Nancy:

I understand that there are plans to reprint the Divine Liturgy book, I am sure there are many corrections to be made but I want to point out one correction that should be made in **all DRE** materials.

In the translation of the Nicene Creed the word <code>fwppwgwl</code> is translated 'was made man.' This is theologically unsound, I will not present a long explanation here as to the reasons, should you need one please let me know. It should be enough to say that a more accurate translation might be, 'became man.' Perhaps you will have something better whatever the case 'was made man' should be removed.

Prayerfully,

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian

cc. Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian, Chancellor



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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN Pastor

April 9, 1996

His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church 630 Second Avenue New York, New York 10016

Your Eminence:

I want to thank you personally for allowing Deacon Aren Jebejian to spend Holy Week with us. Deacon Aren not only served at the Holy Altar for the Holy Week Commemorations, but was able to take time to:

- a) train our Young Altar Servers
- b) meet with ACYOA, Jrs. Chairman
- c) meet with our Youth Director
- d) meet with Jrs. Sports Weekend Planning Committee

His presence was an asset to our community during this Holy Week.

Once again, I thank Your Eminence.

Your humble servant,

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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN
Pastor

May 23, 1996

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

Your Eminence:

Thank you very much for gracing the 20th anniversary of my Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood on Sunday, May 19, 1996 with Your presence.

Both in the Church and at the dais Your remarks were inspiring and touched the hearts of all our parishioners.

The young men who received the rank of Clerk and Stole Bearer were very moved by the sacred offices and of course, Your presence and guidance is always of utmost importance.

Once again I want to personally thank You and look forward to celebrating the 30th anniversary of Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania with Your Eminence on Sunday, November 3, 1996.

Your humble servant,

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian



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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN
Pastor

June 14, 1996

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

Your Eminence:

I am writing to officially request Your permission to leave the country between August 1 and August 15, 1996. I intend to travel to Spain with the members of my family and Dr. Garo Garibian's family.

I thank You for Your consideration.

Your humble servant,

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Pastor

July 1, 1996

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

Your Eminence:

The Pastors and Parish Councils of Holy Trinity Armenian Church and St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Armenian Church of the Greater Philadelphia area understand that His Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian will be visiting our Diocese in October of this year. We would like to jointly invite His Beatitude to the Greater Philadelphia area. We would be delighted to host a formal Hrashapar Service and reception to follow.

Knowing the Patriarch's busy schedule, we realize that Sunday would be out of question; therefore, we will make ourselves available on any weekday.

We hope that You will be able to fit this in to His Beatitude's schedule. Please be kind enough to let us know one way or the other.

Your humble servant,

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian

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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN
Pastor



July 1, 1996

His Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Pariarch Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem P. O. Box 14235 Jerusalem, Israel

Your Beatitude:

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Knowing Your Beatitude's busy schedule, we realize that Sunday would be out of question; therefore, we will make ourselves available on any weekday.

We hope that You will be able to fit this into Your schedule.

Your humble servant,

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian Pastor



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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN
Pastor

July 21, 1995

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

Your Eminence:

At the regular Parish Council meeting of November 21, 1994, Parish Council members asked that we correspond with Your Eminence concerning the following.

Up to the present time, Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Cheltenham, PA, has dutifully, and in good faith, paid our assessment to the Department of Youth Ministry. However, at this point, we are deferring further payment until we are convinced that this payment is justifiable and necessary.

We would like clarification on what services are being offered by the DYM, that specifically and directly affect our youth.

Our ACYOA Juniors is a thriving, strong group due to our capable Youth director, an active parents' group, a supportive parish, and the energetic leadership of our Priest. The DYM has had no impact that we can determine upon the lives of our young people. We, therefore, question the value of the DYM as it pertains directly to us.

We shall look forward to a response from Your Eminence in the near future.

Your Servants,

Varo Garibian
Parish Council Chairman

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian

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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN
Pastor

July 29, 1996

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

Your Eminence:

We are looking forward with great anticipation to the 30th anniversary Banquet to be held November 3, 1996. We would like to request that you also be present with us Saturday evening, November 2, 1996.

In order for us to print our invitations in a timely manner, we need to know as soon as possible if His Beatitude, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem will be here and if he will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy.

Your humble servant,

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian

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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN
Pastor

September 3, 1996

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

Your Eminence:

Within the next few months we have exciting programs taking place in our Parish. On Columbus Day Weekend the A.C.Y.O.A. Jrs. will be hosting the Juniors Sports Weekend. And as you know, in November we will be Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Consecration of our Church.

On both occasion we will be printing a commemorative booklet, we request of your Eminence a 'message' for both booklets.

As Sports Weekend is almost at hand, we kindly request that you send that message at your earliest convenience.

Your humble servant,

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Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian



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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN
Pastor

November 8, 1996

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

Your Eminence:

On behalf of the Diocesan Delegates, Parish Council and parishioners of Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania I would like to convey my personal thanks for Your paternal visitation.

We realize that you had a very busy schedule and nevertheless did not refuse our request. Having Your Eminence grace our Church and Head Table for the 30th Anniversary of Consecration commemoration was a special honor for which we are very grateful.

We continue to pray for Your good health and the success of Your Godpleasing endeavors.

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