

DIOCESAN DELEGATE'S REPORT

The 88th Annual Assembly of the Armenian Church of America was held at the Armenian Church of Our Savior in Worcester, Massachusetts, on May 3-5, 1990.

Our then Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, having been elected as Patriarch of the See of Jerusalem, the Vicar-General of our Diocese, Hayr Soorp Khajag Barsamian, presided.

The most important business of this Assembly was the election of a Primate. For the first time in some twenty years, the Assembly was presented with a hotly contested election involving three eminent clergy of our church.

The Diocesan Council is charged with nominating a slate of three persons from among the celibate clergy and for the election, the Council nominated The Most Reverend Archbishop Nerses Bozabalian, Chancellor of the Holy See of Etchmiadzin; The Right Reverend Bishop Avak Assadourian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church in Iraq; and The Very Reverend Fr. Khajag Barsamian, Vicar-General of the Diocese of the Armenian Church in America.

As you know, Fr. Khajag, who has since been elevated to the rank of Bishop, was elected as Primate on the first ballot.

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