

July 13, 1983

The Reverend Father Arsen Barsamian
President of the Parish Council
Pastor, St. James Armenian Church
834 Pepper Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23226

Dear Father Arsen:

A few months ago, we received a letter from Mrs. Virginia Dervishian Smith from Richmond, Virginia, informing us that she wished to donate to St. Vartan Cathedral the relic of the True Cross which was handed to her generation from her family.

Mrs. Dervishian Smith has now made arrangements for the presentation of this relic, and will be in New York City from September 9th through Sunday afternoon, September 11, 1983.

We would be pleased if you will make the necessary arrangements with your parish council to be present at this presentation on Sunday, September 11, 1983. Kindly, therefore, let us know whether you will be able to attend this ceremony.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Mancoogian
Primate

cc. Parish Council Chairman