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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

September 14, 1994

To: The Reverend Clergy, Parish Council Chairmen and Diocesan Delegates

Re: Annual Choir Assembly

On the weekend of November 3rd-6th the Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America will convene their 48th Annual Assembly. This year the parish of St. James Armenian Church of Richmond, Virginia will be the host parish. A full weekend of educational workshops, panels and meetings has been scheduled by the Central Council of the AACCA as well as a number of social events.

We call upon our pastors to encourage their choirs to participate and attend this year's Assembly. A major effort of the Central Council which took place this past year was the publication of the Revised Sacred Music Volumes. Additionally several Choir workshops and training seminars took place under the capable hands of Maestro Khoren Meikhanedjian who will also be presenting a program at this year's gathering.

The work of our choirs and their participation in the liturgical life of worship in our parishes cannot successfully be discharged without the support of the pastors of the local congregations. It is important that all pastors arrange their schedules in order to attend this year's Assembly along with choir directors, delegates and the Deacons. Therefore we ask for the cooperation of both pastors and Parish Councils to expand every effort to make this possible.

With prayers,

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