

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

TO PERRY PARAGAMIAN, IN APPRECIATION OF HIS DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE ARMENIAN CHURCH

It is always a pleasure to honor an individual who has dedicated his life to the Church. During his many years of service, Perry Paragamian has been a beloved and admired leader of the St. Mesrob Church of Racine, Wisconsin, and a noble example of the strength and sweetness of life in the Armenian tradition.

Perry has contributed to both the prosperity and visibility of the Armenian Church. He is perhaps best known as the energetic chairman of the St. Mesrob parish's annual Armenian Fest—a role he has executed with diligence and imagination for the better part of two decades. In doing so, Perry has not only benefitted his fellow parishioners, but has helped to make the Armenian culture a respected presence in the society at large.

Among his many interests, Perry has always reserved a special place in his heart for the younger generation of the Church. He has encouraged the youth of his community to participate fully in the life of the Church; more importantly, he has tried to teach them about the obligations—and the blessings—of the life devoted to Christ. Perry and his charming wife Pat have instilled these same values of faith into their own children—Terrie, Christine, Lisa and Brian—and into the hearts of their grandchildren.

Perhaps the most touching characteristic of the Paragamian family can be seen each Sunday morning, when Perry and Pat—along with their children and grandchildren—participate in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Their faithful attendance week after week is an inspiration to their fellow parishioners, and a beautiful reminder to us all that worshipping God is an indispensable component of human happiness.

For his humble services to God and to his heritage, Perry Paragamian deserves our gratitude and appreciation. The Armenian Church is privileged to number such people among her beloved children.

With prayers,

Abp. Khajag Barsamian

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian

Primate

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