St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Sept.26,1988

The enclosed flyer is self-explanatory. I look forward to visiting you on the weekend of Oct.8-9, to celabrate Holy Badarak and worship together.

I had a joyous and productive visit last time I was with you on Feb. 28. I am grateful both for your and St. Elias' Pastor Rev. Fr. Andrew Zbeeb's hospitality. I surely would like to thank both the Parish and the Pastor of the host church for making their sanctuary available for worship again.

During the Holy Badarak, I informed the congregation that the Primate has appointed me as the Visiting Pastor of Atlanta. To fulfill that responsibility I plan to visit you possibly four times a year and try to be more than a Visiting Pastor.

I would like to thank the former Church Council which under the Chairmanship of Dr. Ara Dostourian served the community lovingly and caringly. Upon my recommendation, the Primate has appointed a new Church Council to continue to care for the spiritual and ecclesiastical needs of the community. The members of the Council are: Mr.Simeon DiBoyan, Chairman; Mr.Levon Messerlian, Advisor; and Mr.Harold Kevorkian, Youth Co-ordinator. I am sure, with your help and co-operation they will do their best to serve the community's needs.

The Atlanta Armenian Community is not as unique as I have been told a few times. It has and will have similar growing pains as other newly formed Mission Churches do. It is a challenge nevertheless and with God's help together we can go forward.

It is a welcome sign that there is an Armenian Independent Cultural Assoc. which is functioning in the Community to tend to the social and cultural needs. Both the Church Council and I will extend all the necessary help and co-operation as required. The Sat. evening's cultural event is such an occasion and I look forward to see you all there. This is the CULTURAL MONTH which is dedicated to the Holy Translators who gave us our Religious-Spiritual and Cultural-Historic heritage, through the invention of the Armenian Alphabet (404 A.D.), translation of the Armenian Bible (430 A.D.) and enduring literary and historic books as Yeghishe's Story of Vartanank, Khorenatzi's History of the Armenian People, to name just a few.

Finaly let me close with St Paul's words: "Therefore I write these things being absent... for edification... be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. Greet one another with an holy kiss. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.Amen. (II Corinth. 13:10-14).

Prayerfully Yours,

Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, Archpriest

Visiting Pastor of the Armenian Community of Atlanta, Georgiaa



"How I rejoiced when they said to me Let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 121:1



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The **Armenian community of Greater Atlanta** is invited for a celebration of Divine Liturgy and for commemoration of the Holy Translators (<u>Surpotz Tarkmanchatz</u>) marking the Cultural Mouth.



Place: St. Elias Eastern Orthodox Church 2045 Ponce de Leon Ave, N.E. Atlanta

Date: Oct. 9, 1988

Time: 2:30 P.M.

Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, Visiting Pastor of the Armenian Community of Atlanta

For more information and requests for special prayer, Requiem Service, (Hokehankisd) or visiting the sick in hospitals or homes, please call: **Armenian Church Council of Atlanta: W. 991-0432, H. 996-8493**

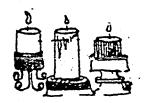


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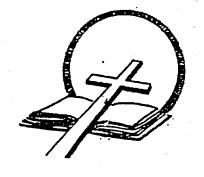
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