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Mr. Ara Dostourian  
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Dear Ara:

Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen!

With this joyful proclamation, I greet you and your loved ones in the Name of the Risen Lord.

I am in receipt of your detailed letter dated May 24, 1983, and read it carefully. In response, I do not have any reason to object to your receiving Holy Communion in our Church in Atlanta and in your Armenian Orthodox Church. Although the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Armenian Orthodox Church are not yet in communion, I firmly believe that the theological differences between the two churches are of a terminological nature rather than theological. Thus, through the power of oikonomia, I am giving you special permission to continue receiving the Eucharist in our Church in Atlanta and in your Armenian Orthodox Church.

I pray that through a sincere and meaningful dialogue between our oriental churches, communion among these churches will soon be restored.

May the Eternal Light of the empty tomb always shine in your heart.

Yours in the Risen Lord,

Metropolitan PHILIP  
Primate  
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese  
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cc: Archbishop Torkom Manoogian ✓

V. Rev. John Chromiak