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"Brief History of Armenia & the Armenians"

St. Vartan Cathedral Booklet

Photograph

Biography

June 9, 1982

Mr. Murray Campbell
Globe and Mail
444 Front Street West
Toronto, Ontario
Canada M5V 2S9

Dear Mr. Campbell:

In December of 1981, arrangements had been made with Ms. Gwen Smith, Religious Editor of your newspaper for an interview with His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manougian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church in the U.S. and Canada, which encompasses 50 parishes and ministers to the spiritual needs of the 600,000 Armenians in both countries. The interview did not take place at that time, but it was suggested that an interview be arranged on the next visit of His Eminence.

He will be in Toronto on Thursday, June 24 through Sunday, June 27, and can be reached there at either the ACEU Convention, 416-431-2428; or at the Howard Johnson hotel, 40 Progress Court, Scarborough, 416-439-6200.

Enclosed is a biography and a photograph of His Eminence, who was just last month re-elected to an unprecedented fifth term as Primate. I will be contacting you on June 18 to discuss arrangements. I'm sure you will find His Eminence articulate, congenial and most interesting to talk with.. His recent appearance on a show entitled "For Our Times; Voice of Armenia" on 30 CBS-TV stations across the U.S. and Canada was very well received and has created much interest in the ancient religion and culture of the Armenian people.

Please feel free to contact me any time at the above phone number; otherwise, as I said, you'll hear from me June 18.

Thanks very much for your consideration; we are looking forward to working with you.

Sincerely,


Linda Hovhanesian
Public Relations

June 9, 1982

Features Editor
The Star
1 Young Street
Toronto, Ontario M5E 2S9

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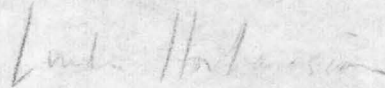
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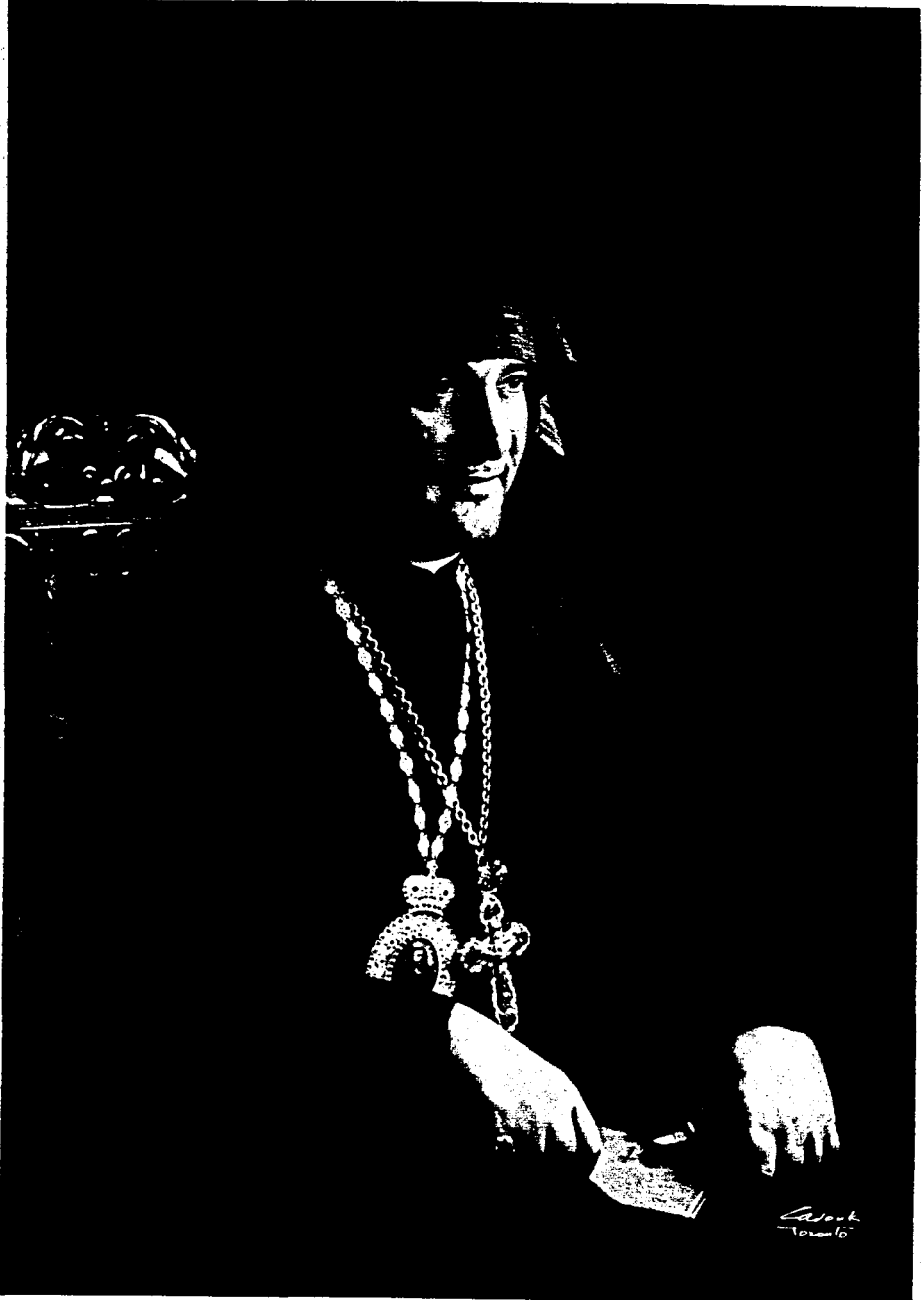
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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN

PRIMATE, DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian was born on February 16, 1919 in the deserts near Baghdad, Iraq, where his parents had fled from the massacres of more than 1½ million Armenians in Ottoman Turkey, 1915-1918 - the first genocide of the 20th century. He was 12 years old when he was sent to attend the Armenian School of the Monastery of St. James in Jerusalem. Upon graduation, he decided to continue his studies there in preparation for the priesthood. After ordination in 1939, he remained for several years at the Monastery, serving in various capacities.

Father Torkom came to the U.S. in 1946. His first assignment was to serve as pastor of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Philadelphia. In November of 1951 he was named Vicar of the Diocese and held that post until 1955. Back in Jerusalem, he served from 1957 to 1960 as Dean of the Theological School, as a member of the Holy Synod and Chairman of the General Assembly of the St. James Brotherhood, and Chancellor of the Patriarchate.

He worked on the publication of the sacred music of the Armenian Church together with Wardan Sarxian, one of the pupils of the musician-priest Gomidas Vartabed. These arrangements were subsequently published in the U.S. in two volumes. Father Torkom also published the "Sunrise Service of the Armenian Church" and prepared for the first time ever the complete music of the deacon's part in the Divine Liturgy.

Father Torkom revised some of his religious articles which were published as a collection entitled "Khoupin Hed" ("With the Group"). He also prepared a guide to the holy places of Jerusalem. In 1960, he returned to the U.S. and enrolled at the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Mass., as a post-graduate student where he remained for the next two years. In 1962, he was elected Primate of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church of America and in the same year he visited Etchmiadzin, where he was ordained Bishop. In 1966, he was elected Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America. Bishop Torkom was elevated to the rank of Archbishop in 1968.

His Eminence has published many articles in periodicals as well as the following pamphlets and books: "Baptism and Confirmation in the Armenian Church," 1953; "Khoupin Hed," 1959; "The Sunrise Service," 1957; "Pilgrim to Holy Places," 1958; "The Wedding Service," 1960; "Blessing in the Field," 1963; "Resurrection Chants and the Eight Modes of the Armenian Church Hymns," 1964; "The Impossible Love," 1973; "The Losses of the Armenian Church in the Massacres," 1973; "Deacon's Guide Book," 1974 (music with Armenian text and English translation by Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan); in addition to an LP recording, "Armenian Christmas in Bethlehem" in 1961. In 1972 he published a volume of poems in Armenian, "Vanki Orer" ("Monastery Days").

His Eminence serves on the Governing Board and the Executive Committee of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., and is the Vice Chairman of the Board of Religion in American Life. He is also a member of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation.

In May of 1982, His Eminence appeared on 30 CBS stations in the U.S. and Canada in a program entitled "For Our Times: Voice of Armenia." In it, he discussed the life and work of Gomidas Vartabed. In the same month, he was elected to an unprecedented fifth four-year term as Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church by an overwhelming majority of the delegates representing the 50 parishes in the U.S. and Canada of the Diocese and encompassing the over 600,000 Armenians in both countries.