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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

November 19, 1996

The Very Rev. Fr. Nareg Berberian, Pastor
St. James Armenian Church
834 Pepper Avenue
Richmond, VA 23226

Dear Father Nareg:

We are deeply saddened to hear the news of the demise of Mrs. Elizabeth Baronian, a venerable member of the first generation of Armenians who settled down in the United States, bringing with them the best that their native Armenia could offer to the world.

We are well aware of the work and great sacrifices Mrs. Baronian made in order to bring together the Armenians of Richmond to form an established community and a parish. At the time when the church was being built, she was at the head of those who went from door to door collecting funds for the church. Also she was among those who organized the first food festival, made frequent contributions, gave her moral support to community activities, donated the altar curtain, established the Baronian cultural fund in memory of her husband, and humbly served her church and her people to the best of her ability.

We pray to God that He rests her soul in peace and gives consolation to all the members of her family, her three children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

With prayers,

Abp. K. Barsamian
Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate