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A BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT TO
ALL ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN CHURCH MEMBERS

The Building Committee of the St. Mary's Armenian Church of Newark is sending this letter as a means of letting all of the parishioners know about the Committee's activities and what its recommendations will be at the special meeting to be held on March 11, 1962.

In order that you may better understand the problems and be ready to vote wisely, please read the following carefully:

The St. Mary's Armenian Church Parish is relatively small. Although there are many things we would like to do, we are forced to be conservative and remain within the budget and pocketbooks of all our members.

The parishioners at a Special Assembly on Sept. 24, 1961 voted that it should move to a more suitable location in the near future.

After investigation of all possible courses of action, the Building Committee recommends the following:

1. We should remain at our present site for probably 10 or 15 years.
2. The Church should, within 5 years, build a Parish Hall and Pastor's residence for all future social activities.
3. The Church should purchase a piece of property NOW, while property is still available. This could be purchased and paid for within a year.
4. Convert the present hall into classrooms for the Sunday School and small gatherings.
5. When funds are available, build a new Church adjacent to the new Parish Hall.
6. The Building Committee has reviewed many properties and their locations. These will be presented for your approval and the selection of one. A new Parish Hall, whether we build on the present property, a few blocks or a few miles from here, will cost the same. A 3/4-acre plot of land in a decent location in Newark will cost as much as 3 or 4 acres of land in a residential area.

ALL CHURCH MEMBERS should attend this meeting and vote wisely for the consideration of keeping our Church progressing toward furthering the Armenian Heritage and keeping our young people actively interested in the social activities we can offer in the future.

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE