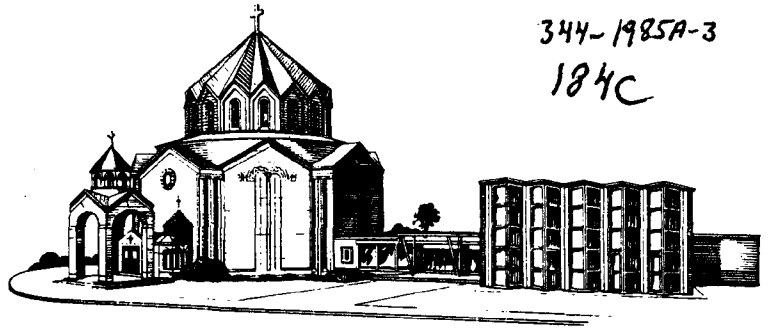


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SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075

August 21, 1985

His Eminence,  
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Ave.  
New York, N.Y. 10016

Your Eminence:

This letter is in response to your communication regarding the 70th Anniversary Commemorative Medal. St. John's Armenian Church has decided to purchase the medal, and the enclosed check in the amount of \$800.00 (eight hundred dollars) represents payment for it.

I would like to bring to your attention that I do not think that we will be able to sell additional medals. Although the medal is very beautiful, the price is prohibitive and the timing of the sale is not conducive for individuals to purchase it. If the medal had been issued prior to April 24, the emotions induced by the occasion would have probably created a more proper atmosphere for wider acceptance of the medal.

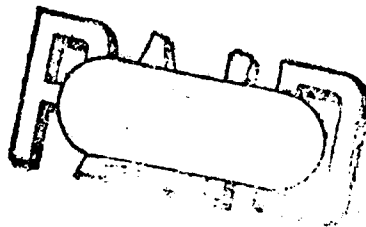
However, we will display the medal at every possible occasion to promote its sale.

Respectfully,

Father Paren Avedikian  
Pastor

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September 19, 1985

The Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian, Pastor  
St. John Armenian Church  
22001 Northwestern Highway  
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Fr. Paren:

We have received your letter dated September 13, and would like to thank you for sending us promptly the materials and photographs of the activities of the Detroit parish on the occasion of the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of Armenian Martyrs, which we intend to public in a commemorative booklet.

May the Lord bless you and your co-workers always with His love and wisdom.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

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September 13, 1985

His Eminence,  
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Ave.  
New York, N.Y. 10016

Your Eminence:

In response to your letter of July 17 requesting material covering the activities that took place at St. John's during the 70th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, I am herewith submitting the following items: photographs of parish commemorative activities with captions on the back of each photograph; press releases describing our commemorative program; photocopies and originals of local newspaper and magazine coverage, a copy of the proclamation issued by Governor James Blanchard observing April 24, 1985 as Armenian Martyrs' Day, complete coverage of the 70th Anniversary as was published in the May, 1985 issue of the Torch Bearer, and a list of survivors.

I hope that the enclosed information will be of assistance to the Diocese in publishing a commemorative booklet regarding the 70th Anniversary.

Wishing you success in your endeavors, I remain,

Respectfully,

*Fr. Paren Avedikian*

Father Paren Avedikian  
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P.S. I would appreciate it if the photographs could be returned to us.

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SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075

August 8, 1985

His Eminence,  
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate  
and President of the Diocesan Council  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Ave.  
New York, New York 10016

Your Eminence:

At the June 25, 1985 Meeting of St. John's Parish Council, it was verbally reported by Parish Council Chairman, Arthur S. Mardigian that the Primate and the Diocesan Council feel that a period of ten months is necessary to invite and prepare for a visit of His Holiness, Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians for the Dedication and Opening of St. John's Museum.

St. John's Parish Council feels that ten months is too long a period of time. For this reason, at this time St. John's would like to withdraw its prior communication to you regarding the visit of His Holiness.

The last time that His Holiness visited our Diocese was in 1968. Should the Primate and the Diocesan Council choose to invite His Holiness to pay a visit to our Diocese at any time, St. John's will be overjoyed if during that visit St. John's is placed on His Holiness' itinerary of visitation.

Respectfully,

*Fr. Paren Avedikian*

Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian

*Arthur S. Mardigian*

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Chairman, Parish Council

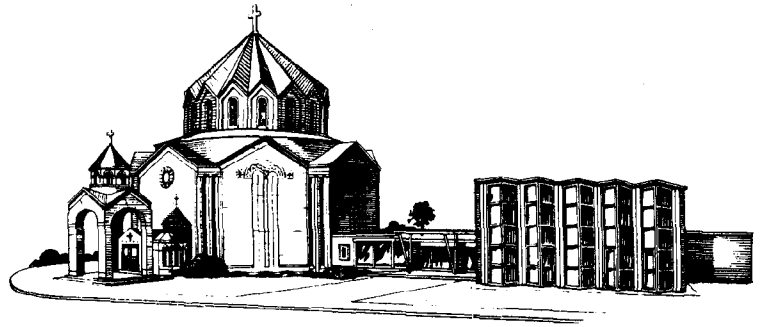
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SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075

June 6, 1985

His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church  
of America  
President of the Diocesan Council  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, New York 10016

Your Eminence,

The Parish Council would like to invite His Holiness, Vazken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians to the Dedication and Opening of our newly constructed Museum in late 1985. We feel that the presence of His Holiness at this event would draw attention and create interest in Armenian Artifacts. There is a large amount of Armenian Treasures in the possession of private persons. We would hope that this opening of our Museum will create an awareness of our heritage and maybe we would receive some donations for the Museum or at least we may be made aware of persons who have Armenian treasures and we can pursue the matter.

We would like to have Your Eminence extend this invitation to His Holiness at Holy Etchmiadzin, Armenia and hope that we receive a favorable response. This would be an important event for our Church and People.

Very truly yours,

Arthur S. Mardigian  
Chairman, Parish Council

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*He*  
Rev. Fr. Haik Donikian  
42134 Farragut Court  
Northville, Michigan 48167  
Telephone: (313) 348-8687

July 12, 1985

Dear Mr. Kermian;

Thank you for the check and thank you for your letter, you gave me an explanation about the delay which I understood that the entire fault was Father Housig that he did not give the proper information on time.

Sorry about that and I thank you again for the clarification.

Prayerfully,

*Father Haik*

Father Haik

July 2, 1985

Rev. Fr. Haik Donikian  
42134 Farragut Court  
Northville, MI 48167

Dear Fr. Haik:

Thank you for your note of June 25 concerning the payment for the three "Gantegh's". I trust you have by now received our check mailed to you on June 20.

However, I am puzzled over your comments about the time it took us to reimburse you for the expenses involved. The voucher was submitted to me on June 13, and the check was issued on June 20, as you will see from the attachment.

Anyway, I regret the delay, for whatever reasons, and be assured it won't happen again.

With best regards,

Michael M. Kermian  
Director

Encl.

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DIocese of the Armenian Church of America

VOUCHER

DATE SUBMITTED:

6/13/85

PAY TO:

Fr. Donikian

ADDRESS:

Home address

EXPLANATION:

By purchase 3 sanctuary lamps.  
each \$250.

R. M. B. (Signature)

APPROVED:

R. M. B.

AMOUNT \$

750.00

CHARGE:

Religion Store

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Send Check to Fr. Donikian's  
Home address

RECEIVED PAYMENT:

CHECK #

3458

DATE:

6-20-85

Paid within 4 business  
days.

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RECEIVED JUL 1 1985

Rev. Fr. Haik Donikian  
42134 Farragut Court  
Northville, Michigan 48167  
Telephone: (313) 348-8687

June 25, 1985

Dear Michael;

It is almost two months since I sent the three lamps (Gantegh) to Father Hoosig. I called him, and I talked to you during the Diocesan Assembly and reminded you about the lamps.

I asked Arthur Mardigian to remind you which he did, and still up to date I haven't received my check for \$750.00. I am disgusted! After this letter I hope you will take the time to send me my check to my home address. I'm sorry I did you the favor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Father Haik".

Father Haik