

PARISH COUNCIL OF ST. LEONCE ARMENIAN
CHURCH OF PATERSON, N. J.

135-51 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE

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March 31, 1958

Mampre Archbishop Calfayan
630 Second Avenue
New York New York

Your Holiness:

Confirming results of the Special Parish Assembly of St. Leon's Armenian Church at which you presided March 2, in Paterson, we wish to forward the resolution and results of the voting.

At a duly authorized Special Assembly of 76 members of St. Leon's Armenian Church, in good standing, it was resolved and unanimously accepted by vote, to (1) purchase approximately three acres of land on Saddle River Road, Fairlawn, N. J. immediately, and (2) authorize the Parish Council and Special Committee to make the necessary arrangements to sell present church building and property, as well as rectory building and property.

We respectfully submit this information for your formal approval to confirm your verbal inspection and approval of our plans. The foregoing resolution represents the years of effort and planning since 1952, when you approved our intention to move to a more suitable location to meet the needs of our parish, especially the youth.

Again, we respectfully urge you and the Diocesan Council to expedite any discussion so that we may have your prompt formal confirmation of our plans.

Respectfully yours,

John Nakashian

John Nakashian
Chairman, Parish Council

Charles Pinajian
Charles Pinajian
Secretary



John Nakashian
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April 25, 1958

His Grace, Mampre Archbishop Calfayan
President of the Diocesan Council
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York

Your Holiness:

In view of the decision of the Diocesan Assembly as expressed to us by Mr. Y. Agajanian on April 21, during his unofficial visit to our Dinner Dance Committee meeting, the committee decided to cancel this fund-raising affair planned for May 18. We have decided on this course of action inspite of the fact that many commitments have been made, the cancelation of which involves monetary loss as well as certain loss of prestige and goodwill to St. Leon's.

We are sincerely desirous to do all we can to support the Tenafly group's efforts to form a church.

It is the decision of St. Leon's Parish Council, after long and careful consideration of all the circumstances, to proceed with the desires of our parish members as expressed in Special Assembly in the presence of the Primate, and also to go along with the advice of our two real estate experts, to retain the property to which we are already committed in Fairlawn.

With sincere wishes for your spiritual and physical well-being, we remain,

Respectfully,

John Nakashian

John Nakashian
Chairman, Parish Council

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May 9, 1958

St. Leon's Armenian Church, Parish Council
Mr. Zaven Marootian, Chairman
290 Getty Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Marootian:

As you know the Choir Association has a Seminar every year, where classes and lectures are given on the History of the Armenian Church.

Our Theological students often cannot attend the Seminars and benefit from the classes and lectures, since there is not a fund available.

Deacon Antranig Hallajian will participate at said seminar after your Sunday church service, and will return on the 28th of June in order to resume his parish duties.

We hope your parish council will consider this matter, and pay half of his expenses the sum of \$25.00, since the total expense will be \$50.00.

With paternal blessings,

Mamre Archbishop Cafayan, Primate,
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

November 11, 1958

**St. Leon's Armenian Church
135 Bloomfield Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey**

ATTENTION: Parish Council

Gentlemen:

Due to unavoidable circumstances, I could not answer your letter inquiring as to the Eastern Boundary of St. Leon's Church.

As you know, in the Bergen County Tenafly area, a new Armenian Church is to be built. In order to avoid any misunderstandings the zoning of the Paterson Church and the Bergen County Church, I hereby state and confirm that the Eastern Boundary of St. Leon's Armenian Church is Route #17 as was set by my predecessor, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan.

We remain,

With fatherly love and blessings,

**Maspre Archbishop Calfayan
Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church
of America**

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February 11, 1959

Mr. John Nakashian
209 27th St.
Fairlawn, N.J.

Dear Mr. Nakashian:

As per our verbal conversation, arrangements have been made for Deacon Antranik Hallajian to be in Washington on February 22, 1959 and His Grace, Archbishop Sion Mancoegian will be among you on that day to deliver a sermon in your church.

I take the opportunity to thank you for your splendid reception you gave to His Grace and to me last night. It was a pleasure to meet such a large delegation of various groups of your church under the same roof. It was amazing to see such an enthusiasm shown by each and every one about the fulfillment of the duties towards their church and for the betterment of the Armenian Community.

Sincerely yours,

Sooren Manuelian
Diocesan Secretary



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Archbishop Sion Manoogian
The Diocesan Council
The Armenian Church of North America
314 East 35th Street
New York, New York

Your Grace:

Referring to your letter in which you advised us of the contemplated visit by you to our community and your wishes to celebrate Holy Badarak on August 16th, we regret to advise that due to the fact that we have closed our Church for the two Summer months of July and August we humbly request that a new visitation date be selected.

We realize that it may seem strange that we close our Church during any portion of the year, but without a regular Parish Priest it is all we can do to keep our congregation apprised of the Sundays on which we hold Holy Badarak. With a majority of our congregation on vacation, this visit will not leave its due full significance.

We also wish to apologize for the delay in notifying you of our decision which has been due to a series of misunderstandings.

We shall be looking forward to your advice of a new visitation date to our Church.

Obediently yours,

John Nakashian

John Nakashian
President

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May 18, 1960

His Grace Archbishop Sion Manoogian
Primate of The Church of Armenia
President of The Diocesan Council
630 Second Avenue
New York 16, New York

Most Reverend Father:

Mr. Albert Mardirossian, until recently a member of our Parish Council, tendered his resignation from office in a letter dated April 28, 1960. Mr. Mardirossian's resignation has been accepted.

We solicit your approval to office to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Mardirossian, Mr. Paul Hachigian, who received the next highest number of votes for Council member at the recent Annual Parish Assembly elections. Please advise us of the Diocesan Council decision at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
Parish Council of St. Leon's
Armenian Church

John Nakashian
John Nakashian
Chairman

Hrant H. Yousoufian
Hrant H. Yousoufian
Secretary

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Allen

April 3, 1964

Rev. Fr. Carnig Hallajian
Parish Priest of St. Leon Armenian Church
And President of the Parish Council
135 Bloomfield Ave.
Paterson, N.J.

Dear Fr. Carnig:

Please be advised that your application for a Loan has been approved by us and the Board of Trustees of the Diocesan Loan and Grant Fund.

Enclosed, please find a promissory note which should be executed as follows and be returned to the Diocesan Office immediately.

1. Insert the date on which the promissory note is signed at the place indicated by a check mark.
2. The President of the Parish Council and the Secretary should sign their respective names at the place indicated by "a" and "b".
3. On the reverse side, endorsers should sign their names and the amount of liability assumed, and the total amount of the liability assumed must total the amount stated on the face of the Promissory Note.

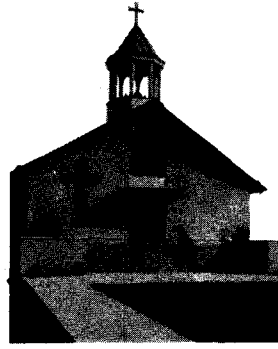
I would like to emphasize that the Trustees of the Loan and Grant Fund expect the payment of your loan of \$15,000.00 to be made on the 30th day of April 1965, as it is stated in your promissory note, otherwise the endorsers are liable to make the payment in full.

With paternal blessings,

SION ARCHBISHOP
Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian
Church of America

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St. Leon's
Armenian Church

REV. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ PASTOR
Arten Ashjian
TEL. 791-1583

12-61 SADDLE RIVER RD.
FAIR LAWN, N. J.
TEL. 791-2862

May 10, 1973

Mr. Jack Antreassian, Executive Director
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Jack:

This letter shall serve as a confirmation of a
visit to St. Leon's Church, by His Grace Archbishop
Torkom Manoogian, on December 1st and 2nd, 1973.

On Saturday, December 1st, 1973, there shall be
a banquet commemorating the 25th anniversary of the
Ordination of Rev. Arten Ashjian, and on Sunday,
December 2, 1973, we would like His Grace to perform
Badarak.

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I shall forward details on the Saturday affair
at a later date.

Sincerely,
Jon J. Najarian

Jon J. Najarian
Chairman, Parish Council

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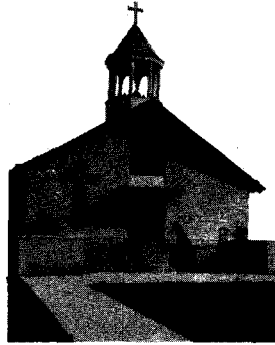
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June 21, 1973

Mr. Jack Antreassian
Executive Director, Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016

Dear Jack:

Last winter I had picked up from the lobby of the Diocesan House a little brochure on St. Vartan Cathedral. It landed on my son's 2nd Grade teacher's desk just before St. Vartan's Day.

In connection with promotional literature regarding the diocesan complex of buildings, I suggest that information be given on means of public transportation to and from 630 Second Avenue, New York City. Also, for users of private automobiles, information regarding places of parking -metered areas, nearby garages, parking situation on Sunday, etc.- can be very useful.

Getting into Manhattan by automobile is usually a nerve-wracking challenge. Finding a parking space within three or four blocks of the Diocesan Center can be a frustrating experience, let alone the expense of garage parking, if the motorist is not aware of "economy" shortcuts.

I hope that my suggestion will not necessitate the creation of a new department in the diocesan headquarters.

Sincerely
Arten Ashjian
Der Arten Ashjian

Twenty-two Yeoman Drive
Upper Saddle River, New Jersey 07458

February 13, 1975

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

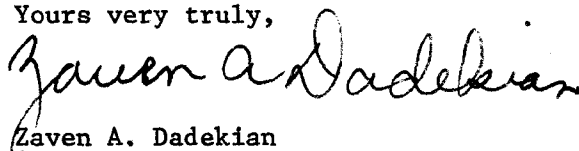
Your Grace:

On behalf of all the parishioners of St. Leon's, please accept our thanks for your participation in our Name Day Celebration.

Your visits to us are always events of great significance in the life of our Parish. The importance of this visit was further enhanced by the burning of our mortgage. Your inspiring address will have the results, I am sure, of motivating our parishioners to improve our Parish life by addressing ourselves to solving some of the obvious needs which must still be met. The meeting with the leaders of the Church organizations renewed their determination to discharge their responsibilities in the best possible way utilizing the resources of the Diocese and the experience of other Parishes.

We are particularly grateful that you were able to visit us after your grueling schedule of the previous weeks. The physical and mental demands of your Office must truly be great. The satisfaction of furthering God's work must sustain you. We all pray for your health and well-being and thank you again for your spiritual leadership.

Yours very truly,


Zaven A. Dadekian

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May 27, 1975

Reverend Arten Ashjian
President of the Parish Council
St. Leon's Armenian Church
12-61 Saddle River Road
Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410

Dear Father Arten:

As we had apprised you personally, and similarly informed the Parish Council of the Racine Church, as well as Father Patee Metjian, who is also involved in the present reassignment, the date of your official departure from Fair Lawn parish will be August 18.

On that date you will celebrate the Divine Liturgy as pastor of the parish, after which you will depart for Racine where you will celebrate your first Liturgy on August 25, as the newly assigned pastor of St. Mesrob Armenian Church.

This schedule has been arranged to accord with that of Father Patee, who will be in Greenfield on August 18, and arrive in Fair Lawn in time to celebrate the Badarak on August 25.

May the Lord guide our clergy in their pastoral work and enlighten the minds and hearts of our people to serve Him with devotion and understanding.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc. Mr. E. George Dabagian
Chairman, Parish Council

May 27, 1975

Mr. Sam Avakian
Chairman, Parish Council
St. John Armenian Church
7825 West Layton Avenue
Greenfield, Wisconsin 53220

Dear Mr. Avakian:

We are aware that, with the arrangements completed to have Father Patee Metjian transferred to Fair Lawn to serve as pastor there, your parish will be left without a permanent pastor.

It is a situation we will endeavor to resolve, in one form or another, at the earliest possible moment. The needs of our Diocese in this regard continue to be critical, and some of our parishes must for varying periods of time share the spiritual services of our priests.

Father Patee will celebrate his final Liturgy as your pastor on August 17, and will thereafter be assigned to the Fair Lawn parish where he will perform his first service on August 24.

We will in due course be in touch with you concerning the situation, the needs of your parish and how we might meet them.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

July 20, 1976

The Reverend Parea Metjian
Pastor, St. Leon Armenian Church
12-61 Saddle River Drive
Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410

Dear Father Parea:

We would like very much to meet with your parish council and delegates to discuss matters of urgent concern both to your parish and to our Diocesan headquarters.

We ask that you consult with your members and together determine issues we can consider and discuss to our mutual benefit.

Since our time will necessarily be limited to two or three hours, it might be wise to select issues in some order of priority so that we may be able to address ourselves to those that concern you most.

We would appreciate it if you could arrange our meeting for Tuesday, August 10, 1976 at 7:30 p.m.

Please let us have your confirmation of this date as quickly as possible.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc. Parish Council Chairman
Mr. Jon Najarian

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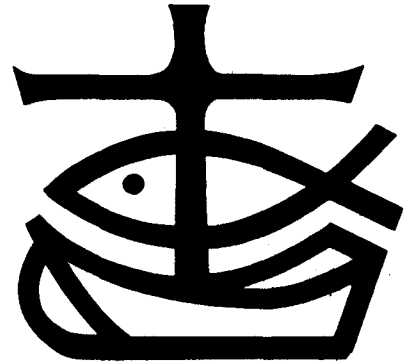
12-61 Saddle River Road Fair Lawn, N.J. 07410

Rev. Paree Metjian, Pastor

Telephones: (Code 201)

Church: 791 - 2862

Rectory: 791 - 1583



January 3, 1977

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

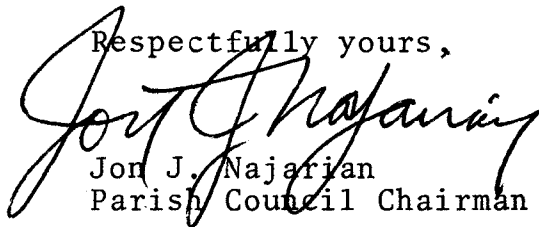
Your Eminence:

We are in receipt of your letter of December 16, 1976 requesting our presence at a meeting on January 10, 1977. I would like to inform you that St. Leon will be represented by at least three members of the Parish Council and, of course, our Pastor.

In reviewing the agenda submitted for that date we feel that it seems overly ambitious to accomplish all of the items on the agenda. We feel perhaps a full day type meeting on a Saturday or Sunday would be more in line for this type of agenda.

In any case, we look forward to seeing you on January 10, 1977 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully yours,


Jon J. Najarian
Parish Council Chairman

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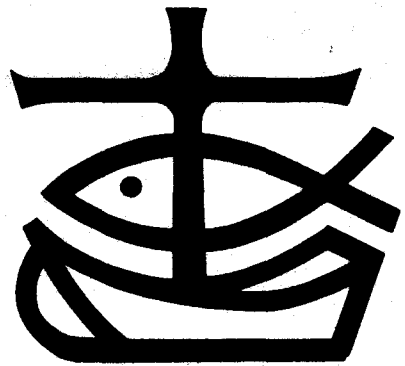
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June 21, 1980

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Surpazan Hayr:

A Special Parish Assembly was held on Friday, June 6, 1980, in the church proper.

On the agenda was the proposed plans of the Community Center. The assembly with 59 voting members in attendance unanimously approved the Proposed Resolution.

Membership
198

We submit the minutes of the Special Parish Assembly of the Community Center Project to the Diocesan Council for approval. In time the detail plans will be presented by the committee.

I have enclosed the Minutes, the Agenda, and the flier as presented to the Parish Assembly.

Faithfully yours,

Dorothy Karamian

Dorothy Karamian
Parish Council Secretary