

May 12, 1961

Mr. Harry Nabedian
Chairman, Parish Council
635 Sycamore
So. Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Nabedian:

In reply to your letter of May 10, 1961, we would like to inform you the following:

1. Whenever a church is built, customarily sixteen consecrated stones are placed in the foundation. The corners and under the beams, and then the foundation and cornerstones are blessed. Therefore the consecration takes place after the completion of the building.

In order to sanctify the entire building to make it the house of our Lord, and a place of worship, the stones, beams and altars are consecrated together. Therefore the blessing of the cornerstones and the consecration of the entire church does not take place at the same time.

2. We are planning to visit your Parish on July 1st and 2nd, and, since your parish is without a priest, we feel it necessary to inspect the building and bless the cornerstones.

We shall discuss the other matters mentioned in your letter, in person. During our stay in that area for a period of one week, we shall also visit the nearby parishes. The expenses incurred in this connection will be shared by the respective parishes.

Hoping that your Parish Council will make the necessary arrangements, in this connection. We wish you success and the blessings of our Lord.

With paternal blessings,

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



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May 9, 1961

Archbishop Sion Mancoogian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America
630 Second Avenue
New York 16, New York

Your Grace:

It was quite a rewarding and illuminating experience for me to have attended the 1961 Annual Diocesan Assembly in Boston on April 29 and 30. Above all it gave me an insight into the many, many problems that beset our diocese and its clergy. In spite of the almost insurmountable problems it was encouraging to note that we have many who are dedicated in both speech and action. May God grant Your Grace continued health, wisdom, and infinite patience in the years to come in the conduct of Your Office and its burdensome responsibilities.

As Diocesan Delegate of our Church, I reported to our Parish Council on the salient points discussed in our meeting. That one foremost in their minds and mine is the need for a priest in our parish. As indicated to me by Your Grace during our Assembly we welcome Your consideration in assigning one of the six seminary students as pastor of our Church. Our Parish Council Chairman is writing Your Grace in this regard officially requesting assignment of a priest.

I realize that there are many parishes that are in dire need of a clergyman. It is my fervent hope that the loyalty and dedication that our parish has shown to Your Grace and the Diocese will permit Your Grace to give our Church first consideration. If a priest were assigned to our parish we would make arrangements to share him with the South Milwaukee parish. With the combined parishes, a priest assigned would have a Christian flock of nearly 250 families.

It is with deep respect to Your Grace and to His Office that I ask for forgiveness if I appear to be obstinate in presenting our story to the Diocesan Assembly, but it was only with the aim of serving our Church and its Christian flock, who are in dire need of a "shepherd". If Your Grace would deem it necessary I humbly would appreciate comments in reply.

Yours respectfully,

H. Chobanian
Diocesan Delegate

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February 5, 1962

Mr. Haik Donikian
1000 N. Hoyne Avenue
Chicago 22, Ill.

Dear Mr. Donikian:

His Grace, Archbishop Sion Manoogian has received your letter of January 26, 1962, in reference to your parish matters.

We have been advised, to inform you that His Grace deeply appreciates your sincere efforts, in order to solve some of the misunderstandings that unfortunately, have occurred in your parish, within the last few months.

It is, indeed, remarkable that through your energetic mediation, your parish has been able to forward a large sum to the Diocesan Office, as part of your dues, for which the official receipt has already been mailed to your treasurer.

It is also noteworthy that your annual parish assembly has taken place, in such a peaceful atmosphere, that the cordial attitude, shown by the participants will continue to be a real source of satisfaction, and it will be possible to achieve encouraging results for cooperative activities.

His Grace is planning to visit our Middle West parishes on the 15th of April, on the occasion of the consecration of the newly constructed, St. Haroutune church of So. Milwaukee. During his visit he will discuss with you, in length, concerning your parish matters. Meanwhile we hope, that you will continue to do your utmost to exhort the parishoners, to cooperate with the clergy and the parish council, in order to be able to create everlasting understanding, which I am sure will cause a great satisfaction to each and every member of your parish.

Thanking you again for your God pleasing endeavors,

Very truly yours,

Soren Manuelian
Executive Secretary

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January 26, 1962

The Most Reverend Archbishop Sion Manoogian
Primate of the Armenian Church of America
630 2nd Avenue
New York, New York

Most Reverend Sir:

May I express the wish that my letter finds you well and in the best of health.

Regarding your last visit to our church at which time you graciously arbitrated our problems, I find it necessary to report to you on that matter.

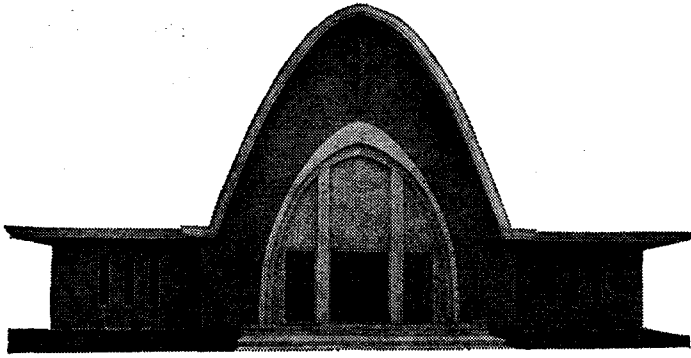
I have been successful in my efforts with various groups in the congregation, in affording Rev. Nerses an opportunity to start anew without bias or complaint.

The one group that spoke loudly in his behalf is now absenting themselves from all activity and apparently are boycotting us.

The complaining group has been magnificent in their co-operation and have advanced to the trustees financial sums which enabled us to pay a majority of all debts and to forward to the diocese a greater part of its due, which you now have.

The general meeting of January 21, was successful and without incident. Rev. Nerses is forwarding the names of the new Trustees with the Annual Report, which I have signed, but have not read, my signature is with reservation.

Rev. Nerses apparently has convinced himself, that any effort on his part will be fruitless, and now has adopted an attitude of withdrawel of co-operation which was very apparent



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June 5, 1968

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

Your Grace:

During your recent visit, we discussed with you at great length the possibility of obtaining a full-time parish priest. You indicated that this was not possible at the present time. It was suggested by you that we keep Father Hairabedian as a part-time parish priest (three days a week) and that when a full-time priest was available, he would then replace Father Hairabedian.

As requested by you, a Parish Assembly Meeting was held on 1968 at which time the parishioners were to decide whether or not they wanted a part-time or full-time priest. After a great deal of discussion, a vote was taken. The result was: 24 in favor of a full-time and 20 in favor of a part-time priest.

Father was present throughout the entire meeting, and after the result of the vote was announced, he then stated that he was pleased with the decision because he truly wanted to devote more time to his missionary work and this enabled him to do so.

On June 3 during a regular Parish Council Meeting, the following information was revealed by Father Hairabedian quite unwilling and after much prodding:

1. He has purchased a home in South Milwaukee.
2. He says he will work three days a week but will not reveal what type of work he has obtained.
3. He will spend two days a week on missionary work with meetings to be held in his home.
4. On Sundays he would like to become a visiting priest and be available for different parishes.

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In regard to Item No. 4 above, the Parish Council voted in favor of Der Hayr performing Sunday Mass for the four Sundays in July only, for which he agreed to do for \$75.00 per service, which is quite a large sum for 4 hours.

You must agree that the first and only solution to our problem is a full-time priest. If this cannot be done immediately, we feel that you should help set up a schedule for the few parishes in our vicinity to share a clergy --- but not just for 4 hours on a Sunday morning.

In closing, we would again stress the fact that a parish of our size and a mortgage to meet, its youth to train, and its various obligations to the Diocese, will require a leader who is available at all times --- not merely 4 hours each Sunday.

Respectfully yours,



Harry J. Wabedian, Chairman
Parish Council

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Air Mail and Special Delivery

July 21, 1969

Primate Torcom Manoogian
Diocese of Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10016

Your Grace:

At the Council meeting of the Holy Resurrection Armenian Church here in South Milwaukee held on Wednesday June 4, 1969, a motion was passed, instructing our priest to write you whether I should remain a member of the Council of Trustees or not because I did not abide to a decision of the Council passed last April.

That decision arbitrarily dictated that the Parish House Committee surrender all money and books to the treasurer of the Council so that all sources of money could be deposited to one account and all records could be kept at one place. The Parish House Committee of which I am also a member did not abide to that dictatorial dictum for these reasons:

1. Parish House Committee came into existence last September when its three members volunteered their services for a year before the general assembly meeting. Accordingly, the Committee was and is accountable only to the General Assembly.
2. The Council's action was tantamount to making the Committee members mere errand boys without authority and discretion.
3. The Council is immersed with ample obligations and duties without assuming additional responsibilities.
4. Had the money been surrendered to the Council and became commingled with all the rest of the money, there would have been a definite tendency to spend the money on some unnecessary items or for some less worthy purpose or for meeting ordinary operating expenses.
5. The Committee knew that the Congregation still owed your Diocese \$4000 which was promised to be repaid by September of 1969. So, by resisting the Council's move, the Committee made it certain that this Church's indebtedness to the Diocese would at last be paid-off fully on or before September.
6. The Parish House was purchased from money taken out of the Building Fund which is still "independently" chairmanned by Charley Kademian. So, the Committee deemed proper and necessary that any income derived from the rental of the Parish House should go back to the Building Fund so as to pay-off the aforementioned debt.

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7. The Council flouted democratic processes. It used dictatorial method of action. It was arbitrary in its move. The Council did not even show semblance of courtesy and consideration by issuing its dictum without formally inviting and hearing the Committee's viewpoint.

8. The operation of the Parish House is systematically organized. The Committee has a checking account and a saving account. Every cent is vouched and accounted. This was substantiated by the Auditing Committee. Had we of the Parish House Committee yielded to the edict of the Council, this close accountability would have been jeopardized and undermined.

9. The Committee's action prevented the raid on this "extra" source of spending money.

10. By our withholding the rental money from the grabbing hands of the Council, the trustees will have greater opportunities to exercise more initiative, effort and ingenuity to raise additional money to defray anticipated expenses.

11. As a member both in the Council and in the Committee, I have dual responsibilities. By performing my duties as a Committee member, the disintergration and obliteration of the Committee as constituted and represented was "prevented."

12. The Committee's stand signalizes and sustains the functional strength of various committees which in reality perpetuate the healthy atmosphere by which the Church retains its vigor.

For the above reasons and conditions, it is incumbent that I be sustained and retained on the Church Council of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Sarkis Markarian

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636 Park Avenue
South Milwaukee, Wis. 53172

Air Mail and Special Delivery

July 22, 1969

Primate Torcom Manoogian
Diocese of Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10016

Your Grace:

This is a supplement and corollary to my yesterday's letter.

On July 2 the Council of the Holy Resurrection Armenian Church here in South Milwaukee willfully and incorrectly "abolished" that Parish House Committee which derived its existence and power from the Parish General Assembly. After this unsavory action, the Council immediately selected another committee composed of three trustees.

(To obviate confusion, the original Parish House Committee will be designated in this letter as Assembly Committee and the new parish house committee as Council committee.)

The disputed action of the Council was contrary to the interest and by-laws of the Church in these aspects:

The Council depended on mere hearsay that two Assembly Committee members had resigned or were about to resign as a pretext to appoint its own committee. Despite my willingness to remain on either committee, the Council excluded me from my rightful post.

All the three selections on the committee were made by the priest on the spot and had the Council confirm his appointments. Such method of selection is wrong and therefore null and void. It is like having the jury, judge and attorney as one and same person.

Had the Council been fair in its motive and outlook, the least it could have done from the standpoint of justice would have been retention of my membership and the appointment of two other nontrustee individuals as it was originally composed. Now there is conflict of interest.

The Council's action is a direct affront to the Parish Assembly before which the original Parish House Committee members volunteered their services for a period of one year.

It is ironical and incongruous in the nth degree that on one hand the Council hopes to oust me from the Council itself and from the Parish House Committee because I for one transferred the rental money to the Building Fund rather than giving to the Council, and on the other hand when the Council was informed by me that the Building Fund balance had reached the needed goal of \$4000 due to the two deposits made to it

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by the Assembly Committee, the Council went on record that the \$4000 indebtedness to your Diocese be settled on the occasion of your visit with us at this weekend.

In the light of above facts, I do not recognize the Council's ill-formed committee. I still regard myself as a member of the Assembly Committee which is still trying to function.

Accordingly, Your Grace, for the good of your office, for the benefit of the Church and for the direct and indirect well-being of all auxiliary and various church committees that you declare the Council's committee to be null and void and that the Assembly Committee is still in existence and functioning with me as a member.

Welcome to South Milwaukee. You can now set the Council of Trustees on the right track in the course of your visit here.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Sarkis Markarian

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November 2 , 19 9

The Very Reverend
Fr. Varken Keshishian, Pastor
Holy Resurrection Armenian Church
President of Parish Council
955 Michigan Avenue
South Milwaukee, Wis., 53172

Dear Fr. Varken:

We have received your letter of November 17, 1969.

By telephone conversation with Fr. Krikor Hairabedian, we have brought to his attention the remarks you had presented in your letter.

We expect all concerned to heed the following which is our conclusion and decision, expressed in the spirit of Christian morality and pastoral duties. A copy of this letter will be mailed to Fr. Hairabedian.

First, visiting the sick at any time and in any place is the prime duty of any person, and more so of any Christian, lay or clergy. Besides the clergy, lay members of our communities should be made aware of this responsibility. Fr. Krikor, as a clergyman living in a given area where there is a parish priest in charge of a community, equally has the Christian obligation to visit the sick, if and whenever he can. We warn him against any abuse and misconduct. We expect of him, as of any lay member of the community, to kindly submit to parish priest names and addresses of persons to whom the parish priest should also pay a visit. This is a basic principle for the genuine growth of the family of Christ, the congregation, the parish Church.

Thru Rev. Fr. ...
Fr. Vahan K. ... Pastor
November 21, 1963
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Father Krikor has our permission to organize Bible study sessions in our Diocese wherever he possibly can and as his time may permit. We have instructed our parish priests to cooperate with Fr. Krikor to fulfill this phase of the mission of our Church.

We are happy to note that you like to see these Bible study sessions take place in the Church hall. In our estimation, the place is of little consequence. However, we suggest you approach Father Krikor and make the appropriate and necessary arrangements to this effect. The program and the content of the study sessions are completely under Fr. Krikor's jurisdiction.

It is our earnest wish to see our Church in South Milwaukee concerning herself with the spiritual growth of her members in order to set an example to be followed by the many other parishes in our Diocese.

Prayerfully yours,

Archbishop Toros Manougian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

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November 24, 1969

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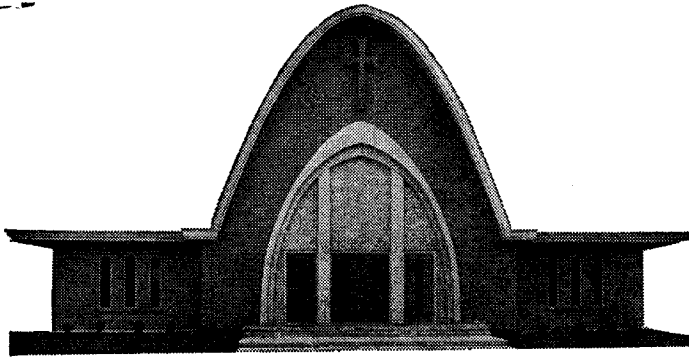
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November 17, 1969

His Grace Archbishop T. Manoogian
Primate, Armenian Diocese of No.America
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Surpazan Hayr:

The Parish Council in their regular meeting No. 17 held on November 5, 1969 considered this matter very carefully and voted to inform you of the important situation existing here in South Milwaukee regarding Father Krikor Hairabedian.

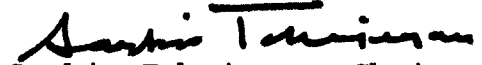
Father Hairabedian has recently resorted to methods which are interfering with the regular duties of our parish priest. For example, when he was officially the priest of this Church, he made it a policy never to visit the sick unless he was personally notified by a member of the family. However, now he is visiting the ill without any knowledge of the family and without invitation. This is causing embarrassment to our Hayr Soorp.


Also, he is now actively holding Bible class studies in his home, which practice we basically approve. However, the Trustees feel this should not take place in his home, and the proper place is here in the Church Hall. Some of our members are attending these classes, and we are afraid that a problem can be created between them and the non-participants, as has occurred in the past.

We beg you to consider this matter and take whatever steps you feel necessary so that in the end our Church will not suffer.

Yours in prayer,


Grace Hadjinian, Secretary
Parish Council


Sarkis Tchejeyan, Chairman
Parish Council


Very Rev. Vazken Keshishian,
President and Rector

March 6, 1970

The Very Rev. Vasken Keshishian
President, Parish Council
909 Michigan Avenue
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172

Dear Father Vasken:

We have received a typewritten and unsigned letter dated March 4, 1970, in the name of the Wisconsin Senior ACYOA Chapter and South Milwaukee Junior ACYOA Chapter. We want to remind the parish priests and parish councils that they should teach and instruct the executive committees of our church organizations that such letters should be directed to the pastor and the parish council to which the church organizations are subordinate. The pastor and the parish council should correspond directly with the Primate.

The Primate's appointment with the West Allis parish was made many months before the Mission Week was scheduled. We were pleased to know that the Wisconsin Senior and South Milwaukee Junior Chapters had planned a Mission Week from March 16 to March 22, however, we are disappointed that the program planned for March 22 conflicted with the church building banquet of the West Allis parish. It will be disappointing if our youth use this incident as an excuse to cancel the program of a whole week. This would indicate a lack of true Christian spirit.

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

A.C.Y.O.A.

Wisconsin Senior Chapter
Miss Janet Akulian
922 Liberty Street
Racine, Wisconsin

South Milwaukee Junior Chapter
Mrs. Rose Esaian Advisor
1422 Marion Avenue
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin

March 4, 1970

His Grace Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church of America,

Dear Supranzan Hayr.

- 1) According to Your official circular to all the Parish Councils to support A.C.Y.O.A. Mission Week,
- 2) According to C.A.C. direction and schedule that all the A.C.Y.O.A. Chapters received,
- 2) And now as a tradition for A.C.Y.O.A. to have Palm Sunday as Rally Day and Dinner and climax to Mission Week.

We the Armenian youth of the Wisconsin Senior A.C.Y.O.A. and South Milwaukee Junior A.C.Y.O.A. Chapters tried very hard to follow these directions and planned a full schedule for Mission Week and especially Rally Day.

Mission Week is March 16 to 22nd. March 22nd was planned as Rally day and dinner, but unfortunately today we heard that one of the Parish Councils in our area, West Allis, planned for the same day and same hour a big dinner under Your Presidency.

We were, of course, hoping as our dear Spiritual Shepherd to have You with the youth of the Armenian Church. We were sincerely hoping that You would attend the Rally here to inspire the Armenian Youth, who have been working with such devotion.

Now everything is confused because of the schedule of the West Allis Parish Council dinner. This Sunday is only A.C.Y.O.A.'S Sunday. If the West Allis Parish Council will have this dinner in these very close three parishes, there will be a definite conflict. The people will be in confusion as to where to go and are sure they will want to be where You are.

This is very discouraging to us the Armenian Youth who are trying to accomplish something. According to all these facts we would like to voice our protest, and are cancelling our complete program and with this cancellation we disavow responsibility.

Munamk Tser Soorp Tserku Hampoorelov,

Wisconsin Senior A.C.Y.O.A. Chapter
So. Milwaukee Jr. A.C.Y.O.A. Chapter

March 7, 1970

Mr. George Hajinlian
Chariman, Parish Council
St. John Armenian Church
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West Allis, Wisconsin 53214

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Prayerfully yours,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
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March 7, 1970

Mr. Harry Chirkinian
Chairman, Parish Council
St. Mesrob Armenian Church
1326 State Street
Racine, Wisconsin 53405

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Dear Father Vazken:

We in turn are puzzled by the letter of February 24 addressed to us by the Chairman-elect of your Council.

It has been the practice of our office to receive all annual reports of all our parishes, following the presentation and approval of these at their respective assemblies. At the same time, the names of newly-elected council members, are submitted for confirmation, according to Article 28 of the Diocesan Bylaws. Take note also of Articles 14M, 15G, 65D, G, and H.

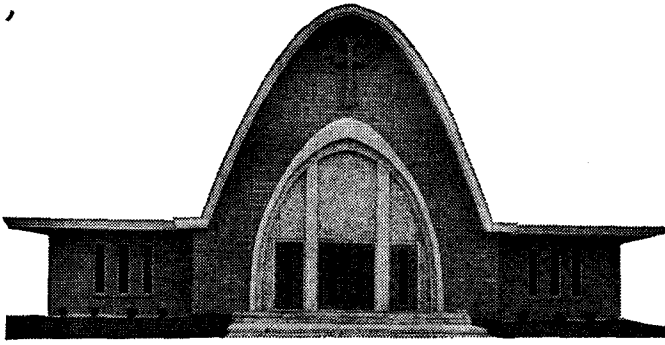
All this is virtually routine. Why it was not adhered to in this instance we do not know. What we do know is that these reports are essential to the operation of our office, and we ask that they be submitted. If they had been in the first instance, we cannot see that any issue would have arisen.

Please have them submitted to our office without any further delay.

Prayerfully yours,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc: Mr. Arthur Barsamian,
Chairman, Parish Council



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New York, N.Y.

Dear Surpazan Hayr:

We regret that you find it impossible to approve our 1971 elections because we have not included our 1970 financial forms. Up to this time we have been paying our diocesan dues ontime and at the amount billed, and we have written you a letter on February 12th that we intend to hold off sending you our financial status until the general meeting in Racine on March 14th.

It is difficult for us to understand why you feel it is necessary to have the financial forms to approve the elections inasmuch as the by-laws do not ^{state} have any relevancy between the two. As a matter of fact, after reading the by-laws on Page 23, Article 25, there is no mention that a financial form must be included before the Primate and the Diocesan Council can ratify the election.

Prayerfully,

Armand Bendian, Chairman, Elect
Board of Trustees

Grace Hadjinian, Secretary

April 19, 1972

Mr. Peter Sahagian
Chairman of Parish Council
Holy Resurrection Armenian
Apostolic Church
P. O. Box 143
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172

Dear Mr. Sahagian:

For the needs of your parish following the departure of Father Vazken, it is our wish that contact be made immediately with the St. John Church of Greenfield.

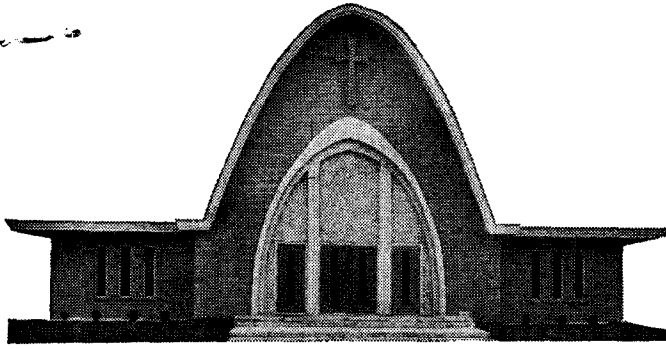
We urge you to call Father Parea Metjian and the Parish Council, and in consultation, together work out arrangements that are mutually acceptable. These should relate to the Divine Liturgy, the Sacraments, finances, etc. As soon as an agreement is reached, it must be submitted to us for our approval before implementation.

We hope you will initiate action on this without delay, so that some resolution of the needs of your church can be arrived at soon. We will look forward to hearing from you. We pray that a suitable arrangement can be made until such time as a permanent solution is found.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc: Reverend Parea Metjian
Mr. Nazar Hajinian



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April 5, 1972

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
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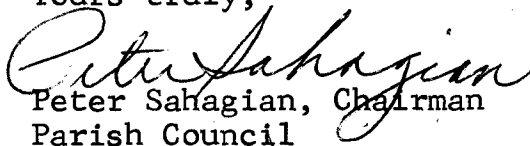
Dear Surpazan Hayr:


We acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 23, 1972 concerning the reassignment of Very Reverend Vasken Keshishian. Per your recommendation, a farewell dinner will be held in his honor following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 9, 1972.

We were rather surprised at the short notice; however, we feel your decision is to the best interest of our parish and the clergy. We would appreciate it greatly if arrangements can be made with the clergy residing in the neighboring areas for periodic Divine Liturgy services on Sundays. During the Sundays when no clergy will be available, we plan to conduct our services with the help of our Deacon, Parsegh Vahradian.

We pray that with your help and guidance, we will have a permanent clergy assigned to our parish in South Milwaukee in the near future.

Yours truly,


Peter Sahagian, Chairman
Parish Council


Grace Hadjinian, Secretary

May 16, 1974

Mr. Gilbert Jandegian, Chairman
Holy Resurrection Armenian Apostolic Church
909 Michigan Avenue
P. O. BOX 143
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172

Dear Mr. Jandegian:

We have received your letter of May 8 and are pleased that arrangements have been made for monthly services at the Racine and Waukegan Churches. It is a cause for sadness to us, as it should be for everyone, whenever any of our churches is unable to have badarak on any Sunday. But our need for more clergymen has left us in this position at the present time.

It is surely our wish as well to have Fr. Arshag celebrate the Liturgy in your Holy Resurrection Church every Sunday. But if it is required that he fill a desperate need elsewhere occasionally, it is a gift your parish should feel joy in being able to provide. To have and to want to give is the highest of Christian virtues. And so it is to share the grace of a spiritual leader so that he may bring the comfort of God's prayer and love to our brothers who have been left without a priest.

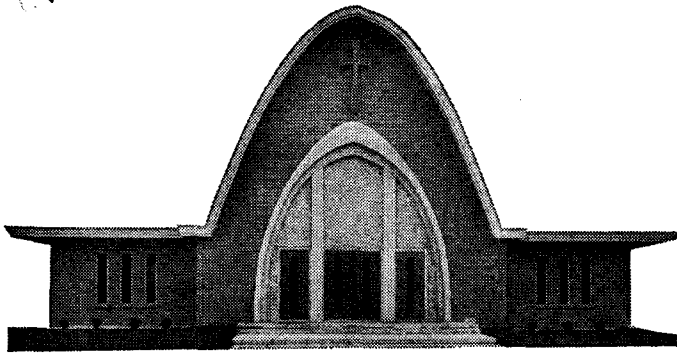
As to the financial references you make, it is important to remember that the priest, whoever he may be, attends to another parish only on the weekend and not for the entire week, during which he attends to the various needs of his own parish. If a priest is to leave his own parish for an entire week, and serve as a visiting clergyman, your point of view might be considered. In the circumstances however, we feel that the existing arrangements are equitable, particularly when we consider how handicapped generally a parish is when it has no permanent pastor.

We urge that the situation be confronted in this spirit: that your parish is fortunate in being able to help, which is far preferable to needing help.

It is God's work we are doing, and it is His spirit that makes it worthwhile.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate



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May 8, 1974

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Surpazan Hayr:

In accordance with your instructions to Father Arshag Khatchadourian, he has made the necessary arrangements to schedule Father Krikor Hairabedian to celebrate Mass once each month in St. George Armenian Church, Waukegan, Ill. As you are aware, Father Paree Metjian of St John Church in Greenfield celebrates Mass once each month in St Mesrob Armenian Church in Racine.

In view of the above arrangements, the Trustees of Holy Resurrection in its regular meeting on February 13th request that Father Arshag resume his full time duties at Holy Resurrection celebrating Mass each Sunday therein.

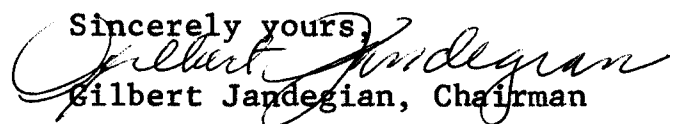
We would also like to take this opportunity to point out that while we have been grateful for the payment received from St. George Church for Father Arshag's services, namely \$75.00 for each service plus \$25.00 for expenses, this payment does not represent the true cost we incur. The actual cost to Holy Resurrection for Father Arshag's services is \$238.00 per week. Should it be necessary for Father Arshag to perform services at any of our neighboring churches, we feel it is only fair that we are paid the \$238.00 per service.

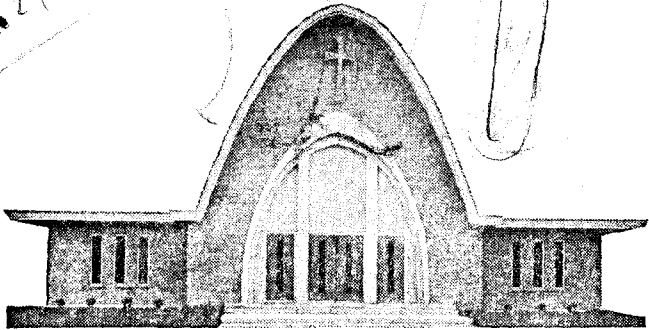
Due to increasing costs both at Holy Resurrection Church and the Diocese it would only be fair and reasonable that Holy Resurrection be re-imbursed for actual costs.

As mentioned above, we prefer Father Arshag to resume his full time duties at Holy Resurrection. However, if his services are requested elsewhere, it would appear more logical that St. Mesrob of Racine with approximately 300 members versus St. George with approximately 40, plus the relative closeness of St Mesrob to our city, should be the one to have two services per month.

We will, of course, be guided by your wishes. We will await your reply.

John Gurinian, Secretary

Sincerely yours,

Gilbert Jandegian, Chairman



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January 15, 1975

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016

ATTENTION: ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANCOGTIAN

Your Grace:

This is in reference to your letters, dated December 18 and 23, 1974.

Your letter, dated December 23, advises us that our outstanding obligation with reference to our 1974 assessment shows a balance due of \$4,531.70.

Your letter, dated December 18, informs us that the assessment for our parish, in 1975, has been established at \$4,025.

We would like to point out that the assessment, in 1973, was \$1,992, to which was added an \$800 steward quota.

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As you are well aware, we paid our assessment of \$1,992 in 1973 but did not pay the steward quota of \$800. The \$800 for 1973, we understand, was added to the 1974 amount.

We have reviewed the minutes of the 72nd. Annual Assembly Meeting, held in May, 1974 which, in our opinion, shows gross inequities as related to the parish assessment schedules.

A church of our very small size cannot survive with assessments, as proposed. It does not help to tell us that this amount is required, and needed; nor does it help to state that the assessment schedule was approved in the annual meeting.

You can hardly expect us to accept the fact that the two votes we are entitled to cast at the annual meeting, can, in any way, influence an assessment schedule.

We have always been proud of paying our assessments on time, over the past 50 years. However, we now find that the amounts being asked of us are totally unreasonable and, therefore, do not intend to pay. Our first concern must be for the welfare of our own community and, at all costs, the responsibility of the trustees should be that that community and its' church survive.

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We have great difficulty in collecting the dues now assessed to members of our congregation, with several not paying their full amount and others arbitrarily deciding to reduce the amount expected from them.

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We ask that you review the entire matter and consider what we feel would be fair and equitable, namely \$2,000 per year.


We would be willing to pay the above amount, in full, for 1974, provided we receive your written assurance that this amount will be considered acceptable and would represent payment, in full, for our 1974 obligation and that our 1975 obligation will also be \$2,000.

Our annual meeting for the election of trustees will be held on Sunday, January 26. Your reply, by that time, will be greatly appreciated.

We, at Holy Resurrection, feel that the most equitable arrangement for parish assessments must be based upon the number of members at each parish. This is universally accepted in many societies and institutions in this country where a "per member" assessment is made. In those parishes where individual members, who are able and wish to do so, can always contribute their own desired amount over and beyond individual assessments. Any arrangement that does not follow this basic principle will continue to bring about disharmony from many directions.

We are confident that you will see the wisdom of our position and be guided accordingly.

Respectfully,


C. Kademian, Trustee

CK/ag

March 28, 1975

Very Rev. Fr. Arshag Khatchadourian
Pastor
Holy Resurrection Armenian Church
909 Michigan Avenue
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172

Dear Fr. Arshag:

We are pleased to acknowledge your letter of March 20, together with the enclosure concerning the 1975 assessments.

We appreciate the circumstances outlined and the position taken by you and your council. Several other parishes have made similar applications. Our 1975 budget, and the assessment schedule that is part of the budget, have been studied by the budget committee and proposed officially by that group which was elected by the last Assembly to report to the Assembly to be held on May 2, 1975.

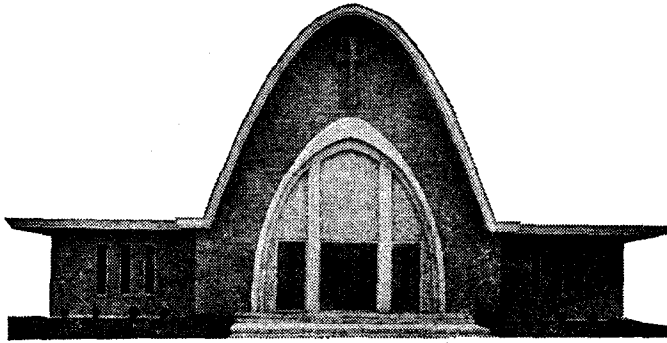
Final decisions on the assessment schedule, as well as on the special applications of several of our parishes, must therefore be considered by the Assembly.

Since we are so near Assembly time, and since the budget has been made and will be proposed for discussion, review and adoption, it seems to us that the best course would be for your parish to make its position known to the Assembly, or to the Budget Committee prior to its presentation to the Assembly.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

c.c. Mr.G. Jandegian
Chairman, Parish Council



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March 20, 1975

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016

ATTENTION: ARCHIBOSHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN

Your Grace:

Attached is a duplicate copy of our January 15, 1975 letter which, we understand from discussions held during your recent visit, may not have been properly submitted.

Please be advised that the proposed contents of the attached letter were discussed, and authorized, by unanimous vote of the Trustees in their regular meeting January 9, 1975.

The entire matter was reviewed, once more, by the Trustees, in their regular meeting on March 19, 1975. Once again, by unanimous vote, it was agreed that our position, as stated, remains unchanged.

The contents of the letter have been made a part of the minutes of each of the above meetings.

We trust we will be favored with your early response to our request.

Respectfully,

C. Kademian
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Secretary and Trustee

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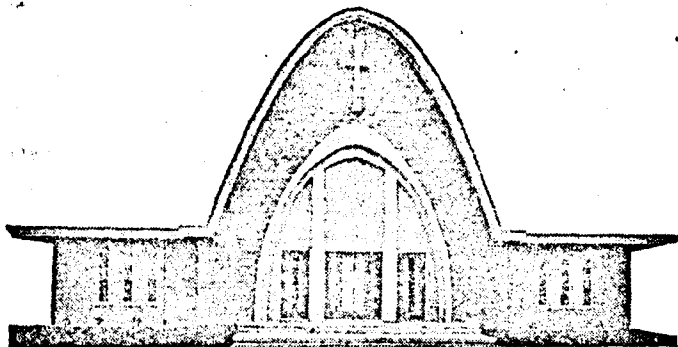
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November 20, 1975

The Very Reverend Arshag Khatchadourian
Pastor and President of Parish Council
Holy Resurrection Armenian Church
909 Michigan Avenue
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172

Dear Father Arshag:

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Gilbert Jandegian	Chairman
Barsam Barsamian	Treasurer
Mrs. Grace Hadjinian	Secretary
Mrs. Mary Ambroukian	Advisor
Isahag Haydarian	Advisor

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5. All records and accounts are to be turned over to this committee which will serve until such time as the PPrime and the Diocesan Council take further action.

It is the intent of the PPrime and the Diocesan Council that the Holy Resurrection parish shall continue to be functional and that its affairs be conducted without interruption for the best interests of its parishioners and the Armenian Church of America.

We will be in touch with the Pastor again very soon concerning the appointment of a new council for the parish.

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
PPrime

cc. Der Arten Ashjian
Judge John Najarian (630 Industrial Bank Building
Providence, Rhode Island 02903
Chairman, Parish Council

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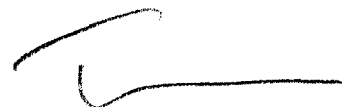
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cc. Der Arten
Judge John Najarian

January 7, 1976

The Very Reverend Arshag Khatchadourian
Pastor and President of Parish Council
Holy Resurrection Armenian Church
909 Michigan Avenue
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172

Dear Father Arshag:

We have received your letter of December 19, 1975, properly signed by the President, Chairman and Secretary of the Parish, and requesting the re-instatement of the parish council of the Holy Resurrection Armenian Church of South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

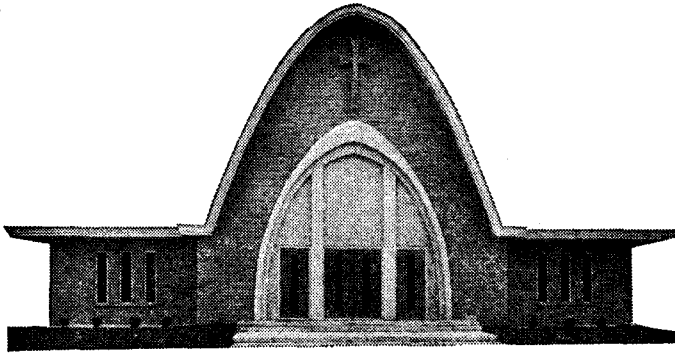
The request was reviewed with the members of the Diocesan Council who were pleased to accept the nine points itemized in the letter.

As we informed you during our telephone conversation on December 23, 1975, we therefore, rescind the suspension ordered on November 20, 1975, and reinstate the Parish Council members of your Church, on the basis of their acceptance and recognition of the authority of the Primate and Diocesan Council, in accordance with the By-Laws of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America; on the basis of their acceptance as well of the issues as outlined to your Parish Council members during our recent visit in the company of Diocesan Council Chairman Judge John Najarian.

We pray that God may bless your Council members and grant them a fruitful and happy new year, both for their individual families and for the larger family of the Church and parish.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate



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December 19, 1975

His Excellency Archbishop T. Manoogian
Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Your Grace:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 20, 1975 whereby the Parish Council of the Holy Resurrection Armenian Apostolic Church of South Milwaukee was suspended by the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church with your approval and the Parish Council does hereby acknowledge said suspension.

The Parish Council does hereby accept and recognize the authority of your office and the authority of the Diocesan Council in accordance with the by-laws of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America and does hereby reaffirm same.

Considering the above, we do hereby request reinstatement by the Diocesan Council with your approval, and in support of said request, we submit the following:

1. All past financial reports of the Parish which are due to the Diocese will be submitted forthwith
2. All future financial reports of the Parish will be submitted timely in accordance with the by-laws
3. All official future correspondence of the Parish with the Diocese will be submitted over the signatures of the President, Chairman and Secretary
4. Regarding the recent sale of real estate by the Parish, we acknowledge the same was conveyed contrary to the Diocesan by-laws, and this was because of inexperience and lack of understanding, and all similar transactions regarding sale or purchase of real estate by the Parish will be in accordance with the by-laws
5. We acknowledge that correspondence from the Parish to the Diocesan Council in the past which conveyed an attitude contrary to the spirit of the by-laws was improper and indicated ineptness on our part primarily due to inexperience and a lack of knowledge of the provisions of the by-laws.
6. We do hereby acknowledge that we are an integral part of the Diocese, and we will in the future abide by the by-laws and look to Your Grace for guidance.
7. We acknowledge that the withholding of Diocesan dues was improper and will in the future give every reasonable consider-

Primate Archbishop T. Manoogian
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December 19, 1975

ation to future assessments and will pay
forthwith all Diocesan dues due as of December 31,
1975

8. We are mindful that Your Grace and the Chairman of the Diocesan Council, Judge John K. Najarian, met with the members of the elected Parish Council on December 19, 1975 and acknowledge your views of criticism
9. We further state that timely reports will be made of all minutes and reports to the Diocese as required by the Diocesan by-laws.

Considering the above, we would ask that this letter and request for reinstatement be acted upon by Your Grace and the Diocesan Council as soon as convenient.

Obediently,

Very Rev. Arshag Khatchadourian

Very Reverend Arshag Khatchadourian, Pastor

Gilbert Jandegian
Gilbert Jandegian, Chairman, Parish Council

Charley Kademian
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HOLY RESURRECTION ARMENIAN CHURCH

September 21, 1977

The Very Reverend Father Arshag Khatchadourian
Pastor, Holy Resurrection Armenian Church
909 Michigan Avenue
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172

Dear Father Arshag:

With reference to your letter dated September 12, 1977,
enclosed herewith please find letters of commendation by His
Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, for presentation on
October 2, 1977, to the following members of your parish:

Ms. Mary Ambrookian
Ms. Marian Barsamian
Mr. Harold Baylerian
Ms. Namzar Kaprelian
Mr. Hampar Kaishian
Ms. Mary Lewis

Yours respectfully,

Sylvia Terzibashian
Secretary to the Primate

Enclosures

September 20, 1977

Ms. Mary Lewis
Holy Resurrection Armenian Apostolic Church
909 Michigan Avenue
South Milwaukee Wisconsin 53172

Dear Ms. Lewis:

We rejoice in the recognition being accorded to you by the Holy Resurrection Armenian Church of South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in appreciation of your long and devoted service to its Choir.

We share the respect and admiration they must feel for you, both as a person and as a servant of our Church and its Choir. A very meaningful way of service to God is rendered by our Choir members. Sunday after Sunday you joined and led our congregation in the worship of Our Lord with the beautiful music and hymns of our Church, uplifting the spirit of the faithful even more towards God.

We appreciate your dedicated and genuine interest in our Church and Choir and commend you for your long service. You are deserving of this recognition, and fortunate in having received it.

May God bless you and your loved ones always.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
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Dear Mr. Baylerian:

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We share the respect and admiration they must feel for you, both as a person and as a servant of our Church and its Choir. A very meaningful way of service to God is rendered by our Choir members Sunday after Sunday you joined and led our congregation in the worship of Our Lord with the beautiful music and hymns of our Church, uplifting the spirit of the faithful even more towards God.

We appreciate your dedicated and genuine interest in our Church and Choir and commend you for your long service. You are deserving of this recognition, and fortunate in having received it.

May God bless you and your loved ones always.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manougian
Primate

September 20, 1977

Ms. Namzaar Kaprelian
Holy Resurrection Armenian Apostolic Church
909 Michigan Avenue
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172

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Primate

September 20, 1977

Mr. Hampar Kaishian
Holy Resurrection Armenian Apostolic Church
909 Michigan Avenue
South Milwaukee Wisconsin 53172

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Primate

September 20, 1977

Ms. Mary Ambrookian
Holy Resurrection Armenian Apostolic Church
909 Michigan Avenue
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172

Dear Ms. Ambrookian:

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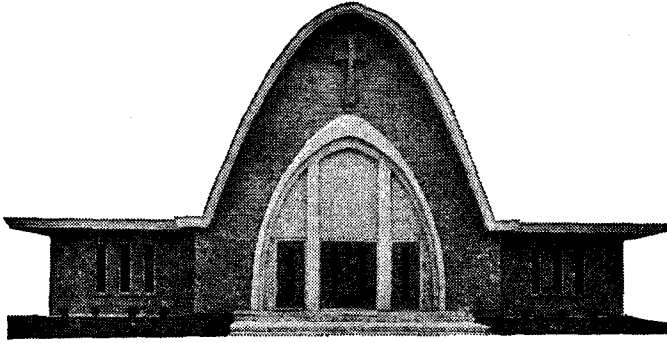
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Primate



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September 12, 1977

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

Dear Arachnort Surpazan Hayr:

The Choir Awards Committee of Holy Resurrection Armenian Apostolic Church of South Milwaukee, would like to recognize and honor those members of its choir who have served faithfully for twenty-five (25) years or longer. We feel that one of the greatest and most treasured gifts these members could receive would be a Certificate of Commendation from you recognizing them for their many years of devoted service. We hope that you will be able to assist us in making their day of recognition one which they will cherish and long remember.

We would like to present these certificates on October 2, 1977 to the following ~~six~~ people:

Mary Ambrookian
Marian Barsamian
Harold Baylerian

Namzar Kaprelian
Hampar Kaishian
Mary Lewis

Hopefully, this time element will be convenient to you.

Our Choir Awards Committee has previously discussed with our Hayr Soorp, Very Rev. Arshag Dz.V.Khatchadourian and with our Parish Council the possibility of recognizing and awarding these six people. All agreed that this was an outstanding gesture and that receiving a certificate from you would be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to hearing from you. We will continue praying for your good health that you may continue in your responsibilities as our superior and a great leader of your flock.

Obediently,

Very Rev. Arshag Khatchadourian

Very Rev. Arshag Dz.V.Khatchadourian
Pastor

Harold Baylerian

Harold Baylerian
Chairman, Parish Council

Patricia Hansen

Patricia Hansen, Chairman
Choir Awards Committee

March 29, 1979

Mr. Harold Baylerian
Parish Council Chairman
Holy Resurrection Armenian Church
909 Michigan Avenue
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172

Dear Mr. Baylerian:

We have received the reports on the parish assembly of your church held on January 28, 1979, and reported to us by a letter signed by Mr. Nerses Nersesian on March 13, 1979.

We approve hereby the election of the new parish council members in the order indicated below, the first six names for a term of two years, and the other four for a term of one year:

Nerses Nersesian
Gilbert Jandegian
Peter Tamuzian
Peter Sahagian
Charley Kademian
Meyer Jandegian

Russell Kaislian
Mathew Kademian
Terdad Tertadian
Herbert Barsamian

We direct your attention to article 28 of the Diocesan Bylaws which states:

"members of the parish council shall continue to serve until their successors are duly elected and confirmed by the Primate and assume office."

Enclosed please find the copy of the printed report which should be signed by the officers of the Parish Council and the Auditing Committee members. Also the addendum to the financial report sheet must be completed because these reports are kept separately.

The financial statement reflects an amount of \$3,919.17 interest, under the heading of "other income." Please indicate the source of this interest and the capital amount which should appear in your reporting.

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We bless the newly elected members of the parish council and wish them success for their services to our Lord for the prosperity of his church and for the spiritual progress of our people.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torhom Manoogian
Primate