

May 25, 1976

Mr. Nishan Babikian
Parish Council Chairman
St. Gregory The Illuminator Church
6700 West Diversey Avenue
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Dear Mr. Babikian:

We are pleased to provide you with a copy of the bulletin on stipends for visiting clergy, which you requested in your letter of May 19.

We must add the general caution that this was intended as a guideline that applied in the routine instances of a priest visiting a parish for the Divine Liturgy on Sunday.

There have been instances in which we have counseled and directed adaptations, where unusual circumstances existed.

Your parish would be among these, since Father Varoujan is in your parish frequently, responding to the sacramental and other needs of your parishioners. In view of this, other more realistic and mutually satisfactory arrangements should be made, deriving from but not necessarily limited by the directive.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

February 25, 1976

TO: The Reverend Clergy and Parish Council Chairmen

SUBJECT: Stipends for Visiting Clergymen

New policy guidelines concerning stipends for visiting clergymen were discussed and decided on by the Diocesan Council at its session of February 19. Due consideration was given to this subject in order to establish much needed uniformity throughout the Diocese in the treatment accorded to visiting clergymen, and thus minimizing confusion and misunderstanding.

The established guidelines are as follows:

1. A stipend of \$75.00 will be remitted for a visit that includes the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. The remittance will be made to the parish of the visiting priest.
2. If the visiting priest is without a parish, he will be entitled to the stipend personally.
3. In either case, the priest will be reimbursed by the parish being visited for expenses incurred in the visit, such as transportation, lodgings and meals.
4. These standards do not apply to Bishops and Archbishops of our Church.
5. The amount of \$50.00 will be remitted for any Sacraments performed, and under the same rules outlined above.
6. None of the above precludes voluntary gifts to the clergyman, nor does it prevent any parish from asking a gift as well for its own Church, where the Sacrament is being performed.

If any questions arise concerning these guidelines, they will be resolved by the Primate.

Prayerfully,

Abp. Torkom Manoogian

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DEAR SURPAZAN

Hoping this letter finds
you in the best of health.

Surpazan Hayr sometime ago
we received a directive from you
in regards to services rendered by
visiting clergy, saying that the Church
should receive a sum of 7500 and
the Clergy a sum of 2500 travel exp
ause.

Well Surpazan Hayr I seem to
have misplaced the directive so
can you please mail me another
one, we need it for a reason.

Yours Truly
Arshak D. Bahkian
Parish Council
Chairman