

July 30, 1985

Ms. Sema Tarpinian  
Chairman of the Parish Council  
St. Sarkis Armenian Church  
300 Ninth Street  
Niagara Falls, NY 14303

Dear Ms. Tarpinian:

We have received your letter of July 15, and are pleased to learn that the members of the parish council are meeting regularly, and commend the efforts made by you and the committee members to establish a spiritual and community life for Armenians living in your area. It would be appreciated if copies of the minutes from each of your meetings are forwarded to us so that we may keep abreast of your activities.

Thank you also for sending us the schedule for the months of June, July and August for Fr. Kegham Zakarian whom we have assigned to serve as pastor for the Niagara Falls, Syracuse and Rochester area parishes. We have not assigned Fr. Kegham to serve the above areas for a period of one year only and, therefore, the arrangements made on his behalf are not for a one-year period.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones always with His love and wisdom.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manougian  
Primate

cc. Fr. Kegham Zakarian

July 15, 1985

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian - Primate  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, NY 10016-4885

Dear Surpazan Hayr,

To date, several meetings have been held by the "Armenian Churches of Western New York" which includes the parishes of Niagara Falls, NY; Syracuse, NY; and the Armenian community of Rochester, NY. You have assigned Very Rev. Kegham Zakarian to serve as parish priest for this area.

The three churches have agreed on a stipend with Father Zakarian and are sharing the expenses (as well as the church services) on the following basis for a one year period ending April 30, 1986:

Niagara Falls, NY	- 40%
Syracuse, NY	- 40%
Rochester, NY	- 20%

The churches have also agreed that Father Zakarian's main residence shall be in Rochester since they are in need of full organization in order to establish a working parish. Therefore, this necessitates that the parishes of Niagara Falls and Syracuse take on the additional cost of providing Father Zakarian's lodging, etc. when he visits these respective parishes.

The three churches have agreed on the following schedule for the months of June, July, and August:

June 2	- Niagara Falls
June 9	- Rochester
June 16	- Niagara Falls
June 23	- Syracuse
June 30	- Syracuse

July 7	- Niagara Falls
July 14	- Rochester
July 21	- Syracuse
July 28	- Niagara Falls

August 4 - Syracuse  
August 11 - Niagara Falls  
August 18 - Syracuse  
August 25 - Niagara Falls

The schedule for the balance of the year will be made at the joint meeting to be held in July.

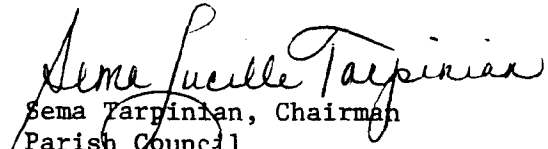
It has also been agreed that Father Kegham will spend Tuesday and Wednesday of each week in Rochester. He will then travel on Thursday to the parish where he will be celebrating BADARAK. He will leave that parish on Sunday and have Mondays off.

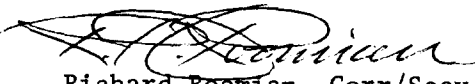
Also, a bank account has been opened in Rochester under the name of "Armenian Churches of Western New York". At the beginning of the quarter, each church deposits their 3-month share of expenses into this account, and checks are subsequently drawn to pay Hayr Soorp and all other expenses.

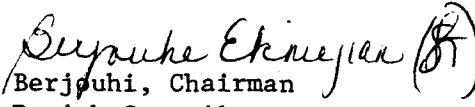
If you have any questions regarding our procedures, or if any of the above does not meet with your approval, please let us know as soon as possible.

Wishing you a very pleasant summer.

Sincerely,

  
Sema Tarpinian, Chairman  
Parish Council  
Niagara Falls, NY

  
Richard Roomian, Corr/Secy  
Parish Council  
Syracuse, NY

  
Berjouhi, Chairman  
Parish Council  
Rochester, NY