

February 25, 1948

Dr. A. Mouradian
1290 NW 36th Street
Miami, Fla

Dear Dr. Mouradian:

After a very happy and gratifying week among the Armenian Community in Miami, a week which I daresay was very fruitful in every respect, I wish to thank you and all the members of the reception committee, especially Mr. Hoomjian, Mr. Kulhanjian, Mr. Corragan, Mr. Hovsepien, Mr. Khoyan, Mr. Charkjian, Mr. Dalkranian, and many others, such as your father, Mrs Mouradian, Mr. Chakarian, and everyone else for the wonderful work which your Committee had done not only for our comfort, but also for the effectiveness of our mission. The time and energy which you and the members of the Committee gave to arrange our visit, are worthy of the highest appreciation.

I hope and pray that the work so auspiciously and enthusiastically begun will be carried on with zeal and devotion by everyone in the Armenian Community in Miami, with the help and encouragement of the leading members of the Armenians in Miami.

I am happy for having made so many friends on the occasion of my visit, and again I express my thanks for the generous help which I received, together with Father Torkom from our people of Miami.

With my warm greetings, prayers and blessings
yours

Tiran Bishop

Miami

September 12, 1968

Mr. Jack Hagopian
Chairman, Parish Council
St. John the Baptist Armenian Church
1920 N.W. 129 Terrace
Miami, Florida 33054

Dear Mr. Hagopian:

As you were informed, the Diocesan Office communicated with Mr. Sahag Kalaydjian of Jerusalem inquiring of his possible consideration to serve in our Diocese and the Armenian Church as an ordained priest.

We have received Mr. S. Kalaydjian's answer. At the present time he is not contemplating to make the choice.

For our parish in Miami we are hopeful that in not too far future we shall materialize the possibility of appointing a parish priest.

May you and the members of the Parish Council continue to serve God diligently in His Holy Church.

With blessings,

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate

October 18, 1968

Mr. Jack Hagopian
Chairman of Parish Council
St. John the Baptist Armenian Church
1920 N.W. 129 Terrace
Miami, Florida 33054

Dear Mr. Hagopian:

We have what we feel is an ideal solution for the needs of your Parish. We are planning the appointment of Rev. Papken Maksoudian currently the pastor of the Holy Trinity Church in Cambridge, Mass., as pastor of the St. John the Baptist Church of Miami.

Rev. Maksoudian is one of our outstanding clergymen who has served the Boston parish for 17 years, in the course of which a great new church was built. He is highly regarded, but for some time has expressed the wish for a change, principally for reasons of climate.

His is one of our largest parishes, and we feel he will be even more effective in the relatively smaller Miami community.

With regard to stipend and other considerations, it would be most appropriate that he be remunerated at the rate of \$140-150 a week, with which he would maintain himself completely. The Parish Council would also take care of his social security (approximately \$480 a year) and half of his clergy insurance (\$320). Finally some arrangement should be made about a car, with the Parish Council either providing the car and Father Papken undertaking the other expenses, or Father Papken providing his own car with the Parish Council undertaking the insurance and repairs.

Arrangements on this basis will, we feel sure, best serve our Miami church, and this appointment can be made effective with the first of the year.

Prayerfully,

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN

November 21, 1968

Mr. Jack Hagopian
Chairman of Parish Council
St. John the Baptist Church
1920 N.W. 129 Terrace
Miami, Florida 33054

Dear Mr. Hagopian:

We regret very much that the tentative arrangements initiated for providing your parish with a permanent priest had no positive results. Rev. Papken Maksoudian is not available for service elsewhere, and will continue in his present parish.

However, we do have an application from Rev. Kourken Koudoulian from Visalia, California, in the Western Diocese. Because Rev. Koudoulian does belong to another Diocese, certain procedures must be followed.

First, your parish should communicate with him, without making a final commitment. If agreement is reached on conditions of service, Rev. Koudoulian must apply to his Primate requesting release from the Diocese. Once this is secured, he will apply to our Diocese for admission; and only after this procedure may we appoint him to your parish.

The enclosed letter details Rev. Koudoulian's record of service and qualifications.

We would like to know your plans in this regard at your earliest opportunity.

Prayerfully,

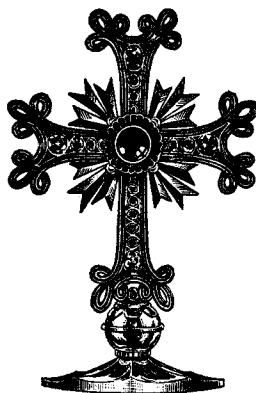
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Primate

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
Armenian Apostolic Church of Miami

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120 N. E. 16TH STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33132

November 22, 1968

The Most Rev. Archbishop
Torkom Manoogian
Primate of the Armenian
Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Your Grace:

After careful consideration the Parish Council had a special called meeting, unanimously deciding to accept Rev. Papken Maksoudian as you have recommended.

Although his conditions are somewhat steep, we have fully agreed to his terms and we are in hopes that he will be able to unite our community and thereby making our Parish spiritually and financially rich. With this hope we will put our faith in God and Rev. Maksoudian and I am sure our future will and should be brightened.

Very truly yours,

Jack H. Hagopian

Jack H. Hagopian
Chairman
Parish Council

Charles Hagopian
Secretary

Hosroo Gabriel
Treasurer



Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

June 18, 1970

Mr. Jack Hagopian
Chairman, Parish Council
St. John Armenian Church
1501 N.E. 1st Avenue
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Mr. Hagopian:

Deacon D. Basralian called me about a planned wedding between an Armenian young man and Puerto Rican girl. We were to inform Mr. Basralian about permission for a Catholic priest who is a relative of the girl to perform the wedding ceremony in our Church, since at present we do not have an Armenian priest in the Parish.

We could not call Mr. Basralian, and in a few hours we have to leave for Washington, D. C. to attend the General Board Meeting of the National Council of Churches.

Considering the circumstances, we may permit a Roman Catholic or any Orthodox Church priest to perform the wedding ceremony in the Armenian Church on the following conditions:

1. The priest should use the English translation and the ceremony of the Armenian Church.
2. The priest, with the assistance of an Armenian deacon, should study the Armenian Church wedding ceremony, follow the instructions, the rubrics printed in the wedding book, and agree to perform a wedding according to the practices of the Armenian Church. He can, with the assistance of the deacon, decide on passages that can be eliminated.
3. Marriage certificate of the Armenian Church should be completed and given to the couple.

Prayerfully,

Alp. T. Manoogian

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

July 21, 1970

Mr. Ronald Gilbert
Strauss and McCormick
Suite 1104 Concord Building
66 West Flagler Street
Miami, Florida 33130

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

This is to advise you that the Diocesan Council (Board of Directors) of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, a New York religious corporation, at a meeting duly held on the 17th day of July, 1970, approved the Certificate of Re-Incorporation of St. John The Baptist Armenian Apostolic Church.

Sincerely yours,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian

Primate and President,
Diocesan Council

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December 16, 1970

Mr. Jack Hagopian
St. John the Baptist Armenian Church
120 N.E. 16th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Mr. Hagopian:

We are pleased to inform you that His Beatitude, Archbishop Shnork Kaloustian, Armenian Patriarch of Turkey, will be visiting in Miami for a few days in January. He will arrive from Toronto on January 7.

We suggest that your Church invite His Beatitude to celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 17, after which it would be most appropriate, we feel, to sponsor a banquet in his honor in the Church Hall. The Patriarch is most anxious to speak to as many of your community members as possible on the work of the Patriarchate and the needs that exist, particularly with respect to our people in the interior provinces of Turkey. He has a film which depicts the matters he will speak of. He hopes, of course, to raise funds to support the Patriarchate's work.

We hope you will do all you can to create the best possible reception for His Beatitude.

The Patriarch will arrive on Air Canada #616 leaving Toronto at 2:25 p.m. on January 7, arriving in Miami at 5:20 p.m. We would appreciate it if he could be met at the airport.

Prayerfully yours,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

P.S. A Super 8MM projector will be required to show the Patriarch's film.

August 31, 1971

Mr. Samuel Tahmizian
Vice Chairman of the Parish Council
St. John The Baptist Armenian
Apostolic Church
120 N. E. 16th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Mr. Tahmizian:

There apparently is some confusion concerning our correspondence to your parish. As a rule, we address our letters to the pastor of the church who is also President of the Parish Council. All such letters are official, not personal. They are directed to and are the property of the Church when addressed to the pastor as President. This applies to our correspondence with Father Hmayak Intoyan.

On August 15th, Father Hmayak travelled to Miami as pastor to celebrate the Divine Liturgy; this was done with our knowledge. The expenses incurred during his trip were \$141.69, all of which should be reimbursed to Father Hmayak.

We have been informed that Father Hmayak has conferred with Mr. James Pilafian who has reconsidered and withdrawn his resignation, and will continue as Chairman of the Parish Council. Father Hmayak himself will return to Miami on October 1st and will perform the badarak regularly from October 3rd until next summer.

With Father Hmayak's service as pastor and with the cooperation of the Parish Council and church organizations, this will surely enable our church to continue and develop its sacred mission in the Miami community.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc: Very Reverend Hmayak Intoyan

August 31, 1971
August 31,

Very Reverend Hmayak Intoyan
Kennedy Towers
Troy, New York 12180

Dear Father Hmayak:

With reference to our earlier arrangements, we will expect you to be in Miami on October 1st in order that you may be prepared to celebrate the Divine Liturgy on October 3rd. We are very pleased that you will remain in Miami until May of 1972. The parish, as do all our parishes, needs the regular attention of a pastor.

We have written to Mr. James Pilafian and to Mr. Samuel Tahmizian and have enclosed copies of these letters.

May the Lord bless your efforts and the efforts of the Miami church leaders.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

(enclosure)

cc: Mr. James Pilafian
Mr. Samuel Tahmizian

August 31, 1971

Mr. James Pilafian
✓ Chairman of the Parish Council
St. John The Baptist Armenian
Apostolic Church
120 N. E. 16th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Mr. Pilafian:

We were very pleased to learn that you have reconsidered and withdrawn your resignation. Your continued service as Chairman of the Miami Parish Council is most valuable to our church, particularly at this time.

With Father Hmayak returning on October 1st for regular service as the pastor of our parish in Miami and with you accepting the position of Chairman of the Parish Council, we are extremely optimistic concerning the life of our community there.

May the Lord bless your efforts.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manougian
Primate

cc: Very Reverend Hmayag Intoyan
Mr. Samuel Tahmizian

May 31, 1972

Mr. Jack H. Hagopian
1920 N. W. 129th Terrace
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Hagopian:

We have received the English letter signed by you and the accompanying pages which were written on April 10th and mailed in Miami on May 11th. These arrived in our Office on May 15th, 1972.

You have indicated that copies of the same have been sent to the Parish Council of the St. John The Baptist Armenian Church in Miami.

We have directed the Parish Priest, the Very Rev. Hmayak Intoyan and the Parish Council to invite you to a meeting and inform us about your mutual understanding.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manegian
Primate

August 23, 1972

Dr. Berj Harabedian
Chairman of Parish Council
Holy Ascension Armenian Church
1241 Barnum Avenue
Bridgeport, Connecticut 06610

Dear Dr. Harabedian:

We wish to inform you that Father Guregh Kalfayan has been appointed as the new pastor of the St. John the Baptist Armenian Church in Miami. He will begin his new pastorate with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on October 8th, concluding his service in Bridgeport with the Divine Liturgy on October 1st.

In addition, we have asked Father Guregh to visit Miami for the September 17 Liturgy, at which time he will make arrangements for suitable lodgings for his subsequent move.

We will be in touch with you again as soon as we have any proposals for the assignment of a new priest.

It would be most suitable if some public function could be given as a farewell for Father Guregh, in recognition of his service to your parish.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

ATM/ec

August 23, 1972

The Reverend Guregh Kalfayan
Pastor
President of Parish Council
Holy Ascension Armenian Church
1241 Barnum Avenue
Bridgeport, Connecticut 06610

Dear Father Guregh:

We are pleased to appoint you Pastor of the St. John the Baptist Armenian Church of Miami, as per our earlier conversations.

You will assume your new pastorate with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on October 8. Your final Liturgy in Bridgeport will be on October 1.

We have notified the Miami Parish Council that you will visit there and celebrate the Divine Liturgy at St. John the Baptist Church on September 17, in the course of which visit, it is our hope that you will be able to locate appropriate lodgings for your subsequent move.

The Parish Council of St. John the Baptist will assume the following responsibilities:

1. The Parish Council will pay the pastor an annual stipend of \$8580 (\$165 a week).
2. The Parish Council will pay half of the pastor's clergy insurance premiums.
3. The Parish Council will pay the costs of relocation from Bridgeport to Miami.
4. The Parish Council will give regular consideration to annual increases in the pastor's stipend.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkon Manoogian
Primate

ATM/ec

August 24, 1972

The Very Reverend Hmayak Intoyan
Pastor
President of Parish Council
✓ St. John the Baptist Armenian Church
120 N. E. 16 Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Father Hmayak:

In accordance with our discussions, we are pleased to appoint Father Guregh Kalfayan as Pastor of the St. John the Baptist Armenian Church of Miami. Father Guregh is currently serving as Pastor of Holy Ascension Armenian Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Father Guregh will visit your parish and celebrate the Divine Liturgy on September 17. In the course of this visit, we hope it will be possible for him to locate lodgings for his subsequent move.

We have directed that he will celebrate his final Divine Liturgy in Holy Ascension Armenian Church on October 1, and begin on a permanent basis in Miami with the Liturgy on October 8, 1972.

It would be most appropriate if the new pastor could be introduced to your parish in some public manner following services on September 17 or October 8. Also, necessary public announcements should be made.

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August 8, 1979

The Reverend Father Guregh Kalfayan
Pastor, St. John The Baptist Armenian Church
120 North East 16th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Father Guregh:

The Diocesan Council in its meeting of July 13, 1979, approved the decision of the parish assembly convened on June 3, 1979, whereby it gave "authority to the parish council to form a new Building Committee and to build a new church on the present property of the church."

We confirm the nomination of the fourteen names who are to serve as the Church Building Committee.

May God send His blessings and guidance to all of you in your efforts to serve Him in His Holy Church.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

August 28, 1979

The Reverend Father Guregh Kalfayan
Pastor and President
St. John the Baptist Armenian Church
120 North East 16th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Father Guregh:

On Thursday, August 30, 1979, our Vicar General,
The Very Reverend Father Houssig Bagdasian, will be
arriving in Miami and will stay until Saturday.

Father Houssig has been instructed to meet with
you and Mr. Sarkis Manoogian and if need be with the
members of the Parish Council. He is on a fact finding
mission on behalf of the Diocesan Council and will make
a report concerning the problems in our Miami parish.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

ATM/vv

November 19, 1979

Mr. Leo Sarkisian
13433 103 Terrace North
Largo, Florida 33540

Dear Mr. Sarkisian

We write to express to you our deepest personal gratitude and that of all the members of the One World Festival Committee for your outstanding generosity in donating a Nova car for our raffle, which was won by Mr. John George. The proceeds of the raffle contributed magnificently to the success of the seventh annual One World Festival, which is both a crucial fund-raising undertaking for our Diocese and an important cultural event for the Armenian community and New York City as a whole. Your part in making the Festival work is profoundly appreciated as the expression of the devotion of a true son of the Armenian Church to the life of our people.

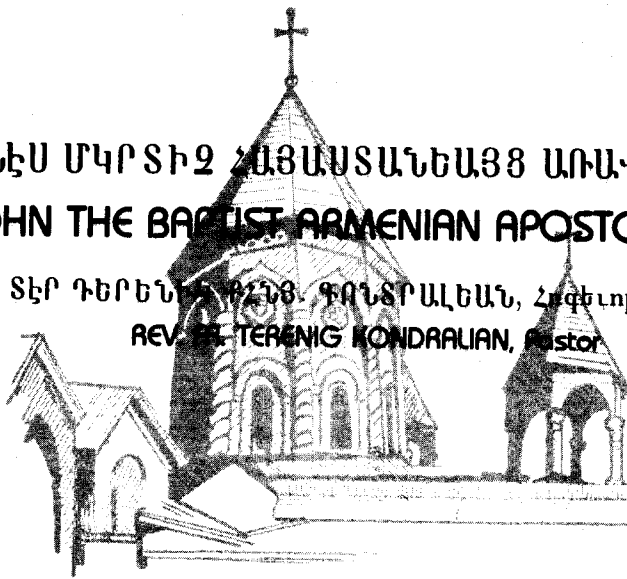
We pray on this Thanksgiving that the Lord send you His bounteous blessing, and that He keep you and your family in good health, long life, peace and joy.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manougian
Primate

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REV. FR. TERENIG KONDRALIAN, Pastor



December 13, 1983

Mr. Frank Avakian Stoneson, Executive Director
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Stoneson:

I have received your letter dated November 30, 1983 and on behalf of the Parish Council of St. John the Baptist Armenian Church, it is with great pleasure to inform you that we are sincerely ready to serve as host parish for the South and Southwest area parishes at the regional meeting scheduled to take place here in Miami on Saturday, February 25, 1984.

We would appreciate receiving from you all the necessary information as to what steps should be taken next to begin the preparations for this meeting.

We look forward to hearing from you soon concerning this matter and ask that God's continued blessings guide you and your loved ones during this holiday season.

Sincerely,

Fr. Terenig Kondralian
Rev. Fr. Terenig Kondralian,
Pastor

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Sylvia
Please send out
meeting notices to
ASAP participants!
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January 12, 1984

The Reverend Father Terenig Kondralian
Pastor, St. John The Baptist Armenian Church
120 North East 16th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Father Terenig:

With reference to your letter dated December 13, 1983, this is to inform you that the itinerary of the visit to Miami and Fort Lauderdale parishes of His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manougian during the month of February 1984, is changed as follows:

His Eminence will arrive in Fort Lauderdale on Saturday, February 18, 1984 at 3:52 p.m. on Delta flight 1059.

He will leave for Ocala, Florida, on Wednesday, February 22nd on Air Florida flight 820 at 1:30 p.m. and after taking a connecting flight in Tampa at 2:40 p.m. on Air Florida flight 386, will reach Ocala at 3:55 p.m.

He will return to Miami on Friday, February 24th. He will leave Ocala at 7:55 a.m. on Air Florida flight 391 and will arrive in Miami at 9:15 a.m.

The Regional Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 25th at the St. John The Baptist Armenian Church of Miami, Florida.

His Eminence will return to New York City on Monday, February 27th on Pan Am flight 240 leaving Miami at 9:20 a.m. and arriving La Guardia at 12:02 p.m.

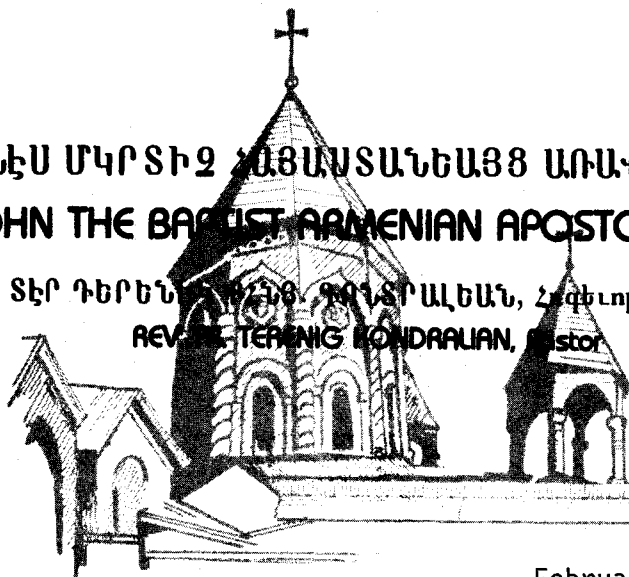
Kindly meet His Eminence and make the necessary arrangements for his accommodation.

Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Terzibashian,

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REV. FR. TEREKIG KONDRAIAN, Pastor



February 7, 1984

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

Srpazan Hayr,

This letter is in regard to your Grace's upcoming visit to our parish on the weekend of February 24-26, 1984. During our last parish council meeting, we discussed all the details of the activities for the weekend.

The following is the time schedule:

- Fl. Lauderdale
PCL Bldg. Comm
to prepare
minutes*
1. Friday, February 24, 1984--
 - 10:00 A.M. Primate's arrival at airport
 - 11:00 A.M. Meet with Primate to discuss details of weekend
 - 6:00 P.M. Dinner reception at Pastor's house to greet Primate with all parish executive committee members
 2. Saturday, February 25, 1984--
 - 10:30 A.M. Regional meeting with Florida, Tennessee, and Texas area parishes at St. John Baptist church hall
 - 12:30 P.M. Short recess and luncheon at church hall
 - 1:30 P.M. Resume regional meeting
 - 6:30 P.M. Ordination of acolytes, stole bearers, and sub-deacons to take place at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
 - 8:00 P.M. Dinner reception at St. John Baptist Parish hall
 3. Sunday, February 26, 1984--
 - 12:30 P.M. Divine Liturgy Service celebrated by Primate
 - 3:30 P.M. Reception with refreshments for the Primate
 - 5:00 P.M. 20th Anniversary banquet on the occasion of Archbishop Torkom Manoogian's ordination to the order of bishop. Mr. Manoog Kulhanjian has been appointed by parish council to be chairman and M.C. of banquet.

If there are any questions or suggestions on the above schedule, your Grace is most welcome to contact me.

Sincerely,

Fr. Terenig Kondralian

February 29, 1984

The Reverend Father Terenig Kondralian
Pastor, St. John The Baptist Armenian Church
120 North East 16th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Father Terenig:

The commemoration of the 20th anniversary of our primacy throughout the Diocese has been an unforgettable series of events marking this personal milestone. It has been further graced by your participation in arranging the testimonial banquet in Miami, Florida, on Sunday February 26, 1984.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and express our appreciation for all your efforts in making this event a memorable occasion.

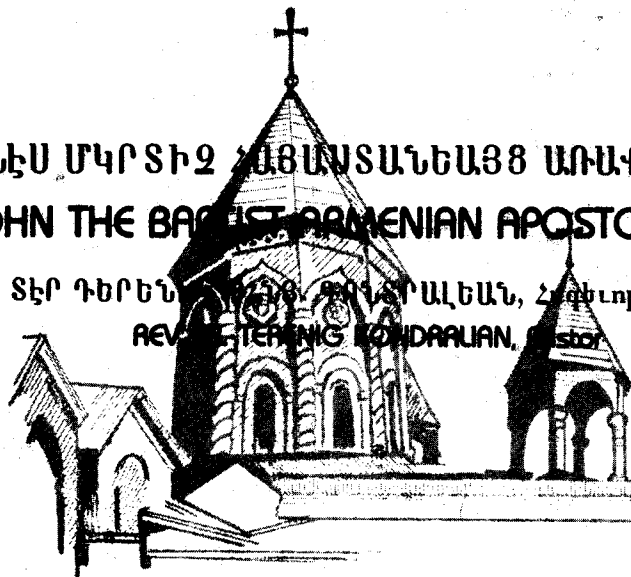
May the Lord bless you and your loved ones always.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Mancogian
Primate

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REV. FR. TERENIG KONDRALIAN, Pastor



May 22, 1984

Mrs. Sylvia Terzibashian
Secretary to The Primate
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Mrs. Terzibashian:

Per to your request please find the names, addresses and the telephone numbers of the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary of our parish council.

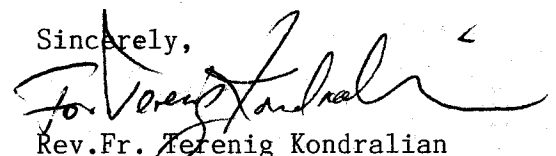
Mrs. Louise Mahakian, Chairman
520 West 53rd Terrace
Hialeah, Florida 33012
Tel. (305) 821-7317

Mrs. Seta Baldadian, Secretary
4700 Grant Street
Hollywood, Florida 33021
Tel. (305) 987-0219

Mrs. Zabelle Kay, Treasurer
1450 16th Street
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Tel. (305) 672-5425

We hope all the above information will be helpfull to up date the Diocesan Annual Parish Directory.

Sincerely,


Rev. Fr. Terenig Kondralian
Pastor

January 23, 1985

Mrs. Louise Mahakian
Chairman of the Parish Council
St. John The Baptist Armenian Church
520 West 53rd Terrace
Hialeah, Florida 33012

Dear Mrs. Mahakian:

This is to inform you that His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian will arrive in Miami on March 1 at 4:15 p.m. on Pan Am flight #245 to attend the regional meeting of the South Eastern area churches scheduled on March 2, at the St. John The Baptist Armenian Church of Miami, Florida.

His Eminence will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 3, at the St. John The Baptist Armenian Church of Miami. A program following the reception or dinner may be evolved around and connected with the remembrance of the 70th anniversary of the Armenian genocide. Also a meeting of the parish council members and church organizations can be set up on Friday evening, March 1, 1985.

His Eminence will leave for New York City on Monday, March 4, at 10:45 a.m. on Eastern Airlines flight #16.

Please make the necessary arrangements for His Eminence's accommodation and meet him at the airport.

With prayers,

Fr. Houssig Bagdasian
Vicar General

January 23, 1985

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With prayers,

Fr. Houssig Bagdasian
Vicar General

March 21, 1985

The Rev. Fr. Terenig Kondralian, Pastor
St. John The Baptist Armenian Church
120 N.E. 16th Street
Miami, Florida 33012

Dear Fr. Terenig:

Ted Takvorian is an active member of our Church and he intends to move to Orlando where his mother lives. We have asked Mr. Takvorian to serve on the Armenian Church parish council for the Orlando area.

Mr. Takvorian is willing to bring together a group of five to seven faithful members of our church who are willing to serve as members of the parish council.

We direct you to contact Mr. Takvorian, and together pursue the feasibility of organizing our Armenian Church in Orlando.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc. Mr. Ted Takvorian

July 9, 1985

Mrs. Louise Mahakian
Chairman of the Parish Council
St. John The Baptist Armenian Church
120 North East 16th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Mrs. Mahakian:

The Parish Council of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church of Cleveland, Ohio, in a letter dated June 8, has informed us of its agreement to invite the Rev. Fr. Terenig Kondralian to serve as their parish priest.

We have assigned Fr. Terenig Kondralian to serve as pastor of the Cleveland parish, and he is expected to assume his pastoral responsibilities on August 20, 1985. Fr. Terenig will celebrate his farewell Divine Liturgy in the St. John The Baptist parish on Sunday, August 18th. It will be appropriate if a fitting farewell reception is given in his honor.

We shall communicate with you regarding the appointment of a new pastor for your parish.

May the Lord bless you and the members of your parish council with His love and wisdom, always.

Prayerfully,

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Primate

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

July 10, 1985

The Rev. Fr. Terenig Kondrallian, Pastor
St. John The Baptist Armenian Church
120 North East 16th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Fr. Terenig:

We are pleased to advise you of your appointment as pastor of the St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church of Cleveland, Ohio. We feel confident that you will perform your duties admirably, and bring a noticeable contribution to the community church life in Cleveland.

We have informed the councils of your present and new parishes that you plan to assume your new responsibilities in Cleveland on Tuesday, August 20. Your last Divine Liturgy celebration in the St. John The Baptist Church will be on Sunday, August 18th, and the first in St. Gregory of Narek is scheduled for Sunday, August 25th.

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

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

November 1, 1985

The Very Rev. Fr. Jirayr Tashjian
170 Blvd. du Montparnasse
75014 Paris
France

Dear Fr. Jirayr:

We are pleased to advise you of your appointment as pastor of St. John The Baptist Armenian Church of Miami, Florida. We feel confident that you will perform your pastoral duties admirably, and bring a noticeable contribution to the community church life in Miami.

We have informed the council of the Miami parish that you will assume your new responsibilities in Miami on December 3, 1985 and will celebrate the first Divine Liturgy as the pastor of Miami parish on December 8, 1985.

With regard to the financial arrangements, the parish will provide the following:

For your basic stipend, including the
increments \$400 per week

Plus: Car Expenses, Housing,
Medical Insurance, Pension.

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

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

November 1, 1985

Mrs. Louise Mahakian
Chairman of the Parish Council
St. John The Baptist Armenian Church
120 North East 16th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Mrs. Mahakian;

We are pleased for the arrangements made for the Very Rev. Fr. Jirayr Tashjian with regard to his pastorate at the St. John The Baptist Armenian Church of Miami, Florida.

Fr. Jirayr has consented to serve as pastor of the Miami parish and we are confident that he will provide invaluable service to your parish and his pastorate will be a rewarding one for everyone concerned.

Fr. Jirayr will assume his pastoral responsibilities in the Miami parish on December 3, 1985 and will celebrate his first Divine Liturgy in Miami on December 8, 1985.

With regard to the arrangements made for his stipend, please note the following:

For his basic stipend, increment for years of service and the size of the parish, Fr. Jirayr will receive \$400.00 (four hundred dollars) a week, plus the expenses of the car, Housing, Medical Insurance and Pension.

We wish you and the members of the parish council good health and success in the performance of your duties in the devoted service of our church.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

November 18, 1985

Mrs. Louise Mahakian
Chairman of the Parish Council
St. John The Baptist Armenian Church
120 N.E. Sixteenth Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Mrs. Mahakian:

Please be advised that H.E. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian plans to visit the parishes in Florida on the following dates:

Fort Lauderdale	Jan. 18 - 20
Orlando	Jan. 21
Ocala	Jan. 22
St. Petersburg	Jan. 23
Miami	Jan. 24 - 27

The regional meeting for the Florida and South Western parishes will be held on Saturday, January 25, 1986 at 10:30 a.m. at the St. John The Baptist Armenian Church, 120 N.E. Sixteenth Street, Miami. We urge all the members of the parish council and church organizations attend this important meeting.

The details of the travel arrangements of His Eminence will be sent to you in due course so that appropriate arrangements could be made by you.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General

December 18, 1985

The Very Rev. Fr. Jirayr Tashjian, Pastor
St. John The Baptist Armenian Church
120 N.E. 16th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Fr. Jirayr:

This is to inform you that we will be visiting the Miami parish on Saturday, December 28.

It will be appreciated if you will convene a meeting with members of the parish council and church organization at 3:00 p.m. or any hour convenient for you.

We will be arriving from Orlando at 12:15 p.m. on Pan Am Flight 463. We will appreciate if you will make the necessary arrangements to meet us at the airport.

May the Lord bless the parishioners of St. John The Baptist Armenian Church of Miami with His love and wisdom.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

November 11, 1986

Mr. Manoog Kulhanjian
Chairman of the Parish Council
St. John The Baptist Armenian Church
120 N.E. 16th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Mr. Kulhanjian:

With reference to our telephone conversation of this morning, we are most happy to appoint the Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Tatoyan as the visiting pastor of the St. John The Baptist Armenian Church of Miami, Florida. We are confident that Fr. Vazken will provide invaluable service to your parish, and his pastorate will be a rewarding one for everyone concerned.

Fr. Vazken will assume his pastoral responsibilities in Miami on December 2, and will celebrate his first Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 7. He will get in touch with you regarding his travel arrangements.

Fr. Vazken will receive a weekly allowance of \$125.00 (one hundred and twenty-five dollars), plus housing accommodation, and traveling expenses.

We wish you and the members of the parish council good health and success in the performance of your duties in the devoted service of our Lord and His church.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc. Fr. Vazken Tatoyan

March 31, 1987

Mr. Manoog Kulhanjian
Chairman of the Parish Council
St. John The Baptist Armenian Church
14000 S.W. 72nd Avenue
Miami, Florida 33158

Dear Mr. Kulhanjian:

The Very Rev. Fr. Vazken Tatoyan was assigned to the Miami parish as Acting Pastor as of December 2, 1986 and we are confident that his pastorate was rewarding for everyone concerned.

We are pleased to inform you that we have appointed Fr. Vazken Tatoyan as the Pastor of the St. John The Baptist Armenian Church of Miami, Florida, as of April 15, 1987.

It will be appreciated if your parish will assume the payment of his full stipend as of April 15, 1987.

We wish you and the members of the Parish Council good health and success in the performance of your duties in the devoted service of our Lord and His Church.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

March 30, 1988

Very Rev. Fr. Vahken Tatoyan, Pastor
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ARMENIAN CHURCH
120 North East 16th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Hayr Soorp,

Douglas Tashjian and I will be in Miami the weekend of May 6 to 8, 1988 at which time we would like to meet with your respective Senior and Junior ACYOA groups.

I have already contacted Caro Yepremian who will set up the youth meetings for us. And, just yesterday I spoke with Audrey Pilafian about visiting the Sunday School and working with her on some of the current problems at St. John's.

Please feel free to call me day or evening at (215) 722-3369 if you have any questions. Looking forward to seeing you again.

Respectfully,

Nancy Basmajian, Director
ACYOA Juniors

June 30, 1988

The Very Reverend Father Vasken Tatoyan
St. John The Baptist Armenian Church
120 North East 16th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Father Vasken:

We are writing to remind you that your Annual Parish Report has not as yet been submitted to Diocesan Headquarters.

Would you kindly forward it to us as soon as possible as our revised assessment schedule is being delayed pending receipt of your report.

Yours respectfully,

Syraun Palvetzian
Executive Director

December 19, 1989

The Very Rev. Fr. Vasken Tatoyan, Pastor
St. John The Divine Armenian Church
120 N.E. 16th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Fr. Vasken:

This is to inform you that His Eminence Archbishop
Iorkom Manoogian will be in Florida from Saturday, Feb-
ruary 3, 1990 through Sunday, February 12, 1990.

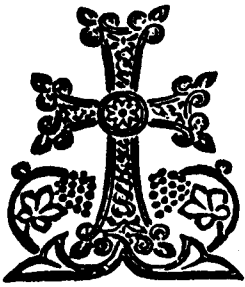
His Eminence has scheduled a pastoral visit to the
Miami parish on Saturday and Sunday, February 10 and
11, 1990.

Kindly let us have in due course the schedule of
the activities planned on this occasion.

Details of his travel arrangements will be com-
municated to you by mid-January 1990.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General



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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

120 North East 16th St. Miami, Florida 33132, Tel: (305) 371-4484

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August 30, 1992

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Dear Friends, Neighbors, and Parishoners,

Hurricane Andrew has affected us all.

Whether it be ourselves, our families, relatives, friends, neighbors, community members, one or all. We have all been touched by Andrew to some degree.

We are all trying to get back into some kind of normalcy. Some of us have picked up around us, our telephones are working, we have power and water and yet some of us have nothing left to pick up, nothing left to use power on if we get it nor any pipes to bring water if and when water is available. But we are very fortunate that we have our lives and our families for support.

Your church and its members and parishoners are also your extended families, and that is why the parish council members that are more fortunate are here to say that whatever we or the church can do to help you please let us know in some way. Please call a member, get in touch somehow (personally or thru others) in whatever way you possibly can, and we will do whatever we possibly can,

Your Parish Council members are:

Louise Mahakian-----Hialeah, FL-----821-7317
Jack Esmerian-----Miami, FL-----445-9042
Naomi Davitian-----Hollywood, FL-----966-0775
Bedros Azarian-----Bay Harbor, FL-----865-6447
Vartan Ananian-----Miami Springs, FL-----871-2501
Sahag Kasbarian-----Miami Springs, FL-----885-9847
John Stepanian-----No. Miami, FL-----931-6616
Victoria Fredericks-----Miami Beach, FL-----865-2534
Nora Petrossian-----No. Miami, FL-----893-6536

May God be with you and keep you safe until we hear from you or see you, we remain,

Respectfully yours,

Your Parish Council

cc: Diocese of the Armenian Church, New York, NY
St. David Armenian Church, Boca Raton, FL

Louise Mahakian
Chairman
Naomi Davitian
Secretary



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BISHOP KHAJAG BARSAMIAN, PRIMATE

October 2, 1992

Recently two of our Diocesan priests have informed us that they have visited the State of Florida following the devastation of Hurricane Andrew. Both the Very Reverend Father Haigazoun Najarian, Vicar General and Father Mardiros Chevian have learned that you suffered considerable damage to your property and face painful and emotional task of rebuilding. We are deeply concerned about your plight and wish to assure you of our continued prayers for you during these trying days and months ahead. We are hopeful that the United States government as well as other local and charitable agencies are assisting you with your needs.

We are comforted to know that the local Armenian parish of St. John the Baptist in Miami is aware of your situation and is doing its utmost to help. Mrs. Louise Mahakian, Parish Council Chairperson will keep us apprised of the rebuilding needs of the Armenian community and we support her and her community's efforts in procuring aid for you.

We continue to pray for your well-being and are hopeful that in due time your physical and emotional wounds will be healed by the grace and power of God.

With prayers,

Abp. K. Barsamian

**Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate**