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MIAMI, FLORIDA
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February 23, 1951

The Very Reverend Shnorhk Kalouslian
Pastor, Armenian Churches of
Paterson and Newark
110 Buffalo Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey

My dear Very Reverend Kalouskian:

In compliance with your request to the temporary committee of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church in Miami appointed by his Holiness Archbishop Diran Nersoyan, the following is a brief resume of the activities of this committee.

In February, 1948 Archbishop Nersoyan came to Miami, Florida and during the period of his short but inspiring visit he made the suggestion that a church committee be formed and the groundwork be laid for the establishment of OUR CHURCH in Miami for the benefit of permanent residents and tourists. At that time various pledges were made for funds and donations of materials and labors.

The following committee was appointed by him. Mr. Harry Tchakarian, Mr. Sam Moomjian, Mr. Vahie Balikjian, Mr. DerSahagian, Mr. Kenneth Korkoian, Mr. Dikran Koyian, Mr. John Kulhanjian, Dr. Joseph Lucinian

This committee, authorized by the Archbishop searched the City of Miami and vicinity for an appropriate plot of land to build a church. However, nothing materialized during the first year and also during the first year, Mr. Dikran Koyian, Mr. Kenneth Korkoian, Mr. Vahie Balikjian and Mr. DerSahagian asked that they resign from this temporary committee for reason that they were moving out of town or for personal reasons.

In the fall of 1949, Mr. Aram Missirlian, Attorney James Pilafian, Mr. Harry Burt and Dr. Dolmage were invited to this committee by the rest of the members to take the place of those who had resigned.

Shortly thereafter Mr. Aram Missirlian suggested that the Greek Community who had vacated the old church in Miami to a new edifice would consider selling the property at a reasonable price. A search was made in this prospect and the price of \$25,000.00 to \$27,000.00 was quoted for the old Greek Church. After much consideration and study by all of the members of the temporary committee,

an offer was made in December of 1949 to the Greek Community to sell the property for \$8,000.00 cash. This offer was immediately rejected by the Greek Community.

The temporary committee then searched other sources of a possible church or building. In the meantime the temporary committee was operating also as a temporary purchasing committee and board of trustees for the Armenian Orthodox Apostolic Church in Miami, Inc. which had been authorized by Judge Charles A. Carroll, Judge of the 11th Judicial Circuit of Dade County, Florida. This order was dated April 15, 1948. It was impossible for the temporary committee to make any further offers or definite proposals for any other piece of property for the reason that it was either unsuitable or the price was beyond the reach of the financial limits of the members of the Armenian community.

On November 9, 1950 a letter was written to one of the trustees of the St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church by James Pilafian, as attorney and member of the temporary church purchasing committee in which an offer to purchase the old Greek Church was again made for the sum of \$8,000.00. On November 20, 1950 a letter was received from the St. Sophia Greek Orthodox community accepting our proposal and under the terms and conditions of the letter of November 9, 1950. Possession of the property was immediately given to the temporary church purchasing committee and at a subsequent meeting authorization was given to Mr. Sam Moomjian, Mr. Harry Tchakarjian to begin a checking account and to make all necessary and vital repairs to the property, not exceeding \$1,000.00.

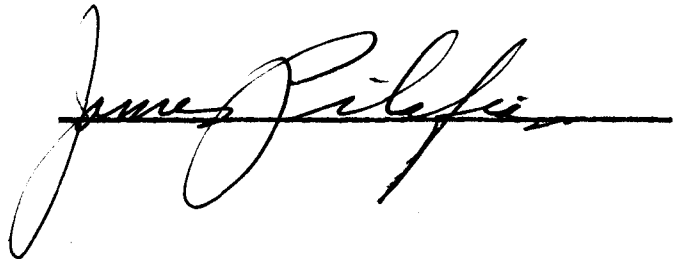
Various meetings and conferences were had at the home of Mr. Sam Moomjian, at the home of Mr. John Kulhanjian, the office of James Pilafian, at the home of Dr. Lucinian, at the Savoy Plaza Hotel and in the Church property, during which time various trials and tribulations were discussed concerning the property and concerning the Armenian Community. One of the greatest difficulties which the Community experienced up to the day the property was purchased was the opinion of a group of the Community who were against the purchase of the property for Church purposes. This group were in favor of a community house or a community hall. Another group were against either an Armenian National Church or a community hall and proposed a so-called community Church where Catholics, Protestants and the Armenian Church could intermingle in their beliefs and ideals and their doctrines. However, the temporary committee always voted on the proposed changes and the majority of its members were in favor of continuing the original ideals of establishing a branch of our Mother Church in the City of Miami and the State of Florida.

Various meetings were had for raising funds. It was very difficult and at times impossible to raise any money whatsoever as it seems the Armenian population in Miami had migrated to Florida from various other Northern and Western Armenian communities in the United States. That church raising organizations had flared up and died out in the experience of almost everyone and very few, if any, had actually realized the establishment of a church as originally

instigated. Therefore, the temporary committee was challenged with the fact of having to purchase this church, possibly from their own funds and present it to the community. Each member of the committee without any exception accepted the challenge and dug deep into their hearts and into their pocketbooks and gave freely of not only their money but their time and the record now speaks for itself and it is the wish of each member of the temporary committee that they go on record as being the first temporary church building committee to obtain a church and to purchase it almost completely out of their own funds and completely purchased and repaired from their own funds and sympathetic tourists or natives.

The temporary committee accepted with appreciation the generous gifts of Mr. Harry Burt which total in cash alone almost \$3,000.00.

On the 23rd day of February, 1951, the balance of the \$8,000.00 cash was paid to the Greek Community and a Warranty Deed free and clear of any mortgages or liens was accepted in the name of the Armenian Orthodox Apostolic Church in Miami, Inc.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Pilefin", is written over a horizontal line.

VINCENT YARDUM
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW

Miami
41 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y.

MURRAY HILL 2-0775-0776

September 22, 1954

James Pilafian, Esq.
Southwest Lawyers Bldg.
200 S.W. Second Avenue
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Mr. Pilafian:

I hasten to reply to your letter of September 20th which arrived this morning, with which you sent me a photostatic copy of the notice of public hearing in the proposal for the establishment of a sixty (60) foot street width for N.E. 15th Street from Miami Avenue to N.E. 2nd Avenue, to provide that no buildings may be permitted to be erected on either side at a lesser distance than thirty (30) feet from the center line of said street, such center line to be determined by the Engineering Department of the City of Miami.

Your letter reported your appearance before the City Planning Board to object to the proposition and you ask for instructions from the Diocese office for authorization at the Commission meeting hearing to follow.

You also inquired the source from which you will be reimbursed for actual cash disbursements.

Finally, you request that we send you the abstract of title which you believe is either in my possession or in the Diocese office.

As to the first question, I can state at the outset, that you and your Church Trustees act in this matter in any way you deem best. As you may well know, the transfer of title to the Diocese corporation does not intend to deprive the Trustees of full control of the property as long as the Church Trustees are under the jurisdiction of the Diocese. In other words, handle the matter just as though you were in sole control of the Church property.

Secondly, as to your disbursements, of course you should be reimbursed, but I cannot say from what source. I have submitted to the Diocese office the question of paying attorneys in the work incidental to the transfer of title of the various

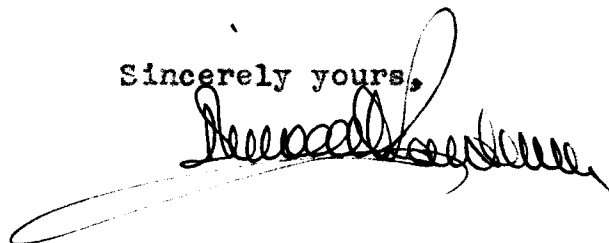
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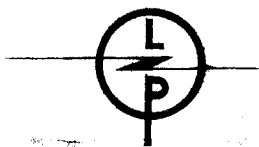
church buildings in America to the Diocese corporation. In the case of your Church, we were fortunate in having you do the work without compensation, but in churches in some of the other cities where American attorneys had to be employed, they have submitted bills for fees and disbursements, and the question has not yet been determined as to whether the same should be paid by the Diocese or by the local churches. However, the disbursements you may have in the present instance is one which might be said to be in the operation and use of the building, and so perhaps your local Church should pay them. It is my belief that the amounts will not be large and perhaps can be absorbed as a part of the operating expenses of your Church.

Lastly, I do not have the abstract of title. I will inquire to ascertain if the Diocese office has such abstract, and if so the same will be forwarded to you. The only thing I have in my file is the deed from your Church corporation to the Diocese corporation. I prepared and submitted a subsequent deed to correct the name of the grantee by omitting the word "Inc." which is in the original deed in my possession.

Sincerely yours,



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PROVIDENCE 5, RHODE ISLAND

January 17, 1956
Dict. Jan. 16, 1956

Handwritten mark

Bishop Mampre Calfayan
Diocese of the Armenian
Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Bishop Mampre:

I feel so happy that I gave up my reservation going back to Miami Saturday, which is hard to get, to stay over to spend a little time with you; as well as to hear your great Mass and the speech that you made at the dinner last night. I enjoyed it immensely.

Mr. E. K. Sirvart, when he explained the four important points of your goodness and quality, he spoke right through my heart. He was correct in every word that he pronounced in those four points.

In your speech you said that I was a lucky one, etc. That could be possible but I am going to tell you frankly, I would never have been willing to go, what prompted me to go was my confidence in you; and if I didn't have confidence in you I would never have made the trip. So you are the cause of my trip, with all the privileges and pleasures and seeing the fatherland and all the precious goodnesses that they have and enjoying the most precious and believable church services and ceremonies; and I would have missed it, which I wouldn't miss it for anything, and I shall remember it all my life.

Up to the time before Mr. Sirvart was called to make a speech I was burning up in my mind to express my gratitude to you and point out, but when Mr. Sirvart got up and expressed the true words on you then my heart and conscience were satisfied, as the truth was expressed out.

All I have to say is God bless you and give you health and long life so you can carry on your good work that you have been doing all your life and will do the rest of your life, that's your make-up.

Kissing your hand,

Yours very truly,

Handwritten signature of Harry M. Burt

Harry M. Burt

HMB:BV

December 16, 1955
Dict. Dec. 15, 1955

St. John's Baptist Church
1501 N. E. 15th St. & 1st Ave.
Miami, Florida

Attention: Mr. Richard Basralian, President of the Trustees

Subject: Limousine to be donated to the Church

Gentlemen:

You have my previous correspondence with reference to the seven (7) passenger Chrysler limousine that I want to donate to the Armenian Church in Miami, which is for the exclusive use of the church services. I list below terms and conditions this donation will be made if accepted by the church.

I will donate:

1. Seven (7) passenger Chrysler automobile. This has a capacity of eight (8) passengers and the chauffeur. This would be assigned to and become the property of the church.
2. I would pay for the expense of getting Florida plates, which would be registered under the church's name.
3. I will buy the chauffeur's uniform and the hat; and on these I will have the name of the church - on the jacket as well as on the cap.
4. I will have imprinted on the automobile itself the name of our church and the address in gold letters.

I will advance the church for the following expenses, to be paid to me after they have received donations from their parishioners.

1. Transportation of this limousine from Providence to Miami. \$75.00
2. Full coverage of liability insurance, as follows:

Liability policy from \$100,000.00 to \$300,000.00 for the passengers in the car.	Cost	79.20
Employer's liability policy for the chauffeur up to \$100,000.		4.50
Property damage to other automobiles for \$5000.00.		34.00
Medical payments for each passenger, \$2000.00 each.		18.50
	Total Cost	\$136.20

I have talked to Mr. Levon Kouyoumdjian, his youngest son is a mechanic, also a good conscientious boy; the church will pay him \$5.00 for each Sunday for him to use this machine - details I will outline below:

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Attn: Mr. Richard Basralian

1. Any minor repairs, Mr. Kouyoumdjian's son can do that. But if it is major repairs, then the church will pay it out of the pot.
2. Gas and oil.
3. There would be no expense to park this car during the week when it is not in use. Mr. Kouyoumdjian says that he will park the car right in front of his house. To make it positive, so that people would not talk foolish that Mr. Kouyoumdjian's son would be using this car for himself, my suggestion is for him is when he parks the car in front of the house after he uses it on Sunday, he could take the key and give it to the Priest or to Mrs. John Kulhanjian for safekeeping.

There is no question that I have any doubt that Mr. Kouyoumdjian will not use the car but it might start other people guessing and gossiping whether he will be using the car or not. So I suggest this so it would be one step ahead of people gossiping. If you people have any suggestions you may add to it so there will not be any wrong thinking or gossiping.

I have checked this up with local people, also Jimmy Pilafian has checked on this matter and he has advised me the church has a right to own its own automobile and the church has a right to give a free ride to its parishioners or to its Armenian friends, as long as they are not making any charge. But it seems to me that anybody the church is willing to accommodate, to take back and forth or take sightseeing, they would feel obligated to make a donation to the church; that's up to them and I feel most visitors will voluntarily donate something to the church.

Following are my suggestions, you might improve them or have something better to offer.

Every Sunday morning Mr. Kouyoumdjian could take this car about 9:30 A.M. and make a trip to an Armenian Hotel and pick up the parishioners to bring them to church. Then when he brings them back he makes another trip to another Armenian Hotel, etc. When the church is through with its services then he will also take them back to their hotels. I think he should be able to finish this up by 2:30 at the latest. And for this I think it would be fair for him to receive \$5.00.

Every Sunday Rt. Rev. Nazoretian could announce that the church has a limousine at the disposal of Armenian friends to go out sightseeing. Then when we do have Armenian friends who do want to take the tour Mr. Kouyoumdjian is well acquainted with Miami and Miami Beach and he could take them on this tour; probably it will last two (2) hours. We should pay him \$1.00 an hour for this extra time.

So I feel that the church paying from \$7.00 to \$8.00 a week for Mr. Kouyoumdjian's time it will be well rewarded. In the first place when the people are brought in from the different hotels, they will give some donations to the church as they enter the church; that is pretty positive. The trustees should arrange it so this money given should be kept separate to know how much they have received from the church transportation of bringing those people in.

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Attn: Mr. Richard Baaralian

Then when the church gives them the sightseeing tour, 9 out of 10 people would feel obligated to make some donation to the church. This also should be kept in a separate account. Each Sunday a record should be kept as to how much was received from the visitors brought in by the machine and also by the sightseeing. That's the only detail work that the trustees have to do, keep that entirely separate.

Now, the first of each month, whatever has been donated to the church they should deduct the expenses paid by the church and the balance, what is left over after taking expenses out, half of that balance the church retains, the other half the church will keep one side. Every year, October 1st, whatever surplus of this half that they have kept over the church would sponsor so many Armenian children, their tuition, in the Near East. Each child, of course, is \$25.00 and these children would be sponsored with the church's name. The church could send their check directly through Armenian General Benevolent Union of America, Inc. to Mr. Tchamitch, Near East Representative of American Friends of Armenian Pupils.

We will take it on the other side. For instance, if the church doesn't get enough donations with this procedure to cover their expenses that they paid out, I, myself, will make up this deficiency; so the church won't have to lay out one penny of the church's money or take a loss. I would be glad to stand for this loss.

Then, in that case if this repeats from month to month, the losses, I might desire to continue to pay these losses or discontinue this service if I choose. But as far as the church is concerned it is left harmless, it is fully protected by the insurance policy and it is fully protected against losses. It is not going to cost them anything but it is a good chance for them to get a little money out of this; besides the church would have a good name, that they have sponsored the education of Armenian children and these children do belong to the church, under the church name and this would be an honor to the Miami church that is sponsoring and paying the tuition in the Near East. Also, it would set a good example to other Armenian churches in America to do likewise.

It seems to me that the Miami Church has to be a leader in the fashion to all the rest of the Armenian churches in America so let's march it on.

You have this thing, mull it over and when I get to Miami if there are any questions that I have not covered I certainly will cover them.

Yours very truly,

HMB:BV

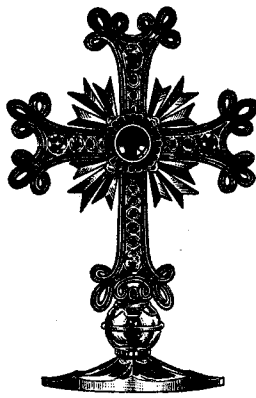
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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
Armenian Apostolic Church of Miami

Rector

Tel. 371-4484

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

September 25, 1968

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

Your Grace:

At a special Parish Council meeting held the evening of September 17, 1968, we unanimously decided to make a formal request to you. We hope that you can fully appreciate our problem and seriously consider sending Bishop Vashen Kebreslian to our Parish to serve as temporary Parish Priest through our coming season.

Up to now it seems almost an impossibility for us to obtain a permanent priest. As a result, we are daily losing our touch with our Armenian Church.

As you are fully aware, a Parish Priest keeps any community together spiritually and encourages love and understanding of the Holy Father and their church. The lack of this creates discontentment and the loss of interest and attendance in the church.

Knowing our situation here, we cannot think of anyone more capable than Bishop Vashen Kebreslian. He will be most capable in helping us in spiritual and public relation matters.

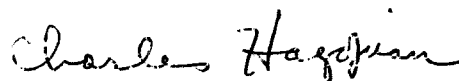
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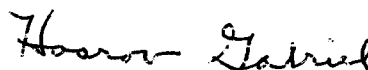
Very truly yours,



Jack Hagopian
Chairman
Parish Council



Secretary



Treasurer

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cc: Bishop Vashen Kebreslian

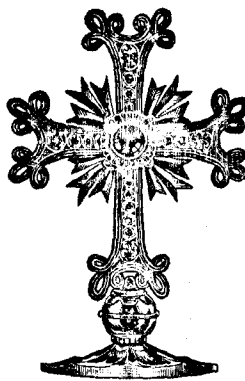
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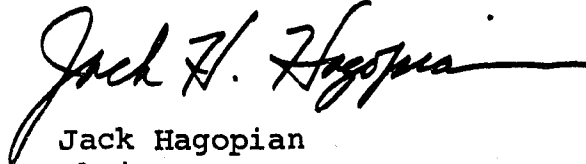
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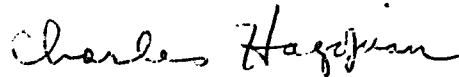
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Jack Hagopian
Chairman
Parish Council



Secretary



Treasurer

JH:lp

cc: Bishop Vashen Kebreslian

December 3, 1970

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

Dear Mr. Hagopian:

His Grace, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian will be most pleased to join you at your Church's anniversary dinner on February 7 and plans to be with you on the February 5 weekend. He will arrive on Friday, February 5, and depart for Houston on Monday, February 8. Specific flight information is given below.

His Grace would like very much to meet with the Parish Council on Friday evening, and have a joint meeting of church organizations on Saturday. I hope it will be possible to make these arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Antreassian
Executive Director

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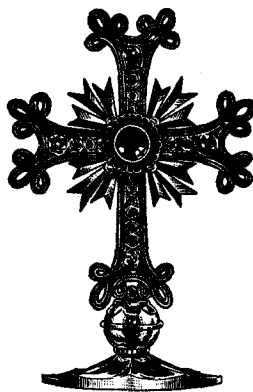
Friday, February 5: Leave N.Y. Kennedy Airport at 2² p.m.
Arrive Miami 4:40 p.m.

Monday, February 8: Leave Miami at 3:10 p.m. on National #185

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120 N. E. 16TH STREET
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Nov. 24, 1970

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

Your Grace:

We have set the date for our annual church anniversary dinner. It is to be on Sunday Feb. 7th, 1971.

May we take this opportunity to extend a cordial invitation for your honored presence at this affair.

Since we have been without a permanent priest for sometime, our community's spirits will be highly boosted and encouraged that we have not been entirely forgotten. It will mean a great deal to the Parish Council and the people.

We do realize that you have an extremely, busy schedule, but would greatly appreciate an affirmative reply.

With our warm regards and looking forward to hearing from you, real soon, so that we can include the good news in our announcements, we remain.

Respectfully yours,

Jack H. Hagopian
Chairman Parish Council

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123 NORTHWEST 12TH AVENUE
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128
TELEPHONE 374-0504

December 16, 1971

Mr. Charles Hagopian
2501 N. W. 182 Terrace
Miami, Florida 33054

Dear Mr. Hagopian:

Please be advised that this firm has been retained by Mr. John Kulhanjian to represent him in his claim for damages against you, both punitive and compensatory, which my client has suffered as a result of your slanderous remarks directed to him at the Parish Hall of St. John the Baptist Church on the evening of December 9, 1971, wherein you referred to him as a crook and a thief, among other things.

Pursuant to applicable Florida law, please consider this my client's demand that you submit to him a public apology to be voiced at the next General Assembly meeting of the said church, which is scheduled for sometime in January, 1972.

It is our position that your remarks were not only slanderous, but malicious, and have, in fact, caused my client great mental anguish and grief, and have damaged his reputation, at least in some regard. In view of the malicious nature of your remarks, I have advised my client as to his rights for punitive damages under Florida law in this regard.

If you do not choose to apologize as set forth herein, that is your prerogative, in which event you may be assured that this

Mr. Charles Hagopian

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December 16, 1971

firm will take all steps necessary to protect my client's interests.

YOU MAY GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.

Sincerely,

HENRY A. AMOON

haa/pmh

Certified Mail
Return Receipt Requested

cc: Rt. Rev. H. Intoyan
Pastor and Parish Council
St. John the Baptist Armenian Apst. Church
120 N. E. 16th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate ✓
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630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

May 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:

We are pleased to appoint Karnig Zeytoonian, Chairman of the Parish Council of St. John The Baptist Armenian Church of Miami. We have known Mr. Zeytoonian for some time, dating back to his membership in the Watertown, Massachusetts parish, and direct also that you appoint him to be in charge of church services in your absence.

We further direct that you celebrate the Divine Liturgy in the St. John Church until and including Sunday, June 4.

Before you leave the parish, we expect you to make detailed arrangements with your Parish Council for all summer activities; you must arrange as well for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of the Grapes on Assumption Day in August.

These remain your responsibility, even in your absence, since you are the pastor and president of the parish, and will continue as such, until we inform you and the Parish Council about any other arrangement.

The Very Reverend Hmayak Intoyan
May 24, 1972
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The Parish Council must be aware of this.

A Parish Council meeting must be convened immediately for formal communication of our designation of Mr. Zeytoonian as Chairman, and for the planning of activities and arrangements for the summer and the fall.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

ATM/ec

cc: Mr. Karnig Zeytoonian

March 18, 1976

The Reverend Guregh Kalfayan
Pastor, St. John The Baptist Armenian Church
120 N.E. 16th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Father Guregh:

We have of course received the correspondence you have sent us in connection with issues raised by Mr. Aram Harutunian, whose own letter we also have.

It is with regret that we address ourselves to these questions since we regard them as beneath the dignity of the people involved, all of whom have served our Church well and have its best interests at heart. Having granted this, it follows that concern and energy should not be squandered on matters that may not be worthy of our attention.

With respect to the approval of the minutes, we cannot know what has been said or not said, except that a minimum decorum must be maintained at all times by everyone, including Mr. Harutunian, in addressing the clergy, and for that matter, anyone. We do know that the minutes of our parish assemblies are customarily read and approved, not at the assembly whose record they represent, but at the subsequent assembly. So to have expected that last year's minutes would have already been approved was to be mistaken at the start.

The reference to a plea for financial support is of the same character. Our churches no matter that their operating costs may have been covered in any given year and so inspire hope as a result, are always in need of funds, and to request such assistance is certainly not out of order. Again we cannot judge the specific reference, nor do we choose to since we will rely on the judgment of the pastor and the lay leadership of the parish.

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We will not comment at all on the purchasing issue, hopeful that you and your council can make the best determination regarding the measure and character of the help to be given to any shurch organization.

It is our earnest hope that all involved in our parish life in Miami, with the best interests of our church at heart, will exchange views in the true Christian spirit, and see in each other the goodness God has placed there.

You may send a copy of this letter to Mr. Aram Harutunian.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

October 18, 1979

Central Bank and Trust Co.
1313 Northwest 36th Street
Miami, Florida 33142

Att: Stewart Borovay, Vice-President
and Trust Officer

Dear Mr. Borovay:

Pursuant to the terms of the trust of St. John The Baptist Armenian Apostolic Church of Miami, Florida, and on behalf of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, we hereby authorize you to distribute all the net proceeds of said trust to St. John The Baptist Armenian Apostolic Church of Miami, Florida. We are satisfied that said church has complied with the requirements for release of said funds.

In complying with this directive, you are hereby released and relieved of any and all obligations and responsibility of said trust.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you and your bank for all your services and kind consideration.

May the Lord speed the construction of His house and grant His blessings and wisdom to the builders.

Prayerfully,

C.C. Mr. Chapian
Mr. Pilafian
Father Guregh Kalfayan

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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EDWARD M. CHAPIAN
ATTORNEY AT LAW

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October 10, 1979

Miss Syraun Palvetzian
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016

Re: St. John The Baptist Church
Miami, Florida

Dear Syraun:

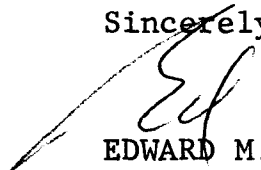
Enclosed please find copy of letter from Pilafian and Schaffer dated October 3, 1979 and addressed to me, together with the enclosures therein referred to.

It appears that there is some urgency in this matter and since the Primate is away for the rest of the month, someone in authority should prepare and sign the proposed letter addressed to Central Bank and Trust Company.

If this is not possible, may I suggest that someone call Mr. Pilafian and explain the circumstances of the Primate's absence and determine whether any prejudice will result if the letter is sent after the return of the Primate.

With kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,


EDWARD M. CHAPIAN

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October 3, 1979

Edward M. Chapien, Esq.
501 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Ed:

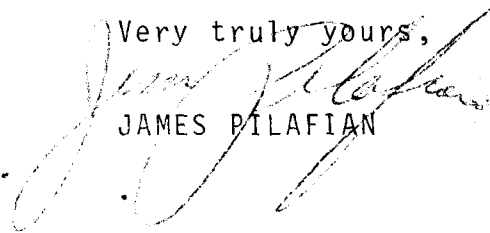
The original letter signed by the ArchBishop was not acceptable to the Bank's Trust Officer. However, he will accept the letter which I have composed and enclosed herein.

Of course, this may be rewritten on the Diocese stationary but in either event, please rush same as we are overdue for the closing.

Please let me know what I should expect to receive the Bishop's letter authorizing the release of the trust funds.

Kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,


JAMES PILAFIAN

JP/df
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In complying with this directive, you are hereby released and relieved of any and all obligations and responsibility of said trust.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you and your bank for all your services and kind consideration.

May the Lord speed the construction of *H*is house and grant *H*is blessings and wisdom to the builders.

Prayerfully,

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN,
PRIMATE

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DIocese OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 212 686-1110

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

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*M. STUART BOGHELY
TO: TRUST OFFICER
CENTRAL BANK AND TRUST CO
120 N. EAST 15th ST
MIAMI, FL 33132*

September 24, 1979

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The Reverend Father Guregh J. Kalfayan
Pastor and President of the Parish Council
St. John The Baptist Armenian Church
120 North East 15th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Father Guregh: *Agreed date Feb. 28, 1968*

We write with reference to your letter of August 31, 1979, requesting our permission for the release of funds deposited in the Central Bank and Trust Company. Considering the decision of the Special Parish Assembly to purchase land to be used for the erection of a church in the near future, the Diocesan Council, on September 21, 1979, decided to approve your request to withdraw the funds previously placed in trust at the Central Bank.

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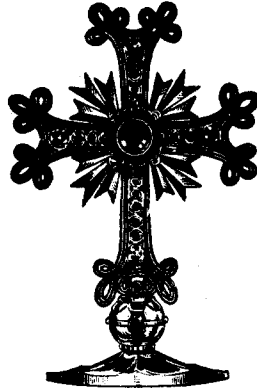
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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
Armenian Apostolic Church of Miami

Rev. (Father) Guregh Kalfayan
Pastor Tel. 371-4484

October 18, 1979

His Eminence
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016
DEAR SURPASAN HAYR
~~Reverend Father:~~

At a unofficial meeting held October 18, 1979 of the Parish Council with seven members present, it was unanimously decided that since Der Hayr Kalfayan has sent his resignation to you direct and we have your letter stating you have accepted his resignation and will effect his transfer as soon as feasible, we would be most appreciative if this transfer could be effected by November 30, 1979. Our parish is in a mixed state and we are at the threshold of canvassing our parishioners to build our new church.

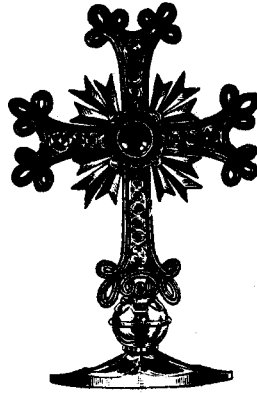
The closing of the new property which we have purchased adjacent to the present church is scheduled for October 30, 1979 and we are gathering all the funds of the church and the affiliated sub-organizations to raise the money needed above the existing mortgage, as you have already been notified.

As it has been established, Der Hayr is out of favor with many of our parishioners, therefore, in order to start building, we will need our new priest to come to Miami immediately to acquaint himself with us and the community and put the parish on a strong footing which will enable us to start and gather new members and commence the campaign to secure financial backing for the ground-breaking which we hope will be in the not too distant future - our goal is next Spring 1980.

You can readily understand the predicament existing here. We need to bring back into the church fold all the dissidents who have promised to return upon the arrival of the new priest.

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His Eminence
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate:
October 18, 1979
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Der Hayr Kalfayan has been informed of our wishes in this matter.

The dilemma here is most unfortunate. We need the remedy as soon as possible. The holidays and the tourist season are ahead, there is much work to do and build a new church. Now is the time to recapture the past members, enlighten the young adults and the children and welcome new families that our church is here for spiritual guidance and culture.

We would appreciate with much gratitude your earliest consideration to our request and anticipate your response.

Respectfully,

SARKIS MANOOGIAN,
Chairman, Parish Council

MARY SERAYDAR,
Secretary, Parish Council

September 24, 1979

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

Dear Father Guregh:

We are in receipt of your letter dated September 5, 1979, indicating your resignation.

The Diocesan Council has placed your letter on file. However, we are accepting your letter as a "request for transfer" and which will be complied with at such time as it is in the best interests of the Miami parish and the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

We have reviewed all prior correspondence regarding this matter, and we feel that there is a basis for your request for transfer, and in view of this, your request for transfer will be given full consideration, and will be implemented at the proper time.

In the meantime, it is our direction that you continue to fulfill all your obligations as Pastor and President of the Miami parish and further, we expect complete cooperation from any and all members of the Parish Council and members of your parish.

Meanwhile, if there are any situations where your obligations are being interfered with, kindly advise us in writing as soon as possible, setting forth the particulars.

It is our intention that your transfer shall follow in an orderly fashion in the best interests of all parties concerned as set forth above.

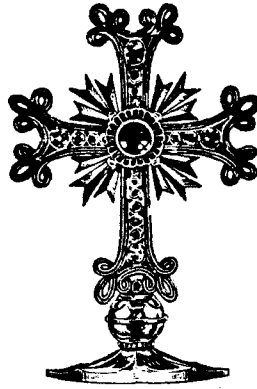
We will be giving due consideration to your transfer and your replacement when feasible.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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September 5, 1979

Judge K. Najarian
Chairman, Diocesan Council
986 Hartford Avenue
Johnston, Rhode Island 02919

Dear Mr. Najarian:

Indeed it was a pleasure to talk to you on the telephone concerning the parish of Miami as well as the situation that we are involved in. Last weekend, August 30,31, September 1, 1979, the Vicar General, Very Rev. Houssig Bagdsarian came to Miami and met with me and the Chairman of the Parish Council and also with the members of the Parish Council. We believe that he will present a report giving a true picture in what is involved in the Miami parish. Of course, we would like to thank you and the Primate and Hayr Soorp specially who took time to come and hear our problems.

However, the main concern we are writing this letter which is more involved in sensitive issues than just a report.

A). Communication between the Primate and the Priests.

We believe that the Primate and the priests who are heads of the parishes, their communications either by writing or telephone gives them a great impact for the progress and more understanding for any given problem which can be solved. However, we believe at the present time, our communication with the Primate came to a standstill like a status quo with no communication at all, no letters and no telephone calls. Our telephone calls have not been answered and/or our letters have not been replied.

B) Issues have not been solved.

We have a great admiration for the Primate and Diocesan Council for their effort in solving the problems of the parishes of the diocese.

However, we believe that many issues have not been reported correctly or have been misinformed in its entirety. We are not making any effort to put the fault to any individual but all the problems in proper prospective so that the Diocesan Council with the Primate will make every effort to solve them. Issues in Miami have not surfaced during the past few months. These issues were here even before we appointed a pastor for this parish. In the past three years, Bishop Intoyan became a problem in this Diocese and for the parish of Miami. We commend the Primate and the Diocesan Council for their decision not to allow Bishop Intoyan to become involved in the parish work or to celebrate the Divine Liturgy. However, that decision did not reflect other parishes, just the parish of Miami. We requested from the Primate to send us a written decision of what the Diocesan Council had concluded for Bishop Intoyan. The purpose behind this request was not to make public what was the decision of the Diocesan Council but to protect the priest and the parish council, and we have not received any answer from the Primate. We were not interested what decision was made towards other clergymen because we are not concerned in interpreting the decision of the Diocesan Council. Our main interest was and still is the problem of Bishop Intoyan who lives in Miami, and our parish has not been protected.

In writing this letter, we are not reflecting any misgivings or shortcomings, inputs or outputs, issues or any problems. We are merely trying to say that the Primate and Diocesan Council must take the leadership with confidence, with faith, and love to solve the problems. However, the problem in Miami is not solved because the decision the Diocesan Council had rendered retracting the letters of the Primate dated 6/22/79 and the answer of that letter has not been received as of yet. A dilemma exists between the Priest and Parish Council because of that letter. We submitted our resignation as Pastor of St. John Armenian Church, and we asked the Primate and Diocesan Council to make proper arrangements for our transfer. We hope to hear from you.

Prayerfully,



Rev. Fr. Guregh Kalfayan

December 14, 1979

The Reverend Father Guregh Kalfayan
Pastor and President of the Parish Council
St. John The Baptist Armenian Church
120 N.W. 16th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Father Guregh:

At present there exist two organized Armenian communities in Florida. The first is that of the St. John The Baptist Armenian Church of Miami, which has existed for thirty years and is now involved in the construction of a new church building, with the approval of the Primate and the Diocesan Council.

The second community is the newly-organized Armenian Church of South Florida. We celebrated the first Divine Liturgy of this community at the Episcopal Church of St. Martin in the Fields, Pompano Beach, on November 25, 1979. We have instructed the provisional parish council to organize church and parish organizations: A Sunday School, Armenian School, A.C.Y.O.A. chapter, Choir, Ladies' Guild, and so on, as the need arises.

In order to clarify the geographical boundaries and the conditions of membership of the two communities, we issue the following directives to the Pastors and parish councils of St. John The Baptist Armenian Church of Miami and the Armenian Church of South Florida, for their attention and implementation:

1. Rectification of geographical boundaries. The area stretching southwards from the northern border of Dade County to Key West, including the Armenian population of the cities therein, falls under the jurisdiction of the St. John The Baptist Armenian Church of Miami. The area north of the above-mentioned border of Dade County, i.e. beginning from Broward County, including the Armenian population of the cities therein, falls under the jurisdiction of the Armenian Church of South Florida.
2. Rectification of conditions of membership. From the point of view of Church discipline, every Armenian who resides in a given geographical area

The Reverend Father Guregh Kalfayan

December 14, 1979

must regard himself as a child of the Armenian Church organized in that region. It happens occasionally, however, ~~that~~ a family may change its place of residence from one such region to another, and in this instance it is preferable that such Armenian family or individual regard oneself as a child of the community in which it has newly settled, and become a member of the Armenian Church of that community.

Regardless of change of residence, a family or individual is free to decide, if that is its preference, to remain a member of the community and Armenian Church of the other region in which one resided formerly.

In this case, however, an Armenian family or individual must make its attitude known by communicating its preference to the Pastor and parish council of the Armenian Church to which it belongs, in keeping with Article 9 of the Bylaws of our Diocese, which states that "Every individual may be a voting member of only one church at a time."

We send this directive to the Pastor, parish council, church organizations and the community of the faithful of the St. John The Baptist Armenian Church of Miami and the Armenian Church of South Florida, for their information and implementation.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

September 24, 1979

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

Dear Father Guregh:

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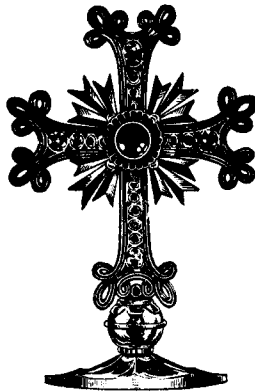
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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
Armenian Apostolic Church of Miami

Rev. (Father) Guregh Kalfayan
Pastor Tel. 371-4484

August 31, 1979

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate, Diocese of Armenian Church of
North America
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016

Dear Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian:

The resolution adopted by the Parish Council meeting duly convened on Thursday, August 30, 1979.

"We withdrawn the entire fund from the Central Bank and Trust Co. of Miami held by a trust agreement dated February 28, 1969, which funds are to be used for the purchase of the building adjacent to our present church. The building is located at 1504 N.E. 1st Court, Miami, Florida."

The agreement signed by the Parish Council and Central Bank and Trust Co., paragraph 2A states that the Parish Council with the written permission to the bank from the Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America to draw this money to be used for said purposes.

We are asking from your Eminence to kindly release this trust fund so that we can purchase that building for the purchase of our new church. Also, we have only 30 days to close the purchasing of this house.

Faithfully yours,

Rev. Guregh Kalfayan

Rev. Fr. Guregh Kalfayan

P.S.: Enclosed you will find the agreement of the Parish Council and Central Bank and Trust Co.

February 29, 1984

The Reverend Fr. Terenig Kondralian
St. John the Baptist Armenian Church
120 North East 16th Street
Miami, FL 33132

Dear Der Hayr:

As always it was great to see you, Christine and the children and equally good to see the parish coming alive with activity and enthusiasm. Congratulations to you on a job well done, both at the meeting and at the Sunday banquet. Best wishes for more of the same and a successful building project.

I wanted to follow-up with you about the mailing list and the best way to keep it up to date. Please send me a print out of your most recent list and I'll check it against ours and make corrections on this end. If we can do this every month, until the changes level off, it might be helpful. Perhaps you can designate a parish council member to take this responsibility of getting new names and correcting existing ones. Please advise me further.

As for the PR workshop, I'd love to do one for all the parishes and mission parishes in Florida, so maybe it's best to wait until you've had the chance to visit with the people in Ocala, St. Petersburg, Orlando, Tampa, etc. and then we can get a person or two from each of those mission parishes, as well as Miami and South Florida. I'll be doing two in the spring, the rest in the fall, so we can either set yours up for the late fall or winter.

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I'll send the pictures of the weekend's events to either you or Zabelle Kay for your publicity purposes.

Maggi Papelian is very interested in attending the youth ministry seminar in March, so I sent her the information and application forms. You may want to encourage this if you feel she's a good person to invest in -- she certainly has the heart and the commitment. Maybe the parish can help her with the costs of the trip.

Keep up the fine work and I'll talk to you soon. I look forward to seeing you in Fair Lawn. If there's anything I can do for you -- it's yours for asking.

Yours

Michael Zeytoonian
Director of Public Relations

HZ:nb

May 17, 1984

The Reverend Father Terenig Kondralian
Pastor, St. John The divine Armenian Church
120 N.E. 16th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Father Terenig:

Thank you for your letter dated May 10, giving the names of the members of the newly elected parish council of St. John The Divine Armenian Church of Miami, Florida.

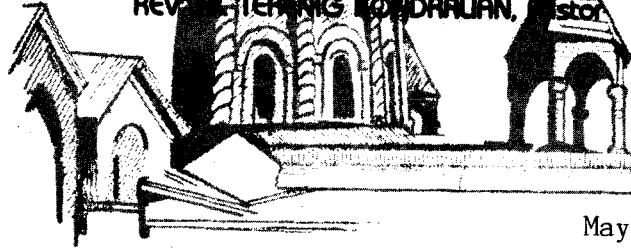
Could you please let us have the addresses and telephone numbers of the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, to update the parish directory.

Respectfully,

Sylvia Terzibashian
Secretary to the Primate

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REV. TERENCE KONDRALIAN, Pastor



May 10, 1984

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

Srbazan Hayr:

We acknowledge your letter dated April 5, 1984 presenting us with your approval of the minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly along with all the subsequent reports and elections of St. John the Baptist Armenian Church which was held on Sunday, February 5, 1984.

Please accept our humble apologies for the delay in forwarding this letter to you, due to the fact that our church office has been overly active with the celebration of Easter and the Commemoration of Martyr's Day.

At this time, we sincerely ask for your verification and approval, Your Grace, for the Election of Officers of the Parish Council. The elections were conducted during our regular meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 1984. The newly elected officers are as follows"

Mrs. Louise Mahakian - Chairman
Mr. George Davitian - V. Chairman
Mrs. Seta Baldadian - Secretary
Mrs. Zabelle Kay - Treasurer
Mr. Berj Yepremian - Ass't Sec.

Mr. Leon Banossian - Ass't. Treas.
Mr. Nishan Vartanian - Advisor
Mr. Nishan Shaljian - Advisor
Mr. Arsak Aru - Advisor

In good faith, we await your reply and should you require any additional information, please let us know.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. Fr. Terenig Kondralian,
Pastor

RTK/ck

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April 18, 1984

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

Dear Father Terenig:

We have received your letter dated April 3, asking for the approval of Mr. Ara Kulhanjian to serve as an Alternate Delegate, due to the fact that Mr. Leon Mahakian, the Diocesan Delegate, has resigned and Mrs. Mary Kulhanjian, the Alternate Delegate, is unable to fulfill her obligations due to her arthritic condition.

Since your Parish Assembly has voted for Mr. A. Kulhanjian to serve as Delegate, we approve his appointment as the Alternate Delegate of Miami parish for a period of one year, as in 1985 your parish is due for the election of delegates for a period of four years.

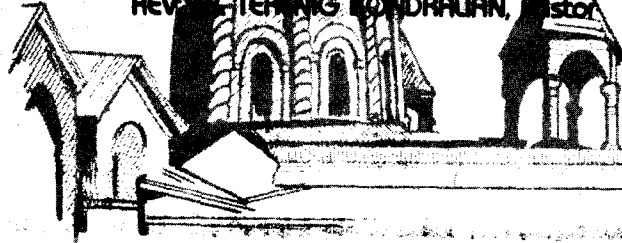
Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc. Parish Council Chairman

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REV. TERENCE KONDRALIAN, Pastor



April 3, 1984

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

Srbazan Hayr:

Mr. Leon Mahakian who is our Diocesan Delegate here in Miami has made known to us his wish to resign as Delegate due to the fact that he is presently very involved with his position as Activities Director for the Miami Public School System.

Mrs. Mary Kulhanjian is our alternate Delegate and she is presently unable to fulfill her obligation towards this position due to her arthritic condition. I have discussed this situation with the Parish Council and we have come to the conclusion at this time by asking Your Eminence, to appoint Mr. Ara Kulhanjian as the Alternate Delegate of Miami for the remaining one (1) year term.

As you are aware, the Diocesan Assembly is forthcoming in May of this year, and it is of the utmost importance for our church to be represented at this Assembly with a Delegate from our Church.

We look forward to hearing from you soon concerning this matter and should you require any additional information, please let us know.

Respectfully yours,

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

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REV. TERENIG KONDRALIAN, Pastor



December 2, 1985

Parish Council
St. John the Baptist Armenian Church
120 N. E. 16th Street
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Trustees,

This is to inform you that I herewith tender my resignation as Chairman of the Parish Council and member of the Parish Council of St. John the Baptist Armenian Church of Miami, Florida, effective December 2, 1985.

Wishing you continued success in your endeavors with the Church and our new Parish Priest.

Respectfully,

Louise Mahakian

cc: Primate Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Parish Council
Delegate

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REV. FR. TERENIG KONDRALIAN, Pastor

December 8, 1985

Mrs. Louise Mahakian
520 W. 53 Terrace
Hialeah, Fl. 33012

Dear Mrs. Mahakian:

It is with deep regret that we received your letter of resignation from the Parish Council.

The Parish Council members and Hayr Soorp Tashjian, will appreciate if you will reconsider your decision to resign and remain on the Parish Council until the election of new officers in January 1986.

We will have a Parish Council meeting next Sunday, December 15, 1986, following church services and sincerely hope you will attend to resume your duty as Chairman.

Respectfully,

Fr. J. Tashjian, Pastor.
Parish Council

cc: Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian

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REV. FR. TERENCE KONDRAKIAN, Pastor

December 8, 1985

Mr. Leon Banossian
18400 N.W. 86 Ave.
Hialeah, Fl. 33015

Dear Mr. Banossian:

It is with deep regret that we received your letter of resignation from the Parish Council.

The Parish Council members and HayrSoorp Tashjian, will appreciate if you will reconsider your decision to resign and remain on the Parish Council until the election of new officers in January 1986.

We will have a Parish Council meeting next Sunday, December 15, 1985, following church services and sincerely hope you will attend to resume your duty as Vice Chairman.

Respectfully, . . .

Fr. J. Tashjian, Pastor
Parish Council

cc: Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian

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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 Manoogian 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 KONDRALIAN, Pastor



December 13, 1983

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

Srbazan Hayr,

We are delighted to hear of your upcoming visit to our Parish here in Miami, Florida in February, 1984.

Our mutually agreed schedule of your visit to Miami was during the week of February 24th, 25th and 26th, 1984. However, your letter concerning this matter informed us differently suggesting that your visit may take place during the weekend of February 17th, 18th and 19th, 1984, one week earlier than we discussed. This will put us into an awkward position, as we have other planned activities scheduled for that weekend.

Per our telephone conversation and your recommendation, we have contacted and spoken with Mr. Harry Apoian, Parish Council Chairman of the South Florida Armenian Church, and we have made the necessary changes thus making your visit to our parish during the weekend of February 24th, 25th and 26th, 1984.

Should there be any additional points of information we should be aware of prior to your visit, please let us know.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. Fr. Terenig Kondralian,
Pastor

RTK/ck

January 12, 1984

Ms. Suzanne Balikjian
Corresponding Secretary
AGBU Miami Chapter
2901 S. Miami Avenue
Miami, Florida 33129

Dear Ms. Balikjian:

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Mancoogian asked me to thank you for the invitation to attend the AGBU banquet which will be held on February 18, 1984 at the Omni International Hotel.

His Eminence will be pleased to attend this banquet as he will be in Miami on that date. Please contact Mr. Harry Apoian, Chairman of the Armenian Church of South Florida, (tel. residence 753-9608 - business: 735-5500) for proper arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Terzibashian
Secretary to the Primate

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20 December 1983

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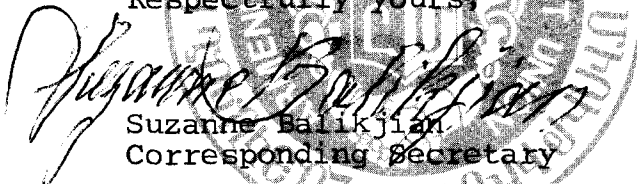
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE
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630 Second Avenue
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Your Eminence,

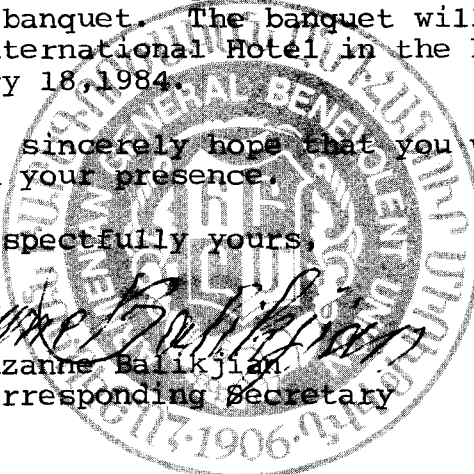
We are hoping to be honored with your presence, as our guest of honor, at our forthcoming banquet. The banquet will be at the Omni International Hotel in the ballroom on February 18, 1984.

We sincerely hope that you will grace us with your presence.

Respectfully yours,



Suzanne Balikjian
Corresponding Secretary



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BISHOP KHAJAG BARSAMIAN, PRIMATE

October 15, 1992

Mrs. Naomi Davitian
5010 Pierce St.
Hollywood, Florida 33021

Dear Mrs. Davitian:

Thank you for your letter of October 2, 1992 addressed to His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian. The Diocese is well aware of the situation in South Florida, particularly after the loss of the Very Reverend Father Vazken Tatoyan. The Diocesan Council showed an earnest interest in the intent of the Miami parish to acquire a new church in a safer area. That is why the Vicar General was sent to preside on your emergency parish assembly. We are happy that the parish assembly was unanimous on this issue. We hope that in the near future you will be able to move to the new site. As you are aware, the Diocese is short of clergy but this does not mean that we are indifferent towards the needs of our small or distant parishes. Every situation is taken and considered separately. We cannot promise you anything definite at this moment, but your parish is among the first to receive our attention.

In the meantime, I hope that you will be continuing your effort to keep the faith and the hope of your parishioners alive.

With prayers,

Father Haigazoun Najarian
Vicar General

HN/as

Naomi Davitian
5010 Pierce Street
Hollywood, FL 33021

October 2, 1992

The Bishop Khajag Barsamiam, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
New York, New York

Your Grace,

I am writing to you as a member of the Parish Council of St. John the Baptist Armenian Apostolic Church in Miami, FL, as a church member, as a community member and as an Armenian. I am concerned over our situation here in South Florida. We have a community already divided by the geographic location of building a new church who stay away and now with no clergy those and others stay away more. I for one need a clergyman for my spiritual needs; and if I do not have one here in Miami I will go to our sister church in Boca Raton, FL or to our other sister church in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Personally Fort Lauderdale being closer to my home I would probably go there more often than Boca Raton. This is no threat nor a promise, but a reality considering the distance from my home to the closest Armenian Church.

I personally urge you to send us a permanent clergyman as soon as you possibly can, especially since we are seriously considering the purchase of an existing church. Our need is great, especially now in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew when we have Armenians who have lost or have had damage to their homes and their lives have been disrupted. They are not many but even if it is one the need is there. I beg you and the Diocesan Council to be able to help us and not be indifferent or lax.

With warmest regards, I remain,

Respectfully yours,


Naomi Davitian

cc: Vicar General, Very Rev. Haigazoun Najarian
Parish Council, St. John the Baptist Arm. Apos. Ch.