## Arch Deacon L. Hekimian

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26 Ցունվար 1976

Գերաշնորն Տէր Թորգոմ Արքեպիսկոպոս Մանուկեան Առաջնորդ Ամերիկայի Սրբազ-ան նայր

Սիրով ստացած եմ ձ եր ինձ ուղարկած նամակը. որով ձեր հրամանն էր ինձ գոց պահել մեր Սբ. Աստուածածին եկեղեցին.անշուշտ մինչեւ ցնոր տնօրէնունիւն. որը նոյնպէս նել ադրուած էր ինձ կանխաւ հայր Գուզուեանի կողմէն. իրրեւ մահին։ Աստանանատարը պարտականունիւն էր ինձ համար անսալ ձեր բարձր հրա-մանին։

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Re: Services rendered in 1975 by Archdeacon Levon Hekimian

I wish to keep you informed of services I have been happy to render my church, St. Marys Armenian Apostolic Church in Elberon, N. J., in addition to my duties as Archdeacon: all expenses absorbed by me unless indicated otherwise.

- 1) Most of the clapboard were loose and some were out on the outside of the third floor. I replaced them with new ones and painted the entire front.
- 2) The ceiling of one of the rooms in the basement had fallen; in the other room ceiling and walls were demolished. Installed new ceiling in both rooms, repaired the walls with sheet rock and painted the rooms.
- 3) Removed two large trees from the roots; cut the hedges about 500 feet long twice in the season; also trimmed large ledge trees about 200 feet long.
- 4) Built cement curbs 226 feet long all around the grass, painted in yellow, and put sign "Watch the curb." The cement was supplied by contractor Joseph Celebratta.
- 5) Built sidewalk 33 feet long by 3 feet wide. Expenses for this job were paid by the church. Repaired the floor of Sunday School porch.
- 6) Painted the kitchen and hallway, 8 doors, and fireplace. Painted tables and benches in the picnic area.
- 7) In the basement I covered five 30 x 69 inch window frames with tar paper.
- 8) The electric contractors left 160 feet long big openings in the ground. I covered and repaired these holes.
- 9) Mrs. Hekimian and I prepare the Mass all year around.
- 10) We take care of cleaning the kitchen, hallway, porch and around. We furnish all bathroom supplies.
- 11) Five gallons of paint were donated by Mr. Albert Harpootlian for which a "thank you" letter has been sent.

Submitted by Archdeacon Levon Hekimian

January 19, 1976

The Reverend Vertanes Kalayjian 315 Eighth Avenue Belmar, New Jersey 07719

Dear Father Vertanes:

Please be advised that we are in receipt of your letter of December 9, 1975, presenting your resignation as Pastor of St. Mary Armenian Church, Elberon, New Jersey. We commend you on taking this most difficult step in order to bring about harmony in a very unhappy situation. Your resignation is a sacrifice that all priests dedicated to their vocation should be prepared to take at any time.

Until such time as we can appoint you to another parish, we ask that you take no administrative part in the parish life of St. Mary's Church; neither are you to perform services there, except at our direction.

The St. Mary's Church will pay your stipend for the first three weeks of January, after which the Diocese will provide you with half of your present weekly salary until such time as a permanent assignment can be arranged. This will be in addition to whatever income you may derive from honorariums received from any other assignments.

We hope to communicate with you in the near future.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Primate

# St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church

### 1184 OCEAN AVENUE Elberon, New Jersey

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Մեծայարգ Տիար Ցարուն Գարազաշեան Սաենապետ Մ. Սստուածածին Հայաստանեայց Եկեղեցւոյ Զևական խարհող Էլպրրոն.

**Ցարզելի Տիար Գարազաշետև,** 

Ստացած ենք Սեպտեմբեր 29, 1976 թուակիր ձեր նամակը եւ ծխական Խորչուրդիդ Սեպտեմբեր 1 եւ 16 նիստերու ատենագրութիւնները։

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#### ST. MARY S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH 1184 OCEAN AVENUE ELBERON. NEW JERSEY

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September 29, 1976

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian 630 -2nd Avenue New York, New York 10016

Your Eminence:

At our last Parish Council meeting on September 16, there was a discussion regarding membership dues for the coming election in 1977. The question was raised as to whether or not a member at St. Mary's must pay his 1977 dues prior to the election and, if so, we would appreciate a letter giving us authority to collect such dues prior to the election.

If this is not the case, then we would appreciate a letter stating otherwise.

Respectfully yours,

Haroot Karakashian, Chairman

Parish Council

#### ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH 1184 Ocean Avenue, Elberon, N. J.

11th Parish Council Meeting, 8:35 p.m.

September 1, 1976

PRESENT: H. Karakashian A. Bulbulian M. Gerra B. Buchakjian

G. Possikian A. Rivas H. Serabian S. Tutunjian

ABSENT: A. Tashian

Minutes of August 29th meeting were read; Berj Buchakjian made a metien to accept the Minutes and Mr. Bulbulian seconded to this metion.

In regard to the \$2,200 centractor's bid for painting the exterior of the church, this bid was submitted by Mr. Rivas, Chairman, Building & Grounds Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT submitted by Berj Buchakjian as fellows:

As of August 29th:	First Matienal Bank, Tems River	\$1,445.05
_	Celenial National Bank, Manalapan	2,242.34
	Keystene Savings & Lean	289.52
	New Jersey National Bank (Cashier's	
	Cash en hand	107.85
		\$4,473.23

Mr. Karakashian invited Mrs. Steven Checksky, Sunday School Superintendent, to be present at this meeting so that she could present her program for the Sunday School year. Registration for the children will be held on Sunday, September 12 at which time netices will be sent to all Parishioners informing them of the registration and also that KHACHVERAZ will be observed and informing everyone that there will be Open Communion on this day for all children, their parents, teachers and all parishioners. Also, it was decided by the Parish Council that sandwiches will be served after Divine Liturgy.

Mr. Bulbulian made a metion that members of the Parish Council who must make Tell telephone calls pertaining to church business present their telephone statements to the Treasurer to be reimbursed; Berj Buchakjian seconded to this motion.

Berj Buchakjian made a metien te autherise Mr. Rivas te replace the gutters en the south side of the church building: N. Corra seconded to this metion.

It was decided to send Mr. Alex Mamourian, who is a Delegate representing St. Mary's), a registered letter and inquire as to why we haven't heard from him since this Parish Council has been in effice and why he hasn't attended any of our meetings.

Mr. Karakashian informed everyone that the next Parish County meeting will be September 15 and September 29. Mr. Rivas made a metion to close the meeting and Mr. Tutunjian seconded to this motion. The Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Haroot Karakashian, Chairman

Parish Council

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Gorra, Secretary rman Parish Council

Copy to: Archbishop Torken Manoegian

#### ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH 1184 OCEAN AVENUE ELBERON, NEW JERSEY

September 16, 1976

12TH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - 8:45 p.m.

PRESENT: BISHOP PAPKEN

H. Karakashian A. Bulbulian Mrs. M. Gerra A. Rivas H. Serabian

Mrs. A. Tashjian S. Tutunjian

ABSENT: B. Buchakjian G. Poesikian

Bishop Papken was present for the first time since he was released from the hospital. He epened our meeting with a prayer.

Minutes of the 11th Parish Counil meeting on September 1st were read; Mr. Rivas made a motion to accept the Minutes and Mr. Tutunjian seconded to this motion.

Mr. Alex Mamourian called Mr. Karakashian and reported that he will try to attend our next meeting: Mr. Mamourian stated that he has been ill.

Mrs. Gorra reported that after attending Ladies' Guild meeting on Sept. 14, the wemen stated that they would like to have Cultural Day on Sunday, Oct. 24, provided that this is all right with Parish Council. Mr. Karakashian stated that he had already contacted Mr. Jack Antreassian and made arrangements for Sunday, October 17, to have Mr. Nubar Kupelian to be the guest speaker on October 17, for Cultural Day at St. Mary's; also, Mr. Karakashian has contacted hiss Tanya Hovnanian to play the piane on that day. Mr. Karakashian will contact Mrs. Najarian to clear the date for Cultural Day as October 17. Mr. Karakashian informed the council that John Chakamian will be Chairman for Cultural Day.

Bishop Papken mentiomed that he has an hour long film on Etzmiazdin and perhaps at a future date it could be shown to all parishioners and interested persons at the church hall.

Bishop Papken suggested that a clearing committee be organized so that the various Armenian organizations in our community will not have a conflict in events. Mrs. Gorra will write to A.G.B.U., Armenian Cultural Association, Armenian Relief Society, and Knights of Vartan. Haig Serabian suggested that on the back of the Gantegh a calendar of events should be listed for all Armenian organizations and head it as Community Events.

Mr. Rivas, Chairman of Building & Grounds Committee, reported that the floor of the porch is completed; also that weather permitting the gutters will be replaced. Mr. Bulbulian reported that some denations have already been received for the painting of the church. Mr. Karakashian stated that he has ordered a new sign for the exterior of the church "ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH". Also, under the cross on the outside of the church a night light automatically eperated will be installed.

There was discussion regarding membership dues for the coming election in 1977. The question is that there isn't any information that states whether or not every member has to pay his 1977 dues before the election in order to vote. Therefore, Mr. Bulbulian made a motion to write to Archbishop Torkom Manoegian and ask him what the procedure will be for the 1977 election at St. Mary's and find out whether the members have to pay before voting and if so to give us authority in writing to ask parishioners for 1977 dues before voting. Mr. Tutunjian seconded to this motion.

Mr. Rivas made a motion to close the meeting and Mr. Serabian seconded to this. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m. and Bishop Papken closed the meeting with a prayer.

Haroet Karakashian, Chairman

Parish Council

Respectfully submitted, Mary Gorra, Secretary

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Copy to: Archbishep Terkem Maneegian

Mr. Kamakashian suggested that Mr. Jack Antreassian's letter of August 2, 1976, regarding announcements from the altar be incorporated in the Minutes so that it will be en record:

..... The practices of our church with regard to announcements from the alter are as follows:

"1. They must be kept to an absolute minimum. The altar cannot be used as an advertising medium. Some of our churches have even adopted the pelicy of making no announcements at all, issuing instead a weekly bulletin (mineographed) for distribution each Sunday, containing all relevant announcements.

'2. Only matters concerning the church can be announced from the altar.

"3. And even with church announcements, we must be very selective and announce only matters of some importance, and not just everything that we want to bring to the public's attention. These must be done by other means.

"4. There are no exceptions with regard to non-church groups.

"5. There is a general exception, however. Non-church matters of national import, such as the Lebanon campaign, for example, are worth any attention we can give it. And in such instances we must use our good judgment or apply to the Diocese for guidance.

Sincerely.

/s/ Jack Antreassian\*

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Ծնձայարգ Շիար Ցարու**ի Գարագաշ**նան Ս. Աստուածածին Օկնդեցւոյ Ճիական Իորհուրդի Սաննապետ Էլպրրոն.

**Ցարգելի Տիար Գարագաշեսև,** 

Ստացած ենք Մայիս 28, 1977 Թուակիր ձեր նամակը, որով մեզ կը հրաւիրէք Ցուլիս 16ին եւ 17ին այցելելու Էլպրրոնի Ս. Աստուածածին Եկեղեցւոյ ծուխը։

Սիրով կ'ընդունինը ձեր հրաւէրը։ Իսկ օխական խորհուրդի կարզադարու**նետն համաձ**այն ենք, որ նարան Յուլիս 16ի երեկոյեան տեղի ունենայ նաշկերոյնը։

Նակայն կը ցաւինք որ Հայր Խաժակը սաիպուտծ է նոյն Աիրակին ուրիչ եկեղեցիի մը մէջ պատարագել, եւ պիտի Մարենայ մեզի հետ ըլլալ եւ սպասարկել Ս. Խորանին։

Վստան ենք որ փոխադրունեան եւ այլ աննրաժեշտ կարգադրունիւնները կը կատարէք ըստ պատունի։

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## St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church

#### 1184 OCEAN AVENUE

ELBERON, NEW IERSEY

Telephone: 222-0127

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate Armenian Diocese 630 Second Avenue New York, New York 10016

Your Eminence:

The Parish Council is now busily engaged in organizing and preparing for your official visit here the weekend of July 16th and 17th, 1977.

Surpazan Hyre, preliminary plans have been made for your banquet on Saturday, July 16th at approximately 7:00 P.M. We hope this will meet with your itinerary.

Transportation will be provided by St. Mary's Church per your directive. In addition, it is requested that the Very Rev. Khajag Barsamian accompany you on your visitation and assist you during the Badarak on July 17th. We hope this meets with your approval.

We request your guidance in the above mentioned matter.

Respectfully, yours,

Haroot Karakashian

Parish Council Chairman

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May 23, 1977