

**APPROVED MEMBERS OF ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN CHURCH, ELBERON,
N.J. SINCE OUR LAST PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING, FEBRUARY 16, 1975**

- ✓ 1. Mr. Melkon Dayermanjian
- ✓ 2. Mrs. Melkon Dayermanjian
- ✓ 3. Mr. Richard Bahadourian
- ✓ 4. Mr. Armen Bahadourian
- ✓ 5. Mr. Gregory Hargiz
- ✓ 6. Mr. Mardiros Khatounagian
- ✓ 7. Mr. Ronald Yeranian
- 8. Mrs. Mary Gorra
- ✓ 9. Mrs. Esther Kabakian

**APPLICANTS WHO HAVE FILED THEIR APPLICATIONS AND
PAID THEIR DUES BUT WHOSE ELIGIBILITIES FOR MEMBERSHIP IS QUESTIONABLE**

- 1. Mr. A. N. Nassimian
- 2. Mrs. Araxi Mossa

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
and Members of the Diocesan Council
Armenian Diocese of North America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10015

Dear Surpazan Hayr and Council Members:

For a time, I thought that your decisive action to remove Der Hayr Kalayjian from St. Mary's Church of Elberon, N.J. would finally restore peace and tranquility to this church community.

This belief however was short lived, as I later learned that you also chose to dismiss the entire Parish Council without due notice nor with the courtesy of an explanation to the church membership.

To my further dismay, I now learn that you have unilaterally decided to appoint a new Parish Council with complete disregard to the sentiments and opinions of our church membership. Your list is not only regarded as biased, but possesses sufficient mystery in its preparation, that I can only view it with suspicion and with some subversive underlying motive.

I would be remiss if I did not express my displeasure with this intolerable act, but to also show my contempt with your selection of certain individuals who I find totally unacceptable.

My displeasure at this time can only be expressed by my unwillingness to recognize your new appointees, and to continue support of the Parish Council duly elected by our members. Furthermore, as unilateral decisions appear to be one of your acceptable working doctrines, I wish to advise you that I will encourage and support the local decision of our membership to call a General Assembly meeting to assert our democratic "right of choice" in selecting our Parish Council leaders.

Respectfully yours,

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CC: Judge John Najarian

CC: Mr. B. Elian, Chairman, Parish Council

Mr. Armen Bulbulian, Mrs. Araxy Gokberk, Dr. Anna Haroutunian,
Mr. John Kaiserian, Mr. Haroot Karakashian, Mr. George Kazanjian,
Mr. Sarkis Dadourian, Mr. Hagop Zadigian.

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December 1, 1975

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

Dear Archbishop Manoogian:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 18, 1975, in which you request that I accept your appointment as a member of an interim parish council of the St. Mary Armenian Church in Elberon, New Jersey. As you are aware, in February 1975 I was duly elected a member of the parish council by the parish assembly. My term does not expire until December of 1976. Therefore, I see no need to be re-appointed to the parish council.

Thank you for your expression of confidence in me. God-willing, I will continue to serve the Lord as a member of the parish council of the St. Mary Church in Elberon.

Prayerfully yours in Christ,

A. Haroutunian

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313 8th Avenue
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November 30, 1975

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

Dear Sir:

This is in answer to your letter to me dated November 18, 1975.

During my years of service to St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church, Elberon, New Jersey, I've always tried to put myself on the other side of an issue before making a decision. In this recent issue, I've tried to imagine myself as a member of the Diocesan Council, and think of how I would handle this situation. Up until now, I've agreed with most of the decisions made by yourself and the Diocesan Council.

However, at this time, I find myself in disagreement with:

1. The suspension of the convening of the Parish Assembly.
2. Your appointment of a new Parish Council.
3. The releasing of the names of the new Parish Council before receipt of acceptance from those individuals selected.
4. Some of the individuals selected for this new Parish Council.
5. The words "indefinite period" as used in your letter.

Even though I disagree with the procedures, I will accept your appointment to the new Parish Council, and continue to serve the church to the best of my ability. Prayerfully, we might bring some order and rational thinking to the St. Mary parish of Elberon.

Sincerely yours,


John A. Kaiserian

CC: Diocesan Council