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May 30, 1972

Mr. L. Hekimian
1184 Ocean Avenue
Elberon, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

In our letter of April 2, 1972, we had notified you that by the unanimous decision of the Parish Council you no longer retain any official capacity in St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church of Elberon, N. J.


Pursuant to this decision, we now inform you that the Parish Council at its May 22, 1972 meeting, again by a unanimous vote, decided to inform you that effective June 15, 1972 and as long as you remain thereafter in the building which you now occupy, our church will not be responsible for any expense related to its maintenance. This includes expenses for gas, electricity, water, repairs, telephone, etc.

We, therefore, advise you to vacate the premises as soon as possible, since every day you remain in the building after June 15, 1972, you will be required to pay all expenses as mentioned above. The amount you will pay will be computed by our treasurer.

We hope that you will comply with the decision of the Parish Council and avoid further unpleasant complications.

Very truly yours

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN CHURCH PARISH COUNCIL


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June 12, 1972

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Your Grace:

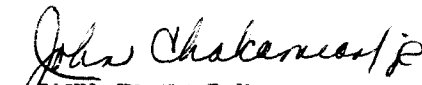
In response to your letter dated May 24, 1972, concerning communications between Father Levon Arakelian and St. Mary's Armenian Church, Father Levon had stated he would like some time to consider accepting the pastorate of our church.

Since that time, I have talked with Father Levon, who mentioned that he felt that our parish would not be able to totally support a permanent resident clergyman at this time.

After discussing this with the Parish Council, we now feel that we possibly cannot afford a resident priest, and we would like to continue having visiting clergymen on alternate week-ends from September to May, and weekly visitations during the summer months.

I would like to take this opportunity to apologize for the tardiness of this answer.

Respectfully yours,


JOHN CHAKAMIAN
CHAIRMAN, PARISH COUNCIL

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Your Grace:

I will try to summarize the events of the last few months in the St. Mary's church community.

As you know, the Parish Council came to you for assistance in the removal of Mr. Levon Hekimian from the property he now resides in. During your official visitation to our parish on April 30, you requested that we organize our Armenian and Sunday School and provide you with a list of prospective members. The following is a list of our students who have shown interest in attending Armenian and/or Sunday School:

Chakamian, John Michael	- Age	14
" Robert	"	12
" Sona	"	6
Ghazarian, Hratch	"	4
" Tahlene	"	6
Gokberk, Ara	"	5
" Maritza	"	9
" Michael	"	10
" Sooren	"	11
Hovnanian, Armen	"	7
" Edele	"	13
" Leela	"	8
" Siran	"	14
" Tanya	"	11
" Nina	"	11
Karakashian, Gary	"	11
" Lind	"	5
Karakashian, Garo	"	6
" Tamar	"	4
Markarian, Gayane	"	6
" Hera	"	9
" Pakrad	"	10
Mihranian, Tamara	"	12
Poosikian, Dawn	"	16
" Mike	"	13
" Vicki	"	12

Voskanyan, Bobby - Age 7
" Paul " 10
Toutikian, Carolyn - " 5
" Christine " 4

The main objection by parents is that we do not have adequate facilities for class rooms. This being the main reason why the Parish Council has requested the premises now being occupied by the Hekimians to be vacated. We have tried for three years to run a Sunday School in the Parish Hall with a small measure of success, and because of disturbances during the Divine Liturgy; noises made by the children; and the inconveniences to the Ladies Auxiliary we suspended classes last spring.

There is renewed interest to start the school in September. In order to do that, we need adequate facilities to house the school. The immediate resolution of this problem would be to renovate the house Mr. Hekimian now occupies. Which brings us to the problem at hand.

Your Grace, I think it is imperative that the Diocese be involved and assist the Parish Council in the removal of Mr. Hekimian. The Council has just recently authorized the investigation of getting an attorney at law to explore civil action against Mr. Hekimian for his removal.

We feel this is an avenue which we do not particularly want to pursue, but we have been put in an embarrassing position, a position we can no longer change from.

We humbly request your immediate intervention and assistance. This parish will not survive under these conditions. It is imperative that you make a decision in favor of the removal of Mr. Hekimian.

Respectfully yours,

John Chakamian /j
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