

October 16, 1972

Mrs. Araxy Gokberk
Sunday School Superintendent
St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church

Dear Mrs. Gokberk:

Thank you for your letter of September 25, 1972 directed to the Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. Unfortunately, His Grace is still overseas and is not expected until the end of October. I am therefore taking the liberty of sending you a preliminary reply until the Archbishop's return, and assure you that I shall show him your letter as soon as he is back.

You may rest assured that the Archbishop is concerned both about the Sunday School and about St. Mary's parish. He will undoubtedly take immediate steps upon his return. In the meantime may I urge you not to be discouraged with the present physical conditions available for the Sunday School. We hope that you will be able to carry on your good work until better arrangements can be made. Needless to add, our children need as much Christian education as we can provide them, and we should not deprive them of it, except for very exceptional reasons.

In any case I hope that we shall soon find a remedy for your particular situation.

Yours prayerfully,

The Rev. Mampre Kouzouian
Canon Sacrist
St. Vartan Cathedral

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

September 25, 1972

Dear Archbishop Torkom Manoogian:

Father Kalajian has requested that I write this letter and give you information in regard to the organization of our Sunday and Armenian School for the year 1982-1973.

On August 22, the Sunday School teachers (Names and addresses enclosed) and Father Kalajian met in the Church Hall to make plans for the opening of school on September 17. At this time we examined books on hand, made up a tentative schedule of classes; and discussed class room space. I gave Father Kalajian a list of books we needed and he has since been able to get most of them for us. Also, I informed Father Kalajian I had mailed out about seventy five questioniar-registration forms he had printed and given me for this purpose (copy enclosed). The letters were followed up by phone calls, announcement in the church paper, circulars, etc.

School got off to an excellent start as far as enrollment and enthusiasm goes. Twenty six students have enrolled to date and because of personal contacts, we expect nine more children to be joining the group shortly. (list of names and addresses of these children are enclosed).

I have also enclosed our schedule for the school year 1972-1973.

With the increasing number of new families moving into the area, I can't stress enough the importance of the SUCCESS of this school for our children. Naturally, being an educator by profession, I intend to do everything to see that we are a success. I remember ten years ago when I tried starting a Sunday School we couldn't get ten children together. Times have changed and we must plan for the future. We must enroll these children in our school before they join American churches and to do this we must offer them something, something to please them and keep them with us.

We have the teachers, we have the books and supplies, we have the help of the CRE, we have the children -- now where will we put these children in order to educate them properly. Last Sunday we all met in the not too large church hall. The children were all "shooshed" so as not to disturb services in the Church from which we are separated by a thin wall. Certainly this is not a desirable environment in which to learn and how long can we hold the interest of the children and have the cooperation of the parents. Then, when attendance drops, we wonder what happen. I might add that Father Kalajian being with us permanently has created interest in people we hadn't heard from too much in the past--but then it is too early to draw conclusions.

Need I say more -- we desperately need the Parish House to expand. Won't you please help us? We need the Parish House for our school now, not next month or the month after maybe, etc.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Araxy Gokberk
Superintendent of Sunday School

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ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
1184 OCEAN AVE.
Elberon, N. J.

September 24, 1972

Dear Parents,

It was so nice seeing your child in Sunday School. Please keep up the good work and bring them each Sunday. There will be an attendance award at the end of the year.

So that you will know what we are planning for your child for the year, I have enclosed our schedule. Please help your child to learn the work in their note books which we are covering during our period of orientation.

We are also in the process of planning some field trips, programs, and developing a Sunday School P.T.A. for our young parents. These you'll be hearing more about.

Remember, Sunday School every Sunday from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Araxy Gokberk
Sunday School Superintendent

PLANS FOR THE SUNDAY AND ARMENIAN SCHOOL 1972-1973

11:00 - 11:25 A.M. -- Orientation (From September 17 to October 15)

1. Recitation of Hayr Mer
2. Bible Reading
3. Roll Call aloud to acquaint everyone with each other by name.
4. Review of previous Sunday's work - such as used in note books to be kept by all children in grades three and up.
5. Introduction of new work.

(Thing to be covered during the month of orientation)

- a. At least learning to read two prayers: Hayr Mer and Jashagestzook
- b. Making the sign of the cross and knowing its meaning
- c. Learning each others names
- d. Learning the proper greeting and how to address our priest and wife
- e. Learning the name of our religion and the name and address of our Church
- f. Short study of the Bible
- g. Proper posture in Church
- h. Learn to read and sing two church Sharahgans: Soorp Asdvadz and Marmin Deroonagan
- i. Building a small Armenian Vocabulary in relation to the work covered in orientation.

11:25 - 11:35 A.M. -- Jashagestzook and refreshments

11:35 A. M. - 12:00 Noon -- Class room education

1. Religious education as designated in course of study for each age group
2. Learning things brought up during orientation

12:00 - 12:05 P.M. -- Clean up and get ready to go into Church

12:05 P.M. - 12:30 P.M. -- Children in Church with teachers (Family Worship)

AFTER OCTOBER 15, 1972

11:00 - 11:10 -- Assembly

1. Hayr Mer
2. Bible Reading
3. Roll Call

11:10 - 11:35 -- Armenian Education

11:35 - 11:40 -- Get ready for Religious Education

11:40 - 12:05 -- Religious Education

12:05 - 12:10 -- Get ready for Church

12:10 - 12:30 -- Family Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
1972 - 1973

1. Mrs. Araxy Gokberk, (Superintendent too)
207 6th Ave.
Asbury Park, N. J. 07712
Phone (201) 775-0049
2. Mr. Armen Bulbulian
76 Werah Place
Prt - Au - Park, N. J.
Phone (201) 229-2568
3. Mr. John Chakamian
5 Ned Court
Middletown, N. J. 07748
Phone (201) 842-5616
4. Mrs. Susan Karakashian
87 Swartzel Drive
Middletown, N. J. 07748
Phone (201) 671-5763
5. Mr. Charles Vartanian
312 7th Ave.
Asbury Park, N. J. 07712
Phone (201) 988-2704

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

1. Yereskin Kalajian
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Asbury Park, N. J. 07712
Phone (201) 988-3505
2. Miss Virginia Dayermanjian
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3. Miss Mary Ann Tutunjian
204 W. Concourse
Neptune, N. J. 07753
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4. Mrs. Manning
406 Woodmere Ave.
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Phone 988-4755

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN CHURCH

1184 Ocean Avenue

Elberon New Jersey

Dear Parents,

This questionnaire-registration form is being mailed to you so that you may record your evaluation of the Sunday School activities during the past years and suggestions for improvements for the coming year. We promise that we will handle them more adequately and give them due consideration. We are particularly confident because for the first time in our parish we will have a pastor who will guide and direct us in our endeavor in religious education.

1. Name--Mr.& Mrs.-----
2. Have you ever attended Sunday School? Yes---- No-----
If yes a)Where-----b)How long-----
3. What do you expect that your children learn from Sunday School attendance

4. Will they be interested in any extracurricular activities in connection with Sunday School? Yes---- No---- .If yes,list in order of preference

5. Do you have any suggestions on the physical or audio-visual facilities?

6. Other Suggestions and comments-----

7. Name of children-----Age-----
-----Age-----
-----Age-----
8. Address-----
-----Tel.-----

In order to enable us to prepare ourselves ahead of time please return this immediately to: Mrs. A. Gokberk, Supt. 207 6th ave. Asbery Pk. N.J. 07719.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS ON SEPT. 17, 1972

ST MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT -- 1972-1973

NURSERY AND KINDERGARTEN TEACHER --- Mrs. Susan Karakashian

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4. Linda Karakashian, 55 Columbia Ave., Long Branch, N. J. -- Phone 229-6732
5. Tamar Karakashian, 87 Swartzell Dr., Middletown, N. J. -- Phone 671-5763
6. George Manning, 406 Woodmire Ave., Shark River Hills, N. J. 07753 - Phone 988-4755
7. Stephine Paroumakian, 1210 F St., Belmar, N. J. 07719 -- Phone 681-1335
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9. Elizabeth Nassimian, 123 Washington St., Long Branch, N.J. -- Phone 229-8276

GRADES ONE AND TWO TEACHER Mrs. Araxy Gokberk

1. Sona Chakamian, 5 Ned Court, Middletown, N. J. 07748 -- Phone 842-5616
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4. Armen Hovnanian, 246K No. Maple, Toms River, N. J. -- Phone 349-7894

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3. Laura Kaprielian,
4. Michael Manning, 406 Woodmire Ave., Shark River Hills, N. J. 07753 -- Phone 988-4755

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