

**SPLASH DOWN IN WATERTOWN . . .
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September 1-6, 1993

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Dear ACYOA Chapter Chairperson:

We hope you are having a fun summer! All of us on the Sports Weekend committee are busy preparing for your arrival this Labor Day weekend. Enclosed you will find a letter from our Sport's Chairman and a sports roster. In addition, there are some new fliers with more information about the weekend. Please share these with your members.

If you need anymore information on Sports Weekend or tourism materials on Boston, please give me a call at 617-734-6140. We will be sending out registration packages soon -- you should have them by July 4. If you don't receive them-- again, please give me a call.

To help get you the lowest airfares possible, Mrs. Andrea Movsessian of Cape Cod Carlson Travel has secured an additional 5% discount on Northwest and Delta Airlines, off their lowest published fares. To take advantage of this offer, please make your reservations by calling her at 1-800-585-0359 and reference the "ACYOA Sports Weekend".

Our host hotel is the beautiful Sheraton Boston Hotel and Towers, located right next door to the Prudential Center and Copley Place Shopping Galleria. If you want to secure your reservations early, please call them at 617-236-2000.

In the meantime, enjoy the summer and please urge all your members to get their registration in by the deadline! We expect a huge turnout for this weekend and look forward to your being part of it!

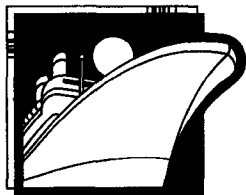
Sincerely,

Laurie Onanian
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Dear ACYOA Chairperson:

Young athletes from both the United States and Canada will be coming to Boston this Labor Day Weekend to participate in the 1993 ACYOA National Sports Weekend. Both team and individual sporting events will be offered. The Sports Committee is enthusiastically anticipating the largest and most talented sports field ever!

There are a few stipulations that must be fulfilled to participate in the sporting events. *Athletes must purchase either the minimum eligibility plan (MEP) or the full package plan.* It is mandatory that every athlete complete the individual sports registration and waiver forms. Each athlete must also be listed on the team rosters. As a team member, you are responsible for being at your scheduled game on time. Forfeiture will result in your team's absence. Due to the large field of teams, **absolutely no allowances will be made.** *The individual athletic fee is \$10. The team fee for men's basketball, women's basketball and co-ed volleyball is \$150.*

For the benefit of everyone, the Sports Committee requests that each chapter make every effort to wear numbered uniforms during the athletic competitions.

The "Sports Meeting" will be held at 9:00 PM on Friday, September 3, 1993 in the Hampton Room at the Sheraton Boston Hotel & Towers. Each chapter is required to send at least one sports representative.

Team brackets will be drawn up before the weekend begins and will be available during registration. Fully completed team rosters, team fees and the name of the chapter sports representative must be submitted and postmarked no later than Wednesday, August 18, 1993. Please send the completed materials directly to my attention at:

Mr. Raymond Davidian, Sports Chairman
1993 ACYOA National Sports Weekend
6 Langdon Avenue
Watertown, MA 02172



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No exceptions will be allowed by the Sports Committee due to the fact that we wish to complete the brackets before the weekend.

On behalf of the Watertown ACYOA of St. James Armenian Church, I warmly welcome your chapter's attendance and participation. For further sports informaton or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 617/923-8990.

Remember, **GET THOSE ROSTERS IN ON TIME!**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond Davidian". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Raymond Davidian
Sports Chairman

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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

August 19, 1993

The Very Reverend Father Stanley Harakas
50 Goddard Ave.
Brookline, MA 02146

Dear Father Harakas:

From September 1-3, the youth of the Armenian Orthodox Church (Eastern Diocese) will gather together for the Annual ACYOA General Assembly, this year to be held in Boston, Massachusetts at the Sheraton Boston Hotel and Towers, 39 Dalton St. Boston. I believe Deacon Gary Alexander had spoken to you about this sharing the details of location time and the nature of our gathering.

In speaking with our Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian he informed me that you would be willing (per Dn. Alexander's contact with you) to be present on Friday morning to show the recently prepared video on AIDS produced by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and then lead a discussion with the youth on our common Orthodox response.

On behalf of His Eminence I extend to you officially an invitation to share the entire morning with us. On Friday September 3rd, preceding the video, the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated; also following the morning program there will be a special luncheon hosted by the Primate for the delegates and clergy. It would be our pleasure to have you join us for these as well.

We look forward to seeing you in Boston and continually pray for your fruitful ministry in the Church.

With fraternal Love-in-Christ,

Father Garabed Kochakian
Chancellor

c.c. Archbishop Khajag Barsamian

GK/as

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August 27, 1993

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
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Your Eminence:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me on August 10, 1993, regarding your thoughts and plans for the future of the ACYOA.

Although I understand that you have no plans to alter the selection process of Central Council, I respectfully suggest that you include in your address or other remarks to the General Assembly your thoughts on the importance of electing youth leaders who are committed to Christ and his Church, and who are willing and able to make the work of the ACYOA a major priority in their lives.

ACYOA has a very strong and sound Constitutional framework. I am certain that the dedication and devotion of a small number of ACYOA members and leaders can guide the ACYOA through a period of great growth!

Most respectfully,



Charles H. Shooshan III
ACYOA Central Council Chairman



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October 26, 1993

The Reverend Father Zaven Arzoumanian,
Pastor
St. David Armenian Church
2300 Yamato Road
Boca Raton, FL 33431

Dear Father Zaven:

We wish to follow up on the outstanding amount that is due to the ACYOA Seniors treasury from your local parish. Presently, the amount owed is \$2,175.00, the result of a loan from the Central Council treasury for the expenses incurred during the National Anniversary Ball hosted by the St. David Chapter in 1991.

I would be grateful if you could investigate the status of this debt and share your information with us, in order to expedite this matter.

With prayers,

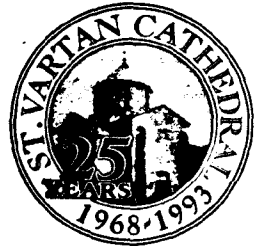
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Primate's Message

I wish to congratulate the ACYOA Juniors of Holy Trinity Armenian Church for organizing the 1993 Junior Sports Weekend. Under the leadership of the Very Reverend Father Haigazoun Melkonian, Pastor; Ms. Carol Jerrahian, Parish Youth Coordinator, parents, and members of the Juniors have worked diligently to make this weekend a success. The ACYOA Juniors Sports Weekend is an exciting opportunity for young Armenians to come together for fellowship, worship, and sports competition all within the loving arms of the Armenian Church.

I commend all of you for coming from your homes throughout the diocese to take part in the events of this weekend. Through your participation in this weekend and other youth events, you will not only form lasting friendship, but you will gain a better understanding of the Armenian Church and your role in building her future.

May the Lord bless you and may your love for each other and the Armenian Church continue to grow.

With prayers,

Abp. K. Barsamian

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate

New York City
October 1993



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His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
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Your Eminence:

I have sent the following letter to the Boca Raton parish about our monetary dispute. According to the minutes of the July meeting the matter is no longer in our hands and we need you to take care of this for us. I know you will see to this at your earliest convenience as I'm sure you do not want our ACYOA deprived of any of its rightful funds.

Respectfully,

Lucine V. Baronian
ACYOA Central Council
Chair



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On behalf of the Central Council of the ACYOA, I am informing you that the matter regarding the \$2,175 that you owe us is not closed. However since your church has decided to put it into the hands of your parish council, we have no choice but to request that His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian resolve this matter for us. It is unconscionable that you feel no remorse in depriving the Armenian Church's youth of monies that is rightfully theirs and as you continue to do so you only show how anti-youth your parish really is. You will be hearing from His Eminence on this matter I can assure you.

Sincerely,

Luciné V. Baronian
ACYOA Central Council
Chair

CC: His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
All Central Council Members
Dean Shahinian, Diocesan Council



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October 6, 1993

His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
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Your Eminence:

Two years ago at the 1991 ACYOA General Assembly in Hartford, Hye Hokin was discussed because it had not been produced. One of the reasons for its lack of production it seemed was a lack of funds, which at that time it was promised if we had a staff and could produce the magazine you would see to it that we had the funds. Hye Hokin is off the ground. This excellent forum for the ACYOA now has an editor, Russel Kashian; a co-ordinator, Arpi Bouroujian; a typesetter, Paulette Kasparian; and many eager contributors! It is fabulous how everyone asked was so excited about participating in the revival of Hye Hokin. And at what a moment, with the birth of Project Growth we can reach even more potential members and future church leaders. It will be the only publication serving specifically the youth of our church, therefore, the only real publication that can bring them the message of Our Lord and our church.

I know you are as thrilled as I am about this and will be eager to discuss our progress at our meeting at the end of October. The only thing left now is for the monies promised to be made available so that Hye Hokin can be made available to our youth. It will cost approximately \$2500 per quarter for publishing and mailing. It is such a small amount that will reach so many and do so much good for our church. I am sure you are eagerly awaiting our first issue!

Respectfully yours,

Lucine W. Baronian
Central Council Chair



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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

September 10, 1993

Mrs. Jill Aslanian
33 Carver Road
Watertown, MA 02172-1312

Dear Mrs. Aslanian:

Already one week has passed since the end of the ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend and we are certain that as you reflect on all of the meetings and events; you are gratified with the success and pleasure the youth of our church enjoyed. You and your committee members are to be commended for the efforts, time, creativity and overall planning which made this year's ACYOA gathering a truly memorable event. Please convey our congratulations to all who took part in your work extending our thanks and good wishes to them.

May Christ's Holy Spirit continue to imbue you with zeal and dedication to pursue even greater responsibilities and leadership in our Church.

Prayerfully,

Abp. K. Barsamian

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate



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December 22, 1993

Ms. Lucine Baronian
Chairman,
Central Council of ACYOA
193-05 53rd Avenue
Flushing, NY 11365

Dear Ms. Baronian:

Enclosed please find check #3735 in the amount of \$2,175.00 from St. David Armenian Church of Boca Raton, Florida. This check represents the balance of the 1991 45th Anniversary Celebration of the ACYOA.

Wishing you and your family a joyous and healthy New Year and a Blessed Christmas.

With prayers,

Abp. K. Barsamian
Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
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November 11, 1993

His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate
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Your Eminence:

Enclosed is a copy of the condolence letter I sent to Mrs. Mardigian. I also sent her flowers from the ACYOA. If possible, Kevork Hagopian will attend Mr. Mardigian's Karasoonk. If there is anything else you think we should do, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Lucine Baronian
ACYOA Chair

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Mrs. Helen Mardigian
1525 Tottenham Road
Bloomfield Village, MI 48301

Dear Mrs. Mardigian:

On behalf of the ACYOA I would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to you on the loss of your husband. Mr. Mardigian was a kind and generous man. Losing him will have a far-reaching impact on the Armenian community and in particular on the ACYOA. His support, concern and love will be greatly missed. For the ACYOA it is like losing our very best friend. We will miss him immeasurably.

We will keep you both in our collective prayers. May God give you strength and comfort at this unfortunate time.

Sincerely yours,

Lucine Baronian
ACYOA Chair

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Dear Surpazan Hayr:

Chairperson

Jill Arslanian

Only 129 days until the start of this year's Sport's Weekend and General Assembly! All of us on the host committee are looking forward to welcoming our friends to Boston. Many activities are being planned to give you a good taste of Boston's charm - including events at historical landmarks, such as Faneuil Hall.

Vice Chairperson

Rich Assarian

Treasurer

Papken Maksoudian

To get you thinking about Labor Day and the many attractions Boston has to offer, we've enclosed some tourism materials for you to share with your members. My favorite is Kids Love Boston, a booklet that appeals to the "kid" in all of us -- with info on the many historic sites on the Freedom Trail, fun day trips to nearby attractions. It even has a glossary to help define such Boston terms as bubbler, tonic, wicked, and "T"!

Secretary

Krista Kazanjian

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Again, we hope you and your members will visit us in Boston on September 1-6. Each of us on the host committee has been assigned chapters to assist - answer questions, provide materials on the events, etc. Your contact person is Der Dajad Davidian who will be calling you in the next two weeks.

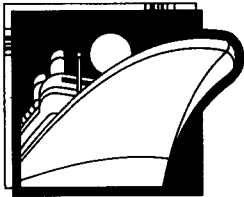
We hope all is well in the Diocese. Have a nice spring!

Sincerely,

Laurie Onanian
Public Relations



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July 7, 1993

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New York, NY 10016-4885

Youth Director

Marcia Sedhom

Your Eminence:

Chairperson

Jill Arslanian

Greetings from the Watertown ACYOA General Assembly Executive Committee.

Vice Chairperson

Rich Assarian

When we last spoke at our meeting, approximately one month ago, I told you that I would be contacting you for your annual greeting to the ACYOA, to be presented in the Commemorative Booklet of the General Assembly and Sports Weekend.

Treasurer

Papken Maksoudian

Secretary

Krista Kazanjian

To say the least, time is flying by and we would appreciate it if you could send along your annual greeting and a camera ready black and white photograph for insertion into our booklet.

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Laurie Onanian

Please forward your package to Shawn Movsessian, Commemorative Booklet Chrmn., 21 Cliff Road, Waltham, MA 02154. Thank you for your time and consideration, and we look forward to seeing you this Labor Day Weekend.

With Great Respect,

Shawn R. Movsessian
Commemorative Booklet Chairperson
1993 ACYOA Sports Weekend and General Assembly



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May 20, 1993

Charles Shooshan III
ACYOA Central Council Chairman
558 Cypress Rd.
Newington, CT 06111-5621

Dear Charlie:

This letter serves as my official notice of resignation from Central Council. After much personal deliberation, I have determined that I cannot dedicate the amount of time necessary to effectively fulfill my responsibilities on Central Council.

The major reasons affecting my decision is based on my recent election as Parish Council Vice-Chairman of the Worcester Parish. In Worcester, we have established many committees and programs to keep parishioners actively involved in the church - I serve on three of these committees. In addition, I am actively working with Diratzoo Randy Dagley to help revitalize the youth in Worcester. At this time, my commitment to my own church comes first.

Because of the timing of my decision, I will continue to take care of the financial duties (including collecting chapter dues and receivables) if it is the desire of the Council. I will also assist in preparing the financial reports for the General Assembly.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I hope I can better serve again in the future.

Sincerely,


Jay Kapur

cc: His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian



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THE MOST REVEREND BISHOP KHAJAG BARSAMIAN, PRIMATE
V. REV GHEVONT SAMOORIAN, VICAR, NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL JURISDICTION

A.C.Y.O.A.

May 5, 1993

Mr. Charles Shooshan III, Esquire
Chairman, A.C.Y.O.A. Central Council
558 Cypress Street
Newington, CT 06111

Dear Charles,

After subsequent attempts to contact the parish priest of St. James Armenian Church in Richmond, Virginia, it was brought to our attention that he was no longer there, and had been reassigned by the Primate to the ministry of Canon Sacarist of St. Vartan Cathedral. Therefore, in order to follow the proper protocol procedure, we will commence upon contacting the parish council chairperson for the purposes of renewing and restoring an active, and vibrant orthodox young adult movement.

Also, a communicative endeavor to St. Mark's parish in Springfield, MA is impending.

We thank you for your continued leadership and guidance.

Respectfully,

Deacon Gary Alexander, V. Chairman
Rena Jebejian, Adviser

cc.

1. Primate
2. Chancellor
3. Young Adult Minister

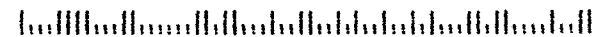
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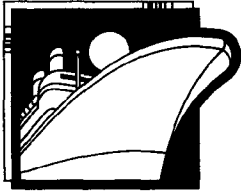


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April 19, 1993

Your Eminence,

Plans for the 1993 ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend are being finalized. We have been hard at work to ensure that the event will be a success. It is a pleasure and an honor to be hosting our friends from across the United States and Canada and, hopefully again this year, from Armenia.

In the past you have sponsored the Delegate Luncheon which is held on Friday of the General Assembly, this year being September 3, 1993. Your format for last year's luncheon held at the Long Island Marriott was highly successful and well received.

If you would like to again sponsor this luncheon, enclosed is a menu for the main course and dessert. Please mark your selection and return it at your earliest convenience in the enclosed envelope. If there are budget constraints, we will do our best to work within them.

If you have any questions regarding the luncheon or any of the pre-weekend activities please call me at 617-377-9783 (day) or 617-890-7652 (evening).

Respectfully yours,

Rita Masrof
Pre-Weekend Committee Chairperson

cc: Jill Arslanian
Chairperson



1993 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY & NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND
St. James Armenian Apostolic Church
465 Mount Auburn Street Watertown, MA 02172
617/923-8860 or 617/923-8861

Menu for Delegate Luncheon
Friday, September 3, 1993

Caesar Salad

Lunch choices - please mark one:

- Boneless Breast of Chicken/Roasted almonds, sauce calvados approx \$22.00
 Grilled Salmon/Ginger Dill Sauce approx \$23.50
 Broiled Filet Mignon/Sauce Bearnaise approx \$27.00

Lunch includes choice of:

- Rice
 Pasta
 Baked potato

Choice of dessert:

- Boston Creme Pie
 Lemon Mousse Cake
 Strawberry Torte
 Chocolate Mousse



ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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March 19, 1993

Dear Youth Directors, ACYOA Chapter Presidents and Chairmen:

On April 4, 1993, we will all be joined in celebration of Palm Sunday. Each year, our Church calendar also designates Palm Sunday as ACYOA Day.

What is ACYOA Day?

It depends.

Each chapter and parish celebrates or remembers ACYOA Day differently. In some parishes, the ACYOA Chapter sponsors a Palm Sunday Dinner. In other parishes, the ACYOA provides a speaker for the Palm Sunday program. Still other chapters present worthy members or alumni with awards on this day. Some chapters raise money for the Church or for Special Programs on ACYOA Day. Other parishes have chosen ACYOA Day as an opportunity to raise funds for their ACYOA chapters.

In short, ACYOA Day is whatever the parish and chapter wish it to be. It is a day to recall the importance of the ACYOA chapter and ACYOA members within the context of the parish.

So celebrate your youth on ACYOA Day -- remembering the past, enjoying the present, and planning for the future.

Yours in Christ,

Charles H. Shooshan III
Central Council Chairman

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March 16, 1993

To: The Reverend Clergy, Parish Council Chairmen,
Diocesan Delegates and Parish Youth Coordinators

Subject: "ACYOA Day"

As has been our tradition for many years, Palm Sunday has been designated as ACYOA Day. This day is set aside for ACYOA Chapters to provide a service to their respective parishes. This service to the church may, for example, be fulfilled by participation in the Divine Liturgy by passing the "Kiss of Peace", distributing palms or serving as ushers. It may also consist of the chapter hosting a coffee hour or luncheon for the parish, as well as inviting a speaker or providing a cultural program for the community.

ACYOA Day gives the parish an occasion to recognize the youth and gives the youth an opportunity to be of service to their parish. It is a day to celebrate the youth of your parish and to encourage their important role in the life of the Church. If your chapter has not made any plans for ACYOA Day, please encourage them to do so.

With prayers,

Abp. K. Barsamian

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V. Rev. Fr. Oshagan Gulgulian
St. James Armenian Church
834 Pepper Ave., Richmond, VA 23228

Dear Father Gulgulian:

Under the dynamic and thoughtful leadership of our Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian; and, through the selfless and determined efforts of Mr. Charles Shooshan, Esq. (Chairman of the ACYOA Central Council) and Laura Gononian (Dept. of Youth Ministry) a viable and energetic program is being planned for the rejuvenation of ACYOA chapters throughout our Diocesan parishes.

Your parish has been chosen as one of the "Project Rejuvenation" model parishes for the organization of a parish ACYOA.

We shall contact you in the near future in order to establish a date for Rena Jebejian and me (Deacon Gary Alexander) to make our organizational visitation to your parish.

In Christ,

Deacon Gary Alexander

15 March 1993



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Department of Youth Ministry

March 12, 1993

To: Reverend Clergy, Parish Council Chairmen, Armenian
School Superintendents, Sunday School Superintendents,
and Parish Youth Coordinators

Subject: New Youth Periodical

The Youth Division of the Department of Youth Ministry will be publishing a monthly periodical for youth beginning this summer. We hope to make the format and contents of this periodical unique and exciting. To help make the periodical interesting and attractive to youth, we will give each ACYOA Junior chapter the opportunity to edit an issue. Members will also choose a theme for the issue, review articles, draw art work, write letters and compile a question and answer column.

In order to compile a mailing list, we need to collect the names, addresses and telephone numbers of youth in the Armenian and Sunday Schools (Grades 7-12), as well as ACYOA Juniors. We would appreciate receiving your parish's mailing lists as soon as possible.

Your attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you in your youth activities in any way.

Respectfully,

Stephen P. Megrđichian
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New York, New York 10016

Dear Dadourian Family:

The Department of Youth Ministry has begun planning for this summer's programs for youth and young adults. One of the programs that was offered in 1992 was the Dadour Dadourian Jerusalem Internship, which you so generously funded. I am writing to you at this time to ask if you are willing to sponsor this program again in 1993.

I have been in communication with His Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Patriarch of Jerusalem and we are working on dates for this summer's program. I am awaiting details from him. Enclosed is an article from "The Armenian Church" about last year's program.

Because of your generosity last year, the participants were able to have an unforgettable experience in the Holy Land. Interns had the rare opportunity to live and work within the Patriarchate. They provided a tangible service to the institution and received so much in return.

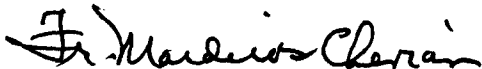
The Dadour Dadourian Jerusalem Internship Program proved to be an educational, spiritual and historical odyssey. Participants attended daily Armenian language classes, toured extensively throughout the Holy Land, attended cultural events and daily worship services in Armenian Churches in Jerusalem. Interns also gained an insight into the important role that the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem plays in the Christian world as well as within the Armenian Church.

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Due to the success of last year's program, we hope that with your generous sponsorship we will again be able to offer our young people this wonderful opportunity. While we are not certain how many people will participate this year, last year the cost per person was \$1,200. We will inform you as to how many young people will participate when we have the exact number. However, we estimate that there will be six to eight participants.

If you require any additional information, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you and to another summer of exciting programs and experiences for our youth.

With prayers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. Mardiros Chevian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "F".

Fr. Mardiros Chevian
Director

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Six Weeks in the Holy Land

Personal Reflections on the Diocesan Jerusalem Summer Internship

By Laura Gononian

The following essay is adapted from remarks delivered by Ms. Gononian during the 1992 ACYOA Assembly on Long Island, New York.

For six weeks this summer five interns accompanied by Deacon Serop Aljalian participated in the Diocesan Department of Youth Ministry's Jerusalem Internship Program.

Those who have traveled to Jerusalem will recognize my impressions as the enthusiasm which naturally overcomes anyone who visits the Holy Land; for those who have not had this pleasure, I hope this discussion will entice you to consider participating in the program next year.

Jerusalem is by far the most interesting and beautiful place that I have ever traveled to. The Armenian Patriarchate is a walled City consisting of the Cathedral of St. James, several churches, libraries, a school, social clubs, stores, a monastery, a seminary and a whole neighbor-

hood. Besides the clergy, approximately 200 families live in the vank and in surrounding properties. At any given time you can see members of the clergy walking through the main courtyard dodging the soccer balls of the young children.

The Patriarchate is undergoing major renovation and rebuilding. There are construction and renovation projects going on all over the vank. The interns were responsible for the pre-renovation clean-up of Soorp Prgitch, a monastery located just outside the city wall.

This light manual labor consisted of the clearing out and cleaning of rooms, halls, bathrooms and gardens that had been neglected for years. We were also responsible for the cleaning of headstones, monuments and the tombs of the former Patriarchs of Jerusalem.

In addition to this work, each member of the group also took on a project. Berj Kalajian from New York taught the seminarians daily

art classes. Gary Assadourian, also from New York, taught the seminarians piano and drama. Stephen Sarafian from California was involved in the re-organization of the Gulbenkian and Seminary libraries. Margaret Tomanelli of New York and I were responsible for the filming, scripting, editing and overall production of an informative and ultimately fundraising video about the Patriarchate.

In return for our work, the Patriarchate provided us with beautifully renovated apartments, meals, daily Armenian classes, guided tours and trips in the Holy Land.

To expand on this a bit, we had the unique opportunity to visit Armenian holdings in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Jaffa, as well as to visit holy sites and historical destinations in and around Jerusalem and throughout Israel, including the Holy Sepulcher, Via Dolorosa, the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Tiberius, Jericho, the Dome of the Rock, Cana, the

Walling Wall, Nazereth and Qumran. These tours were especially interesting because we were always accompanied by members of the clergy who, of course, were very knowledgeable and very giving of their time and talents.

Having never traveled to Jerusalem, I was constantly awed by the strong presence of the Armenian church in the most holy places in Christianity. The feeling of pride that I felt both culturally and spiritually is very difficult to express.

The Jerusalem Internship Program is a wonderful vehicle for participants to tangibly assist their church, to gain an understanding of the workings of the Patriarchate and its importance in the historical center of Christianity. It also affords individuals the opportunity to be a part of the large Armenian community in and around the vank and to visit Christian Holy sites which are so important to the development of our faith.

I cannot recommend this pro-

gram to you enough. It was the most exciting, fulfilling and rewarding experience of my life and I hope that each and everyone of you will consider participating in it. I guarantee that it will be an adventure that you will never forget.

On behalf of the participants of the Jerusalem Internship program, I would like to thank Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Fr. Mardiros Chevian—Director of the Department of Youth Ministry—the ACYOA, and the Dadourian Family for their support of this program. Also thanks to Deacon Serop Aljalian, for being a wonderful leader and for providing comic relief when needed, and of course, to His Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, for his support and hospitality.

While I gave of my time and experience, what I received on a personal, cultural and spiritual level, far surpassed what I gave or could ever give and far surpassed my wildest expectations.



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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

Department of Youth Ministry

February 25, 1993

Miss Lisa Mardigian
Youth Coordinator
St. John's Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Lisa:

I would like to commend you and your ACYOA Project Youth members on your continued success. The guidance given by Father Paren and yourself has paid off tremendously and I know your future can only get better.

I am writing to inquire as to whether the St. John's ACYOA Juniors would be interested in hosting an event in the near future. The Department of Youth Ministry would like to offer its assistance to you and your group in planning an ACYOA Juniors Retreat and Recreation Weekend or Sports Weekend. To such an event you may want to invite youth from nearby Toronto and Cleveland.

Carl Bardakian, a student at the University of Michigan, would be an excellent resource in organizing such a program. He has a lot of experience in planning such events and I am sure that he would be helpful to Father Paren and you.

Please write or call me as soon as possible regarding this issue. I feel St. John's parish could successfully host such an event. I will be pleased to assist you in any way.

Sincerely,

Stephen P. Megrđichian
Youth Coordinator

cc: Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian
Pastor



ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

Central Council

630 Second Avenue

New York, New York 10016

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July 29, 1993

Dear ACYOA Chapter President:

The ACYOA Central Council and the Watertown ACYOA host chapter invite you to participate in the 1993 ACYOA General Assembly which is to convene on Wednesday, September 1, 1993, at 7:00 PM, at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, in Boston, Massachusetts (continuing through Friday, September 3, 1993).

His Eminence, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America and President of the ACYOA, shall preside over and address the Assembly.

Voting Delegates to the Assembly include:

- Each Chapter's President (the Parish Priest or if none, the Parish Council Chairman);
- Each Chapter Chairman; and
- Elected Delegates from each chapter (the number of which is based on chapter dues-paid membership for 1992; see ACYOA Constitution, Article 10, Sec. 2).

Although every parish and chapter is urged to send representatives to the General Assembly, only delegates from chapters in good standing may vote. To be in good standing, chapter dues must be current. Your Chapter Chairman has received a letter indicating the number of delegates to which your chapter is entitled as based on our updated records.

The ACYOA Central Council looks forward to seeing you!

Please call me if
you have questions:

(203) 523-7773 (days)
(203) 667-4552 (eves)

Most sincerely,

Charles H. Shooshan III
Central Council Chairman

Note: Although your Chapter Chairman has been sent delegate credential forms, I have enclosed extras with this letter.

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January 28, 1993

Dear ACYOA Junior members and parents:

This year the ACYOA Juniors chapters of St. Leon and St. Thomas Armenian Churches are proud to start a new tradition. The host committee has decided to initiate the Retreat and Recreation Weekend on February 12-14, 1993 to be held at the Archdiocesan Youth Center in Kearny, New Jersey. We feel this additional letter will inform you even more of the specifics of this promising weekend.

The weekend will provide the opportunity for Armenian youth to gather together to meet other youth and to renew old friendships. Our committee is happy to announce that the Reverend Father Mardiros Chevian will be the retreat leader for the weekend. The theme of the retreat will be "Blessed are the Pure in Heart."

Please be informed that the Youth Coordinator of the Department of Youth Ministry, Mr. Stephen Megrđichian, as well as five adults from the host parishes will serve as chaperones during the weekend. It is expected that Juniors from other parishes attending the weekend will also be accompanied by at least one chaperone.

Please find the enclosed directions to the Youth Center, along with the registration form and the schedule of events.

Please send in your registration forms by February 6th to the following address:

Taline Sessetian
187 Villanova Drive
Paramus, New Jersey 07652
(201) 447-7048

Due to limited space at the Youth Center, we can only accommodate 70 people. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the following people:

Taline Sessetian	(201) 447-7048
Suzanne Demirdjian	(201) 327-5793
Patti Toofangjian	(201) 703-9756
Stephen Megrđichian	(212) 686-0710

Sincerely,

Taline Sessetian
1993 Retreat and Recreation Weekend Chairperson

His Eminence
Archbishop Khajag
Bassamian

Primate

from: Fr Zaven Arzumanyan
St David, Florida

St. David Armenian Church

June 7, 1993

Ms. Christine K. Shooshan
ACYOA - Central Council
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Ms. Shooshan:

I am writing this letter on behalf of St. David Armenian Church in Boca Raton, Florida, and specifically for the ACYOA of this church. I am currently on the Parish Council and hold the office of Treasurer.

Recently I obtained all of the financial records concerning the 1991 ACYOA National Anniversary Ball, held here in Boca Raton. I have reviewed their records and was able to ascertain that all expenses incurred were properly documented, with only a few minor dollar amount invoices not in file. I also took note that the Central Council gave the local ACYOA "seed" money of \$1,000., and also advanced an additional \$4,350. to help them pay their bills on a timely basis while they were still receiving deposits from the participants.

Those are the major facts that I was able to ascertain from the financial records that I reviewed.

After reviewing all the invoices, the prime concern that I had was with the printing bills, specifically those payable to Printcrafters Inc., for the printing of material for the ball. I have attached copies of all their invoices; please note that the total to Printcrafters was in excess of \$5,000. Shipping costs alone of approximately \$250.00 could have been avoided if printing was done locally. Why was a printer in Philadelphia selected for material to be used in Florida, when we have many fine printers here locally? Who made this selection? I was told that the local ACYOA was not involved in the selection process. Quantities printed were excessive and many errors and omissions were noted in the final product, too late for any changes to be made. Although objections were raised, nothing was done to give the local chapter support in their displeasure. The opinion here was that the excessive costs should not have been incurred and that the Central Council should have assisted the local chapter in some sort of relief. At the end of the ball, and at the conclusion of paying all bills, receiving all payments, making refunds, etc., the local chapter had approximately \$1,800. left in its treasury and still owed the Central Council \$2,175. The ACYOA was then advised by the Parish Council to close their account as they were also incurring service charges from the bank and their balance was slowly decreasing.

Rev. Dr. Zaven Arzoumanian, Pastor

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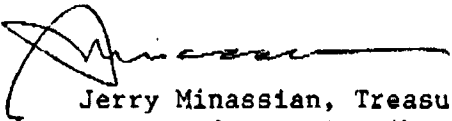
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We made every good faith effort to get this problem resolved over a year ago and I personally wrote to Charles Shooshan and copied Papken Maksoudian requesting information about the status of the account and never received a response.

Since the ACYOA closed their books and are extremely disappointed with the financial results, they asked the Parish Council to assist them in clearing this matter. Not only did they not gain any financial rewards, but stand to lose money on the whole affair. All their work to make the affair a success, becomes meaningless. Several members have voiced their opinion that they would never again get involved as hosts in such an affair.

I would appreciate your comments as we are anxious to conclude this matter in a manner that would be acceptable to all parties involved.

Sincerely,



Jerry Minassian, Treasurer
St. David Armenian Church
Boca Raton, Florida

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St. David Armenian Church

September 15, 1993

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
MS. Christine K. Shooshan
ACYOA, Central Council
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Ms. Shooshan:

On June 7, 1993, I wrote to you on behalf of the ACYOA of St. David Armenian Church and the dispute that has existed since the local chapter sponsored the 1991 Anniversary Ball.

At that time, I outlined for you the chain of events that took place. Since I have not heard from you since my letter of June 7, I presume the issue is no longer in dispute and therefore we have closed our files on this matter.

Sincerely,



Jerry Minassian, Treasurer
St. David Armenian Church

Rev. Dr. Zaven Arzoumanian, Pastor

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