

ST. VARTANANTZ
ARMENIAN CHURCH

60 Lawrence Street
Lowell, Mass.

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Pastor —

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August 8, 1963

Rev. Krikor Hairabedian
652 Wilder Stt
Lowell, Mass.

Dear Rev. Hairabedian:

At a meeting of the Church Council on Thursday evening, August 8th, 1963, it was voted unanimously to pay you a salary of \$80.00 a week.

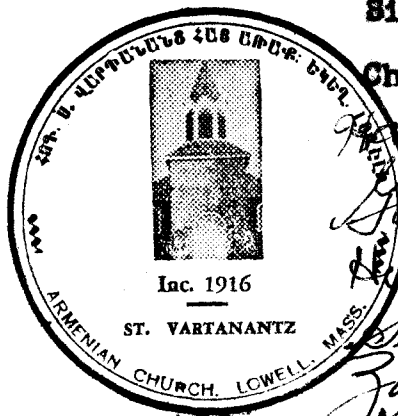
The church will assume the payments on the mortgage, the water bill and the house insurance.

The sum of \$6.40 per week will be sent to the diocese, by us to cover the cost of your retirement fund.

Sincerely yours,

Church Council

CC: Arch Diocese
CC: Parish Council



Handwritten signatures:
Hagop Barchakian, Sec. Gen.
Gay C. Koltoukian, Sec.
Arnold Melosian, Treas.
Sahag Mangian, Ass. Treas.
Zaven A. Kudjian
Krikor F. Minosian
Margaret Sarahedian

August 2, 1976

The Very Reverent Ghevont Samoorian
Pastor, Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church
180 Olde Westford Road
Chelmsford, Massachusetts 01824

Dear Father Ghevont:

In the past month we have not received minutes of the meetings of your parish council, as we had directed. We have been given the reason that no council meetings have been held.

Since we cannot understand how a parish can be administered without regularly held meetings of the parish council, we direct that your council meet at least twice a month, with the minutes of each meeting sent to us promptly.

If council meetings are held jointly with the Building Committee, such minutes must also be sent to us.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc. Mr. Harold Maloomian
Parish Council Chairman

October 26, 1976

The Very Reverend Ghevont Samoorian
Pastor and President of Parish Council
Saints Vartanantz Armenian Church
180 Old Westford Road
Chelmsford, Massachusetts 01824

Dear Father Ghevont:

We have enclosed a copy of a map which marks off the geographical boundaries of your parish in relation to the sister parishes of Haverhill and Lawrence. Also included is a listing of the towns and areas in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont that belong in each jurisdiction.

These subdivisions must be respected according to the following conditions:

1. If a parishioner voluntarily seeks to become a member of any parish, even outside a prescribed jurisdiction, he cannot be prevented from doing so.
2. No parish may actively solicit or otherwise encourage the membership of those who live outside its jurisdiction.
3. If a parishioner moves outside the jurisdiction of a parish, he may, if he so chooses, retain his membership in his old parish despite his new residence outside its jurisdiction.
4. A parish may seek members in areas contiguous to its boundaries if such does not represent infringement on the jurisdiction of other parishes.
5. Any differences that cannot be resolved locally are to be directed to the attention of the Primate.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc. Mr. Harold Maloomian
Parish Council Chairman

May 25, 1977

The Very Reverend Father Ghevont Samoorian
President, ACYOA Sports Weekend 76 Committee
Saints Vartanantz Armenian Church
180 Olde Westford Road
Chelmsford, Massachusetts 01824

Dear Father Ghevont and Members:

We are in receipt of your 51-page Sports Weekend Report and the tastefully executed convocation Yearbook.

We commend you on your exemplary accomplishments as the host chapter of the first convocation of the newly "nationalized" ACYOA.

It is most gratifying to see our youth embarked upon increasingly creative measures for the development of their Armenian experiences. Significant points of your program were the standardizing of athletic competitions by means of adequate facilities and properly credentialed officials; the diversity of social events and tours; the first attempt to introduce cultural and religious programmes; exposing young people from various areas of the country to one common Armenian experience; the proper organization of the banquets and especially awards program; and finally the broad base upon which your public relations was executed.

We can only reflect from a distance upon the many hours, extensive planning and personal labor that was put into the success of Sports Weekend 76; and, feel confident that you have laid down a firm initial foundation upon which future national convocations may develop.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc. Mr. David Onanian, Chairman

March 7, 1977

The Very Reverend Father Ghevont Samoorian
Pastor, Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church
100 Old Westford Road
Chelmsford, Massachusetts 01824

Dear Father Ghevont:

We are happy to inform you that we have given Father Garabed Kochakian the responsibility of organizing a Deacons' Training Program for our Churches in the New England region.

It has long been our wish to initiate such a program on the Diocesan level, and we feel gratified that we can make a beginning now. It is our intention to make comparable appointments for the other regions in our Diocese hopefully sometime in the near future.

After having met with the Central Council of the Association of the Armenian Church Choirs, we have assigned Father Garabed to also organize workshops for the choirs in the region.

We have authorized him to communicate with you directly, and apprise you of his plans. We know that he will be accorded every cooperation in this most important and urgent task.

In both these programs, Father Garabed will serve as liaison with the Primate.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc. Parish Council Chairman
Father Garabed Kochakian
Mr. Raffi Yedhiayan, Chairman of
Choir Central Council

December 31, 1976

The Very Reverend Ghevont Samoorian
Pastor and President of the Parish Council
Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church
180 Olde Westford Street
Chelmsford, Massachusetts 01824

Dear Father Ghevont:

We are pleased to inform you and your Parish Council that the Diocesan Council and the Diocesan Board of Trustees have approved the construction of the Church building, according to the plans as prepared, at a cost of \$170,000 (one hundred and seventy thousand dollars), and that work should begin immediately.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc. Parish Council Chairman

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We hereby certify that at a meeting of the Diocesan Council of the Armenian Church of America, held on March 22, 1976, at the Diocesan Headquarters, 630 Second Avenue, New York, New York 10016, it was decided by a unanimous vote that the decision of the Membership Meeting of the St. Vartanantz Armenian Church of Lowell, Massachusetts, be approved and that the St. Vartanantz Church Parish Council convey the property located at 60 Lawrence Street, Lowell, Massachusetts, and recorded in the Middlesex North District registry of deeds book No. 1258 page 528; and that Mr. Tom Magarian, chairman of the Parish Council, and Mr. Larry Hedison, a member of the Parish Council, are authorized to sign a deed conveying the afore-mentioned premises to Unitas Incorporated.

In the alternative kindly prepare a deed from the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America to the proper purchaser and forward to this Diocese and said deed will be executed and returned forthwith.

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

April 1, 1976

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