

September 27, 1971

✓ Reverend Diran Papazian, Pastor
President of Parish Council
St. John's Armenian Church of
Greater Detroit
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Father Diran:

At the last session on September 23rd, the Diocesan Council discussed with you various particulars concerning the Detroit Parish, as it had done last month with representatives of the Parish Council.

We are now prepared to make a decision affecting your parish, which in our judgment, will resolve the existing difficulties. Before we announce our decision, however, we wish to offer you and your Parish Council a further opportunity to sit together and jointly arrive at a solution you can both approve, even if such a solution is temporary in nature.

We would much prefer acting on your recommendations jointly arrived at, rather than having to impose a solution ourselves. But in either event, we will not delay much longer. We must receive whatever recommendation you can make by October 15th, 1971, so that our future course of action with regard to the Detroit parish may be determined with dispatch.

We pray that the Lord will guide all of you to reasonable and just attitudes that will serve His purpose best.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc: Mr. Michael Megregian

cc: ✓ St. John's Armenian Church File
Crosby M. Goshgarian
Michael Megregian
Father Diran Papazian
Edward Korkoian

November 16, 1971

Mr. Daniel Shahan
22205 Nottingham Drive
Birmingham, Michigan 48010

Dear Mr. Shahan:

Hopefully, you are already aware that we have decided to accede to the Detroit Parish Council's wishes to be permitted to work out an understanding amongst themselves, Pastor and Parish Council Members, for the cooperative and effective administration of church affairs.

We have directed that such a working agreement be developed in a joint meeting of the Parish Council, the Delegates and the Pastors, with Archbishop Sion Manoogian presiding. We would be most pleased if you would accept the appointment as Chairman of that meeting, and any others that may be called for the purpose, if more than one is necessary. We have enclosed a copy of the letter to the Parish Council which contains all the details of our instructions.

May the Lord guide your efforts to conclusions that will strengthen our Church and our understanding of each other.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc: His Eminence
Archbishop Sion Manoogian

November 19, 1971

Reverend Diran Papazian
Pastor
President Parish Council
✓ St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit
22061 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Father Diran:

We are planning our 1972 Regional Meetings well in advance in order to emphasize the increasing importance we associate with them. We want to make certain that our parish council members and delegates have sufficient notice of the meetings we ourselves, Primate and Diocesan Council members, may be able to plan and prepare to attend.

We expect to communicate directly with all involved, prepare and distribute copies of the agenda, and otherwise work for productive meetings. But the first step is the arrangement of the schedule and the consent of the host parish. We have enclosed the schedule which restricts the meetings to a limited period, enabling us to contact all our parishes with as little variance in time as possible, also indicated are the host parishes, of which yours is one.

We urge that you make every effort to accept this schedule, since making any change would involve several areas. We hope also that you will agree to serve as the host parish for your region.

Please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc: Mr. Michael Megregian
Chairman

Enclosure

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St. John's Armenian Church
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REV. DIRAN PAPAZIAN
VERY REV. PAREN AVEDIKIAN
PASTORS

22001 NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY

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PHONE: 356-1910

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SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075

December 8, 1971

The Most Rev. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Your Grace,

Pursuant to your directive dated November 16, 1971, the Pastor(s), Parish Council, and Diocesan Delegates of St. John's Armenian Church, together with the Most Rev. Archbishop Sion Manoogian, have established the enclosed operating procedure to be followed by the Pastor(s) and Parish Council.

In accordance with your request Mr. Daniel Shahan was chairman of the meetings that were held and copies of the minutes are enclosed herein to serve as official confirmation to the agreements that were reached.

We sincerely believe that compliance to the enclosed operating procedure, together with a renewed dedication of purpose by both the Parish Council and Pastor(s), will carry our Parish and Church to greater success and glory. We therefore respectfully request your review and approval.

This letter also confirms the planned meeting in your office on Tuesday, December 14, 1971, with Fr. Diran Papazian and Mr. Michael Megregian.

Yours respectfully,

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Jack Margosian
Secretary, Parish Council

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Daniel Shahan
Diocesan Delegate
Chairman of Special Joint Meeting

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Michael Megregian
Chairman, Parish Council

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Archbishop Sion Manoogian
Bishop in Residence,
President of Special Joint Meeting

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Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian
Pastor

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Very Rev. Paren Avedikian
Assistant Pastor

cc: Mr. C. M. Goshgarian, Chairman of Diocesan Council

March 1, 1972

The Reverend Diran Papazian
Pastor
President of Parish Council
St. John Armenian Church of Detroit
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Father Diran:

I have enclosed a recording and other material concerning Harpist Susanna Mildonian from Belgium about whom I spoke to Father Paren on the phone. Susanna is an outstanding performer and I urge that whatever is possible be done for a concert sometime in late April.

She will be performing at the Cathedral on April 24, and we would like to arrange further concerts in Detroit, Philadelphia and Boston anytime one week whether before or one week after our date. I imagine weekends are best for such a concert, but the weekday evenings can also be considered.

We have been assured by Susanna's manager that he will help in local promotion through harp societies, etc., and so assure a certain number of non Armenian attendance.

As I said there will be a cost of between \$600 and \$650, which includes transportation, fee, everything. We feel it is well worth it, and that with appropriate attendance, a good income could also be assured for the church.

May I urge your most sympathetic consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Michael Megregian
Chairman

cc: DEACON KASPARIAN

May 22, 1972

The Reverend Diran Papazian
Pastor
President of Parish Council
St. John Armentan Church of
Greater Detroit
✓ 22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Father Diran:

We are informed by seminarian Michael Ohanesian regarding the possibility of his working with you and Father Paren this summer in any capacity in which he may of service to your Church and community. We are aware of Michael's special interest in ministry to the sick and the aged.

We approve and appreciate this arrangement, as it will not only expose Michael to parish life, but also that his services will be helpful to your Church. We ask God's blessings upon all your worthy endeavors.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc: Mr. Michael Ohanesian

August 2, 1972

The Reverend Diran Papazian
Pastor
President of Parish Council
St. John Armenian Church
of Greater Detroit
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Father Diran:

His Grace, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian will be visiting your parish on Wednesday, August 9th, 1972.

He will leave Cleveland that day on North Central Airlines flight 345 which departs at 1:05 p.m., and will arrive in Detroit at 12:40 p.m. On Thursday, August 10th, His Grace will leave for Boston at 11:10 a.m.

We ask that you please make the necessary arrangements with regard to meeting him at the airport and his stay in Detroit.

His Grace has requested that a meeting with the Parish Council of your Church be arranged for Wednesday evening, and that you please apprise him of the scheduled time.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Michael Megregian
Parish Council Chairman

March 24, 1972

The Reverend Diran Papazian
Pastor
President of Parish Council
St. John Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Father Diran:

We are most grateful for your parish's remittance of \$7,000.00 for the emergency drive of the Diocese to cover its deficit of 1971.

The spirit of your response was most encouraging and appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian
Executive Director

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Michael Megregian
Chairman

August 11, 1972

The Reverend Diran Papazian
Pastor
President of Parish Council
✓ St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Father Diran:

We are planning our 1972 fall Regional Meetings well in advance to make certain that our Parish Council members and Diocesan Delegates have sufficient notice of the meetings.

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We urge that you make every effort to accept this schedule, since making any changes would involve several areas. We hope also that you will agree to serve as the host parish for your Regional Meeting.

Please let us hear from you as soon as possible.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

ATM/ec

cc: Mr. Michael Megregian

Enclosure

August 23, 1972

The Very Reverend Paren Avedikian
Assistant Pastor
St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Father Paren:

How would it be if we brought the coin exhibit out to Detroit sometime in September, at no cost to your parish? It is possible that we can get a generous donor to pay the bill.

This is only because we are anxious to get our Armenian values before our people, and to give our parishes some valuable programs. Please bring this to the attention of your cultural committee, and let me know.

If the answer is yes, have someone send me a floor sketch of the room it is going to be in, with windows and doors clearly marked, so that we may make necessary preliminary plans. Also what cases will be available to us for the coins.

I hope to hear affirmatively.

Last weekend we set the show up in Montreal and it was very impressive.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian
Executive Director

JA/ec

cc: Mr. Michael Negregian

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August 25, 1972

The Reverend Diran Papazian
Pastor
President of Parish Council
✓ St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Father Diran:

In May of 1973 a major Festival-Bazaar will be presented at our Diocesan Headquarters, as a way of assuring a substantial income for the Diocese, and also as one of the programs to celebrate our 75th Anniversary.

We have appointed Mrs. Edward Agababian and Dr. Nikit Ordjanian as Co-Chairmen of this function.

They will approach you directly in the near future in order to develop ways in which some of your parishioners might participate.

We urge that they be shown every courtesy and cooperation.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manougian
Primate

ATM/ec

cc: ✓ Mr. Michael Megregian

September 15, 1972

The Very Reverend Paren Avedikian
Pastor
President of Parish Council
St. John Armenian Church
of Greater Detroit
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Father Paren:

We regret that we cannot be with you on the occasion of the testimonial banquet being tendered in honor of Father Diran Papaxian by the Detroit community on the 15th of October.

We have designated Mr. Edward Korkeian to be the representative of the Diocesan Council and express, on our behalf, our sincere best wishes for Father Diran's continued leadership and future accomplishments in the sacred task of serving our Lord, our Church and our people.

Throughout the fifteen years, his dedicated service to our Church and our Diocese has been truly appreciated, and we pray that he will continue his efforts with the Lord's blessings always.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoegian
Primate

cc: Mr. Edward Korkeian



DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 212 686-0710

January 30, 1973

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

The Reverend Paren Avedikian
Pastor
President of the Parish Council
St. John's Armenian Church
of Greater Detroit
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Father Paren:

We have received your letter of January 15, 1973,
and address ourselves to the questions posed.

The Primate and the Diocesan Council have the unequivocal
right to assign and transfer priests of the Diocese. A Parish
Assembly has no authority whatever to review such decisions.
Since it cannot be considered, it cannot be placed on the agenda,
nor discussed under new business.

The Parish Assembly cannot offer a resolution to the Diocesan
Assembly on reassignments, because this is beyond the province of
the Assembly, since the By-Laws provide the procedures for this.

The Parish Assembly may offer an amendment to the By-Laws
affecting the assignment and transfer of priests. If such a
change is introduced and adopted, we shall all -- Primate,
Diocesan Assembly and Parish Council -- abide by it, as we must
abide by the By-Laws now and at all times.

We hope this provides the necessary clarification of the
issue posed.

Prayerfully,

Abp. Torkom Manoogian

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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cc: Mr. Michael Megregian
Chairman, Parish Council

January 30, 1973

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Mancoqian
Primate

ATM/smmr. Michael Negregian
Chairman, Parish Council

cc:

February 14, 1974

Dr. Dennis Papazian, Chairman
Alex Manoogian Cultural Fund
4901 Evergreen
Dearborn, Michigan 48128

Dear Dr. Papazian:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of St. Nersess School, once again we turn to the Alex Manoogian Fund for a contribution toward the realization of a recruiting program which St. Nersess School will conduct this summer with the participation of our seminarians. Plans are being made to send the seminarians on a "mission journey" throughout the Eastern Diocese.

With four graduates in five years since moving the School to New York and three additional graduates in May of this year, there seems to be a growing interest among our people to know more about the School and the seminarians, their future clergymen or church workers. In response to this need and with the hope of motivating other young people to enter the priesthood or other church vocations, we consider this mission very essential to the benefit of the Armenian community. The seminarians themselves are serious young men who are devoting their time and energy for the fulfillment of this project.

The School does not have funds for this project because it operates on a tight budget. This is the reason why we are turning to you for a contribution of \$2000 to \$2500 to defray the expenses of the journey involving six seminarians visiting 32 parishes in our Diocese.

The Board of Directors of St. Nersess School will indeed be grateful and appreciative if you would give this matter your positive consideration.

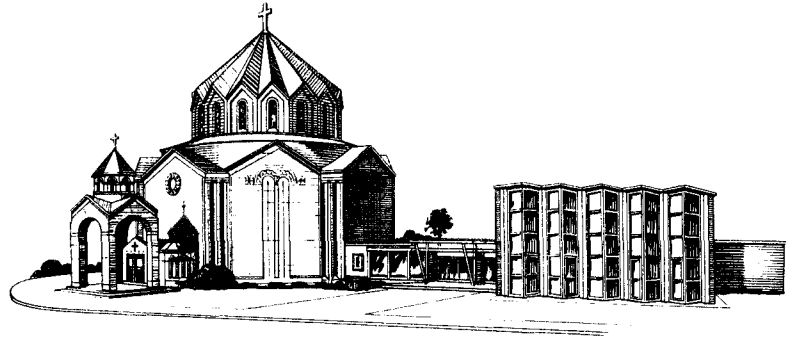
Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

bcc: Deacon Kasparian
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St. John's Armenian Church
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VERY REV. PAREN AVEDIKIAN
PASTOR

22001 NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY

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PHONE: 356-1910

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SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075

February 13, 1975

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

Your Eminence,

I am in receipt of the copy of your letter of December 19, 1974, to our Pastor, Father Paren Avedikian regarding the relative roles of Pastor and Assistant Pastor in some specific Parish roles.

The Detroit Parish in the past has had more than one clergyman serving the Parish and our experience with this situation is our guide today. Thus we think that it is better for both the clergymen and the Parish Council that only the Pastor be present at our Council meetings. It was for this reason that the Parish Council of St. John's asked our Pastor to prepare a written document to define as many of the responsibilities and functions as possible.


This document was discussed with Father Michael in its entirety and was accepted by him before his appointment and acceptance of the position of Assistant Pastor of St. John's.

This document was also accepted and reconfirmed by Your Grace in the clarified version of October 1, 1974. Although every possible situation that may arise cannot be covered by a document, yet on the other hand, there will be no validity in a document if points agreed upon are to be changed at will.

We shall continue to conduct our meetings with only one clergyman present, the Pastor or with the Pastor's prior consent the Assistant Pastor in his absence.

Submitting these to Your Grace's consideration, I remain,

Respectfully yours,


Harry Terzian
Chairman, Parish Council
of
St. John's Armenian Church

HT/rb

February 19, 1975

Very Rev. Paren Avedikian
Pastor
St. John Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Fr. Paren:

The Primate asked me to communicate to you the formula on the basis of which assessment ratios were determined. This was done on statistics furnished by the parishes three years ago. We attempted to bring the figures up to date, and recompute the assessments, but were unable to do so because parishes did not provide the necessary information in the form needed.

In any event the formula is as follows:

In the computation of the proportion of each parishes obligation of the total assessment figure, 50% weight was given to the income of the parish, 25% weight to membership, 15% to the size of the community based on the mailing list, and 10% to the presence of a full-time pastor.

It was on this basis that the assessment ratios were determined.

The Primate also asked me to urge that you, Harry and Armen get together as soon as possible if you are to prepare a new system for the consideration of the Diocesan Council.

We will look forward to hearing from you before March 12 when the Council next meets.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian

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VERY REV. PAREN AVEDIKIAN
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22001 NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY



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SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075

June 17, 1975

Mr. Nubar Kupelian
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Nubar,

Surpazan Hayr asked me to send the following to you:

- a. Detroit's Proposed Assessment System (12 copies).
- b. ACYOA New Revised Constitution, submitted by the Revision Committee, Fr. Dajad and myself, (20 copies).
- c. The last section of the Diocesan Council Meeting Minutes (One copy).

As you notice in the minutes it was the desire of the Council that these items should be sent to the Diocesan Council Members before the meeting so that they may have a chance to study them prior to the meeting.

That is all for now. Thank you.

Prayerfully,

Fr. Paren Avedikian

Fr. Paren Avedikian

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May 12, 1976

Mr. Harry Terzian
Chairman, Parish Council
St. John Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Mr. Terzian:

We are looking forward to our visit to your parish on the May 23 weekend, when the rank of Dzayrakouyn Vartabed will be bestowed on your pastor, Father Paren.

We will be arriving on May 23 at 3:01 p.m., via American Airlines flight 521, and are scheduled to leave for New York on May 24 at 12:30 p.m. via American Airlines flight 478.

We wish to inform you also that your assistant pastor, Father Michael, has been accorded the privilege of wearing the Pectoral Cross.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian
Clergyman In Residence

Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian
Pastor

Rev. Fr. Michael Buttero
Assistant Pastor

22001 NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY



PHONE (313) 569-3405



SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075

December 6, 1977

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

Your Eminence,

Your decision to re-assign our Assistant Pastor, Rev. Fr. Michael Buttero, and our Clergyman in Residence, Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian to other parishes has left St. John's Armenian Church of Greater Detroit in need of an additional clergyman.

Although we are pleased that both Fr. Baret and Fr. Michael will be Pastors of their own parishes, the timing of these transfers has left us with a void that should not remain unfilled.

The Parish Council of St. John's Armenian Church of Greater Detroit asks that you consider the needs of our parish and make a clergyman available to us in order to fulfill the requirements of the vast number of people that are associated with our parish.

Requesting a favorable response, I remain,

Very truly yours,

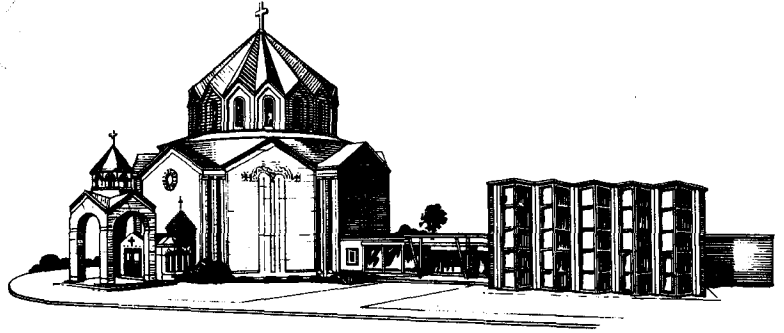
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Harry Terzian
Chairman, Parish Council

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VERY REV. FR. PAREN AVEDIKIAN
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SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075

August 17, 1978

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

Your Eminence:

On behalf of the Parish Council of St. John's Armenian Church, I would like to express to Your Eminence our appreciation for your concern for the welfare of our Parish in your attempt to fill the position of Assistant Pastor, by recommending Rev. Fr. Garen Gdanian and Rev. Fr. Arsen Barsamian.

The Parish Council of St. John's had an opportunity to interview both of these clergymen individually, and at its Special Meeting on August 15, 1978, convened especially to review their interviews with both of the above clergymen, decided that both of these candidates are honest and sincere individuals. The Parish Council decided further that at this time rather than voting in favor or against the acceptability of these clergymen, they would defer judgment on them.

Moreover, the Parish Council decided to ask Your Eminence to submit names of other candidates to be interviewed for the position of the Assistant Pastor. A judgment will then be made on all candidates.

For the record, I wish to state that at the above Special Meeting, the Parish Council discussed the possibility of the assignment of the Very Rev. Fr. Viken Aykazian to our Parish in the future, and independently of this makes the above request for additional candidates to interview for the position of Assistant Pastor.

Informing these decisions to Your Eminence, and awaiting for your economy, I remain,

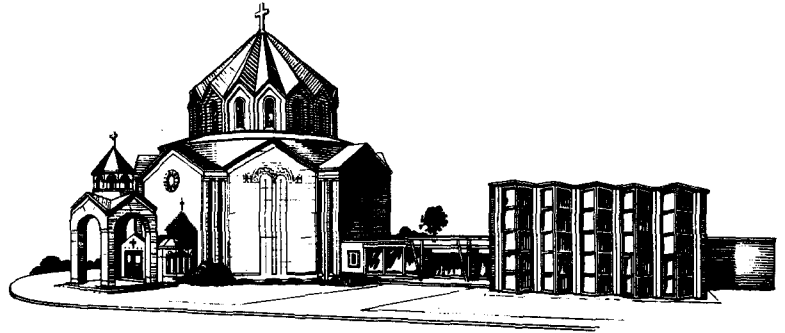
Respectfully yours,

Fr. Paren Avedikian
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Pastor

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VERY REV. FR. PAREN AVEDIKIAN
PASTOR

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SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075

December 28, 1978

His Eminence,
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10016

Your Eminence:

At its meeting of December 19, 1978, the Parish Council of St. John's Armenian Church reevaluated the issue of selecting an Assistant Pastor from among the two candidates who were being considered for the position, namely, Father Arsen Barsamian and Father Garen Gdanian.

It was decided by a majority vote that, at the present time, neither of the candidates would fulfill the qualifications and expectations of the St. John's Parish.

May I remind you, however, that our Parish is still in need of an Assistant Pastor.

Respectfully,

Father Paren Avedikian
Pastor

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Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian
Pastor

22001 NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY



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February 4, 1980

His Eminence,
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10016

Your Eminence:

On behalf of the Parish Council and the parishioners of St. John's Armenian Church, I would like to express our gratitude for the visit of Your Eminence to our community on January 12, 13, and 14 as your official visit to our Parish.

I am sorry that we were unable to proceed with the plans for the ground breaking for our building project during the occasion of Your Eminence's visit. Hopefully, within a few weeks the ground breaking can take place. I will inform Your Eminence in advance of the date so that you can be with us for this occasion.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our community to worship with Your Eminence and to hear your message in the Church. We hope that the blessing of the Lord will be bestowed upon us and increase in us so that we may be able to receive the blessing of the Lord within our nation.

We are enclosing two checks which represent an honorarium to Your Eminence and the reimbursement to the Diocese for your air fare.

Thanking you again for your visit, and wishing you good health and continued strength to provide leadership to our Diocese, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Fr. Paren Avedikian
Father Paren Avedikian
Pastor

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April 30, 1980

The Very Reverend Father Paren Avedikian
Pastor and President of the Parish Council
St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit
22001 Southwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Father Paren:

We are pleased to inform you and your Parish Council that the Diocesan Council and the Board of Trustees have approved the sale of the 4.75 acres of land located in Sterling Heights, Michigan, owned by St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit, Southfield, Michigan, at the current market value, but not less than \$18,000.00 (eighteen thousand dollars).

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

November 25, 1980

The Very Reverend Father Paren Avedikian
Pastor, St. John Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Father Paren:

This is to inform you that His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian is scheduled to arrive in Detroit on Monday, December 15, 1980, at 2:05 p.m. on USAIR flight 197. He will leave for New York City on Tuesday, December 16, 1980 at 11:00 a.m. on American airlines flight 190.

Yours respectfully,

Sylvia Terzibashian
Secretary to the Primate

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January 30, 1981

His Eminence,
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Ave.
New York, N. Y. 10016

Your Eminence:

On behalf of the Armenian Community of Detroit and the Armenian Memorial Monument Committee of Greater Detroit, I officially invite you to participate in the unveiling ceremonies of the Martyrs Memorial Statue in Downtown Detroit on Easter Sunday, April 19, 1981 at 5:00 P.M. Gomidas Vartabed has been selected to represent the suffering of our people during the massacres.

✓ We are asking that you pray for the souls of the departed as well as deliver a brief address, 3-5 minutes in duration, at an appropriate time during the ceremonies. In order to avoid any possible problems regarding the participation of other clergymen, we will dispense with the complete requiem service. The possibility exists that the gathering will be asked to join in the singing of the EeVerin Yeroosaghem and Hayr Mer.

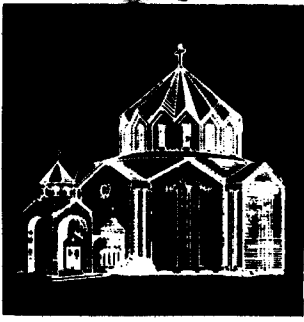
This is our initial invitation to Your Eminence. Within a short time, you will receive further communication regarding the occasion, either from me or from the Committee Chairman.

Respectfully,

Fs. Paren Avedikian

Father Paren Avedikian
Pastor

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ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC SOCIETY, INC.

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May 7, 1981

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Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Please join us at a Champagne Reception and Dinner on Tuesday, June 16, 1981, 6:30 P.M., at the Church Cultural Building. This fund-raising event has been planned by the Armenian Apostolic Society for all those who wish to pledge a minimum of \$500.00 for a two year period towards the expansion of the St. John's Armenian Church Complex.

Our Youth Center - Senior Citizens Facility along with the Gymnasium will be a reality by July, 1981. Contributions from parishioners and friends, like yourself, encouraged us to commence with the development of the multi-phased project which will include the Kitchen, Multi-Purpose Meeting Rooms, Museum and Library. The expanded St. John's Complex will serve all of us, and for this reason, we are certain that you, too, will want to be a part of this dynamic project.

Share in the future of the dynamic St. John's Community by adding your name to the growing list of supporters. Please call the Church Office for your reservation prior to June 1.

We look forward to the pleasure of your company at the Champagne Reception and Dinner on Tuesday, June 16, 1981.

Sincerely,

Alex Manoogian
Chairman

Edward Mardigian
President

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