

INVITATION
TO THE PARISH ASSEMBLY OF
ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT
Southfield, Michigan

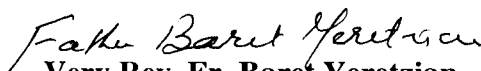
Friday, February 21, 1996, 7:30p.m.

AT THE CHURCH CULTURAL HALL
22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075

AGENDA

1. Invocation and Call to Order
 2. Verification of the Eligibility of Members and Quorum*
 3. Elections**
 - a. Election of Parish Assembly officers, Chairman and Secretary of the Day
 - b. Partial Election of Parish Council (5)
 - c. Election of Auditor (1)
 - d. Election of Nominating Committee (5)
 4. Election results of Chairman and Secretary of the Day
 5. Minutes of the 1996 Annual Parish Assembly
 6. 1996 Annual Report - Questions and Answers
- Note: No oral reports will be given at this meeting by the Pastor, Parish Council, Church Auxiliary Organizations and on Auxiliary Organizations' Financial Reports for 1996.
7.
 - a. New Business: In Lieu of Flowers
 - b. Other New Business
 8. Review of 1996 Financial Report
 9. Review and Approval of 1997 Budget
 10. Election Results
 11. Pastor's Closing Message, Prayer for the Deceased and Benediction
 12. Adjournment and Refreshments


Jane Hovsepian
Parish Council Secretary


Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretizian
President


Edward H. Korkolian
Parish Council Chairman

**According to the decision of the 1994 Parish Assembly, annual dues of \$175.00 per individual and \$350.00 per couple must be paid no later than December 31st in order to vote at the Annual Parish Assembly. The Parish Council requests that only Registered Members of St. John's Armenian Church be present at this meeting.*

***By ruling of the 1986 Parish Assembly the balloting will be closed at 9:30p.m.*

1997 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Annual Parish Assembly of St. John's Armenian Church will be held on February 21, 1997 at 7:30p.m. at the Church Cultural Building. All dues-paying members whose dues were paid in full by December 31, 1996 are invited to participate. In accordance with the decision of the 1993 Parish Assembly, the minimum pledge of \$175.00 per individual member and \$350.00 per couple. Results of the election will be announced at the conclusion of the meeting. The following revised list of candidates for each position is herewith presented by the 1996 Nominating Committee.

CHAIRMAN OF THE DAY



John Jamian

Church Member:

20 years

Service to Church:

Usher Corps, 6 years, Chairman of 1994 Assembly, 1 year

Church Organizations:

A.C.Y.O.A. Junior, 4 years (various offices held); A.C.Y.O.A., 4 years; Men's Society, 7 years;

Occupation:

Legislature - Michigan House of Representatives



Gloria Korkoian

Church Member:

14 years

Service to Church:

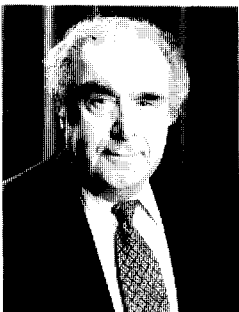
Parish Assembly, Secretary of the Day, 1993, 1995, 1996.

Church Organizations:

A.C.Y.O.A., 8 years; Women's Guild, 5 years.

Occupation:

Project Manager Hughes Network Systems.



Arthur S. Mardigian

Church Member:

38 years

Service to the Church:

Parish Council, 12 years, Chairman-6 years; Chairman of 1996 Parish Assembly, 1 year; Diocesan Delegate, 19 years, Chairman of 1995 Assembly, By-Laws Committee - Chairman, Vice Chairman of 1996 Assembly, Vice Chairman of 1990 Assembly, Budgets Committee, Proposals Committee, Nominating Committee-Chairman, Auditing Committee; Diocesan Council, 4 years, Treasurer-2 years, Assistant Treasurer-2 years, Diocesan Assembly Committee, Parish Council Liaison, 1 year; Bazaar Chairman, 1 year; Southfield Festival, Chairman, 1 year; Riverfront Festival, Transportation Chairman, 1 year; Youth Activities, 8 years, Director-5 years; Usher Corps, Leader-5 years; Bingo Committee, 10 years.

Church Organizations:

A.C.Y.O.A. - Project Youth, 3 years; A.C.Y.O.A., 6 years, Vice Chairman; Men's Society, Charter Member.

Occupation:

Plant Manager

SECRETARY OF THE DAY



Alex Z. Alexanian

Service to Church:

Church School Assistant, 1 year; Church School Graduate.

Church Organizations:

A.C.Y.O Juniors Project Youth, 5 years, Co-Chairman, 1 year; A.C.Y.O.A., 3 years; St. John's Overnight Camp Counselor, 3 years.

Occupation:

College Student (Industrial Design)



Onnig Boyajian

Church Member:

15 years

Service to Church:

Choir, 19 years, Advisor/Treasurer; Parish Council, 2 years.

Church Organizations:

Choir, 19 years; Men's Society



Alberta Godoshian

Church Member:

41 years

Service to Church:

Parish Council, 4 years, Vice Chairman Church School, 31 years, Teacher/Board; St. John's Armenian School, 7 years, Teacher/Board.

Church Organizations:

Women's Guild, 16 years, Golf Outing Chairman-2 years, Mother-Daughter Banquet Chairman-2 years



Edward H. Korkoian

Church Member:

38 years

Service to Church:

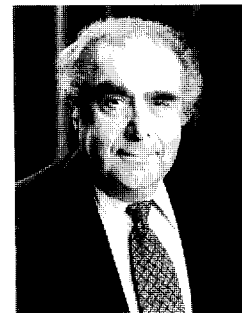
Parish Council, 10 years, Chairman-2 years; Secretary & Treasurer. Diocesan Delegate, 1 year; Church School Teacher, 1 year.

Church Organizations:

Men's Society, 30 years, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer; Mr. & Mrs., 10 years; A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors & Juniors, 10 years; Church School Teacher, 1 year.

Occupation:

Funeral Director



Arthur S. Mardigian

See Biography for Chairman of the Day



Janet Mardigian
Church Member:
Service to Church:
Church Organizations:

28 years
 Church School Teacher, 1 year
 St. John's Special Projects Building Fund Group, 3 years, Treasurer-2 years; Women's Guild, 10 years; Mr. & Mrs., 10 years, President, 1 year.

Occupation: Homemaker



Lazarus M. Surabian
Church Member:
Service to Church:
Organization:

4 years
 1996 Nominating Committee
 Fund Raisers Committee



Janice Torosian
Church Member:
Service to Church:

10 years
 Church Auditor, 2 years; Church School Teacher, 2 years.

Occupation: Sales

NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Richard Baylerian
Church Member:
Service to Church:
Church Organization:

29 years
 Nominating Committee, 1 year.
 A.C.Y.O.A. Junior, Treasurer-2 years; Mr. & Mrs. Society, 2 years, 1st Chairman-2 years; Youth Sports Coach-10 years; Men's Society-1 year; Fund Raisers Committee, 1 year.

Occupation: Pharmacist

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Stephen Dakhlian
Church Member:
Service to Church:
Church Organizations:
Occupation:

25 years
 Church School Graduate; Church School Teacher, 5 years.
 A.C.Y.O.A. , 12 years;
 Pharmacist

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Agnes Dourjalian
Church Member:
Church Organization:
Occupation:

44 years
 Women's Guild, 23 years, Chairman of Various Committees
 Retired - Secretary of State's Office



Ara Ekizian

Church Member:
Service to Church:

over 30 years
Bazaar Committee; Waterfront Festival Committee;
Church Picnic Committee; New Years Eve
Committee

Church Organization:

A.C.Y.O.A. Junior, Treasurer, Vice Chairman,
Chairman; A.C.Y.O.A. Senior, Vice Chairman; Mr.
& Mrs. Society, Chairman.

Occupation:

Retired



George Kurajian Jr.

Church Member:
Service to Church:
Church Organizations:
Occupation:

11 years
Acolyte, 4 years
A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors; A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors
Self Employed



Linda Mavian Mycek

Church Member:
Service to Church:
Church Organization:
Occupation:

40 years
Church School Teacher, 1 year
A.C.Y.O.A., 5 years
Administrative Assistant at Ford Motor

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Margaret Oknaian

Church Member:
Service to Church:
Church Organizations:
Occupation:

30 years
Riverfront Festival; Bazaar.
A.C.Y.O.A. Senior, 5 years.
Retired-Secretary

AUDITING COMMITTEE



Edward Bedikian

Church Member:
Service to Church:
Occupation:

10 years
Parish Assembly Auditor, 3 years
Certified Public Accountant

*R. Ara Ekizian
Julieann Hovanesian
Suzanne Noyan
A. Mary Negosian
Tom Stamboulian*

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH
AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR IN LIEU OF FLOWERS
October 18, 1996

To: Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretjian, Pastor

The following recommendations for the In Lieu of Flowers Policy were reached by unanimous decision of the Committee.

1. Donations to In Lieu of Flowers are designated for the Future Maintenance Fund of the Church only.
2. Donations to the In Lieu of Flowers will go to the Church only.
 - a. The checks are made out to St. John's and all donors names will be published in the Torch Bearer.
 - b. The family can designate another organization by stating St. John's or the other organization. Checks must be made out to St. John's or the other organization.
 - c. There is no other organization that will receive funds from St. John's.
3. There will be no 25% fee of any kind since all donations are going to the Church.
 - a. The accounting work necessary for this policy will be very simple since there will not be any other organizations to be concerned with.
 - b. The expenses related with this policy will be the cost of doing business to receive all of the In Lieu of Flowers donations.
4. There will not be any Endowment Funds established with In Lieu of Flowers donations.
 - a. The family can establish an endowment with their own private donation.

Committee Recommendations:

5. The In Lieu of Flowers Policy must be printed on Church stationary so that there is no misunderstandings by the family, funeral directors or donors.
6. There must be a concentrated effort to inform and educate our parishioners of the In Lieu of Flowers Policy. We must explain the policy in detail and why it is the policy.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS POLICY

In response to discussion at recent Parish Assemblies, the Pastor and Parish Council convened an independent committee chaired by Mr. Arthur Mardigian to investigate Church policies related to "in-lieu-of-flowers". They reviewed all facets of this issue including policies of other churches, organizations and information from annual reports. After months of meetings, analysis and discussion the committee prepared a report of their findings and recommendations for consideration by the Parish Council. The following guidelines will be presented to the Parish Assembly on February 21, 1997 for review with the hope that our Church will have a simple plan that is easily understood and will not require frequent revisions. This policy will allow the Church to satisfy the wishes of the donor and respect the wishes of the family while developing a source of needed revenue for the perpetuation of our Church.

The policy proposed is as follows:

1. Families are requested to use the word **OR** when designating institutions in addition to St. John's Armenian Church for "in-lieu-of-flowers".
2. All donations payable to **St. John's Armenian Church** will be designated to the "Future Maintenance Fund".
 - a. Checks should be made payable to St. John's Armenian Church and all donor names with that check will be acknowledged in the Torch Bearer.
 - b. Checks received by, and payable to St. John's Armenian Church **will not** be divided among any other charities or funds.
 - c. Endowments **cannot** be established with "in-lieu-of-flowers" funds, but families may continue to establish endowments with their private donation.
3. Checks received for "in-lieu-of flowers" that are not payable to St. John's Armenian Church will be returned to the family for delivery to the proper organization. St. John's will not maintain records or acknowledge any donation not made payable to St. John's .

This policy conforms to the procedures of all other organizations and churches that the committee evaluated. There will be no fees attached, accounting will be simplified, families may continue to designate more than one organization and donors to St. John's Armenian Church can be assured that their wishes are met. The policy will be printed on Church stationery and distributed to funeral directors and other organizations that are frequently named in addition to St. John's .

Committee Members: Arthur Apkarian, Souren Keoleian, Arthur Mardigian, Dr. Edward Sarkesian, Andrew Tarpinian.