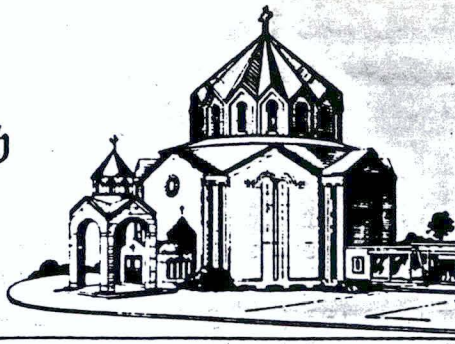


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Pastor



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VERY REV. FR. SAMUEL AGHOYAN
Assistant Pastor

22001 NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY

★ Phone: (313) 569-3405 ★

SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075

Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian
Pastor and President
Parish Council
St. John's Armenian Church
Southfield, Michigan

January 19, 1993

Dear Father Paren,

I appreciate the gesture from you and the Parish Council to host a dinner on the occasion of my departure as Assistant Pastor. While it is customary to honor one of your pastors with a farewell dinner, yet, I declined to accept this offer, because, at this time I find it unnecessary.

As you know, it has been three years and two months since my assignment as Assistant Pastor at St. John's. I must say that you have an excellent Parish and a beautiful Sanctuary for which I feel very proud and glad that I had the opportunity to be part of. I am also very grateful to the many individuals whose warmth and kindness welcomed me in their families and made me feel at home in Detroit.

Now the time has come for me to terminate my responsible relationship with this Parish. I will assume my next pastoral duty at the Armenian Church of Holy Martyrs in Bayside, New York, according to the arrangement of our Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian.

Reflecting on my experience, I believe that I carried out what was possible according to the limited responsibilities delegated to me. I strongly believe that I could have contributed more if situations and relationships with the Parish Council had been more desirable and cooperative.

Prior to accepting this assignment, I was assured of the need for an Assistant Pastor. I came to this Parish with the intent and hope that I would be part of all aspects in serving this Church and community (in planning, decision making, guiding and participating); thereby only, the position of an Assistant Pastor could be justified.

Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian
January 19, 1993
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There are two main reasons which made me decide to leave St. John's. First, the system under which the Parish operates does not require to have a second priest. Secondly, due to the shortage of clergy in the Diocese, the opportunity to serve and fulfill the needs of a Parish lacking a pastor is very gratifying to me.

If the Parish Council is planning to have an Assistant Pastor in the future, in order to avoid confusion or anticipated misunderstandings, I suggest that a detailed description of duties be prepared. Unfortunately, our Diocesan Bylaws is very vague in its description of the position of Assistant Pastor. To this respect, I will also express myself to our Primate.

For affiliated organizations to participate in the productive operation and the well-being of the Church, it is important that the Parish Council be responsible for preparing plans and guidelines to be followed.

Once again, I thank you for the opportunity to serve in the this Parish. I wish you all success in all your positive efforts.

Respectfully,


Fr. Samuel Aghoyan
Assistant Pastor

cc: Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
Mr. Vahram Fantasian, Parish Council Chairman

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BISHOP KHAJAG BARSAMIAN, PRIMATE

Department of Youth Ministry
February 11, 1993

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

Dear Fr. Paren:

On December 9, 1992, I sent a letter to you as a reminder that the Diocesan Department of Youth Ministry would still like to plan a cultural weekend for the young adults of your parish. This was the program that we had originally scheduled for December 4-6, 1992, but which you found necessary to cancel.

Having not received a response from you, I am writing again to ascertain whether you are interested in pursuing this matter any further, or if you would instead prefer that the Department plan some other type of program for your parish.

If your preference is for another type of program, I would like to propose that the Department plan a one-day "Youth Workers Training Seminar" for your parish. The seminar would deal with the following topics: Youth and Their World; The Youth Worker; Practical Ideas for Youth Groups; and Questions-and-Answers. The seminar is geared to youth directors, youth liasons/advisors, and Sunday School upper-grade teachers, as well as parish priests.

A sample schedule for the seminar would be as follows:

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Welcome and Coffee
10:00 - 11:30	Session I
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Session II
1:00 - 2:00	Lunch
2:00 - 3:30	Session III
3:30 - 4:30	Session IV
4:30 - 5:00	Vespers

If you feel that this training program will be helpful to your parish, I am ready to begin planning it. Also, please be aware that there will be no travel or lodging expenses for your parish to incur; the Department will take care of all that. All that your parish would be responsible for would be publicity and lunch for the participants.

I would like to offer for your consideration the same dates that I had suggested for the cultural program and have kept reserved for your parish. They are: May 22 or June 5, 1993.

Please let me know, at your earliest convenience, as to whether you would want me to plan such a program and as to which date is preferable. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Mardiros Chevian
Director

c. Mr. Vahram Fantazian
Parish Council Chairmen

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PASTOR

22001 NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY



PHONE: 569-3405



SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075

March 9, 1993

Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian
Director, Dept. of Youth Ministry
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10016-4884

Dear Fr. Mardiros:

In response to your letter of February 11, 1993, I would like to inform you that at the present time we do not need to have any programs planned for the young adults of our parish.

I do appreciate your interest, and possibly in the future something can be arranged.

Prayerfully,

Father Paren Avedikian
Pastor

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cc: Lisa Mardigian

April 5, 1993

Archbishop Barsamian, Primate
Diocese Of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016-4885

Your Eminence,

This is to inform you that I have a question as to the validity of the Elections held during our Annual Parish Assembly which was held on Friday, March 26, 1993.

My concern is the eligibility to vote of the Parishioners who pay less than the minimum dues. These individuals were not reported as members in our 1992 Annual Report. In 1991 three(3) categories of members were reported. Those that paid more than the minimum dues, those that paid the minimum required and those that paid less than the minimum. In this years Annual Report only two categories were reported. Those that paid more than the minimum and those that paid the minimum. The people that paid less than the minimum were not reported, so our membership in 1992 reflects a loss of 313 members.

When questioned during the meeting, a Parish Council member who is also a Diocesan Delegate responded that we (St. John's) considered these individuals members in good standing, but because they paid less than the minimum dues required by the Diocesan By-Laws, we weren't going to pay the Diocese for them since the Diocese doesn't do anything for us anyway.

The attitude and the audacity of the majority of the Parish Council members that they can do whatever they want and get away with it because they had the stamp of approval of our former Pastor is appalling. This type of activity goes on constantly. As a former Parish Council member, I know first hand that information from the Diocese, Diocesan Directives and even mail from Parishioners and the Assistant Pastor were censored by the Chairman and the former Pastor with the excuse that we (St. John's) are not interested in what the Diocese is doing or that "it didn't concern us."

I have a great concern about the future of our Church and with these individuals who are now in the process of looking for a new Pastor. I know that many of the Parishioners would prefer some one who has never served in Detroit. This would give our entire community the opportunity to start "on ground zero" with the new Priest. I fear that if an individual who has served here before returns, the current problems will continue to manifest.

I remain faithful and hopeful that things will get better in the near future and that my church will be a place where I can go to get spiritually renewed.

Kathy Mekjian
39130 Oxbow Court
Farmington Hills, Mi 48331
(313) 488-1812 (daytime)
(313) 661-2360 (home)

Called



Women's Guild of St. John's Armenian Church

April 19, 1993

*His Eminence
Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016*

His Eminence,

It has come to our attention that you will be visiting the St. John's Armenian Church community during the weekend of May 7 through May 9. The Women's Guild hosts its annual Mother and Daughter Dinner and Fashion Show on Friday evening, May 7. It would be our pleasure to have you present for this affair. We would like to extend our sincerest invitation for you to attend as our guest. We look forward to seeing you on your visit and wish you a safe journey.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Demir".

*Mary Demir
Mother & Daughter Chairman*

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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

April 20, 1993

Mr. Vahram Fantazian
Parish Council Chairman
St. John Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI 48075

Dear Mr. Fantazian:

We have received your letter dated April 15 presenting a request from your parishioners for a "Special Parish Assembly" to be convened for the purposes they have expressed in their petition.

As we will be in the Greater Detroit area visiting your parish on the Weekend of May 8 and 9, we will extend our stay by one day in order to preside over this Assembly. Present with me will be the Chairman of the Diocesan Council, the Honorable Judge Vincent Gurahian.

Please make the proper announcement to your congregation regarding this "Special Parish Assembly" in order that all interested parishioners may attend.

With prayers,

Abp. K. Barsamian

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate

19380 Hilton
Southfield, MI 48075
(313) 352-8384

May 5, 1993

CONFIDENTIAL

The Most Reverend Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate of the Eastern Diocese
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Your Eminence:

I previously wrote to you regarding the situation at St. John's Armenian Church in Southfield, Michigan.

I understand that you will be here this weekend and will preside at a parish meeting on Monday, May 10, 1993. I am respectfully requesting a private audience with you prior to that meeting at a time and place of your convenience, preferably away from St. John's.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding a date and time that we may talk. I can be reached at (313) 352-8384.

Respectfully,

Judy K. Hovnan

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PHONE: 569-3405

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SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075

July 30, 1993

Diocese of The Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016-4885

Re: Etchmiadzin Looma

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 1,000.00. This represents the amount placed in the Etchmiadzin Looma plates at St. John's Armenian Church.

Respectfully,


Edward H. Korkoian,
Chairman Parish Council

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SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075

July 22, 1993

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
Diocese Of The Armenian Church Of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

On Tuesday, July 20, 1993 the Parish Council of St. Johns Armenian Church made a decision to send \$22,000.00 to Armenia to purchase fish food for the fish hatcheries.

The \$22,000.00 represents the total amount St. Johns Armenian Church had collected for Operation Winter Rescue.

Parish Council member Mr. Harry Terzian was directed by the chairman to contact you regarding the use of these funds. He informed the council that he had discussed the matter with you and that you requested a letter as to how the funds were being used for your file.

If you do not concur with this decision, please inform me immediately.

Respectfully Yours,

Edward H. Korkoian, Chairman

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PASTOR

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SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075

April 13, 1994

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Your Eminence:

Please be informed that Arthur Apkarian is the first
alternate, who shall be attending the Diocesan Assembly
to Represent St. John's Armenian Church in place of
Martin Cholakian.

Respectfully,

Father Baret Yeretzian
Very Rev. Baret Yeretzian
Pastor and President

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Abp. K. Barsamian



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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

July 29, 1994

The Very Reverend Father Baret Yeretzian,
Pastor
St. John Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI 48075

Dear Father Baret:

The Diocesan Council discussed your letter of July 18, 1994 at its meeting of Friday, July 22, 1994. The matter you raised in that letter presents complicated issues which merit a thorough review and consideration.

Following their discussion of the matter, the Diocesan Council decided to seek the advice of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Fund for Armenian Relief as well, in order to have a full understanding of the issue and be able to give you a more informed response. The Diocesan Council will consider the request noted in your letter again at its next meeting on Friday, August 26, 1994 and at that time a formal response will be adopted and sent to you.

May God continue to guide and inspire us all.

With prayers,

Abp. K. Barsamian

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
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SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075

August 10, 1994

His Grace, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate and President of Diocesan Council
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10016

Your Grace:

After I returned from the Diocesan Council meeting on July 22, I informed the Parish Council at our bi-weekly meeting on August 2, of the decision to table our request to return the Earthquake Funds to St. John's until the next Diocesan Council meeting.

The Parish Council is extremely disappointed with this decision simply because it precludes our ability to present the money to the President of Armenia upon his arrival in Detroit. After many years of futile requests for the return of these funds, the Parish Council feels strongly at this time that the funds must be returned to St. John's immediately.

We appreciate your concerns, but in order to avoid future complications, we expect that you will comply with our request.

Respectfully,

Edward Haic Korkoian
Edward Haic Korkoian
Parish Council Chairman

Jane Hovsepian
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Secretary

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Father Baret Yeretian
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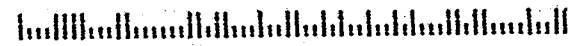


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SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075

November 22, 1994

His Grace Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Serpazan:

Mr. Martin Manoogian is in the hospital for the last 2-3 months and currently is still in intensive care because of heart surgery.

The family informed me that he is unable to attend and complete his term as Parish Council Member.

According to the Article 27 of our By-laws, I invited Mrs. Mary Keolelian the first alternate from last years Annual Parish Assmbley.

Therefore, Dear Serpazan, I ask for your confirmation.

Prayerfully yours,

Fare Baret Yeretian
Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretian
Pastor
St. John's Armenian Church

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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

November 23, 1994

The Very Reverend Father Baret Yeretzian, Pastor
St. John's Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway,
Southfield, MI 48075

Dear Hayr Soorp:

After two attempts to reach you by telephone, I thought it best to write to you about your requested date for our departments to visit your parish. Following a meeting with the DYM, DRE and Choir Association two dates were recommended; March 31st - April 2nd (preferred) and March 24-26, 1995.

Initial plans are for a general gathering for Friday night and on Saturday workshops for Choir, Youth and Sunday School teachers and educators. As 1995 has been declared by the Primate as The Year of the Holy Bible, programming was suggested to focus on The Bible in Worship, Education and Youth Ministry. Of course the departments will present whatever else your groups would like.

It was suggested to conclude the Saturday programs with a worship service for all the groups together.

The DRE, DYM and Choir Association chairmen will be in touch with you personally to plan the programs based on your local needs. If you have any further questions please call me or better yet we can talk during the Christmas Holiday while I am in Detroit. Please let me know of your choice of date as soon as possible.

Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving.

Father Garabed Kochakian
Chancellor

c.c. **Elise Antreassian**
Laura Gononian
Mary Selvinazian

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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

December 6, 1994

The Very Reverend Father Baret Yeretzian
Pastor
St. John Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI 48075

Dear Father Baret:

I have received your letter of November 22 wherein you have advised us that due to illness, Mr. Martin Manoogian is unable to complete his term as a member of your Parish Council. Therefore, we hereby grant our approval for Mrs. Mary Keoleian, the first alternate to fill this position.

With prayers,

Abp. K. Barsamian

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate



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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

December 6, 1994

Mr. Martin Manoogian
4747 Keithdale Lane
Bloomfield Heights, MI 48302

Dear Mr. Manoogian:

I was deeply moved to hear from your pastor, Father Baret Yeretian, of your current hospital stay, and wanted to express my personal concern for your well-being.

Please accept my humble prayer, Martin, for your progress in the coming weeks, and for your continued health thereafter.

May God bless you, and grant you and your loved ones strength in these difficult days.

With prayers,

Abp. K. Barsamian

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

December 28, 1994

The Very Reverend Father Baret Yeretzian
Pastor
St. John Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI 48075

Dear Father Baret:

As the term of office of the delegates of your parish has expired, it is necessary that the election of a new delegates and their alternates be held during the Annual Assembly of your parish in accordance with Articles 14-C and 54 of the Diocesan Bylaws.

To determine how many Diocesan Delegates to which your parish is entitled at your election this year, you must refer to the number of members in good standing in your parish reported to the Diocesan Council in your 1994 Annual Report. This figure represents your parish membership two (2) years back from the present year of your delegate's election.

Please send the names and addresses of the newly-elected delegates and alternates to the Diocesan Office by February 20, 1995. Their election will be approved at the 93rd Diocesan Assembly which will take place from May 4 through May 6, 1995 at Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, as host.

Enclosed is a sample of the certificate in Armenian and English, whereby the identity of the delegates of your parish will be confirmed. These certificates should be signed by the Pastor, Parish Council Chairman and Parish Council Secretary and sent to our office along with the Parish Assembly reports.

May God bless you and the members of your parish council.

With prayers,

Abp. K. Barsamian
Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate

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Sample Certificate

Date _____

This is to certify that _____ is a member in good
standing of the _____ Armenian Church; and was duly
elected a Diocesan Delegate by the General Assembly on _____.

Parish Council Secretary

Parish Council Chairman

Parish Priest