



**St. James**  
**Armenian Church**  
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Dear Surpasan Hayr:

This letter is to notify you that a formal request is being made regarding a permanent pastor for St. James Armenian Church in Richmond, Virginia.

It has been unanimously agreed by the Search Committee, Parish Council, Youth Group as well as the entire community of Richmond, Virginia that we vigorously pursue placement of Rev. Fr. Tavit Boyajian.

His religious spirit, character, personality and ability to communicate with all ages has convinced us that he and his family would be beneficial in uniting our community toward a strong and healthy church.

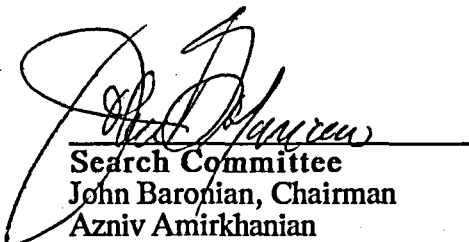
Due to the fact that our church remains closed in the absence of a priest, it is important that you realize we are subject to losing membership and the unity of of this Armenian community without a religious leader.

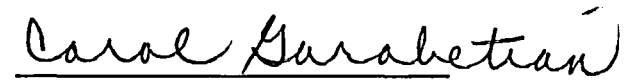
We have an active and strong church in Richmond and it is imperative that we have a priest to continue our growth. This can only be possible if you would act promptly in favor of our request. It is without question that we all agree that Fr. Tavit would be the answer to our prayers.

We are prepared and ready to welcome Fr. Tavit and his family and see that his needs are met upon their arrival.

With God's guidance, we anxiously await and look forward to your positive response.

Prayerfully,

  
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