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St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church

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April 3, 1993

His Eminence Abp. Khajag Barsamian,
Primate & President of the Diocesan Council
630 Second Avenue,
New York, NY 10016

Dear Surpazan Hayr,

St. Mary's Parish Annual Assembly was held in three sessions: Feb. 6, Feb.7, and March 20, 1993. The number of attendants were 30, 62, and 38, respectively out of a total membership of 267. the first session dealt with various issues and reported its findings at the February 7 session. Elections were held on Feb. 7. The third session dealt with a few unfinished items at which time the decisions were taken by a 2/3 majority since there was no required quorum. Attached are the results of the elections and the proposals which were intended to be brought to the Primate's and the Diocesan Council's attention.

Please note that at the third session (3/20/93) the Assembly entertained a motion, introduced by the Parish Council, and voted not to increase the number of Diocesan Delegates to three (3) even though the number of membership qualifies us to have three Delegates.

The elections were held by secret ballot and our parish is up to date with the Diocesan dues. Therefore, we ask you to confirm the election of the Parish Council members and the Diocesan Delegates. The names appear below.

Respectfully,

Vertanes Kalayjian
Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, Pastor

Encl.

Parish Council Members

Brig. Gen. Albert Kaehn (47)
Col. Moorad Mooradian (49)
Mr. Hagop Safakian (49)
Mr. Onnik Sivaslian (49)
Lt. Beth Ann Tutunjian (52)

Diocesan Delegates

Dean Shahinian, Esq. (48)
Dr. Edward Onanian (32)
Mrs. Lucy Murad (Alt)
Mr. David Zenian (2nd Alt)



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Proposals

Whereas, the church struggles with ways to attract and retain young people, both men and women.

Whereas, the spirit of the Armenian Church is only as strong as its people, both men and women.

In order to strengthen the leadership role of women in their spiritual communities and increase the involvement of women in the leadership positions both on Parish and Diocesan level, we propose the following:

Part (a)

"We propose that the Diocesan Council conduct a survey to assess the needs of all Armenian women. Based on the results of the survey, programs to be developed for the fulfillment of their spiritual needs."

Part (b)

"We propose that the Primate take direct action for the ordination of women as Deacons, stolebeares and Acolytes."

Part (c)

"We propose that the Primate and the Diocesan Council encourage women to seek representation on the diocesan Council, including participation in the nominating process."

Submitted by St. Mary Armenian
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