

October 7, 1993

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Dear Surpazan Hayr,

With warmest greetings we send this letter and pray that you are in good health and enjoying your visit in Detroit.

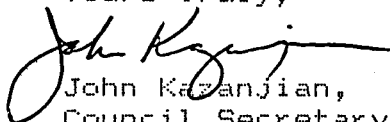
As you know from conversations with members of our council that we are meeting regularly here in Ann Arbor to celebrate a modified version of the Divine Liturgy appropriate for our situation in which there is no priest. Meeting and praying together has worked to unite us as a small group now attracting up to twenty adults at the semi-monthly services.

Since our last contact with you we have added two members to the existing council. The six of us meet at least once per month. In addition to the Sunday services, we have had one entire Badark celebrated for us by Hayr Vasken Karayan while he was in Detroit and a fall harvest picnic.

Our group is excited about moving ahead and becoming a mission parish within the Diocese. We have contacted local Armenian lawyers to assist us in incorporating as a non-profit organization. As you know, this is necessary in order to allow members the opportunity to make tax deductible donations and for us to establish appropriate bank accounts. We have also met with the parish council at St. John's in Southfield to explain our aims and goals and they have been very supportive of our endeavor. They have agreed to accept donations from our parishioners account for them separately on our behalf until we attain non-profit status.

We are looking forward to hearing your comments and directing us. If there is any information available at the Diocese to assist us in being established as a mission parish, please forward it to the address below. We have also enclosed a copies of our structural hierarchy and a local mailing list for your files.

We remain,
Yours truly,



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