

4578 Gregory Road
Dexter, MI. 48130
313-426-3404
Fax: 810-739-6302

May 1, 1996

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

Your Eminence:

Thank you for your recent letters to me regarding the appointment of Deacon Michael Ohanesian as Deacon-in-charge of the Ann Arbor Armenian community and your request for representation at the upcoming Diocesan Assembly. I am writing to respond and give you a brief update of some changes taking place.

With Deacon Michael's appointment, I am confident we have laid the necessary groundwork for the growth of our community into the future. We now have a clearly defined leader who is committed to regular services and the welfare of the Armenians in the Ann Arbor community. I am pleased to report that Diratsoo has responded to this call with great enthusiasm and has already begun to implement things we have talked about for a long time.

My wife and I were planning on attending the assembly before I learned of a scheduling conflict with my work. After polling the rest of the council, I was unable to secure a commitment from any of them due to the short notice I had given them. It is clearly our goal to participate in Diocesan functions. This situation was just an unfortunate coincidence. Please accept my apologies for our absence at this year's assembly.

There are and have been many changes to the parish council over the last several months. Now that Deacon Michael is firmly in place and our situation has stabilized, I have decided to step down as chairman of the parish council. I feel it is time for me to take a break for a while. I am writing to request that you appoint John Ohanian as the chairperson. He is willing to take on this responsibility and with the council's help will do a fine job. Unfortunately, Manual Hirachian, our secretary has stepped down and Maro Telfeyan, our treasurer has moved. Sadie Metzgian has volunteered to fill the secretary spot and present council member, Viken Matossian has agreed to take on the duties of the treasurer. Charles Nalbandian will remain as an advisor, and my wife, Lisa has agreed to take on the position as Vice-Chairman. In the future we would like to add another member to our council. Please accept my apologies for not informing you sooner, and I hope these *proposed* changes meet with your approval.

I am enclosing a copy of the complete list of parish council members along with their titles and addresses. Please inform the person responsible for sending me Diocesan correspondence to now send it to: John Ohanian, 3695 Frederick Dr. Ann Arbor, MI. 48105.

I have enjoyed and appreciated your personal support for me over the years and ask that you continue to pray and guide us into the future.

Sincerely,



Steven Mangigian

Enclosure: 1

**Ann Arbor Armenian Church Parish Council
as of 4-96**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Telephone/Fax</u>
Visiting Priest	Fr. Diran Papazian	18916 Greenwald Drive Southfield, MI. 48075	(H) 810-353-2249
Deacon-in-charge	Dn. Michael Ohanesian	18551 Snow Dearborn, MI. 48124	(H) 810-336-7836
Chairman	John Ohanian	3695 Frederick Drive Ann Arbor, MI. 48105	(H) 313-761-7538 (W) 800-982-6003 (F) 313-769-8700
Vice-Chairman	Lisa Mangigian	4578 Gregory Road Dexter, MI. 48130	(H) 313-426-3404
Treasurer	Viken Matossian	3095 Exmoor Ann Arbor, MI. 48104	(H) 313-973-6031 (W) 810-227-0310
Secretary	Sadie Metzgian	10 Haverhill Court Ann Arbor, MI. 48105	(H) 313-995-0851
Advisor	Charles Nalbandian	2232 Packard Road Ann Arbor, MI. 48104	(H) 313-665-0361 (W) 313-287-4801