

# Armenian-American Society of the Suncoast

May 20, 1985

Dear Members and Friends,

The Primate of The Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, visited the Suncoast Area, specifically the Armenian-American Society on Friday, May 10, 1985. With him were The Very Rev. Ghevont Samoorian of Lowell, Massachusetts, The Rev. Dr. Zaven Arzoumanian of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and The Rev. Terenig Kondralian of Miami, Florida. Der Zaven celebrated Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak) and then Hokehankist was performed for our good friend, the late Deacon Hagop Janoyan, as well as for Gary Nanian and the parents of John and Margaret Bogosian.

During his visit, Surpazan Hayr announced that he wanted to establish the Suncoast Area as a mission parish in order to assure that the Armenians of this area were offered the ministrations of our mother church. He named the parish, St. Hagop Armenian Apostolic Church of the Suncoast, in commemoration of our dear departed brother and James the Apostle, our cathedral in Jerusalem. In order to facilitate his plan, he appointed, as is traditional in a mission church, a parish council. Those appointed were:

Chairman - Edward B. Korkoian  
Vice-Chairman - Louise Yardumian  
Corresponding Secretary - Ardameas Janoyan  
Recording Secretary - Ida CeChinni  
Treasurer - Leon S. Sarkisian  
Assistant Treasurer - Nishan Voskian  
Public Relations - Marian Lowrie  
Advisors - Priscilla Sarkisian, Margaret Harnischfeger

Fr. Zaven Arzoumanian and Fr. Terenig Kondralian were appointed to come to our area periodically to perform sacraments and minister to the congregation.

Fr. Zaven will be in St. Petersburg on Saturday, June 1, the 40th day of Hagop's passing, to say Badarak, hold Hokehankist and meet with our people. The services will be held at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, *AT NCBN* 1200 Snell Isle Blvd., N. E., St. Petersburg, Florida. Ardie Janoyan is planning a hokejash (memorial meal) after the Badarak. Therefore, we are requesting that you call Louise Yardumian (896-9641 during the day or

576-0380 evenings) or Priscilla Sarkisian (595-1213) to let them know that you will be attending church and the lunch.

Also, if you would like to have Hokehankist for any relatives or friends, we also need that information by Wednesday, May 29, 1985.

I believe you will be delighted as I am that our area will finally have an Armenian Church. The members of the Parish Council look forward to your support and prayers in undertaking this important endeavor for all Armenians. We'll see you on June 1st.

Very sincerely,



Edward B. Korkoian  
Chairman

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