

St. Sahag Armenian Church

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

For the last several months the Parish Council of Saint Sahag Armenian Church has been considering ways to better meet the needs of the Armenian Community in Minnesota and to provide quality leadership for the Church membership.

Since this is one of the newest churches in the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America we realize that there is some confusion as to what constitutes membership in the Armenian Church. We would like to provide some clarification to encourage and facilitate greater participation in the life of the community.

First of all, anyone who feels connected to the Armenian Church is welcome to be involved. We would like to encourage members to officially register so that we may maintain our contact information and more effectively communicate the many activities happening at the church. There is no cost to register. Simply fill out and return the enclosed registration form.

In addition to parish membership, the Armenian Church involves the lay-members in the community in the decision making process and in the administration of the affairs of the church. This is done through the establishment of a decision making body called the Parish Assembly. Adult members of the parish who accept the doctrine, canons and rites and are baptized and/or confirmed in the Armenian Church may become members of the Parish Assembly. The Diocesan bylaws require payment of annual dues. The Parish Council has decided to leave the amount of the dues at your discretion. We suggest a contribution of \$80 per member. You can give more or less. We do not want the amount of the contribution to be an obstacle to your full participation. We encourage all parishioners to consider becoming members of the Parish Assembly so that your voice and your vote can be heard. Your greater involvement assures a stronger vitality in the life of our church. If you are already a member, this is the time to renew.

Please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the Church Office to indicate your chosen level of participation. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Rev. Fr. Sahak Kaishian
Reverend Sahak Kaishian, Visiting Pastor

Amy Samelian, Membership Committee Co-chair

Liana Martirosyan Brouillard, Membership Committee Co-chair