

April 27, 1989

Mr. Lee Talasleian
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Dear Mr. Talasleian:

Your letter addressed to His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian was received on April 7, 1989.

His Eminence appreciates your concern with regards to the parish activities at St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Binghamton. Unfortunately, there is no pastor in the Binghamton parish and for this very reason it seems that activities are not very much. The shortage of clergymen is the problem of the Diocese and it is a great concern of His Eminence to find appropriate candidates for parishes without clergymen. Hopefully in the future the Binghamton parish will have a full time pastor which will provide more church activities.

Presently there is a monthly service in the Binghamton parish. I have spoken with the Parish Council Chairman of Binghamton to arrange more services and that the Diocese will provide a visiting clergyman. The parish council chairman will discuss this issue in the next parish council meeting.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General