

April 14, 1987

Dr. George Rejebian  
Parish Council Chairman  
St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church  
12 Corbett Avenue  
Binghamton, NY 13903

Dear Dr. Rejebian:

In the Diocesan Council meeting, convened on April 10, the following decisions were made concerning our St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church parish of Binghamton.

With reference to your letter of March 6, as we have communicated with you by telephone and by our letter of April 1, 1987, arrangements were made for the Very Rev. Fr. Sooren Chinchinian's reassignment.

Fr. Sooren will continue to serve as the pastor of St. Gregory the Illuminator parish of Binghamton until May 18, 1987. He will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 17, before departing to his new assignment.

The Diocesan council does not approve the decision of the parish council to terminate the pastoral assignment of Fr. Sooren Chinchinian as of March 31, 1987.

We pray that all concerned will abide by the decisions of the Diocesan Council with the good intention of preserving good-will and harmony in the parish.

After May 18, please get in touch with the Acting Vicar, the Very Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Najarian, at the Diocesan Office, for any arrangements for a visiting priest.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

urgent

(11/11/87)

Bangalore

\* St. George Republic.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Diocesan Council meeting convened on April 10, the following decisions were made concerning our St. Gregory the Illuminator <sup>Anglican Church</sup> parish of Bangalore.

As we have communicated with you by telephone <sup>(with reference to your letter of March 6<sup>th</sup>)</sup> and by our letter dated April 1, 1987, arrangements are made for the Very Rev. Fr. Soren Chinchian's reassignment.

Father Soren will continue to serve as the pastor of <sup>St. Gregory the Illuminator</sup> the parish until May 18, 1987. He will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on May 17, Sunday, before departing to his new assignment.

The Diocesan Council does not approve the decision of the parish Council to terminate the pastoral assignment of Father Soren Chinchian as of March 31, 1987.

We pray that all concerned will abide by the decisions of the Diocesan Council with the good intention of preserving good-will and harmony in the parish.

After May 18, please call on the Acting Vicar, the Very Rev. Fr. Haigazorn Najarian, at the Diocesan office, for <sup>any</sup> arrangements for a visiting priest.

2

# Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



12 CORBETT AVE.  
BINGHAMTON, N. Y. 13903  
(607) 722-8801

April 8, 1987

Rev. Sooren Chinchinian  
59 Schiller St. Apt. 18  
Binghamton, N.Y. 13905

Dear Rev. Sooren Chinchinian,

I have been directed by the Parish Council of St. Gregory's Armenian Church, of Binghamton, New York, to notify you that recent correspondence by the parish chairman to you and the Arch Bishop Manoosian has terminated your services to the church, as of March 31, 1987.

Effective, as of April 1, 1987, any bills incurred by you are your responsibility. This includes the Union Central IRA deposit, apartment rental, utilities, personal Kir Korian Health Insurance Plan, car expenses, etc.. The treasurer has been directed by the Parish Council concerning the above.

Very truly yours,

John M. Bogdasarian  
Treasurer of Parish Council

enc.

# Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



12 CORBETT AVE.  
BINGHAMTON, N. Y. 13903  
(607) 722-8801

March 6, 1987

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, New York 10016-4885

Dear Serbazan Hayr:

On behalf of the Parish Council, I want you to know how good it was to see you again and to have the opportunity to meet the Chairman of the Diocesan Council, Judge Gurahian. I personally regret that the circumstances were as they were. It was, however, an uplifting experience to have you perform Badarak at our church again.

At the regular meeting of the Parish Council of St. Gregory Church on March 4, 1987, it was decided by a vote of 5 to 1 that due to our present financial crisis, "this Parish will not be able to meet its salary obligation to The Very Reverend Father Sooren Chinchinian after March 30, 1987".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dr. George P. Rejebian". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. George P. Rejebian  
Chairman, Parish Council

GPR:cdh

April 1, 1987

The Very Rev. Fr. Sooren Chinchinian, Pastor  
St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church  
12 Corbett Avenue  
Binghamton, NY 13903

Dear Fr. Sooren:

We are pleased to inform you that the South Milwaukee parish council is requesting the appointment of a pastor to serve in their parish.

We have written to Mr. Lief Peterson, parish council chairman of the Holy Resurrection Armenian Church of South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, that you are agreeable to serve in South Milwaukee. We are confident that a mutually beneficial arrangement can be reached as soon as possible to enable you to assume the pastoral responsibilities in South Milwaukee.

We suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Peterson, tel. 414-764-7171, to arrange a meeting at a mutually convenient time and date.

You will celebrate your farewell Divine Liturgy in Binghamton on Sunday, May 17, 1987 after which you will be expected in South Milwaukee if an agreement is reached with the South Milwaukee parish council.

Please keep us advised in writing of any developments as well as details of your mutual understanding.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate