

October 15, 1957

Mrs. Robert M. Bogdasarian
46 Laurel Ave.
Binghamton, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Bogdasarian:

His Grace the Archbishop left recently for Etchmiadzin but before his departure he brought to my attention your letter of October 1st and the copy of the talk which you delivered to the Sunday School.

I would like to say that I share your thoughts and I appreciate very much the zeal that you put into the article. Your appeal about the matter is timely and we join you in expressing the view that it is our moral obligation to serve our nation by helping the government to carry out its stand peacefully regarding integration.

Since an official statement on the matter would have to come from higher authority, I will take up the matter with the Primate when he returns from his trip to the Holy See.

Wishing you success in your enterprise and in your service to our church and country, I remain

Yours in prayer,

Rev. Fr. Vartan Megherian
Vicar General, Diocese of the Armenian
Church of North America

Fr. VM/ih

76 Kendall Ave.
Binghamton, N.Y.
March 12, 1967

Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Ave.
New York, N.Y. (10016)

Gentlemen:

Since Bishop Torkom will be in Binghamton, N.Y. for Holy Week Services, would you kindly send me a picture of him and background information (if available) so that I may give it to the local newspapers (2 pictures, if possible).

I will have to have it by Monday the latest, preferably by the end of this week.

Very truly yours,

Lillian B. Mahakian
Lillian B. Mahakian

(Mrs. Harry J.)

3/15/67

April 24, 1967

Mr. Edward Seraydarian
Chairman, Parish Council
St. Gregory Armenian Church
161 Cray Avenue
Binghamton, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Seraydarian:

In view of the fact that Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian will be transferred to Washington, D.C. and your parish will not have the same visiting priest, with the knowledge of His Grace Bishop Torkom Manegian we have made arrangements so that you may have a visiting priest every other week until June 18, 1967. Hence you will have church services on May 14, May 21, June 4 and June 18. I was informed that you will not have church services during the summer months of July and August. You will start having church services on September for which you will receive a new schedule.

The Clergymen appointed will contact you concerning their arrival so that somebody may go and pick them up. If there is any inquiry please do not hesitate to contact me.

Prayerfully,

FR. VASKEN KEBRESLIAN
Vicar General

March 10, 1972

Mr. Ardavast Babikian
Chairman of Parish Council
St. Paul Armenian Church
312 North Geddes Street
Syracuse, New York 13204

Dear Mr. Babikian:

Some time ago we wrote you about the availability of Deacon Raymond Arakelian for service in your parish on a part-time basis, in connection with his assignment to the Binghamton parish. It is expected, of course, that a proportionate share of costs will be assumed by your parish, but this can be worked out only after we receive a response from you concerning the matter generally.

Please give this your earliest consideration and let us hear from you so that this matter can be finally arranged. It seems to us an effective way to meet your needs, at least on a temporary basis.

Deacon Raymond will be settled in Binghamton after March 16, and he may contact you to make arrangements for his services to your parish.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

ATN/ec

May 17, 1972

Deacon Raymond J. Arakelian
Deacon-in-charge
✓ St. Gregory The Illuminator Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Deacon Raymond:

We are most appreciative of the kindness which your parish showed to us, as well as of the gift so generously proffered.

We are touched by the various celebrations of our Jubilee, and feel particular joy when our happiness is shared by so many of our people.

We were also touched by the banner presented to us by your ACYOA group. The spirit and feeling it reflected is to be highly cherished, and we cherish it.

As a true gift from the heart, it will remain one of the nicest remembrances of our Jubilee year. Please convey to them our gratitude and may God's blessings remain with them and all the members of our community in Binghamton.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

ATM/ec

cc: Dr. Robert M. Bogdasarian

August 7, 1972

Mr. Arthur Babikian
204 Wilford Drive West
Syracuse, New York 13206

Dear Mr. Babikian:

We are pleased to approve the arrangements made by the Binghamton and Syracuse parishes with respect to the service of Deacon Raymond J. Arakelian. We are happy that the agreement to which both parishes subscribed will make it possible for the St. Paul Armenian Church to benefit, to some degree, from the Deacon's presence.

Since the various conditions of the agreement, as outlined in the July 26th letter sent to us from the Binghamton parish, are acceptable to all involved, we hereby confirm them to be effective in September of this year.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

ATM/ec

August 7, 1972

Dr. Robert M. Bogdasarian
4013 Drexel Drive
✓ Binghamton, New York 13903

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Prayerfully,

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Primate

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**Saint Gregory The Illuminator
Armenian Apostolic Church**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BINGHAMTON, N. Y.

NO. 57

Nov. 26, 1972

Mr. Jack Anterasian
Executive Director
Diocese of The Armenian
Church of America
630 Second Ave.
New York , N.Y. 10016.

Dear Mr. Anterasian :

This letter is to confirm the regional meeting of the Binghamton & Syracuse Parish Councils on Dec. 10, 1972.

There will be "Badarak" that day which will be followed by a luncheon given by our Ladys' auxilliary for the participants in the conference. We expect that the meeting will start at about 2:00 P.M.

If you have any specific items to be placed on the agenda, please let me know in advance so that I can prepare the agenda accordingly.

We will be looking forward to seeing you on Dec. 10, 1972.

Very truly yours,

Nubar Astarjian
Nubar K. Astarjian, M.D.
Secretary.

C.C.-

Parish Council
St. Paul Armenian Church
412 N. Geddes St.
Syracuse , N.Y.

P.S. Enclosed is the certificate of amendment of the original certificate of incorporation of our church.

NKA

November 30, 1972

Deacon John Raymond Arakelian
(Deacon-In-Charge)
St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Deacon Raymond:

We read your letter of November 24th with considerable interest. The subject you raise can surely be important to all of us. But, for proper consideration, it should be posed in a more comprehensive manner.

We would like, therefore, to have you prepare a paper on the subject for presentation at our next Clergy Conference. It would be useful if the paper could be prepared well in advance so that we have a chance to discuss it.

We must add here that we are a little distressed by your manner of writing letters, and the aggressive style you use in expressing yourself. You may write to us about any subject that is of concern to you; in fact, we urge you to do so, to discuss, defend and argue any point of view you may wish to put forward. But, it is imperative to maintain a sense of propriety, in expression as well as in attitude. It is our hope that we may get an opportunity to discuss this with you in detail.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

January 5, 1973

Deacon John Raymond Arakelian
(Deacon-In-Charge)
11 Charlotte Street
Binghamton, New York 13905

Dear Deacon Raymond:

The Primate will be arriving in Binghamton on Saturday, January 13, 1973, on Allegheny Flight #709, leaving Newark at 1:40 P.M. and arriving in Binghamton at 2:22 P.M. He has reservations to return on Monday morning at 10:49 A.M.

You will, of course, make arrangements to have him met at the airport.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian
Executive Director

JA/sm

cc: Dr. Robert M. Bogdasarian
Chairman
Parish Council

January 9, 1973

Dr. Robert M. Bogdasarian
Chairman
Parish Council
St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church
4013 Drexel Drive
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Dr. Bogdasarian:

I have enclosed a copy of the letter sent to us together with a check in the amount of \$370.17, in payment for the section of land purchased by the state. We will charge whatever tax costs there are on the property against this amount.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian
Executive Director

JA/sm

Encl/ copy of letter

February 1, 1973

Mr. Harry Demirjian
201 Porter Road
East Longmeadow, Massachusetts 01028

Dear Mr. Demirjian:

The Binghamton parish has asked us to arrange for your pastor, Fr. Nersess Jebajian, to celebrate the Divine Liturgy in their Church on March 11, to which request we have acceded.

We have assigned Fr. Mesrob Semerjian to perform the service in your Church on that Sunday, without any obligation for your parish.

I hope this arrangement will meet your approval.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Mampre Kouzoulian
Canon Sacrist
St. Vartan Cathedral

February 8, 1973

Dr. Nubar K. Astarjian
15 West Hampton Road
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Dr. Astarjian:

We have received your letter of January 29, with the results of parish council elections enclosed. Regrettably the Primate cannot confirm these elections before the minutes and other reports are submitted.

Please get these to us as early as possible. The Primate will respond immediately upon their receipt.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian
Executive Director

JA: nn

February 6, 1973

Mr. Keith Martin
Roberson Center
Front Street
Binghamton, New York 13905

Dear Mr. Martin:

Forgive its long delay in communicating with you concerning the possibility of presenting our exhibit of Armenian Coins and Medals by the Binghamton Armenian Church. A number of circumstances militated against a prompt response.

We are still anxious to offer this exhibit.

Deacon Raymond Arakelian communicated to me your need for pertinent information regarding space requirements, etc..

I have enclosed a diagram of our Museum area, with wall space and case areas marked. On the wall we feature blow-ups of coins and historical material. The actual coins are in the cases.

It is possible to put up the show in less space, since some accommodations are possible.

If there are any other questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian
Executive Director

JA/sm

Enclosure -- Museum Diagram

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Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



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

March 29, 1973

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manougian
630 Second Avenue
New York City, New York 10016

Your Eminence:

I was pleased after reading the proposals of the Women's Society of the Diocese, the Guidelines for Social Service, and the By-Laws of the Women's Society. It looks as if we are beginning to head in the right direction.

I noticed that Article XII, Section 11, reads:

The Altar Committee shall concern itself with the cleanliness and beautification of the altar and shall care for the Church Vestments and Vessels.

Does this mean that women are permitted on the Altar in order to clean, to arrange flowers, and whatever else is necessary?

Your servant in Christ,

Deacon Ray Arakelian

Deacon Ray Arakelian
Deacon-in-Charge

Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



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April 4, 1973

Mr. Jack Antreassian
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Antreassian:

We would appreciate having all correspondence by the Diocese, that is directed to ~~the~~ Parish Council be sent to our chairman, Dr. Nubar Astarjian.

In doing so, this will help to facilitate the communications with the Parish Council and the Diocese.

The address is: Dr. Nubar Astarjian
 15 West Hamton Road
 Binghamton, New York 13903
 Tel: (607) 722-3322

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John M. Bogdasarian".

John M. Bogdasarian
Secretary

JMB/atb

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April 25, 1973

Most Rev. Archbishop
Torkom Manougian
Primate, Diocese of
Armenian Church of America
630 Second Ave.
New York, New York 10016

Your Grace:

In reply to your circular dated April 11, 1973 our Parish Council met in a special session and decided that Mr. Manoog Bogdasarian is worthy of the honor to be distinguished as a person who has worked for this Parish for many, many years in the past. Not only that, but he has put an extraordinary impact into the affairs of the Parish and the community.

We consider this acknowledgement an excellent means of rewarding persons like this.

Mr. M. Bogdasarian's address is

5 Charlotte Street
Binghamton, New York 13905

Respectfully yours,

Nubar Astarjian
Nubar K. Astarjian, M.D.
Parish Council Chairman

NKA/atb

EDWARD M. CHAPIAN

ATTORNEY AT LAW

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AREA CODE 212

60 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017

Bev. Antreasian file

May 8, 1973

Mr. Jack Antreasian
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Re: Armenian Church to
Czebiniak

Dear Jack:

Please find enclosed two (2) copies of the Contract of Sale relative to the above matter, which should be executed by either the Primate or the Chairman of the Diocesan council. Such signature should be made before a notary public, who will complete the acknowledgement on the fourth page of the contract.

In addition, the Diocesan seal should be impressed adjacent to the signature on behalf of the Diocese on the third page of the contract.

After the enclosures have been signed, please be good enough to have them returned to me in the enclosed envelope.

Before the contract can be consummated, we will have to secure the approval of a Justice of the Supreme Court of New York County. At that time, there will be additional papers to be signed by either the Primate or the Chairman of the Diocesan council.

I would appreciate your expediting the return of the enclosures properly signed.

With kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,


EDWARD M. CHAPIAN

EMC:rj
Encls.

June 8, 1973

Rev. Deacon Raymond Arakelian
Deacon-in-Charge
St. Gregory Illuminator
Armenian Apostolic Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Deacon Raymond:

We are in receipt of your letter dated June 2, 1973, addressed to Mr. Jack Antreassian in reference to your desire to have both Binghamton and Syracuse parishes make a pilgrimage to Saint Vartan Cathedral in the fall. May we suggest that you choose one of the following dates: September 23, October 7, October 21, November 4, November 18, or November 25. I will inform you in detail of what is involved in this pilgrimage at a later date.

However, according to your wishes I am informing you that as far as the meals are concerned you have the following choice: chicken or lule kebab, with pilaf and vegetable and a salad, dessert and coffee, at \$4 per person. Or you may have roast beef at \$5 per person.

Please inform me as soon as possible the date of your choice.

Sincerely yours,

Father Mampre Kouzoulian
Canon Sacrist

FMK:hb

July 16, 1973

Deacon John Ramond Arakelian
(Deacon-In-Charge)
St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghanton, New York 13903

Dear Deacon Raymond:

We, along with the Diocesan Council, have given serious consideration to your letter of July 7, and the matter of your ordination as a priest.

With reference to this, we have appointed three members of the Council to have a brief interview with you just prior to our next Council meeting.

We wish, therefore, that you come to our Headquarters for a meeting with them at 9:30 am on Wednesday, August 8, 1973.

Please make the necessary arrangements, and confirm as soon as possible.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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July 18, 1973

Dr. Nubar K. Astarjian
15 West Hamton Road
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Dr. Astarjian:

I am writing you and other individuals in our various parishes in the hope that you can help us in a very urgent area of our need. We require qualified personnel, both in our Headquarters and in some of the regions of our Diocese, and we would be most appreciative if you, from your wide familiarity with your community, could make any suggestions of people who would be able and willing to serve our Diocesan Headquarters and communities.

We require the following personnel:

Administrators
Youth Leaders
Bookkeepers
Executive Secretaries

Please give this your most earnest attention, and let us know if there are any local resources we might tap.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian
Executive Director

August 16, 1973

Dr. Robert M. Bogdasarian
4013 Drexel Drive
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Dr. Bogdasarian:

We were distressed to learn of the illness and accident suffered by your mother and father.

We hope and pray that they will regain their health, and that the Lord will ease their pain, and grant strength to their loved ones for the support they must provide in this time of need.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

August 21, 1973

Dr. Nubar K. Astarjian
15 West Hamton Road
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Dr. Astarjian:

We are pleased to inform you that we will ordain Deacon Raymond Arakelian into the priesthood of the Armenian Church on the weekend of September 29-30.

The ceremonies are to be scheduled as follows:

The Calling service will be on Saturday evening at 7:30.

The Divine Liturgy and Ordination on Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 am.

There should be a banquet to mark the occasion immediately after the ordination.

Father Arshen Aivazian, Pastor of Holy Cross Armenian Church in New York, will participate in the services as the Presentor.

We will be away from our office for three weeks from September 1 to September 21. If any questions arise in the interim, you may contact Father Mampré Kouzouian at the Diocesan office.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc: Father Mampré Kouzouian

September 21, 1973

Mr. John M. Bogdasarian
27 Clifton Boulevard
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Mr. Bogdasarian:

It was only on our return from an extended trip that we learned of the death of your revered father, who was also the figurative father of an extensive church and national community.

The early decades of our existence in America depended greatly on a handful of men like him who in the various places where Armenians settled were symbols of leadership and national continuity.

For this, the loss you feel will be shared by many.

May the Lord keep his soul forever in peace. We pray for the consolation of his loved ones.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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(607) 722-8801

November 13, 1973

St. Vartan's Cathedral
620 Second Avenue
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Binghamton Parish Council, I wish to extend our appreciation for the privilege of serving during Der Kevork's Badarak.

We extend a hardy invitation to all of you to visit our Parish, and a special thanks to Mr. Kapigian, who assisted us.

Sincerely,

John M. Bogdasarian
John M. Bogdasarian
Secretary

JMB/atb

May 23, 1975

Dr. Vahe Garabedian, M.D.
Medical Office Building
86-88 Walnut Street
Binghamton, New York 13905

Dear Dr. Garabedian:

In response to your letter of April 17 regarding the Stewardship program and mortgage payment on the property in Castle Creek, New York, the following information is hereby submitted.

Regarding credit of a stewardship contribution, when a \$100 contribution is made, the parish assessment of a parish is reduced by that amount. The following billing of a parish will indicate that a Stewardship contribution was received and deducted from the quarterly billing of parish.

This morning we received a check from the law firm of Hinman, Howard and Cattell for mortgage payment that is due on the Castle Creek property. The mortgage payments are to be alternated between the St. Gregory The Illuminator Church and the Diocese. Enclosed please find our check for \$1,000 made out to your church representing your share for 1975.

Sincerely,

Stephen Kambourian
Executive Director

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Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



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June 19, 1974

Dr. Nubar Astarjian
15 Hampton Road
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Nubar:

Please extend my appreciation to the members of the Parish Council who not only accepted the minimum stipend requirement, as voted upon by this years Diocesan Assembly, but went above the minimum especially in the area of "apartment allowance."

Peace,

Fr. George

Fr. George

Photo-copy: Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

January 24, 1975

Mrs. Ruth Garabedian
Women's Guild
St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Mrs. Garabedian:

The Primate was pleased to receive your letter of January 8. He is away from his office and will not return for approximately two weeks, and asked me to acknowledge on his behalf.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian

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(607) 722-8801

March 1, 1975

Mr. Stephen Kambourian
630 Second Avenue
New York City, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Kambourian:

We are delighted that His Eminence will be visiting our parish on October 4-5.

We will again communicate with you, in September, concerning His Eminence's time of arrival.

Sincerely,

Der Kevork Arakelian

Der Kevork Arakelian
Pastor

August 18, 1975

The Reverend Kevork Arakelian
Pastor, St. Gregory The Illuminator Church
12 Corbett Street
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Father Kevork:

We were happy to receive your letter of August 14, and are in accord with the schedule of our October 4 visit as outlined.

We will leave making all the necessary arrangements to you.

We will be arriving Binghamton on October 4, at 9:36 a.m., Alleghaney flight 847. Our departure is scheduled for October 6, at 8:04 a.m., Alleghaney flight 550.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

June 20, 1975

Reverend Father Kevork Arakelian
Pastor
St. Gregory the Illuminator
Armenian Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Father Kevork:

I have received your letters of April 2 and June 13.

Please excuse the delay in answering your letter of April 2.

As per your invitation as the Pastor of St. Gregory the Illuminator Church of Binghamton and the desire expressed by the Bagdasarian family, I will be happy to be with you on October 11 to perform together with you the wedding of Suzanne.

Sincerely,

Rev. Mampree Kouzoufian
Canon Sacrist

MK:vb

December 1, 1975

The Reverend Kevork Arakelian
Pastor and President of Parish Council
St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian
Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Father Kevork:

It has been some time since our parishes made group pilgrimages to St. Vartan Cathedral, and it is our hope that we may be able to reinstitute this practice on a regular basis. These pilgrimages proved to be a wonderful experience in the past, with valuable benefits, not only to the Cathedral, but to the participating parishes.

We have programs that we can offer as supplements to worship in the Cathedral. It would make us happy if you could organize a group pilgrimage to St. Vartan Cathedral in your parish during 1976. We would want you, of course, to celebrate the Divine Liturgy.

Please give this your earliest consideration and confirm the date since we would like to announce it and make preparations for a noontime meal and a brief program for the day.

Let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Reverend Mampr Kouzoulian
Canon Sacrist

cc: Dr. Nubar Astarjian
Council Chairman

MK:vb

December 23, 1975

The Reverend Kevork Arakelian
Pastor
St. Gregory The Illuminator
Armenian Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Father Kevork:

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian is in receipt of your letter and was happy to hear from you.

As to possible dates for His Eminence's visit to your parish, at the present time, December 5 or 12, 1976 are available.

If either date is acceptable, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Kambourian
Executive Director

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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN
CHURCH OF AMERICA

January 8, 1976

Mr. Stephen Kambourian,
Executive Director
630 Second Avenue
New York City, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Kambourian:

Please inform His Eminence that we will be looking forward to his pastoral visitation to our parish on December 5, 1976.

Peace,

Fr. George Arakelian
Fr. George Arakelian,
Pastor

Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



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February 18, 1976

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
630 Second Avenue
New York City, New York 10016

Eminence:

So that our Womens Guild members may participate more fully on
Women Saints Day, would you please send me 20 copies of the service?

Peace,

Fr. George
Fr. George

*sent 25 booklets
12/26/76
V.B.*

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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN
CHURCH OF AMERICA

March 14, 1976

Mr. Stephen Kambourian
630 Second Avenue
New York City, New York 10016

Dear Stephen:

Please be advised that our Parish Council has decided that we will pay our assessment according to our 1975 assessment and not the 1976 assessment until it is voted upon at the Diocesan Assembly.

Sincerely,

Fr. George Arakelian

Fr. George Arakelian,
Pastor

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Nishan Ketchoyan,
Parish Council Chairman



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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 212 686-0710

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MĀNOOGIAN, PRIMATE

May 5, 1976

The Reverend Kevork Arakelian
Pastor and President of Parish Council
St. Gregory The Illuminator
Armenian Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Father Kevork:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your remittance and thank you and the Parish Council for your cooperation.

Our receipt is enclosed indicating the sum remitted and the manner in which it has been credited.

Yours sincerely,

Syraun Palvetzian
Syraun Palvetzian
Director

Enclosure - Receipt No. 23530

cc: Dr. Nubar Astarjian
Council Chairman

Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



12 CORBETT AVE.
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June 1, 1976

Diocese Of The Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York City, New York 10016

Dear Committee:

Since the Diocese is planning to establish the St. Vartan Book Club, I would ~~be~~ remind the people involved that the priority of such a 'club,' under the Church, should be to publish books specifically in the area of spirituality and theology of our Armenian Orthodox Church. Not cook books, translations of plays, and philosophical outlooks of the Armenian Community. Rather we should try and publish works such as: The Life in Christ, Of Water and the Spirit, Great Lent, Marriage: An Orthodox Perspective, Christ in Eastern Christian Thought, Gospel Image of Christ, The Face of Christ in the Old Testament, and so on. (Obviously these books have been written by others, but books of this type should be first and foremost on the list of priorities.)

If the 'club' does not have spirituality and theology as its main objectives, then I am AGAINST having such a 'club.' The treasure which the Armenian Church has in her theology and teachings has been hidden too long. Let^{us} enlighten others, as well as our own people with our theology and spirituality and perhaps then we will have some impact on the world.

Peace,
Kevork Kahana Arakelian
Kevork Kahana Arakelian

Why don't you write one!



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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 212 686-0710

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

July 7, 1976

The Reverend Kevork Arakelian
Pastor and President of Parish Council
St. Gregory The Illuminator
Armenian Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Father Kevork:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your remittance and thank you and the Parish Council for your cooperation.

Our receipt is enclosed indicating the sum remitted and the manner in which it has been credited.

Yours sincerely,

Syraun Palvetzian
Director

Enclosure - Receipt No. 24591

cc: Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian
Parish Council Chairman



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

June 9, 1976

The Reverend Kevork Arakelian
Pastor and President of Parish Council
St. Gregory The Illuminator
Armenian Church
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Binghamton, New York 13903

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Yours sincerely,

Syraun Palvetzian
Director

Enclosure - Receipt No. 24127

cc: Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian
Council Chairman



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

July 30, 1976

The Reverend Kevork Arakelian
Pastor and President of Parish Council
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Binghamton, New York 13903

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Yours sincerely,

Syraun Palvetzian
Syraun Palvetzian
Director

Enclosure - Receipt No. 24737

cc: Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian
Parish Council Chairman



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

September 27, 1976

The Reverend Kevork Arakelian
Pastor and President of Parish Council
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Armenian Church
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Binghamton, New York 13903

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Yours sincerely,

Syran Palvetzian
Syran Palvetzian
Director

Enclosure - Receipt No. 25097

cc: Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian
Parish Council Chairman



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

October 14, 1976

The Reverend Father Kevork Arakelian
Pastor and President of Parish Council
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Armenian Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13903

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Yours sincerely,

Syraun Palvetzian
Syraun Palvetzian
Director

Enclosure - Receipt No. 25140

cc: Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian
Parish Council Chairman

November 18, 1976

The Reverend Father Kevork Arakelian
Pastor, St. Gregory The Illuminator Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Father Kevork:

We are pleased to inform you that His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manogian will be arriving in Binghamton on December 4, 1976, at 11:56 a.m. on Alleghany Airlines flight 460.

His Eminence will be leaving Binghamton on December 6, 1976, at 9:09 a.m. on Alleghany Airlines flight 458.

It would be most appreciated if arrangements can be made to meet His Eminence at the airport, and the necessary reservations made for his accommodation in Binghamton.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully,

Sylvia Terzibashian
Secretary to the Primate

December 7, 1976

Dr. and Mrs. Vahe Garabedian
36 Lincoln Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13905

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Garabedian:

We were delighted with the ceremonial key you were kind enough to present to us for appropriate rites in our Diocese.

It is most impressive and much needed.

We will in the future use it as an integral part of the service for the ordination of Minor Orders.

May God bless you for your thoughtfulness.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

February 2, 1977

The Reverend Father Kevork Arakelian
Pastor and President of Parish Council
St. Gregory The Illuminator
Armenian Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Father Kevork:

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Yours sincerely,

Syraun Palvetzian
Syraun Palvetzian
Director

Enclosure - Receipt No. 25786

cc: Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian
Parish Council Chairman



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

April 26, 1977

The Reverend Father Kevork Arakelian
Pastor and President of Parish Council
St. Gregory The Illuminator
Armenian Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Father Kevork:

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Yours sincerely,

Syraun Palvetzian
Director

Enclosure - Receipt Numbers 26314 and 26487

cc: Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian
Parish Council Chairman



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOSIAN, PRIMATE

June 1, 1977

The Reverend Father Kevork Arakelian
Pastor and President of Parish Council
St. Gregory The Illuminator
Armenian Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Father Kevork:

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Yours sincerely,

Syraun Palvetzian
Director

Enclosure - Receipt Number 26841

cc: Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian
Parish Council Chairman

Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



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

September 2, 1977

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Your Eminence:

At its regular meeting on August 31, 1977 the parish council of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church, after due deliberation, deemed it necessary to communicate with you regarding a situation of considerable gravity. This letter is initiated directly as a result of receipt of your letter of August 1, 1977 and a letter from Jacob Pilibosian dated August 12, 1977 regarding Clergy Pensions.

With recent increases in operating expenses and dues, this council feels strongly that it cannot financially support the pension program as established. The increasing money burdens are becoming more and more of a hardship for our small parish of about thirty families and sixty paid members. Presently our average per capita expenditures exceed \$500.00 per member. The additional mandated \$750.00 annual increase for pension benefits is unrealistic and cannot be met by our small group.

We are appealing to you for help in this matter and hope that a reconsideration of the pension plan contribution will be in order.

Respectfully

Nishan Ketchoyian
Nishan Ketchoyian
Parish Council Chairman

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**Saint Gregory The Illuminator
Armenian Apostolic Church**



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

September 9, 1977

His Eminence
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
630 Second Avenue
New York City, New York 10016

Eminence:

Fr. Jim Jones called me this morning and told me that the audio portion of the program, that was taped here in Binghamton, is unfortunately very garbled and inaudible. He expressed his regret and also mentioned that when you are in the area again, perhaps we might tape another program and make sure the tape is "saved" in advance.

Your servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevork Kahana Arakelian".

Kevork Kahana Arakelian
Pastor

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**Saint Gregory The Illuminator
Armenian Apostolic Church**



12 CORBETT AVE.
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(607) 722-8801

October 14, 1977

His Eminence
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
630 Second Avenue
New York City, New York 10016

Eminence:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter we received asking for information about our Church.

Parish Council wanted to know if we should give out such information, and are there any Diocesan policies concerning detailed information about the Church that should or should not be given out to other organizations or individuals?

Your servant in Christ,

Kevork Kahana Arakelian

Kevork Kahana Arakelian
Pastor

Answered by Phone:

*The enclosure is a general form -
answer is not necessary.*

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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

October 25, 1977

The Reverend Father Kevork Arakelian
Pastor and President of Parish Council
St. Gregory The Illuminator
Armenian Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Father Kevork:

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Yours sincerely,

Syraun Palvetzian
Director

Enclosure - Receipt Number 27760

cc: Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian
Parish Council Chairman

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Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



12 CORBETT AVE.
BINGHAMTON, N. Y. 13903
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October 26, 1977

His Eminence
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
630 Second Avenue
New York City, New York 10016

Eminence:

After speaking with you on the phone yesterday, I gave some more thought to the clergy pension program.

Our Council is antagonistic toward the program for the following reasons: first, the initial \$750.00 that must be budgeted and perhaps increases in the years to come; second, they view it as an increase in salary; third, some felt it was illegal (it was hard convincing some that I am self-employed); and lastly, some do not like the plan itself...indicating that the Diocese has "been taken again."

My suggestion would be to invite Mr. Jacob Pilibosian to be present at all Regional Meetings to explain the program in greater detail and to answer questions which will enlighten our councils and delegates.

Somehow, if parishes still refuse to include the pension within their budgets for 1978 and succeeding years, Diocesan Council must apply some type of 'loving pressure' to ensure that a Diocesan Assembly decision is enforced by local councils.

Indications now are that our Council will be coming en masse to Niagra Falls on November 19th.

Your servant in Christ,

Kevork Kahana Arakelian

Kevork Kahana Arakelian
Pastor



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

November 11, 1977

The Reverend Father Kevork Arakelian
Pastor and President of Parish Council
St. Gregory The Illuminator
Armenian Church
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Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Father Kevork:

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Yours sincerely,

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Director

Enclosure - Receipt Number 27837

cc: Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian
Parish Council Chairman



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

December 27, 1977

The Reverend Father Kevork Arakelian
Pastor and President of Parish Council
St. Gregory The Illuminator
Armenian Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Father Kevork:

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Yours sincerely,

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Director

Enclosure - Receipt Number 27957

cc: Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian
Parish Council Chairman



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

February 23, 1978

The Reverend Father Kevork Arakelian
Pastor and President of Parish Council
St. Gregory The Illuminator
Armenian Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Singhamton, New York 13903

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Yours sincerely,

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Director

Enclosure - Receipt Number 28615

cc: Mr. Nisnan Ketchoyian
Parish Council Chairman



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

March 13, 1978

The Reverend Father Kevon Arakelian
Pastor and President of Parish Council
Holy Ascension Armenian Apostolic Church
1400 Huntington Turnpike
Trumbull, Connecticut 06611

Dear Father Levon:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your remittance and thank you and the Parish Council for your cooperation.

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Yours sincerely,

Syraun Palvetzian
Syraun Palvetzian
Director

Enclosure - Receipt Number 28725

cc: Mr. Stephen Goomrigian
Parish Council Chairman



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

March 14, 1978

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Pastor and President of Parish Council
St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church
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Binghamton, New York 13903

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Syraun Palvetzian
Syraun Palvetzian
Director

Enclosure - Receipt Number 28870

cc: Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian
Parish Council Chairman



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Director

Enclosure - Receipt Number 23723

cc: Mr. Stephen Goomrigian
Parish Council Chairman

**Saint Gregory The Illuminator
Armenian Apostolic Church**



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

June 5th, 1978

His Eminence
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
630 Second Avenue
New York City, New York

Your Eminence:

Our recent correspondence during the past few months from the Diocese has not been accompanied with the English translations. The Parish Council members would greatly appreciate it if the English translations could be resumed at your earliest convenience.

Your servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevork Kahana Arakelian".

Kevork Kahana Arakelian
PASTOR

HK:HK

Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



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

June 16, 1978

His Eminence
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
630 Second Avenue
New York City, New York 10016

Eminence:

We received your letter #25821, dated June 8, 1978, indicating to us that the most appropriate time for your pastoral visitation would be May 20, 1979.

After conferring with Council on Wednesday, June 14, 1978, and upon our decision that evening, I would like to confirm the date of May 20, 1979, for your visitation to the Binghamton community.

May the Holy Spirit guide you in all your decisions as Prince of the Church.

Your servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevork Kahana Arakelian".

Kevork Kahana Arakelian
Pastor

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Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



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

August 31, 1978

His Eminence
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
630 Second Avenue
New York City, New York 10016

Eminence:

Our Church needs a set of Baptism and Chrismation certificates. ✓
Would you please send us a booklet.

I would also appreciate three or four clergy insurance forms if ✓
it is possible.

Please inform us of your arrival on Wednesday, September 13th, so
that we might make the proper arrangements for Your Eminence and
anyone else travelling with you.

Your servant in Christ,

Kevork Kahana Arakelian

Kevork Kahana Arakelian
Pastor

*Recd
9/6/78*