

October 12, 1958

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Germanos
Acting Archbishop of the Greek Archdiocese of
North and South America
10 East 97th Street
New York, New York

Dear brother in Christ:

Inasmuch as our Cleveland parish of the Armenian Church does not possess a house of worship of its own, it recently applied to the Very Rev. John Geranios, Rector of the St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, for the privilege of holding its services in his church. The Rev. Geranios very properly suggested that the application be addressed to your Archdiocese for the necessary authorization.

Therefore, we are glad to transmit to you the foregoing request from our Cleveland parish, confident that it will merit your kind approval.

Our Cleveland parish already has purchased a valuable tract of land and is planning to build its own church in the near future. However, we would greatly appreciate if our clergy are allowed until then the use of the local Greek Orthodox sister church, once a month, until their own plans for a church of their own materializes.

Needless to add, we are most grateful for the considerations of similar nature, which our churches have received from the Greek Orthodox Church now and in the past.

Your brother in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Maron Gourdjikian
Vicar-General, Diocese of the Armenian Church
of America

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January 19, 1959

**Mr. Paul K. Agharian
Chairman, Parish Assembly
Cleveland Parish
1855 Roxbury Road
East Cleveland 12, Ohio**

Dear Mr. Agharian:

We have received your Parish Report dated January 12, 1959, whereby you are informing us that under your chairmanship in the Annual Parish Assembly of your church, the following were elected as members of your Parish Council for two years.

**Mr. Armen Kassebochian
Mr. Paul K. Agharian
Mr. Alex Bagdasarian
Mr. Nubar Abdalian
Mrs. Rose Asarian**

Considering that the above mentioned have been duly elected according to the rules of the Diocesan By-Laws, and are known as devoted church members, we hereby ratify their election.

May God bless the newly elected and we believe that each and every one of your Parish Council members will do his utmost for the benefit of the Armenian Holy Church and for the glory of God.

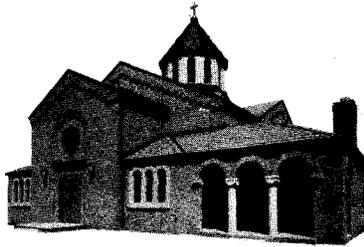
We would like to draw your attention to the fact that you have forgotten to enclose the Parish Report Questionnaire which was mailed to you on November 20, 1958. It is essential that we should have this comprehensive report in your file in the Diocesan Office.

For your further convenience we are enclosing duplicate copies of the said questionnaire which should be completed and returned to this office within ten days of this date.

With paternal blessings & prayers,

**Archbishop Sion Hancock
Primate, Armenian Church Diocese of America**

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ST. GREGORY OF NAREK
ARMENIAN APOST. CHURCH

666 Richmond Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44124, U.S.A.

Pastor—Very Rev. Vasken Kebreslian

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Area Code 216—Tel. 381-6590

September 23, 1969

Mr. Khatchadourian (Father Setrag)
Post Office Box 43004
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Khatchadourian,

This letter is formal notification that the Parish Council of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Apostolic Church has unanimously decided to withdraw its support of your effort to establish permanent residence in this country.

This means that effective September 24, 1969 the Immigration Department will be notified that this church is no longer sponsoring your application. The reasons for this decision are many - chief among them the fact that you have resigned your priesthood; and also because you are not acceptable to the Diocese as a priest.

As a matter of advice, we suggest that you disassociate yourself from this parish. Specifically, do not give others the understanding that you are still a member of the priesthood. Also, we suggest that you no longer contact Father Arshag - your presence and pleas have become a source of embarrassment and harassment.

In conclusion, your presence here is no longer supported by this parish. What you do from this moment on is your own choice - and it is suggested that you give your future actions considerable thought.

Respectfully yours,

Deeran K. Krikerian,
Corresponding Secretary
PARISH COUNCIL

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✓ CC: Archbishop Terkem Manogian, Primate

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PASTOR-VERY REV. † ARSHAG KHATCHADOURIAN

February 10, 1971

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10016

Your Eminence:

This is the agreement I spoke to you about on Tuesday evening, January 26, 1971. Enclosed also is a copy of the letter to Mr. Mardigian and a copy of his first letter which necessitated these discussions.

If you would be kind enough to sign the agreement and return it in the enclosed envelope, we will then send Mr. Mardigian his letter along with the agreement for his signature.

The signed agreement will then be xeroxed and copies distributed to:

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
Mr. Edward Mardigian, Chairman, National Campaign
Committee
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church of Cleveland
AGBU Midwest Office

✓ I think that this is the sum and substance of what you and I discussed. If you have any objection to any of this, please call me collect at (312) 568-3800. It is for this reason that I have not sent Mr. Mardigian his letter - so that any suggested changes you might have could be effected before the letter is mailed.

With respect,

Deeran K. Krikorian

Deeran K. Krikorian *wk*
Chairman, Building Committee

Attachments

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October 28, 1971

✓ Mr. Russell Arslanian
c/o St. Gregory of Narek
Armenian Apostolic Church
666 Richmond Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44143

Dear Mr. Arslanian:

We regret very much that personal circumstances have constrained you to resign as Chairman of the Parish Council of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Apostolic Church. But, of course, it is understandable.

We commend you for your service and leadership in Cleveland and pray that you and your family will be happy and content in your new life and work in the Boston area.

We are sure, too, that your devotion to our church will be undiminished and that our loss in Cleveland will be a gain for one of our churches in the Boston community.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

May 21, 1973

The Reverend Father Diran Papazian
Pastor
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church
666 Richmond Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44143

Dear Father Diran:

We are very pleased that the St. Gregory of Narek Church is commemorating the 20th anniversary of the establishment of its Church School, since we regard our Church Schools as one of our most important programs. Such recognition, accorded regularly, reflects both our high regard for this institution as well as our appreciation for those who direct and serve in it.

We would like to express our own commendation to all the teachers and superintendents who served your Church School during these past twenty years. Their contribution is of the highest order, concerned as it is with the immediate mission of our Church, and the instruction of young people in its teachings.

We commend particularly Mrs. Florence Goekjian who served so long and so admirably as superintendent, preparing and inspiring others, bringing to the task a true and exemplary dedication.

May God bless her and all her co-workers.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manougian
Primate

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