

66December 1991

Ms. Florence Karoghlanian  
Parish Council Chairman  
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church  
678 Richmond Road  
Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143

Dear Ms. Karoghlanian:

Thank you for your letter of 20 November. I was happy to have had the opportunity of meeting with you recently to discuss the situation at St. Gregory Church among other matters. It is always refreshing to be with devoted, faithful people with such an exemplary love and vision for the church.

I look forward to visiting your parish on the weekend of 27-28 June 1992. Kindly contact my office as soon as possible to confirm these dates.

Until then, God be with you and may He fill us all with patience and hope that all things will be right, and give us courage and zeal to make things happen in His good name.

With prayers,

Bishop Khajag Barsamian  
Primate

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June 28, 1992

November 20, 1991

His Grace Bishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, NY 10016

Your Grace:

Let us take a few moments to express our sincere pleasure of having the opportunity to meet with you and our Vicar General during the 45th Annual Assembly of the AACCA.

The discussions were relaxed, yet enlightening. We needed to convey to you our concerns, needs and in general; communication of topics at the Diocesan level as well as the changing times of our diaspora.

As you know, our top priority is identifying the appropriate candidate that would fill the position of full-time pastor of our parish. We are confident that you realize how urgent we feel this need is and that our parish should be the first in line when the occasion arises.

We are also sure, you are cognizant that our parishioners were greatly disappointed that you could not be the celebrant and preacher on November 3, 1991. We know that you had good reason to go to Dallas. But please understand, compounding not having a pastor and being a remotely located parish, the congregation felt let down that they could not worship with our Primate. And by the same token, this is not any reflection on our Vicar General, Very Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Najarian -- who has endeared himself to our people here.

In light of this, the Parish Council of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church would like to respectfully request that you make a PASTORAL VISITATION during May or June, 1992. We have had the good fortune of your presence during the past two years on the occasions of conventions, however; we feel the need for a pastoral visit so that you may meet with the Parish Council, our organizations and in general, get to know our small, but vibrant parish at a more personal level. We need this visitation to be over a weekend and would ask you to celebrate Badarak on this occasion.

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The reason we have chosen this time frame is that during your last visit you forecasted that in approximately 9 - 12 months, a successful candidate should have been identified to become the pastor of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church. During this Pastoral Visitation, obviously this critical matter will be at the top of our agenda.

Looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience, we remain

Respectfully yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Florence Karoghlanian".

Florence Karoghlanian  
Chairman  
Parish Council

February 21, 1992

Ms. Florence Karoghlanian,  
Chairman  
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church  
678 Richmond Road  
Richmond Heights, OH 44133

Dear Ms. Karoghlanian:

Thank you for your letter dated December 29 and to your most sincere wishes for the New Year.

I confirm the weekend of June 27-28, 1992 regarding my first Pastoral visitation at St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church. I would be happy to visit you.

Until then, may God bless you and may His Spirit guide us to new energy in His Way.

With prayers,

Bishop Khajag Barsamian  
Primate



December 29, 1991

His Grace Bishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate  
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630 Second Avenue  
New York, NY 10016

Your Grace:

First let us thank you for your prompt response to our letter of November 20th.

We would like to confirm the weekend on June 27-28, 1992 for your first Pastoral Visitation to St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church. OK

If there is a certain format that you would like us to follow, please let us know at your earliest convenience. If not, we shall use our good judgement and advise you of the schedule for the weekend as plans are finalized.

We are looking forward to your visitation and are sure it will be mutually beneficial.

Until then, please accept our prayers for your continued good health and success as you carry on the mission of our beloved Mother Church.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, SRPAZAN HAYR. . .

Respectfully yours,

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