

October 21, 1961

Mr. Avedis Derderian  
Chairman, Parish Council  
86 Willow Avenue  
Bradford, Mass.

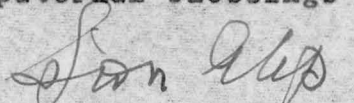
Dear Mr. Derderian:

We hereby inform you that the term of office of your delegates is expired and you should elect new delegates with their alternates, and send the names and addresses, to the Diocesan Office, not later than the first week of March, to enable us to invite them to the Diocesan Assembly and mail the annual report of the Diocesan Council.

According to the resolution adopted by the last Diocesan Assembly, the Tivan of the Assembly will confirm the election of the new delegates, therefore you are advised to mail the original copy of the credentials of your delegates, to the Diocesan office, duly signed by your clergy and by the chairman and secretary of your Parish Council.

Your delegates must present the copy of their credentials at the Diocesan Assembly.

With paternal blessings & prayers,



SION ARCHBISHOP

Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian  
Church of America

St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church

Main Street     DRake 4-9778  
HAVERHILL, MASSACHUSETTS

November 3, 1966

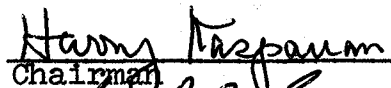
To The Diocesan Council:

There has been a great deal of dissatisfaction between the Parish Council, many of the church elders and our priest, the Reverend Vartan Der Assadoorian.

On October 7, 1966 during the Arachnord's first but unofficial visit to our church, the priest repeated a request for a transfer to another parish as he had previously done by letter. Later that evening, the Parish Council requested a change with some reasons in detail. Still later, a group of highly disturbed elder laymen had an audience with Bishop Torkom concerning this same subject.

Our church has been deeply hurt because of so much degeneration, unrest and ill-feeling. There have been several ungentlemanly verbal provocations and it is not the intent of this letter to evaluate differences. If further details are desired, several members of our Parish Council will be available at your meeting when called upon. Any delays will create further tension. Therefore, it is our request that the Diocesan Council take immediate action and replace our priest.

Very truly yours,

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

Copies:

Bishop Torkom Manoogian  
Rev. V. Assadoorian  
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September 8, 1970

Rev. Michael Buttero  
Pastor and President  
St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church  
110 Main Street  
Haverhill, Mass. 01830

Dear Father Michael:

On the joyous occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the consecration of St. Gregory the Illuminator Church, we congratulate our faithful and share their happiness.

During these troubled times, the importance of devotion to Our Lord and His Church cannot be minimized. The strength we derive from Him will sustain us to continue working for His Glory in the coming years. We are pleased that the Haverhill parish has been exemplary in its faithfulness and has constantly witnessed to the Faith, serving the needs of the community.

We pray that you may continue your untiring efforts in His service for the spiritual growth of the children of the Armenian Church.

Prayerfully yours,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

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January 25, 1972

The Reverend Nersess Baboorian  
Pastor  
✓ President of Parish Council  
St. Gregory The Illuminator  
110 Main Street  
Haverhill, Massachusetts 01830

Dear Father Nersess:

Enclosed is the first statement of the 1972 Diocesan fiscal year. It is based on the new recommended assessments, previously submitted to your parish, which are yet to be confirmed by the Diocesan Assembly. If any changes are introduced at the Assembly, adjustments will subsequently be made to conform to that decision.

Included on these statements will be regular clergy insurance premiums, wherever applicable for which separate statements will not be issued.

We urge that remittances for these monthly statements be made as regularly as possible so that the expenditures and finances at Diocesan Headquarters may be managed efficiently.

We wish finally to draw your attention to the sum of \$574.89 which remains as a balance from your parish's 1971 obligations. We urge that this sum be remitted at the first opportunity, so that our annual report may show no delinquencies at the Assembly.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. John Tatian  
Chairman

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February 8, 1973

The Reverend Nerses Baboorian  
Pastor  
President of the Parish Council  
St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church  
110 Main Street  
Haverhill, Massachusetts 01830

Dear Father Nerses:

We have received a letter from a concerned Armenian urging us to grant permission for the joint observance of April 24, 1973, with our Separated Church.

At the present time we feel it would be inappropriate to changing our Directive concerning joint affairs conducted in the official name of the church. As you know we have committees from both sides discussing the means and the circumstances by which true unity may be achieved in our Diocese. Any premature acts may well prove harmful to the effectiveness of these negotiations.

We must, therefore, reaffirm our Directive barring such joint activities, and repeat our warm hope that the true unity we pray and work for will resolve such difficulties once and for all.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

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cc: Mr. Harry Kasparian  
Chairman  
Parish Council



February 22, 1973

The Reverend Nerses Baboorian  
Pastor  
St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church  
110 Main Street  
Haverhill, Massachusetts 01830

Dear Father Nerses:

We have received your request for an award for Mr. Vahak Bogosian, and wish to bring to your attention the procedures set by the Diocesan Awards Committee.

A point system has been established, on the basis of which various awards are made. A copy of this is enclosed for your guidance in this case, as well as for the future.

It should also be noted that once the points are set forth for the service of any individual, the recommendation for action by the Diocesan Council must come formally from the Parish Council.

It is obvious that the individual in question should not know about your proposed action, in order to avoid embarrassment in the event that the required standards are not met.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Terkom Manougian  
Primate

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June 3, 1974

Mr. Harry Kasparian  
Chairman, Parish Council  
St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church  
110 Main Street  
Haverhill, Mass. 01830

Dear Mr. Kasparian:

We have your letter of May 24, and can appreciate the concerns you express.

We are always preoccupied with the performance of our pastors and the welfare of our various parishes.

We will give urgent consideration to the request for a pastoral change in your parish, and we will be in touch with you. We will also communicate with Fr. Nersess.

Meanwhile, however, we cannot accept or permit the setting of a termination date. This will depend on contingent arrangements, concerning which we will keep you apprised.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate



August 7, 1974

Reverend Nersess Baboorian  
Pastor  
St. Gregory the Illuminator  
Armenian Church  
110 Main Street  
Haverhill, Massachusetts 01830

Dear Father Nersess:

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 parish.

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 1974-75. 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,

Rev. Fr. Mampre Kouzouian  
Canon Sacrist

cc: Mr. Harry Kasparian  
Council Chairman

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