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Elmira, N.Y. 14904

Armenian Diocese of America
Holy Cross Church
580 W. 187th St.
New York, N.Y.

The Right Rev. Father Torkom Manogogian:

First of all, let me say that I don't know if I am writing to the correct person or not! I am Armenian and I am dismayed at the lack of church activities at the Binghamton, N.Y. Armenian church. I strongly feel that there should be more activities at St. Gregory's (I believe that is the correct name). I would like to be able to attend church services on Sundays and be able to socialize with other Armenians. This is very important to me to be able to do this!! I live in Elmira, which is about 60 miles away. I am most certainly willing to travel to Binghamton to be with other Armenians!! I know there are other Armenians in both Elmira and Binghamton who feel the same way!! I miss everything about the Armenians! I was told that the reason that there aren't as many church services as there used to be is that the people in the Binghamton church weren't very nice to the priest there! Why would they do that? I know some Armenians where I live, but there aren't as many as there would be in Binghamton! When everyone comes together, it makes it nice!! I would like to know if there could be regular social events?? This is needed very much, I believe!! I most certainly hope that there will be a service to commemorate the genocide on April 24!! I certainly hope that another priest can be found for the Binghamton church on a permanent basis!! I pray that we will all be able to see regular services again!! I hope that you can help in this matter of importance!! I ask that you do not tell anyone who wrote this letter!! I think it is better that way! I provided my return address so that you may write back to me if you so choose to!! Thank you very much for your help in this matter!!

Sincerely,
Lee Talasleian

P.S. If this letter is addressed incorrectly, please see to it that it gets to the correct person.

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Syraun - this letter is from October 26! perhaps a call is also in order?

Dear Mr. Kradjian

We regret the inordinate delay in responding to your letter of October 26, but ~~since~~ ^{since} before its arrival our office ~~has~~ ^{has} been overwhelmed by the ~~tragedies of~~ twin tragedies of Karabagh and the devastating earthquake ^{in Armenia.}

^{you and}
Under the circumstance, Mr. Kachaourian ~~and~~ may indeed run again for parish council. However, permission to do so must be contingent ~~upon the conditions~~ ~~in condition~~ upon condition that you submit your annual parish report for the calendar year 1987, which is now a year overdue, and payment of your parish assessment ~~;~~ for the calendar year 1988. Kindly attend to these matters ~~as soon as possible~~ quickly as your parish assembly is to take place in the very near future.

~~With~~
God bless you and may He imbue your community and the entire Armenian world with wisdom, grace and strength for the challenges ahead.

ATM

~~We have not written anything to Bing Stanton. I shall type it & check with Primate.~~

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Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



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October 26, 1988

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
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Your Eminence Archbishop Manoogian and Members of The Diosen
Council:

The nominating committee has asked that I request that the rule limiting the number of terms of a member of Parish Council to three terms be waved. In view of the limited size of our Parish, it is the feeling of the nominating committee that the Parish would be best served if Aristakes Kachadourian and Diran Kradjian be allowed to run again.

I thank you in advance for considering this matter.

Yours truly,

Diran S. Kradjian
Parish Council Chairman

DSK/mlc

Permission is contingent upon submission
- Annual Reports delinquent 1987
- Parish assessment 1988