

125 Parkway Drive  
Syracuse, N.Y., 13207  
April 20, 1970

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
630 Second ave.  
New York, N.Y., 10016

Gentlemen:

I congratulate you on the second anniversary of the consecration of St. Vartan's Armenian Cathedral and enclose a small donation. I hope someday to see the cathedral but from the pictures it is very handsome.

Although I would ordinarily not write, I would in this instance add a voice from the hinterlands. My late father was active in church and community affairs and we have had many priests of the church as visitors including the late Archbishop Tourian and Archbishop Tirayre. So that I am quite aware of the background of the split in our church and in our small community. And I am not naive enough to ask for immediate "miutuyn."

However, late in the Armenian Reporter there has been a running controversy on the "where" of Armenian weddings when the bride and bridegroom belong to diverse affiliations of the church. There have been such facetious "solutions" as going to city hall, an "odar" church and clergyman; no church; or bringing about an independent Armenian church.

It seems that when we take pride that the Armenians became the first Christian nation, we should also try practicing the Christian virtues first and politics second.

So, in the spirit of Christianity, I think it would be to the glory of the Armenian church as a whole to have priests of either the Etchmiadzin or Cilician Diocese to participate together in wedding ceremonies in whichever church they are held -- if this is the wish of the bridal couple. Fortunately, our services are so elaborate that any number of priests can take part. ( I realize this is not the problem).

My father was an Armenian and a Dashnagtzan and we belong to the "other church" in Syracuse. However, I have visited both Etchmiadzin and Cilicia in Lebanon. Both have historical and current significance. I personally believe that Etchmiadzin is the mother church but I believe that in some centuries, Cilicia also had leadership. So I see no reason why they cannot and should not cooperate to this extent.

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In the instance of weddings and funerals, too, I believe that this cooperation is not asking too much.

At a recent funeral in Syracuse of a leading musician (non-Armenian) the Catholic Cathedral was the site of the service. Taking part with the Catholic clergy were those of the Jewish faith, a layman and Protestants. So that requesting Armenian priests-- though they be affiliated with different diocese-- does not seem asking too much in this day and age.

I submit this respectfully and hope that some overtures be made in this instance.

Sincerely Yours,

*Nevart Apikian*

Nevart Apikian

March 31, 1970

Mr. Ardavast Babikian  
204 Milford Drive West  
Syracuse, New York 13206

Dear Mr. Babikian:

The following is the schedule for visiting clergy to  
St. Paul's parish for April and May.

April 12	Very Rev. Mesrob Semerjian
April 26	Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian
May 10	Very Rev. Mesrob Semerjian
May 24	Rev. Levon Arakelian

If any changes are necessary in this schedule, you  
will be notified as soon as possible.

Prayerfully,

Rev. Garen Gdanian

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April 1, 1969

Mr. Ardavast Babikian  
Chairman, Parish Council  
St. Paul Church  
Syracuse, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Babikian:

We are pleased to inform you that His Grace Archbishop Torkom Manoogian will arrive in Syracuse on Saturday afternoon, April 5, 1969, at 1:25 p.m. on Mohawk Airline Flight No.53.

He will remain in Syracuse through Monday, returning to New York probably on Tuesday morning.

In addition to the services on Easter Eve and Easter Sunday, the Primate would like to have a meeting arranged for Monday evening with the Parish Council and the various church organizations.

With blessings,

BISHOP VASKEN KEBRESLIAN  
Vicar General

June 25, 1970

Mr. Ardavast Babikian  
204 Milford Drive West  
Syracuse, New York 13206

Dear Mr. Babikian:

In confirmation of our recent telephone conversation, henceforth the visiting clergyman for St. Paul Armenian Church will be Very Rev. Hmayak Intoyan.

Please contact Father Hmayak and set up a definite schedule for the forthcoming Sundays.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) Garen Gdanian

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September 16, 1970

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

Dear Mr. Babikian:

We have received your request for the provision of printed envelopes and we would like to inform you that we have not, as a matter of practice, provided envelopes and stationery for our various parishes.

This is not because of any disinclination to be of help; it is simply that the procedure has seemed to us impractical.

If there is any other way we can be of help, please let us know.

Sincerely yours.

Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director

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December 1, 1971

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

Dear Mr. Babikian:

I would like to inform you of the schedule for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy by the Very Reverend Mesrob Semerjian at St. Paul Armenian Church:

December 5th  
December 19th  
January 2nd, 1972  
January 16th  
January 30th

Father Mesrob will arrive in Syracuse the Saturday before the service and will contact you upon his arrival.

If the Diocese can do anything for your parish needs, please do not hesitate to inform us.

Sincerely,

Father Mampre A. Koussouian  
Canon Sacrist  
St. Vartan Cathedral

cc: Very Reverend  
Mesrob Semerjian

December 1, 1971

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/ St. Paul Armenian Church  
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Syracuse, New York 13204

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Sincerely,

Father Mampré A. Kouzouian  
Canon Sacrist  
St. Vartan Cathedral

cc: Very Reverend  
Mesrob Semerjian



September 2, 1971

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

Dear Mr. Babikian:

We are most pleased that your church will serve as host of the Regional Meeting for the churches in your area which has been set for Sunday, September 26th, at 3:00 p.m. A copy of the Schedule of Regional Meetings is enclosed for your information.

Our office will attempt to keep you informed as to how many persons will be attending the meeting as soon as we receive responses to the invitations which we have sent to all participants.

We have every hope the meetings will be fruitful.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

(enclosure)

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April 2, 1971

Mr. Edward Tufankjian  
412 Beechwood Avenue  
Liverpool, N. Y. 13088

Dear Mr. Tufankjian:

May I please urge you to check into the preparation of the minutes of the regional meeting held in your area?

I would like to have them at the earliest possible moment.

With thanks,

Sincerely,

JA:jd

Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director

January 10, 1972

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

Dear Mr. Babikian:

We gratefully acknowledge your remittance of \$300.00 in response to the special needs of the Diocese in closing its budgetary deficit for 1971.

The spirit in which you contributed your support is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director

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Enclosure



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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

January 27, 1972

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

Dear Mr. Babikian:

We wanted to inform you of the arrangements which have been planned in order to have the Divine Liturgy celebrated in your parish.

On February 13, 27, March 12, and from March 26 - April 2 Father Mesrob Semerjian will be in your parish. We have asked him to contact you about his travel and accommodation plans.

We hope these arrangements are satisfactory to you and your people. If there are any further changes we shall inform you as soon as possible. If we may be of further service to you, please let me know.

Yours prayerfully,

*Mampr Kouzouian*  
The Reverend Mampr Kouzouian  
Canon Sacrist  
St. Vartan Cathedral

cc: Father Mesrob Semerjian

February 8, 1972

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

Dear Mr. Babikian:

We are in the process of making arrangements for assigning Deacon Raymond Arakelian as Deacon-in-charge of the Binghamton Parish. Deacon Raymond will reside in the city and serve the Parish in every way, even while he completes the little that remains of his training for the priesthood.

It occurred to us that it would be most useful if the Deacon could devote part of his time, perhaps one week a month, to the Syracuse Parish. He can during this time make visits, meet and assist your church organizations and schools, bring young people together and guide them in activities and programs.

We will of course continue to have priests visit your church for Badarak; but the presence of the Deacon will represent a more regular service.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience what your reaction to this proposal is, keeping in mind of course that there will be a financial obligation.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

ATM/ec

bcc: ✓ BINGHAMTON CHURCH FILE  
✓ SYRACUSE CHURCH FILE

✓ 21 Bradford Avenue  
Haverhill, Massachusetts 01830

March 7, 1972

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

Your Eminence:

I accept the pastoral responsibilities of Binghamton and Syracuse parishes which you have entrusted to <sup>my</sup> care as "Deacon in Charge."

I also agree to the conditions of living and remuneration as set forth by Binghamton Parish.

As for the distribution of time between the parishes: Binghamton will have a full three weeks of the month, while one week shall be devoted to Syracuse. However, the word "week" for Syracuse could mean less than seven days, as the parish requires.

Your servant in Christ,

*Deacon John Raymond Arakelian*

Deacon John Raymond Arakelian

✓ bcc: Syracuse Church File

March 10, 1972

Dr. Robert M. Bogdassarian  
Chairman of Parish Council  
St. Gregory The Illuminator Church  
12 Corbett Avenue  
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Dr. Bogdassarian:

We are pleased to confirm the assignment of Deacon Raymond Arakelian as Deacon in Charge of the Binghamton parish, according to the terms outlined in your letter of February 28. We have communicated this to the Deacon and have confirmed, as well, that he will commence his assignment on March 16.

We find the \$2,000 expectation from the Syracuse parish fair and equitable, provided a full quarter of the Deacon's time is devoted to it.

We will write to Syracuse in this regard, but feel that some adjustment should be made if less time is spent there. Perhaps this can be worked out between the two parishes, once the basic figure of \$2,000 for one-quarter of the time is agreed upon. We assume that with the payment of such a sum your parish will assume the costs for travel and lodging there, since these are included in the overall remuneration.

We will wait to hear from you before writing specifics to the Syracuse parish. We will meanwhile confirm with them our earlier note about the availability and desirability of having the Deacon serve them on this basis.

Dr. Robert M. Bogdassarian  
March 10, 1972  
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We hope and pray that your parish will flourish with the leadership and help of Deacon Raymond, as well as with the warm and encouraging support your Council and community will give him.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

ATH/ec

cc: Dr. Nubar K. Astarjian  
Secretary of Parish Council





**Saint Gregory The Illuminator  
Armenian Apostolic Church**

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BINGHAMTON, N. Y.

*Nº 18*  
February 28, 1972

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

Your Grace, the Primate:

In reference to your letter of February 3, 1972, we have met Deacon Raymond Arakelian and his wife and have come to the following conclusions:

1. Deacon Raymond is acceptable to us as deacon, in charge.
2. Dr. Hrair Dekmedjian has pledged to give him the necessary assistance in the Armenian language.
3. We will offer Deacon Raymond \$95.00 per week as a starting salary while he is a deacon.
4. We will offer Deacon Raymond fringe benefits amounting to approximately \$3,000.00 per year. These include a rent-free apartment, a car, car insurance, our share of the Diocesan Group policy, gas allowance, furniture, Social Security payments, New York State disability insurance, telephone, etc.
5. In view of the fact that he will spend one out of four (4) weeks in Syracuse, we expect the Syracuse Parish to participate in our expenses fairly to pay us \$2,000.00 a year in four (4) equal instalments in advance at the beginning of every quarter.



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6. Deacon Raymond has expressed his readiness to start on his job as of March 16, 1972.
7. We understand that after several months of tutoring, Deacon Raymond will be ready to be ordained as a priest in the Armenian Church.

The Parish Council and the committee for the procurement of a priest met in a joint session on February 25, 1972, and reached to the above mentioned decisions. The Parish Council then at a special meeting approved the same unanimously.

We have presented our proposals and now await your decision in this matter.

Respectfully submitted

*Nubar K. Astarjian, M.D.*  
Nubar K. Astarjian  
Secretary of Parish Council

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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

April 4, 1972

Mr. Ardavast Babikian  
Parish Council Chairman  
✓ St. Paul Armenian Church  
312 North Geddes Street  
Syracuse, N.Y. 13204

Dear Mr. Babikian:

We wanted to inform you of the arrangements which have been planned in order to have the Divine Liturgy celebrated in your parish.

April 16	The Rev. Vertanes Papazian
April 30	The Very Rev. Mesrob Semerjian
May 14 and 28	The Very Rev. Mesrob Semerjian

These clergymen have been asked to contact you about their travel and accommodation plans.

We hope these arrangements are satisfactory to you and your people. If there are any further changes we shall inform you as soon as possible. If we may be of further service to you, please let me know.

Yours prayerfully,

*(The Rev.) Mampre Kouzouian*

The Reverend Mampre Kouzouian  
Canon Sacrist  
St. Vartan Cathedral

cc: The Very Rev. Mesrob Semerjian  
The Rev. Vertanes Papazian

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

ATM/ec

April 18, 1972

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

Dear Mr. Babikian:

Deacon Raymond Arakelian has been established in the Binghamton parish as Deacon-in-Charge, with the understanding that he would, in part, serve the Syracuse parish as well.

It would be most appropriate, we feel, if you could communicate with the Binghamton Parish Council to make arrangements for a meeting at which a proper division of the Deacon's services, and corresponding compensation, could be worked out between both parishes.

We urge, therefore, that you contact either the Chairman, Dr. Robert M. Bogdasarian, 46 Laurel Avenue, Binghamton, N. Y. 13905 or the Secretary, Mr. Nubar K. Astarjian, 15 West Hampton Road, Binghamton, N. Y. 13903, of the Binghamton parish to arrange such a meeting, at a time which would be convenient to all concerned, and inform us of your final arrangements.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

ATM/ec

cc: Deacon Raymond Arakelian  
Dr. Robert M. Bogdasarian  
Mr. Nubar K. Astarjian



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Armenian Apostolic Church**

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BINGHAMTON, N. Y.

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April 6, 1972.

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

Your Grace, the Primate :

We acknowledge the receipt of your letter of march 10, 1972.

The Parish Council at its meeting of April 5 , 1972 decided that we are ready to open dialogue with the Syracuse parish council regarding Deacon Raymond Arakelian's time spent in Syracuse & the compensation to us for the Deacon's services.

May we suggest that representatives of the Syracuse parish council come down to Binghamton on a Sunday to see what the Deacon is doing here and also, to meet with us to settle the financial aspects , and more important , to meet Deacon Raymond Arakelian.

Arrangements could be made by contacting one of the following :

Dr. Robert Bogdasarian, chairman - Tel. (607)- 722-5066.  
Dr. Nubar Astarjian , secretary - Tel. (607)- 722-3332.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nubar K. Astarjian*  
Nubar K. Astarjian, Secretary.

August 7, 1972

Mr. Arthur Babikian  
204 Milford 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

September 29, 1972

*St. Paul Armenian Church*  
The Rev. Raymond Arakelian  
Deacon-in-Charge  
St. Paul Armenian Church  
12 Corbett Avenue  
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Deacon Raymond:

The Council for Religious Education has scheduled a teacher-training Workshop for the Binghamton and Syracuse parishes' Church School teachers for Saturday, November 4, 1972 at the Binghamton Church. This Workshop is being held for the benefit of all the teachers, as well as any interested parishioners. It may be particularly beneficial to the parish and to the Church School if you would invite any young people who may not be Church School teachers, but show interest in Christian Education.

The Workshop will be conducted by two representatives of the Council, Miss Valerie Gookjian and Mr. Daniel Kochakian.

The Council sincerely hopes that you stress the importance of the Workshop to the teachers, and encourage their full participation. It is most important, for the teachers to gain the full impact and benefit of the Workshop, that they attend the whole day's program. We hope you will remind them of their need to attend. We would also wish that you be able to attend yourself, if at all possible.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Louise Kalemkerian  
Executive Secretary

cc: Mr. Arthur Babikian  
Chairman



August 7, 1972

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

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

ATM/ec

November 30, 1972

Deacon Raymond J. Arakelian  
(Deacon-In-Charge)  
St. Paul Armenian Church  
312 North Geddes Street  
Syracuse, New York 13204

Dear Deacon Raymond:

We will be pleased to visit the Syracuse parish on Saturday and Sunday, April 21st and 22nd, the Easter weekend next year. The reservation has been made in our calendar; we would appreciate reconfirmation a month prior to the visit.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

cc: Mr. Peter Sahagian  
Chairman  
Parish Council

12 Corbett Avenue  
Binghamton, New York 13903

November 24, 1972

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

Your Eminence:

Your flock in Syracuse would like to have a pastoral visitation, if at all possible, on Easter, 1973, or on Palm Sunday, 1973. If these two dates are inconvenient for His Eminence, then we ask His Eminence to suggest a convenient date.

Your servant in Christ,

*Deacon Ray Arakelian*

Deacon Ray Arakelian  
Deacon-in-Charge

*at 15th  
of Easter*

*S. W. Spry*

November 30, 1972

Deacon Raymond J. Arakelian  
(Deacon-In-Charge)  
St. Paul Armenian Church  
312 North Geddes Street  
Syracuse, New York 13204

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Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

cc: Mr. Arthur Babikian  
Chairman  
Parish Council

March 24, 1973

Mr. R. H. Roomian  
101 Vassar Street  
Rochester, New York 14607

Dear Mr. Roomian:

In response to your letter of March 20, I checked with a stamp maker here. He can make this stamp for \$10, if we had a cut of the material. He cannot make it from the imprint you sent. If he were to make a cut, it would cost another \$10.

It appears from this that having it made there would be at least as good.

Best wishes.

Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director

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St. Paul's  
Armenian Apostolic Church

310 NORTH GEDDES STREET  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

3/20/73

TO: Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, N. Y. 10016

During our last church election, I was honored to become "corresponding secretary", even though home is approximately 100 miles west of St. Paul's Armenian Apostolic Church. Surprisingly enough, there have been no problems of any kind including communications, except one so far:

We've found it necessary to have two (not one) church rubber stamps, (see enclosed sample) but cannot find local businesses to fabricate the desired format without charging astronomical prices. (upwards of \$18<sup>00</sup>) Is it possible that the Diocese does business with a merchant who could supply an exact replica of the enclosed sample for a more reasonable cost? If so, please send finished product and bill, to me at address below for prompt acknowledgement.

Thank-you so much for your attention.

Sincerely,

*R. Roomian* corr. secy.

MR. R. H. ROOMIAN  
101 VASSAR ST.  
ROCHESTER, N. Y.  
14607



March 20, 1973

Deacon R. J. Arakelian  
St. Paul Armenian Church  
312 North Geddes Street  
Syracuse, New York 13204

Dear Deacon Arakelian:

In a short time we will be preparing our annual report in printed form for circulation to the delegates and presentation to the Assembly. We will have to list in the report all parishes which have not completed their assessment payments from previous years.

Your parish has a balance of \$132.00 as of December 31, 1972. Please have your treasurer remit this amount to the Diocese immediately so that all past accounts may be cleared up.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director

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St. Paul's  
Armenian Apostolic Church

310 NORTH GEDDES STREET  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

FEBRUARY 10, 1973

DEAR MR. ANTREASSIAN,

As requested, updated address lists have been enclosed.

We recently completed election procedures and made the necessary re-alignments. Accepting the position of corresponding secretary, I'll try to be as informative as I can on a timely basis in regards to needs generated by the diocese.

By the end of February, we should have a computerized address listing on file, which will be sent to you upon completion.

Please send any correspondence needing immediate attention, to my Rochester address below. Thank-you.

Sincerely,

Richard Roomian  
CORR. SECY.

R. H. ROOMIAN  
101 VASSAR ST.  
ROCHESTER NY 14607

Ret to me





June 5, 1973

Mr. Zaven Balian  
175 Milnor Avenue  
Syracuse, New York 13224

Dear Mr. Balian:

You had asked for a clarification of your assessment billing schedule. The enclosed statement totals for the first six months of this year: \$343.00. This represents 6 months' dues at \$53 a month, plus \$25.00 for Etchmiadsin Loema, this latter figure is a single remittance for the entire year.

I hope this is satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreasian  
Executive Director

JA/aa

cc: Deacon Raymond Arakelian

July 24, 1973

Mr. Ralph Vartigian  
24 Meadow Drive  
Troy, New York 12180

Dear Mr. Vartigian:

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 Antreasian  
Executive Director

August 17, 1973

Mr. Adavast Babikian  
204 Milford Drive West  
Syracuse, New York 13206

Dear Mr. Babikian:

The following is a schedule for the  
celebration of the Divine Liturgy through  
the month of October:

9 September - Rev. Fr. Garen Gdanian  
30 September - Rev. Fr. Arten Ashjian  
14 October - Very Rev. Fr. Mesrob Semerjian  
28 October --Very Rev. Fr. Mesrob Semerjian

I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Mampre Kouzouian  
Canon Sacrist  
St. Vartan Armenian Cathedra;

*File*

August 8, 1973

Mr. Richard H. Roomian  
101 Vassar street  
Rochester, New York 14607

Dear Mr. Roomian:

We have received your letter of August 2 and, as indicated in our telephone conversation, will implement the arrangements proposed.

Deacon Raymond will continue to serve your parish to the end of September, after which visiting clergymen will be scheduled to visit periodically.

In the beginning of September please write to Father Mampre Kouzouian in reference to this matter, in order to prepare a definite schedule.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

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St. Paul's  
Armenian Apostolic Church

310 NORTH GEDDES STREET  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

August 2nd, 1973

Archbishop Torkom Monoogian  
630 Second Avenue  
New York City, New York 10016

Your Eminence,

Per our telephone conversation as of the last week in July, this is to inform you and the Diocese that St. Paul's Armenian Apostolic Church of Syracuse, New York no longer desires to pay for the services of officiating deacons, and therefore would encourage an end to the Binghamton/Syracuse contract. We will leave the situation "status quo" until the end of September, as you suggested earlier.

The parishners, who are comprised mainly of the older generation, have expressed a desire for two (2) Badaraks a month, with the exception of the summer vacation months of June, July, August and September, which will include only one (1) Badarak a month.

Presently a marked emphasis on interesting the youth into church oriented activities is taking place. This takes time, patience, and money. The treasury is definitely not overflowing plus has given way to necessary expenses, which have greatly exceeded any intake in recent months. In addition, the building itself is in need of major repairs. A money factor is indeed the major reason for our request to break the contract.

Respectfully,

R. H. Roomian  
Correspondence Secretary

RHR:nr

September 28, 1973

Mr. Richard H. Roomian  
Secretary  
St. Paul Church Parish Council  
374 Lakeside Road  
Ontario, New York 14519

Dear Mr. Roomian:

I found your letter upon my return from the West Coast.

I would like to confirm the dates in your letter regarding the badarak schedule for your church.

September 30 - Reverend Arten Ashjian  
October 14 - Reverend Mesrob Semerjian  
October 28 - Reverend Mesrob Semerjian

Sincerely yours,

Reverend Mampre Kouzoulian  
Canon Sacrist

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November 29, 1973

Mr. Richard H. Roomian  
Secretary of Parish Council  
St. Paul Armenian Church  
374 Lakeside Road  
Ontario, New York 14519

Dear Mr. Roomian:

We have, of course, received your letter of October 29, and have not answered it until now because the situation was unsettled and nothing definite could be said. The uncertainty related to Deacon Manoug's availability. We had considered the possibility of assigning him to the Syracuse parish, but that is yet indefinite.

In the circumstances, it is premature to discuss other related details, at least until Deacon Manoug's assignment is finally determined.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

cc: Father Kevork Arakelian  
Dr. Nubar K. Astarjian

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St. Paul's  
Armenian Apostolic Church

310 NORTH GEDDES STREET  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

October 29th, 1973

Archbishop Torkom Monoogian, Primate  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, New York 10016

Dear Archbishop Torkom Monoogian,

Referencing your letter dated September 26th, 1973, the parish of St. Paul's Armenian Apostolic Church, Syracuse, New York, have participated in an all important meeting this past October 24th, 1973. Thirty (30) members were present, of which, seventeen (17) voted favorably to accept Deacon Manoug Kelegian as "Deacon in Charge" of the Syracuse parish. It was noted that some of the known "unchangeables" did, in fact, alter their decisions, realizing that plodding along as we are presently, could spell an end to our church's resources within a relatively short time.

Financially speaking, it is evident that our treasury cannot afford this expense on a continuing basis, so a lot will depend on renewed and increased support from the parishners, and how results oriented the new deacon proves to be.

You will remember, Archbishop, that I had written to you previously stating that the parishners preferred two (2) Badaraks per month during autumn, winter, and spring. This decision is definitely not to change even with the addition of Deacon Kelegian! A solution to this extended expense was aired and agreed upon during the latter part of our recent meeting. St. Paul's would now appreciate some return support from the Binghamton parish, by asking their participation in an "exchange" plan. Since Deacon Ray has been ordained, and the Syracuse people want Badarak twice monthly, let us trade Deacon Manoug twice a month to perform services in Binghamton, while, during these same Sundays, Father Kevork celebrates Badarak in Syracuse. No money to be exchanged! Please let us know if this plan can be effected.



The Syracuse parishners are excited and seem impatient to welcome our new deacon!

Respectfully,



Richard H. Roomian  
Corresponding Secretary  
374 Lakeside Road  
Ontario, New York 14519

Copies:

Deacon Manoug Kelegian  
Dr. Astarjian (Binghamton Chrmn.)  
Reverend Mampre Kouzouian (Canon Sacrist)



# Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



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

November 8, 1973

The Most Rev. Archbishop  
Torkom Manougian  
Primate of the Diocese of  
The Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, N. Y. 10006

Ref: St. Paul's Armenian  
Apostolic Church  
Syracuse, N.Y.

Your Grace the Primate:

The Binghamton Parish Council at its October 30th meeting reviewed the correspondence by Mr. Roomian.

We suggest, Der Kevork celebrate Badarak in Syracuse once a month for a reasonable stipend. However, it will not be necessary to receive Deacon Manoug Kelegian in exchange, since Deacon Dekmajian performs an outstanding service in Der Kevork's absence.

Our financial expenses are increasing, whereby our proposal would be beneficial to both parishes.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John M. Bogdasarian".

John M. Bogdasarian  
Secretary  
Parish Council

JMB/atb

September 26, 1973

**Mr. Ardavast Babikian**  
**Chairman**  
**St. Paul Armenian Church Parish Council**  
**204 Milford Drive West**  
**Syracuse, New York 13206**

**Dear Mr. Babikian:**

**We are most pleased to inform you that we have a candidate available for service in your Church - Deacon Manoug Kelegian whom we are considering favorably for assignment as Deacon in Charge of the Syracuse Parish.**

**Deacon Manoug will be in Binghamton this Sunday for the ordination of Deacon Raymond Arakelian into the Sacred Order of the Priesthood. We have asked him to be in Syracuse on Monday evening and to meet with you and your parish council to discuss the details of such an assignment.**

**It is our understanding that the Deacon will be given a stipend of \$90.00 a week, plus \$10.00 for gas and travel expenses. Lodgings, rent and utilities will be paid by the parish, which will also provide a car and pay for its insurance. The parish will also be responsible for half of the Deacon's Clergy insurance premiums, as is the custom throughout the Diocese.**

**It is our hope that a mutually satisfactory accommodation may be arrived at, since we believe that Deacon Manoug can contribute a vital presence to your community.**

**In this event, it would be appropriate to set a date, as early as possible, for the initiation of Deacon Manoug's service in your parish, which we will be happy to confirm.**

**Prayerfully,**

**Archbishop Torkom Manougian**  
**Primate**

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cc: Deacon Manoug Kelegian

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310 NORTH GEDDES STREET  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

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

December 7, 1973

Dear Archbishop Torkom Monoogian,

Thank you for the latest information regarding the availability status of Deacon Monoug.

We sincerely hope that our committment letter did not adversely affect the seemingly decided assignment of Deacon Monoug to our parish. It has been unanimously realized that he would definitely be the needed "shot of adrenaline" that you had already perceived.

Although it's nearly impossible to accurately anticipate the reasons for this uncertain status, we can only offer our complete and immediate cooperation and assistance whenever necessary.

Respectfully,

Richard H. Roomian Corr./Secy.  
374 Lakeside Road  
Ontario, New York 14519

copies to; Father Kevork Arakelian  
Father Mampre Kouzouian  
Dr. Nubar K. Astarjian

**March 5, 1974**

**Mr. Richard H. Roomian  
374 Lakeside Road  
Ontario, New York 14519**

**Dear Mr. Roomian:**

**The Hamamjian name has been added to our list for the Armenian publication.**

**They will start receiving the magazine with the February issue.**

**Best wishes.**

**Sincerely,**

**Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director**

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St. Paul's  
Armenian Apostolic Church

310 NORTH GEDDES STREET  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

February 25, 1974

"The Armenian Church"  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Antreassian,

Thank you so much for restoring mailing of "The Armenian Church"  
publication to our parishioners: Mr. and Mrs. C. Hamamjian  
1515 E. Fayette Street  
Syracuse, New York 13210

Could I ask you to please do another favor and send them the  
Armenian written version instead of the English.

Thank you again, very much.

Respectfully,

Richard H. Roomian - corr/secy  
374 Lakeside Road  
Ontario, New York 14519



March 15, 1974

Mr. R. H. Roomian  
St. Paul's Armenian Apostolic Church  
Corr./Secretary  
374 Lakeside Road  
Ontario, N.Y. 14519

Dear Mr. Roomian:

We appreciate the sentiments expressed in your letter of March 9, and would surely wish to be with your parish on the celebration of its anniversary, as well as for the honoring of your outstanding veteran leaders.

Regrettably, our schedule does not permit an early visit. The first open weekend we have is July 13-14, and I have at least tentatively set that aside.

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Prayerfully,

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Primate

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*July 13-14 other sheet for flight reservations*

St. Paul's  
Armenian Apostolic Church

310 NORTH GEDDES STREET  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

March 9, 1974

Archbishop Torkom Monoogian-Primate  
Diocese of The Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10016

Dear Archbishop Torkom Monoogian,

We, the Trustees of St. Paul's Armenian Apostolic Church, Syracuse, N.Y., are planning the celebration of its 15th anniversary and would be extremely privileged to have His Eminence as Honored Guest to this very special event.

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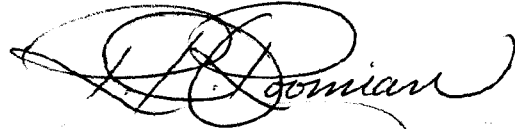
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We anxiously await your reply.

Respectfully,



R.H. Roomian - Corr./Secy.  
374 Lakeside Road  
Ontario, N.Y. 14519



April 10, 1974

Mr. Richard H. Roomian  
St. Paul Armenian Church  
Secretary, Parish Council  
310 North Geddes Street  
Syracuse, N.Y. 13204

Dear Mr. Roomian:

We are very pleased to confirm the Primate's visit to your parish on the July 13-14 weekend.

In the course of the weekend, the Primate would like meetings arranged with your parish council as well as with your church organizations.

Please set up at least a tentative schedule for the Primate's approval.

We will communicate the exact information on the Primate's arrival in due course.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director

c.c. Mr. Mikaelian  
Chairman, Parish Council

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Archbishop Torkom Monoogian - Primate  
Diocese of The Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10016

April 2, 1974

Re: attached letters dated March 9th and March 15th.

Dear Archbishop Torkom Monoogian,

The Parish Council has decided to plan for the weekend you're available to be Honored Guest at the special celebration of St. Paul's 15th anniversary.

Mr. Monoog Mikaelian has assumed co-chairmanship of the July 13th & 14th event, with Mr. Edward Adourian responsible for the programming.

Please confirm with us if this now aligns with your schedule, as expanded communications to our parishioners are immediately necessary in order to cope with possible summer vacations.

Thank you again very much.

Respectfully,

R. H. Roomian corr./secy.  
374 Lakeside Road  
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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

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March 15, 1974

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St. Paul's Armenian Apostolic Church  
Corr./Secretary  
374 Lakeside Road  
Ontario, N.Y. 14519

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Prayerfully,

*Abp. Torkom Manoogian*

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

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Armenian Apostolic Church

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March 9, 1974

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Diocese of The Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10016

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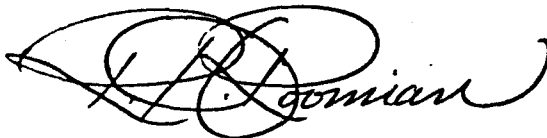
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Armenian Apostolic Church

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SYRACUSE, N. Y.

21 June 1974

Archbishop Torkoom Manoogian, Primate  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, New York 10016

Your Eminence:

Reference is made to your forthcoming visit to our parish on July 13 and 14. The agenda for the weekend is in the planning stages and thus far consists of an informal dinner at the hotel Saturday eve to be attended by parish council members, deacons and executives of current church organizations. Plans for the earlier part of the day remain fluid pending notification of your arrival. We anticipate that if appropriate, a scheduled period from 3-7 P.M. might be set aside for those who may wish a private audience. I for one would entertain this opportunity to discuss views and efforts during my short tenure as Chairman of the council.

The Sunday agenda of course will begin with Badarak in the morning followed by a banquet in your honor celebrating our 16th anniversary as St. Paul's. The banquet will be held at Archie Ajemian's, Liverpool Golf and Country Club during the afternoon (2:30 P.M.).

We are attempting to have two local dignitaries in attendance, namely Mr. Lee Alexander, Mayor of Syracuse and Dr. Regier, the local head of the New York State Council of Churches.

Our program will include the recognition of retiring parish council chairman Ardavast Babikian, Deacon Synpad Kaish and remaining members of the parish council of 16 years ago, Deacon Vahram Aghababian, Peter Roomian and Charles Khoubesarian. We request consideration for award of the St. Vartan's Medal to those who qualify.

I have enclosed a matrix of details in conformance with the standards established by the diocese. The ratings in parts II, III and IV are based on the judgment and facts as related to the current council members. Hopefully, details in this format will suffice, otherwise please advise me accordingly.

In addition to the major awards we plan to recognize our older parish council members and award a plaque honoring the charter members of the ladies auxiliary. Heretofore, the parish council has been remiss in formalized recognition on an annual basis. Many years pass without recognition to those who may have performed in vital church activity. This occasion provides a good launching point to compensate for the past and to initiate a new profile by establishing and continuing this type function as a fixed annual program.

At this point I would like to thank you for your telephone response to my inquiries. I'm happy that you will perform the baptism. It may have some impact on

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attendance.

Also please note that I have requested from your office photos of you and a current narrative if available for release to the local newspaper. I will forward a formal agenda for the weekend as soon as I receive your arrival and departure information and the Sunday banquet program is finalized.

Please do not hesitate to inform me of any further details you may require in order that necessary arrangements or revisions to plans can be made in a timely manner.

Home phone after 5:00 P.M. - Area Code 315 474-0373  
Business phone - Area Code 315 473-3343

Respectfully,

*Monoog Mikaelian*

MONOOG MIKAELIAN  
Chairman, Parish Council



*file copy*

August 22, 1974

Mr. Richard H. Roomian  
Corresponding Secretary  
St. Paul's Armenian Church  
374 Lakeside Road  
Ontario, New York 14519

Dear Mr. Roomian:

As per your request, we have written to the following clergy requesting that they celebrate in your church on the following days. Please get in touch with the reverend clergy and make the arrangements for their arrival and lodging.

Sunday, Sept. 15	--	Very Rev. Mesrob Semerjian
Oct. 13	-	" " " "
Oct. 27	-	Rev. Fr. Artoon Sempadian
Nov. 10	-	Very Rev. Mesrob Semerjian
Nov. 24	--	Rev. Fr. Nersess Baboorian
Dec. 8	-	Very Rev. Mesrob Semerjian
Dec. 22	-	Rev. Fr. Mamigon Vosganian

Sincerely,

Rev. Fr. Mampre Kouzouian

cc: Frs. Mesrob Semerjian ✓  
Artoon Sempadian  
Nersess Baboorian  
Mamigon Vosganian

Aug. 5, 1974

Dear Father Mampre,

Would you please send me a "Badarak" schedule to take us till the end of 1974? I will transfer this information to the rest of the trustees and eventually to the parishioners of Syracuse.

Thank-you for your kind attention in this matter.

Send to:



Mr. R. H. Roomian  
374 Lakeside Road  
Ontario, New York  
14519

Respectfully,  
R. H. Roomian  
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FATHER MAMPRE KOUZOUIAN  
DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH  
630 SECOND AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016

September 11, 1974

Mr. Manoog Mikaelian  
Parish Council Chairman  
St. Paul's Armenian Church  
1507 E. Fayette Street  
Syracuse, New York 13210

Dear Mr. Mikaelian:

Some years ago the Binghamton parish, located in a relatively small community and eager to be able to afford a full-time pastor, had the happy idea of establishing a pastor's fund. The church leaders felt that it was imperative to have a full-time pastor for the welfare and natural growth of the community. But the limited resources of the small community seemed to discourage such a prospect.

To counter this circumstance, the pastor's fund was created and in a relatively short time more than \$10,000 was accumulated, at which time petition was made to the Primate for a full-time pastor. As a reserve, the fund made this possible.

The Binghamton example is one that other of our smaller parishes can follow with benefit. We urge your parish Council to give serious consideration to the idea which can be a boon for the future of your community.

Even if it takes three or four years to put together a fund that could encourage your parish to seek a full-time pastor, it will be well worth undertaking. We cannot recommend such a step too highly.

We would be pleased to have your reactions.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

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December 4, 1974

Mr. Manoog Mikaelian  
Parish Council Chairman  
St. Paul's Armenian Church  
310 North Geddes Street  
Syracuse, New York 13204

Dear Mr. Mikaelian:

Thank you for your letter. I will be most pleased to attend the workshop organized by St. Paul's Armenian School on December 6 and 7.

I will arrive by plane on Friday, December 6, at 1:30 p.m. and hope this is convenient for you.

I will conduct a session at the workshop and the following are some subjects that I am planning to discuss and present:

Friday - 1 - Curriculum  
          2 - Demonstration

- a. "How to Teach"
- b. Educational materials

Saturday - (Morning) - Preparation of some of the teaching materials presented on Friday night.

I wish you success with your Armenian School Workshop.

Very truly yours,

Silva Der Stepanian  
Educational Director

January 2, 1975

Mr. Peter Roomian  
St. Paul's Armenian Church  
310 North Geddes Street  
Syracuse, New York 13204

Dear Mr. Roomian:

At long last the St. Vartan Awards, which His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian presented to you in a public ceremony a few months ago, are ready.

We are very pleased to be able to send you your award at this time, along with renewed congratulations, and appreciation for your service to the Church.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian

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January 2, 1975

Mr. Charles Khoubesarian  
St. Paul's Armenian Church  
310 North Geddes St.  
Syracuse, New York 13204

Dear Mr. Khoubesarian:

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January 2, 1978

Mr. Sumpad Kaish  
232 Merriman Avenue  
Syracuse, New York 13204

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January 2, 1975

Mr. Vahram Aghababian  
2652 E. Genesee Street  
Syracuse, New York 13224

Dear Mr. Aghababian:

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February 26, 1975

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374 Lakeside Road  
Ontario, N.Y. 14519

Dear Mr. Roomian:

With reference to your letter dated February 24, 1975, enclosed herewith please find a copy of our letter dated October 30, 1974, giving you the information you had requested.

Sincerely,

Stephen Kambourian  
Executive Director

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February 24, 1975

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


Dear Diocese Staff:

I sent the attached request October 8th of last year,  
but can not find a response in my files. It seems  
that perhaps I did receive word from you regarding this  
matter, but no record is available.

Would you be so kind as to acknowledge the attached  
request?

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,



R. H. Roomian  
Corr. Secy.

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Attachment

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St. Paul's  
Armenian Apostolic Church

310 NORTH GEDDES STREET  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

October 8, 1974

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York City, New York 10016

Dear Diocese Staff,

During recent months, we've expanded our lines of communication extensively in an effort to reach out and inform more of our people. It has been rewarding to know that the embers of participation and interest have been rekindled, which have greatly contributed to increased church related activities.

To further strengthen these lines, it is necessary that we obtain an Armenian typewriter. We would appreciate any information that you could supply in regards to models available, new and/or used equipment, including prices, etc. Your opinions would also be greatly appreciated.

Please send information to: Mr. R.H. Roomian - Corr./Secy.  
374 Lakeside Road  
Ontario, New York 14519

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

R.H. Roomian - Corr./Secy.

October 30, 1974

Mr. R.H. Roomian  
St. Paul's Armenian Church  
310 North Geddes Street  
Syracuse, N.Y. 13204

Dear Mr. Roomian:

We have received your letter of October 8, 1974, and are glad that through your efforts, the Syracuse community is showing greater interest to church related activities.

With regard to your request for the purchase of an Armenian typewriter, you can obtain the necessary information you require from:

Armenag C. Moorolian  
3081 Edwin Avenue  
Fort Lee, N.J. 07024

Sincerely,

Siran Terzibashian  
Office of the ~~Private~~

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*Armenag C. Mooradian*  
3081 EDWIN AVENUE  
FORT LEE, N. J. 07024

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March 31, 1975

Mr. R. H. Roomian  
Corresponding Secretary  
St. Paul's Armenian Church  
310 North Geddes Street  
Syracuse, N.Y. 13204

Dear Mr. Roomian:

We were very happy to learn from your letter requesting a full-time priest that your parish is developing in such an encouraging manner.

We would of course like very much to make a priest available to your church, but it is not going to be possible at the present time. A few of our parishes remain without full-time pastors, with every endeavor being made to provide them.

We will keep your request under continuing advisement, and hope to meet your need at an early opportunity.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate





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

Dear Archbishop Torkom Manoogian,

The Parish Council members of St. Paul's Armenian Apostolic Church of Syracuse, New York have recently been discussing the increasingly important subject of obtaining a full time priest. At the last trustee conference, it was decided to make a formal request.

We are experiencing much growth in all areas and require the dedication and stamina of youthful and energetic clergy who can grow with these needs to provide the fulfillment we desire.

Any information regarding this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

R. H. Roomian - Corr./Secy.  
374 Lakeside Road  
Ontario, New York 14519

RHR:me

November 21, 1975

Mr. Manoog Mikaelian  
Parish Council Chairman  
St. Paul's Armenian Church  
310 North Geddes Street  
Syracuse, New York 13204

Dear Mr. Mikaelian:

We wish to acknowledge payment of your parish assessments.

The Diocesan Council wishes to express its appreciation for your prompt response and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Kambourian  
Executive Director

SK:vb

February 3, 1976

Mr. Manoog Mikaelian  
Parish Council Chairman  
St. Paul's Armenian Church  
310 North Geddes Street  
Syracuse, New York 13204

Dear Mr. Mikaelian:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your parish dues  
in the amount of \$253.80 for January and February.  
Thank you for your prompt response and cooperation.

Our Receipt No. 22982 is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Kambourian  
Executive Director

Enclosure

SK:vb

April 13, 1976

Mr. Manoog Mikaelian  
Chairman, Parish Council  
St. Paul Armenian Church  
310 North Geddes Street  
Syracuse, New York 13204

Dear Mr. Mikaelian:

The Primate has received your letter of March 24.

The references have been noted, and our records have been corrected to include Mr. Tufenkjian as a Council member. Also the new Armenian School Superintendent's name has been given to our Educational Council.

We appreciate the clarification and corrections.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian  
Special Assistant to the Primate

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St. Paul's  
Armenian Apostolic Church

310 NORTH GEDDES STREET  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

24 March 1976

The Primate  
Archbishop Torkoom Monoojian  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, New York 10016

SUBJECT: "Parish Council 1976 - St. Paul's"

Your Grace:

Reference is made to your letter of 8 March acknowledging the receipt of our annual reports and the results of the parish council elections. The alignment of the parish council for 1976 of which you inquired is listed on page 2 of my 20 February 1976 Annual Reports transmittal letter.

In addition, you are hereby advised that Ara Jeknavorian, our newly elected parish council member who assumed the position of Recording Secretary, has accepted a new Chemical Engineering position in Trenton, New Jersey, consequently has resigned. Both Milka and Ara were very active members of the parish and their departure vacated many organization positions. However, these positions have been expeditiously replaced.

In accordance with the succession procedures in the Diocesan By-laws, we have found it appropriate to award Mr. Edward Trefankjian the vacated position. Mr. Trefankjian our Diocesan Delegate is also listed on page 2, referenced above.

Also, the following change should be made to our Annual Report segment identified "Church Organizations" under Armenian School. The new superintendent is Mr. Zarm Taft, Jr., 1326 Midland Avenue, Syracuse, New York 13206.

Respectfully,

*Monog Mikaelian*

MONOOG MIKAELIAN  
Parish Council, Chairman

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April 12, 1976

Mr. Manoog Mikaelian  
Chairman, Parish Council  
St. Paul Armenian Church  
310 North Geddes Street  
Syracuse, New York 13204

Dear Mr. Mikaelian:

The 74th Annual Diocesan Assembly, meeting in Philadelphia area on April 30 and May 1, 1976, will require proper credentials from all newly-elected delegates.

Your parish has had such elections this year and must, as a result, forward to us proper verification of the elections for presentation to the Assembly Credentials Committee.

This verification may consist of a letter naming the delegate or delegates elected at your parish assembly, along with the number of votes each received out of the total number of votes cast.

This letter should be signed by the president and chairman of the parish council, or by the chairman and secretary, in parishes which do not have a pastor.

Please send us this letter at your earliest convenience.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

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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

May 5, 1976

Mr. Manoog Mikaelian  
Parish Council Chairman  
St. Paul's Armenian Apostolic Church  
310 North Geddes Street  
Syracuse, New York 13204

Dear Mr. Mikaelian:

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. 23426



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

July 7, 1976

Mr. Manoog Mikaelian  
Parish Council Chairman  
St. Paul's Armenian Apostolic Church  
310 North Geddes Street  
Syracuse, New York 13204

Dear Mr. Mikaelian:

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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

June 8, 1976

Mr. Manoog Mikaelian  
Parish Council Chairman  
St. Paul's Armenian Apostolic Church  
310 North Geddes Street  
Syracuse, New York 13204

Dear Mr. Mikaelian:

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Yours sincerely,

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Director

Enclosure - Receipt No. 24054

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St. Paul's  
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SYRACUSE, N. Y.

23 November 1976

The Reverend Souren Chinchinian  
2290 North San Antonio Avenue  
Pomona, California 91767

Dear Father Chinchinian:

Please accept my apologies for not responding to your September 29th letter concerning the apparent misunderstanding and problems I encountered to personally meet you during my recent business visit to the Los Angeles area.

With regards to the opportunity to serve as parish priest, our council has been involved in investigating several possibilities with respect to the basic needs of our community.

As an end result, we have decided to maintain the status quo and not assume any new responsibilities at this time.

Sincerely,

  
MONOOG MIKAELIAN  
Chairman  
Parish Council

September 29, 1976

Mr. Monovy Mikealian  
1507 East Fayette  
Syracuse, New York 13210

Dear Mr. Mikaelian,

I deeply regret hearing that you have taken the trouble to come such a long way to the School of Theology and were unable to contact me. Just today I received your letter, since I am now living off campus, and do not have opportunity to check my mailbox regularly. I wonder why the School of Theology secretary did not make it possible for you to get in contact with me, because I am listed with the Alumni office, which two days ago sent me an invitation to one of their luncheons. The library also has my address, as well as telephone number. If the School of Theology had kept me informed about your visit, I would be in a position to get there in fifteen minutes.

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian before leaving for Armenia sent a letter indicating that on his return he would give details in connection with my ministering on the East Coast. I am interested in the possibility of serving as the pastor for your church. Meanwhile, I will look forward to hearing from you as to further information, and for the chance of becoming acquainted, with you.

With best regards,  
prayerfully yours,

*Rev. Fr. Souren Chinchinian*

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2290 North San Antonio Ave.  
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714-621-3677

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23 November 1976

The Most Reverend Torkiom Manoogian  
Archbishop of Diocese of the Armenian  
Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, New York 10016

Dear Archbishop Manoogian:

The Parish Council of St. Paul's after considerable deliberation and investigations has voted to suspend further pursuit of Father Chinchinian as a potential priest for our parish the details of which I discussed with you by telephone conversation last Thursday. A copy of the letter sent to Father Chinchinian is enclosed for your files.

Please be advised even though the letter indicates that we are currently maintaining a status quo position, visions and patience for an appropriate clergy for this parish remain alive. Our position can change immediately and we request your continued active efforts in this matter.

Sincerely,

MONOOG MIKAELIAN  
Chairman  
Parish Council



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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

October 28, 1976

Mr. Monoog Mikaelian  
Parish Council Chairman  
St. Paul Armenian Church  
310 No. Geddes Street  
Syracuse, New York 13204

Dear Mr. Mikaelian:

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January 21, 1983

Sylvia Terzibashian  
Secretary to the Primate  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, NY 10016

Reference: Your memo dated Jan. 10, 1983.

Dear Ms. Terzibashian,

Thank you for your quick confirmation regarding his Eminence's  
visit to Syracuse the weekend of May 28/29, 1983.

We will strive to make all the necessary preparations to make  
this important occasion, an outstanding event.

Respectfully,

R. H. Roomian - corr./secy.

c: Parish Council  
File



January 10, 1983

Mr. R.H. Roomian, Corresponding Secretary  
St. Paul Armenian Church  
310 North Geddes Street  
Syracuse, New York

Dear Mr. Roomian:

We refer to our letter dated December 15, 1982 regarding the annual visit of His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

Kindly note that His Eminence has reserved the weekend of May 28/29, 1983 to visit Syracuse which we hope will be convenient to your parish. Kindly let us know by return if this is so.

Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Terzibashian  
Secretary to the Primate

c.c. PaRISH Council Chairman

December 15, 1982

Mr. R.H. Roomian, Corresponding Secretary  
St. Paul Armenian Church  
310 North Geddes Street  
Syracuse, New York

Dear Mr. Roomian:

We thank you for your letter dated December 9, 1982 addressed to His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian concerning the 25th anniversary event to commemorate the consecration of St. Paul Armenian Church in Syracuse, New York.

As soon as His Eminence returns from Jerusalem, we will let you know the date he will be able to visit your parish.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Avakian Stoneson  
Executive Director

c.c. Parish Council Chairman



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December 9, 1982

Archbishop Torkom Monoogian - Primate  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York City, NY 10016

Dear Archbishop Torkom Monoogian,

The Parish Council is planning a 25th Anniversary event to commemorate the consecration of our church. We have tentatively decided on three possible dates in the spring of 1983, that we believe would be most appropriate:

SUNDAY - MAY 22, 1983  
SUNDAY - JUNE 5, 1983  
SUNDAY - JUNE 12, 1983

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Please inform us at your earliest convenience as to which date would be most preferable for you. We are aware of your many religious commitments and extremely busy schedule, but are hopeful that we've notified you of our request with sufficient advance notice. Of course, you are also most welcome to arrive on the preceding day to have a formal dinner/meeting with the Parish Council.

The Parish Council is very appreciative of your kind attention concerning this matter.

You may correspond your intent directly to me. Thank you.

Respectfully,

R. H. Roomian - corr./secy.  
6938 Lakeside Road  
Ontario, NY 14519

- c: Very Rev. Hoosig Bagdasian - Canon Sacrist
- K. Gozigan - Chrnm.
- D. Shaghalian - Treas.
- File

