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The Long Island Armenian Apostolic Church

LOCATION OF FUTURE CHURCH

210th ST. AND HORACE HARDING BLVD.

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October 18, 1954

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The Most Rev. Archbishop Mampre Galfayan
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, Inc.
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York

Your Eminence:

We wish to express our deep and sincere appreciation for your enthusiastic support of our project. You have indeed been a great source of inspiration to us from the very conception of the idea at a meeting of a few friends in Manhasset. Your encouragement and your guidance has lent us strength and determination. Your presence as well as your words at our Inaugural Dinner on September 26th went a long way to assure the early success of our aim. Your most generous financial contribution exemplified the sacrificing, noble and generous character of our clergy. We are all inspired anew to work, to sacrifice, and to build the Long Island Church in record time.

Our aim is not merely to erect an edifice, but also to have a large and active parish composed of the older and the younger generation of Armenians. This means work, organization and capable clerical and lay leadership. This leadership and work must be provided now so that a well knit and harmonious parish may be completely organized together with its A.C.Y.O., Young Women's Guild, Young Men's Guild, Choir, Sunday Schools and Executive Committee.



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As you probably know, we hope to break ground on the 17th of April and have the church edifice erected as quickly thereafter as possible. This means that the above named groups have to be organized at once.

Our committee at its last meeting decided to respectfully ask Your Eminence to assign to us The Very Reverend Torkom Manougian as the permanent Priest of our Parish. The committee would appreciate the assignment of Rev. Manougian to our Parish immediately and is prepared to assume all financial responsibilities attached to such full time assignment. We fully appreciate the fact that Rev. Manougian is almost indispensable to the important position he now occupies. We feel, however, that you will agree with our committee that the Long Island community deserves every priority your high office can accord.

Long Island is a large and growing community of faithful and fervent Armenians. However, the environment is such that unless a Shepherd of the Armenian Church gathers its flock to our pasture--the flock will stray to other pastures.

We respectfully urge and sincerely trust that our request will receive favorable consideration by Your Eminence and that Your Eminence will make the appointment as early as possible.

Respectfully yours,

Long Island Armenian Apostolic Church

Dikran Missirlian
By

Chairman, Board of Trustees

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His Grace Archbishop Mampre Kalfayan
Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church
of America
President of the Diocese Council
630 Second Avenue
New York 16, New York

Your Grace:

At our Executive Committee meeting held on the fifth, we were informed by Reverend Father Torkom Manookian that you had assigned him part time to the Philadelphia Church and part time to our church, and that we were to be informed of this part time assignment by an official letter.

We beg to refer to your letter addressed to us under date of December 3, 1954, wherein your office informed us formally of the appointment of Father Torkom Manookian as our Spiritual Leader as the Director in charge of organizing our Parish and as the Director in charge of our Building Project in Long Island. Based on this formal assurance, all our plans and programs were arranged fully depending on Father Torkom Manookian's ~~full time direction for the fulfillment of our program.~~

The news that Father Torkom Manookian was to spend only half of his time with us was a total shock to our committee. As a matter of fact, we had made all our plans and were in the midst of arranging for Father Torkom's living accommodations with an Armenian family near our project for his personal and office use. It will be extremely difficult to make similar arrangements for three or four days a week only and it will be certainly very costly for Father Torkom to maintain two living quarters, one in Philadelphia and another in New York. Thus we believe that the dual appointment will be an extreme hardship on Father Torkom personally as well as an extreme hardship on our community.



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We had planned to make Father Torkom the center figure of our activities and we have been looking forward to look to him for advice as well as spiritual and moral leadership in all aspects of our project. There still remains the important work of directing the publication of our Bulletin; the selection and preparation of our soloists and choir; the selection and preparation of teachers for our Sunday school; the selection and preparation of Deacons and other officials for the Church services; the formation and direction of activities of our Youth and their committees. For all this, we have been waiting for Father Torkom.

Besides all these, our Standing Committees such as the Building Committee, the Architectural Committee, Publicity Committee, the Membership Committee, - all have been looking forward to the capable guidance and directorship of Father Torkom and all these committees now state that we need his leadership most urgently during our campaign between now and our ground-breaking day of April 17th.

It is obvious that Father Torkom is needed full time by our community. We simply cannot afford to have Father Torkom do only half the job by spending only half of his time with us. It will be a great injustice to the Armenian Community in Long Island who are anxiously waiting to see their dream of a Church come true. The physical construction of the edifice alone will not mean much unless we also have all the spiritual aspects that go with the Church to make it real. Father Torkom is blessed with the necessary qualities and abilities to direct and guide us properly in the construction and organization of our Church. We are like newborn babies and we need all the help and guidance to make us grow and become one of the strong Parishes of the Armenian Church.



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Our need for Father Torkom in our formative stage is far superior to Philadelphia's or any other established Parish. Our need is urgent, indispensable and immediate. Without Father Torkom, the success of our project will be definitely retarded and, possibly, headed for failure.

Under the circumstances, we are obliged to respectfully bring to the attention of Your Grace the gravity of the question and to respectfully submit that your office do everything needful to assign Father Torkom full time to our parish, as we were originally informed through your letter of December 3rd.

We fervently hope Your Grace will excuse the insistence of our parishioners, as it is inspired only by our love for our Church and their fervent desire to see the flock of Long Island faithful gather and assemble in an Armenian Church.

The best intentioned or the most ardent layman cannot lend the spiritual leadership that is so necessary for the early success of this project. We pray, therefore, that our respectful request may have your blessings and may be granted to us.

Respectfully yours

Dikran Missirlian
Chairman, Building Committee



Armenian

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REV. FR. VARTAN MEGHERIAN
Pastor

June 1, 1957

His Grace Archbishop Mampre Calfayan
Primate of the Armenian Church
650 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Surpazan Hayr,

It is well known to Your Grace that with great sacrifice and in unexpected adverse conditions that drained our resources to the tune of \$35,000 and more, we finished the shell of our church building and are continuing our services, but as yet, we are far behind in having it called completed.

We have still about \$20,000 controversial amount to pay and settle with our bankrupt contractor.

We have set the date for the Consecration in November of this year, without yet having completed the stained-glass windows, the three altars, the paintings, the baptismal basin and the decoration of the church walls.

These and other immediate needs compel our Parish Council to ask Your Grace for a loan of \$8,000, or if possible \$10,000, which will be repaid after the completion of the above-mentioned work.

Hoping and praying that you will give a favorable decision to our request, we remain

With filial respects,

Yervant Hampar
Yervant Hampar, Chairman
Parish Council of the
Long Island Armenian Church

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Սիրելի Պրն. Տատուրեան,

Այսու կու գանք յայտնել թէ Լենկ Այլըտի մեր Եկեղեցոյ Մական Խորհուրդը Յունիս 1 Թուակիր Նամակու կը խնդրէ որ Առաջնորդարանի Մասնաւոր Հիմնադրամէն 2.000 տուարի նոր փոխառութիւն մը ընենք իրենց:

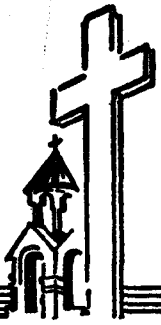
Եկեղեցոյ Հոգեւոր Հովիւ Արժանաշնորհ Տ. Վարդան ԹԵՆԿ. Մկրեանի անձամբ յայտնեցինք թէ ներկայիս Հիմնադրամի գանձին մէջ Հազիւ թէ 19.000 տուար կայ, եւ այս գումարէն արգէն 10.000 տուար խոստացուած է իսթ Սէնթ Լաւրի եւ 5000 տուար ալ Սիրազիւզի մեր Եկեղեցիներուն:

Տէր Վարդան Հաւաստեց թէ այս պարագան ծանօթ է Ձեր սիրելիութեան եւ կարելի կը նկատէք բացառիկ կարգադրութիւն մը ընել իրենց Համարս Անշուշտ շատ ուրախ պիտի ըլլանք. ինչպէս կը Հաւաստուիք, բայտ կարելու յն թէ օգնութիւն մը ըլլայ Լենկ Այլըտի մեր Եկեղեցոյ Թոխատութիւնը չի նկատ մէկ տարուան Համարս:

Լիայոյս ըլլալով որ սոյն խնդրոյն նկատմամբ Հարկ եղածը կը տնօրինէք, Հիմնադրամիդ անգամներուն կը յայտնենք մեր Հայրական օրհնութիւնը:

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Զեկ-Կարգ

Տր. Արմենյան Զեյր,

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June 7 և Վերականգնող անձանց Վերականգնող
Կարգի և Կարգի անձանց Մայր 18, 1958
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ARMENIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY MARTYRS
209-15 Horace Harding Blvd., Bayside 64, N.Y.

January 27, 1959

Diocese of the Armenian Church
Loan and Grant Fund
168 Canal Street
New York, N.Y.

Att: Mr. P. Piranian

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Parish Council, I wish to express my deep gratitude and appreciation to you for your interest, devotion, and understanding in granting our church several loans during these first years of our parish life.

We are especially thankful for your patience in allowing us ample time to repay these loans. We are happy to enclose herewith a check in the amount of \$10,000.00, which represents the loan on our church building.

I pray that God may reward you for your generous hearts in having founded such a fund which helps our churches in America to multiply and grow for the greater glory of God.

Yours in prayer,

Rev. Fr. Vartan Megherian
Pastor

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