

November 18, 1955

Mrs. Roxie Parsaghian  
Secretary, Armenian Independent Club  
617 N. 24th St.  
E. St. Louis, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Parsaghian:

We received your letter written to Archbishop Mampre regarding the election of the Parish Council and officers, and I presented the letter to the Diocesan Council on November 16, 1955.

The Diocesan Council requested that Father Hmayag Intoyan, Chairman of the Council, visit your parish on December 4 to perform the Divine Liturgy (Scorp Badarak) and to have a meeting with you to look into parish matters. Father Dickran Khoyan, of Chicago, also will be present that day to attend the services.

We therefore direct you to make an announcement to your people regarding the service and arrange for them to have a parish meeting with the Clergy.

Please make necessary arrangements for Father Hmayag and Father Khoyan during their stay in your city. They are going to let you know about their arrival.

Yours in prayer,

Rev. Fr. Vartan Megherian  
Acting Primate of the Diocese of  
the Armenian Church of America

Fr.VM/h

November 29, 1955

Rev. Father Vartan Megherian  
Acting Primate of the Diocese of  
the Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York 16, New York

Father Megherian:

We are in receipt of your letter of November 18, advising of the scheduled December 4 performance of the Divine Liturgy, and presumably you have received our wire in response to your letter, requesting you delay any action having to do with this particular activity at this time.

During His Grace's visit to our city, he suggested that we proceed with the election of a Parish Council and to submit names to him for his approval and confirmation. These names were submitted to him in our letter of November 11, and we therefore, now request that the Council be officially confirmed. Also to the best of our understanding, immediately after the election of a Parish Council, we were to be directed as to the best way to proceed with a membership drive with the utmost in results. Your letter of November 18 gave no consideration to these aforementioned matters, but dealt merely with performing the Divine Liturgy in great haste for which we feel we are not as yet ready.

It is our request at this time that if at all possible, you contact someone in our nearby locale (perhaps Father Khoyan of Chicago) to meet with the Parish Council and aid the Council as to the necessities of the altar, membership, and many other details that must first be taken into consideration before undertaking such a task as you so rapidly expected to be performed.

It would be appreciated if you would give serious attention to the requests of this letter and advise us at your earliest possible convenience of your next immediate plans.

Yours very truly,



Mrs. Roxie Parsaghian, Secretary  
Parish Council - Armenian Church  
East St. Louis, Illinois

October 31, 1956

Mr. Magarian  
609 Veronica Street  
East St. Louis, Illinois

Dear Mr. Magarian:

About a week ago we wrote you a letter and two weeks ago we wired you regarding the consecration of your church.

It is amazing that to date we have not heard from your parish, and we were obliged to write to Rev. Dieran Khoyan stating that the consecration of your Church will take place on the 18th of November. Therefore, kindly make the necessary arrangements.

I shall be in East St. Louis on the 18th of November and will wire you the time of arrival. I remain,

With paternal blessings,

Namre Archbishop Galfayan, Primate,  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of  
America

Arch:MC/n

March 26, 1957

Mr. Alphonse Magarian  
609 Veronica Street  
East St. Louis, Illinois

Dear Mr. Magarian:

We are enclosing herewith in duplicate application forms from the Loan and Grants Fund of the Diocese as requested.

We trust that it is understood that three parish council members must sign the note. Also, three or more individual signatures of your parish members are necessary guarantying the return of the amount set forth.

If you have any questions regarding this please feel free to write to us at any time.

Respectfully yours,

Sooren Manuelian  
Diocesan Secretary

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enc. premissory note 2

June 11, 1957

Mr. Dadour Dadourian  
Loan and Grants Fund  
168 Canal Street  
New York 13, New York

Dear Mr. Dadourian:

The Holy Virgin Armenian Church of East St. Louis, Illinois, has requested a loan of \$10,000. We approve of such loan contingent upon the following condition:

The check be made payable to Federal Case Savings and Loan Association of St. Louis, informing (the bank) that the money is not to be transferred to the Holy Virgin Armenian Church until the deed of said Church has been transferred to the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

With paternal blessings,

Mampre Archbishop Galfayan  
Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church  
of North America

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enc. Loan application

*W. J.*

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA  
LOAN AND GRANT FUND  
168 Canal Street  
New York 13, N. Y.

June 14, 1957

Mampre Archbishop Calfayan  
Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church  
of North America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York 16, N. Y.

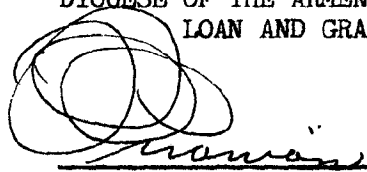
Your Grace:

We have received your letter of June 11, 1957 in which you enclosed the loan application and signed note for \$10,000.00 from the Holy Virgin Armenian Church, East St. Louis.

In accordance with your instructions we have prepared a check to the order of the Federal Case Savings and Loan Association of St. Louis, and are sending the same to you so that you may transmit it to the Federal Case Bank with the necessary instructions.

Very truly yours

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA  
LOAN AND GRANT FUND

  
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P. Piranian  
Trustee

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Enc.

August 6, 1957.

Mr. Vincent Yardum,  
41 East 42nd Street,  
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Yardum,

Further to our conversation on the telephone, as requested, I enclose herewith the Deed of our Church at East St. Louis, which should be registered by the County of St. Claire.

I have another circular from the City of Miami, Fla. As I talked to you in the past, they are planning to change the zone, and it seems, they have already done this, which I hope is better for us.

With friendly regards and paternal blessings,

Yours sincerely,

Archbishop Nampre Galfayan  
Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian  
Church of America

December 16, 1957

Mr. Alphonse B. Magarian  
609 Veronica Ave.  
East St. Louis, Ill.

Dear Mr. Magarian:

His Grace, Archbishop Mampre Calfayan has instructed us to inform you that, you should hold a preliminary Parish Assembly according to the Diocesan By-Laws, to elect a Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee should prepare and submit the list of the nominees for the election of a new Parish Council and Auditing Committee. The second parish assembly should be held one month after the preliminary parish assembly, where the above elections will take place.

His Grace will be among you on the 29th of December, to perform Holy Eucharist and preside your dinner, and will give you further instructions about your election.

Respectfully yours,

Sooren Manuelian  
Diocesan Secretary



March 11, 1959

Mr. Leon Mooradian  
Secretary of the Parish Council  
of St. Shoghagat  
E. St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Mooradian:

We are in receipt of your letter of March 6, concerning the situation in your parish, wherein you stress the need of your congregation for spiritual ministrations, and request that a permanent pastor be assigned to your parish.

We fully appreciate your difficulties and commend your zeal. We do not know what promise has been made to you in the past, but we deeply regret that at the present, we do not have any clergyman available for service in your parish.

As you are aware, due to the recent death of Rev. Mesrob Avedian, the St. Mesrob Church of Racine also is now without a pastor.

The best arrangement that we can make for the present, is for Rev. Vertanes Papazian, pastor of the Chicago Church, to pay you periodic visits, to perform the Holy "Badarak" and other ceremonies.

In response to your request, we have instructed the Very Rev. Muron Gourdjikian, the Vicar General, to officiate at the Holy Badarak in your church on April 5, the first Sunday after Easter, and to remain in your parish for a few days.

Wishing success to your worthy endeavors,

With paternal blessings,

Archbishop Sion Manoogian  
Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian  
Church of N. America

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA  
LOAN AND GRANT FUND  
168 CANAL STREET  
NEW YORK 13, N.Y.

April 10, 1959

Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America  
314 East 35th Street  
New York 16, New York

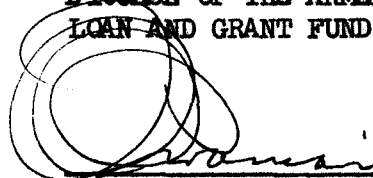
Gentlemen:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your check for \$500.00, No. 8475,  
for partial payment by the St. Shoghagat Church of East St. Louis,  
on account of the loan granted to them, for which please accept our  
thanks.

With best wishes, we remain,

Very truly yours

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA  
LOAN AND GRANT FUND.



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13TH AND SMITH AVENUE  
EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.



ST. SHOGHAGAT  
ARMENIAN CHURCH

13TH AND SMITH AVENUE  
EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.

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October 6, 1959

Archbishop Sion Manoogian  
Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York 16, New York

Your Grace:

At our last Parish Council meeting, it was decided that we ask you to provide us with a clergyman for Holy Week Services from December 23 through 27. On these dates we will have services and celebrate our church anniversary at the same time.

We also ask that you provide us a clergyman again for Easter Services.

Your attention and early reply to these matters will be greatly appreciated so that other details may be completed.

Respectfully yours,

ST. SHOGHAGAT PARISH COUNCIL

*Charles Merzian*

Charles Merzian

Please reply to:  
Charles Merzian  
Parish Council Member  
3707 Grandel Square  
St. Louis 8, Missouri

Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church  
13th & Summit Streets  
East Saint Louis, Illinois

3334 West Main Street  
Belleville  
Illinois

May 12, 1964

Archbishop Sion Manoogian, Primate  
Armenian Church of North America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, New York

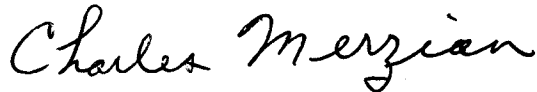
Your Grace,

Of the clergy made available to us for Pastoral duties, the trustees wish to accept your kind offer of assigning Apegh Gomidias to our Parish.

We understand that his anticipated arrival in this country will be in July or August. Upon his arrival, we can complete the final necessary arrangements.

Your confirmation on this matter is requested so we may inform our Parishioners and to guide our plans for the immediate future.

Respectfully,



Charles Merzian  
Secretary

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Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church  
13th & Summit Streets  
East St. Louis, Illinois

3334 W. Main Streets  
Belleville, Illinois

August 21, 1964

Archbishop Sion Manoojian  
Primate of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, New York

Your Grace:

We wish to inform you of the results of the August 2nd, Special Parish Assembly which you had authorized.

It was the decision of the Assembly to renovate, expand and improve the Armenian and Sunday School facilities.

Your Grace, it is the desire of the Parish Council that a Clergyman be present to hold services coinciding with the completion of this work and the opening of the schools sometime in September. If Gomidas Apegha is not with us by this time, we would like to have the services of a visiting Clergyman and will notify you of this date.

Respectfully yours,



Charles Merzian  
Secretary

*Saints Joachim and Anne Armenian Apostolic Church*  
445 West 119th Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60628

January 3, 1968


The Most Reverend Bishop  
Torkom Manoogian, Primate  
Diocese Of The Armenian Church  
Of North America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10016

Your Grace:

I regret not mentioning the date of agreement for  
Father Vahrij's becoming a part time pastor of S.S. Joachim and  
Anne Armenian Church.

To the best of my knowledge Father Vahrij will be in  
Chicago on February 4, 1968, and perform his first Church Service  
on the same day.

Yours Faithfully,



Vahe Krzentz  
Corresponding Secretary  
6219 S. Whipple St.  
Chicago, Illinois 60629

cc: Very Rev. Vahrij Kazanjian  
Very Rev. V. DZ. Kabardjian  
Trustees S.S. Joachim & Anne

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# Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

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630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016



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Archbishop *Torkom Manougian*, Primate

August 25, 1969

You are well aware of the fact that four of the eight of our churches in the Mid West will be without a parish priest in the near future. Those parishes are: East St. Louis, West Allis, Racine and West Pullman.

In order to fulfill the spiritual needs of these parishes, we expect that the parish priests of Waukegan and South Milwaukee and Fr. Krikor Hairabedian take certain responsibilities.

We direct these parish priests to have a consultation with Fr. Dajad Davidian and prepare a schedule of visitation for the parishes without any priest. The Very Rev. Vasken Tatoyan has been appointed to be responsible for the schedule. In case of any change in this schedule, the priests involved shall inform Fr. Tatoyan.

We expect to receive this schedule by September 10, 1969, so that we may be able to inform the respective parishes for necessary arrangements before we leave for Etchmiadzin.

Prayerfully,

*Abp. Torkom Manougian*  
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN  
Primate

December 17, 1969

Mr. Solomon Kaprelian  
Treasurer, Parish Council  
Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church  
#10 Sherry Drive  
Caseyville, Ill. 62232

Dear Mr. Kaprelian:

We would like to inform you that His Grace Archbishop  
Torkom Manoogian, the Primate will leave New York on  
Saturday, January 3, 1970 at 2 p.m. by T.W.A. Flight No.  
55 and will arrive St. Louis, Mo. airport at 3:30 p.m.

Please make the necessary arrangements to meet His Grace  
at the said time.

Sincerely yours,

Nora Ayvazian  
Secretary



December 6, 1973

Mr. Solomon Kaprellian  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Parish Council  
Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church  
10 Sherry Drive  
Fairview Heights, Illinois 62208

Dear Mr. Kaprellian:

We are happy that Deacon Manoog has established himself in your parish, and feel very confident that this will be the beginning of an effective pastoral career. But the beginning of any work is always somewhat difficult, and we are relying on you and your council to bring, as we know you will, full support to his efforts. No priest can be effective, as we have often said, without the vigorous participation of the parish's lay leadership.

We have not been apprised of the conditions finally arrived at with regard to the Deacon's stipend and expenses. We hope they accord with what we discussed on the telephone and with what we have asked other parishes to undertake for Deacons beginning pastoral service.

It is our feeling that a minimum stipend of \$90.00 a week will be required, plus \$10.00 for gas and travel expenses. Rent, utilities and telephone 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 has been arrived at, so that the full attention of all involved may be turned to the service of the parish.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

cc: Deacon Manoog Kelegian

April 9, 1974

Deacon Manoog Kelegian  
3600 W. Main St.  
Beleville 62223

Dear Deacon Manoog:

Deacons of our Church, assigned by the Primate to parishes or other substantial responsibilities, have been invited to attend our Diocesan Assembly in New York this year.

Srpazan Hayr wishes to qualify this, however, by informing you that you will not have the privilege of voting at these sessions, as per our by-laws, though you will be given equal voice with all delegates,

We look forward to seeing you at the Assembly.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director

August 9, 1974

3600 West Main St. , Apt. #2  
Belleville, Illinois 62223

Dear *Arpaian Kaye,*

This letter is to remind you of the Midwest Retreat to be held September 20, 21, and 22 at Lake Pleasant, Elkhorn, Wis. (Lynn and John Kaishian's Lake).

Please urge your young adults (high school graduates) to come. A retreat, as you know, is essential to the spiritual growth of our youth. It is an excellent chance for our youth to find themselves in relation to Christ and their Church.

This retreat is done with the blessings of the Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. Because he feels this type of activity is so important, he is subsidizing, in part, this retreat.

Again, please urge all your young adults to come. Thank you.

Yours in Christ,

*Manoog*

Deacon *Manoog* Kelegian  
Holy Shoghagat Church

*This is our second mailing.*

*East St. Louis*

September 11, 1974

Mr. Michael Bohigian  
Parish Council Chairman  
Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church  
47 Weslake Drive  
Fairview Heights, Illinois 62203

Dear Mr. Bohigian:

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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August 13, 1975

Deacon Manoog Kelegian  
Deacon In Charge  
Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church  
3600 West Main Street, #2  
Belleville, Illinois 62223

Dear Deacon Manoog:

There was a time when the great majority of our parish priests attended the assemblies of the ACYOA, and with their presence contributed not only an invaluable leadership but also a personal concern for the aspirations of our young people.

This very happy practice and participation stopped some time ago, almost concurrently with the decline of the youth organization. There must have been reasons for this, probably very valid reasons, but its effect could be nothing less than disastrous.

We urge, therefore, that the practice be revived; we urge that every parish priest, and particularly those with delegations going to Miami for the Sports Weekend, plan to be there for the Assembly which will be held at the Miami Beach Hyatt House in Miami Beach, Florida, on August 28 and 29, 1975. Give this matter your immediate consideration. Father Nersess will be in touch with you concerning reservations and other details.

It is important that pastors of the parish accompany their young people and join them in their deliberations, and make them feel the moral force of their support.

It is our earnest hope that the Parish Council will not overlook the urgency of this matter. We direct our Parish Councils to subsidize the expenses of the pastor for his participation in the Youth Assembly.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torken Manoogian  
Primate

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Holy Shoghagat  
Armenian Church

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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN  
CHURCH OF AMERICA

11006 Thousand Oaks Dr.  
St. Louis, Missouri  
May 2, 1975

Mr. Stephen Kambourian, Executive Dir.  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Kambourian:

Due to an oversight, the following list of the new parish council officers of Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church had not been sent to you.

Chairman.....	Mrs. Dick(Zabelle)Vartanian 228 Julia Place Belleville, Illinois 62223
Vice-Chairman.....	Mrs. Charlotte Tatosian 6577 Arsenal St. Louis, Missouri
Secretary.....	Mrs. Liberty Tourijigian 11006 Thousand Oaks Dr. St. Louis, Missouri 63136
Treasurer.....	Charles Tourajigian 9 Weinel Dr. Fairview Heights, Illinois 62208
Ass't Treasurer.....	Mrs. Apkar(Helen)Nersesian 30 Estates View Dr. Fairview Heights, Illinois 62208

My apologies for the delay.

Sincerely,

*Liberty Tourijigian*  
(Mrs.) Liberty Tourijigian

August 29, 1975

Deacon Manoog Kelegian  
Deacon In Charge  
Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church  
3600 W. Main Street, #2  
Belleville, Illinois 62223

Dear Deacon Manoog:

We are in receipt of Mrs. Zabelle Vartanian's letter of August 3, 1975, regarding the financial difficulties that your parish is experiencing, which as we all know is not unique in our Diocese.

First, may I thank you and your Parish Council members for partially taking care of your financial obligation.

Also, we feel there is a misunderstanding regarding the stewardship program. This is in addition to your parish assessments but can be a help to your parish. For every steward enrolled in the program from your parish, the parish assessment for that year is decreased by \$100.00. In other words, to take an arbitrary figure of \$1,000 as your parish assessment and in the event that your parish has three stewards, your assessment for the year would be decreased by \$300.00, making the assessment \$700.00 instead of \$1,000. For further information regarding the Stewardship Program, enclosed please find a brochure giving you a further explanation.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Kambourian  
Executive Director

cc: Mrs. Z. Vartanian

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# HOLY SHOGHAGAT ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

## Finance Committee

Hrant Norsigian, Chairman  
Bea Leap, Secretary  
Harry Vartanian, Treasurer

October 23, 1975

Deacon Manoog  
Kelegian

John Jamjarian  
(Memorially)

Mike Bohigian

Virginia Bohigian

Henry Lannert

Kate Lannert

Ron Leap

George Marifian

John Marifian

Charles Merzian

Henry Nersesian

Aram Norsigian

Diana Petrosian

Mary Petrosian

Mike Petrosian

Mary Vartanian

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Holy Shoghagat Financial Committee has now reached the phase of the Building Campaign for a new church and hall that involves financial assistance from all parishioners and friends in order to commence construction in the very near future.

With your personal and financial support of this very worthy project, we are confident that our magnificent dream will soon become a reality. Everyone in the Parish will soon be contacted, personally, and we are sure that all will do their fair share.

It is of the utmost importance that one and all support this campaign. Let's feel fortunate that we can be party to a project so worthy that will be used and enjoyed by the Armenian Community for years.

Let us all work together to reach our goal!

Sincerely,

*Hrant Norsigian*

Hrant Norsigian  
Finance Committee Chairman



November 20, 1975

Deacon Manoog Kelegian  
Deacon In Charge  
Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church  
c/o Mrs. L. Tourijigian  
11006 Thousand Oaks  
St. Louis, Missouri 63136

Dear Deacon Manoog:

Just-one month ago a mailgram signed by the Diocesan Council was sent requesting payment of your parish assessments.

To date we have not received payment or acknowledgment. Would you please remit your parish assessments in the amount of \$901.03, which includes the last quarter billing.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Kambourian  
Executive Director

cc: Ms. Zabelle Vartanian  
Council Chairman

SK:vb


December 16, 1975


Dear Member:

The Annual Parish Assembly of Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church will be held on Sunday, January 4, 1976, immediately following church service at Our Lady of Assumption Hall. Enclosed you will find a copy of the agenda for the Annual Parish Assembly. Quite naturally, it follows the established and required format.

On behalf of Deacon Manoog and the Holy Shoghagat Parish Council, I wish not only to invite you but also to urge you to attend the Assembly. Thus, please endeavor to be present on January 4, 1976.

Happy holidays to you and yours. May the year 1976 be prosperous for our parish and all our parishioners.

  
Deacon-in-Charge  
Holy Shoghagat Parish

  
Parish Council Chairman  
Holy Shoghagat Parish

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Holy Shoghagat  
Armenian Church

July 13, 1976

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

Dear Srpazan Hayr:

Sent to you June 28, 1976 were Minutes to the Special Parish Assembly held on June 21, 1976 at the American Cancer Society offices in Belleville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to vote on the new site for our future church.

We would appreciate, as soon as possible, the approval of the Diocesan Council, Board of Trustees and you.

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Soorp Achooyn,

Deacon Manoog Kelegian  
Deacon-in-Charge

Liberty Tourijigian  
Chairwoman, Parish Council

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January 13, 1976

Mrs. Zabelle N. Vartanian  
Parish Council Chairman  
Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church  
228 Julia Place  
Belleville, Illinois 62223

Dear Mrs. Vartanian:

We received your most enjoyable letter of January 1, 1976, along with the letter to parishioners and the agenda for your parish assembly which was held on January 4.

We wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you for the fine work you have done as the Chairman of the Parish Council of Holy Shoghagat Church during the past year. We are most pleased to read of your opinion of Deacon Manoog and his work in your parish. May we wish you Godspeed in all your endeavors for our beloved Church.

May God bless you and your family always.

Prayerfully,

st

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

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Holy Shoghagat  
Armenian Church

January 20, 1976

3600 W. Main  
Belleville, Il. 62223

Dear Steve,

I hope that by now you have received Holy Shoghagat's Annual Report. The minutes of the Assembly are being finalized right now.

I need to have more information regarding the following:

1. The choir leadership training program.
2. The Leadership training program of the CRE.

Also don't forget my educational expenses.

Thank you very much.

Yours in Christ,

*Manoog*  
Deacon Manoog Kelegian  
Deacon in Charge of the  
Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church

February 3, 1976

Deacon Manoog Kelegian  
Deacon In Charge  
Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church  
3600 West Main  
Belleville, Illinois 62223

Dear Deacon Manoog:

May I take this opportunity to thank you and the Parish Council members for your cooperation in remitting the balance of your 1975 assessments and clergy insurance.

Please express my sincerest thanks to your Parish Council members for their prompt response.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Kambourian  
Executive Director

Enclosure - receipt  
cc: Ms. Zabelle Vartanian  
Council Chairman

SK:vb



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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 10, 1976

Deacon Manoog Kelegian  
Deacon in Charge  
Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church  
3600 West Main Street, Apt. 2  
Belleville, Illinois 62223

Dear Deacon Manoog:

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. 24566

cc: Mrs. Liberty Tourijigian  
Council Chairman

July 21, 1976

Deacon Manoog Kelegian  
Deacon-in-Charge, Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church  
3600 West Main Street, Apt. 2  
Belleville, Illinois 62223

Dear Deacon Manoog:

We will be pleased to make an official visit to your parish on the weekend of January 23, and have reserved the date in our calendar accordingly.

Please let us know, about a month prior to that date, the specific plans made for the weekend. We will, soon after we hear from you, inform you of our travel plans.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

cc. Parish Council Chairlady  
Mrs. Liberty Tourigigian



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*Mr. Mikaelis* File  
Holy Shoghagat  
Armenian Church

June 30, 1976

3600 W. Main Street  
Belleville, Il. 62223

Dear Jack,

Once again I would like to request the official Diocesan forms for funeral records. I was sent the Marriage and Baptism forms long ago, but I have not received the funeral forms. *informed*

Also could you please give me any information that you can regarding the new documentary film on the massacres which is narrated by Mike Connors. If the Diocese has a copy we would like to request use of it for April 24, 1977. If the Diocese does not have a copy could you please tell me how we would go about renting a copy of the film. The Prelacy church here seems to have gotten a copy from their prelacy and now my people are wondering if our Diocese has the same film. *Mr. Mikaelis  
Le Donkian*

Please respond as soon as possible.

Very Sincerely,

*Deacon Manoug Kelegian*  
Deacon Manoug Kelegian

Deacon-in-Charge of the  
Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church  
E. St. Louis, Il.



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Director

Enclosure - Receipt No. 24780

cc: Ms. Liberty Tourijigian  
Parish Council Chairman

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Holy Shoghagat  
Armenian Church

September 3, 1976

The Most Reverend Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
630 Second Avenue  
New York City, New York

Your Grace:

We thank you for honoring our request to visit our parish the week-end of January 23, 1977 at which time we shall be celebrating the Twentieth Anniversary of our Holy Shoghagat Church.

Per your request, we shall let you know in advance the specific plans made for the week-end.

Madchink ee Hampooyr Tzer Soorp Achooyn,

Deacon Manoog Kelegian  
Deacon-in-Charge of the  
Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church

(Mrs.) Liberty Tourigian  
Chairman  
Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church

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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

December 22, 1976


Deacon Manoog Kelegian  
Deacon In Charge  
Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church  
3600 West Main Street, Apt. 2  
Belleville, Illinois 62223

Dear Deacon Manoog:

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Yours sincerely,

  
Syraun Palvetzian  
Director

Enclosure - Receipt No. 25628

cc: Ms. Liberty Tourijigian  
Parish Council Chairman

August 19, 1977

Deacon Manoog Kelegian  
Deacon-in-Charge, Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church  
3600 West Main Street, Apt.2  
Belleville, Illinois 62223

Dear Deacon Manoog:

Kindly note that His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian will be arriving in East St. Louis on August 26, 1977 at 1:30 p.m. from Milwaukee on Ozark flight 927.

His Eminence will be leaving on August 29, 1977 at 10:30 a.m. for New York on American Airlines flight 394.

It would be most appreciated if arrangements can be made to meet His Eminence at the airport, and the necessary reservations made for his accommodation.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Terzibashian  
Secretary to the Primate

February 24, 1977

Mr. Harold Beylerian  
722 Oak Street  
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172

Dear Mr. Beylerian:

We met with the council of the East St. Louis parish the weekend of January 23, in the course of our visit there, and discussed their plans for their new church. They are extremely anxious to get started, and are hoping to receive the necessary plans from you.

We called you from East St. Louis but were unable to reach you. We did get in touch with Father Arshag, and hope he communicated our message to you.

We know you must be very busy. Still, this is very important to the East St. Louis parish. It is our earnest hope that you will be able to accede to the wish of the parish and provide the needed plans very soon.

With appreciation and blessings.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manogian  
Primate

cc. Deacon Manoog Kelegian



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

May 24, 1977

Deacon Manoog Kelegian  
Deacon in Charge  
Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church  
3600 west Main Street, Apt. 2  
Belleville, Illinois 62223

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Yours sincerely,

Syraun Palvetzian  
Director

Enclosure - Receipt Number 26787

cc: Mr. George Marifian  
Parish Council Chairman



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

October 21, 1977

The Reverend Father Yeprem Kelegian  
Pastor and President of Parish Council  
Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church  
3600 West Main Street, Apt. 2  
Belleville, Illinois 62223

Dear Father Yeprem:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your remittance and thank you and the Parish Council for your cooperation.

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Yours sincerely,

Syraun Palvetzian  
Director

Enclosure - Receipt Number 27702

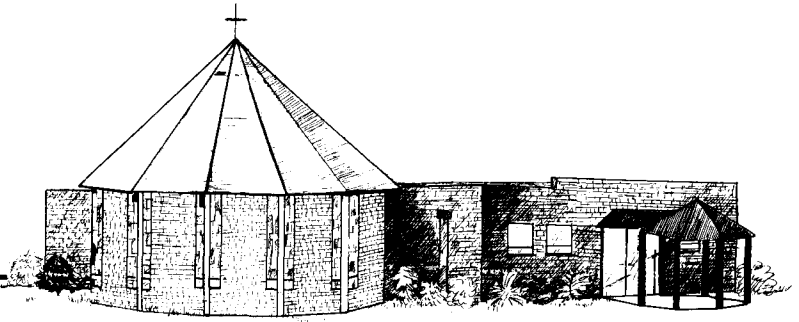
cc: Mr. George Marifian  
Parish Council Chairman



# Holy Shoghagat

## ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

P.O. BOX 1187 + 400 HUNTWOOD ROAD + BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS 62221 + 618-233-9453



VERY REV. SOOREN CHINCHINIAN, PASTOR

December 7, 1980

On December 21, 1980, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian will be here to conduct Divine Liturgy and to celebrate the second anniversary of the consecration of the new Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church and the twenty-fourth anniversary of our Parish.

We have noted that your participation in our weekly services and other activities during 1980 has been less than in past years.

With this letter we are taking the opportunity to cordially invite you to participate in the services and program of December 21, 1980.

See you then.

Respectfully,

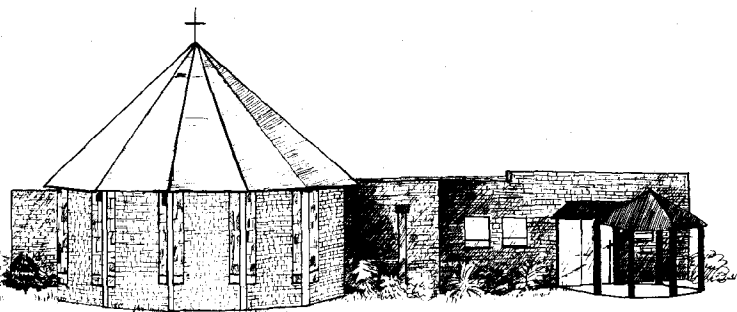
Len Mooradian  
Parish Council Chairman

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VERY REV. SOOREN CHINCHINIAN, PASTOR

October 10, 1980

Dear Friend,

Soon, Holy Shoghagat will celebrate her second anniversary at 400 Huntwood Road. Naturally, all of us are extremely proud of our beautiful, new home.

Our work, however, is not ended although construction of the facility is well along. Now comes the second and no less important phase of the religious life of our community; that is, to establish a sound fiscal basis for Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church -- one that precludes the necessity of holding frequent affairs for the purpose of collecting operating funds.

Very simply, the projected budget for 1980-81 as prepared by the Parish Council is \$34,500. To help meet this financial plan, it has been decided to inaugurate a steward program which means basically that a participant promises to contribute a set amount on a regular basis to the church.

In the near future, members of the Pledge Committee will contact you in this regard. We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Henry Nersesian  
Pledge Committee Chairman

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