

October 7, 1969

Mr. Carl Varadjan
Chairman, Parish Council
St. Gregory the Ill. Church
6700 West Diversey Avenue
Chicago, Ill. 60635

Dear Mr. Varadjan:

We have received your letter of October 1, 1969 in which you were informing us of your pastor, Fr. Kashikjian's illness and as a result your inability to have church services, you were also asking our advice in regard of the payment to his stipend.

According to the rules of the Diocesan Clergy Group insurance, Fr. Kashikjian will be able to receive compensation only after 30 days of the date of illness. It is also understood that the 30 day waiting period will be taken care of by the parish. Therefore it would be in order to continue giving his stipend until the policy becomes effective. We are happy to learn that you have been kind enough to have already taken care of Fr. Kashikjian's stipend for two weeks.

May I also add that after the 30-day waiting period, he would receive \$200.00 a month. We leave it up to the discretion of the Parish Council to make any addition to that amount.

With best wishes in your God-pleasing endeavors.

I remain yours in prayer.

Fr. Vartan Megherian
Vicar General

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PHONE 637-1711

REV. FR. SARKIS KASHIKJIAN, PASTOR

October 1, 1969

Rev. Father Vartan Megherian,
Vicar General
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 2nd Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Reverend Megherian,

Please be informed that our Priest, Rev. Sarkis Kashikjian has been hospitalized since September 16, 1969. As a result we have not had church services since that date, and we do not expect to hold services until about October 19.

We have paid Rev. Kashikjian for the last two weeks. Kindly advise us as to the proper procedure regarding Der Sarkis' income as per your telephone conversation with our Treasurer, Mr. Henry Babikian.

This letter was authorized by a unanimous vote of the Church Council on September 30, 1969. We await an early reply.

Yours sincerely,

Carl Varadian, Chairman
Parish Council

CV:kp

December 20, 1978

Mr. George M. Nahabedian
Chairman of the Parish Council
St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church
6700 West Diversey Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60635

Dear Mr. Nahabedian:

"The Exiled" has gone home! Your book travelled with us to Yerevan where it is being translated. We will ask for its return as soon as possible.

We take this opportunity to extend to you and yours the Good Tidings of the birth and revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the revealed and incarnate Lord remember each and every one of us every day of our lives, and make us worthy to serve Him with a fullness of joy in our hearts.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

Enclosure: "Martyred Armenia" by Fa'iz El-Gusein



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PHONE 637-1711

November 6, 1978

Ms. Syraun Pavletzian
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Syraun:

Please forward the enclosed articles to be published
in the Armenian Church Publication.

Also, would appreciate it if Surpazan Hayr could please
return my book. Thank you.

Sincerely

George M. Nahabedian
Chairman, Parish Council

February 10, 1981

Ms. Michelle Babikian
Superintendent Sunday School
St. Gregory The Illuminator Church
6700 West Diversey Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60635

Dear Ms. Babikian:

We received your letter of January 12, concerning the reopening of the Sunday School and are delighted that all arrangements are going as smoothly as you report.

You cannot imagine how encouraged we are by your own attitude and enthusiasm and by the very competent help you seem to have. If any assistance is needed from our Department of Religious Education, please do not hesitate to contact them at Diocesan headquarters.

We pray that God continues to grace you with the vision and determination which any such endeavor requires and may His Spirit be with you and your staff in this invaluable effort.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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January 12, 1981

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

Your Eminence:

Please refer to the recent meeting that you had with the Parish Council of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Chicago with regard to the closing of the Sunday School.

I would like to inform you that, as a result of this meeting, our Sunday School has been re-opened. I have again assumed the position of Superintendent. The Executive Board that was selected at the meeting to be of assistance to me are Mrs. Delores Tootooian, Mr. George Nahabedian and Mrs. Linda Zakarian.

We had our first meeting on November 13, 1980, to make the plans to start Sunday School classes again. Our objective was to reorganize our School and we will fulfill the requirements of the C.R.E.

Registration Day and the first day of class was on December 7, 1980. We presently have 4 classes and 12 children enrolled. We will endeavor to increase our enrollment over the next few weeks.

Everything seems to be moving smoothly. We will keep you advised of our progress.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Babikian
Superintendent
Sunday School

cc: Mr. Nishan J. Babikian, Parish Council Chairman, St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church, Chicago, Illinois

January 11, 1983

Mr. George Nahabedian, Chairman
Man of the Year Committee
St. Gregory The Illuminator Church
6700 West Diversey Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60635

Dear Mr. Nahabedian:

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian asked me to thank you for your letter dated January 4, 1983 inviting him to attend the dinner honoring Alderman George Hagopian as its first recipient of the parish's "Man of the Year" award, and to celebrate Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 10, 1983.

His Eminence regrets that he will be unable to accept your invitation due to a previously scheduled pastoral visit to another parish.

Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Terzibashian
Secretary to the Primate

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January 4, 1983

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

Your Eminence:

On Saturday evening, April 9, 1983, the Parish Council and Man of the Year Committee of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Chicago cordially invites you to be a guest at a dinner honoring Alderman George Hagopian as its first recipient of the Parish's Man of the Year Award. It would be an extreme pleasure to have your presence on this special occasion.

At this time, we would also like to invite you to celebrate Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 10, 1983. Your presence during this weekend will be quite fitting and appropriate.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Your servant in God

George M. Nahabedian

George M. Nahabedian
Chairman
Man of the Year Committee

April 14, 1983

Dr. Hratch Hitik
Chairman of the Parish Council
St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church
6750 N. Nokomis
Lincolnwood, Illinois 60646

Dear Dr. Hitik:

We thank you for your letter dated March 23, 1983 regarding a full-time pastor for the St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church of Chicago, Illinois.

We fully share your concern for your parish, and agree that Father Vahram Hazarian should serve the Chicago parish as a full-time spiritual administrator. However, we would appreciate receiving details of the arrangements that you have made with Reverend Vahram regarding his responsibilities and stipend.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones always for your concern for the welfare of your church and community.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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March 23, 1983

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

His Eminence:

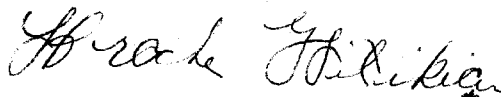
Since March, 1982, St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church has been without a full-time Priest and Spiritual Leader. We are aware of the lack of clergy and know that this shortage is of great concern to you. However, since June, 1982, we have been fortunate in having Fr. Vahram Hazarian perform Badarak on Sundays on a semi-monthly basis (recently increased to three Sundays) but this is not enough to fill the void left during the week days. The responsibility of caring for the Church and Parish cannot be done effectively on a part-time basis, since we are always without clergy on important feast days, unable to fill requests for house blessings and visitations to the sick. This lack of leadership has also had a negative affect on our Sunday/Armenian School.

At the Annual Parish Assembly held on January 30, 1983, much discussion was devoted to our needs for a Parish Priest. The discussion resulted in a motion presented and carried to secure Fr. Vahram Hazarian's services as a full time priest on a one year trial basis. In view of this motion, the Parish Council has evaluated Fr. Hazarian's performance and believes he is capable of providing the spiritual leadership our Parish needs. Fr. Hazarian has expressed his willingness to serve our parish and would like to help strenghten our church and various organizations. He does not speak English, however, he is attending classes to learn the language.

We are not certain of the implications involved, since Fr. Hazarian is not a member of our Diocese. If need be, Fr. Hazarian will be glad to write you and submit his credentials. We would greatly appreciate your thoughts concerning this matter and await your action relating to this most important issue and will, of course, support your decision.

If you have any questions or feel the need to discuss this matter in greater detail before making a decision, please contact me at your convenience.

Faithfully yours,



Dr. Hrach Hitik
Chairman, Parish Council

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November 30, 1983

The Reverend Father Vahram Hazarian
Acting Pastor, St. Gregory The Illuminator Church
6700 West Diversey Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60635

Dear Father Vahram:

We thank you for your letter dated November 21, 1983 inviting us to attend the celebrations of the twentieth anniversary of the St. Gregory Armenian Church of Chicago, Illinois, to be held on September 29th 1984.

We regret that this date is not convenient for us as His Holiness has invited bishops to attend the Bishops' Conference which will be held in Etchmiadzin on October 1, 1984.

As the Midwest Regional Meeting is planned in 1984 to be held in Chicago on Saturday, March 24, we will celebrate Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 25th at St. Gregory the Illuminator Church.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones always.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc. Parish Council Chairman

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November 21, 1983

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

Your Grace:

In 1984 St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church of Chicago will be celebrating it's 20th Anniversary. The Parish Council is in the process of organizing the events for this milestone occasion. Consequently the Parish would be very honored by your presence as the guest of honor at the Anniversary Banquet on September 29th and as the celebrant of the Divine Liturgy on September 30th, 1984. Your favorable response is eagerly being awaited by the Parish.

Respectfully yours,

Walter Baronian

Walter Baronian
Corresponding Secretary
St. Gregory Parish Council

Asking for your blessing

Vahram Hazarian
Rev. Fr. Vahram Hazarian

September 11, 1984

Mrs. Mary Dadian
2647 N. Mulligan Avenue
Chicago, Ill. 60639

Dear Mrs. Dadian:

With reference to your letter dated August 25, enclosed please find the Primate's message on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church of Chicago, Ill.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Terzibashian
Secretary to the Primate

Enclosure

PRIMATE'S MESSAGE

Greetings to you all as the beloved children of our ancient church, and the flowering affirmation of the survival of our people, and the guardians of our faith.

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of this parish, we rejoice with all those who turned St. Gregory The Illuminator Church of Chicago their spiritual home, and join in celebrating this very special day thanking God for His many blessings and bounty.

The Armenian Church community of Chicago is a small but radiant light of our faith. Only a few decades ago a handful of Armenians got together to build the first Armenian Church in Worcester, Mass. Today, over half a million Armenians are involved with their church and community activities. We are grateful to God for helping us become what we are today.

Congratulations to the parishioners of St. Gregory for their countless services and continued progress and growth during the last twenty years. The parishioners of this community exemplify the real qualities of our people, one of which is the ability to build, to develop, to advance.

We pray that our heritage always remain the inspiring force in our lives and that we may be guided by the words and example of Our Lord Jesus Christ. May the life of this parish be a living and ongoing celebration of the identity and the faith of our church.

God bless you all.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Terikom Mancoogian
Primate

September 1984

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August 25, 1984

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

His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian:

On Sunday, October 21, 1984, St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Chicago, will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the new edifice.

It will be held at the Westin Hotel O'Hare, in Rosemont, celebrating with Dinner, Program and Dance to follow.

In addition, we have been busy with the Program Ad Book which we are trying to complete at this time. We have reserved a page in our booklet and are requesting your "special message", plus a photograph of you and His Holiness Vazken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians.

Realizing your busy schedule, I would appreciate receiving this request by September 25, 1984, which is our deadline to run the presses.

Respectfully yours,

Mary Dadian

Mary Dadian
Chairwomen of Program Ad Book

P.S. Mail To: Mrs. Mary Dadian
2647 N. Mulligan Ave.
Chicago, Ill. 60639

March 12, 1985

Ms. Linda Zakarian
Sunday School Superintendent
St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church
6700 West Diversey Avenue
Chicago, ILL. 60635

Dear Ms. Zakarian:

H.E. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian asked me to thank you in his behalf for your letter dated February 24, inviting him to attend the closing ceremony of the Sunday School year on June 9.

His Eminence will be pleased to attend this ceremony and make the presentation of scholarships and awards to the Sunday School students.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Terzibashian
Secretary to the Primate

c.c. Parish Pastor

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February 24, 1985

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

Your Grace,

At the end of each Sunday School year, St. Gregory's holds its closing ceremony in church immediately following Badarak. At this ceremony Der Hayr presents our students with scholarship and special service awards. We also honor 1 or more students with an all expense paid week at St. Vartan Camp.

The closing ceremony is a traditional part of our school year and students, parents, and congregation look forward to it with pride. Since our Sunday School closing coincides with your visit to our church on June 9, and we know the love you have for the youth, it would be especially meaningful for the children if you would make the presentations this year.

We hope we can include you in our program.

Respectfully yours,

Linda Zakarian

Linda Zakarian
Sunday School Superintendent

Yes

June 7, 1985

The Rev. Fr. Vahram Hazarian
Acting Pastor, St. Gregory The Illuminator Church
6700 West Diversey Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60635

Dear Fr. Vahram:

We have received your letter dated May 31, informing us that Dr. Vahe Karachorlu has resigned from the parish council as of May 10, and that Mr. Edward Pajian will complete the unexpired term of Dr. Karachorlu, which we approve.

May the Lord bless you and the members of your community with His love and wisdom.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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May 31, 1985

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church
of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

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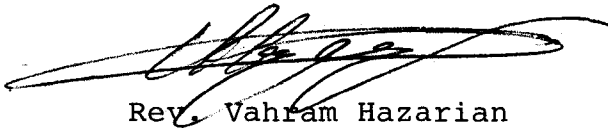
Enclosed is a letter of resignation from Dr. Vahe Karachorlu dated May 10, 1985. In accordance with Article 27 of the by-laws of the Armenian Church of America, Mr. Edward Pajian will be invited to complete the unexpired term of Dr. Karachorlu.

Your immediate confirmation will be appreciated.

Respectfully



George M. Nahabedian
Secretary



Rev. Vahram Hazarian
President



Nishan Babikian
Chairman

Mr. Edward Pajian
599 Ogden Avenue
Lisle, Illinois 60532

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October 22, 1988

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016

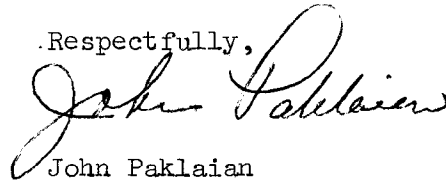
Your Eminence:

This letter confirms your conversation with our Parish Priest,
Rev. Father Vahram Hazarian, regarding the celebration of the
25th Anniversary of the Consecration of St. Gregory's.

? Please advise if you will be available between September 20th,
and October 20th, 1989, for a Saturday evening and Sunday
Badarak, or an alternative date compatable with your schedule
in November 1989.

As soon as we receive this information, we will be able to
proceed with preparations accordingly.

Respectfully,



John Paklaian
Chairman
Parish Council

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111 Oak Ridge Drive -
Burr Ridge, Illinois
September 12, 1988

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

Your Eminence:

Thank you for a very pleasant and lengthy conversation you allowed us to have when I called last week.

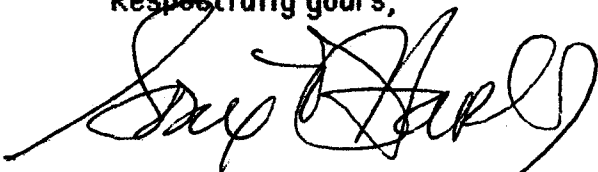
I am writing to remind you that it will be most convenient if your secretary could make your flight arrangements to be to and from Midway Airport (Midway Airlines) in Chicago. Also, if you could time your arrival in Chicago to be early afternoon, this may present us the perfect opportunity to further discuss "clergy workshops" we talked about earlier.

I had also requested a photograph from you. Is it possible to impose upon your eminence to instruct your secretary to include your vita along with the photo and the flight information? I need all of the above at your earliest convenience.

I will make the hotel arrangements.

We are all looking forward to your visit and your lecture.

Respectfully yours,



Sonia Derman Harlan
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Has this been
answered?

111 Oak Ridge Drive
Burr Ridge, Illinois
July 28, 1988

His Eminence Archbishop
Torkom Manougian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church
of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York

Your Eminence:

I am sorry that I was not home to receive your call when you were in Palos Heights a month ago. I hope we can "talk" about Fr. Yeghia some other time at your convenience.

At this time, I am writing to you regarding an altogether different matter.

Ever since I left my teaching position at University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, and moved to Chicago, I have been in charge of coordinating Armenian scholarly lecture series -- in the Fall and Spring -- at the University of Chicago, under the auspices of The United Armenian Cultural Association.

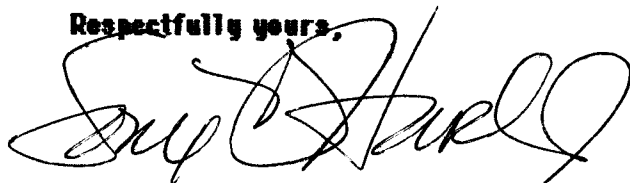
This Fall, we would like to have you come and lecture about Gomidas. I understand, Mr. Garbis Meguerian, UACA's President, has spoken with you about our request and possible dates. He informed me that Friday, November 11, 1988 was suitable to you. I am writing in order to confirm this date, and also to thank you for accepting our invitation in spite of your very busy schedule.

Please let me know if you need any equipment--other than a podium and microphone--in the lecture room.

My family and I, would love for you to stay in our residence when you come in November. Alex (10) and Vanessa (8) promise to be good! If you prefer to stay in a hotel, please let me know. I will make the arrangements.

I am looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,



Sonia Derman Harlan

October 6, 1989

Mr. Brian Kamajian
544 W. Melrose #456
Chicago, Illinois 60657

Dear Brian:

It was very nice to have had the opportunity to meet with you.

As I know you still have a season of teaching to complete, I will be in touch with you soon about the results of our search.

Thank you so much for giving us your time and consideration; I look forward to speaking with you again.

Enclosed is the material you left with me which was quite impressive.

Yours sincerely,

Syraun Palvetzian
Executive Director

Enclosures: Check # 12752

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October 2, 1989

Syraun Palvetzian
Director, Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10016

Dear Syraun,

Thank you very much for our meeting and interview at the Archdiocese last Saturday. I made my return flight easily (it was a little late) and had a good trip home. I enjoyed our interview and hope that you were able to get to know me well enough in such a short time. If you, or anyone else, would like to talk to me further about my experience, please call me in the afternoon.

I learned a great deal about the Church's rebuilding effort, and I truly hope that I can become a part of such a noble project. As I stated, my teaching commitment in Chicago lasts until Thanksgiving - after which we'll be available to move to New York.

Thanks again Syraun, and I hope all is going well for you this week. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Brian Kamajian
Brian Kamajian

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