

August 15, 1947

The Rev. V.V. Nazaretian  
1816 N. Clark St  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Fr. Vahram:

It gives us a great satisfaction to recall that at a meeting which we held last week, on the 7th of August in Graemore Hotel, the difficulties and misunderstandings in connection with the resoration of our St. Gregory Church were resolved and a committee was formed to repair the damage done to the church as a result of the regrettable fire.

We therefore hereby confirm the formation of the above-mentioned Committee for the restoration of St. Gregory's Armenian Church Building, consisting of the following members, under your presidency:

Mrs Sylvia Galbedian  
Mr. Armand Donian  
George Guldalian  
Khatchadour Geranian  
John Tatoian

We also note with satisfaction and thankfulness the fact that Mr. Armand Donian, a beloved and worthy son of our Church, is willing to take part in the work of the Committee and moreover that he has solemnly promised to turn over the title of the church, barring legal difficulties, to the diocese as a communal property, as soon as the church has been restored and services have been resumed therein.

We hope that the Committee will start to work as soon as practicable and having secured the services of a competent Armenian architect will soon be able to put the church building in a better shape than before, to the undying memory of the late S. Donian, the generous benefactor of our church in Chicago.

Rev. V. Nazaretian

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Wishing you every success and the blessing of the Almighty  
on your sacred work,

We remain with paternal blessings  
and prayers

TIRAN BISHOP  
OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA

P.S. This letter was written in English owing to the absence  
of our secretary, who is on vacation.

Conference held at Graemere Hotel, Chicago, Ill. on August 7, 1947 at 10:00 p.m. Present were Bishop Tiran Nerseyan, Vahram Vartabed Nazaretian, George V. Geramian, Mgerdich Manouelian, George Nazlian, Vartan Michaelian, John C Tatoian of the Board of Trustees, Armand S. Donian, Mrs Sylvia Galbedian, George V. Guldalian of the Holding Trustees, Dieran Simsarian of the Central Committee of the Prelacy and Krikor Galbedian.

After a very lengthy discussion concerning the existing condition of the Armenian St. Gregory Apostolic Church matters it was decided:

1. That the Diocesan Central Council of the Prelacy be requested to confirm the creation of a Building Committee consisting of the following members: Vahram Vartabed Nazaretian, President; Mrs Sylvia Galbedian, Armen Donian, George Guldalian, Khatchadoor Geramian and John Tatoian.
2. The Building Committees shall elect its officers, collect the proceeds of the fire insurance policies and deposit same in a bank in the name of said committee and draw thereon by the signature of two persons.
3. The Building Committee shall commence immediately the reconstruction of the Church building and the furnishing thereof internally.
4. Mr. Armand S. Donian then made the following statement: " I hereby promise that when the Church building has been restored and regular services are resumed, I shall be ready to turn title thereto, if legally possible, to the "Board of Trustees" of Real Estate" created by the Central Diocesan Council which has been incorporated as a religious corporation under the

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laws of New York under the name "The Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church in America, or to the Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church in America itself." When said building is completed a financial report shall be submitted to the Church congregation and the Diocesan Central Council, and any surplus moneys shall be turned over to the Reserve Fund according to the constitution.

We approve the foregoing minutes.

(Signed) Tiran Bishop  
Vahram Vartabed Nazaretian  
D. Simsarian  
Sylvia Galbedian  
John C Tateian  
George Nazlian  
Armand S Donian  
Vartan Michaelian  
M. Manuelian  
George V Guldalian  
M.H. Geranian

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*15 Aug. 1947 Tiran Bishop*