

Chicago

Mr. Armand S. Donian  
Columbia Ice and Ice Cream Co  
1025 South Kedzie Avenue  
Chicago, Ill

Dear Mr. Donian:

Thank you for your letter of the 19th of October and for the deed of our church in Chicago transferred to the ownership of our Diocesan Council.

We are glad that in this way the question of the ownership of the church is properly settled, and we once more express our deep appreciation of your late father's and your own generosity and christian patriotic gesture in making the magnificent donation of the church building to our church and people in America, which will be an outstanding monument to the memory of your father.

Everything will be done on our part to see that our church in Chicago will be run smoothly and will serve its purpose by promoting the spiritual welfare of our community in Chicago.

May the soul of your late esteemed father and mother rest in peace in the sight of the Almighty, and the Lord Jesus Christ Bless you and your sisters with all his good gifts.

With paternal greetings  
and prayers

Tiran, Bishop  
of the Armenian Church in North America

November 16, 1948

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CHICAGO

October 19, 1948

His Grace Bishop Tiran Nersisyan  
Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church  
336 W. 20th Street  
New York 11, N. Y.

Your Grace:

I am sorry not to have written you sooner. The enclosed Deed as you can see was originally recorded February 21, 1948. Due to an error (American was written in place of Armenian) it was necessary to rerecord the Deed. That is the reason for the delay which was finally completed October 7th of this month.

I hope that under the present circumstances and with the Diocese now owning the Church in Chicago that everything will run smoothly and that the successes of the Church will be many and great.

I do hope that you will keep a watchfull eye on the conditions and make it your concern to see that everything is going as it should be. My dear Father's soul would certainly be restless if after turning the Church over to the Diocese, things got out of hand as they have in the past.

With personal regards and hopes for not only a greater Armenian Church in Chicago, but all over I remain

Very truly yours,


*Armand S. Donian*

Armand S. Donian

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*Prof. You. Y. M. - Me  
22 Oct. 1948  
Chicago Church Deed  
The deed is with Mr. Sumsarian*

*APR. 1963*  
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*St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church*

1000 NORTH HOYNE AVENUE

CHICAGO 22, ILLINOIS

September 13, 1963

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

Your Grace:

The Parish Council of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church,  
Chicago, Illinois, at its last meeting held on Wednesday, September 11,  
1963, discussed the urgent need for a pastor for our church.

In the past, we have spoken to Your Grace about having a pastor for our  
church. We find at this time that in order to expedite the project of  
building our new church, we are in dire need of a full time pastor who  
will be able to rejuvenate more interest in our congregation and help  
in the fund raising campaign. We are afraid otherwise this parish will  
not progress as it should at this time.

We are very happy and gratified by your arrangement in having Deacon Kasparian,  
Father Vahrij and others from the Seminary help us, but we do need the full  
time services of a pastor. May we respectfully request that Your Grace  
give us his kind consideration and provide a full time pastor for our church.  
We feel we can meet the financial obligations of the pastor's remuneration.

Respectfully yours

*Kazar Kazarian*

Kazar Kazarian, Chairman

*George M. Nahabedian*

George M. Nahabedian, Secretary

December 19, 1963

Mr. Kazar Kazarian  
Chairman, Parish Council  
5015 W. Catalpa  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Kazarian:

We are in receipt of your letter of September 13, 1963 relative to the question of the need of your congregation for spiritual ministrations and request that a permanent pastor be assigned to your Parish, which we presented at the last meeting of our Diocesan Council.

We fully appreciate your difficulties but we deeply regret, that at present, we do not have any clergy available. However, in response to your request we will do our utmost to appoint a full time pastor for your Parish in order to administer your activities and raise enough funds to achieve the goal of your church building program in the near future.

With paternal blessings,

SION ARCHBISHOP  
Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian  
Church of America

March 31, 1968

Very Rev. Vahrij Kesanjian  
Pastor of St. Gregory the Illuminator Church  
and President of Parish Council  
5700 West Diversy  
Chicago 60635, Ill.

Dear Fr. Vahrij:

In view of the fact that your Parish of St. Gregory the Illuminator already has built a new church edifice and on the basis of the resolution which your Parish Assembly has passed concerning the sale of your old church at 1000 North Hoyne Avenue, the Diocesan Council at its recent meeting of March 11th approved your decision for the sale of the old church.

To this end we hereby extend the power-of-attorney to Mr. Mike Kachigian to act for our Diocese.

With paternal blessings,

STON ARCHBISHOP  
Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian  
Church of America



*St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church*

6700 W. DIVERSEY  
CHICAGO 60635, ILLINOIS

March 27, 1965

Archbishop Sion Manoogian  
Primate, Diocese of North America  
630 - 2nd Avenue  
New York, New York

Your Grace:

This is to advise that we have finally received a firm offer for the purchase of our old Church which is located at 1000 North Hoyne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

On February 2, 1965, we entered into an agreement with the interested parties for the sale of our Church at a price of \$25,000.00 and that the sale would be consummated within 22 days. Since that time, we have informed you twice by phone of our progress and requested your consent and cooperation. Our attorney, Mr. Mike Kachigian, who has been our attorney for the past 10 years, also sent a letter to the Diocese requesting the power-of-attorney to represent the Diocese in this sale.

In your absence from New York, Mr. Kachigian's letter was forwarded by someone from the Diocese to a lawyer representing the Diocese and he in turn sent us the deed for the property. However, as Mr. Kachigian has stated, and we have requested twice, a power-of-attorney is required before we can proceed with the sale.

The buyers have been most patient with us, up to now, even though our agreement has lapsed. I honestly feel any further delay will jeopardize our chances of selling this property.

I am hopeful that you will do your utmost to expedite this paper to us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Kazar Kazarian  
Parish Council Chairman

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Rec. 3/11/65

Michael M. Kachigian

MARTIN YAZMAJIAN  
COUNSELOR AT LAW

CORTLANDT 7-2343

30 No. La Salle St.  
261 BROADWAY Chicago 7, Ill.  
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

June 9, 1965

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

Att: Mr. Sooren Manuelian, Executive  
Secretary

Re: St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian  
Church, Chicago, Ill.-sale of property

Gentlemen:

I have received today from Michael M. Kachigian, Esq., the attorney for St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church, documents which he has prepared (in quaduplicate) in connection with closing the above transaction, which I am herewith forwarding to you for approval and execution by the persons designated.

Enclosed also please find your correspondence with the church.

Please note that the instruments are in the name of "Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America of New York City". When I spoke to Mr. Kachigian over the telephone on June 2, 1965, I told him that the name of the diocese is Diocese of the Armenian Church of America according to its certificate of change of name filed November 22, 1949 and that it was originally incorporated under the name of The Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church in America. Mr. Kachigian has seen fit to prepare the instruments with the name indicated therein. If any corrections are necessary, he should be instructed to do so.

Mr. Kachigian has requested that where any blank spaces need filling in same should be done.

Mr. Kachigian has not requested that the warranty deed have a county clerk certificate of authentication as to the notary public attached to it. It may be that one is not necessary.

After you have read the enclosed instruments, you may get in touch with me with respect to such blank spaces and any other matter concerning the enclosures.

**MARTIN YAZMAJIAN**

**COUNSELOR AT LAW**

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CORTLANDT 7-2343

261 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

The copies of the enclosures should be conformed but I do not think they have to be signed. A copy of each instrument should be retained for you files. It is very important that these papers be returned to Mr. Kachigian because the closing of the transaction has been delayed and the matter is at an urgent stage.

Very truly yours,

  
MARTIN YAZMAJIAN

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February 14, 1968

Mr. James Boyajian  
Chicago Parish Assembly  
St. Gregory The Illuminator  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Boyajian:

We acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 21 January 1968, concerning the honor proposed to be accorded to Rev. Father Sarkis Kashjian.

Feel assured that the suggestion set forth by your Parish Assembly is worthy of consideration.

With Blessings,

Bishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

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# St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church

6700 W. DIVERSEY AVENUE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60635  
PHONE 637-1711

REV. FR. SARKIS KASHIKJIAN, PASTOR

January 21, 1968

His Grace,  
Bishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate of the Armenian Church  
New York, New York

Surpazan Hayr:

On Sunday, January 14, 1968, at the Annual Parish Assembly of our church, the parishioners in appreciation for the tremendous work done and the efforts for the betterness of St. Gregory, the Illuminator Armenian Church by our Pastor, Rev. Fr. Sarkis Kashikjian, unanimously pass the motion to recommend him to be honored by your Grace to wear a cross (Manchakhatch).

We are sure that under Der Hayr's unselfish and devoted guidance our congregation will grow more and our church will flourish.

We respectfully submit this recommendation to your immediate attention.

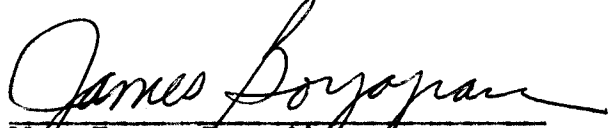
Please accept, Surpazan Hayr, our filial love and best wishes.

We remain,

Obediently and respectfully



Mrs. John Dadian  
Secretary of  
Parish Assembly

  
Mr. James Boyajian  
Chairman of Parish  
Assembly

July 14, 1969

Mr. Carl Varadian, Chairman  
Parish Council  
St. Gregory the Illuminator  
Armenian Church  
6700 W. Diversey Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60635

Dear Mr. Varadian:

We have received your letter of July 1, and note that there apparently is a misunderstanding concerning Diocesan aid to parish schools. There is neither the policy nor practice of providing \$100 a month to churches which maintain Armenian schools.

In the case of Chicago's St. Gregory Church, of course, \$1000 a year has been provided by the Mary Byloz Fund. We have enclosed check #302 in the amount of \$500, representing the allocation for the first half of 1969. The second check in the same amount will be sent to you in December.

Prayerfully,

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN  
Primate

cc: Rev. Fr. Sarkis Kashikjian

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REV. FR. SARKIS KASHIKJIAN, PASTOR



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July 1, 1969

The Most Reverend Torkom Manoogian,  
Archbishop of the Diocese of the  
Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, N. Y. 10016

Your Excellency:

*at back of letter*  
As you know, the Diocese provides \$100.00 per month to churches which maintain Armenian School. Our church has an Armenian School, but we have not received the \$100.00 payment for six months. Therefore, it would be appreciated if \$600.00 would be sent immediately to St. Gregory.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

*Carl Varadian*

Carl Varadian, Chairman  
Parish Council

October 6, 1969

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

Dear Mr. Varadian:

In response of your letter of October 1, 1969, addressed to the Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, concerning his presence at your Church's Anniversary Dinner on November 1, we would like to inform you that he is away in Armenia and will return about November 2.

Wishing you every success in your endeavors.

I remain,

Yours in prayer,

Fr. Vartan Megherian  
Vicar General

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60635  
PHONE 637-1711

REV. FR. SARKIS KASHIKJIAN, PASTOR

October 1, 1969

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 2nd Avenue  
New York, New York 10016

Dear Archbishop Torkom,

Our Church is holding its annual anniversary dinner and dance on November 1, 1969 at the Church Hall. We would be honored if you could be present on this occasion.

If your busy schedule will permit you to be with us, please let us know about your travel plans and we will make the necessary arrangements for lodging.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Carl Varadian, Chairman  
Parish Council

CV:kp

February 9, 1971

Mr. S. Boyajian  
Chairman, Parish Council  
Sts. Joachim & Anne Armenian Church  
445 West 119th St.  
Chicago, Illinois 60628

Dear Mr. Boyajian:

We are in receipt of your letter dated January 28 in reference to paintings for the side altars of your Church. In order to be able to make some suggestions and give you references, we would like to know:

1. to what saints you want these altars dedicated
2. the size of the paintings

When we have this information, we shall be able to make some recommendations.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Mampre Kouzouian  
Canon Sacrist

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

JANUARY 28, 1971

DIOCESAN OFFICE  
630 SECOND AVENUE  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

DEAR PRIMATE:

WE ARE PRESENTLY CONCERNED ABOUT PURCHASING  
THE NECESSARY PAINTINGS FOR OUR SIDE ALTARS.  
HOWEVER, WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT IS PROPER NOR WHERE  
WE CAN BUY THEM FROM.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN  
OFFER US.

YOURS TRULY,

*S. Boyajian*  
S. BOYAJIAN  
CHAIRMAN - TRUSTEES

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August 15, 1973

The Rev. Sarkis Kashikjian  
Pastor  
St. Gregory the Illuminator Church  
6700 West Diversey Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60635

Dear Father Sarkis:

As the copy of my letter of August 15, to Father Varoujan indicates, he should be expecting 35 copies of the Primate's Jubilee book from you.

It would be a good idea for you to retain the remainder in your parish for possible sales. If you feel there is no hope of selling the remainder, then you can return them to our office.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreasian  
Executive Director

August 11, 1972

Reverend Sarkis Kashikjian  
Pastor  
President of Parish Council  
St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church  
6700 West Diversey Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60635

Dear Father Sarkis:

We gratefully acknowledge your remittance  
of \$238.61, net income from the Primate's ✓  
Jubilee as per your letter of August 6.

Our receipt #14717 is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director

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Enclosure

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# St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church

6700 W. DIVERSEY AVENUE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60635  
PHONE 637-1711

REV. FR. SARKIS KASHIKJIAN, PASTOR

August 6, 1972

Mr. Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director  
Diocese of the Armenisn Church

Dear Mr. Antreassian,

Enclosed is a check for the amount of \$238.61. It is the net profit from the Primate's Jubilee dinner. The statement enclosed will show the amount of the dinner and the Jubilee book sale.

Net Profit	
Dinner -	138.61
Book Sale -	<u>100.00</u>
	\$238.61

*Jack*  
#  
We have almost 75 books left. We would like to know if we should send them back to you or to pass it to Evanston church? If so please inform Father Varoujman with a letter and send us a copy of it.

Respectfully Yours,  
Rev. Sarkis Kashikjian

*Rev. Sarkis Kashikjian*

September 23, 1971

Mr. Sarkis Boyajian  
11249 South Halsted Street  
Chicago, Ill. 60628

Dear Mr. Boyajian:

While the tone of your letter of September 17 was regrettable, the concern you expressed was surely understandable. From one or two of our other parishes we have received related inquiries, though we have found that there has been at least a basic understanding of the issues involved. Love of the motherland of our culture is not at issue. We celebrate our culture incessantly at our Center in New York,

What was referred to was the availability of our church halls to functions of a political character.

In any event, the issue is not a new one, nor is the decision. It is in actuality the sentiment of the Assembly which was reiterated on this occasion in response to inquiries.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director

**Kleen Towne**  
Where YOU Are the Bright Star



SEPTEMBER 17, 1971

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN  
DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA  
630 SECOND AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016

DEAR PRIMATE:

UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR AUGUST 30TH DIRECTIVE  
I BECAME VERY DISTURBED ABOUT THE ENTIRE BULLETIN,  
ESPECIALLY THE PARAGRAPH PERTAINING TO THE "CELE-  
BRATION OF ARMENIA'S ANNIVERSARY".

AM I TO UNDERSTAND THAT CELEBRATING  
ARMENIA'S ANNIVERSARY SIGNIFIES THAT WE AND YOU ARE  
BEING POLITICALLY MOTIVATED? IF SO, I AM ASHAMED  
AND UTTERLY DISGUSTED WITH THE DIOCESAN POSITION. IF  
WE ARE NOT TO RECOGNIZE OUR MOTHERLAND AND ITS  
CULTURE WHAT ARE WE DOING OPENING OUR CHURCH DOORS!  
WHO ARE WE TRYING TO APPEASE BY THIS DIRECTIVE?

I WOULD APPRECIATE A REPLY TO THIS LETTER.

RESPECTFULLY,

*Sarkis Boyajian*

SARKIS BOYAJIAN  
CHAIRMAN -  
S. S. JOACHIM & ANNE

November 19, 1971

Mr. Sarkis Boyajian  
Chairman of Trustees  
✓ Saints Joachim and Anne Armenian  
Apostolic Church  
445 West 119th Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60628

Dear Mr. Boyajian:

You are right of course, and have reason to be annoyed, but no reason certainly to think that Saints Joachim and Anne Armenian Apostolic Church is any the less cherished because of the inadvertent omission in the directory. Your church is as dear to us as any of our churches.

But when we make a mistake, we make a mistake, and it is impossible to say even that it will not happen again. My errors of course reflect on me, and I will do my best to prevent them.

The Directory was an ambitious project, and in pushing it through, we blundered a few times. We omitted Archbishop Sion Manoogian's name for instance. Still we feel it is a worthy undertaking, which we plan to repeat annually and improve and expand it as we go, and eliminate errors to the extent we are able.

It seems like a good idea, as you suggest, to apprise our churches at least of whatever errors have come to our attention. It would be impossible to insert them in all the books, since many have already gone to individuals.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director

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③ Saints Joachim and Anne Armenian Apostolic Church

④ 445 West 119th Street

⑤ Chicago, Illinois 60628

NOVEMBER 10, 1971

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MR. JACK ANTREASSIAN  
DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH  
630 SECOND AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016

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DEAR MR. ANTREASSIAN:

ONE OF OUR PARISHIONERS BROUGHT IT TO MY ATTENTION THAT OUR CHURCH WAS NOT LISTED IN THE NEW 1972 DIARY BOOK PUBLISHED BY THE DIOCESE. I SCANNED THE BOOK AND CONFIRMED THIS FACT. NOT ONLY ARE WE UPSET AT THIS OVERSIGHT ON THE DIOCESE PART BUT THIS HAS HAPPENED SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST. IS OUR CHURCH UNDESIRABLE OR INSIGNIFICANT IN THE EYES OF THE DIOCESE?

WE WOULD APPRECIATE A CORRECTION PAGE THAT CAN BE INSERTED IN ALL THE DIRECTORIES. EVERY CHURCH SHOULD RECEIVE THIS CORRECTION PAGE FOR INSERTION.

YOURS TRULY,

Mr. Sarkis Boyajian  
① SARKIS BOYAJIAN  
② CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES

SB/vv

August 14, 1973

Mr. Nishan J. Babikian  
7512 W. Belmont Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60634

Dear Mr. Babikian:

I regret very much that the address plate for your parish was inadvertently left unchanged after you succeeded Mr. Pedian as Council Chairman at St. Gregory.

We have made the necessary change now, and the mail should be received by you properly and promptly.

I am sorry for any inconvenience you may have been caused.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director





# St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church

6700 W. DIVERSEY AVENUE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60635  
PHONE 637-1711

August 10, 1973.

The Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
Attention: Mr. Jack Antreassian  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Antreassian:

I, Nishan Babikian, am the Chairman of the Parish Council of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Chicago, Illinois for the year 1973. However, all the material mailed from the Diocese is being sent to last year's chairman, Mr. Haig Pedian, who in turn must send them to me. As you can see, this matter needs correcting as soon as possible.

My address and telephone number are as follows:

Mr. Nishan J. Babikian  
7512 W. Belmont Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60634

(312) 889-2354

I appreciate your consideration in this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nishan J. Babikian

December 6, 1973

Mr. Nishan Babikian  
Chairman of Parish Council  
St. Gregory the Illuminator  
Armenian Church  
6700 West Diversey Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60635

Dear Mr. Babikian:

We are most pleased to inform you that we have a candidate available for service in your church - Michael Ohanessian, whom we are considering favorably for assignment as Deacon in Charge of the Chicago parish, after his imminent ordination as Deacon.

It is our tentative plan to make the Deacon available to you early in the new year.

It is our feeling that a minimum stipend of \$90.00 a week will be required, 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 Michael can contribute effectively to your community life.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

ATM/vb

September 26, 1973

**Mr. Ardayast 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

Letter to Chicago chairmna

Dear Mr.////////

We are most pleased to inform you that we have a candidate available for service in your church -- ~~Michael~~ Michael Ohanessian, whom we are considering favorably for assignment as Deacon in Charge of the Chicago parish, after his imminent ordination, as Deacon.

It is our tentative plan to ~~perform the ordination~~ and make the Deacon available to you early in the new year. [Prior to that, we would like to meet with you and your Council to make final arrangements concerning the conditions of the Deacon's 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. Lodgings, rent and utilities will be paid ~~for~~ 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 Michael can contribute effectively to your community life.

Primate

January 29, 1974

Mr. George M. Nahabedian  
Secretary, Parish Council  
St. Gregory the Illuminator  
Armenian Church of Chicago  
7509 West Arcadia  
Morton Grove, Illinois 60053

Dear Mr. Nahabedian:

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian asked me to respond to your inquiry regarding the share of the Chicago parish from the income of the Byloz estate.

There has been a problem with the property from which the income derives, and the proceeds have been curtailed as a result. A personal inspection was made by Archbishop Tiran some months ago, and now our attorney is in the process of making altogether new arrangements. When these are completed and the income flow resumes, we will be in touch with you.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director

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# St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60635  
PHONE 637-1711

REV. FR. SARKIS KASHIKJIAN, PASTOR

January 21, 1974

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

Your Excellency:

This letter is to inform you that the children of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Chicago are attending Armenian School at the Ouzonian House in Evanston, Illinois. We currently have fifteen students enrolled and are supplying the school with three teachers. Since September they have been attending school regularly.

The Parish Council is requesting the \$100.00 monthly remuneration due us as per the terms of the Balyozian Will.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future.

Respectfully

George M. Nahabedian  
Secretary, Parish Council  
St. Gregory the Illuminator  
Armenian Church of Chicago

July 2, 1974

Mr. Nishan J. Babikian  
Parish Council Chairman  
St. Gregory the Illuminator  
Armenian Church  
7512 W. Belmont  
Chicago, Illinois 60634

Dear Mr. Babikian:

Your letter of June 19 was forwarded to the Primate for his consideration.

The sums remitted by your parish were credited as you have noted, for stewardship instead of assessment, but even if we were to reverse them as you wish, the total obligation remaining for your parish would be the same, since the Assembly had decided that the parishes would be obliged to remit the stewardship money if they could not find the stewards.

It is not significant, therefore, how the remittances were credited; what may be so is your feeling that your parish is unable to meet the commitments set for it. This matter should be reviewed with Mr. Korkoian who can, according to his judgment, bring the matter to the consideration of the Diocesan Council.

With respect to the Baliozian Fund, and the amount due to your Armenian school annually, we have informed you that in the past year there has been virtually no income from the properties because of a failure in the administration there. We have changed the setup and established new management and are sure that the properties in question will produce needed income.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian  
cc: Deacon Ohanesian, Mr. Edward Korkoian



# St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church

6700 W. DIVERSEY AVENUE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60635  
PHONE 637-1711

June 19, 1974.

Mr. Edward Korkoian  
19621 W. McNichols  
Detroit, Michigan 48219

Dear Mr. Korkoian:

In reference to our telephone conversation of June 17th, I will send you two xeroxed copies of our last two statements. We sent \$1432.00 for Parish dues and when we received the Diocesan statement it had \$1000.00 for the stewardship program and only \$432.00 went for Parish dues. This money was supposed to be used for Parish dues only. Then we received a second statement for \$2268.00. We do not have enough money in our treasury account to pay this bill at this time.

As I told you the other day, I hope that you will be able to visit us in Chicago some time soon. The Sundays that the Evanston Hayr Soorp will be at our church are as follows: July 21, August 11, and Oct. 19. I hope that you can put one of these days on your agenda and visit us in Chicago soon.

I had mentioned to you on the phone that we have not yet received the \$100.00 from the Mary Baliozian Fund, a will which was to entitle the St. Gregory Church a sum of \$100.00 a month for 9 school months, which totals to \$900.00 a year. We have 12 Armenian school students and 3 teachers who go to Evanston Oozoonian house for Armenian School. This money was to be used for Armenian school or Sunday school-educational purposes. We have both Armenian school and Sunday school and therefore would like to know why we haven't received any of this money yet. Could you please look into this matter and let me know what the situation is?

Also, we do not have 127 paid members in our Church. For 1973 and this much of 1974, we have 60 paid members.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

*Nishan J. Babikian*

Nishan J. Babikian  
Parish Council Chairman  
St. Gregory the Illuminator  
Armenian Church



October 2, 1974

Miss Georgette L. Sommese  
Corresponding Secretary  
Parish Council  
St. Gregory The Illuminator  
Armenian Church  
6700 W. Diversey Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60635

Dear Miss Sommese:

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manougian was pleased to receive your letter of September 20. He has since left on an extended trip, and asked me to respond on his behalf.

For any information concerning Fr. Patee, it would be best to communicate with him directly, since the Primate has given your parish permission to approach him.

This can be done by letter or in a personal meeting.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian

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# St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church

6700 W. DIVERSEY AVENUE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60635  
PHONE 637-1711

September 20, 1974

*The Most Rev. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate of the Armenian Church of America  
c/o The Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, New York 10016*

*Your Excellency:*

*This letter is in regards to your recent correspondence with Deacon Michael Ohanesian addressing the matter of a possible replacement for a parish priest for St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church.*

*We are presently entertaining that possibility and we would appreciate receiving a copy of Father Patee Metjian's resume for consideration.*

*It is our hope to explore this avenue as thoroughly and expeditiously as possible.*

*We will apprise you of any developments as they occur.*

*Your immediate attention in this matter is most gratefully appreciated.*

*Respectfully,*

*Georgette L. Sommese*

*(Miss) Georgette L. Sommese  
Corresponding Secretary  
Parish Council*

July 30, 1974

Mr. & Mrs. Marderos Samarjian  
12716 S. Ada  
Calumet Park, Illinois

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Samarjian:

It is with a feeling of joyous warmth that we congratulate you on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of your marriage. Your rewards have been abundant: so many happy years together, and new generations growing out of your happiness and giving it meaning far beyond itself.

We have reason to be happy also. As faithful and devoted members of our Holy Church, you have lived in a way that must be pleasing to God.

May He continue to bless you, and grant you many more years of happiness together.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

July 17, 1974

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

Dear Archbishop Manoogian:

No doubt by now Fr. Kasparian has informed you that about a week and a half ago I called the Diocese and also the Seminary to speak to you personally and make a very special request to have an appropriate message sent from you to my parents on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Srpazan, I am certain you remember my family and especially my parents who have been devoted members of the Armenian Church and also, I am certain you remember the many visits we have had together at both our home and the home of our Khunames, Dr. and Mrs. Lazarian. I know that both my parents would be highly complimented if it would be at all possible for you to take the time from your busy schedule to remember them on this very important occasion.

It was not my intention to delay making this request but I thought a personal call would be better, however, just a few days ago I received a letter from Fr. Kasparian informing me to make my request in writing and I now take this opportunity to do so.

I am sure the message you send will be treasured by my parents and will make their day complete.

The party we are having for my parents will be on Sunday, August 4 and I would appreciate it if you would send your message to my sister Gladys' home so that we will be able to give it to my parents the day of the party.

Gladys' address is:

Mrs. Gladys Avakian  
12716 S. Ada  
Calumet Park, Illinois

Sincerely,  
Virginia Savarjian

February 17, 1976

Mr. Nishan Babikian  
Parish Council Chairman  
St. Gregory The Illuminator  
Armenian Church  
6700 West Diversey Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60635

Dear Mr. Babikian:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your check in the amount of \$2,000 which completes your parish assessment obligation for the year 1975.

Please convey my sincerest appreciation to your Parish Council for the cooperation they have given us.

Also, we would like to thank you for the Regional Meeting minutes which I have given to His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

On February 5, 1976 I had written a letter requesting a copy of your 1974 financial statement, which we still have not received. It is important that we get this information as soon as possible in order for us to compute the assessments for the St. Gregory parish of Chicago.

Sincerely,

Stephen Kambourian  
Executive Director

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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

February 5, 1976

Mr. Nishan Babikian  
Parish Council Chairman  
St. Gregory The Illuminator  
Armenian Church  
6700 West Diversey Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60635

Dear Mr. Babikian:

This is a reminder to our January 20, 1976 letter requesting information on your 1974 financial statement in order for us to compute the 1976 parish assessments for the St. Gregory The Illuminator Church of Chicago.

I would be most appreciative if you would get me the above information as soon as possible in order for us to finalize our 1976 assessments.

Also, a reminder that we have not received your parish assessments in the amount of \$2,000. During our telephone conversation in December and January, you had informed me that you would be sending the above amount very shortly.

May I thank you and your Parish Council in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

*Stephen Kambourian*  
Stephen Kambourian  
Executive Director

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