Mr. G. Guldalian 4515 N. Monitor Ave Cnicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Guldalian:

While visiting the Prelacy today I learned that no definite information has been received by the Prelacy concerning the possibility of transferring the legal title of the church property to the local Board of Trustees.

You remember you kindly promised to use your good offices with the Donian family in transferring the property to the local Board of Trustees. I do not wish to reiterate the many advantages to the local congregation and the resulting increase in the prestige of the Donian family if such transfer is made at this time.

I wish you would give the matter some thought and make some effort along that line.

My sincere good wishes for a Marry Christmas to you and your family and awaiting an early reply, I remain

Cordially yours,

Dicran Simsarian

December 24, 1947 160 Broadway New York, N.Y.

May 10, 1962

Mr. Hovhannes Baklaian Chairman, Parish Council St. Gregory the Illuminator Church Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Baklaian:

On the eccasion of our visit to your Parish during the Holy Week, we became acquainted with the internal problems of your parish. Considering the seriousness of the situation, we thought a change might be beneficial. Consequently Rev. Nerses Babocrian will be transferred to his new assignment by the end of May, therefore, we hereby designate Rev. Fr. Arsen Barsamian of Weukegan to be your visiting clergy, who will also perform Hely Badarak and deliver sermon once a month.

We advise you to consult with Rev. Arsen Barsanian as well as the Parish Council of St. George church of Waukegan in connection with the necessary arrangements.

With paternal blessings,

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

r. Armand S Donian 1025 S Kedzie Ave Chicago 12, Ill

Dear Mr. Donian:

We were happy to hear that the reconstruction work on the St. Gregory the Illuminator Church has been completed and services are about to be resumed. Plans have been made to hold the first services on Sunday February 8, 1948 at which time I shall be officiating in the newly renovated Church. I think also, that if you so desire, we should have a memorial service for the souls of your parents, who have made possible for us to have a church in Chicago.

I thought this would be an appropriate time to prepare whatever legal documents are necessary in order to transfer the legal title to the church from the present committee to the Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church in America, a religious corporate organization under the laws of the state of New York with its principal offices at the above address.

If possible I would like to have your transfer documents prepared and forward to us the proposed deed or instruments so that we may be prepared to consummate the transaction on my visit to Chicago on February 8, 1948.

I hope this letter finds you and your sisters in good health.

With paternal blessings and prayers

Tiren Bishop of the Armenian Church in North America

January 16, 1948



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# Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

630 SECOND AVENUE NEW YORK 16, N.Y.

MURRAY HILL 6-0710

Archbishop Sion Manoogian, Primate

March 18, 1968

Mr. John Paklaian Chairman, Parish Council St. Gregory Armenian Church 1000 North Hoyne Ave. Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Paklaian:

We have received your report, whereby you inform us that on February 17, 1968 your Annual Perish Assembly has elected the following as new members of your Parish Council:

> Meeors. Nick Eghcian Hartin Hampersomian George Mahabedian Hark Nahabedian

Considering that your Parish Assembly has taken place according to the rules of the Diocesan By-Laws, we hereby confirm the election.

Hey the Lord bless all the members of your Parish Council and wish all of you an active and fruitful service for the benefit of your Church and for the glory of God.

With paternel blessings,

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

May 20, 1964

Mr. Kazar Kazarian Chairman, Parish Council 5015 W. Catalpa Chicago 30, III.

Dear Mr. Kazarian:

#### Re: Diocesan Loan & Grant Fund

We have been advised by the Diocesan Loan & Grant Fund Committee to return to you the Promissory Note, as it is not in accordance with the resolution of the Trustees of the Loan and Grant Fund, because on the reverse side the individual endorsers have not put their signatures and the amount of liability assumed by each.

Enclosed, please find a new Promissory Note which shall be signed, not only by the Parish Council, but to have individuals of your Parish signed their names and next to their names to indicate the liability assumed by each of them.

Sincerely yours,

SOOREN MANUELIAN Executive Secretary



# St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church

### 1000 NORTH HOYNE AVENUE CHICAGO 22, ILLINOIS

March 28, 1964

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

Dear Archbishop Sion:

We, the Parish Council of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church, received the letter from the Loan and Grant Committee declining us the loan of ten thousand dollars because of the scarcity of funds. Consequently, we feel that a refusal of this loan will endanger the progress in the building of our church.

The Parish Council humbly requests that any amount will suffice our needs at this very vital and crucial moment in the construction of our new church.

We will anticipate your reply on this most urgent matter.

Respectfully, Arnold Koresian

Arnold Koresian Corresponding Secretary

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Mr. Kazar Kasarian President of the Perish Council St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church 1000 N. Hoyne Avenue Chicago, III.

Dear Mr. Kazariant

Please be advised that your application for a loan has been approved by us and the Board of Trustees of the Diocesan Loan and Grant Fund.

Enclosed, please find a promissory note which should be executed as follows and be returned to the Diocusan Office immediately.

- 1. Insert the date on which the promissory note is signed at the place indicated by a check mark.
- 2. The President of the Parish Council and the Secretary should sign their respective names at the place indicated by "a" and "b".
- 3. On the reverse side, endersers should sign their names and the amount of liability assumed, and the total amount of the liability assumed must total the amount stated on the face of the Promissory Note.

I would like to emphasise that the Trustees of the Loan and Grant Fund expect the payment of your loan of \$5,000.00 to be made on the 30th day of April, 1967, as it is stated in your promissory note, otherwise the endorsers are liable to make the payment in full.

With paternal blessings,

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

# THE YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD

ARMENIAN ST. GREGORY CHURCH OF CHICAGO

1429 West Winnemac Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60640 March 2, 1964

Mr. Souren Manuelian, Secretary Diocese of the Armenian Church of America 630 Second Avenue New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Manuelian,

On November 29, 1963 the Young Women's Guild of St. Wregory's Armenian Church of Chicago held its annual election of officers at the home of Mary Kalenian.

The following officers were elected:

Chairman Alice George Libby Sackrider Vice-chairman Lee Matiosian Recording Secretary Sybil Hamparzomian Corresponding Secretary Mary Kalenian Treasurer Pearl Aznavoorian Assistant Treasurer Rose Tootooian Historian

The above list is submitted for your information.

We are looking forward to the new year with great enthusiam and it is our firm belief that 1964, our seventh year of existance, will be a most successful one for us in achieving the goals of our Guild.

> Yours very truly, Hampayoness

Sybil Hamparzowian

Corresponding Secretary The Young Women's Guild of

St. Gregory's Armenian Church

Michael M. Khachigian Esq., 30 North La Salle Street Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Khacigiant

We received the enclosed legal papers from our attorney, Wr. Martin Yesmajian. You will find same fully executed as requested by you.

We would like to call your attention to the important fact that our corporate name was changed on November 22, 1949 from the Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America to the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

As we only have the Discesan Corporate seal and not the former name we have affixed the said seal where indicated. But in our judgment the name of the Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America should be changed to confirm with the corporate seal or you may change as required in the state of Illinois.

We trust that you find the papers in order. Should any important change be necessary, please advise our attorney or our office.

Very truly yours,

FRANK ZOTIAN
Secretary
Diocess of the Armenian Church
of America

August 12, 1969

Mr. Carl Varadian Chairman Parish Council St. Gregory Armenian Church 398 Longcommon Road Riverside, Ill. 60546

Dear Carl:

On Saturday, August 16, I will be leaving New York LaGuardia Airport at 3:00 p.m. on Flight No. 311. I shall be arriving in Chicago at 4:10 p.m.

Please make arrangements for overnight accomodations.

On Sunday morning, during the Divine Liturgy, we shall have the blessing of the grapes. After church services, if it is necessary, we will attend the church picnic in the afternoon for a short while.

May God bless you and your loved ones and keep you in good health, both in body and in spirit.

With blessings,

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN Primate

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

November 28, 1966

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Torkom Manoogian-Primate c/o The Diocese of the Armenian Church of America 630 Second Avenue
New York 16, New York

Your Grace,

The trustees and our parish are looking forward to your visit to officiate the High Mass on this December 25, 1966.

May I take this opportunity to remind you also about the ordering of a two-headed staff ( ) for our Church. If you recall, on your last visit of November 16, Mr. Hakalmazian and Mr. Samarjian had discussed this matter with you and Mr. Samarjian had said that he is going to donate the staff to our Church.

Respectfully awaiting your visit, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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1947 South Union ave.

Chicago 201 60628

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S S Joschim & Anne Armenian Church 445 W. 119th Street Chicago, Illinois 60628

Most Rev. Archbishop Sion Manoogian 15234 Northgate Blvd. Oak Park, Michigan 48237

By this letter, I would like to confirm the telephone conversation of Mr. S Boyajian and your grace to present a Devine Liturgy of S S Joachim & Anne Church's 1st anniversary celebration on April 30, 1967.

We would like to know, if your grace wants us to arrange any form of transportation and/or lodging.

Corresponding Secretary

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6219 S. Whipple Street Chicago, Illinois 60629

cc: Right Rev. Bishop Torkom Mannogian 630 Second Ave. New York, N.Y. 10016



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# Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

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

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primite

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,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian

Primate

January 15, 1969

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Rev. Fr. Sarkis Kashikjian
Pastor of St. Gregory the Illuminator
Armenian Church
President of Parish Council
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Fr. Sarkis:

We are pleased to inform you that the Primate will be able to be with you on Sunday, February 9, 1969, for the banque thousand Mr. Haiq Pedian.

His Grace will arrive in Chicago (Ohare) at 5:13 p.m. on American Airlines Flight No.317, and will return to New York on Monday, February 10, on the 3:00 p.m. American Airlines Flight No. 624.

Prayerfully,

BISHOP VASKEN KEBRESLIAN Vicar General

#### September 2, 1971

Reverend Sarkis Kashikjian St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church 6700 West Diversey Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60635

Dear Father Sarkis:

We are most pleased that your church will serve as host of the Regional Meeting for the Churches in your area which has been set for Saturday, September 18th, at 2:00 p.m. A copy of the Schedule of Regional Meetings is enclosed for your information.

Our office will attempt to keep you informed as to how many persons will be attending the meeting as soon as we receive responses to the invitations which we have sent to all participants.

We have every hope the meetings will be fruitful.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Primate

(enclosure)

November 19, 1971

Reverend Sarkis Kashikjian
Pastor
President Parish Council

St. Gregory The Illuminator
5700 West Diversey Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60635

Dear Father Sarkis:

We are planning our 1972 Regional Meetings well in advance in order to emphasize the increasing importance we associate with them. We want to make certain that our parish council members and delegates have sufficient notice of the meetings we ourselves. Primate and Diocesan Council members, may be able to plan and prepare to attend.

We expect to communicate directly with all involved, prepare and distribute copies of the agenda, and otherwise work for productive meetings. But the first step is the arrangement of the schedule and the consent of the host parish. We have enclosed the schedule which restricts the meetings to a limited period, enabling us to contact all our parishes with as little variance in time as possible, also indicated are the host parishes, of which yours is one.

We urge that you make every effort to accept this schedule, since making any change would involve several areas. We hope also that you will agree to serve as the host parish for your region.

Please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Primate

cc: Mr. Haig Pedian Chairman

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February 22, 1972

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

Dear Father Sarkis:

At the request of His Grace Archbishop Torkom Manoogiap, I have enclosed a check in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

This represents the allocation of funds for the second half of 1971 as provided by the By-Laws of the Mary Byloz Fund for the Armenian School of St. Gregory The Illuminator Church.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Kohar Polvetzian Office of the Primate

(enclosure)

cc: Mr. Haig Pedian
Parish Council Chairman

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

Dear Father Sarkis:

We are most grateful for your parish's remittance of \$900.00 for the emergency drive of the Diocese to cover its deficit of 1971.

The spirit of your response was most encouraging and appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian Executive Director

JA/ec

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Haig Pedian Chairman

April 11, 1972

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

Dear Father Sarkis:

Please find enclosed the biographical material and a photo of His Grace Archbishop Torkom Manoogian that you had requested from Mr. Antreassian.

If I may be of further help, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Kohar Polvetsian
Office of the Primate

(enclosures)

VIA SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

Dear Father Sarkis:

We are most appreciative of the thoughtfulness of your parish in participating in the sponsorship of a banquet on the occasion of our Jubilee, and of its generosity in presenting us with a gift we will surely cherish.

For us it was a memorable occasion.

We are aware of how much effort goes into the organization of such a function, which only deepens our appreciation.

May you and the members of your parish enjoy the presence of God's blessings.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Primate

ATM/ec

cc: Mr. Haig Pedian

The 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 are most pleased that your community celebrated the Jubilee of His Grace Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, and hope that the function was both effective and rewarding.

As soon as your financial records are completed, we would like to have a complete financial statement of the banquer. We would appreciate having such an accounting at the earliest possible moment.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian Executive Director

JA/oc

cc: Mr. Haig Pedian

July 12, 1972

Mr. Haig Pedian Three Lakes Road Barrington Hills, Illinois 60010

Dear Haig:

We were saddened by the news of the passing of your father; it is a loss all of us must suffer at one time or another. But the inevitability never makes it easier.

We pray that God will keep his soul forever in peace, and will grant His redeeming consolation to you and your family to enable you to sustain this loss.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Primate

ATM/ec

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

JA/ec

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July 14, 1978

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

Dear Father Sarkie:

Some time ago we wrote to you asking for accountings of the Jubiles celebration given in your parish May 14th in honor of the Primats.

We urge that these not be overlooked or delayed.

We require a financial statement of the banquet, together with an accounting of the Jubilee books, which were sent to your parish.

The net income from the banquet must also be remitted to be used for the announced purpose. The income from the sale of the special Jubiles book and the Primate's newly published volume of verse should also be remitted, together with an indication of what you intend to do with the copies that remain; whether you wish to return them to us or keep them for subsequent sales.

Please let me hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian Executive Director

JA/eo

oo: The Very Reverend Varoujan Kabaradjian

The Reverend Krikor Hairabedian

August 16, 1972

The Reverend Krikor Hairabedian Pastor President of Parish Council Saints Joachim and Anne Armenian Church 445 West 119 Street Chicago, Illinois 60628

#### Dear Father Krikor:

On Monday, September 25, Mr. Jack Antreassian, Executive Director of the Diocese, will visit your parish on behalf of the Diocesan Council and our Office, as part of his tour of our entire Diocese.

He will spend all day in your parish, discussing parish and Diocesan matters with you and your parish council, as well as with representatives of your ladies' organizations.

It is our expectation that you will arrange to spend some time with him so that a profitable exchange may be effected. A meeting, preferably in the afternoon, should also be set up with representatives of the ladies' group. The evening should be reserved for a meeting with the parish council, and the Diocesan delegates.

Along with matters of general concern, Mr. Antreassian will communicate one of our most urgent preoccupation -- action on our youth program in your parish. For this it will be important to have available one or two, or even a group of your young people who are or have been active in ACYOA.

Mr. Antreassian will have to visit both the Chicago and West Pullman parishes on the same day. We hope appropriate arrangements can be made between you.

We are hopeful that this visit will be extremely useful, both to your parish and certainly to us.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Maneogian Primate

ATM/ec

cc: Mr. Sarkis Boyajian

August 16, 1972

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Paster
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St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church
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Prayerfully,

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Archbishop Torkom Manoegian Primate

ATM/ec

cc: Mr. Haig Pedian

#### August 24, 1972

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

Dear Father Sarkis:

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Sincerely,

(Miss) Kohar Polvetzian Office of the Primate

(enclosure)

cc: Mr. Haig Pedian
Parish Council Chairman

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

Dear Father Sarkis:

The Council for Religious Education has scheduled a teacher-training Workshop for the St. Gregory and Sts. Joachim and Anna parishes' Church School teachers for Sunday, October 15, 1972, immediately after church services. The Workshop is being held for the benefit of all the teachers, as well as any interested parishioners. It will be conducted by two representatives of the Council, Miss Valerie Goekjian and Daniel Kochakian.

The Council sincerely hopes that you will stress the importance of the Workshop to the teachers, and encourage their full participation. It is most important, for the teachers to receive the full impact and benefit of the Workshop, that they attend the whole day's program. We hope you will remind them of their need to attend. We would also wish that you be able to attend yourself, if at all possible.

Sincerely.

(Mrs.) Louise Kalemkerian Executive Secretary

ce: Mr. Haig Pedian Chairman

January 10, 1973

Mr. Haig Allahverdian 2851 Kings Drive M. L. Chicago, Illinois 60616

Dear Mr. Alaahverdian:

We wanted to write you earlier, but travel and other circumstances intervened to prevent our prompt expression of appreciation for your splendid talk at our Jubilee Celebration in Evanston.

We are grateful for your kindness.

The Jubilee was a happy occasion for us, for the most part because of the opportunity it provided to meet people and enjoy the warmth of their presence and communication.

May God bless you always.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Primate

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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

April 9, 1973

Mr. Haig Pedian
Chairman
Parish Council
St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church
3 Lakes Road
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Pedian:

I would like to inform you that His Grace the Primate, has expressed his concern for the members of the St. Gregory Armenian Church not to be deprived of Church Services for Easter Sunday and therefore has requested that the Reverend Father Ari Kehiayan fly to Chicago on April 21st, Easter Eve, for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on Easter morning. If this arrangement concurs with the wishes of the parish council, please inform us immediately and notify your parishioners.

We recommend that you pay air transportation of the visiting priest, and arrange for his stay over night and a \$75.00 honorarium for his services.

Sincerely,

Reverend Father Mampre A. Kouzouian Canon Sacrist

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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

April 9, 1973

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Sincerely,

Reverend Father Mampre A. Kouzouian Canon Sacrist

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July 23, 1973

Mr. Jake Matiosian 6219 North Le Mai Chicago, Illinois 60646

Dear Mr. Matiosian:

I am writing you and other individuals in our various parishes in the hope that you can help us in a very urgent area of our need. We require qualified personnel, both in our Headquarters and in some of the regions of our Diocese, and we would be most appreciative if you, from your wide familiarity with your community, could make any suggestions of people who would be able and willing to serve our Diocesan Headquarters and communities.

We require the following personnel:

Administrators
Youth Leaders
Bookkeepers
Executive Secretaries

Please give this your most earnest attention, and let us know if there are any local resources we might tap.

Sincerely.

Jack Antreassian Executive Director Mr. Sarkis Boyajian
6101 West 129th Place
Palos Heights, Illinois 60463

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Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian
Executive Director

January 8, 1974

Mr. Nishan Babikian
7512 West Belmont Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60634

Dear Mr. Babikian:

When the Primate was in Chicago a couple of weeks ago, you discussed together the names of several people with respect to the endowment fund, among them Garo Kazazian, etc.

His Eminence would appreciate it if you could send us these names together with their addresses, so that we may be able to follow up.

Can I look forward to hearing from you soon?

Also, no remittance has yet been received to settle the outstanding obligation of your parish for this year. You indicated on the phone that an effort would be made to remit most of the balance due. Please look into this now, since only a few days remain before we close our books.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian Executive Director

JA/vb

March 11, 1974

Dr. H. Kelikian 6921 N. Ridge Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60645

Dear Dr. Kelikian:

We have recently heard from His Holiness, Catholicos Vasken I.

He has noted your offer of an operating table, and has asked us to communicate to you a special request.

They are apparently in urgent need of three sets of eye, ear, nose instruments for examination and operation. One of the sets is for the infirmary of Etchmiadzin, and two for the hospital in Etchmiadzin city.

We hope to talk to you directly about this.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Primate

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April 10, 1974

Descon Michael Ohanesian 2838 North Normandy Avenue Chicago, 60634

Dear Deacon Michael:

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.

Signatan 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

May 30, 1974

Deacon Michael Ohanesian St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church 6700 W. Diversey Avenue Chicago, Ill. 60635

Dear Deacon Michael:

The Primate was pleased to receive your letter of May 22. Unfortunately, he will be unable to be with your parish on the October 20 weekend on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the consecration of your church. Previous commitments require him to be elsewhere.

The earliest available weekend on His Eminence's schedule are in February and March 1975.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian

#### August 6, 1974

Descon Michael Chanesian St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church 6700 West Diversey Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60635

Dear Deacon Michael:

Miss Lili Chookasian will be on an extended concert tour in the near future, in the course of which a concert will be scheduled in your area. We have listed below details of her appearance in your area:

Chicago, Illinois: September 30, October 4, 7, 10, 12, 15, 18, 23, 26, 28, November 6.

We are sure that many of our people in your parish would be interested in knowing about this. We ask therefore that you make appropriate note of this, in your church paper, on your bulletin board and in whatever ways it is possible to bring this to public attention.

Miss Chookasian is one of our finest artists, a star of the Metropolitan Opera Company, and an opportunity to hear her should not be missed.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Primate

February 14, 1975

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

Dear Mr. Babikian:

We wrote you on February 3 about a service and public gathering on the occasion of the visit to Chicago on March 4-7 of the Primate and other clergymen.

We have since been apprised of the schedule of the NCC meetings and find that sessions and activities will occupy virtually all the time, and make it impossible for the Primate to participate in any other events.

In the circumstances we ask that you please disregard our February 3 request. We regret any inconvenience you may have been caused.

Prayerfully,

Rev. Fr. Mampre Kouzouian Canon Sacrist

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

February 28, 1975

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:

As you are aware, the Parish of St. Gregory The Illuminator is without clergy.

With the Lenten season quickly drawing near the time of jubilation, we are in need of spiritual experience. We therefore are seeking your help in securing a clergy for our parish during Passion Week, begining with Palm Sunday.

It is our understanding that Father Ari is only available beginning Good Friday. We will be grateful for whatever arrangements can be made.

Please inform us at the earliest possible date as to what we can expect. I realize that this letter is somewhat late in arriving to you, however I am hopeful that you will do all you can for the Parish of St. Gregory.

Respectfully yours,

Miss Georgette L. Sommese Corresponding Secretary

Parish Council

St. Gregory The Illuminator

March 3, 1975

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

Dear Mr. Babikian:

As per your request for having a celebrant for the Holy Week and Easter, we have made the following arrangements. The Very Reverend Pagoor Dadourian of the Holy Cross parish, New York, will be with you to celebrate both on Easter Eve and Easter day.

As far as Palm Sunday is concerned, I have informed the Very Reverend Paren Avedikian of Detroit to make one of his priests available to you for that Sunday if need be.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Fr. Mampre Kouzouian Canon Sacrist

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March 18, 1975

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

Dear Mr. Babikian:

Enclosed please find a check for \$500.00 which is the first half due your parish under the trust fund of Mary Byloz from January to June, 1975. The second check will be forthcoming in July, 1975 for the second half of the year.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

Stephen V. Kambourian Executive Director

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

July 2, 1975

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:

The Parish Council of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church wishes to reiterate its posture on the possibility of the assignment of Father Baboorian to the Chicago Parish.

The Congregation of St. Gregory strongly opposes this proposed re-assignment as we did not have a good working relationship with Father Baboorian when he served as our parish priest in 1960 and 1961.

We do not feel that Father Baboorian can best serve the needs of this parish and we are distressed at the mere suggestion. To imply that this is our parishes only choice of parish priest, saddens us greatly.

We are hopeful that His Eminence, in his great counsel, will find a suitable solution.

Respectfully yours,

Nishan Babikian

Chairman

Georgette L. Sommese Corresponding Secretary

July 11, 1975

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

Dear Mr. Babikian:

We have received your letter of July 2, and there is apparently some confusion of intention.

We have not assigned Father Nerses Baboorian as pastor of the St. Gregory Church of Chicago; he has not been appointed your parish priest.

Father Nerses has been moved to the Chicago-Evanston area, and in all likelihood and for a time at least, will reside in OUzounian House. While in the area, he will be under the immediate jurisdiction of Father Varoujan, who will assign him to celebrate the Divine Liturgy wherever he deems necessary in our churches in the region.

This will, we feel, fill an important need, while it will not of course resolve the matter of a permanent parish priest for those churches which are presently without one.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Primate

August 22, 1975

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

Dear Mr. Babikian:

Enclosed herewith please find a check covering \$500.00 (Five hundred dollars only) which represents a donation from the Mary Byloz Fund to St. Gregory The Illuminator Church, Chicago, Armenian School, for the period July-December 1975.

Sincerely,

Siran Terzibashian Secretary to the Primate

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

September 6, 1975

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:

In response to your letter of July 11, 1975 regarding Father Nerses Baboorian, there has not been any misunderstanding of the Diocese's intention on the part of the Parish Council of St. Gregory.

As evidenced in a special joint meeting of the various organizations of St. Gregory, called to address this concern, it was unanimously agreed that Father Baboorian's services as a visiting clergy were not desired. The specific motion was as follows:

George Nahabedian moved that a letter be written to the Diocese stating the wishes of the organizations that Father Baboorian not be accepted as a visiting clergy.

Mrs. Alice (Goldie) Geroge seconded the motion. The motion carred 34-0.

We had hoped to have made our posture clear in our July 2nd letter in which we stated we did not wish to have Father Baboorian as a parish priest. We expound upon this statement at this time to reflect that our parish does not wish the services of Father Baboorian as even a visiting clergy. We trust that the Diocese now has a clear understanding of the desires of this parish.

Respectfully yours,

Georgette L. Sommese Corresponding Secretary Parish Council

January 20, 1976

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

Dear Mr. Babikian:

Would you please be kind enough to send me your Financial Statement for the year 1974. We have all of the pertinent information for your parish except the Financial Statement, which will be necessary for us to compute the parish assessments for St. Gregory Church for the year 1976.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Kambourian Executive Director

SK: vb

January 30, 1976

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

Dear Mr. Babikian:

This letter is a reminder regarding your parish assessments. You had informed me in mid-December that the \$2,000.00 balance would be forthcoming to take care of the obligation of St. Gregory's Church of Chicago.

We would be most appreciative if the above matter could be taken care of immediately in order for us to close our books and present a complete financial report to the 74th Annual Diocesan Assembly to be held in Philadelphia on April 30 and May 1, 1976.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Kambourian Executive Director

SK: vb

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 Executive Director

March 25, 1976

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

Dear Mr. Babikian:

His Eminence the Primate directed me to bring to your attention the following three items which he had noted reading the minutes of your recent Parish Assembly.

Father Varoujan is referred to the Very Rt. Reverend Varoujan Kabaradjian. There is no such title. He should properly be called the Very Reverend Varoujan Kabaradjian.

The Auditing Committee's term is for one year, with each Parish Assembly electing the committee annually.

Finally and most important is the reference to the Byloz Will and the comment that it had been decided not to pay your parish assessment until it had received an adjusted statement which involved the Byloz Estate.

Assessments are set by the Diocesan Assembly and cannot be tied to any other factors or circumstances, least of all the Byloz Estate which is not a Diocesan matter, but placed under the administration of the Primate directly, with certain conditions. The Chicago parish is aware of these conditions, and has been apprized of any new circumstances that may affect its interest in the estate.

Meanwhile, it must be asserted that it does not and cannot have any bearing whatever on assessment, and the Parish Assembly is not empowered to even consider the withholding of assessment payments. for any reason.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian

April 14, 1976

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

Dear Mr. Babikian:

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian asked me to send your parish the enclosed check in the amount of \$500.00, from the Mary Byloz Trust Fund.

The sum represents an allocation from the Fund for the period January through June 1976, and is made for the Armenian School of St. Gregory parish of Chicago.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian Special Assistant to the Primate

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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 7, 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 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. 24013



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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

July 13, 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 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,

Syrayn Palvetzian

Director

Enclosure - Receipt No. 24666



DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 212 686-0710

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

November 3, 1976

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

Dear Mr. Babikian:

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

December 29, 1976

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

Dear Mr. Babikian:

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian asked me to forward to you the enclosed check in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars), as a donation from the Mary Byloz Fund to the Armenian School of St. Gregory in Chicago for the period July/December 1976.

Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Terzibashian Secretary to the Primate

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

February 23, 1977

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

Your Eminence,

This letter is to advise you, that as of our guild meeting of February 3, 1977, it was decided upon to change our name from Young Women's Guild of St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Chruch, to read: WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN CHURCH.

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We would appreciate it therefore if you would correct your records to read the same.

Prayerfully

Alice M. George Corr. Sec'y.

cc: Parrish Council, St. Gregory's.



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

June 1, 1977

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

Dear Mr. Babikian:

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 Number 26789



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

July 31, 1977

His Eminence Archbishop Torcom Manoogian Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

Your Eminence:

As you are aware, the Parish Council of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Chicago has been attempting to secure the services of a priest for this coming year. Five and a half years has been an extremely long time to be without spiritual leadership and guidance. No other parish in the diocese, with the exception of the parishes in Illinois and Wisconsin, have been without spiritual leadership as long as St. Gregory. In fact, two of the parishes have two priests. This is extremely unfair, unjust and not christian.

I have written to three priests and investigated others who we feel would be a real asset to the Armenians of Chicago. An area that has been neglected for years. This has been to no avail. In fact, Thursday evening, July 28, I had the pleasure of speaking with the Very Reverend Houssig Bagdassian, whom we had invited to celebrate Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 14, which is also the day of our Annual Picnic. Father Houssig has another committment and is sending the Very Rev. Haigazoon Melkonian to celebrate the liturgy on that day. If we were interested in Father Haigazoon, we would have invited him to celebrate Badarak after you had given him the permission to perform the sacraments and services under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America. But, seeing that we were put in this position, the parishioners will welcome him as we have welcomed other clergy.

In my conversation with Father Houssig, I was led to believe that there is a possibility of the St. Gregory parish having a permanent priest in September of 1977. If this is true, the Parish Council feels strongly that we should be involved in the decision making process. We do want to be involved, so that what has occurred in the past, will not happen again.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future, I remain

Sincerely yours

George M. Nahabedian

Chairman, Parish Council

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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

August 19, 1977

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

Dear Mr. Nahabedian:

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 Number 27246



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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

October 26, 1977

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

Dear Mr. Nahabedian:

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 Number 27765



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

September 13, 1977

His Eminence Archbishop Torcom Manoogian Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

Your Eminence:

As you are aware, this past weekend the parishioners and parish council of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Chicago had the pleasure of entertaining the Very Reverend Jirair Tashjian of Milan, Italy. On Monday evening, the parish council offered Hayr Jirair the opportunity to become our parish priest; a position to which he gratefully accepted. His acceptance, as you are aware, is subject to this release from the Archbishop of Paris and assignment by you.

In our conversation, we decided that both Hayr Jirair and I write you and formally request his assignment to the St. Gregory parish. Your Eminence, therefore, on behalf of the parishioners and parish council of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Chicago formally request that you appoint the Very Reverend Jirair Tashjian our parish priest.

Hayr Jirair is leaving the United States on September 22 to return to Milan, Italy. Father Tashjian will remain in Milan for approximately two weeks, after which he will return to the United States and hopefully, Chicago, Illinois.

Hoping to hear from you in the very near future.

Sincerely

George M. Nahabedian

Chairman, Parish Council

Jeorge M. Nahabedian



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

November 25, 1977

#### Dear Parishioners:

The Parish Council of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Chicago is extremely pleased and proud to announce the appointment of the Very Reverend Jirair Tashjian as their parish priest.

The past five years have been very difficult years for the parish. Though we have prospered socially and financially, the spiritual life in the parish has floundered.

Hayr Jirair has returned to our Diocese after serving the Armenian Church in Milan, Italy. He had previously been the parish priest of Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Hayr Jirair celebrated his first liturgy at St. Gregory's on Sunday, November 20. To no one's surprise, his service was impressive and breathtaking. Through his reverence and guidance, Hayr Jirair will bring back the spiritual and cultural leadership that the parish has lost due to the lack of the shepherd to lead his flock.

The Parish Council would like to thank the Very Reverend Varoujan Dz.V. Kabaradjian for his assistance during the past five years. We would also like to thank the many other clergymen throughout the diocese who served our parish on the feast days.

The Parish Council cordially invites each and everyone to attend church services on a regular basis so that they, too, can renew their faith in the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

George M. Nahabedian

Chairman. Parish Council

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