

Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



12 CORBETT AVE.
BINGHAMTON, N. Y. 13903
(607) 722-8801

October 14, 1986

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Parish Council

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620 Gates Road
Vestal, NY 13850

September 19, 1986

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

Your Eminence:

For your information, please find enclosed a copy of our recent communication with the Parish Council of St. Gregory Armenian Church in Binghamton.

As is evident from the signatures on the petition, a majority of members of our parish is eager to resolve the existing controversy concerning the status of Father Sooren, and we intend to do this in a democratic manner.

We would be grateful for your guidance and prayers.

Respectfully,

Ursula Findikyan

Enclosure

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September 17, 1986

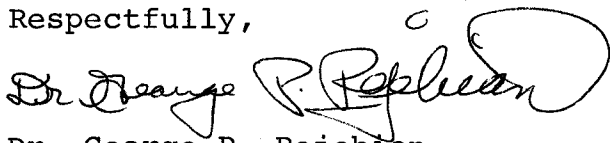
The Very Reverend Father Sooren Chinchinian
59 Schiller Street
Binghamton, New York 13905

Dear Hayr Soorp,

In response to the petition which you presented to me this date requesting a special meeting of the Parish, I have consulted with a majority of the members of the Parish Council for a suitable date. The consensus of opinion was Sunday, October 26, 1986 at 1 PM. Sandwiches and a beverage will be served.

According to the By-Laws of the Armenian Church, Article 16 under Parish Assemblies, "the Agenda of the Parish Assembly" shall be prepared by the Parish Priest and the Parish Council. We will meet October 8, 1986 at 8 PM at the Church in order to prepare the agenda. The invitation to the Parish Assembly on October 26th can then be sent out before October 19, 1986 fulfilling the one week notice requirement.

Respectfully,


Dr. George P. Rejebian
Chairman
Parish Council

cc His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian

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September 26, 1986

Parish Council
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Binghamton, New York

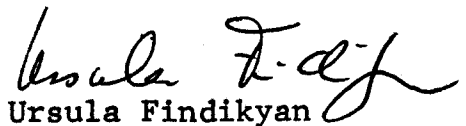
Gentlemen:

As I have not received an official reply from you to my letter of September 17, 1986, may we assume that the proposed meeting date of October 12, 1986, is acceptable to you?

I respectfully request that you confirm this date or advise me of alternate meeting dates so that we may prepare our agenda and present it to you in due time.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Ursula Findikyan

- CC: His Eminence
- Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
- The Very Reverend Fr. Sooren Chinchinian
- Dr. George Rejebian
- Dr. Art Kachadourian
- Mr. John Bogdasarian
- Mr. Diran Kradjian
- Mr. Hagop Injajigian
- Mr. Lucas Sarkisian
- Mr. Kevork Papazian

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Chairman
Parish Council

cc His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian

Ursula,

For your information:

This letter was sent to Hayr Soorp since
he presented the petition to me in person.
It was mailed the day after I received the
petition and received by Hayr Soorp
on Sept 20, 1986 as per the enclosed return
receipt. Sincerely, George

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 FATHER SOOREN CHINCHIAN
 59 SCHILLER ST
 BINGHAMTON NY 13905

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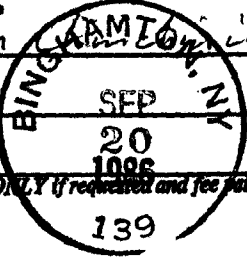
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 X Rev. Sooren Chinchian

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DOMESTIC RETURN RECEIPT



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620 Gates Road
Vestal, NY 13850

October 3, 1986

Parish Council
St. Gregory the Illuminator
Armenian Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, NY

Gentlemen:

In response to Dr. Rejebian's note, I would like to request, on behalf of several of the petitioners, that the special meeting of the parish be rescheduled to 7:30 PM on October 26, 1986, or on either of the two following Sundays (November 2 or 9, 1986), at 7:30 PM. The schedules of some of the concerned petitioners are such that an evening meeting would be more convenient to fully discuss the issue.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Ursula Findikyan

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Dr. George Rejebian
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October 9, 1986

The Very Reverend Father Sooren Chinchinian
59 Schiller Street
Johnson City, New York 13790

Dear Father Chinchinian,

I spoke with the Vicar General, Father Barsamian on the telephone today and it is indeed the prerogative of the Parish Council by majority vote to set the date, time, and agenda for the special Parish Assembly meeting.

Any business not specifically stated in the petition and subsequently on the agenda, can come up off the floor.

Respectfully,

Dr. George P. Rejebian
Chairman
Parish Council

GPR:cdh

cc Dr. Arthur Kachadourian
Mr. John Bogdasarian
Mr. Diran Kradjian
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1. We propose that the Parish Assembly direct the Parish Council to secure a permanent parish priest.
2. We propose that Fr. Sooren Chinchinian continue to serve as our permanent pastor.

Following dues paying members were present and voted.

St. Gregory Armenian Church Special Assembly October 26, 1986

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- ✓ Baradet, Grace *Grace S Baradet (54)*
- ✓ Bogdasarian, Alice *Alice Bogdasarian*
- ✓ Bogdasarian, John *John Bogdasarian*
- ✓ Bogdasarian, Carol *Carol Bogdasarian*
- ✓ Bogdasarian, Dr. Robert *Robert Bogdasarian*
- ✓ Bogdasarian, Bonnie *B. Bogdasarian*
- ✓ Bogdasarian, Dr. Michael *Dr. Bogdasarian*
- ✓ Boyajian, Alice *Alice Boyajian*
- Dekmejian, Anoosh
- Dekmejian, Hiair
- Fattal, Dr. Irma
- ✓ Fattal, Dr. Garabed *Garabed Fattal*
- ✓ Findikyan, Ursula *Ursula Findikyan*
- ✓ Garabedian, Avedis
- ✓ Garabedian, Ruth *Ruth Garabedian*
- ✓ Garabedian, Dr. Vahe *Vahe Garabedian*
- ✓ Hagopian, Mary *Mary Hagopian*
- ✓ Hatounian, Ralph *Ralph Hatounian*

Following dues paying members were present and voted

- ✓ Ijajigian, Beatrice *Beatrice Ijajigian*
- ✓ Injajigian, Simon *Simon Injajigian*
- ✓ Injajigian, Hagop *Hagop Injajigian*

- ✓ Kachadourian, Adrienne *Adrienne Kachadourian*
- ✓ Kachadourian, Aristakes *Aristakes Kachadourian*

- ✓ Kachadourian, Alice *Alice Kachadourian*
- Kachadourian, Parsegh *P. Kachadourian*

- ✓ Kachadourian, Henry *Henry Kachadourian*
- ✓ Kachadourian, Aslan *Aslan Kachadourian*

- ✓ Kachadourian, Debbie *Debbie Kachadourian*
- ✓ Kachadourian, Garo *Garo Kachadourian*

- ✓ Kerjilian, Ghazaros *G. Kerjilian*
- ✓ Kerjilian, Haroot *H. Kerjilian*

- ✓ Ketchoyian, Alice *Alice Ketchoyian*
- ✓ Ketchoyian, Nishan *Nishan Ketchoyian*

- ✓ Ketchoyian, Rose *Rose Ketchoyian*
- ✓ Ketchoyian, Michael *Michael Ketchoyian*

Ketchoyian, Satenig

/ Kontos, Louise

/ Kontos, Demos

Louise Kontos
Demos Kontos

Kradjian, Ara

/ Kradjian, Ovsanna

Kradjian, Arthur

Arthur Kradjian

Kradjian, Jackie'

/ Kradjian, Harry

Harry Kradjian

/ Kradjian, Sousie

Kradjian, Diran

Sousie Kradjian
Diran Kradjian

Kradjian, Haigouhie

Kradjian, Kenneth

/ Mahakian, Alan

Alan Mahakian

Parounagian, Siran

Siran Parounagian

/ Papazian, Adrienne

/ Papazian, Roberta

/ Papazian, Kevork

Adrienne Papazian
Roberta Papazian
Kevork Papazian

Following dues paying members were present and voted

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Rejebian, Marian

Marian J. Rejebian

Rejebian, Dr. George

Dr. G. Rejebian

Rejebian, Vivian

Rejebian, Gary

Rockwell, Louise

Louise R. Rockwell

Russell, Pamela

Pamela Russell

Sarkisian, Barbara

Barbara Sarkisian

Sarkisian, George

Sarkisian, Jackie

Jackie Sarkisian

Sarkisian, John

John Sarkisian

Sarkisian, Mary

Sarkisian, Lucas

Lucas A. Sarkisian

Sarkisian, Harry

Harry A. Sarkisian

Seraydarian, Edward

Szentawdrey, Lucine

Lucine F. Szentawdrey

Yurko, Davidian, Jane

Jane Davidian-Yurko