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Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church

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

January 3, 1979

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

Your Eminence:

I was re-reading the letter I received, dated November 20, 1978, from Albert Kapeghian concerning the Altar Care Manual and noticed that a meeting will be held on January 13, 1979.

As per our telephone conversation following the letter, I said I would write a sample paragraph or two and submit it to you for your approval of style, content and so forth.

Because of my heavy workload I have been unable to do so up to now and will probably not be able to do any writing until I finish Christmas Home Blessings at the end of this month; at which time I will direct my energies toward the manual.

Your servant in Christ,

Kevork Kahana Arakelian

Kevork Kahana Arakelian
Pastor

Copy: Mr. George Mangigian

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April 4, 1979

His Eminence Archbishop Porkom Manoogian, Primate
630 Second Avenue
New York City, New York 10016

Your Eminence:

In response to your letter concerning secret ballot during Parish Assembly for position of auditors: we had only two people who would accept the positions. In view of the fact that there are three positions to be filled, we find no ballot is necessary. Small parishes have difficulty filling all positions, therefore in some instances, secret ballot is meaningless.

Respectfully submitted,

Aristaks Kachadourian
Aristaks Kachadourian
Corresponding Secretary

December 17, 1979

Ecumenical Council
C/O St. Gregory the Illuminator
Armenian Apostolic Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, NY 13903

Gentlemen:

We write to express to you our deepest gratitude for your generosity in support of the Cambodian Relief Fund of our Diocese. President Carter recently referred to the Cambodian tragedy as 'the third Holocaust of our century.'

Our nation was the first in modern times to fall victim to the crime of Genocide, as the President has noted, but your generosity attests to our resurgence and to the victorious strength of the spirit of Christ in us. May God shed His abundant blessings on the faithful and generous Christian Armenian people, and grant you and your loved ones a New Year full of good health and joy.

In this season of the Nativity and Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ, may peace reign on earth, amongst men of good will.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manougian
Primate

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Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



12 CORBETT AVE.
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January 29, 1980

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

Eminence:

Please be advised that our Parish Council Chairman, Carol Bogdasarian, is on an extended vacation and will not return until after the verification, by Your Eminence, of our Parish Assembly. Thus, our Vice-chairman, Dr. George Rejebian, has assumed the position of Parish Council Chairman. Therefore, from this date forward, please send all correspondence addressed to the Parish Council Chairman to:

C. Bogdasarian
Dr. George Rejebian
30 Larchmont Road
Binghamton, New York 13903
(607) 724-1424

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Kevork Arakelian

Kevork Kahana Arakelian
Pastor

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March 26, 1980

His Eminence Archbishop Terkon Manoogian, Primate
630 Second Avenue
New York City, New York 10016

Your Eminence:

I attempted to get in touch with you a few days ago, but learned that you were in Texas.

I believe that Father Chinchinian of Belleville, Illinois had notified you that he was coming to Binghamton, New York. He visited our church this past weekend and performed Badarak. Our congregation and parish council were very impressed with him and the messages he delivered. After a number of meetings with him the parish council offered Hysoorp the vacant position at Saint Gregory Armenian Church in Binghamton and he accepted.

We discussed with him our financial obligation including stipend, maintenance and retirement plan. We are officially requesting your approval of Hysoorp Chinchinian's transfer to our parish.

Sincerely,

A. Kachadourian M.D.

Aristaks Kachadourian
Corresponding Secretary



STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BINGHAMTON

Binghamton, New York 13901

April 27, 1980

Department of Political Science
Telephone (607) 798-2252

Arch. Torkom Manougian
Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Your Grace:

On behalf of the Armenian Community of Binghamton, I wish to thank you for sending Rev. Father Chankoulian to conduct Easter Week services in our Parish. We are grateful that the small "adzoo" of Binghamton was not forgotten by the Diocese.

I am happy to report that Rev. Chankoulian conducted all the services with dedication. His sermons and personal warmth produced great enthusiasm among our parishioners. In all it was an edifying experience for all of us.

It was a privilege to once again greet you at the Cathedral during the commemorative seminar last Friday. I am sorry that I could not stay longer due to previous commitments.

Respectfully,

R. Hrair Dekmejian,
Deacon

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September 12, 1980

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

Your Eminence:

In a recent decision by the parish council of Saint Gregory Armenian Church, it was unanimously decided that the community could not hold the annual Diocesan Assembly in 1981. There was a great deal of discussion in an attempt to accomplish this task but we do not feel that we could handle the task at this time. The parish council even considered the occasion in conjunction with our 50th anniversary of the church consecration. However, time does not permit us to do this.

We are hoping that we might be able to host the annual assembly at some other future year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "A. Kachadourian".

Dr. A. Kachadourian
Corresponding Secretary

AK:k

July 1, 1981

The Very Reverend
Father Sooren Chinchinian, Pastor
St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church
12 Corbet Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Father Chinchinian:

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian asked me
to forward to you the enclosed "Gontag" recently received
from Holy Etchmiadzin.

Yours respectfully,

Vivian Vartoukian
Office of the Primate

Enclosure

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December 10, 1981

Dr. George Rejabian
Parish Council Chairman
St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church
30 Larchmont Road
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Dr. Rejabian,

We would like to bring to your attention the unpaid balance of 1981 dues by your parish in the amount of \$304.00.

We spoke to the Very Reverend Father Sooren Chinchinian on November 24, 1981 regarding this matter but have received no reply as yet.

We must submit a report to the Diocesan Council on December 18, 1981 regarding parishes with unpaid balances for the Council to take action on.

It would be most appreciated if the amount could be remitted to this office immediately in order to eliminate any further discussion.

Yours truly,


Frank Avakian Stoneson
Executive Director

C.C. Fr. Sooren Chinchinian, Pastor
Mr. John Bogdasarian, Treasurer

Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



12 CORBETT AVE.
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January 17, 1983

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manougian, Primate
630 Second Avenue
New York City, New York 10016

Your Eminence:

This is in reply to your letter of January 8, 1983 regarding your visit to Binghamton on June 25/26. Unfortunately there is a conflict on that weekend for our church. Either the weekend of June 5th or June 12th would be more suitable. *Yes*

Kindly let us know if this arrangement can be made.

Sincerely,

Aristaks Kachadourian
Aristaks Kachadourian, M.D.
Corresponding Secretary

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*607-723-9709
Planned - no dates*

February 22, 1983

Very Rev. Fr. Sooren Chinchinian
St. Gregory the Illuminator Church
12 Corbet Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Fr. Sooren:

This letter will confirm the telephone conversation of February 22 in which you will represent His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manougian at a community service and reception in honor of Bishop James Armstrong. Bishop Armstrong, who serves as President of the National Council of Churches in Christ and is also resident Bishop of the Indiana area of the United Methodist Church will be the speaker of the day. A procession will take place at the First United Methodist Church in Syracuse at 4pm. It is expected that you will be there by 3:40pm, at the south door of the church. It will be necessary for you to bring your church robes for the procession.

The time schedule for the activities is as follows:

The worship service begins at 4pm in the sanctuary, followed by a reception and a discussion hour in the Baner Hall of the church from 5-6pm. Those present will have the opportunity to ask questions and to hear Bishop Armstrong respond to the concerns of the community. Also please call 315-423-2901 and leave word with the secretary that you will be present.

Wishing you are in good health and that all your endeavors are fruitful.

Yours in Christ with prayers,

Very Rev. Fr. Houssig Bagdasian
Vicar General

HB:lh

August 16, 1983

The Very Reverend Father Sooren Chinchinian
Pastor, St. Gregory The Illuminator Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13903

Dear Father Sooren:

Kindly note that His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian will arrive in Binghamton on August 27, 1983 at 11:25 a.m. on Susquohanna Airlines flight #144. He will leave for New York City on August 29th on Air North flight #210 at 11:25 a.m.

Kindly make the necessary arrangements for his accommodation, and his transport from the airport.

Yours respectfully,

Sylvia Terzibashian
Secretary to the Primate

c.c. Parish Council Chairman

October 17, 1983

Dr. George Kejebian
Chairman
St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church
12 Corbet Avenue
Binghamton, NY 13903

Dear Dr. Kejebian:

This letter shall confirm our telephone conversation on September 20, 1983 regarding the balance of your parish assessments that still remain unpaid to the Diocese.

The dollar figure due as of October 10, 1983 is \$1,524.00 which represents four months billing plus the 1983 adjustment which appeared on the August statement after approval by the Annual Diocesan Assembly.

Since our billing period is on a ten (10) month basis from January through October, it indicates payments were received for January through June 1983 only.

Your prompt remittance of these dues would be most appreciated in order to alleviate the lack of cash flow created by delays in payment.

Respectfully yours,

Frank Avakian Stonason
Executive Director

cc: Rev. Fr. Nampre Kouzoulian, Diocesan Council Chairman
Mr. Sarkis Bedevian, Diocesan Council Treasurer
Mr. John Bagdasarian, Treasurer

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February 3, 1984

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His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Mangogian, Primate
630 Second Avenue
New York City, New York 10016

Your Eminence:

This is in response to the letter pertaining to the Regional Conference. The Parish Council met recently and decided to host the Regional Conference of Pastor, Parish Council and delegates from Niagra Falls, Syracuse and Binghamton. The date of April 14, 1984 has been established.

We will make all the arrangements here in Binghamton for the occasion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "A. Kachadourian".

A. Kachadourian
Corresponding Secretary

June 14, 1984

Mrs. George Rejebian
30 Larchmont Rd.
Binghamton, NY 13903

Dear Mrs. Rejebian:

In answer to your inquiries concerning certain items for your church, below I am sending you the following information;

1. Collection Plates, solid brass 15" diameter in 2" depth with changeable pads (4) costs \$80.00 for each plate.
2. Wall cross which is 9 1/4 x 4 1/2, costs \$18.00 each.
3. Concerning the container for candles at the entrance of the church, nothing suitable could be found, therefore, I suggest you to go to a stationery store and there you will find file trays made of wood which could act as a candle container.

I hope the above information is helpful to you and if I can be of further assistance, please call me at the Diocese.

May God bless you in your endeavours.

Prayerfully,

V. Rev. Fr. Houssig Bagdasarian
Vicar General

Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



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February 6, 1986

Tel

Very Reverend Sooren Chinchinian
St. Gregory Armenian Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, NY 13903

Dear Hyr Soorp:

Since the parish will begin a new fiscal year shortly, the Parish Council wishes to reaffirm its commitment to you. In May, 1985, we stated that the parish would provide for a priest until December, 1986 and that our agreement terminates at that time.

As you are aware, the rising cost appears to be the primary reason for our limited time arrangement. With the coming new year, our expenses will surely rise and this has become the major factor for our concern.

This is brought to your attention at this time so that you will have ample opportunity and time to consider a change, if you so desire. The Parish Council feels that if you wish to leave sooner as a result of an available opportunity, then we could discuss an early departure. This understanding also gives Parish Council the privilege of seeking a replacement for your position.

Sincerely,

A. Kachadourian, M.D.
Corresponding Secretary

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cc: His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian

Dr. George Rejebian

July 25, 1986

Very Reverend Father Sooren Chinchinian
St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church
12 Corbet Ave.
Binghamton, NY 13903

Dear Father Sooren:

As of this date, your parish dues account shows an outstanding balance of \$1,196, for the month(s) of May, June and July.

Surely you must be aware that the Parish Assessments are a major source of our income, and that without your prompt remittance of the same, the Diocese is in the embarrassing position of not meeting its obligations.

The Parish Assessments, as established by the Assembly, are payable on the first of the month. As of this writing, there is \$72,000.00 outstanding, a most deplorable situation.

I ask for your urgent payment. Should you have already submitted such payment, please disregard this notice.

Respectfully,

Sarkis Bedevian
Treasurer
Diocesan Council

cc: Chairman

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Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



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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

October 1, 1986

Mr. John Bogdasarian
Treasurer
St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church
12 Corbett Ave.
Binghamton, NY 13903

Dear Mr. Bogdasarian:

The parish assessment account of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church shows an outstanding balance of \$769 for the months of July, August and September, 1986.

We appreciate your immediate attention to this matter.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General

Dear People of St Gregory Armenian Church,

The most important part of coming together each Sunday is to worship God and to receive Holy Communion - the forgiveness of sins. I do this every Sunday whether at my husband's Catholic church or St. Gregory's.

I recall coming to St Gregory's one Sunday when the priest was out of town. The Deacon gave a short service that lasted about 20 minutes, not the Divine Liturgy. I remember leaving the church feeling quite cheated. I had traveled 30 minutes, and left my husband at his church, so that I could participate in Communion and sing our beautiful Armenian Liturgy, and I didn't get the chance to do it.

If we have no priest, I can attend my husband's church. It is not my church but at least I can participate in a ceremony similar to the Divine Liturgy. Others who go to our church every Sunday will suffer. Their right to receive Holy Communion each Sunday will be lost.

It has been said that we can not afford a priest. I have noticed something of interest while looking at the budget figures. Our Budget is \$40,265 and we have 54 pledging members. This results in an average amount of \$745.70 per member. The Bible suggests we each give ten percent of our income. Working backwards, that means if each member made at least \$7,457 per year we could afford the budget. This income amount is below the poverty line. Apparently, I am as guilty as the rest for our insufficient funds. I am ashamed; and I am going to change that by sending the Treasurer my fair share. I know our budget can be met if we all act with Christian generosity and love.

It should not be a question of whether we can afford to have a Priest; nor should it be a question of whether we like or dislike the priest's personality. The question is: Can we afford not to have a priest? The unity of our church and the privilege to practice our Divine Liturgy weekly is at stake.

Sincerely,

Jane Davidian-Yurko

Jane Davidian-Yurko

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

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

October 15, 1986

Dr. George Rejebian
Chairman of the Parish Council
30 Larchmont Road
Binghamton, N. Y. 13903

Dear Dr. George Rejebian,

You claim to be a strong advocate of protocol and the proper application of the By-Laws of our church but you never comply with them. Let me mention to you several instances. In the first place, in compliance with the By-Laws, Ursula Findikyan, the representative of twenty-six petitioners, requested me to hand to the Parish Council Meeting their petition asking for a Special Parish Assembly. Since you canceled the scheduled Parish Council Meeting abruptly, without giving any reason for it, I felt compelled to bring the petition up to your office. A few days later, you responded to the petition by sending a letter to me instead of addressing it to Ursula Findikyan representing twenty-six petitioners. Is this in line with protocol?

In the second place, you were supposed to put on the agenda of the next Parish Council Meeting the issue of setting a date for the Special Parish Assembly. Unfortunately, you failed to do so. Instead, you contacted several Parish Council members and set the date without even consulting me. Thus, you ignored me completely or you took me for granted. Is this in keeping with protocol?

In the third place, during the last Parish Council Meeting, you asked the treasurer to send out flyers in connection with the upcoming Special Parish Assembly knowing full well that it is my responsibility to do so. For the past five years, I have been fully in charge of the announcements and flyers regarding any church function. What made you act arbitrarily in disregarding my function? It is obvious that you were pursuing a hidden purpose. Is this in line with protocol?

In the fourth place, I asked the treasurer to provide me with the list of the dues paying members of our church but he did not respond to me. I reminded him of it for the third time. To my great surprise he asked me, "What are you going to do with it?" When I insisted on having a copy of the list, he said that it would take time. Thus far, I have not received it. This amounts to outright violation of my basic rights. It implies that I am not treated like a pastor. Is this in keeping with protocol?

In the fifth place, you did not let the Parish Council prepare the agenda of the Special Parish Assembly. Instead, you talked with several members of the Parish Council on the phone and took care of the agenda with total disregard for my presence and participation. Perhaps you are still unaware that the pastor is the president of the Parish Council. Is this in line with protocol? Talking about protocol and the proper application of the By-Laws lose their meanings until they are put into practice.

Prayerfully yours
Fr. Sooren Chinchinian
Fr. Sooren Chinchinian

A copy

October 28, 1986

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

Dear Srbazan Hayr,

I thought you would be interested in hearing my version of what happened during the Special Parish Assembly which took place on Sunday, October 26, 1986 at 6:30 p. m. After calling the roll, Dr. Vahe Garabedian, the Chairman of the Special Parish Assembly, asked if there were people who intended to make long speeches. Taking advantage of this offer, Dr. George Rejebian, the Chairman of the Parish Council, read a prepared statement concerning the financial difficulties of keeping a full time pastor. He was followed by John Bogdasarian, the treasurer of the Parish Council, who spoke about the budget in terms of a chart drawn on a blackboard. He estimated the deficit to be \$20,000 for the next fiscal year.

When it came the petitioners turn to express their viewpoints as to the main issue on the agenda, "Whether the church is in a fiscal position to retain the services of a full time priest", all of a sudden Dr. Michael Bogdasarian made a motion (in reality, he called it a resolution) from the floor to terminate the contract of the pastor owing to financial difficulties. At that point, I stood up and strongly objected that the Special Parish Assembly did not have the power to determine whether I would carry on my duties or not. I stated emphatically that it was up to the Primate and Diocesan Council to make such a decision. Secondly, I indicated that Dr. Michael Bogdasarian' motion was not related to the main issue of the agenda where the pastor's name has not even been mentioned. I asked the secretary of the Assembly to make a note of my statements.

Unfortunately, Dr. Vahe Garabedian, the Parish Assembly Chairman, did not live up to task. Instead of handling himself independently, he acted in accordance with the directions of John Bogdasarian. John Bogdasarian sitting under the nose of the Parish Assembly Chairman, was constantly whispering to him as to how to react to the questions raised from the floor. I got the strong impression that John Bogdasarian was conducting the business of the Special Parish Assembly in the same way as he used to run the meetings of the Parish Council, that is to say, making all the decisions prior to the meetings, and thus rendering Parish Council Sessions a formality, a smoke screen and a waste of time.

Not only the petitioners but even I had a hard time addressing myself to the issue on the agenda. I was forced to argue with the Parish Assembly Chairman to get a chance to speak up against irregularities. I, as the President of the Parish Assembly, reserve the right to oversee the activities of the Parish Assembly and not to be subjected to unjust pressures and cruel treatment. The direct interference in the affairs of the Parish Assembly on the part of John Bogdasarian is regarded as a gross violation of the By-Laws. But the violations got underway before the Parish Assembly. John Bogdasarian paid visits to a number of dues paying members in an attempt to mislead them saying that the petitioners motive is to split the parish. Thus, he succeeded in swaying a certain number of votes to the extent of tipping the scale during Parish Assembly. These tactics are not different from those of dirty political campaign. I don't know how he allows himself to get away with all these irregularities and violations.

Respectfully yours,
Fr. Sooren Chinchinian
Fr. Sooren Chinchinian

Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



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November 26, 1986

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

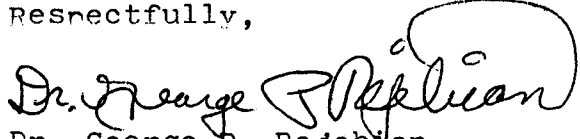
Dear Hayr Soorn,

Since you did not attend the regular Parish Council meeting on November 25, 1986 at 8:15 PM at the church, even though you were personally called by telephone on Monday, November 24th, this letter is to inform you that the Parish Council will be meeting with the Primate at the Diocese in New York City on December 3, 1986 at 1:30 PM.

As per the request of the Primate, the invitation to attend this meeting was extended to the Parish Council and the Parish Priest during the regular meeting of the Parish Council on November 25, 1986.

You can not expect to adequately conduct the spiritual matters of the Parish when you do not attend the Parish Council meetings and rarely are in your office at the church during the regular daily hours that you are supposed to be there (10 AM to 1 PM).

Respectfully,


Dr. George P. Rejebian
Chairman, Parish Council

cc His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian

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November 26, 1986

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016-4885

Dear Serbazan Hayr:

This letter is to reconfirm our meeting on Dec. 3, 1986 at 1:30 PM at the diocese. As per your instructions, I invited the Parish Council and the Hayr Soorn to this meeting. A majority of the Parish Council members will be in attendance.

Since the Hayr Soorn chose not to attend this meeting as he has done several times in the past, I immediately wrote him a letter (copy enclosed).

We look forward to our meeting on Dec. 3, 1986.

With warm personal regards,

Respectfully,

Dr. George P. Rejebian
Chairman, Parish Council

November 30, 1986

Dr. George Rejebian
Chairman of the Parish Council
30 Larchmont Road
Binghamton, N. Y. 13903

Dear Dr. George,

In reference to your letter of November 26, 1986 I would like to make two points to set the record straight. In the first place, the fact of the matter is that only compelling reasons have kept me from going to my office. Among those compelling reasons my troublesome car occupies a central place. Not a single week passes without having a problem with my car. It is a commonplace for my car to get stalled on a busy highway or in the middle of a crowded street. Every time, I take my car to the service station it takes several days to have it repaired which causes me a lot of inconveniences besides not being able to go to office. Just the other day, the repairman exceeded his estimate by fifty dollars, and when I objected to it, he said that there were so many problems with my car that he did not know which one to fix.

Apart from my troublesome car, for the past three years I was complaining about the lights of my office. They are so dim that I cannot even do reading or writing. The dimness is not so much a serious problem to me as its going out completely every twenty minutes. Eight months ago, you sent an electrician to remedy the situation. He replaced the neon-lights but the problem still persists. I brought up this question in my report to the Parish Council. Last month, I was talking with an American guest in my office when all of a sudden the lights went out and we were left in the dark. I was simply embarrassed.

As far as your second remark is concerned, it is not my occasional absence from the office due to my troublesome car which interferes with the performance of my duties but it is the violation of my basic rights and my exclusion from the decision making which dampens my spirit and and undermines my performance. Speaking of the violation of my basic rights, when I am denied an access to the list of the church membership it is natural that I react by boycotting the Parish Council meeting once or twice as a protest.

Prayerfully yours
Fr. Sooren Chinchinian
Fr. Sooren Chinchinian

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**Saint Gregory The Illuminator
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December 5, 1986

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016-4885

Dear Serpazan Hayr:

In behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank you for your hospitality and patience in receiving us and patiently hearing out the problems which our Parish is confronted with at this time.

Respectfully,

Dr. George P. Rejebian
Chairman, Parish Council

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October 3, 1991

Mr. Nishan Ketchoyian, Chairman
St. Gregory The Illuminator Church
12 Corbett Avenue
Binghamton, NY 13903

Dear Mr. Ketchoyian:

This is to inform you that the Very Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Najarian is scheduled to visit the Binghamton parish on October 19, 1991 and October 20, 1991.

Fr. Najarian will arrive in Binghamton at 11:50 a.m. on Continental flight #3457 on October 19, and will leave for New York City on October 20 at 5:10 p.m. on Continental flight #3462.

Kindly make the necessary arrangements to meet him at the airport.

Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Terzibashian
Secretary to the Primate