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January 20, 1987.

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate, Armenian Church of America
New York, NY

Dear Srpazan:

I am enclosing copies of a 1971 agreement between our Parish Council and the local AGBU chapter, as well as your letter endorsing the agreement.

It isn't necessary to inform you, I know, of the difference in the cost of property maintenance and utilities since 1971. The 1971 arrangement is now an unfair assessment on our dues-paying members. Also, the chapter has been taking privileges which were never offered. They expect regular reporting of AGBU news and advertising of their money-raising affairs in Paros. They now use 6 classrooms each week, though the enrollment does not warrant the spread. Two of these are evening classes which use 2 rooms in our renovated parish meeting house. One class has 1 student and the other has 4.

However, the most serious intrusion is a Sunday morning language class of teenagers which the AGBU-salaried teacher holds one hour before the same pupils are to be in their Church School class. The volunteer teacher of that class is a young business man, Ara Bagdasarian, who prepares well-planned lessons each week, only to find the youthfull students often dispersing and disappearing after having been confined for one hour. Neither he nor I think that the AGBU Language School has any right to Sunday time. Some direction from you would be appreciated, otherwise, we might lose a dedicated young teacher.

My reason for writing is that, as Diocesan Delegate, I wish to present a resolution, first to the Parish Council and then to the Parish Assembly, that this 16 year old arrangement be terminated. Since the benefits are all to the AGBU and all costs are the burden of the parish it would be, in my opinion, a careless allowance on the part of the Parish Council to let this "short-changing" of the church to continue. There is no "in perpetuity" clause so there is no reason why, after such a long accomodation, more realistic arrangements cannot be made. What I would respectfully ask of you is endorsement of the initiation of these efforts.

Our Annual Parish Assembly will be held on February 22, so I would need your answer very soon.

Respectfully, as always,

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FROM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

February 22, 1971

Very Rev. Arshag Khatchatourian
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church
66 Richmond Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44143

Dear Father Arshag:

We have read and studied the proposed agreement, a copy of which you have sent us and which we return with this letter.

It seems to us a reasonable agreement which can benefit both the Church and the AGBU, and indeed the entire community.

On the recommendation of your Parish Council, we confirm and endorse this agreement, and approve the Parish Council's entering into it.

We pray for the success of all your efforts on behalf of our Church and people.

Prayerfully yours,

Abp. Torkom Manoogian

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN
CHURCH OF CLEVELAND AND THE ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT
UNION REGARDING THE USE OF THE CULTURAL BUILDING

of the generosity of the AGBU (\$10,000 donation) and its enthusiastic endorsement of this project, the Building Committee felt that the local chapter's rights and privileges should be guaranteed so that there will be no possibility of misunderstanding in the future date.

The terms set forth below are the sum and substance of the agreement reached between the St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church of Cleveland and Mr. Zareh Melkonian, AGBU Midwest Executive Secretary:

1. The Armenian Language School, located in the Cultural Building will be a function of the AGBU with the full support and cooperation of the Parish Council.
2. The facilities of the Cultural Building will be available to the AGBU at all times without rental for its meetings and four public activities that require use of the main hall. Naturally, the scheduling of specific dates must be coordinated with the Parish Council or its designated building management in order to avoid conflict.
3. The AGBU will have permanent file facilities for their records within the building.

The Parish Council will have full responsibility for the management of the building, bearing in mind the agreements set forth above. In the event that a separate management committee is formed at any time in the future for the purpose of administering the affairs of this building, the AGBU is to have one representative on this committee at all times.

5. A large meeting room will be designated as "AGBU Room". A plaque will be mounted on the door or on one of the walls stating that this facility was made possible and stands as a symbol of the generosity and active help of the AGBU.

Rev. Arshag Khatchadourian
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