



March, 1991

Dear Parishioners:

In the planning of this year's 76th Commemoration of Martyr's Day, the Parish Council of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church and our former pastor had planned to co-sponsor the services and concert with Holy Cross Armenian Church in North Royalton.

We have just been informed that since no directive was issued by the Armenian Diocese endorsing a joint commemoration, we cannot officially participate under the name of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church. As individual members, we encourage you to pay your respect to our martyrs by attending the April 21st concert and reception; as well as the April 28th church services at Holy Cross.

We pray that our good faith and sincere efforts toward a united community and church life in the Greater Cleveland area will create a warmer atmosphere for joint efforts in the future.

Our sincere apologies to all members of our church for our eagerness in working toward a harmonious Armenian community.

Sincerely yours,

Parish Council Members  
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church

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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

March 13, 1991

Ms. Florence Karoghlanian  
Chairman, Parish Council  
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church  
678 Richmond Road  
Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143

Dear Ms. Karoghlanian:

It recently came to our attention through an item in your newsletter that the St. Gregory of Narek parish is planning a joint celebration of April 24th with the local Prelacy church.

Last year's joint remembrance was a special event mandated by the Diocesan Council at the request of the Unity Committee with the hope that a joint commemoration would hasten the unity process.

No such joint commemorations, however, are presently allowed. I fervently pray that every aspect of church community life will be united in the near future. Until that is realized or until an announcement to the contrary is made, all commemorations and celebrations should be coordinated independently.

God bless you and all the faithful of St. Gregory of Narek.

With prayers,

*Bp. K. Barsamian*

Bishop Khajag Barsamian  
Primate

October 7, 1991

Mrs. Florence Karoghlanian  
Chairman of the Parish Council  
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church  
678 Richmond Road  
Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143

Dear Mrs. Karoghlanian:

This is to inform you that His Grace Bishop Khajag Barsamian will arrive in Cleveland to attend the Choir Association meetings on October 31, 1991 at 12:00 noon on Continental Airlines flight #1617.

His Grace will leave for Dallas, Texas, on Sunday, November 3, 1991 on American Airlines flight #1535 at 8:20 a.m.

Please note that the Very Reverend Father Haigazoun Najarian, Vicar General, will accompany the Primate. However, Fr. Haigazoun will leave for New York City on Sunday, November 3, 1991 on Continental Airlines flight #1036 at 6:21 p.m.

Kindly make the necessary arrangements to meet the Primate and the Vicar General at the airport.

Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Terzibashian  
Secretary to the Primate

cc. Ms. Mary Selvinazian

October 22, 1991

Bishop Khajag Barsamian , Primate  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

It is again with respect and honor to address you and express my feelings of the progress which have been achieved through your efforts in the short period as our Soorpazan.

In reference to my correspondence to you dated October 15, 1990 regarding the pastoral status of our parish of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church, the current situation with visiting pastors is functioning very satisfactorily.

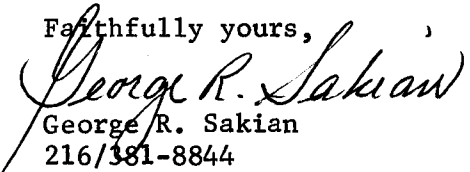
Everyone has received Rev. Frs. Garen Gdanian, Mardiros Chevian and the Very Rev. Haigazoun Najarian with respect and admiration.

Deacons Serop Demirjian and Haig Arpajian have faithfully with the utmost diligence performed services on each Sunday keeping our parish intact.

Despite any recent or current requests for a resident pastor from Parish Council should be for the time being be excused, until the situation becomes resolved through administration changes which only a time period is the answer.

The present concept with visiting pastors is functioning properly under the circumstances and am suggestively stating that this continue.

Faithfully yours,

  
George R. Sakian  
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January 20, 1992

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian  
Primate  
Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, NY 10016-4885

Dear Srpazan Hayr,

Thank you for your visitation to St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church in Cleveland. The community in general and the Arpajian family in particular were especially glad that you made time in your busy schedule to come to Cleveland, celebrate the Divine Liturgy and honor the memory of Gregory Arpajian by anointing the painting of the Baptism of our Lord.

Please accept this check as a token of appreciation for your visit to Cleveland. The Cleveland Armenians look forward to future pastoral visits as they represent occasions of renewed enthusiasm and commitment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Deacon Norman".

Deacon Norman Odabashian

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June 8, 1992

Deacon Norman Odabashian  
Armenian Church of Our Saviour  
87 Salisbury St.  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609

Dear Deacon Norman:

This is to confirm your appointment as Deacon-In-Charge at St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church in Cleveland, Ohio effective June 29, 1992 through December 1993.

As you are aware, a Deacon must operate within the limitations that govern his office as a functionary in the Armenian Church, both liturgically as well as pastorally. Such confinements often address those Deacons who serve in parishes where there are pastors. However, as a Deacon-In-Charge of a parish, you will fulfill many aspects of ministry for which usually the pastor would be responsible. Among these duties which this particular assignment encumbers are:

- Presiding at Parish Council meetings
- Parish visitations to the infirm and to households
- Attending meetings of all auxiliary groups of the parish
- Representing the Parish officially at non-Armenian church gatherings
- Attending to and discharging the administration of the parish in accordance with the Parish Council co-operation
- Planning and leading worship on a weekly basis by presiding particularly at the Office of the Jashou (Mid-Day) Services on Sundays
- Administering the Pre-Sanctified Eucharist at Sunday worship and to those parishioners who are unable to attend church
- To arrange with the Vicar General and Parish Council visitations for priests to celebrate the Divine Liturgy

God bless you in your new position and may He grace you with wisdom and love in His service.

With prayers,

Bishop Khajag Barsamian  
Primate



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BISHOP KHAJAG BARSAMIAN, PRIMATE

August 31, 1992

Miss. Marie Campbell  
720 West Circle Drive,  
Rossville, Georgia 30741 - 2949

Dear Miss. Campbell:

Thank you for your letter dated August 24, 1992.

The following is the address of the only church we have in  
Cleveland:

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678 Richmond Road,  
Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143

Tel: (216) 381 - 6590

Deacon in charge: DEACON NORMAN ODABASHIAN

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Ani Sahagian



October 8. 1990

Diocese of the Armenian Church  
of America  
ATTN: Fr. Khajag Barsamian  
630 Second Avenue  
New York. N.Y. 10016-4885

Dear Very Reverend Father Barsamian:

During our Parish Council meeting of September 24. 1990. Father Sooren Chinchinian offered his resignation effective November 30. 1990. Pending your approval. the Parish Council will accept his resignation.

Sincerely.

*Janis V. Nazarian*  
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Secretary

*Florence Karoghlanian*  
Florence Karoghlanian  
Parish Council Chairperson

*Fr. Sooren Chinchinian*  
Fr. Sooren Chinchinian  
President and Pastor

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October 20, 1992

Most Rev. Archbishop Khajag Barsamian  
Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, New York 10016-4885

Your Eminence,

I was glad to hear from the Rev. Father Arten Ashjian that you together with other representatives of the Armenian Church will be visiting in Cleveland during the week of November 9-13 on the occasion of the Assembly of the National Council of Churches.

Having consulted with Fr. Arten, I hereby extend an invitation to you and the representatives accompanying you to a Service of Vespers on Thursday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church.

The Service will be followed by a reception in the church's Cultural Hall. Our parishioners have already been informed and we all look forward to your visit to Cleveland.

I also plan to attend as many of the NCC meetings as possible as an observer. Thank you for your invitation in this regard.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dr. Norman Odabashian".

Deacon Norman Odabashian

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

Your Grace,

Based on the needs of the Cleveland parish, it would be of extreme benefit if I would be given permission to do the following for that community:

- Administration of reserve sacrament to the sick and the "shut-ins"
- Hokehankisd services from time to time if there is no alternative weekend when the visiting priest will be available to said service
- Any other services that your Grace feels would help the community needs that are normally restricted to a priest

Your outline of the list of sacramental allowances for me in this community and any other further discussion that you desire would be fine.

Sincerely,

*Deacon Michael Ohanesian*  
Deacon Michael Ohanesian

cc: Mrs. Helen Atkian, Parish Council Chairperson

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