

March 8, 1971

Very Rev. Zaven Arzoumanian, Pastor
President, Parish Council
Holy Trinity Armenian Church
101 Ashmead Road
Cheltenham, Pennsylvania 19012

Dear Father Zaven:

We were most pleased to receive the letter of February 25, signed by the Chairman of your Parish Council, Mr. John Mirakian, and the Treasurer, Mr. Lee A. Paroonagian.

The enclosed remittance bringing the payment of your Church's dues to the Diocese up to date, despite some of the difficulties you had heretofore brought to the attention of the Diocesan Council, indicated an exemplary responsiveness to your obligations, which should be warmly commended.

With respect to the sum raised for and remitted to the Auxiliary Committee, it is difficult for us to establish credit for it in any way, since the sum has already been reflected in Auxiliary accounts and became part of the Committee's quota payment to the Diocese.

Prayerfully yours,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

Very Reverend
Zaven Arzoumanian,
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HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
101 ASHMEAD ROAD, CHELTENHAM, PENNSYLVANIA 19012

February 25, 1971

His Grace, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Your Grace and Dear Surpazan Hyre:

The Parish Council of the Holy Trinity Church is herewith submitting the amount of \$1,718.92 to clear all debts pertaining the Diocesan dues and all other claims as of February 28, 1971.

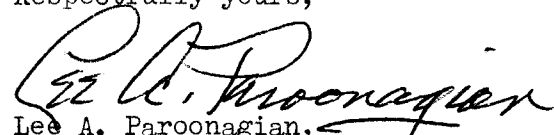
We would like to request however that the Diocesan Council considers the fact that in 1970 the Diocesan Auxiliary Committee of North Philadelphia, the only one still functioning in the entire Diocese, contributed to the Diocese the amount of \$500.00.

It is the request of the Parish Council that the credit of \$500.00 be given to us against the paid-up 1970 dues to the Diocese.

Thanking you for your consideration.


John Mirakian,
Chairman, Parish Council

Respectfully yours,


Lee A. Paroonagian,
Treasurer, Parish Council

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January 7, 1975

Very Reverend Arshen Aivazian
President of Parish Council
Holy Trinity Armenian Church
101 Ashmead Road
Cheltenham, Pennsylvania 19012

Dear Father Arshen:

You are right in your contention, as expressed in your letter of December 23, that parish dues were not reduced accordingly when the budget was cut at the last Assembly. It was, therefore, apparent that if all assessments and other anticipated income for the year were realized, there would be a surplus for 1974.

At the time two thoughts were expressed: That each parish would receive proportionate credit toward the 1975 assessment; or that the surplus would be used to pay off Diocesan debts. No decision was made.

We have our own position on this matter, but it might be premature to discuss this now.

It remains for the 1975 Assembly to take a clear position on this, and make a decision as per the alternatives posed above. Until then, however, assessments will be assumed according to the tentative schedule determined by the Diocesan Council, in consultation with the Budget Committee, and submitted to all parishes last month.

With respect to the Auxiliary Committee that has existed in your parish for some years, it is a matter that is regularly revived with every new pastor and brought to our attention. It has been our hope to keep your parish committee active and working, since at one time it was planned to have such committees in all parishes. Our wish is still to keep it separate financially from your church's obligation.

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For the present, let the committee remit what sums it raises directly to the Diocesan Auxiliary.

We do not want you to delay your parish obligations with a view to such credit, nor do we want this to be regarded as a final resolution of the matter. We may have something further to say about this in the future. Until we do, the procedure we have outlined will serve.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc: Mr. Jack Vishab
Council Chairman

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HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
101 ASHMEAD ROAD, CHELTENHAM, PENNSYLVANIA 19012

December 23, 1974

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

Your Eminence,

Enclosed is our last payment for our diocesan dues assessed for 1974.

On behalf of our parish council, I would like to point out a few facts that we think must be considered.

1. The 1974 diocesan dues were assessed according to the PROPOSED BUDGET. The Diocesan Assembly approved a budget considerably less than the proposed. Therefore the diocesan dues should have been re-assessed according to the figures adopted in May of 1974. Since this was not done, we think that we should be credited for the difference.
2. The same applies to the 1975 diocesan dues, in case the Diocesan Budget is not approved as proposed at the next Diocesan Assembly.
3. So far as we know, our parish is the ONLY parish that has a Diocesan Auxiliary Committee. Since this is a strictly parish organization, from which the Diocese is benefitting directly, it is our strong feeling that we should be credited for whatever amount the Diocese receives from our Diocesan Auxiliary.

It is with a spirit of mutual understanding that
we bring these facts to your attention.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Arshen Aivazian
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