

CC: Arch. Sion Manoogian

November 26, 1961

Mr. B. Semerjian, Chairman  
Parish Council  
Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church  
Susquehanna Avenue & Marshall St.  
Philadelphia 22, Penna.

Dear Mr. Semerjian:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 16, 1961 indicating your acceptance of our invitation for an exchange of pastors for one Sunday. The subject of a substitute date of December 10, 1961 has been discussed at a recent Parish Council Meeting and as Father Varten is agreeable to that date it is acceptable to us.

As we stated in our last letter to you we have made arrangements for accommodations at the Hendrick Hudson Hotel, 200 Broadway, Troy, N. Y. for Father Sarkis and Yeretskin.

As Father Varten is unfamiliar with the City of Philadelphia, and to ensure his comfort, we would appreciate your making arrangements as to accommodations for him. He expects to travel to Philadelphia by Bus (probably Greyhound) and to arrive sometime Saturday, December 9, 1961. If you will advise as to the arrangements made, Father Varten will arrange his travel plans accordingly.

We thank you for your consideration. We are certain that this exchange of pastors will serve the cause of the Armenian Church in the spirit pronounced in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Varten Assadourian, President  
Parish Council

Philip J. Natcharian, Secretary  
Parish Council

Adam J. Simonian, Chairman  
Parish Council

Very Reverend  
Zaven Arzoumanian,  
Pastor

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

August 8th, 1966

To the Reverend Pastors,  
Parish Councils of the Armenian Churches of America  
And to the members of the Armenian Church  
in North Philadelphia

Dear Friend:

We have the pleasure to announce the consecration of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of North Philadelphia taking place on September 18, 1966.

To make this memorable event a real historical one, the special committee for the Consecration Booklet has prepared a volume to be published soon containing historical and informative articles as well as various pictures and photos concerning the progress of the new buildings and the consecration.

Further, the success of such an undertaking depends on the subscription of our entire sister churches all over the country and of our parishioners under the form of a compliment. We would ask you to complete the enclosed Subscription Form and return it to us in the self-addressed envelope as soon as possible.

Your continued cooperation is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

CONSECRATION BOOKLET COMMITTEE  
HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH

Deadline October 15, 1966

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August 18, 1971

Very Reverend Zaven Arzoumanian  
Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church  
101 Ashmead Road  
Cheltenham, Pennsylvania 19012

Dear Father Zaven:

On April 23rd of next year, we will be celebrating the Fourth Anniversary of the Consecration of St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral. We regard it as a significant occasion for our Church, and it is our earnest wish to make this significance felt throughout our Diocese; to make it felt that the Cathedral and the Diocesan Headquarters as well belong to all of us, and are not merely a New York institution.

To help communicate this feeling, we initiated the practice last year of having one of our churches from outside the New York area serve as host of the anniversary celebration which was a banquet and program in Kavookjian Auditorium. The St. James Church of Watertown served, and served admirably well. It was a complete success in every way and has encouraged us to continue the idea.

We would like to invite the Holy Trinity Church to serve as host for the Fourth Anniversary of the Consecration of St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral in 1972. It will not be a heavy burden, and we hope you will assume it readily. It will help our Diocese, and we are confident it will help your parish as well. Much of the preparations will be done here in New York according to the arrangements we have mutually agreed upon. Once we have your reply, we can discuss the necessary details.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate



November 19, 1971

Reverend Michael Buttero  
Pastor  
/ President Parish Council  
Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church  
101 Ashmead Road  
Cheltenham, Pennsylvania 19012

Dear Father Michael:

We are planning our 1972 Regional Meetings well in advance in order to emphasize the increasing importance we associate with them. We want to make certain that our parish council members and delegates have sufficient notice of the meetings we ourselves, Primate and Diocesan Council members, may be able to plan and prepare to attend.

We expect to communicate directly with all involved, prepare and distribute copies of the agenda, and otherwise work for productive meetings. But the first step is the arrangement of the schedule and the consent of the host parish. We have enclosed the schedule which restricts the meetings to a limited period, enabling us to contact all our parishes with as little variance in time as possible; also indicated are the host parishes, of which yours is one.

We urge that you make every effort to accept this schedule, since making any change would involve several areas. We hope also that you will agree to serve as the host parish for your region.

Please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

cc: Mr. John Mirakian  
Chairman

Enclosure

July 14, 1973

The Reverend Michael Buttero  
Pastor  
President of Parish Council  
Holy Trinity Armenian Church  
101 Ashmead Road  
Cheltenham, Pennsylvania 19012

Dear Father Michael:

Some time ago we wrote to you asking for accountings of the Jubilee celebration given in your parish June 11th in honor of the Primate.

We urge that these not be overlooked or delayed.

We require a financial statement of the banquet, together with an accounting of the Jubilee books, which were sent to your parish.

The net income from the banquet must also be remitted to be used for the announced purpose. The income from the sale of the special Jubilee book and the Primate's newly published volume of verse should also be remitted, together with an indication of what you intend to do with the copies that remain; whether you wish to return them to us or keep them for subsequent sales.

Please let me hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian  
Executive Director

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cc: Right Reverend Papken Varjabedian  
Reverend Arsen Barsamian  
Very Reverend Yeghisha Gtsirian

August 10, 1972

Reverend Michael Buttero  
Pastor  
President of Parish Council  
✓ Holy Trinity Armenian Church  
101 Ashmead Road  
Cheltenham, Pennsylvania 19012

Dear Father Michael:

On Wednesday, September 13, Mr. Jack Antreassian, Executive Director of the Diocese, will visit your parish on behalf of the Diocesan Council and our Office, as part of his tour of our entire Diocese.

He will spend all day in your parish, discussing parish and Diocesan matters with you and your parish council, as well as with representatives of your ladies' organizations.

It is our expectation that you will arrange to spend some time with him so that a profitable exchange may be effected. A meeting, preferably in the afternoon, should also be set up with representatives of the ladies' group. The evening should be reserved for a meeting with the parish council, and the Diocesan delegates.

Along with matters of general concern, Mr. Antreassian will communicate one of our most urgent preoccupation -- action on our youth program in your parish. For this it will be important to have available one or two, or even a group of your young people who are or have been active in ACYOA.

We are hopeful that this visit will be extremely useful, both to your parish and certainly to us.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manogian  
Primate

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cc: Mr. John Mirakian

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November 24, 1972

Mr. John Mirakian  
Chairman  
Parish Council  
✓ Holy Trinity Armenian Church  
101 Ashmead Road  
Cheltenham, Pennsylvania 19012

Dear Mr. Mirakian:

We may be obliged, in the near future, to make additional reassignments of clergymen in our Diocese, and we wish to apprise you of the possibility that your own pastor may be involved in such changes.

No final decision has been made; it would, therefore, be extremely unwise to discuss the possibility publicly.

This prior notice is intended to keep you and your Council aware of circumstances that may conceivably affect your parish. Please keep the notice private until such time as a final determination is made.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Tor Kom Manoogian  
Primate

August 16, 1973

*check list*  
Mr. Harry A. Andonian  
69 Tinder Road  
Levittown, Pennsylvania 19056

Dear Mr. Andonian:

We are in receipt of your letter dated July 30, 1973, whereby you have brought to our attention some matters of educational nature for our lay people, concerning particularly novice or uninformed parish council members. We appreciate your interest and concern in the welfare and growth of the spiritual life of the faithful. The issues you have raised have been the subject of our thought and concern for a long time.

We are chagrined at the lack of basic Christian knowledge of some parish councilmen and their understanding of their role and responsibilities. It is for such people that the Diocese has published the Parish Council Manual. We are confident that those who read them benefit from them.

There still remains the need for a large-scale educational program for our adult members, particularly the parish council members who are given some serious responsibilities in the Church. It is our hope that when we have an adequate staff of clergymen or theologically oriented laymen in our Diocese, we will be able to provide more educational programs and materials.

In the meantime, we trust that those who have knowledge and grace to impart to their brethren will do so, being faithful to the apostolic calling of lay ministry.

With blessings and warm greetings.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Terkon Manogian  
Primate



November 14, 1973

The Reverend Michael Buttero  
Holy Trinity Armenian Church  
101 Ashmead Road  
Cheltenham, Pennsylvania 19012

Dear Father Michael:

There has been no set policy with regard to the auditing of the financial records of local Diocesan Auxiliary committees, and we imagine the practice has varied from parish to parish and from time to time. There is no question, of course, that the records should be audited.

The Diocesan Auxiliary Committee is a parish organization that is responsible directly to the Primate.

We propose that the financial records of the Diocesan Auxiliary Committee in Philadelphia be audited by the duly elected auditing committee of the Holy Trinity parish assembly, and the results of its audit be submitted to us, with a copy given to the Holy Trinity pastor and parish council for its records.

A copy of this letter will go to Mrs. Vartanoush Attarian, chairman of the Diocesan Auxiliary in Philadelphia, so that she may be aware of our decision.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

cc: Mrs. Vartanoush Attarian

ATM/vb

August 8, 1974

Reverend Michael Buttero  
Pastor  
Holy Trinity Armenian Church  
101 Ashmead Road  
Cheltenham, Pennsylvania 19012

Dear Father Michael:

It has been some time since our parishes made group pilgrimages to St. Vartan Cathedral, and it is our hope that we may be able to reinstitute this practice on a regular basis. These pilgrimages proved to be a wonderful experience in the past, with valuable benefits not only to the Cathedral, but to the participating parish.

We have programs that we can offer as supplements to worship in the Cathedral. It would make us happy if you could organize a group pilgrimage to St. Vartan Cathedral in your parish during 1974-75. We would want you, of course, to celebrate the Divine Liturgy.

Please give this your earliest consideration and confirm the date since we would like to announce it and make preparations for a noontime meal and a brief program for the day.

Let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Rev. Mampre Kouzouian  
Canon Sacrist

cc: Mr. Jack Vishab  
Council Chairman

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October 24, 1974

Very Rev. Arshen Aivazian  
Holy Trinity Armenian Church  
101 Ashmead Road  
Cheltenham, Pa. 19012

Dear Fr. Arshen:

You have perhaps been already informed that the Cheltenham parish will be hosts of the ACYO Assembly on December 13-15 of this year. Fr. Nersess has made preliminary arrangements and will stay in touch with you and your youth chapter on a regular basis, and join in making plans for the Assembly.

Please give the necessary direction for the development of the Assembly programs and schedule by the responsible officers.

If there are any questions, you can communicate with Fr. Nersess or directly with our office.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Terkom Mancoogian  
Primate

cc. Mr. Jack Vishab, Chairman  
Parish Council  
Fr. Nersess Jbejian