March 29, 1976

Miss Nancy Basmajian Assistant Superintendent Holy Trinity Armenian Church 101 Ashmead Road Cheltenham, Pennsylvania 19012

Dear Nancy:

I am happy to hear from you that the Holy Trinity Armenian Church School children are planning to visit our Cathedral on Good Friday, April 16. We will be happy to accept your Church School children and give them a tour of the Cathedral complex.

I will try to arrange for His Eminence the Primate to meet and bless your group.

Looking forward to seeing your children at our Cathedral at 2:00 p.m. on April 16.

Prayerfully,

Reverend Mampre Kouzouian Canon Sacrist

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May 11, 1976

The Very Reverend Arshen Aivazian Pastor, Holy Trinity Armenian Church 101 Ashmead Road Cheltenham, Pennsylvania 19012

Dear Father Arshen:

In the course of our visit to your parish on the September 17 weekend, we will have to make a side trip to Washington, D.C., on Saturday afternoon. We apprise you now so that you may make your arrangements accordingly.

We will arrive in your parish on Friday afternoon, and would like a meeting with your parish council, and a joint meeting with the executives of your parish organizations, on Friday evening.

At noon Saturday, we plan to leave for Washington, and will return early Sunday morning in time for the Divine Liturgy and for whatever program is arranged to follow the service.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Primate

November 20, 1979

Mrs. Takouhi Basmajian 7837 Germantown Avenue Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19118

Dear Mrs Basmajian:

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian asked me to send you the enclosed crosses from Holy Etchmiadzin, mother of pearl crosses and doves from Jerusalem, as well as medals from Etchmiadzin.

Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Terzibashian Secretary to the Primate

Enclosures

July 15, 1982

Very Rev. Pather A. Ayvazian Holy Trinity Armenian Church 101 Ashmead Road Cheltenham PA 19012

Dear Father Ayvazian:

We hope you are in receipt of our letter dated June 16th, 1982, a copy of which is attached for your convenience.

To date, we have not received any response to our correspondence about your outstanding account with the Bookstore that is seriously overdue and also creating a cash flow problem for us.

We would appreciate your immediate response to this matter so we may clear your account.

Respectfully yours,

Frank Avakian Stoneson Executive Director

cc. Mr. Albert Kapeghian, Parish Council Chairman Mr. Albert Santerian, Treasurer

July 15, 1982

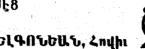
Hr. Albert Kapeghian Parish Council Chairman Holy Trinity Armenian Church 24 Brandywine Dr. Hariton, N.J. 08053

Dear Mr. Kapeghian:

As per the Primate's request, please find enclosed biographies on three clergymen from our Diocese. A fourth one shall follow in the near future on Father Haigazoun Helkonian.

Respectfully yours,

Frank Avakian Stoneson Executive Director Ս․ ԳՐԻԳՈՐ ԼՈՒՍԱՒՈՐԻՉ ՀԱՅՑ․ ԱՌԱՔԵԼԱԿԱՆ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻ ՀԷՑՎԸՐՀԻԼ, ՄԵՍԵՉՈՒՍԷՑ



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August 26, 1983

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

Your Eminence,

Subsequent to our telephone conversation I have received an official correspondance from the Parish Council Chairman of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Cheltenham, PA, Mr. John Mirakian, requesting that I serve as pastor of that parish. The letter also states that an official letter of request and a copy of the above mentioned correspondance have been forwarded to Your Eminence.

Your Eminence is aware that I am willing to make the change. Therefore I am writing to confirm our telephone conversation and the request of the Parish Council of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church in reguards to a transfer to the Cheltenham parish.

As Your Eminence advised, I have taken an opportunity to appraise Mrs. Anne Kasparian, Diocesan Council Member: our Diocesan Delegates, Parish Council Chairman and members of the probability of a transfer. I now await Your Eminence's approval and direction.

In closing I offer my prayers for Your safe journey to Holy Etchmiadzin, participation in the Consecration of the Holy Chrism and Your safe return. I offer my filial love to His Holiness.

Your humble servant.

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian

Pastor

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THE VERY REVEREND ARSHEN ATVAZTAN, PASTOR

9/10/83

His Emminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Diocese of the Armenian Church of America 630 Second Ave.
New York, N.Y., 10016

Dear Serpazan Hyre,

We are sorry that our previous letter was found unsatisfactory by the Diocesan Council, concerning our request for the assignment of Fr. Haigazoun to our parish. We were unaware of any such directive that all communications to you were to be made on official Parish stationery or that both the secretary and the parish council chairman are supposed to sign letters. Perhaps, if there is such a stringent requirement, it might be wise to send out a directive from the Diocesan Council to the entire Diocese so that this policy would be clear to all involved.

In accordance to your verbal wishes to me during the recent conversation we had, we are resubmitting our request to you. At a special parish council meeting on 8/13/83, the parish council of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Cheltenham voted to invite the Very Rev. Fr. Haigazoum Melkonian as our pastor. We therefore are requesting that as the Primate of our Diocese, you assign Fr. Haigazoun to our parish, naturally with the approval of the Diocesan Council.

Fr. Haigazoun and representatives from our parish council and Diocesan delegates have already met and discussed the problems and future goals of our parish, and have come up with a mutually agreeable stipend which we previously have sent to you, and which is in accordance to the Diocesan Clergy Stipend Committee guidelines. We feel that December 1983 would be a convenient time for a transfer.

We hope that you and the Diocesan Council would address this issue as soon as is possible as undue time has unfortunately been lost and we are anxiously awaiting to work with Fr. Haigazoun in serving our Lord in His mission.

Respectfully yours,

bhn Mirakian, Parish Council

Chairman

Berlooky Haigezian, Corr. Secretary

JM/gsg

October 17, 1983

Mr. John Mirakian Chairman Holy Trinity Armenian Church 101 Ashmead Road Cheltenham, PA 19012

Dear Mr. Miraktan:

I am in receipt of your letter dated July 18, 1983 regarding the 1983 Assembly and Green Card expenses for Fr. Nourhan Manoogian and wish to apologize for the delay in responding sooner.

Correspondence is never delayed to this extent, but I find that an answer can not be given in this matter until the situation has been discussed with the Primate to verify any previous discussions or agreements that took place with members of your parish.

I hope to have a response for you in November upon the Primate's return.

Thanking you for your patience.

Respectfully yours,

Frank Avakian Stoneson Executive Director

FAS:mb

October 17, 1983

The V. Kov. Fr. Chevont Samoorian bts. Vertanentz Armenian Church 130 Olde Westford Ruad (P.D. Box 79) Chelmsford, MA C1824

Bear Fr. Ghevont:

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

The dollar figure due as of October 10, 1983 is \$4,240.00 which represents eight months billing plus the 1983 adjustment which appeared on the August Statement after approval by the Annual Diocesan Assembly.

Since our hilling period is on a ten (10) worth basis from January through October, it indicates payments were received for January and February 1983 only.

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

Respectfully yours.

Frank Avakian Stoneson Executive Sirector

cc: Rev. Fr. Hampre Louzoutan, Stocesan Council Chairman Ar. Sarkis dedevian, Stocesan Council Treasurer Ar. Charles Siman, Chairman FAS:ab

October 17, 1983

Mr. John Mirakian Chairman Holy Trinity Armenian Church 101 Ashmead Road Cheltenham, PA 19012

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Thanking you for your patience.

Respectfully yours,

Frank Avakian Stoneson Executive Director

FAS:mb

February 2, 1984

Mr. Berj P. Yeretzian 539 Cedar Orive Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

Dear Berj:

Just a note to let you know that your address has been changed to read as follows:

539 Cedar Drive Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

I could not find a listing for your business address. If you continue receiving mail at that address, I would appreciate if you could return the address label to me.

It was a pleasure seeing you all here yesterday, and I look forward to working with you in my new position.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Kermian Director

MMK:ab

February 8, 1984

Mrs. Delemak Basmajian 7837 Germantown Avenue Philadelphia, Pa 19118

Dear Mrs. Basmajian:

On his return from Cheltenham, His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian asked me to send you the enclosed crosses for your grand-children to replace the ones that were lost.

Hoping that these crosses will be received safely by you.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Terzibashian Secretary to the Primate

Enclosure

March 20, 1984

Very Reverend Father Haigazoun Melkenian Pastor, Holy Trinity Armenian Church 101 Ashomad Road Cheltenham, PA 19612

Dear Father Haigazoun:

Thank you for your Annual Parish reports. Before H.E. Archbishop Torkers Manoogian issues his letter of approval, he needs to have pages 9-10 of your Financial Reports completed and returned.

Also for future reference please note:

- a) In electing the Assembly officers, the Sommating Committee neglected to submit a double slate of canditates in advance (Article 14-8) but left it to the Assembly to make a single slate of nominations (Article 14-A).
- b) The breakdown of male and female members of the choir is not shown on page 13 of the questionnaire.

Upon receipt of completed pages of your Figancial Report, we shall expedite approval of your Annual Report.

Respectfully.

Michael M. Kermian Director

cc: Mr. John Mirakian 粉狀;mb

May 24, 1984

The Very Reverend Father Haigazoun Melkonian Holy Trinity Armenian Church 101 Ashmead Road Cheltenham, PA 19012

Dear Father Haigazoun:

At your request we are sending under separate cover two copies of the Sherchaperagans from 1966 to 1984 issued by H.E. Abp. Torkom Manoogian.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Kermain Director

MMK:mb



101 Ashmead Road, Cheltenham, Pa. 19012

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian Pastor

August 14, 1984

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

Dear Surpazan:

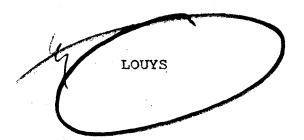
Thank you for the tip! Under the joint cooperation with Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Church the concert with the stars from the USSR was a great success.

The singers were all that you said and more, everyone who was present really enjoyed themselves. Some were ready to spend the night.

Thank you again.

Prayerfully

Fr. Haigazoun Melkonian



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October 1, 1986

3429 Huntingdon Pike Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

Board of Trustees Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church 101 Ashmead Road Cheltenham, Pennsylvania 19012

Dear Friends:

on behalf of PAND, I would like to inform you once again of our plans for New Year's Eve.

First of all, the affair will be at the Franklin Plaza Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We are returning to the Franklin Plaza because the facilities are better than they are at Dunphey's (the Marriott) where we were last year. Further, the rooms at the Franklin Plaza are better and the overall geographical location seems to be preferred by the out-of-town visitors. The expenses are somewhat increased but that is something we anticipated.

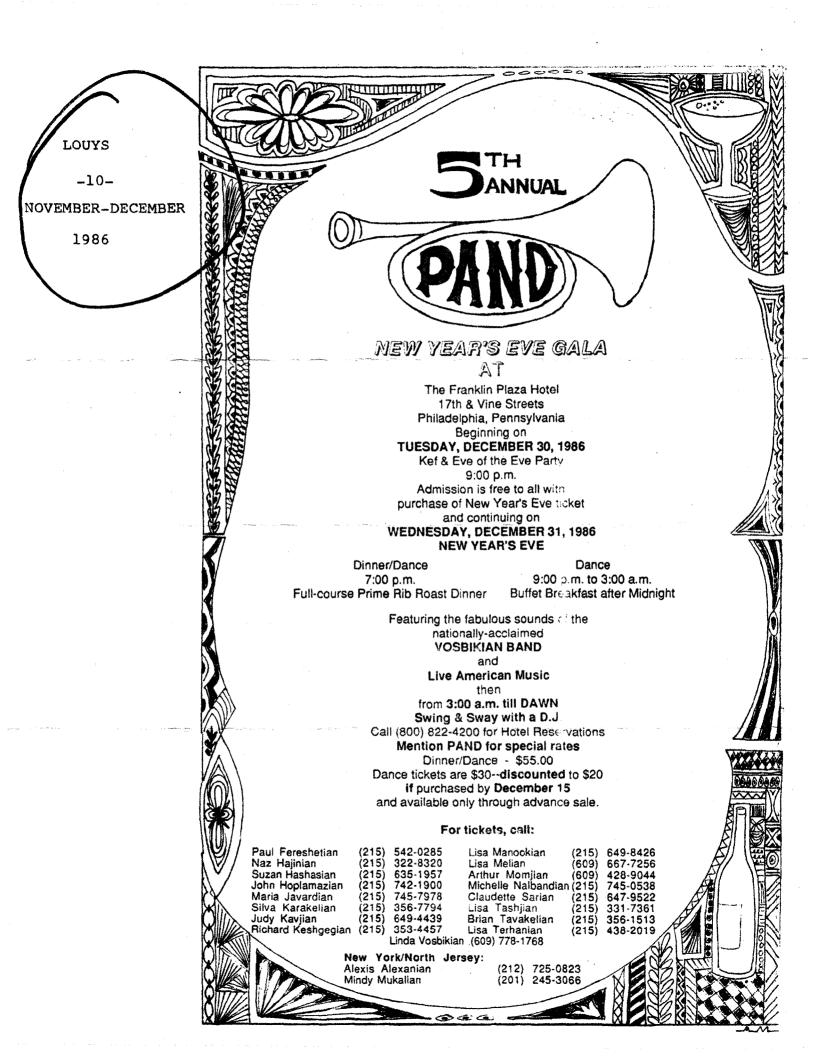
I am happy to report that we have an energetic group of young people who are already hard at work in planning the celebration. The first post-summer meeting has already been held and we had a large turnout. The various committees will be meeting frequently from now until the end of the year in order to make this New Year's Eve affair the best ever.

As we did last year, we are also planning for a two-evening event. The evening before New Year's Eve will be primarily for the youth of our community and for their friends and guests. This activity has received a good response and we are continuing this particular event. Then, of course, the New Year's Eve celebration will be for everyone (young and old) and we are hoping for the best turnout ever.

No matter how hard we may work, we will not be successful without the continuing support of each of the five Armenian churches in the Greater Philadelphia area. [Again, the profits for the celebration will be divided equally among the churches.] Please let the members of your church know what our plans for this year are and urge their continuing support for our efforts on behalf of the entire Philadelphia Armenian community.

Singerely yours,

NED SANTERIAN



October 1, 1986

Mr. Charles Antaramian Treasurer Holy Trinity Armenian Church 101 Ashmead Road Cheltenham, PA 19012

Dear Mr. Antaramian:

The parish assessment account of Holy Trinity Armenian Church shows an outstanding balance of \$3,200 for the months of July, August and September, 1986.

We appreciate your immediate attention to this matter.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian Vicar General



101 Ashmead Road, Cheltenham, Pa. 19012

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Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian Pastor

December 4, 1986

Diocese of the Armenian Church Very Rev. Khajag Barsamian, Vicar General 630 Second Avenue New York, New York 20016

Dear Fr. Khajag:

Please forward information concerning the building of an elderly home/low income home project. We are particularly interested in HUD regulations and loans. Thank you.

Prayerfully,

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian

Pastor



101 Ashmead Road, Cheltenham, Pa. 19012

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian Pastor

July 31,1987

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

Your Eminence:

A number of our parishioners have expressed concern about the mode of receiving Holy Communion in our church in respect to the recent epidemic of 'AIDS' and since it seems to be transfered through body fluids.

Since the clergy must consume the remaining Sacrament I concur with this concern.

Your Eminence, is it possible to A) administer Holy Communion in the hands of the faithful or B) by using the Paten allow them to take the Sacrament themselves.

I would like Your Eminence's permission to do one of the above or at least make the choice optional.

Your humble servant.

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian

Pastor

August 13, 1987

Mrs. Delemak Basmajian 7837 Germantown Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19118

Dear Mrs. Basmajian:

Thank you for your letter of July 20, and for your kind wishes.

His Holiness Catholicos Vazken I will pay a pontifical visit to New York City, Washington, D.C., and Detroit from October 20 through November 4. Unfortunately, his itinerary does not include Philadelphia. We hope that you will have a chance to attend one of the special events in New York City or Washington, and will have an opportunity to see His Holiness.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones, always.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Primate



101 Ashmead Road, Cheltenham, Pa. 19012

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian Pastor

April 26, 1988

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

Your Eminence:

This past week-end we Commemorated the 72nd Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915. Solemn Divine Liturgy was celebrated with Requiem for the Armenian Martyrs. Following church services, Madagh was blessed in the church Santerian hall and a program was presented to the over 300 parishioners in attendance.

Your Eminence, this year we invited Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian and the student body of St. Nersess Seminary. I can't begin to tell you how impressed we were. Their participation in the Liturgy was exemplary and the program that was presented to our parishioners was a source of pride to us all. I wanted to share this with You so that You would be aware of the good work that is being done, and how favorably it reflects upon our diocese.

Your humble servant,

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Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian Pastor



101 Ashmead Road, Cheltenham, Pa. 19012

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian Pastor

April 21, 1989

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

Your Eminence:

This letter is to officially inform Your Eminence that Diocesan Delegate Mason Avrigian will not be attending the Diocesan Assembly and that first alternate Acabe Boornazian will be taking his place.

Our delegation will include the following:

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian, Pastor Berjoohy Haigazian, Parish Council Chairman Garo Garibian, Delegate Jack Vishab, Delegate Acabe Boornazian, Delegate

Your servant,

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian

Pastor



101 Ashmead Road, Cheltenham, Pa. 19012

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian Pastor

December 1, 1989

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

Your Eminence:

I want to personally thank you on behalf of the Parish Council and parishioners of Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania for Your enlightening and blessed pastoral visitation.

The lecture on Gomidas Vartabed was very informative and shed a new light for all of us on the genius of that great man. Your abilities as teacher and lecturer had us all enthralled. Thank you for sharing Saturday afternoon and evening with us also.

Sunday was a magnificent day for our parish. The ordinations and the Banquet to follow left a lasting impression on us all. We thank you for Your time and Your paternal blessings.

Your servant,

Very Rev. Haigazoun Melkonian

Pastor

HM/mk



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VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN

·Pastor

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APRIL 22, 1993

HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP KHAJAG BARSAMIAN, PRIMATE DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA 630 SECOND AVENUE NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10016

YOUR EMINENCE:

REALIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. VARTAN'S CATHEDRAL AND THE SPECIAL COMMEMORATIONS THAT ARE BEING PREPARED, I FELT IT NECESSARY TO CONTACT YOUR EMINENCE PERSONALLY.

ON SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1993 I AM COMMITTED TO PERFORM THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY. THIS COUPLE HAVE BEEN MAKING PLANS FOR A LITTLE OVER A YEAR, PRIOR TO MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE DIOCESAN PLANS TO COMMEMORATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHEDRAL. ON FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1993 LIKEWISE I AM COMMITTED TO THE WEDDING REHERSAL.

I HOPE YOUR EMINENCE WILL UNDERSTANT MY OBLIGATION TO MY PAROCHIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXCUSE MY ABSENCE. OF COURSE, I SHALL ENCOURAGE MY PARISHIONERS TO ATTEND THE FESTIVITIES, AND AM PRESENTLY WORKING TO ENCOURAGE THE FUND RAISING EFFORTS.

I WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE 'HRASHAPAR' SERVICE AT ST. SAHAG AND MESROB CHURCH ON THRURDAY, MAY 20, 1993 AND AM MAKING ELABORATE PLANS FOR THE PATRIARCHAL LITURGY AND FOLLOWING BANQUET HERE AT HOLY TRINITY ON SUNDAY, MAY 23, 1993.

YOUR SERVANT,

VERY REV. HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN

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