June 18, 1962.

Mr. Albert S. Movsesian, Chairman St. Gregory the Illuminator Church Parish Council, Haverhill, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Movsesian:

His Grace the Primate, after considering your letter of June 5, 1962, requesting that the arrival of Rev. Voskan not be before July 15, and also taking into consideration various other questions, has decided that Rev. Voskan's travel be by plane on or about the 15th of July, 1962.

In checking with our Agents, it was found that the difference between the air fare and the travel by boat, between Istanbul and New York is about \$34.00, per person. Therefore, the total difference between the two fares, for the whole family of Rev. Voskan will be about \$170.00, for five full fares. It was also found that it could be arranged that Rev. Voskan and his family fly from Istanbul to Boston directly, instead of to New York and take the train from New York to Boston, thus saving this latter transportation fare. In coming by boat further expenses would be involved both in Italy and on the way, while by coming by plane all these will be eliminated. Finally by plane they will have a more comfortable journey.

Today we wrote Rev. Voskan too and explained him the situation. Within a week we hope to secure the necessary air tickets and ultimately Rev. Voskan's exact date of arrival. We will inform you as soon as we have all these informations in hand. In the mean time it is trusted that your Parish Council is making the necessary preparations for Rev. Voskan's living quarters and relevant matters.

Yours sincerely,

Sooren Manuelian Executive Secretary

ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

MAIN STREET
HAVERHILL, MASSACHUSETTS

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June 5, 1962

Mr. Souren Manuelian North American Diocese of the Armenian Church 630 Second Avenue New York 16, New York

Dear Souren:

Our parishioners had anticapated that Rev. Voskan would arrive in Haverhill in the middle of June. Since he is not coming in this period then the next best time would be in the middle days of July.

The majority of our people are on vacation the first two weeks of July and it is for this reason we would suggest that Rev. Voskan travel by boat with the expected arrival to our area about the second week in July.

We plan an appropriate reception for Rev. Voskan so please notify me as to his exact arrival date.

Best Regards,

ASM/p

Albert S. Movsesian

October 28, 1970

Nev. Michael Buttero St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church 110 Main St. Haverhill, Mass. 01830

Dear Rev. Buttero:

We will be happy to be at your Church on April 17 of next year to perform the marriage rite you refer to in your letter of October 15.

We have reserved the day on our calendar add earnestly hope that no unexpected circumstances will intervene to prevent our attendance.

Prayerfully yours,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Primate

St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church

110 Main Street Haverhill, Mass. 01830

Fr. Michael Buttero, Pastor

Oct. 15, 1970

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

Your Grace;

As you may recall there hassbeen a request by Aram A. Boornazian of Pa. that you preform the marrage rite in his forth comming marrage to take place on April 17, 1971 at 5:00 p.m. It is his earnest desire that you be able to attend the reception also at 8:00 p.m. Please advise me as soon as you can about your schedule. Needless to say the wedding will take place here in Haverhill.

Also you may redall that his Grase Archbishop Tiran will be the guest of honor at our 25th anniversary dinner. He will also offer the Divine Liturgy. I would just like to remind you that we plan to have the four monor orders bestowed upon George D. Krikorian at the same time and at your request am reminding you that I have made this request of his Grace archbishop Tiran.

Your servant,

Fr. Michael Buttero.

November 9, 1972

The Reverend Nerses Baboorian
Pastor

/ President of Parish Council
St. Gregory The Illuminator Church
110 Main Street
Haverhill, Massachusetts 01830

Dear Father Merses:

According to Article 53 of the By-Laws, "the Primate with the consent of the Diocesan Council, may regroup the parishes in the Diocese in order to equalize as nearly as possible, the number of lay delegates to be elected each year, notwithstanding the fact that by such regrouping, the number of years of the term of office of some delegates to be newly elected may be reduced."

The current proportions of two of the four delegate groupings are:

The term extending from 1968 to 1972, inclusive - 24 delegates. The term extending from 1970 to 1973, inclusive - 33 delegates.

Because of the obvious imbalance, it is necessary to shift the election of two of our parishes from the second to the first grouping.

St. Gregory The Illuminator Church of Haverhill is one of the parishes in the second grouping as listed above, the terms of whose delegates expire at the end of 1973.

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The Reverend Merses Baboorian November 9, 1972
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We direct, therefore, that your parish advance its election date one year to effect a more balanced distribution of delegates, and hold its election for Diocesan Delegates at its January, 1973, Annual Assembly.

Please communicate to us promptly the results of your election so that a complete list of Diocesan Delegates may be formed without delay.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Primate

cc: Mr. Harry Kasparian
Parish Council Chairman



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

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

March 30, 1973

The Reverend Nerses Baboorian
Pastor
St. Gregory
The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church
110 Main Street
Haverhill, Mass 01830

Dear Father Nerses:

The enclosed amendment ballot was for your information. It was prepared in the form of a ballot for use at the Assembly where the vote will be taken.

Please inform your council members that no vote was necessary, but that you can of course indicate to your delegates what your inclinations are regarding the issues. The guidance of your council may very well be useful to him when the vote is taken at the Assembly.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian Executive Director

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Enc. -- Amendment Ballot

St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church

110 Main Street Haverhill, Mass. 01830

March 28, 1973

Diocese of the Armenian Church 630 Second Avenue New York, N. Y. 10016

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing a copy of the Proposed Amendments for the 71st Diocesan Assembly to be held in Worcester, Mass.

As you will note, each amendment is marked with the results from our discussion at the Parish Council Meeting.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. Nerses Baboorian, Pastor

St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church 110 Main Street Haverhill, Mass. 01830

January 11, 1975

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

His Grace:

Your letter of December 24, 1974, was received and reviewed with Mr. Crosby, Goshgarian, Diocesan Council Chairman. At the Parish Council meeting held on January 2, 1975, Mr. Goshgarian had supplementary information not included in your letter. He stated that the Haverhill Church is to pay Father Nerses Baboorian's utility costs and his clergy insurance. The Parish Council will submit these expenses to the Diocesan Council who will in turn returnga check for the like amount.

With all due respect to His Grace. we the Parish Council will naturally abide by his decision. However, it is our contention that Father Nerses is a Diocesan responsibility. (and not a local one) and all expenses incurred are Diocesan responsibility.

Our cost to maintain the Parish House during Fr. Nerses's occupancy is \$190 per month. This should also be assumed by the Diocese along with the utility costs and clergy insurance.

When all the utility bills have been received for 1974, we will submit a detailed list of expenses. including our maintainance St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church 110 Main Street Haverhill, Mass. 01830

cost for the Parish House from September 1, 1974, through December 31, 1974. Commencing in 1975, monthly statements will be submitted until different arrangements are made.

Prayerfully.

Harry Knoparian
Parish Cornel Chairman

January 9, 1975

Mr. Harry Kasparian Chairman, Parish Council St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church 110 Main Street Haverhill. Massachusetts 01830

Dear Mr. Kasparian:

filed in Baloon Kele We regret that because of our absence from the office, our December 24 letter which was mailed subsequent to our departure did not accurately reflect our decision. We regret any confusion this may have caused.

Our decision was and remains that Father Nersess Baboorian is to be allowed to remain in the parish house until May 1975, that our Diocesan office will assume responsibilities for the payment of his utilities. Please have such bills sent to our office. Father Nersess himself will pay his telephone bills. This relieves the burden on your parish to a considerable extent.

Prayerfully.

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Primate

cc: Rev. Nersess Baboorian Mr. Crosby Goshgarian

December 24, 1974

Mr. Harry Kasparian Chairman, Parish Council St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church 110 Main Street Haverhill, Massachusetts 01830

Dear Mr. Kasparian:

Until a final resolution is worked out, your parish must assume the following obligations with respect to your former pastor, the Reverend Nersess Baboorian.

He will be permitted to remain and live in the parish house until May 1975. This will also allow the necessary time for his son to graduate from the school he is now attending. Further, your parish council will be responsible for utility payments, and the remittances for Fr. Nersess' clergy insurance. Telephone costs will not be your responsibility.

It is our expectation that, Mr. Goshgarian, Diocesan Council Chairman, will meet with your parish council in the near future to discuss this matter in further detail.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Primate

cc: Reverend Nersess Baboorian Mr. Crosby Goshgarian

May 10, 1976

Mr. Hovhannes V. Zerounian Chairman, Parish Council St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church 110 Main Street Haverhill, Massachusetts 01830

Dear Mr. Zerounian:

We have received your letter of April 27, and of course understand the circumstances you refer to concerning the difficulties in forwarding the deed of your church to our Headquarters. We are reassured by your determination to pursue the matter.

Still, it does remain an issue that has been before us for a number of years.

We will ask Father Dajad Davidian, who is vice chairman of the Diocesan Council, to review the matter personally with you and with your council, if necessary, and with full knowledge of the situation report to us.

On the basis of what conclusions he is able to develop from a talk with you, we can better arrive at a reasonable decision.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Primate

cc. The Reverend Dajad Davidian

St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church

110 Main Street Haverhill, Mass. 01830

April 27, 1976

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, Primate Diocese of the Armenian Church of America 630 Second Avenue New York. New York 10016

His Grace.

I read the letter dated March 9, 1976, addressed to Fr. Terenig Kondralian a copy of which I have not received.

We appreciate and understand your concern about our consideration to send our church deed to the Diocesan Headquarters. We fully realize it is specified in Article 96 of the by laws of the Armenian Church of America that the title of all real property should be transferred to the Diocesan Headquarters. We ask you to understand that we are persuing this important matter in good faith and in no way are we treating this lightly.

This is the situation as you have known for the past few years. A group of active parishioners believe they have worked hard for their church and they have become very posessive. We may be able to forcefully obtain the deed and sign it over to the Diocese, however, we are concerned that this will create a division in our parishioners, thus losing members and support which is essential and critically important especially today when our pastor, Fr. Terenig is doing an excellent job trying to revitalize our church. Your Grace, we need all the help we can get from every individual in our community. Once the wheels of success turns and the "followers of success" join our parish, we assure you we can be a lot more independent. We hope and assure you that this is by no means a feeling of insubordination but a situation we have been forced

into. Our parishioners need a little more time and the parish council is actively persuing your directive.

We thank you for your understanding and most of all for your patience.

Prayerfully,

Horhames V. Elrounian

Hovhannes V. Zerounian Chairman

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