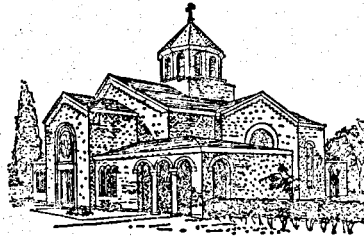


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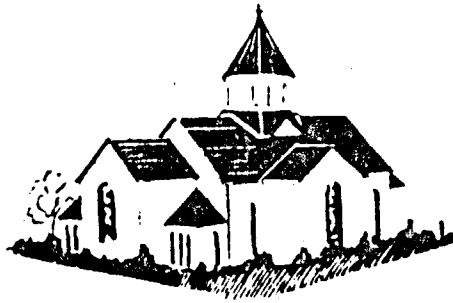
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RECORD OF COMMUNICATION WITH DIOCESAN OFFICE PERTAINING TO
DUES AS PER ENCLOSED CORRESPONDENCE

1. 1/7/81 - Letter to Syraun Palvetzian explaining entire situation.
2. 1/29/81 - Answer to 1/7/81 explaining their reason for denial.
3. 2/19/81 - Second letter of request with explanation.
4. 3/24/81 - Letter from Primate again explaining denial. George Stevoff to contact.
5. 4/7/81 - Letter to Primate explaining Stevoff's call and explaining that nothing is being resolved.
6. 4/17/81 - Telephone call from Primate requesting payment and agreeing to adjust and credit when new assessments are established for computorizing.
7. 4/22/81 - Letter to Primate agreeing to submit remittance based on telephone conversation to adjust or credit the disputed amount.
8. 5/30/81 - Two remittances of \$903.00 (1980) & \$1,636.00 hand delivered by Florence Karoghlanian and Florence Goekjian to Diocesan Assembly.
9. 6/29/81 - Letter of reminder to Frank Stoneson.
10. 7/8/81 - Letter from Frank Stoneson again repeating some reasons for denial.
11. 7/21/81 - Circular - 1981 Diocesan Parish Assessments.
12. 8/11/81 - Telephone call to Frank Stoneson who again repeated denial.

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January 7, 1981

Syraun Palvetzian, Executive Director
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Syraun,

We received your letter dated December 22, 1980 which included a copy of a parish council and financial report for the St. Gregory of Narek Church of Cleveland for the year 1979.

As a matter of information, a complete examination had been undertaken by the present members of parish council of all past records, not only of this particular case, but also of others within our parish as well.

Errors have been discovered as a result and in some cases very costly errors, which could have avoided unnecessary expenditures amounting to a high dollar volume.

This parish has paid for these past errors, which we are currently attempting to recover.

Referring to the dues to be assessed as derived from our Annual report for 1979, a careful and concise account was not made by the previous council regarding the reported 133 members.

Among that count of 133, there were individuals who never paid their required membership dues, or were relocated outside of the State or were deceased during the period.

As a result of a thorough screening of our membership roster, the letter directed to the Diocese dated November 24, 1980 by our treasurer, Florence Karoghlianian is in order with a corrected membership of 109 and a corrected balance as submitted to you in the amount of \$639.00 for the balance of 1980.

Again we repeat that this letter with its contents is in order and strongly urge its acceptance.

We recognize and fully admit the errors as committed by the previous councils and this is one as discussed at our recent meeting which will not be accepted by the present members.

Therefore, due to disclosing the above information, it is strongly requested by unanimous vote of council members that the diocesan dues for the year 1980 assessed St. Gregory of Narek have been paid in full.

In addition, we have also received our statement for January, 1981 dues from Louise Simone, which we are holding until this matter is resolved.

It appears that Louise is not aware of the existing situation, since the billing is still in the amount of \$499.00.

Please inform Louise that payment of our dues will resume once this situation is settled.

It is our intention to keep our record unblemished regarding prompt payments, therefore, as soon as your acceptance is received, payment of dues will continue.

We are confident that your understanding and cooperation with us will produce a forecast of prosperity and success for the forthcoming year.

Faithfully yours,

George R. Sakian
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Secretary



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

January 29, 1981

Mr. George R. Sakian
Secretary
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church
666 Richmond Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44143

Dear Mr. Sakian:

I received your letter of January 7 concerning your parish's assessments and must remind you of the strict procedures followed in arriving at the assessed amount.

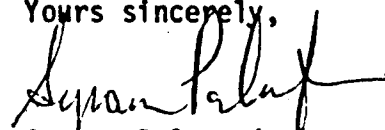
Back in June a memorandum was distributed to all churches apprising them of the fact that information taken from their annual reports is assumed to be correct unless otherwise noted. An actual xerox copy of all church assessments, including the information used to calculate them, was also forwarded for correction, with the specific instructions that no changes could be made later in the year.

In October 1980, after the last assessment bill of the year was forwarded to the parishes, you informed us of the misinformation in the 1979 Annual Report of the St. Gregory Church. Unfortunately, there is nothing that can possibly be done now without affecting every other parish in our Diocese and we can only suggest that this year's assessments - based on 1980 information - will be able to reflect a more accurate membership and income figure for your church.

Please be so kind as to remit the remaining balance so that the 1981 assessments can be properly billed. I regret that nothing further can be done and do hope you understand our situation.

With very best regards,

Yours sincerely,


Syraun Palvetzian
Executive Director

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February 19, 1981

Syraun Palvetzian, Executive Director
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Syraun;

Your letter dated January 29, 1981 as disclosed to council members at our last meeting was indeed disappointing and considered unanimously as unacceptable.

Our total assessments as based on your formula should again as we are stating, be as follows:

Membership (corrected)	109	.....	\$2,406.00
Clergy	1	.....	500.00
Gross PCP	\$10,732	.....	1,031.00
Other	11	.....	156.00
Delegates	2	.....	0
1980 Total Assessments			\$4,093.00
Monthly Assessment			341.00 409.00

As stated in our letter to you dated January 7, 1981, diocesan dues for the year 1980 assessed St. Gregory of Narek have been paid in full.

Referring to the above revised statistics, our dues for January and February for the current year is ~~\$341.00~~ or a total of ~~\$682.00~~.
409.00 818.00

However, let us point out that since no consideration was intended to our detailed request, this Parish Council has unanimously voted, after a brief discussion, to hold up payment of any diocesan dues until this matter is considered resolved.

All monies for diocesan dues will be set aside in a separate account and will be available for payment at such time when an agreement is reached.

St. Gregory of Narek has an excellent reputation for exercising its obligations, as your records will prove, but there is a matter of principle in this case which deserves recognition, but unfortunately is being ignored.

As a result, we will patiently rest with the present situation until your office decides to further discuss this matter in a more reasonable manner.

Cordially yours,
George R. Sakian
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Secretary



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

March 24, 1981

The Reverend Father Diran Papazian
Pastor, St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church
666 Richmond Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44143

Dear Father Diran:

At its meeting on March 20, the Diocesan Council gave due consideration to the parish assessment matter that has been the subject of correspondence and concern during the past few months.

The council's review of the circumstances revealed nothing that would justify a reduction in the assessment of the Cleveland parish voted and adopted at the Diocesan Assembly.

It was decided, however, that Mr. George Stevoff, Council treasurer, would be in touch with the parish personally to discuss the matter directly.

It is our hope that a quick resolution may be found.

Prayerfully,

ab. Torkom Manoogian

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

c.c. Mr. Stevoff

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April 7, 1981

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

Your Grace:

We have received your letter dated March 24, 1981 and with due respect to your personal involvement, we regret to inform your council that this continuous correspondence is not producing a solution to our existing problem.

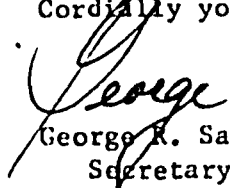
Therefore, it is imperative that this stalemate be dissolved by constructive suggestions which we are prepared to discuss openly with a representative of your council.

As a matter of information, we have been contacted by Mr. George Stevoff, but again this resolved nothing, since his explanation was repetitious to your previous explanations.

As a result of our recent parish council meeting, it was decided that since the time is near for the 1981 diocesan dues evaluation, it is advisable that we come to an agreement to this problem immediately and then discuss the current year's situation.

With your prompt cooperation we are confident of an immediate agreement bringing this matter to a close.

Cordially yours,


George R. Sakian
Secretary

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April 22, 1981

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

Your Grace:

As a result of our telephone conversation on April 17, 1981 and as agreed by Parish Council at our meeting on April 20, 1981 we are submitting the attached two (2) remittances towards our diocesan dues which has been in dispute for the past months.

The one check is in the amount of \$903.00 which completes our dues assessment for 1980.

The other check is in the amount of \$1,636.00 which covers our dues for 1981 from the period of January through April inclusive based at \$409.00 corrected monthly dues X 4 months = \$1,636.00.

It is important to note however, that our understanding as agreed that the \$903.00 disputed amount is to be credited or adjusted toward our 1981 assessment.

This will definitely be expected by Parish Council.

Our delegate, Mrs. Florence Goekjian will review this with you at the forthcoming Diocesan Assembly.

We are confident that this matter can now be considered resolved and with your cooperation look forward to a progressive year.

Faithfully yours,


George R. Sakian
Secretary

June 29, 1981

Mr. Frank Avakian Stoneson, Executive Director
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Frank:

As per request, we are submitting the following information pertaining to the Stipend of our Pastor, Reverend Father Diran Papazian, effective 1/1/81.

ANNUAL STIPEND	\$15,125.00
CAR ALLOWANCE (MONTHLY)	125.00
HOUSING ALLOWANCE	(Parish owned home - All costs including utilities)
CLERGY INSURANCE	
A. I.R.A. (Individual Retirement Account) savings program (Annual)	750.00
B. G. Kerkorian & Associates Insurance (Group Life Insurance & Disability Income) (Monthly)	24.02

The above information are those that have been negotiated and agreed upon by Father Diran and the Parish Council for the current year, 1981.

Permit us to incorporate in this letter two important reminders which we are awaiting response from your office.

- A. Referring to our letter of April 22, 1981, there is a disputed amount of \$903.00 which is to be credited or adjusted toward our 1981 assessment. (copy of letter attached)
This was a result of incorrect reporting of 133 members instead of 109 for 1980.
Our July or new assessment based on 102 members plus the adjustment of the \$903.00 should be effective on our next statement.
- B. Referring to our letter of May 19, 1981, we are still awaiting any information you may have concerning the compensation for our pastor who is presently recuperating at his residence in Southfield, Michigan and will not be performing his services until at least the first or second week in August.

Sorry for the delay on your request and hopeful of getting the right answers on our requests.

If there are any questions, please contact us immediately.

Faithfully yours,
George R. Sakian
Secretary





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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

July 8, 1981

Mr. George R. Sakian, Secretary
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church
666 Richmond Road
Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143

Dear Mr. Sakian:

We are in receipt of your June 29, 1981 letter which stipulates in paragraph "A" that there is a dispute of \$903. which is to be credited or adjusted toward your 1981 assessment.

The procedure followed in apportioning assessments to each parish is based on certain pertinent information submitted by the parishes in their annual report to be computed. The total assessment figure approved by the Assembly is apportioned to each parish based on those computed figures.

Any parish wishing to change their submitted figures after apportionment of assessments will require the whole operation of apportionment to be done over since every parish within the Diocese is affected.

Changing assessments after they have been formally assigned becomes costly and a handicap to all involved.

Any adjustments to a parish after assignment of assessments become a total loss to the Diocese and you shall agree becomes most inequitable.

Yours truly,

Frank Avakian Stoneson

Frank Avakian Stoneson
Executive Director



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

July 21, 1981

TO: All Parishes
FROM: Frank Avakian Stoneson, Executive Director
SUBJECT: 1981 DIOCESAN PARISH ASSESSMENTS

Enclosed please find a copy of the computer analysis of the 1981 Diocesan Parish Assessments. The total sum of \$440,000 was approved at the 79th Diocesan Assembly held in Watertown, Massachusetts in May of 1981.

The total sum has been proportionately distributed among all the parishes based on pertinent information submitted by the parishes in their annual report to the Diocese in 1981.

If there are any questions regarding your parish assessment please notify the Director's Office by August 19, 1981.

Listed below is the amount now due from your parish. Your cooperation in remitting your assessments immediately will be appreciated.

PARISH: St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church, Cleveland

- 1. Amount due for the month of July 1981 at the adjusted rate \$ 5,115.00 (ten month billing period) \$ 512.00
2. Plus adjusted amount owing from January through June 1981 at the new rate \$ 78.00
3. Total amount due as of July 1, 1981 \$ 590.00
4. Plus: Prior Balances \$ 1,358.00
GRAND TOTAL DUE \$ 1,948.00

Enclosure

Frank Avakian Stoneson