

Ecclesiastical Letters of Arthur W. Brooks
(continued)

(Seal of Notary)

Signed and sealing in my presence.
Violet May Buckley
Notary Public, New York County
N.Y. County Clerk's No. 383
Reg. No. 7079
Term expires March 30, 1927

Letter of Recognition

(Text)

Armenian Patriarchate, Jerusalem, No. 7093-16
7th January 1928.

Brooks, Rt. Rev. Arthur W.
December 15, 1927.

To the Right Reverend W. Brooks, B.D.,
Elect Titular Bishop of Sardis
Christ's Church by-the-Sea,
9148- 193rd Street
Hollis, Long Island, New York.

Right Reverend,

At the opening of this New Year of Our Lord, we thank Your Reverence as well as all our Bretheren, who moved by the Great Spirit of Fellowship of Christianity, address us their kindly and moving Messages of Good Will and Sympathy. Blessed be their thoughts for us. Blessed be their Congregation Folks for whose Welfare, Peace and Content, we pray our Lord Jesus Christ, and His Love and Guidance be always on their Good Shepherds like you, whom we greet lovingly in Christ.

The Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem
(Seal) Elizee Tourian

ATTEST OF NOTARY PUBLIC

This is to certify that I personally know the Rt. Rev. Arthur W. Brooks, residing in Hollis New York; that I have carefully examined the credentials known as Ecclesiastical Letters of Episcopate and the Letter of Recognition from the Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem; that I have read and compared the text of the originals with this copy, and find the aforesaid Ecclesiastical Letters of Episcopate, on page 1 of this document, to be a true and exact copy thereof, which bears all the signatures and the attest of a Notary Public of New York County; and that the aforesaid Letter of Recognition from the Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem, on page 2 of this original letter was Registered in Jerusalem under R No. 7296, and bears the customary Post Office Cancellation and registration stamps, and is addressed to the aforesaid Rt. Rev. Arthur W. Brooks, Titular Bishop of Sardis, at his residence in Hollis.

Witness my signature and seal, this 14th day of
October, 1930, at Hollis, New York.

(Seal of Notary Public)

Marcel A. Peysson
Notary Public, Queens County
Queens County Clerk's No. 1400
Queens County Register's No. 1482
Commission expires March 30th, 1932

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ECCLESIASTICAL LETTERS OF RECOGNITION

APOSTOLIC-EPISCOPAL UNIVERSAL CHURCH

Under the Direction of the Ecclesiastical Administration of
the Congregation of the Incorporated Parish of

CHRIST'S CHURCH BY-THE-SEA

of Broad Channel, New York City

TO ALL THE FAITHFUL IN CHRIST JESUS, GREETING:

Pursuant to the universal practise of the ancient Church of the Apostolic age, in allowing the Church of a community of Christians the right to designate its Ministers and to select those, who after the example of the Apostles, should take spiritual oversight of the Congregation of the Flock of Christ, in establishing the EPISCOPATE APOSTOLIC:

And exercising this traditional right as a free and autonomous CONGREGATION OF THE FLOCK OF CHRIST, being a constituent part of the ONE, HOLY, UNIVERSAL AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH, keeping the Faith once delivered unto the Saints; and acting in accordance with our established ecclesiastical ordinances, based upon the Apostolic Constitutions and Canons;

*Notice is hereby given that the Rt. Rev. Arthur Wolford Brooks B.D., Pastor and Administrator of Christ's Church by-the-Sea, Broad Channel, Queens, City and State of New York, was by action of this Church duly and publicly recognized, acknowledged and proclaimed to be a Bishop in the Church of God, on Wednesday, May 7th, 1930, A.D., with full authority to exercise every function of the Christian Priesthood Apostolic in Pontifical dignity, an OVERSEER IN THE FLOCK OF CHRIST, as a Minister of God's Word and Holy Sacraments; this action aforesaid having been taken after deliberate consideration and being fully advised regarding his attested credentials and other proof, and of a previous recognition of his Episcopal status and the status of this Church by the Patriarch of an historic Church of Jerusalem and elsewhere.

And it is hereby recorded that the aforesaid Rt. Rev. Bishop Arthur Wolford Brooks will be known by the designation of TITULAR BISHOP OF SARDIS, by which he was aforesaid designated and recognized by proper ecclesiastical authority, he continuing to exercise this Ministry among us in charge of this Church and parish, undertaking to extend the mission and influence thereof as the Administrator and proclaimed BISHOP OF THIS CHURCH.

In witness whereof, I affix my signature this 11th day of May in the year of Our Lord Jesus Christ, One thousand nine hundred and thirty (1930 A.D.), being the third Sunday after Easter.

For the Congregation of the Flock of Christ

CHRIST'S CHURCH BY-THE-SEA, INC.

LAWRENCE ORMSBY (Registrar)

Sr. Warden and Trustee,
Ordained Reader.

(SEAL OF CHURCH)

Parish Corporation Office.

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Ecclesiastical Letters of Recognition
Christ's Church by-the-Sea
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* This recognition is based on his elevation to the Episcopate by Bishop Antoine, Archpresbyter James and Archdeacon Evodius of the Chaldean Church, on May 4, 1925.

(Residence of the Bishop is 9148 193rd Street,
Hollis, Long Island, N.Y. City)

This is to certify that I have compared this printed Certificate of Recognition with the original and find it to be a true and accurate copy of the text thereof, the same bearing the signature of Lawrence Ormsby and the Seal of Christ's Church by-the-Sea.

Witness my signature and seal this 14th day of October, 1930.

(SEAL OF NOTARY PUBLIC)

M. A. Peysson
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