

3600 W. Main
Belleville, Ill. 62223
May 30, 1978

Dear Srpazan Hayr

At the time of my ordination you had said that it would be possible to buy a hand cross which was in the process of being made. Could you please tell me ~~the price~~ when such a hand cross would be available?

Also, what is the departure date from ~~the~~ here for me? I am ready to leave 1 week after the consecration. Please keep me informed.

Finally, please, do not forget to write a letter to the Parish Council regarding the directive which we sent to all our organs (I sent you a copy) and regarding the use of ~~the~~ alcoholic beverage terms in church announcements.


Fr. Yeprem

June 7, 1978

The Reverend Father Yeprem Kelegian
Pastor, Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church
Post Office Box 1187
Belleville, Illinois 62223

Dear Father Yeprem:

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian asked me to send you the enclosed directives dated November 8, 1978 (November 3, 1972 in Armenian) and May 20, 1965, regarding the use of "alcohol" or any form thereof in church publications.

Yours respectfully,

Sylvia Terzibashian
Secretary to the Primate

Enclosures



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

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եւ Պատուարժան Ժխական Խորհուրդներուն**

Նկատած ենք որ մեր համայնքներուն մէջ եկեղեցական կազմակերպութիւններ իրենց կազմակերպած ծեռնարկները յայտարարելու համար կը գործածեն զանազան պիտառութիւններ, հանրութիւնը հրապուրելու եւ ուշադրութիւն զրաւելու համար: Այսպիսի պիտառութիւններէն ոմանք յատուկ են աշխարհիկ եւ շահադիտական նպատակներ հետապնդող եւ բարոյական սկզբունքներու հանդէպ անհոգ ընկերութիւններու եւ հաստատութեանց:

Արդարանալի չենք զտներ որ նիւթական եկամուտ ապահովելու մտադրութեամբ նման միջոցներու դիմէ եկեղեցւոյ մէջ գործող որեւէ կազմակերպութիւն:

Կը հրահանգենք որ Հոգեւոր Հովիւներ եւ Ժխական Խորհուրդներ աշաւուրջ հսկեն եկեղեցւոյ կազմակերպութեանց ծեռնարկներու թէ յայտագիրներու բովանդակութեանց եւ թէ հրապարակագրութեանց եւ յայտարարութեանց մէջ գործածուած պիտառութեանց:

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Archbishop Sion Manougian, Primate

May 20, 1965

To the Reverend Pastors and
Parish Councils of our Diocese:

Subject: The use of
Church Halls

The Diocesan Council, in consideration of repeated requests from parish priests, parish councils, and individuals for a directive concerning the use of church halls, rendered the following decision at its recent meeting:

1. Church halls in our Diocese are to be used for the spiritual needs of the faithful, for the encouragement of Armenian cultural activities, and for income-producing programs of the parish.
2. Church halls, whether located adjacent to the church or at a distance, must not be used for chance games, card games, or bingo.
3. Church halls likewise must not be devoted to improper dances, games, as well as the use of alcoholic beverages.

With salutations of Christian love,

SION ARCHBISHOP
Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian
Church of America and Canada



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

November 8, 1972

TO: REVEREND CLERGY
PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMEN

SUBJECT: PUBLICITY OF CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

We have observed that in announcing and advertising their programs and activities, some of our Church organizations utilize a number of descriptives in order to attract attention and attendance of their readers. Too often, such descriptives are contrary to good taste and reflect badly on the spiritual nature of our Church.

We are aware that your Church organizations are deeply concerned about raising funds for their needs. But even for the purpose of meeting these needs, it cannot be deemed justifiable to resort to methods that may damage the image and mission of the Church.

We direct pastors and parish councils to maintain a continuing check both on the content of the programs presented by Church organizations, as well as the public advertisements issued for them.

Prayerfully,

Alp Torkom Manoogian

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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Holy Shoghagat
Armenian Church

P.O. Box 1187
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May 28, 1978

The Most Rev. Archbp. Torkom Manoogian
Primate
Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York City, New York 10016

Dear Srpazan Hayr:

The enclosed directive to all of our organs was approved by the Parish Council. There may, however, be some ill reaction to it. I would appreciate it if you would comment in writing on the enclosed directive.

Also, could you please send the Diocesan directive regarding the use of "alcohol", or any form thereof, in church publications or flyers?

Finally, could you also comment on the fact that there are Churches in this Diocese that refer to alcoholic beverages in advertising their functions? For instance St. John's of Detroit referred numerous times to "cocktails" in the Diocesan Assembly advertisements. We are under the impression that the word "refreshment" is to be used.

Could you react to this enclosed directive as soon as possible?

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Fr. Yeprem Kelegian

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Pastor

Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church
Belleville, Illinois

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Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church

P.O. Box 1187
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May 1978

To all the organs and committees of the Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church:

It should be noted that the Holy Shoghagat third class mailings can not be accepted by the Post Office unless the signature of the Pastor, or in his absence the signature of the Parish Council Chairman, appears on the "Statement of Mailing Matter" form which accompanies all mailings.

Also, all general mailings, first or third class, announcing any activity being held in the name of the Church or any of her organs should be submitted for checking to the Pastor, or, in his absence, the Parish Council Chairman.

The purpose of the above measures is to insure that all communications in the name of the Church are consistent with the policies, teachings and directives of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

We trust that these measures will cause no inconvenience.

Prayerfully,

Fr. Yeprem Kelegian
Pastor

George Marifian
Parish Council Chairman.

cc: Archbishop Torkom Manoogian