

April 20, 1988

Mrs. Helen Atkins
Chairman of the Parish Council
St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church
678 Richmond Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44143

Dear Mrs. Atkins:

Thank you for your letter of March 29, 1988, enclosing a copy of the resolution that was passed by the St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church of Cleveland at its meeting held on March 28, 1988.

The Diocesan Council at its meeting held on April 16, 1988, discussed and approved the resolution of affording free use of the church publication "Pharos" for publishing announcements or edited news items by all Armenian organizations who traditionally support and affiliate with the St. Gregory of Armenian Church of Cleveland, Ohio. Furthermore, this decision falls within the purview of article 33 (i) of the Diocesan Bylaws.

May the Lord bless you all for your devoted service to His church.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate



March 29, 1988

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

Your Grace:

Enclosed is a copy of a motion that was passed by the St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Apostolic Church Parish Council at its meeting of March 28, 1988.

At the time that this motion was discussed and later passed, reference was made to page 27, paragraph "i" of the By Laws of the Diocese of the Armenian Church, (copy attached), along with the fact that our Church publication has traditionally published announcements from all our community organizations.

The Parish Council felt compelled to re-emphasize this policy by Resolution because three members of our church, two of whom are relatively new in the church community, have recently in rather vocal and sometimes insulting and disruptive ways, demanded that the occasional announcements that the local Tekeyan and AGBU chapters submit should be banned and that the PAROS should and must publish articles from Church related organizations only.

Under normal circumstances this kind of thing could be handled and laid to rest on the local level in the manner that I have just described; but unfortunately, it appears that this matter will not rest until a much higher authority lends his support to this legally passed motion in a very crystal clear manner.

Your Grace, we need your help soon!

Respectfully yours,

Helen Atkian, Chairman
St. Gregory of Narek Parish Council

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MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED that as a matter of policy and as an act of Christian charity, The St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church to afford free use of the church publication known as the "Paros", for the publishing of edited news items and announcements by all Armenian Organizations whether church auxiliary or not, but who also traditionally support and affiliate with the St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church and its national and world authorities.

Further, this and all other Paros policy matters to be reviewed every three (3) years by the Parish Council.

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C. To prepare the annual budget and submit the same to the Parish Assembly for approval.

D. To examine and approve, once in every year, the accounts of its subordinate bodies and to supervise and regulate their financial and administrative affairs.

E. To see to it that the church dues and all other income of the Parish are regularly collected.

F. To see to it that all expenses of the Parish, incurred in connection with religious services and other religious and educational activities and maintenance of the church, are defrayed and the purchase price and the costs of construction or repairs of all buildings and properties are paid.

G. To ensure the proper and regular performance of Church Services.

H. To establish, to supervise and to give moral and financial support to the various schools of the Parish.

I. To encourage all educational, benevolent and cultural organizations in the community.

J. To record in a special book the name and address of each member of the Church, and to keep proper records in a Register of baptisms, marriages and deaths.

K. To receive a Priest to be in charge of the Parish for the time being as ordered by the Primate until a Priest elected by the Parish Assembly can be installed.