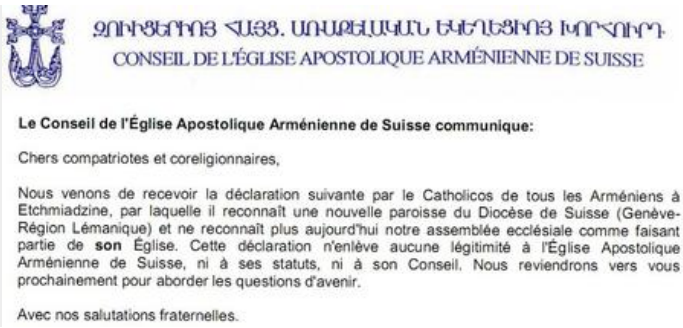
HH CATHOLICOS KAREKIN II ISSUES DECLARATION

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CONSEIL DE L'ÉGLISE APOSTOLIQUE ARMÉNIENNE DE SUISSE

Le Conseil de l'Église Apostolique Arménienne de Suisse communique:

Chers compatriotes et coreligionnaires,

Nous venons de recevoir la déclaration suivante par le Catholicos de tous les Arméniens à Etchmiadzine, par laquelle il reconnaît une nouvelle paroisse du Diocèse de Suisse (Genève-Région Lémanique) et ne reconnaît plus aujourd'hui notre assemblée ecclésiale comme faisant partie de **son** Église. Cette déclaration n'enlève aucune légitimité à l'Église Apostolique Arménienne de Suisse, ni à ses statuts, ni à son Conseil. Nous reviendrons vers vous prochainement pour aborder les questions d'avenir.

Avec nos salutations fraternelles.

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"June 25, 2011

The Swiss Armenian Community of Geneva has been issued the following Declaration from The Catholicos of All Armenians at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin on June 20, 2011, through which the revelation of a measure to recognize a new Parish of the Diocese of Switzerland (Geneva and Leman region) has been expressed, while wholly expulsing from his Church our existing (elected) ecclesial community. This declaration carries no legitimacy for the Apostolic Armenian Church of Switzerland and affects neither our statutes, nor the structure of our Church Council. We will revert to our community members over the coming weeks in order to address issues related to our future."

*Our sources inform us that the declaration (see below) of HH Catholicos Karekin II (**dated 20 June 2011**) regarding the evolving situation with respect to the Armenian Apostolic Church of Switzerland (ArACS) was emailed to the council members on **25 June 2011**. They believe it may have been purposely backdated to **20 June** most probably after seeing the on-line petition on Keghart.com published on **23 June 2011** in order to "deligitimize" the validity of the petition which has been in the works for weeks by the ecclesial community of Switzerland **since early June**. Keghart.com confirms it. The petition was **already** posted on **June 20, 2011** but not publicized until **June 23, 2011**--***Editor**

Declaration of the Holy See of Etchmiazin