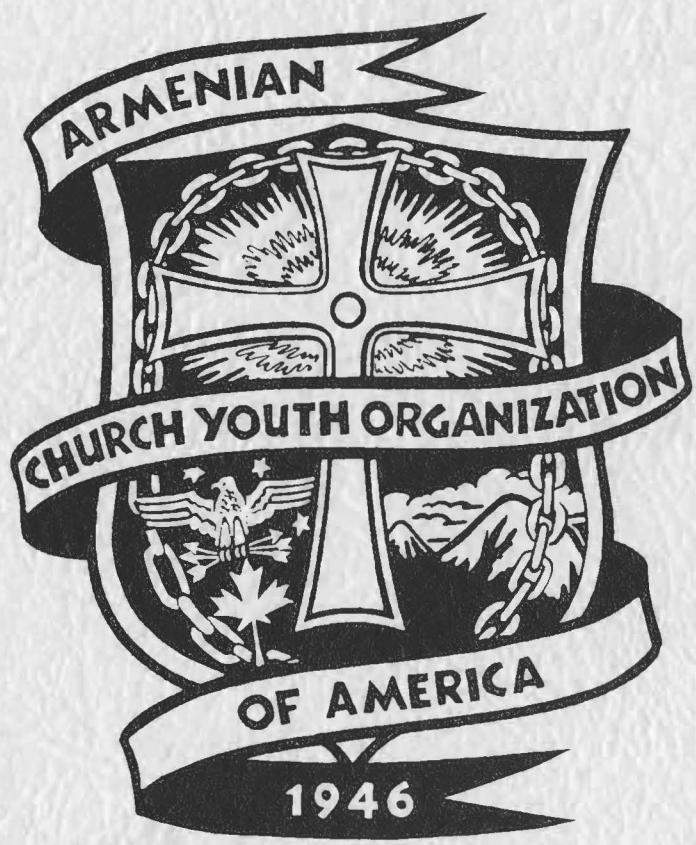


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ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION of AMERICA



**TWENTY - FIRST ANNUAL
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1967**

DEDICATED TO THE
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OF THE DIOCESE OF THE
ARMENIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

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HIS HOLINESS VAZKEN I

SUPREME PATRIARCH AND CATHOLICOS OF ALL ARMENIANS

HIS HOLINESS SPEAKS

“The Armenian Church is that high spiritual sphere from which God speaks to the hearts of the Armenian people.

The Armenian Church is the house where the nation's sons and daughters gather to pray and to receive divine benedictions.

The Armenian Church is the spiritual mother and teacher of the Armenian people, their inspiration and consoler. You, dear ones, are the sons of the Armenian Church and of the Armenian people.

The Armenian Church is today a living body, equally vital and equally unblemished as it was at the beginning of the fourth century, when it was established by St. Gregory the Illuminator, with the luminous descent of the Only Begotten into the Land of Armenia.

Presently you are active and living members of the body of our Holy Church and heirs to its centuries old culture and history dedicated to the glory of Christ on this earth.

As law-abiding citizens of the great American fatherland, admit with gentle pride your Christian faith, and with equally gentle pride remain faithful to the Armenian Church led by the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.

From the Biblical land of your forefathers,

from Mother Armenia and from the Altar of our Saviour's Descent, and from our very heart to you all, warmest greetings and blessings.”

“You are good Christian young people and as such we know that you are pure in your hearts, clear in your minds, clean handed and your endeavors are good. Your souls are filled with faith and we believe that faith can move mountains.

Therefore we give you our paternal advice that you continue to live in the path of your forefathers and serve the Armenian Church with love and foresight, with perseverance and pride, because your task is God-pleasing and for the good of your nation.

In this way your life will be sacred mission and you will find the pathway of spiritual joy and true happiness, and one day you will see that you are not living in vain in this world.

We embrace you all and send to all of you our pontifical blessings. We will pray for you in Holy Etchmiadzin.

May the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ be with you always. Amen.”

Vazken I
Catholicos of all Armenians



Right Reverend Bishop Torkom Manoogian

Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

We are pleased to greet the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America on the occasion of its twenty-first General Assembly.

The United States is known throughout the world for its emphasis on, and often adulation of, youth, and we may reflect that our modes of thought, along with the things we manufacture and create, are soon exported and are adopted by most of the world.

There are several reasons why youth is more in vogue here and today than it was in the old country yesterday. The pace at which our knowledge increases and the manner in which it is transmitted is one such reason. We no longer learn very much from old folk. They are not always the ones, as was still the case a century ago, who have the know-how and the skill that the younger generation wishes to acquire. Very often what the old folk know is no longer applicable, and the newer advances in technology and commerce have to be learned from the latest publication, from an expert in the field.

Our country is in love with youth for another very serious reason. Our values are such that the adulation of youth becomes a matter of course. In a materialistic culture most things that are recommended for enjoyment can only be enjoyed by youth. When the values of the mind and of the soul, when the intrinsic worth of wisdom, are not considered important, youth is automatically made into a thing of worship.

It is interesting to observe, however, that many young people are in revolt against the very mentality that has brought about the cult of youth. Thousands of young people everywhere, rather than ride in fast cars, exhibit themselves at the beach or smoke pot, rise in protest against social injustice, political tyranny and join the peace corps by way of using their energies creatively, by way of

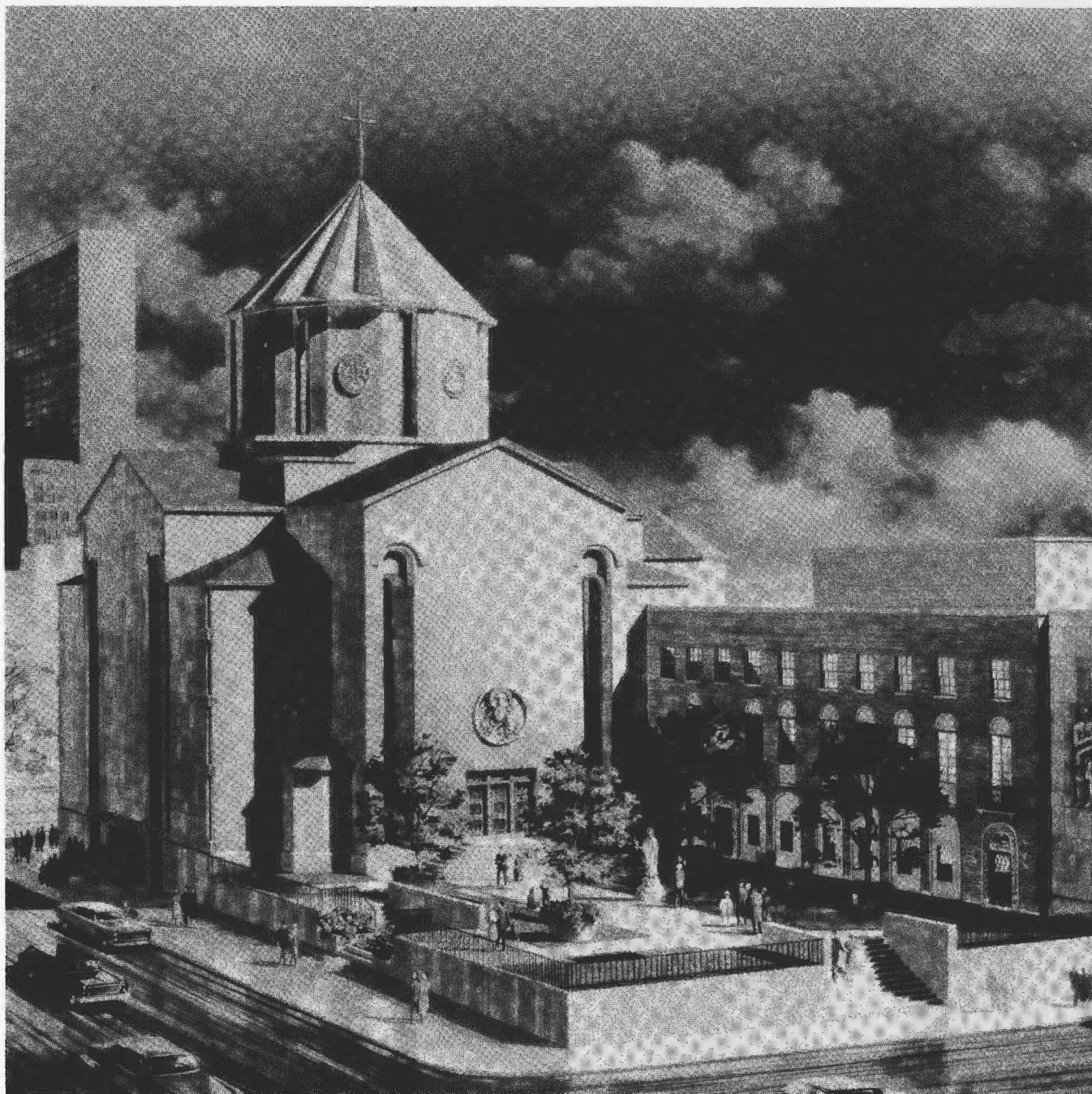
making of their youth a thing of service to mankind.

Youth is a time of rebellion and rebellion is not to be condemned or suppressed. Rebellion is to be used charitably and guided.

One of the thoughts that our young people may ponder and be guided by is that youth is not for ever. The time soon comes when the pleasures of the body are no longer available. Yet one cannot shift from the things of the body to the things of the soul at will, by pushing a button. A mind will be alert if it has been trained to be alert, and the time to train it is when you are young. One cannot develop a taste for justice, for literature, for the arts, for detached thought at the later stages of life. If you shudder at the thought of spending the later decades of your existence here below glued to a television set in a semi-dark room, the time to prepare for a life of freedom in the spirit is when your mind can be trained to enjoy vaues that are not closely connected with bodily vigor and agility. And the paradox is, of course, that as you train your mind to be alert and receptive to truth and beauty, you thereby contribute to the health of your body.

Our ancient Church must be able to give guidance to our young people in this young country as outlined above. Inasmuch as the ACYOA is itself part of the Armenian Church, it plays a guiding role. It is my wish that the leading elements of the ACYOA realize the necessity of having the members of the organization trained in the appreciation of the things of the mind and of the soul. We should all be so trained for the glory of God, for the brighter state of our venerable, yet for ever young, church, and for our own good. May God fill you with His Wisdom and bless you all.

Bishop Torkom
Primate



Artist's conception of the Cathedral and Cultural Center of the Diocese of North America to be Consecrated April 28, 1968 by His Holiness Vazken I, Catholicos of all Armenians and Dedicated to the Armenian Martyrs.

COMPLIMENTS OF
ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH PARISH COUNCIL and SR. ACYOA
WEST ALLIS, WISCONSIN

As a visitor to the new Cathedral and Cultural Center you might well begin your tour on the raised terrace which forms the south court of the project. You would proceed up the Cathedral steps to the main portal with its massive door and sculptural surround. Entering here you would find yourself in the narthex from which point, due to the sight lines, you can get the feeling of the entire Cathedral, and an immediate vista of the main altar as well as of the lofty dome and roof vaulting from which hang five chandeliers, each 14 feet in diameter. This visual immediacy is part of the intention of recreating some of the visual effects of ancient churches.

If you turn left through the small arched doorway you will be at the rear or west end of the Cathedral, and can proceed down the central aisle to the choir enclosure, beyond which rises the Bema and the main altar. The doorway to the right of the bema leads around the rear of the chancel, past the brides's room, the vestry, men's and women's choir rooms and to the North lobby outside of the Baptistry.

Looking into the Baptistry you will see the circular central skylight with a hanging crystal dove which is symbolic of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. This, the only natural light in the room, should afford a dramatic setting for the Font, the altar and the votive light stand.

Returning to the lobby, you descend by the handsome winding stair to the 35th St. lobby and the Parish School floor. Here are nine seminar rooms and one office arranged about a central meeting room seating 120 people and equipped for various special functions. You can leave this floor by the Second Avenue lobby, panelled with travertine and acacia wood. From this lobby, with its coat room, you may proceed down the generous

central staircase to the auditorium-banquet level. Further coat room facilities as well as toilet facilities, telephones, cold water fountain, etc., are to be found in the lobby, from which you can enter the 750 seat auditorium.

The auditorium is 69' x 110' and can be set up for banquets as well. A stage at the far end is suitable for musical performances, dramatic productions, lectures, movies, and may serve as a dais for banquets. There are dressing rooms and storage facilities necessary to the variety of uses to which this room will be put. A serving area and well-equipped modern electric kitchen lies to the East and beyond it the "Hokejash" room. There is a secondary stair and an elevator off the South end of the auditorium, both of which give access to the upper floors of the Cultural Center.

The Cultural Center will eventually accommodate a variety of functions and organizations. The first floor will include general offices, a museum and a modern library, complete with stack area, reading area and office. The street level will be an apartment for the caretaker, plus a two car garage.

This is your Cathedral and the Center for cultural and educational activities. One of the major purposes of this gigantic undertaking is to pass on to you the rich heritage and the glorious past and achievements of your forefathers. Enjoy it, use it, be benefited by it, put your young hearts and souls in it, and most important and above all, add on to perpetuate it.

This inheritance places responsibilities and obligations on your shoulders as well.

Rev. Fr. Levon Arakelian
Executive-Secretary, Cathedral and
Cultural Center Project.

COMPLIMENTS OF
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CAMBRIDGE, MASS.



The Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin in Armenia

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PASTOR, PARISH COUNCIL and JUNIOR ACYOA of ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH
WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

Holy Etchmiadzin

SOON AFTER christianizing pagan Armenia, in the year 301, St. Gregory the Illuminator saw a beautiful vision. He beheld the Son of God, a heroic figure of light, accompanied by an angelic host, indicating the spot where He wished that the National Cathedral of the first Christian nation in the world should stand.

More than sixteen turbulent centuries have passed since the erection of the noble Cathedral visioned by the Great Illuminator of Armenia. Invasions, disasters, and calamities have followed one another, but the beloved center of the Holy Church still stands, a symbol of the undying faith of the Armenian people.

Holy Etchmiadzin is also the residence of the Supreme Patriarch-Catholicos of All Armenians. Even though, as a consequence of various political storms, the Holy see was transferred to other localities, it was always returned to its original home by the unanimous will of the nation.

Today Etchmiadzin is experiencing an unprecedented renaissance, under the guidance of His Holiness Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians. Aside from the ancient Cathedral, there are located in the monastery of Holy Etchmiadzin the Veharan, the 60-room official residence of the Catholicos, the Etchmiadzin Seminary, a printing press, accommodations for the religious brotherhood and also for pilgrims who flock to that foremost Armenian shrine from all parts of the world.

COMPLIMENTS OF
PROVIDENCE JUNIOR and SENIOR ACYOA



Picture By Arch Deacon L. Hekimian

ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE
NEW CATHEDRAL AND CULTURAL HALL
IN NEW YORK CITY

COMPLIMENTS OF
PASTOR, PARISH COUNCIL, JUNIOR and SENIOR ACYOA
HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH, NORTH PHILADELPHIA

The present year is to be significantly marked as the year of a great accomplishment, that of the erection of the magnificent Cathedral and the Cultural Center of the Armenian Church Diocese of North America. The hopeful expectation of the graceful visit of His Holiness Vazken I Catholicos of All Armenians from Holy Etchmiadzin in April 1968, will make the consecration of the New York Armenian Cathedral a remarkable event in the history of our days.

Magnificent as it is the Cathedral and the Cultural Center of our Church, both magnify the deep concern of our entire people and especially open wide the permanent tracks of twofold responsibilities before the Armenian youth in the American multi-communal life: namely, to keep and propagate the faith of our forefathers, and to watch over the national aspect which is so characteristically united itself to Christianity. Both Christianity within its larger scope of ecumenical dialogue and interchange, together with the identification of our Armenian-American status within the scope of our cultural heritage, all validly and continuously handled, will justify the erection of our Cathedral and Cultural Center, since, only those responsibilities can stipulate and specify such justification.

Needless to say, physical structures are but the monumental locations of a given religion; there can be no practised religion in empty churches. The lively religion itself, manifested in valid origins and carried over through historic and cultural experiences of a certain people, can be the criteria and the sign of a membership within the Body of Christ. In simpler words, the faithful itself, reborn by baptism and animated through the graces of the sacramental life of the Church, is the real church,

who are commissioned to vouch and to guarantee the living permanence of our Church. The leaders of our Diocese should be able to rely on the ACYOA members to widespread the depth and the seriousness of our obligations nationwide, so that, once the Cathedral and the adjacent Center have opened their doors, they may never be shut against the indifference and only socially-limited appearances.

Primate, clergy and all lay leaders of our Diocese look forward and are anxious to see that the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America grow within the direction of its real goal, that is, towards the end of a healthier attitude with the determination of learning, believing, and proclaiming the Word of God through their Mother Church of Armenia. Not to be self-limited, but rather, being self-confident, try to radiate the light of our religious knowledge and make it penetrate in the religious life of our neighboring communities.

It is hardly enough to be proud of such magnificent accomplishments and stay away with wondering eyes and just marvel. It is not enough; it may even be sinful. It is the time for our youth to get worried about, and even disturbed by, the magnified responsibilities and tasks of our magnificent Cathedral. Real concern, tireless devotion, humble spirit for more learning, and active participation in any of our church organizations, will show us the way how to work, where to be and what to do, to keep the way towards your Cathedral paved and its doors ever opened.

The Very Rev. Zaven D. V. Arzoumanian, Pastor
Holy Trinity Armenian Church,
North Philadelphia

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MR. & MRS. AVEDIS BOORNAZIAN
MERION, PENNA.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

The Armenian community in North America has been growing by leaps and bounds especially within the past two decades. New and great strides have been made in the life of the Church and the community.

The Contribution of the ACYOA in this development should take on more meaning and impact. An indication of the growing importance of this organization in the life of the Diocese was given when a resolution was passed at the recent Diocesan Assembly which expressed concern and recommended a plan of action for the further growth and effectiveness of the ACYOA.

It is evident that the ACYOA has not yet realized its full potentials. We are aware that we live in a society which warrants new methods of meeting greater challenges and opportunities. Therefore, we must devise new plans and projects which will not only reflect the major aims of the organization, but also will respond to the basic needs of the contemporary American-Armenian youth.

This organization can and should provide the opportunity and guidance in the fulfillment of some basic needs which can be summarized as: 1) fellowship, 2) physical fitness, 3) learning, 4) communication with God, and 5) service.

The ACYOA should develop to become the group where all interested American-Armenian youths will find the application of Christian ideals, the noble values of the American culture, and the relevance of the Armenian heritage. Then, our organization will have more effectiveness and wider appeal to many more young people within our community who have otherwise deprived themselves of the benefits of membership in the ACYOA.

As we meet in the General Assembly this year, I hope we will engage in some stimulating, corporate thinking and make plans for immediate actions in this direction.

Deacon Hovhannes Kasparian
ACYOA Executive Secretary

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OF ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH of GREATER DETROIT

WHAT WE STAND FOR

As we gather once again to attend to the national business of the A.C.Y.O.A., it is important for us to have a clear idea of what we stand for. It is easy to lose one's prospective in the maze of procedural matters that make up an annual assembly or the day to day responsibility of serving on a chapter executive committee. Yet, we must keep in mind the over all objectives of the A.C.Y.O.A. since they will effect our decisions on such matter as budget, national and local programs, election of officers, and selection of assembly sites.

The four objects of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America as described in our Constitution consist of a devotion to Christianity, the Armenian Church, the principles upon which our countries (the United States and Canada) are founded, and lastly the strengthening of the spiritual and social bond among our members.

We must keep in mind, however, that these objects are not necessarily what we are known for. They represent what we hope to be. Our accomplishments will determine what we are. As representatives of the youth of our church, it is our responsibility to give new expression to our goals. If we succeed, there will be no doubt about what we stand for. We will stand for Christ.

Michael Simonian, Chairman
ACYOA Central Council

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WYNNEWOOD, PENNA.

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Hovhannes Kasparian

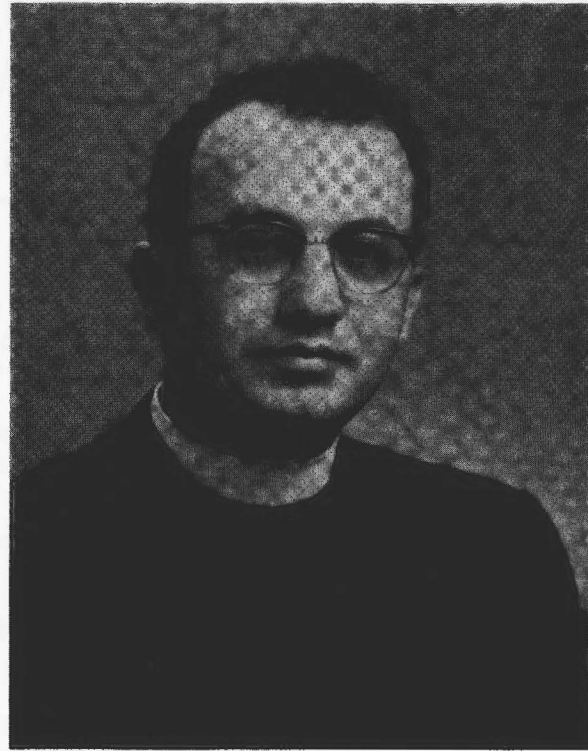
Newly Appointed Executive Secretary

Deacon Hovhannes Kasparian is presently serving in the Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America as Youth Director and the Executive-Secretary of the Armenian Church Youth Organization.

Deacon Hovhannes received his elementary education in his home town, Aleppo, Syria, and from 1941-1951 studied at the Armenian Theological Seminary in Antelias, Lebanon. A student at the Episcopal Theological School of Cambridge, Mass. (1952-1955), he graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity degree and went on to study at the Harvard University Divinity School, Cambridge, where he received a Master of Sacred Theology degree with the thesis "Confession in the Light of Psychotherapy." The Boston University School of Theology was Deacon Kasparian's next stop, where he pursued the Doctoral Program, short of comprehensives and dissertation.

Service to the church began in 1951 when he became the part-time assistant to the pastor at the Armenian Church of Our Saviour, Worcester, Mass. As full-time assistant there from 1959-1962, he assumed the positions of principal of the Armenian and Sunday Schools, choir director, adviser to the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA), and the director of the ACYOA sponsored Armenian radio hour as well as director of the parish's educational-cultural and youth programs.

And finally, from 1962-1967, he has served as Assistant to the Dean of the St. Nersess Theological School, Evanston, Ill., as well as director of the



Religious Study Conferences and youth camp programs, held in different parts of both Dioceses.

Furthermore, Deacon Hovhannes has already repeatedly contributed to various publications. In addition to writing numerous articles in Armenian and American newspapers and magazines, he has compiled two Sunday School Teacher's Manuals, an Armenian folk song booklet, an Armenian textbook for beginners (Mayrenee Lezoo — commissioned by AGBU), three booklets of instruction on church knowledge, and an Anthology of Quotations on Armenians consisting of statements of non-Armenians concerning Armenians.

He has served on the Armenian Guardian editorial staff (1955-1959), the Central Council of the Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America (1957-1967), and the Armenian Sacred Books Committee (1958-1966).



Michael Simonian

Michael Simonian was elected to Central Council at the Chicago Assembly in 1964. He has been a member of the Long Island Chapter for 11 years. His various offices in the chapter were Publicity Director, Jr. and Sr. Advisor, and Chairman. He is currently serving his second term as Chairman of Central Council. He has also taught Sunday School for five years.

Mr. Simonian received his Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering at the City College of New York and is doing graduate studies at Columbia University. He is employed as a Loads and Dynamic Engineer, working in areas of machine design, acoustics, structural methods and temperatures. He has also taught technical subjects in high school.



Ashod Raffi Aprahamian

Ashod Raffi Aprahamian served two terms as Vice-Chairman of the Detroit Chapter before being elected to Central Council in 1965. On Council, he has held the position of Finance Director and Jr. Essay Contest Coordinator. He is presently serving as Vice-Chairman. He is a member of St. John's Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Detroit and is a Church School teacher.

Mr. Aprahamian holds a B.S. in Education and M. A. in History from Wayne State University and is presently a candidate for a doctoral degree in History from New York University. He has taught in the Detroit Public Schools and presently is a History instructor at Wayne State University.



Bette Meserlian

Bette Meserlian was elected to Central Council in Chicago in 1964. Her offices on Central Council have included Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Jr. Groups Director, ACYOA Day Coordinator, Anniversary Ball Coordinator, and Jr. Essay Contest Coordinator. She has been an ACYOA member for the past 12 years (North Philadelphia Chapter).

Miss Meserlian taught Sunday School for two years and has been a member of the Church Choir for 12 years, and a dues-paying member of her parish, as well as being a member of the Church Building Committee. She is employed as an Assistant Operations Manager for a private industrial microfilming company. She also is a graduate of Germantown High School and Settlement Music School.



Robert Goshgarian

Elected to Central Council in 1966, Bob serves as Finance Director. Formerly he has served as Vice Chairman, Junior Groups Director and Public Relations Director on the Council. Bob joined the ACYOA in 1955. He has held the positions of Assistant Treasurer, Publicity Director and Chairman of the Boston Chapter where he is currently serving as Advisor. Bob was Vice Chairman of the 11th ACYOA General Assembly in Boston. He has been Copy and Format Editor and Managing Editor of "The Armenian Guardian" and a Church School teacher for seven years at the Armenian Holy Trinity Church of Greater Boston. Bob served in the U. S. Army as a personnel management specialist in the Adjutant General Corps here in the U. S., and in the Far East as a supply specialist in the Corps of Engineers. He was educated at M. I. T. and Harvard and has held executive positions as head of purchase records, import manager and advertising copywriter. Bob is a self employed investment counsel.



Artin Artinian

Artin Artinian was elected to Central Council in Chicago in 1964. He has served as Vice Chairman, Anniversary Ball Booklet Coordinator, Public Relations Director and ACYOA Day Coordinator.

During his 10 years as an ACYOA member he has served as Chairman, Membership Committee Chairman, Junior Advisor as well as chairman of numerous activities.

Upon his graduation from high school he was drafted into the service. After two years service, he was discharged and entered Wayne State University. Currently he is employed by the Detroit Free Press in the Promotion Department.



Nancy Kaprelian

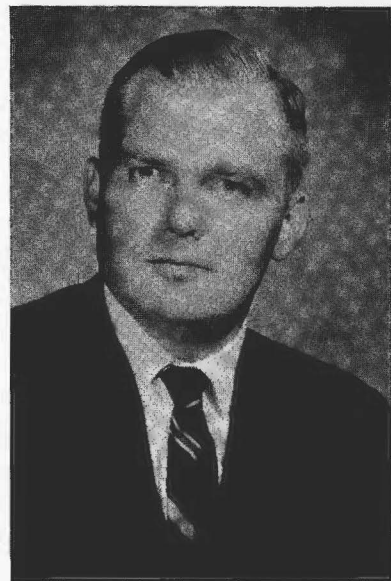
Nancy Kaprelian was elected to Central Council in New York in 1965. Her offices on Central Council have included Corresponding Secretary, Junior Groups Director, Publicity & Publications Coordinator and Lenten Offering Coordinator. She has been a member of the East St. Louis chapter since 1958 and has held the following positions: Chairman, Secretary, Publicity Director and Assembly delegate. Currently she is a Sunday school teacher and also a dues paying member of her parish.

Nancy is a cum laude graduate of Washington University with B. A. in 1965 in Journalism and English Literature. Presently she is employed in advertising at Stix, Baer & Fuller department store in St. Louis.



Judy Hachikian

A member of ACYOA for eleven years, Judy Hachikian has served her local chapter in Racine, Wisconsin, in capacities of chairman, recording secretary, publicity director, junior advisor and delegate. In 1965 she was elected to Central Council where she is now the recording secretary. Currently she is employed as a secretary at Johnson's Wax where she is part of the Sales Department and specifically in customer and consumer relations work. Judy is a member of the St. Mesrob Armenian Church in Racine.

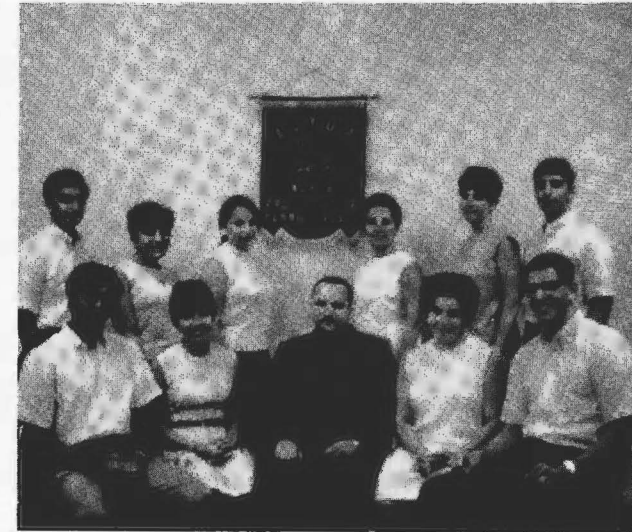


Leon Hojegan

Leon Hojegan is serving his second term on Central Council. His first term was from 1960-1963. He has been treasurer for 3 years, Anniversary Ball Coordinator for 2 years and Assembly Coordinator for 1 year.

He is Parish Director for the ACYOA at St. Gregory's (N. Y.) and has been an ACYOA member since 1956. He is also a dues paying member of his parish. His chapter activities have been chapter chairman, Anniversary Ball Chairman, June Festival Chairman & 1960 Assembly Chairman.

He received his B. S. and M. M. S. (67) from Stevens Institute of Technology. He was a Lt. in the U. S. Air Force from 1962 to 65. He is presently employed as a staff engineering for WOR AM-FM-TV (New York).



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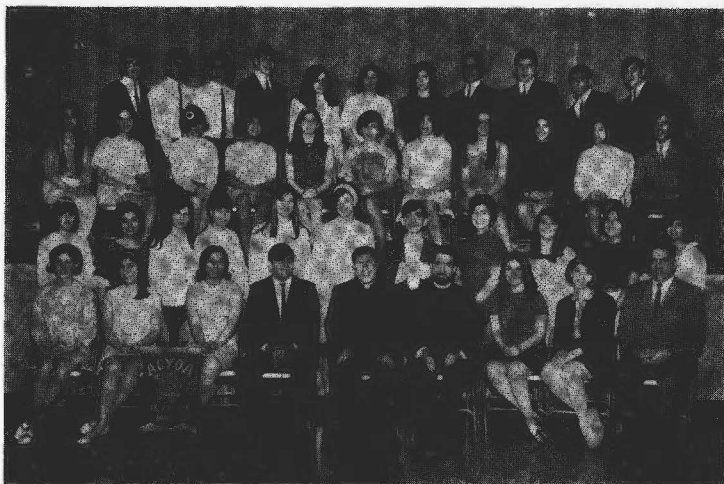
Dear Joyce;

I would like to take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the Central Council to you and to your hard working committee for your work on behalf of the 21st A.C.Y.O.A. General Assembly Booklet. Your tireless efforts have made an important contribution to the success we hope our assembly will enjoy. Many thanks.

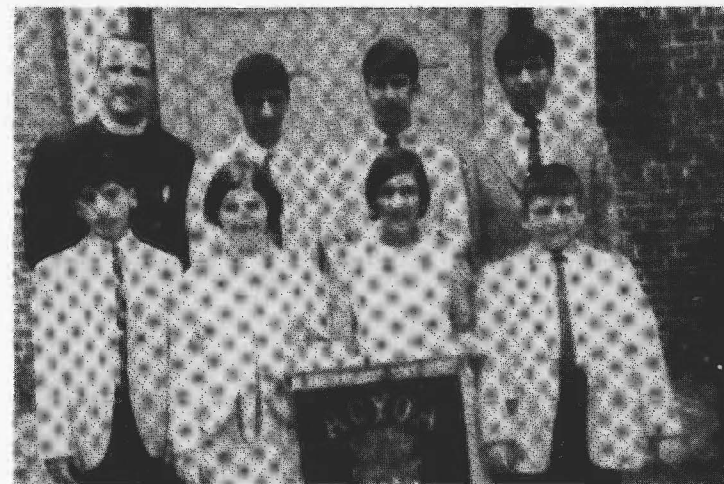
Sincerely,

Michael Simonian

Michael Simonian
Chairman

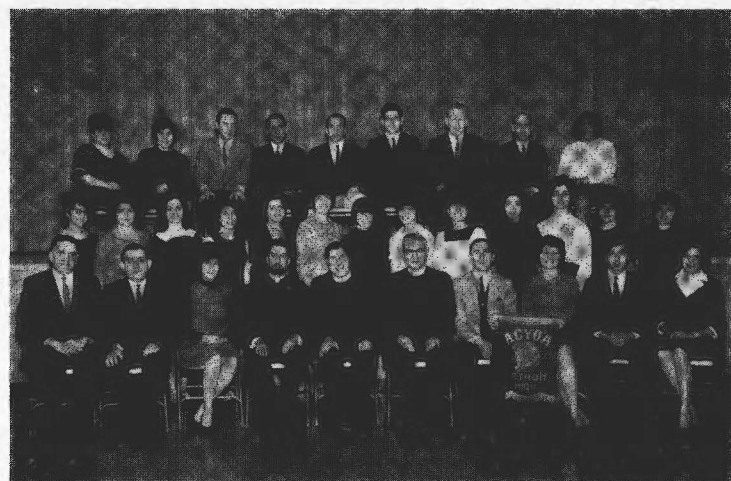


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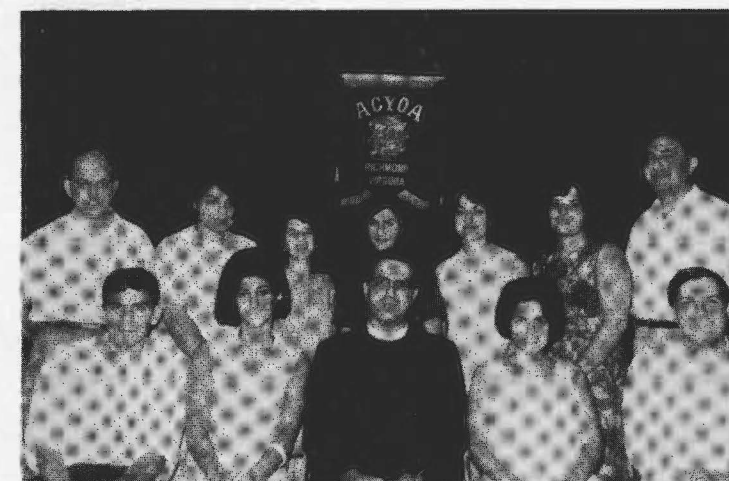


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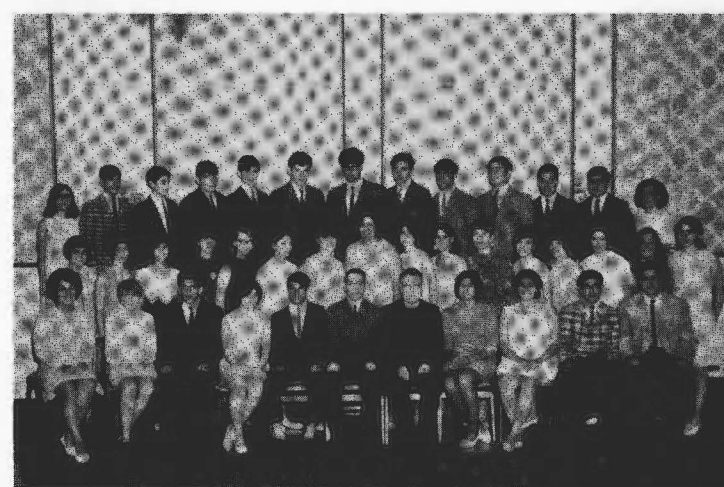
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The Prayer of ACYOA

O Lord our Savior Jesus Christ, Who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life, give us, the youth of the Church of Armenia, we beseech Thee, the wisdom to know, to love, and to serve Thee in our personal lives severally, and in the corporate life of our Organization.

Thou that leadest men in the way, lead us, thy children, that we may be able to serve the Church through our people, with courage and vision, and in the faith of our illustrious forefathers. Inspire us, O lord, and open our eyes to thy light, that we may cherish and profit by the heritage which our forefathers have left to us, and that we may be aware of our responsibilities as citizens of our beloved country, the United States of America.

Fill us, O Christ our God, with thy Holy Spirit, that we may be the obedient and unselfish servants of the Will of our Heavenly Father, to whom, together with Thee and the Holy Spirit, is befitting Glory, Dominion and Honor, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The Pledge of ACYOA

I solemnly promise and declare upon my honor, that as a member of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, I shall, to the best of my ability, be a faithful son of the Armenian Church; shall be a devoted upholder of the Armenian cultural heritage; shall be a loyal citizen of the United States, and I shall diligently abide by the objects, policies, and decisions of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America. I shall not strive for personal recognition and pleasure, but will serve our Church, our Community, and Country, for the greater glory of God.

1967 ACYOA ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

PAWLING, NEW YORK

Friday - Sept. 1

6:00 Supper
7:00 - 11:00 Buffet — Gayle Lathrop Center
8:00 - 12:00 Preliminary committee meetings — delegates
9:00 - 11:00 Rally — non - delegates

Sat. - Sept. 2

7:30 a.m. Morning Service
8:00 Breakfast
9:00 First Business Session — delegates
9:00 Educational program — non - delegates
12:30 p.m. Dinner
2:00 - 5:00 Committee meetings — delegates
2:00 - 5:00 Sports and recreation — non - delegates
6:00 Supper
7:00 Evening Services
9:00 - 1:00 Dance — American and Armenian music

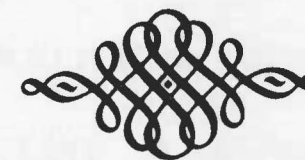
Sunday - Sept. 3

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
10:00 Continental Breakfast
10:30 - 5:30 Second Business Session — delegates
10:30 - 5:30 Sports and educational program — non - delegates
12:30 p.m. Dinner
5:30 Evening Services
6:00 Supper — awards presentation, banquet program
9:00 - 1:00 Dance — American and Armenian music

Mon. - Sept. 4

8:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 - 12:00 Third Business Session — delegates
9:00 - 12:00 Free time — non - delegates
12:30 p.m. Dinner — served outdoors at picnic area, Armenian music,
free time to departure

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