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ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
Sunday, January 27, 1974
following the Divine Liturgy

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Կիրակի, 27 Յունուար 1974, յաւարտ
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NOTE: Article 7 of the Diocesan By-Laws has been amended to read:
Members in good standing of a Parish Church, who are 18 years of age or over, may participate in the assemblies of the same Parish and vote, provided that at least six months have elapsed since the date of their registration as members of the Parish and their dues have been paid. They may be eligible for office one year after becoming members, provided they have attained the age of 21.

AGENDA:

- Invocation
- Verification of eligible voters
- Election of Assembly officers
- Reading of 1973 Assembly minutes
- Pastor's Report
- Reports of Parish Council and subordinate bodies
- Adoption of 1974 budget
- Election of Parish Council
- Election of Auditing Committee
- Election of Nominating Committee
- New business
- Adjournment and benediction

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- WED. Jan. 2: Armenian School Holiday Grab Bag party, 6 p.m.
- SAT. Jan. 5: Eve of Theophany Divine Liturgy for children followed by Communion-Brunch, 11 a.m.
- SUN. Jan. 6: Feast of the Nativity and Theophany. Blessing of Water
- WED. Jan. 9: Ladies Aid Society membership meeting. Installation of officers. Recognition of past chairmen. 8 p.m.

ՄԱՆՕԹ. Թեմական Կանոնադրութեան Յօդուած 7ը բարեփոխուած է ըստ հետեւեալին:

Միական եկեղեցւոյ մը 18 տարիքը լրացուցած իրաւաստ անդամները իրաւունք ունին նոյն ծովի ծիսական ժողովներուն մասնակցելու եւ ընդ տալու; պայմանաւ որ առնուազն վեց ամիս անցած ըլլալ իրենց անդամակցութենէն առկին եւ իրենց անդամատուրքերը վճարուած ըլլան: Կրնան ընտրուիլ իրենց անդամակցութենէն մէկ տարի ետք, եթէ 21 տարեկան եղած են:

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- FRI. Jan. 11: Choir annual meeting and holiday party, 8 p.m.
 - SUN. Jan. 27: Annual Parish Assembly 12 noon
 - SAT. Feb. 9: Armenian Dance, benefit St. Leon's Armenian School. Onnik Dinkjian Ensemble. 8 p.m.
 - WED. Feb. 20: Eve of St. Vartan's Feast Day. Program by St. Leon's Armenian School.
 - THURS. Feb. 21: St. Vartan's Day. Divine Liturgy at St. Vartan Cathedral, New York City

HAPPY NEW YEAR
AND
A BLESSED THEOPHANY

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During this holy season, we extend greetings and best wishes to all our friends, relatives and parishioners of St. Leon's Armenian Church. May 1974 bring faith, hope and charity into the hearts of all mankind.

Տօնական այս շրջանին՝ մեր շնորհաւորութիւնն ու շնոր մաղթանքը կ'ուղղենք բարեկամներու, հարազատներու եւ Սրբոց Ղեկնողեանց եկեղեցւոյ անդամներուն: Թող Աստուած 1974ի ընթացքին պարգևէ համայն մարդկութեան սրտին՝ հաւատք, յոյս եւ սէր:

- Rev. & Mrs. Arten Ashjian
- Mrs. Elizabeth Beshlian
- Mr. & Mrs. George Z. Beshlian and Family
- Mrs. Nazle Jamgochian, and Mr. & Mrs. Sarkis Jamgochian
- Mr. & Mrs. John Kafafian
- Zaven Kazanjian & Family
- Mr. & Mrs. Aram Mazoujian
- Mr. & Mrs. James Noorigian
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Norbe
- Mr. & Mrs. Charles Pinajian
- Mrs. Dovie Tilbian & Andrea
- Mr. & Mrs. John Voskian

- Արտէն Աւագ Բէշլյան եւ Երէջկին Մէրի Աշեան
- Ջաւէն Գազանճեան եւ Ընտանիք
- Տէր եւ Տիկ. Ճան Գաթաճեան
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PARISH COUNCIL
Jon Najarian, Chairman

The Parish Council wishes all our parishioners and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. We also wish to thank everyone for their enthusiasm and support during 1973. Our theme for 1973 was "Get Involved" and we saw some new faces plunging in with vigor to help resurge some of our organizations. With the continued devotion and hard work exhibited by all our organizations this past year, 1974 should prove to be even better.

Sunday School. Anyone having photographs or information in regard to Sunday School activities from past years, please contact the Parish Council or the Sunday School Staff.

We also wish to remind our parishioners that in order to vote at the Parish Assembly, which will be held Jan. 27, 1974, the minimum dues for the year ending Dec. 31, 1973 is \$25 per person. The Parish Council urges all our Parishioners to attend the Parish Assembly, where various matters of importance for our church are discussed and voted on.

During 1974, we will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of our (Divine Liturgy begins at 10:15a.m.)

LADIES AID

Ruth Bedevian

Congratulations and best wishes to our executive board for 1974! May God grant them strength and harmony so that they may be productive.

Chairman	Varsen Torosian
V. Chairman	Berjuhi Varjabedian
Rec. Secty	Satenig Loughhead
Cor. Secty	Ann Marootian
Treasurer	Rose Donigian
Asst. Treas.	Seta Jessourian
Advisor	Maritza Giragosian

We take this time to thank the outgoing members, Siran Gabrellian, Agnes Voskian, and Elsie Donigian who have given their time and talents with whole and generous hearts to the service of St. Leon's Ladies Aid.

A large bouquet of thanks are due also to Grace Pinajian and Ann Kachigian who, with their able committee, arranged a most successful Holiday Buffet & Dance last month. The church hall was beautifully decorated and the table settings were gracious and inviting.

We also add Carol and Jim Soojian to our list of "thank you"s for their donation of a scale for the kitchen use.

Wednesday, Jan. 9, a special event will take place at our monthly meeting. For the first time in St. Leon's Ladies Aid history all past chairmen will be honored beginning with the birth of the organization in 1934...40 years of unselfish and devoted service. We cordially invite all laideis of the parish, members as well as non-members, to come to this special evening to honor these fine ladies. God bless them all.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL PUPIL
Sosie Kirian



GREGG NAJARIAN is the son of Parish Council Chairman Jon Najarian. Gregg has a younger brother, Jonathan

who is 2 years old. Gregg is 4 yrs. old and in kindergarten in both St. Leon's Armenian and Sunday School. At home in Hillsdale, he attends Saddle Acres School. Beside speaking and understanding English, he does the same with Armenian. It is because his parents speak Armenian at home. This makes Gregg learn and understand Armenian more quickly.

Gregg Najarian is a lucky young boy. This article was to be written about him by his Armenian School teachers. His name was picked at random by his teachers. Every month a student will be picked out of one class to have an article written about him or her by the teacher. Who will be the next lucky student?

CHOIR NOTES

Lucy Dabagian
Director-Organist

Our choir and chorus has had a very busy Fall season. Rehearsals were held every Tuesday evening, preparing new sharagans and folk songs.

At Der Arden's 25th anniversary banquet, the chorus presented the musical program for the evening, singing several new folk tunes. The following morning, His Grace, Abp. Torkom Manoogian celebrated the Divine Liturgy. The choir was in full force, singing in spirited voices, proving that a well attended choir can make more beautiful music than a mere handful. We welcome anyone who would be interested in joining us. Our regular rehearsals are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Kindly see me or call me at 796-6937 if you wish to be a part of St. Leon's choir or chorus.

It is most encouraging to see our former graduates of the Sunday School taking part in the services. It is such devotion and dedication that will enable our choir to grow and continue to serve our St. Leon's Church.

Our annual meeting and Christmas party will be held on Friday evening, Jan. 11, 1974 at 8 P.M. All members of the choir and chorus are cordially invited.



25TH ANNIVERSARY OF REV. ARTEN ASHJIAN'S ORDINATION

On Dec. 1, St. Leon's Church celebrated Rev. Arden Ashjian's 25th anniversary as a priest of the Armenian Church. His Eminence Abp. Torkom Manoogian, Primate, His Grace Abp. Tiran Nersoyan, Ordinand of Fr. Arden, Frs. Arshen Ayyazian, Vartan Megherian, Vertanes Kalayjian, relatives and friends from Boston, Philadelphia, former parishioners from the Holy Cross Church, New York City, joined St. Leon's parishioners and friends from the metropolitan area at the anniversary banquet which brought together 164 people. The festivities began at 7 p.m. with a cocktail hour and were concluded at midnight. In addition to the scheduled speakers, Mr. Crosby M. Goshgarian, Chairman of the Diocesan Council and former colleague of Der Arden, and Deacon Haig Toumayan, Diocesan delegate of the St. James Church, Watertown, Mass., made eulogies and presentations. On behalf of St. Leon's Parish, Council Chairman Mr. Jon Najarian presented Rev. & Mrs. Arden Ashjian with an Electrophonic Total Music System Stereo Set. Miss Armine Dikljian, well known journalist and sister of our own Mrs. Dovie Tilbian (ticket committee chairman), attended the event and wrote about it in two separate articles in the ARMENIAN MIRROR-SPECTATOR of Dec. 15 and 22.

In the photos, all taken by Lynn Nakashian, Abp. Torkom Manoogian (top left) and Abp. Tiran Nersoyan address the guests. John Nakashian, banquet chairman, reads names of members who helped in the preparation for the banquet. Toastmaster Charles Pinajian smiles as Fair Lawn Mayor Robert W. Landzettel congratulates Fr. Arden. Jon Najarian, Parish Council Chairman, addressing the guests.

