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SAINT LEON'S ARMENIAN CHURCH

Fair Lawn, New Jersey



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Կիրակի, 26 Յունուար 1975, Ժամը 12:30

Սիրելի Անդամ/ներ,

Սրբոց Ղեւոնդեանց Եկեղեցւոյ տարեկան անդամական ժողովը պիտի գումարուի վերոյիշեալ թուականին, եկեղեցւոյ մէջ: Վճարած պէտք է ըլլաք 1974ի անդամատուրք՝ անձ գլուխ 25 Տոլար, քուէարկելու եւ ընտրելի ըլլալու համար:

- ՕՐԱԿԱՐԳ. -
1. Բացման աղօթք
 2. Ստուգում իրաւասու անդամներու
 3. Ընտրութիւն ժողովի դիւանի
 4. Ընթերցում 1974ի տարեկան ժողովի ատենագրութեան
 5. Հովիւի տեղեկագիր
 6. Ծխական Խորհուրդի եւ ենթակայ մարմիններու տեղեկագրեր
 7. Առաջարկ՝ եկեղեցւոյ գրասենեակի կառուցման մասին
 8. 1975ի նախահաշիւի /պիւտճէ/ որոշում
 9. Ընտրութիւն Ծխական Խորհուրդի 5 անդամներու
 10. Ընտրութիւն Հաշուեքննիչ Յանձնախումբի /3 անդամ/
 11. Ընտրութիւն Ընտրական Յանձնախումբի /3 անդամ/
 12. Նոր հարցեր
 13. Փակման աղօթք

ԱՐՏԷՆ ԱԽԱԳ ՔՀՆՅ. ԱՇՃԵԱՆ, Նախագահ

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ST. LEON'S ARMENIAN CHURCH, FAIR LAWN, N.J.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Sunday, January 26, 1975, 12:30 P.M.

Dear Member/s:

The annual membership meeting of St. Leon's Church will be held on Jan. 26 in the church proper. To be eligible to vote or to be a candidate, you must have paid your 1974 dues, \$25.00 per person.

- AGENDA:
1. Invocation
 2. Verification of eligible voters
 3. Election of Assembly officers
 4. Reading of 1974 Assembly minutes
 5. Pastor's report
 6. Reports of the Parish Council and subordinate bodies
 7. Proposal by Parish Council on construction of church office
 8. Adoption of 1975 budget
 9. Election of five members of Parish Council
 10. Election of Auditing Committee
 11. Election of Nominating Committee
 12. New Business
 13. Adjournment and benediction

Rev. Arten Ashjian, President

Jerry Donabedian, Secretary,
Parish Council

Rex Kachigian, Chairman, Parish
Council

This is for your information. Ballots will be available on January 26, 1975. *Բու՛ն քու՛ էլաթուղթը պիտի ստանաք ժողովին օրը՝ Կիր., Յունվար 26, 1975*

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CANDIDATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL

Ընտրել հինգ անուն միայն

Five to be elected

1. ԱԲՐԱՀԱՄԵԱՆ, Աբրահամ Տ.
2. ԱՖԱՐԵԱՆ, Յակոբ
3. ԱՄԻՐԽԱՆԵԱՆ, Ճան
4. ՏԱՊԱՂԵԱՆ, Ի. Ճորճ
5. ԳԱԲՐԷԼԵԱՆ, Սարգիս
6. ԽԱԶԻԿԵԱՆ, Սարգիս
7. ՆԱՃԱՐԵԱՆ, Ճան
8. ՍՈՒՃԵԱՆ, Ճէյմզ
9. ՎԱՐԴԱՆԷՍԵԱՆ, Ուոլթեր
10. ՈՍԿԵԱՆ, Ալֆրէտ

- ABRAHAMIAN, Apraham D.
87 White Pond Rd., Waldwick
AFARIAN, Jack
121 Frederick Pl, Bergenfield
AMERKANIAN, John
50 Wellington Dr., Wayne
DABAGIAN, E. George ✓
33-15 High St., Fair Lawn
GABRELLIAN, Sarkis ✓
27 HeatherHill Lane, Woodcliff Lake
KACHIGIAN, Rex ✓
553 Farview Ave., Wyckoff
NAJARIAN, Jon ✓
9 Bluefield Ct., Hillsdale
SOOJIAN, James —
1-42 37th St., Fair Lawn
VARTANESIAN, Walter
119 W. 2nd St., Clifton
VOSKIAN, Alfred ✓
~~439 Caldwell Dr., Wyckoff~~

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CANDIDATES FOR AUDITING COMMITTEE

Ընտրել երեք անուն միայն

Three to be elected

1. ՊԵՏԵԻԵԱՆ, Սարգիս
2. ՏՕՆԻԿԵԱՆ, Ճան
3. ՃԷՍՍՈՒՐԵԱՆ, Սեպուհ
4. ՍԻՄՈՆԵԱՆ, Մարգրիտ
5. ԹՈՐՈՍԵԱՆ, Էտուարտ
6. ՈՍԿԵԱՆ, Ճան

- BEDEVIAN, Sarkis ✓
266 Meadowbrook Ave., Wyckoff
DONIGIAN, John
54 Stewart Ave., Little Falls
JESSOURIAN, Sebouh ✓
790 Iron Latch Rd., Franklin Lakes
SEMONIAN, Margaret
354 High St., Nutley
TOROSIAN, Edward ✓
93 Hillside Ave., Pearl River, N.Y.
VOSKIAN, John —
~~42-05 Williams St., Fair Lawn~~

ԸՆՏՐԱԿԱՆ ՅԱՆՁՆԱԽՈՒՄԻ ԹԵԿՆԱԾՈՒՄ

CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ընտրել երեք անուն միայն

Three to be elected

1. ՏԱՏԷՔԵԱՆ, Ջաւէն
2. ՏՕՆԱՊԵՏԵԱՆ, Ժիրայր
3. ԺԱՄԿՈՉԵԱՆ, Սարգիս
4. ՃԷՍՍՈՒՐԵԱՆ, Նուպար
5. ՆԱԳԱՇԵԱՆ, Ճան
6. ՓԻՆԷՃԵԱՆ, Չարլզ

- DADEKIAN, Zaven ✓
22 Yeoman Dr., Upper Saddle River
DONABEDIAN, Jerry
91 Nichols Dr., Paramus
JAMGOCHIAN, Sarkis
334 Sussex Rd., Wood-Ridge
JESSOURIAN, Noubar —
1019 FranklinLakes Rd., Franklin Lks
NAKASHIAN, John ✓
2-09 27th St., Fair Lawn
PINAJIAN, Charles ✓
715 Timberline Dr., Wyckoff

(Candidates are listed in the English alphabetical order of surnames)

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Members of the Parish Council for 1974 were:

President	Rev. Arten Ashjian, Pastor
Chairman	Rex Kachigian
Vice Chairman	Andy Dabbakian
Treasurer	Vahram Varjabedian
Assistant Treasurer	Jacques Tossounian
Recording Secretary	Jerry Donabedian
Corresponding Secretary	Gary Kulhanjian
Advisors	Martin Kapoian
	Jon Najarian
	John Nakashian

At the annual parish assembly meeting held on February 3, 1974, Jacques Tossounian, Martin Kapoian, Gary Kulhanjian and Vahram Varjabedian were elected to serve on the Parish Council for a period of two years.

During 1974, the Parish Council met twice a month, for a total of 22 meetings, to conduct the administrative and financial affairs of the Parish. A majority of the parish council members were present at all meetings. This year, our Diocesan Delegates attended our meetings frequently and were kept informed in all matters of the Church.

1974, was a year in which we continued to strengthened the unity of our parish bodies, the revitalization of several of our Church Organizations and the establishment of a new Church organization:

The Armenian School has continued to operate with an increase in its enrollment.

Our Sunday School enrollment has also increased as a result of its reorganization by its School Superintendent. The children are displaying an enthusiasm and joy, the likes of which we haven't seen in several years.

Our Choir was the successful host of the Annual Assembly of the Choir Association.

Our ACYOA members continue as a cohesive group with its activities, and assistance by the Church. With their newly appointed advisor's, they seek greater accomplishments.

The Women's Guild continues to contribute its untiring efforts and devotion, as faithful supporters of our Church.

And the establishment of a new Mr. and Mrs. Organization.

1975 will be a year in which we are going to have to face many challenges:

Our financial situation is healthy but must be closely monitored. The operating cost of our Church is continuing to increase. It is the responsibility of all of us to help minimize expenses.

Our Stewardship Program in 1974 was a successful program from which we gained new members and pledges of financial support. This program should continue on an annual basis.

The administrative functions within the Church have increased in number where outside help is required. We must consolidate all our office operations by creating a Church office followed by the employment of a part time secretary for the use of all our organizations.

An Ad Hoc committee will be established to review the long term needs of our Church and to make its recommendation to the Parish Council for implementation.

Major accomplishments in 1974.

1. Completion of a successful Stewardship Program.
2. Spring and Fall clean-up of church grounds.
3. New robes for choir.
4. Purchase of new electric typewriter.
5. Reorganization and expansion of our basketball team.
6. Appointment of Church Historians.
7. Separation between Choir's and Pastor's robing rooms.
8. Establishment of Mr. & Mrs. Organization.
9. Participation in 50th anniversary celebration of the Boro of Fairlawn.
10. Final payment of mortgage.

The Parish Council wishes to thank all our parishioners for their devoted and faithful service towards the betterment of our Church.

Rex Kachigian
Chairman

Rev. Arten Ashjian
President

Jerry Donabedian
Secretary

ST. LEON'S ARMENIAN CHURCH
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

TRUST ACCOUNT

TRUSTEES: E. George Dabagian
James Noorigian
Anthony Tungrian

<u>Certificates of Deposits</u> (Term Ending May 24, 1978 Int. Rate -- 7.5%/annum	
Columbia Savings and Loan	\$17,043.55
Columbia Savings and Loan	<u>4,221.78</u>
Total	\$21,265.33

General Accounts

Savings Account - Columbia Savings and Loan	\$ 2,342.49
Urban National Bank	<u>7,571.86</u>
Total	<u>\$ 9,914.35</u>

ST. LEON'S ARMENIAN CHURCH

Comparative Operating Budget Summary for 1974

Proposed Budget for 1975

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>1974</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>1974</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>1975</u>
Weekly Envelopes, Dues and Plate Collection	\$10,500	\$10,390	\$11,000
Special Donations: Sacraments, In-lieu-of-Flowers, etc.	6,500	9,070	7,200
Net Profit from Affairs	1,500	1,767	2,150
Sale of Books, LRADCO	250	201	250
Holiday Donations	5,500	5,380	5,500
Donations from Auxiliary Org.	10,000	9,192	13,000
Armenian School Income	-----	-----	2,500
Misc. Income	1,500	3,846	1,500
Cottage House	1,900	1,600	2,000
Building Fund Income	500	557	250
Total	\$38,150	\$42,003	\$45,350
Other Income Transfer*	-----	18,213	-----
Memorials	-----	575	-----
Wills	-----	200	-----
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$38,150	\$60,991	\$45,350
BUDGET DEFICIT	7,892	1,055	
	<u>\$46,042</u>	<u>\$62,046</u>	

DISBURSEMENTS

Pastors Stipend, Auto Allowance, Visiting Clergy	10,750	10,560	10,750
Church and Parish House Repairs & Maintenance	3,500	3,240	6,500
Diocese Expense, Dues & Clergy Insurance	7,500**	7,831**	6,100 7,000
Publications & mailing	1,100	1,323	1,500
Administrative & General	3,000	6,393	4,500
Armenian School	-----	-----	3,500-?
Church Oper. Expenses, Insurance, Utilities	6,500	7,217	8,500
Church Social Expenditures	-----	959	800
Equipment Purchase			
Capital Improvement***	1,500	1,631	1,200
Mortgage Payment	10,692	22,892	-----
Part Time Secretary	1,500	-----	2,000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$46,042	\$62,046	\$45,350

MORTGAGE BALANCES

December 31, 1973 - \$22,048.64
 December 31, 1974 - NONE

NOTES:

* Amount transferred from savings account to pay off outstanding mortgage. Not included in budget interest income from investments. This income remains in savings account

NOTES: (Cont'd)

** Includes special assessments not paid in 1972 and 1973.

*** A church office and office equipment is being proposed. No allowance is made for this office in this budget.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Executive Board Members 1974

Chairman	Varsen Torosian
Vice Chairman	Berjuhi Varjabedian
Treasurer	Rose Donigian
Ass't Treasurer	Seta Jessourian
Recording Secretary	Siran Gabrellian
Correspondence Secretary	Anne Marootian
Advisor	Maritza Giragosian

Standing Committee

Program	Berjouhi Varjabedian
Membership	Gloria Tomasian
Visitation	Elsie Donigian
Sunshine	Connie Tashjian
Kitchen	Satenig Loughead
Refreshments	Gloria Zoraian
Publicity	Ruth Bedevian
Altar Guild	Anne Marootian
Mahs	Siranoosh Boyajian

We have a membership of 110 women and have an average attendance at our meetings of thirty-five women.

All women of our church are welcome to attend our meetings, which are held on the first Wednesday of each month, at 8 o'clock, with the exception of July and August.

Senior women 65 years of age and over are not required to pay dues, all others pay an annual dues of \$3.00.

Our purpose is to aid all segments of church activities whenever possible.

The programs for the year were:

January	Installation of new officers and Christmas party
February	Stamp & Coin collection of Mr. A. Terizian
March	Lenten Musical Program, Janet Baird Weiseger & Jane Douglas White pianist
April	Food tasting & recipe exchange
May	Chinese Auction
June	Annual membership dinner
September	"Putting out a newspaper" Ridgewood News
October	Cultural program Diane Amerkanian & Lucy Dabagian
November	Dr. R. Kozan heart specialist
December	Bingo

Fund Raising Affairs

January 28	Communication Clinic
March 19	Fish & Chips Ruth Bedevian & Gloria Tomasian Co-Chairmen

April 23	Rummage Sale Lucy Dabagian & Marge Tfank Co-Chairmen
May 1	Chinese Auction Berjuhi Varjabedian Chairman
June 5	Annual Membership Dinner
September 18	Food Festival Agnes Voskian Chairman Dovie Tilbian, Anne Kachigian Co-Chairmen
October 26-27	Annual Bazaar Jon Hajarjian Chairman
December 7	Holiday Dinner Dance Gloria Tomasian Arline Dadekian Co-Chairmen

The members of my board were most sincere and conscientious in their assistance to me and it was a pleasure for me to have worked with them. I felt privileged to have been chairman of the Women's Guild for the past two years. I wish to express to my board, to my chairmen, and to the membership, my gratitude.

A check for \$11,000 has been turned over to the Parish Council for the year 1974.

Varsen Torosian, Chairman

LADIES AID SOCIETY
FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

Checking Account Balance 12/15/73	1,710.16	
Bazaar Checking Account Balance 12/15/73	5,994.14	
Savings Account Balance 12/15/73	2,947.47	
Special Savings Account Balance 12/15/73	1,032.14	
Savings Certificate-Nat'l Community Bank	<u>5,610.15</u>	
		17,294.06

Receipts:

Bazaar	8,694.43	
Communications Research Clinic	40.00	
Fish & Chips	241.54	
Food Tasting & Recipe Exchange	20.50	
Rummage Sale	237.49	
Chinese Auction	141.70	
Membership Wine & B.B.Q.	51.20	
Food Festival	651.16	
Dues	213.00	
The nite box	69.00	
Holiday Buffet	478.05	
Bingo	10.85	
Interests	985.04	
Bazaar (1973) collected 1974	<u>46.00</u>	
		<u>11,879.96</u>
		29,174.02

TOTAL INCOME

DISBURSEMENTS

Parish Council (80% for 1973)	8,521.42	
Pins (8 silver pins engraved \$1.50 8 boxes 70¢ each)	97.60	
Christmas Gift for Der Arten	9.00	
Installation Pictures	4.48	
Incredible Edibles (deposit)	10.00	
Altar Guild 2 gold crosses	10.97	
Fabric (Altar Guild)	60.97	
Home of the Armenian Aged	4.31	
Holy Thursday luncheon	17.49	
Mothers Day (carnations)	20.00	
Flowers	30.50	
Paper Cups	.87	
Postage/cards	97.00	
Aluminum Trays & Plastic Lids	63.15	
Custodian	70.00	
Baking Trays	133.68	
1973 Holiday Buffet	<u>30.00</u>	
		<u>9,191.44</u>
NET INCOME 12/15/74		<u>29,992.58</u>

Special Certificate-Nat'l Community Bank	<u>6,293.78</u>	
Total Special Reserves		6,293.78
Checking Account Balance 12/15/74	606.35	
Bazaar Checking Account Balance 12/15/74	8,774.43	
Regular Savings Account Balance 12/15/74	3,219.62	
Special Savings Account Balance 12/15/74	<u>1,098.40</u>	
Total General Account		<u>13,698.80</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>19,992.58</u>
80% of 1974 Net of General Accounts to Parish Council		11,000.00
20% of 1974 Net of General Accounts on hand		2,698.80
Special Reserves (fully retained)		<u>6,293.78</u>
		<u>19,992.58</u>

Rose Donigian, Treasurer

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 1974

OFFICERS:

Administrator: Sarkis Bedevian, Leon Hojegan
(Jan.-June, 1974)
Treasurer: Dorothy Dedeian
Attendance: Gloria Tomasian
Publicity Director: Andrea Tilbian
Secretary: Rebecca Hachigian

TEACHERS:

Nursery - Superintendent: Dorothy Karamian

Primary - Elaine Ajenian Paul Torosian
Edna Tungrian Rebecca Hachigian
Linda Dabagian Lori Kalemkerian
Donna Donigian Hagop Vartabedian

Secondary - Andrea Tilbian
Elsie Donigian
Arpie Vartanessian
Varsen Torosian
Leon Hojegan
Rose Najarian

Substitutes - Grace and Henry Hagopian
Yeretzgin Mary Ashjian
Elizabeth Karali
Valerie De Palma

Ideally the primary and secondary departments should meet separately for a half hour each for general assembly. On a few occasions we have had individual parishioners and guests conduct the secondary department assembly. The rest of the time, the general assembly has been combined. Our Pastor conducted the general assembly on one occasion. We appeal to our parishioners to volunteer for the two positions - Primary and Secondary department assembly leader.

Sunday School is scheduled to start at 10:30 am. Your cooperation is necessary to be on time so that we can have 1 hour of class time in addition to a half hour assembly.

Since August 1974 the staff has met once a month where current problems were discussed and procedures were determined. These meetings were also used for preparations of such activities as Thanksgiving project and Christmas Pageant. During Thanksgiving some teachers and students visited three needy families and presented them with a traditional Thanksgiving basket.

We have started a rotation of classes to participate in Holy Communion and this needs more consistency and organization.

I have contacted our Diocese for some direction as to teacher workshop and seminars on a parish level. Miss Valerie Gookjian, Executive Secretary of the CRE at our Diocese has been invited to conduct a full day or an evening workshop.

Our Saturday Communion breakfast on January 4, 1975 was attended by more than 160 children and parishioners.

The Christmas pageant was also well attended on Sunday, January 5.

We welcome the following new students:

Steve Tombalakian
Alen Ferraro
Arset Yilapcijan
Berj Tombalakian
Richard, Robert and Barbara Ohujian^{nikian}

We appeal to our parishioners to inform our Pastor or me at 891-3790 of any Armenian families who move into the area. We will contact these families to enroll their children.

The objectives of our Sunday School has been and still is to provide a Christian Education following the Doctrines and traditions of the Armenian Apotolic Church.

To achieve this objective it is important that the following guides and tools be provided:

1. Many of the children do not understand Armenian. This is very frustrating to them and they lose interest. This results in an atmosphere of restlessness and poor church manners. This problem might be solved if the church balcony is enclosed by sound proof glass system. The Badarak will be piped in by an electronic system and instructed Badarak can be conducted by a knowledgeable parishioner and, if none could be found, by a seminarian or a member of the CRE. This has been successful at St. Sahag and St. Mesrob Church in Philadelphia.

We are aware of the cost involved, however we feel this is a worthy investment for posterity.

2. The nursery program is conducted in the Rectory basement. It provides supervised activities while parents are attending church. We encourage our parishioners to take advantage of this service and any parent with pre-school children can avail themselves to this service if they are inspired to teach.
3. Classes are conducted at three locations. The trailer houses, 8th, 9th and 10th graders. The library is used by the 7th graders. The remaining 8 classes are conducted at the Church hall.

The Church hall can provide 3 or 4 classrooms at the most. Anything more than that creates noise, confusion, chaos and distraction. I have appealed to the Parish Council that a solution be found. We have proposed that the cottage be used as classrooms. The cottage can provide 3 classrooms. The cost involved to convert the rooms into classrooms is inexpensive. Feelings on this matter are shared by the members of the Board of Education of the Armenian School.

ENROLLMENT

Pre School Age	5
Ages 3 to 10	59
Ages 11 to 15	51

Reviewing the attendance of our students we find it to be very encouraging. The enthusiasm is great and the willingness to learn is immense.

Our teachers and staff are determined. They are all dedicated and accept the challenge. Their record of attendance is proof of their commitment. During this year no class was ever unattended and at no time classes were doubled up. Their devotion and commitment is expressed every Sunday.

Respectfully Submitted
Sarkis Bedevian

SUNDAY SCHOOL
FINANCIAL REPORT

Checking Account Balance 12/15/73		\$ 143.23
Savings Account Balance 12/15/73		694.55
Special Savings Acct. Bal. 12/15/73	\$1,155.57	
Receipts for 1974		<u>1,240.06</u>
	TOTAL	\$2,077.84
Disbursements for 1974		<u>2,031.03</u>
	12/15/74 BALANCE	\$ 46.81
Checking Account Balance 12/15/75		\$ 12.20
Savings Account Balance 12/15/75		34.61
Special Savings Acct. Bal. 12/15/73	\$1,373.40	
Balance 1973	\$1,155.57	
20% of 1973	167.56	
Dividends	50.27	
Balance 1974	<u>\$1,373.40</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 46.81</u>
80% of 1973 NET to Parish Council (not to include Special A/C)		\$ -0-
20% remains with organization		\$ -0-

Dorothy Dedian, Treasurer

ARMENIAN SCHOOL

TEACHING STAFF: Rev. Arten Ashjian Levon Mardigian
Seta Jessourian George Parsekian
Sosie Kirian Takouhi Soultanian
Ara Kopooshian Berjuhi Varjabedian
Arax Kopooshian Vahram Varjabedian
Satenig Loughead

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: Rose Najarian
Sarkis Bedevian
M Marie Deffakian ~~ml~~

DANCE INSTRUCTOR : Arax Kopooshian
PIANIST : Lucy Dabagian
TREASURER : Agnes Kapoian

ENROLLEMENT : 60 Students, ages 4 - 17

SCHOOL DAY AND HOURS: Wednesday Evenings 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

CURRICULUM: The students are divided into eight classes according to their ages and knowledge of the Armenian language.

"OUR FIRST STEP" and "HFNK GU KALENK" two of a series of textbooks prepared and printed by the Diocese and other books printed in Beirut and Istanbul are used. "Functional Armenian", a book prepared by the AGBU is used by the graduating class.

Special activity sheets and "show and tell" lessons are used in the Primary Grades. Subjects taught: Reading, Writing, Conversation, History, Folk Songs and Dances.

TUITION: \$20.00 is charged per student to defray the expenses of the school. All textbooks, notebooks and other supplies are provided by the school.

MAIN ACTIVITIES: Halloween Party, Parents Visiting Day, Christmas Grab Bag Party, Visit to the Home for the Armenian Aged in Emerson, Banquet with dinner and program, Annual Outing.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION: Rev. Arten Ashjian
Martin Kapoian (Chairman)
Agnes Kapoian
Seta Jessourian
Arax Kopooshian
Satenig Loughead
Anahid Markasian
Rose Najarian
Takouhi Soultanian
Evelyn Kalpagian

During the first year of its existence the Board held various fund raising affairs for the Armenian School. The Valentines Day Dance in February was such a great success and was so enthusiastically received that, it was decided to make it an annual affair. Other activities included bake sale, stationery sale, Plant sale, etc. Starting with the September 1974 school year, the school has been providing cookies and refreshments to students during recess.

THANKS: Our sincere thanks must go to all the members of our Board of Education. Their untiring efforts have been instrumental for the success of the Armenian School. Also, we must thank the many parents without whose excellent cooperation this success would not have been possible. And of course, we thank our teaching staff whose dedication, year after year, is most gratifying.

Vahram Varjabedian
Principal

ST. LEON'S ARMENIAN SCHOOL

December 15, 1974

Organization ST. LEON'S ARMENIAN CHURCH

Savings Account Balance 12/15/1973 \$ 606.39

Receipts for 1974
(See supplement "A" listing receipts) 2,699.72

TOTAL \$ 3,306.11

Disbursements for 1974
(See supplement "B" listing disbursements) 1,495.48

12/15/1974 BALANCE \$ 1,810.63

PROOF: 12/15/1974

Savings Account Balance \$ 1,810.63

TOTAL \$ 1,810.63

To Parish Council \$ 962.99

20% remains with organization \$ 240.75

Agnes Kapoian
Treasurer

December 15, 1974

SUPPLEMENT "A" RECEIPTS

ORGANIZATION ST. LEON'S ARMENIAN SCHOOL

Jan. 1974	Cake Sale	\$ 140.15
Jan. 1974	Stationery sold	31.25
Feb. 1974	Valentine Dance	1,356.83
Mar. 1974	Plant Sale	63.75
May 1974	Preview Test	56.00
May 1974	Hantess	269.68
Dec. 1974	Text books paid for by pupils for 1973/74 period	14.25
Dec. 1974	Tuition Receipts for 1973/74 and 1974/75 periods	730.00
Dec. 1974	Dividends	57.81
		\$ 2,699.72
		<u>962.99</u>
		3,662.71

December 15, 1974

SUPPLEMENT "B"DISBURSEMENTS

ORGANIZATION ST. LEON'S ARMENIAN SCHOOL

Dec. 1973	Composition Books	\$ 12.00
Jan. 1974	Christmas Party	23.50
Jan. 1974	Grab Bag Party	16.38
Jan. 1974	Pokrig Ani #2 - 12 books @ \$2	27.25
Jan. 1974	School Supplies.....	3.00
July 1974	Pool Party.....	45.95
Sept. 1974	Stamps for mailing registration forms	4.50
Sept. 1974	Donation in lieu of flowers to Armenian Home for Aged in memory of Mrs. Helen Mardirossian	10.00
Sept. 1974	Supplies	5.85
Sept. 1974	Text Books	162.50
Sept. 1974	Juice & cookies for recess	4.58
Sept. 1974	3 Recorders	94.61
Sept. 1974	Juice	10.00
Oct. 1974	Classbook attendance record books ...	5.67
Oct. 1974	Pencil sharpener.....	16.00
Oct. 1974	Cookies	5.37
Oct. 1974	Belt bought for Sylva DerStephanian	10.80
Oct. 1974	Halloween Party - Deficit	99.55
Nov. 1974	Cookies	8.88
Nov. 1974	Timer	4.15
Nov. 1974	Juice	11.94
Dec. 1974	Teachers paid	<u>905.00</u>
		\$ 1,495.48

CHOIR REPORT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Mr. Sarkis Soultanian
Vice Chairman	Mr. Leon Durgarian
Secretary	Mrs. Florence Gulkasian
Treasurer	Mrs. Rose Kirian
Director & Organist	Mrs. Lucy Dabagian
Assistant Organists	Mrs. Arlene Dadekian
	Yeretzgin Mary Ashjian
	Mr. George Marootian

Deacons	4
Acolytes	4
Choir Members	30

The choir participated in Divine Liturgy every Sunday and other special occasions as required by our church services.

Choir rehearsals have been held regularly but unfortunately attendance at rehearsals has been something less than ideal.

As in the past the choir continues to receive guidance and constructive suggestions, from Der Arten, to better fulfill its responsibilities and improve its performance in church services.

Our plans call for at least one major choir activity during the year. This year our choir was the host chapter for the 28th Annual Assembly of the Association of Armenian Church Choirs of America.

The assembly commenced on the evening of Friday, Nov. 1 and concluded with a luncheon after Dadarak Sunday Nov. 3. Attendance at the assembly was far greater than at previous years. We received excellent support from our neighboring sister parishes. All planned activities including the Assembly Banquet and Cultural Event proved successful, reflecting the efforts of the diligent and hardworking Assembly Committee under the able chairmanship of Mr. Mirjan Kirian. On behalf of the choir and the Executive Committee I would like to thank Mr. Kirian and all those members of the committee who spared no effort in preparation for the assembly as well as during the assembly. The Assembly was attended by the Primate Archbishop Torkom Manoogian and pastors of many parishes.

Unfortunately the Choir Assoc. Assembly did not prove financially rewarding to our choir.

With the financial assistance of the parish council the choir has been provided with 25 new robes.

Our choir continues to make steady progress in its performances. We are also pleased to see more active participation by our younger generation as well as increased participation of male voices. Time and again our choir proves it can rise to the occasion through the dedication, enthusiasm and sense of pride of our members under the very capable and hardworking Director Mrs. Lucy Dabagian. There are too many individuals in our choir who deserve word of appreciation for their extra and continuing efforts for the betterment of the choir which is a vital part of our parish. With this kind of spirit one can only express optimism about the future of our choir.

Due to illness in her family, Mrs. Gulkasian was unable to carry the secretarial duties at all times and her duties were shared by Mrs. Helen Mazoujian and Mrs. Margaret Tfrank.

Sarkis Soultanian, Chairman



A.C.Y.O.A.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Lynn Pinajian
Vice-Chairman	Sosie Kirian
Treasurer	Linda Dabagian
Recording Secretary	Allison Hapojian
Corresponding Secretary	Maro Bchakjian
Publicity	Gail and Donna Donigian
Advisors	Mr. and Mrs. Hagop Demirdjian (from Jan. until June)

Total Membership: 35

Number of Meetings: Executive: 2 Membership: 8

ACTIVITIES:

January	Activities cancelled due to bad weather.
February	Activities cancelled due to bad weather.
March	Dinner and a movie.
April	Setting up for A.C.Y.O.A. Day.
May	Roller Skating.
June	Dinner and elections.
August	Down the shore at the E.G. Dabagian's House.
September	Swim party cancelled.
October	Opening meeting, ping pong and pizza.
December	Pizza at Ness's.

Our main fund raising affairs were a cake sale, our first car wash and A.C.Y.O.A. Day in April where we had a dinner and program. The highlight of our program was the A.C.Y.O.A.'s presentation of "All in the Armenian Family".

Besides our regular meetings, for the first time this fall the A.C.Y.O.A. hosted the "Cake and Coffee" one Sunday afternoon. During this year's Bazaar, for the second time, we provided a game room for the children which was even more successful than 1973.

The N.J.N.Y.A.C.Y.O.A. has been very active this year. The Joint group is made up of the youth organizations of the churches in New Jersey and New York which encompasses seven churches. The activities for this group during the past year have been two successful dances, a free picnic down the shore, a weekend ski trip to Vermont and a Chicago concert in Madison Square Garden.

This year our A.C.Y.O.A. hasn't been as active as it should have been because of a lack of interest. We would like to once again have a thriving St. Leon A.C.Y.O.A. This goal can be fulfilled only with the guidance and cooperation of our parents, who must encourage their children to participate in our activities.

We were sad to see our advisors Mr. and Mrs. Hagon Demirdjian leave us this summer. They were loved by all and an inspiration to us. As a token of our gratitude we presented them with a gift. Our prospective advisors for the forthcoming year are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hachikian.

Lynn Pinajian, Chairman

A.C.Y.O.A.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Checking Account Balance 12/15/73	\$ 67.00
Savings Account Balance 12/15/73	<u>1,016.40</u>
	<u>\$1,083.40</u>
Receipts for 1974	929.75
TOTAL	<u>\$2,013.15</u>
Disbursements for 1974	247.46
BALANCE	<u>\$1,765.69</u>
Checking Account Balance 12/15/74	133.80
Savings Account Balance 12/15/74	1,631.89
Special Savings Account Balance	<u> </u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$1,765.69</u></u>
80% of 1973 NET to Parish Council (Not to include Special A/C)	\$ 545.83
20% remains with Organization	136.46

Linda Dabagian, Treasurer

ARMENIAN CHURCH SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Do you know where your children are? The parents of St. Leon's Basketball team certainly do. They're in practice session every Thursday evening at Thomas Edison School gym Fair Lawn, having two devoted and enthusiastic coaches to guide them: Donald Tashjian and Wayne Kehishian.

This year we have come up with not one but two teams to represent our Church. Our Junior team players are:

Arra Ashjian	Vicken Kirian
Ward Donigian	Robert Koseyan
Daniel Ekngekjian	Mike Najarian
Raffi Jessourian	Gary Coultanian
Vicken Jessourian	Poger Voskian
Paul Kapoian	Jeffrey Zoraian

and our Senior team players are:

Gary Avedisian	Richard Karanian
Robert Donabedian	Gary Koseyan
Edward Jerejian	Paul Pinajian
Sevan Jessourian	Guy Sahatjian
Greg Kapoian	

We need your interest - parents and parishioners! Actively come and support us at game time. Schedule of games, showing time and place, is posted on our Church hall bulletin board.

Remember, the Armenian Church Sports Association is perhaps the only organization displaying a form of unification that most Armenians have longed for but have done so little to achieve. Nine Armenian Churches from two jurisdictions are represented. Together, the "Hye" identity is strengthened and perpetuated. Be a part of that togetherness.

To our boys who come and give their utmost, I wish the teams a successful season - not measured in wins, but rather in good sportsmanship and friendship.

Martin Kapoian
St. Leon's Representative
to A.C.S.A.



HISTORIAN COMMITTEE REPORT

In September 1974, Parish Council Chairman, Rex Kachigian, appointed the following parish members to serve on the Historian Committee:

Agnes Voskian Co-Chairmen
Dovie Tilbian
Ann Kachigian
Grace Pinajian

Through the ensuing months, this Committee met five times, and went through all available records, pictures and material concerning our church history. A book was purchased and plans are to record the written history with accompanying pictures in it.

This book will be kept current through the years by each succeeding Historian Committee and will always be a permanent record of our church history.

If anyone has pertinent information or pictures relating to church history, please contact one of the committee members listed above.

