

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

1982 ANNUAL REPORT

FEBRUARY 13, 1983

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ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH  
*Rev. Patee Metjian, Pastor*

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

It is a pleasure to greet members and friends of St. Leon on the occasion of the Annual Parish Assembly. Truly, we have every reason to be proud of our past accomplishments and look forward with confidence towards the future.

With great satisfaction we can look back and say that the church's vital ministries such as: worship, Christian and cultural education, youth and church organizations are all functioning with harmony and purpose. We have every reason to believe that this will continue in the future.

Intentionally, this year's report does not deal with routine numerations of pastoral activities. Any parishioner involved in the church can evaluate the effectiveness of my ministry. But more, it deals with what challenges lies ahead and what we can accomplish together.

THE TIME IS NOW to make youth ministries one of the priorities of our church. They want real answers to real needs and are willing to listen to what the church has to say. Such activities such as: Vacation Bible School, Retreats, Conferences, Seminars and Sports Programs are important. God helps us if we minister to them and if we speak with Christian concern and honesty to their needs.

THE TIME IS NOW to realize that the church is to act responsively to the spiritual longing and aspirations of so many people. Today, the Word of God must be presented in its fullness. Unless we know the great doctrines of the church-what they believe-and that our relationship to Christ is deeply rooted in Scriptures, we will miss the great opportunities that God has placed before the church.

THE TIME IS NOW! Tomorrow may be too late. Yesterdays mistakes are behind us and best serve to remind us to what we must do today to fulfill the call of our Lord. Let us get to it!

We, the members of St. Leon, will be privileged to observe the Church's 50th Golden Anniversary in 1984 - a record to be proud of. We hope to use this occasion to give ourselves a new meaning to the mission of the church. Let us begin to dream of greater God-pleasing projects and attract wonderful people to help us fulfill these dreams. When a Christian begins to dream big they are actually beginning to think the way God intended them to think.

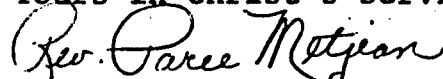
Our ministry, as a congregation, will continue to be people oriented in meeting their spiritual needs. We must care about people. It is my hope that we can move into 1983 and beyond with a keen sensitivity and opportunity to minister in new and creative ways. With this in mind there is no question in my mind that 1983 will be a successful year for the Lord.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Sarkis Soultanian, Chairman of the Parish Council, for his able leadership and to the members of the Parish Council for their advice and consent. I would be amiss if I didn't thank Alice Yazmajian, our church secretary, and the executive committees of each church for their wholehearted support. Without them we would be in trouble. In fact, without you there is no church.

It is my joy and privilege to look after your spiritual needs. I hope in the years to come we can grow together into full spiritual maturity and realize our fullest potential for the Glory of God.

"In everything you do, put God first and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success." (Pro. 3:6).

Yours in Christ's Service,



Rev. Patee Metjian



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ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH  
Rev. Pree Metjian, Pastor

January 1983

Dear Parishioners:

An examination of all financial reports of the Parish Council and various church organizations was conducted for the period of December 31, 1981 to December 31, 1982. Where necessary corrections were made and brought to the attention of the Parish Council and the organizations.

The Auditing Committee certifies that all the financial reports as shown in the Annual Report reflect accurately the financial status of these organizations.

The following recommendations are made by the Committee for consideration by the Parish Council:

- (1) A revised format of the organizations' annual financial report will be submitted for Parish Council approval. In addition, it is recommended that detailed instructions accompany the reports in order to assure consistency in reporting techniques by respective organizations.
- (2) During the auditing process, it is recommended that the individual responsible for the preparation of the financial report be present to provide clarification of financial data when necessary.

Respectfully Submitted,

AUDITING COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDS  
ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 1982

PARISH COUNCIL (CHECKING ACCOUNT).....	\$11,053.74
PARISH COUNCIL (SAVINGS ACCOUNT).....	543.17
PARISH COUNCIL (MONEY MARKET ASSETS).....	8,766.73
SPECIAL COMMITTEE (CHECKING ACCOUNT).....	10,779.31
SPECIAL COMMITTEE (MONEY MARKET ASSETS).....	65,800.00
WOMEN'S GUILD.....	2,687.86
SENIOR CENTER.....	1,652.60
ST. LEON CHOIR.....	186.70
ST. LEON ARMENIAN SCHOOL.....	4,854.18
ST. LEON SUNDAY SCHOOL.....	525.28
ACYOA JUNIORS.....	3,186.79
ST. LEON MEN'S CLUB.....	5,473.84

# WOMEN'S GUILD

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ADVISORS:

Olga Chonoushian.....Chairman  
Seta Boudoughian.....Vice-Chairman  
Florence Gulkasian.....Recording Sec'y.  
Anne Marootian.....Treasurer  
Lucy Chagachbanian.....Ass't. Treasurer  
Dorothy Karamian.....Corres. Sec'y.  
Edna Tungrian.....Advisor

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 105

NUMBER OF MEETINGS: 12 - Executive Meetings  
11 - General Membership

## MAIN ACTIVITIES:

Installation & Christmas Party(1/12/82)  
Religious Retreat(week-end January 22)  
St. Leon Name Day(2/16/82)  
Lenten Luncheon(2/28/82)  
Fish n' Chips(3/16/82)  
Communion Breakfast(4/10/82)  
Rummage Sale(4/20/82)  
Strawberry Festival(5/2/82)  
Sr. Center Luncheon(5/5/82)  
Yegmalian Concert Refreshments(5/23/82)  
June Meeting & Party(6/8/82)  
Picnic(6/13/82)  
Bergen Mall Festival(9/15/82)  
Halloween Dance with Men's Club(10/30/82)  
Barn Dance(12/4/82)

## FUTURE PLANS & COMMENTS:

Religious Retreat(Community Center)  
Fish n' Chips  
Lenten Luncheon  
Rummage Sale  
Pancake Breakfast  
Strawberry Festival  
Picnic  
Potcha party(still on the agenda for Fall 1983)

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance as of December 1, 1981	\$4,270.29
Less 1981	<u>1,172.80</u>
	\$3,097.49
Receipts.....	\$2,586.50
Disbursements.....	<u>2,996.13</u>
Deficit	409.63
Balance December 1, 1982	<u>\$2,687.86</u>

Report submitted by: Olga Chongoushian (Chairman)  
Anne Marootian (Treasurer)

# MEN'S CLUB

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Arthur Ohnikian  
Sebouh Jessourian  
Jack Loughhead  
Richard Tomasian  
John Voskian  
Gabriel Kaprelian

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 20

NUMBER OF MEETINGS: 6 - Executive Committee  
8 - General Membership

## MAIN ACTIVITIES:

During 1982 we held two highly successful dances by the Vosbikian band from Philadelphia which was a first event of its magnitude.  
Worked on a number of activities with our Women's Guild which proved to be successful.  
Organized joint activities with the Men's Club of sister parishes.

## FUTURE PLANS:

Trying to revive interest - will hold meetings same night as the Women's Guild to bolster attendance.  
Interest in organization has fallen off apparently due to change from social group to functional aim, will try to improve this situation.  
Planning a big affair in April.

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance as of December 1, 1981	\$71.16
Receipts.....	\$10,916.04
Disbursements.....	<u>1,678.26</u>
Surplus	9,237.78
	<u>\$9,308.94</u>

<u>AMOUNT DUE PARISH COUNCIL:</u>	\$7,390.22
Partial payment to Parish Council	<u>3,835.10</u>
Cash balance (December 1, 1982)	<u>\$5,473.24</u>

Report submitted by: Arthur Ohnikian (Chairman)  
Jack Loughhead (Treasurer)

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Rev. Patee Metjian.....President  
Barbara Hovsepien.....Superintendent  
Ruth Bedevian.....Recording Sec'y.  
Eliz Tossounian.....Corres. Sec'y.  
Virginia Kachadourian.....Treasurer  
Dorothy Karamian.....Parish Council Advisor

TOTAL STUDENTS: 92

NUMBER OF MEETINGS: 1 - Executive Committee  
3 - Joint with Teachers

## MAIN ACTIVITIES:

Graduated 5 Students  
Christmas Program  
Primate's Christmas Party  
St. Leon's Name Day Program  
Lenten Offering to Diocese  
Mardigian Institute- for Teachers  
Regional Workshop - DRE -held at St. Leon  
Junior Choir  
Acolyte Cener, Reader, Church Attendance Program  
Day by Day Newsletter mailed to all Sunday School families.

## FUTURE PLANS:

St. Leon's Sunday School Newsletter  
End of Term Outing.  
Children's Fashion Show w/Armenian School  
Host Religious Education Lectures

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance as of December 1, 1981	\$292.43
Receipts.....	\$3,642.15
Disbursements.....	<u>3,409.30</u>
Surplus	232.85
	<u>\$525.28</u>

AMOUNT DUE PARISH COUNCIL: \$186.28

Report submitted by: Barbara Hovsepien (Superintendent)  
Virginia A. Hachadourian (Treasurer)



# ARMENIAN SCHOOL

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Rev. Patee Metjian.....President  
Rose Najarian.....Chairperson  
Evelyn Kalpagian.....Co-Chairperson  
Varsen Torosian.....Co-Chairperson  
Marie Dellakian.....Treasurer  
Marion Bandazian.....Recording Sec'y.  
Gloria Zoraian.....Corres. Sec'y.  
Barbara Boghosian.....Publicity  
Isabel Kaprelian.....Costumes & Properties  
Seta Jessourian.....Hospitality

TOTAL STUDENTS: 63

NUMBER OF MEETINGS: 8-Board Meetings  
4-Joint Board & Faculty

## MAIN ACTIVITIES:

Language Study  
History  
Armenian Writers  
Grammar  
Song & Dance

## FUTURE PLANS:

Christmas Party  
Valentine Dance  
St. Vartanantz Program  
Martyrs Day Rememberance  
Hantes  
End of Year Outing  
Halloween Party  
Trips to the Diocese Whenever Necessary

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance as of December 1, 1981	\$2,769.91
Receipts.....	\$16,805.17
Disbursements.....	14,720.50
Awards.....	100.00
Surplus	<u>2,084.27</u>
	\$4,854.18

AMOUNT DUE PARISH COUNCIL: \$1,587.42

Report submitted by: Marie Dellakian (Treasurer)

SENIOR CENTER

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance as of December 1, 1981	\$909.21
Receipts - 1982.....	\$1,218.39
Disbursements.....	<u>475.00</u>
Surplus	\$743.39
	<u>\$1,652.60</u>
Savings Account.....	800.00
Checking Account.....	835.67
Petty Cash.....	<u>16.93</u>
	<u>\$1,652.60</u>

AMOUNT TURNED OVER TO PARISH COUNCIL: \$400.00

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ST. LEON CHOIR

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance as of December 1, 1981	\$173.62
Receipts.....	\$742.28
Disbursements.....	<u>676.84</u>
Surplus	\$65.44
	<u>\$239.06</u>

AMOUNT PAID TO PARISH COUNCIL:

80% of \$65.44(1982)	52.36
Bank Balance - December 20, 1982	<u>\$186.70</u>

Report submitted by: Rose Kirian (Treasurer)

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ACYOA JUNIORS

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance as of December 1, 1981	\$3,044.27
Receipts.....	\$322.21
Disbursements.....	<u>179.69</u>
Surplus	142.52
	<u>\$3,186.79</u>

AMOUNT DUE PARISH COUNCIL: \$114.02

Report submitted by: Lisa H. Vartabedian (Treasurer)