

ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER DETROIT
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MINUTES
FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1988

The Assembly was called to order by Parish Council Chairman, Mr. Archie Yeghissian at 8:15 P.M. The Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian, Pastor, offered the invocation.

Mr. Yeghissian called on the Nominating Committee Chairman, Mr. Edward Karamanian to present the candidates to the Assembly, and explain the rules for voting. It was reported that 201 members were present. This constituted a quorum. Mr. Karamanian read the names of the Nominating Committee and expressed his gratitude for the assistance given by the Pastor and Church Staff. He then introduced his committee: Elizabeth Aprahamian, Rosalie Papazian, Barbara Haroutunian, and Yvonne Korkoian.

Mr. Karamanian stated that the Assembly would be voting for Chairman and Secretary for the Parish Assembly: twelve (12) candidates for Parish Council for two-year term; ten (10) Nominating Committee candidates for one-year term; five (5) candidates for Auditor for a one-year term. The Nominating Committee unsuccessfully made every effort to find six candidates for Auditor and two candidates for Secretary of the Day. Mr. Karamanian then presented the names of the Candidates for Assembly Chairman and Secretary.

ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN
Jack Kazanjian
Harry Terzian

ASSEMBLY SECRETARY
Judy Hovnan

Mr. Yeghissian asked for additional nominations for Assembly Chairman. There were none. A motion was made, seconded and passed to close nominations. Mr. Yeghissian asked for nominations for Assembly Secretary. There being none, it was moved and seconded that the Assembly Secretary be elected by acclamation. By a show of hands, Judy Hovnan was elected Assembly Secretary.

Mr. Yeghissian called for reading of biographical sketches of the Candidates for Assembly Chairman and Secretary. It was moved, seconded and passed to dispense with reading of these sketches.

Mr. Karamanian presented candidates for Parish Council, 6 to be elected:

Sarkis N. Aglamishian
 Elizabeth Aprahamian
 Alberta Godoshian
 Armen Hovnanian
 Andrew Kasper
 Homer Lafian

Sirvart Mezian
 Elizabeth A. Roberts
 Franklin R. Shehigian
 Kazar P. Terterian
 Richard Torigian
 Charles R. Yessaian

Mr. Yeghissian asked if there were any nominations from the floor for Parish Council. Mr. John Bahadurian nominated Mr. Douglas Takesian as a candidate. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Harry Amirkanian, and the Assembly accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations, it was moved, seconded and passed to close nominations for Parish Council. A motion was then made to dispense with the reading of the biographical sketches with the exception of Douglas Takesian's, who was nominated from the floor.

Nominating Committee candidates were presented, 5 to be elected:

Harry Amirkanian
 Dr. Ashod Rhaffi Aprahamian
 Charlotte Boshnakian
 Pamela Dayinian
 Jacqueline Melkonian El-Chemmas

Paul R. Jingoizian
 Greg C. Jamian
 Souren Keoleian
 Mary Ryan
 Alice Terzian

Mr. Yeghissian asked for nominations from the floor for Nominating Committee. There being none, it was moved, seconded, and passed to close nominations for Nominating Committee. Mr. Yeghissian called for reading of the biographical sketches. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to dispense with the reading of the sketches.

Candidates for Auditor were then presented, 3 to be elected:

Robert Aginian
 Sara Andonian
 Thomas Stamboulian

John Bahadurian
 Armand V. Krimian

Mr. Yeghissian asked for nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, a motion was made and seconded to close the nominations for Auditor. The motion passed. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the biographical sketches of the candidates. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Karamanian then read the biographical sketch of Mr. Douglas Takesian, who was nominated from the floor as a candidate for Parish Council. Mr. Karamanian advised that new ballots were being prepared to include Mr. Takesian as a candidate.

Mr. Yeghissian proceeded with the Agenda while awaiting the results of the Chairman of the Day. He asked that a motion be

made to accept the Minutes of the 1987 Annual Parish Assembly. A motion to that effect was made, seconded, and passed.

Mr. Yeghissian then asked if there were any questions regarding the 1987 Annual Report booklet. Mr. Sam Argnian questioned the Senior Men's Organization Statement of Receipts and Disbursements on Page 45, specifically asking that Mr. John Bahadurian respond, as he was the original auditor of this document. Mr. John Bahadurian replied that there was a typing error showing December 1986, and it should have been December 1985.

Mr. Yeghissian announced that the results of the election for Chairman of the Day were in and called Mr. Harry Terzian to the podium.

Mr. Harry Terzian thanked the Assembly for their confidence in him. Ballots were then distributed to the parishioners for voting for the various offices.

Mr. Terzian suggested that this would be a good time to announce any upcoming church functions. Mrs. Rose Baykian announced the Ladies' Auxiliary's Annual Topik Luncheon following church services on Wednesday, March 9, 1988. Tickets are \$5.00. Mr. Terzian reminded the parishioners that St. John's is co-sponsoring a banquet this Sunday. Mr. Martin Cholakian added that the banquet is in honor of the two chairholders, Dr. Kevork Bardakjian, the newly appointed Marie Manoogian Professor of Modern Armenian Language, and Dr. Ronald Suny, holder of the Alex Manoogian Chair of Modern Armenian History, as well as in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Alex and Marie Manoogian. A third announcement was a benefit concert at Orchestra Hall on March 27, Kim Kashkashian, violinist, will perform. Tickets are \$17 and \$12. Also, there are \$5.00 for students and senior citizens.

Mr. Terzian then introduced two distinguished guests, Mr. Manoog Young, Chairman of NAASR, and Naregatzi Professor of Armenian Literature at University of California (UCLA), Professor Avedis Sanjian.

The Chairman of the Day advised that most of the voting had now been completed and reminded the Assembly that ballots will be accepted until 9:30 p.m., at which time voting will be closed. He thanked Mr. Carl Varadian for providing the means by which to electronically count the ballots.

At this time, Mr. Terzian advised that this was the time to bring up any questions regarding the operation of the parish during the past year.

Mr. Daniel Cristiano questioned when the information for the Annual Report booklet is completed. He expressed his concern that he, as well as others, had not yet received their Annual Report

booklets. Mr. Cristiano noted that the meeting had been pushed back this year for the purpose of allowing ample time to prepare and send the booklets so that parishioners would have them in time; yet the problem still exists. Mr. Yeghissian explained that the booklets were mailed sixteen days ago, and some people received their booklets twelve days ago. Mr. Yeghissian felt that the problem exists with the Post Offices in the different cities. He explained that the booklets are mailed by bulk mailing; and if they were mailed first class, the cost per booklet for mailing would be \$.75 each.

Mr. Harry Karibian commented that he receives several booklets during the year for stamp auctions, and each one is marked "Dated Material." He suggested that perhaps this might be a way of solving the problem.

Mr. Kazanjian felt that if there is real interest on anyone's part, they could go to the church office a week before the Assembly and review the booklet.

Mr. Harry Terzian mentioned that someone suggested we print extra copies and make them available for the Assembly. He explained that this would be a very costly solution as each booklet costs approximately \$1.25 to print.

Dr. Dennis Papazian felt we should have 20-30 copies available on the night of the Assembly. He recommended that we go on record tonight agreeing to that. Mr. Terzian felt the solution should be to get the booklet to the parishioners earlier. He added, however, that it doesn't help if it isn't delivered timely. Mr. Terzian felt a solution might be to note "Dated Material" on the envelope.

Dr. Papazian then made a motion that at least 50 extra copies of the Annual Report be made available on the night of the meeting to satisfy those who did not receive theirs in the mail. The motion was seconded. Discussion commenced. Ms. Elizabeth Roberts asked what the cost per copy is via bulk mailing. She was advised that it is \$.085 per copy. Mr. Archie Yeghissian asked Mr. Cristiano if he would be content if we had extra copies in the lobby, and Mr. Cristiano indicated that he would not. In answer to Mr. Cristiano's further question regarding the date the booklet is completed, Mr. Terzian explained that the different organizations must complete their year by November 30, and have their books audited, and the Parish Council's fiscal year ends on December 31. He continued that the one-month difference is to allow Parish Council to get everything in order, i.e., typing, printing, etc.

Mrs. Mary Keoleian stated that if we put 50 extra copies in the lobby, those who forgot their booklets would be likely to take them, as opposed to those who did not receive them.

Mr. Douglas Takesian believed that the entire problem rests with the Post Office. He suggested that all members of our church be sent a copy of the Annual Report by first class mail.

Mr. Daniel Shahan suggested that anyone who has not received a copy of the booklet within a reasonable period of time prior to the Assembly should call and ask that a copy be sent to them via first class mail.

Mr. Harry Terzian asked for a show of hands of the people who did not receive their booklets. There were only ten people present who indicated they had not received their booklets. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken; and the motion on the floor was defeated.

Mr. Terzian asked that the Parish Council note the suggestions and recommendations made to assure that every effort is made to get the booklets to parishioners on a timely basis.

Mr. Terzian asked if there were any questions on the organizational or Parish Council reports. There being no further questions, Mr. Terzian asked for questions pertaining to the financial portion of the booklet.

Mr. Martin Manoogian questioned expenses under building operation. Mr. Andrew Tarpinian, Treasurer, explained that it represents all expenses to caterers, bar services, waitresses, etc. Mr. Manoogian commented that Parish Council did a very good job.

Mr. Jack Margosian called attention to 1987 financial report, stating that he was very pleased to note that the actual income for 1987 was \$77,000 higher than the planned budget, and actual expenses were lower by \$15,000. He complimented and congratulated the clergy and Parish Council for their leadership in making 1987 a financial success.

Mr. Terzian announced the last call for voting as the time was approaching 9:30 p.m. He then asked for a motion from the floor to receive the report from the Parish Council. Dr. Dennis Papazian made the motion, which was seconded; and the motion passed.

Mr. Andrew Tarpinian was called to the podium to report on the 1988 Budget. Mr. Tarpinian explained that as of 1988, we will no longer be charging the church organizations an annual rental charge. Rather, they will be charged a flat rate for each individual attending the functions. Parish Council feels this is more realistic in terms of putting costs where they actually belong. Besides annual rental, the organizations were billed for all service supplies, i.e., extra labor, dishwashers, etc.

They will no longer have any of those expenses. Rather, they will be charged a flat rate per person, which Parish Council believes is more realistic in figuring costs.

Mr. Douglas Takesian noted that the Men's Society will have their 30th Anniversary, expecting 400 people. He questioned the cost the new way versus the old way. It was explained that last year the Men's Society's annual rental was \$1500. This year, there will be no rental charge. An amount of \$3.50 per plate per person will be charged to cover linens, extra labor, dishwashers, and part of the annual rent. Mr. Jack Kazanjian noted that the for this function with 400 people, considering the \$3.50 per plate cost, the amount would be \$1400, while currently, the annual rental is only \$1500.

Mr. Alex Chavdarian asked how the surcharge will be implemented. Mr. Tarpinian explained that the church collects based on a count from the caterer.

Mr. Douglas Takesian expressed his opinion that this surcharge is discouraging organizations from putting on affairs. He referred to an event (including a bar), plus the service (\$3.50), which totals \$6.50 per person, plus the cost of bringing Onnik here, in addition to the cost of the dinner, etc. Using this method, the cost per person is \$26.00 (not counting incidentals) prior to deciding on a ticket price. Mr. Terzian pointed out that this \$3.50 is not a new charge; it is just being appropriated in a different way.

Mr. Richard Apkarian asked if we are not taking the incentive away from the various organizations to put on functions in order to raise the fees that we charge every year. He agreed with the theory that every function should stand on its own, but we are not concerned with the fact that they may not have an incentive any longer to raise money for the church. Mr. Tarpinian believed that these amounts are actual amounts incurred and are not additional charges. He reiterated the items included in the \$3.50 fee: linen, labor, dishwasher, security, waitresses, breakage.

Mrs. Mary Demir reported that the Women's Guide calculated the price and found that the prices worked out the same.

Mr. Harry Karibian questioned whether the figures were taken from one individual organization. Mr. Tarpinian responded that they were an average from more than one organization.

Mr. Harry Zartarian asked for information relating to the insurance we have and whether we had shopped around, etc. Mr. Frank Pulice responded that we did, in fact, obtain bids from five or six companies. He explained that some companies were not interested in insuring the church. We received responses from

two companies and took the one that gave us the best price. Mr. Pulice assured the Assembly that we received the best possible price this year. He advised that workers' compensation, additions to the church, increases in insurance rates, etc., must all be taken into consideration. Mr. Zartarian asked for the amount of coverage that we have and what the church liability is. Mr. Pulice noted that we have coverage for \$10 million on the property. Mr. John Semizian voiced concern in giving the amount of the liability coverage stating that anyone who wants this information can go to the office and inquire.

Mr. Martin Manoogian commented that if we are going to accept the budget, he does not see anything in it with reference to the museum. Fr. Paren responded that, hopefully, the museum will be open sometime this year; but it will be near the end of the year before it is manned. Therefore, nothing was figured into the budget for museum personnel.

Mrs. Zabelle Atesian asked where we stand with regard to the senior citizens' project. Fr. Paren reported that we had tried to provide senior citizen housing without relying on government funds. He said it was unfortunate, but the committee met a few times without coming to any conclusions. At the present time, because of the situation in the country, no funds are forthcoming; and the building of senior citizen housing without government help would be very expensive. Therefore, he explained that the entire project is inactive at the present time.

Mr. Terzian asked for a motion to accept the 1988 budget. Mr. John Bahadurian moved that we accept the 1988 budget as presented. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion, and the motion was voted on and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Terzian explained the procedure for introducing New Business. He said an item must be brought up in the form of a motion, and the Assembly has to accept the item before it is placed for discussion. He then asked if there was any New Business.

Mr. Edmond Azadian reported that His Holiness, Catholicos of All Armenians, has expressed a desire that Armenians all over the world appeal to the Soviet government to rectify an injustice which was committed 65 years ago regarding the Karabagh region of Armenia. He understands that special instructions were sent to the Dioceses and asked if we had any special instructions here in Detroit.

Fr. Paren responded that we received a request from the Primate stating that it will be proper, on behalf of the parish, to send a telegram to His Holiness, so that he will notify the proper authorities. He added that on behalf of this church he sent two

telegrams, one addressed to His Holiness, and one addressed to Mr. Gorbachov. Mr. Azadian asked if the telegrams could be read, and Fr. Paren read both telegrams to the Assembly.

Mr. Albert Mardirosian noted that the Minutes of the Annual Assembly are not normally made available until a few days before the Annual Parish Assembly. He also commented that the Minutes are not available to the Parish Council. He wondered how things could be implemented if Parish Council doesn't have the Minutes in front of them. He asked for Parish Council's reasoning for the delay and lack of availability of the Minutes until shortly before the next Assembly. Mr. Terzian explained that the Parish Assembly, a number of years ago, passed a resolution asking that the Minutes be made available to parishioners a week prior to the Parish Assembly.

Mr. Mardirosian moved that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly be available for distribution to church members 45 days after the Annual meeting and that notice be published in the next issue of the Torch Bearer advising that the Minutes are available. This motion to have immediate effect. The motion was seconded. Mr. Terzian then advised that we need a majority vote to put this item on the agenda for discussion as New Business. There was a majority vote to accept the motion on the agenda for discussion. Mr. Terzian then asked for any discussion on the motion itself.

Mr. Martin Manoogian stated that there is a lot of merit to what Mr. Mardirosian said. He noted that a couple of years ago, he himself made a couple of motions that were passed, but the Parish Council did not take action on them. He wanted to be sure that the motion was not a one-year motion and that it would be done every year.

Mr. Daniel Cristiano asked for a clarification as to whether the motion allows for a copy of the Minutes to be given to a parishioner to take home or just to read in the church office. Mr. Terzian responded that his understanding is that a copy of the Minutes will be available to a parishioner to take with him or her. Mr. Mardirosian indicated that that was the intent of his motion. There being no further discussion, Mr. Terzian called for a vote. The motion passed.

Mr. Terzian asked for any further New Business. Mr. Edward Carman was recognized and asked about additional security around the parameter of our complex. He suggested that whoever is responsible for making these decisions should consider some type of additional security, particularly with the museum and the library, etc. He felt the property is too wide open and accessible to a number of security problems. He stated that additional security measures might ultimately result in lower insurance rates.

Mr. John Bahadurian proposed that the fiscal year of the church be changed to coincide with that of the organizations. He was advised that the Diocesan Bylaws govern the fiscal year of the church, and the Bylaws state that the fiscal year cover the period January 1 through December 31.

Mr. Masa Caramanian noted that he donated bema candles in honor of His Holiness Vasken I when he came to this city as well as in memory of his mother and father. He asked why the candles were removed since that time. He further mentioned that he not only receives the Annual Report late but all other church mailings as well. He also suggested that the Torch Bearer include events before they occur and not afterward.

Fr. Paren responded to Mr. Caramanian regarding the bema candles in the church. He explained to Mr. Caramanian that the candles that were donated and placed there when His Holiness was here are the same candles that are presently being used.

Mr. Martin Manoogian felt it was time we looked at the pledge system that we have and consider providing the parishioners with an opportunity to voluntarily make contributions toward an endowment fund for future use. He added that most other churches have this type of system on their pledge systems where a person could pledge an additional amount per week over the \$100 a year and which should not be related to the budget. Mr. Terzian asked that this be put in the form of a motion.

Mr. Manoogian moved that the Parish Council reorganize their pledge system by adding to the printed pledge cards a section for the membership to make a voluntary contribution for the endowment fund, over and above their dues, not to be used in the operation of the church except in an emergency. The motion was seconded, and Mr. Terzian asked for discussion. There being no discussion, the motion was put to a vote and passed.

Mr. Arthur S. Mardigian asked for clarification on the motions made tonight. He noted problems with motions made in the past and asked whether the motions made now are going to be a standing policy or whether they are only for one year. Mr. Terzian advised that it is his understanding that once this Assembly passes something, it is standing policy until it is changed by this body. Mr. Mardigian asked that it be made clear in the Minutes that, with regard to Mr. Mardirosian's motion and Mr. Manoogian's motion, these will be standing policies of this parish.

Mr. Viken Demirjian asked the Parish Council if it is within its purview to print any information about Armenians, i.e., occurrences or events, that are happening around the world in the Torch Bearer. He mentioned that 50 percent of the parishioners are involved in the church and the other 50 percent are not

involved, but they get the Torch Bearer. Mr. Demirjian stressed that the information would not include politics, only the news about Armenians.

Fr. Paren responded that if we put information in the Torch Bearer, it will be received too late as it will be outdated by the time of publication since it is a monthly publication. Fr. Paren also mentioned that in order to report all the happenings on a timely basis, it would be a matter of budget. He explained that he is already "acting" editor of the Torch Bearer and added that he cannot assume another major responsibility such as the one being suggested.

Mrs. Barbara Haroutunian brought up the fact that our community has not had a youth director for the past ten months. She asked what the plans were for filling this position. Mr. Terzian responded that the issue will be addressed later on in the meeting.

Mr. Stepan Karougian, a member of the choir, brought up a concern over the lack of parishioners in the congregation on Sundays. He feels that something should be done to increase the number of people who attend church. He added that it is disheartening, too, that people come to this Assembly, cast their votes, and leave without any further participation. He asked that we do something to bring in new members. Mr. Terzian commented that this is not new business; it is old business. He then quoted Mr. Yeghissian, who said, "Try it, you'll like it."

As Chairman of the 1987 Sports' Weekend and on behalf of the ACYOA, Mr. Glenn Pulice advised the Assembly that they had the largest crowd in church, largest booklet, and largest crowd ever for any Sports' Weekend. He thanked the committee, Parish Council, Clergy and parishioners for their help throughout the year.

Mr. Terzian then announced the results of the election, noting that 299 ballots were cast. Elected were:

FOR PARISH COUNCIL:

Elizabeth Aprahamian
 Armen Hovnanian
 Douglas Takesian
 Kazar Terterian
 Richard Torigian
 Charles Yessaian

FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Pamela Dayinian
 Greg Jamian
 Souren Keolelian
 Mary Ryan
 Alice Terzian

FOR AUDITOR:

Robert Aginian
 John Bahadurian
 Tom Stamboulian

Mr. Terzian thanked the Nominating Committee for the fine job that they did. He then asked Fr. Paren to give his closing message, followed by adjournment and refreshments.

Fr. Paren thanked the Chairman of the Day for the proper conduct of the Assembly. He thanked the Nominating Committee for presenting a proper slate, and he expressed his thanks to the outgoing members of the Parish Council, three of whom chose not to re-run and one who was not re-elected. In their respective order, he thanked Mike Blakian, Frank Pulice, Andy Tarpinian, and Mrs. Alberta Godoshian. Further thanks were extended to the outgoing auditor, who elected not to re-run, Ms. Janice Torosian, and to the newly elected officers of St. John's. Fr. Paren expressed his appreciation for the experience of having worked with the outgoing members and expressed his hope that they will consider running again in the future.

Fr. Paren commented regarding the concerns of Mrs. Barbara Haroutunian, Mr. Stepan Karougian, and Mr. Martin Manoogian. With regard to the youth director, he explained that we have been without an activities director since June 1987. Since it is felt that we need more than an activities director, a committee is actively engaged in recruiting a youth director instead of an activities director. We are now down to two candidates for this position. Fr. Paren was hopeful that we will have a youth director by June of this year. The parameters of his job will cover the youth (ACYOA Juniors and Seniors) as well as pre-teens and young adults. Fr. Paren stressed that we must understand that one person is not going to be able to do everything that is expected no matter how dedicated that person is and asked that parents and grandparents respond to the various requests for assistance.

With regard to church attendance, Fr. Paren believes that many parishioners are using TV tele-evangelists as a substitute for coming to church. He noted that our service is different and possibly not fulfilling for some. He believes our parishioners have a need to seek God, and the teachings of our church are that

we can seek God in church alongside others. Fr. Paren suggested that in order to get people to come to church, we possibly could make use of the computer system and send invitations to parishioners to attend church on special occasions such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. He expressed his willingness to resort to these means if it will increase church attendance and participation. Fr. Paren thanked Mr. Yeghissian and Mr. Stepan Karougian for their strong remarks in this area. He asked that parishioners tell him if the service is too early in the morning. He noted Glenn Pulice's information a few minutes earlier that 500 people were in church and advised that the church service was changed to 1:00 p.m. to accommodate them. He questioned whether that might be a solution adding that when one becomes desperate, one explores all possibilities.

Fr. Paren emphasized the point that Mr. Manoogian made. With regard to his motion, Fr. Paren felt it was a very valid point and asked for the parish's cooperation. He specifically noted, per Mr. Manoogian's motion, that the donation to the endowment fund would be voluntary and that it would not be part of our budget. Fr. Paren noted that if everyone gives \$5.00, we would have \$6,300. He asked that when filling out the pledge cards, parishioners designate an amount, in addition to their pledge, for the future endowment. It will be placed into the other endowments, and only the interest will be utilized to offset budgetary items. Fr. Paren advised that we receive pledges between \$25.00 and \$3,000. He noted that many people give more than the minimum pledge and not all who exceed the minimum pledge are wealthy people. He urged that everyone reconsider the amount they have pledged and decide whether they can give over and above those minimum pledge requirements. He commented with regard to Bingo and the fact that a group of about 30 people help every week. We realize about \$50,000 a year from that. Everyone doesn't offer to help. He suggested that if you can't help in that area, maybe you can help by putting money into the endowment fund. Fr. Paren promised, on behalf of this Council, that as we receive the monies, we will do away with what we dislike our church to be involved in as a business.

Fr. Paren made two other announcements. He expressed concern about the number of students in the AGBU School. He values the AGBU School as a source of good Armenians for the future of our parish. He asked that parents who send their children to public schools look at and consider the AGBU School. He explained that we are slowly diminishing. The AGBU School has a good educational program, and children will be exposed to Armenians. Fr. Paren added that they will not become fluent in Armenian as a result of attending the school, but it is the environment in which they will learn more about their heritage. He announced that there will be an Open House around the anniversary of the Armenian martyrs and urged parents and grandparents to attend.

Fr. Paren's second point was the situation of Armenians in Lebanon. He indicated that the Primate is making an appeal that we help, through the Diocese, to raise money for the Armenians in Lebanon. He indicated that the Primate's letter will appear in the Armenian newspapers shortly. Fr. Paren further advised that in addition to the support of the Diocese, we have decided to do something here on our own. There is a fund-raising committee for this particular project, and we will be notified of the campaign in the very near future and can participate if we choose and as we choose.

Fr. Paren informed the Assembly that we will now say a prayer for our parishioners who passed away in the previous year. He asked the assembly to rise and remember all the members of this parish who departed from this world in 1987, and he offered a prayer for them, following which the benediction was given and then Fr. Paren invited all to stay and share the refreshments prepared for this evening.

The Assembly adjourned at 11:05 P.M.

Fr. Paren Avedikian

Very Rev. Fr. Paren Avedikian
Pastor

Harry Terzian

Mr. Harry Terzian
Chairman

Judy Hovnan

Judy Hovnan
Secretary