## ADDENDUM TO MINUTES OF ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

# FIRST SESSION - January 31, 1982

1. After the first session was called to order, it was determined that there was a quorum present.

# SECOND SESSION - February 7, 1982

- 1. After the second session was called to order, it was determined that there was a quorum present.
- See attached ballot sheet with votes received for each candidate of every office and committee
- 3. See attached copies of final page of Pastor's report, and Parish Council report with signatures of the respective officers.
- 4. See attached copy of 1981 Diocesan Assembly Report. The report lists in paragraph two, the names of all the delegates. The names have been repeated at the end of the report for the sake of clarity.
- See attached copies of the pages of the original minutes with names of <u>elected</u> candidates and the number of ballots cast for each. Refer to item two above for complete results.

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Secretary

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Chairman

Rev. Arnak Kasparian

President

the first set of vestments being used in our church. Martin Tashjian, husband of Sonia. Martin's loss was tragic; he was still young, and he always was involved with the sports activities of our youngsters. Michael Vahan Avakian, husband of Rebecca. Michael was one of the founding fathers of this church and had served on the Parish Council for many years. Garabed Yedibalian, the husband of Jacqueline.

We shall also remember Agnes Nigosian, mother of Ann Stepanian; George Terjanian, Jr., son of George Terjanian; Stephen Najarian, brother of Vahan Najarian; Assad Hamad, father of Gloria Ermoian; Alex Nahabedian, brother of Vahan Nahabedian; Nancy Manoushag Kuyamjian, mother of Vahan and Dr. Gerard Kuyamjian; Roxanne Mirijanian, sister of Harry Mirijanian, Mannik Davoudian, mother of Edward Davoudian; George Newbauer, husband of Mary Tekirian Newbauer.

ADMINISTRATIVE: As ex-officio president of all church organizations, I attended most of the meetings. I directed and advised and, in many cases, helped in implementing decisions. I attended the Clergy Conference and Diocesan Assembly in Watertown, Massachusetts.

PUBLICATIONS: We have published the Bergen Beacon Monthly and put out flyers for our various affairs. Each month our Beacon is mailed to our college students residing on campus. A special thanks to Mary Ann Saraydarian for editing our Beacon. Sandra Alpino and Susan Stoneson have been setting the type for us for the Beacon.

We also thank Mrs. Lucy Chakmakian and lately Roseanne Arzoo-manian for their time and efforts for making the "Mahs" for us every Sunday.

We thank Michel Izmirly and Mrs. Amy Jamgochian, co-chairmen of Bazaar '81. We also thank Edward Bashian for more than doubling our Bazaar profits through his rug sales.

Today we are counting our blessings. The greatest blessings that God has given us are the wonderful people who worship together, who work together and make St. Thomas available to the thousands of Armenians who live in Bergen County, people who are only hitchhikers, and take this church for granted. This handful of people are performing a great service for the Armenian Community of Bergen County by making the church the binding force for the entire community.

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- f. Explore the possibility of appointing a Youth Director for the parish.
- g. Complete the reorganization of the Memorials Committee under the jurisdiction of the Parish Council.
- h. Get as many people involved in Church activities as possible.

## CONCLUSION

We are proud of the accomplishments of the St. Thomas family during this year. We have all donated our time and efforts to make St. Thomas a home for all Armenians seeking religious and ethnic fulfillment. We must continue to do so if we are to succeed. It is difficult to conduct the programs of the parish with only the efforts of a dedicated "few" members. We must be ready to serve when called upon, so that the burden is lightened and equally divided amongst the members of our family. If we desire an improvement to our parish, we must work to that end together and not epect others to do so for us.

St. Thomas is a family affair, and that means that all members of the family are involved and should be there working together to make this parish what it has always been and will continue to be, a success! May God bless you all

Peter A. Jangochian

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Parish (Courcil (Chairman >

'Ara Babigian'

Secretary

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· President ·

#### NOMINATION

In accordance with the Charter to the Board of Trustees adopted at the Annual Parish Assembly, February 8, 1981, The Parish Council nominates for the approval of the Parish Assembly, February 7, 1982, Mr. Edward Bashian to serve as trustee for a term of seven years from February 1982 to February of 1989.

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The Committee's findings will be reported to the Parish Council
who will present it to an architect for deliberation. Mr. Peter
Ajemian seconded.

Ara Babigian asked Andy to withdraw his motion as an architect has already been retained. Mr. Ouzoonian refused to withdraw his motion. The motion was not carried.

Mr. John Saxenian suggested that the Parish Council sponsor a Collegiate Dance each year.

At this time, Mr. Stonesone commented that he felt St. Thomas needs a full or part time, salaried secretary in order for the church to operate more efficiently. Mr. Izmirly made a motion that we hire a full time secretary. Mr. Stoneson seconded.

Louise Kalemkerian ammended the motion that a part time person be hired. Yeretzkin Violet seconded Louise's ammendment. The motion was carried to hire a part time secretary. Feter Jamgochian thanked Dikris Malool for her many years of voluntary secretarial service.

### RESULTS OF THE BALLOTING

Susan Shamamian verified the eligibility of all the voters.

She reported that a record 150 ballots had been cast.

#### PARISH COUNTIL MEMBERS

Peter Ajemian 100 Samuel Demirjian 140 Grace Hagopian 96 Paul Pinajian <sub>115</sub> Virginia Victoria 89

# 8 Alternate

Charles Doudoukjian 88

ST. THOMAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES Edward Bashian 126

## DIOCESAN DELEGATES

Victor Arzoomanian 116
Michel Izmirly 98

#### Alternate

Peter Jamgochian 59

Joseph Kalenkerian 120 Lillian Kasparian 118 ADDENDUM TO MINUTES OF ST. THOMAS PARISH ASSEMBLY (ITEM #5)

Antranig Ouzoonian 90
Zaven Poosikian 69
Martha Saraydarian 111

Shakae Shahinian 86 Susan Shamamian 84

<u>Alternate</u>

Faul Kahaumjian 65

AUDITORS

Vahan Barsamian 116 Ardis Kasparian 84

<u>Alternate</u>

Lucy Nakashian 79

OFFICERS for 1983 ASSEMBLY

Chairman

Ronald Kenderian 103

Secretary

Eileen Barsamian 82

Co-Chairman

John Zakar 88

Arthur Otchy 43

Alternate Secretary

Rosanne Saxenian 59

Mr. Puzant Torigian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tish Basmajian.

The assembly was adjourned at 5:45 P.M. with a closing prayer by Der Armak.

Martha Saraydarian Secretary

Approved and Ratified

Antranig Gizoonian Chairman

Rev. Arnak Kasparian

President