

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Annual Parish Assembly:

The annual parish assembly of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Cambridge, Mass. was held on Sunday, February 11, 1979 in the Cultural Hall with our pastor, Rev. Mampre Kouzouian, presiding.

The meeting was called to order by the Parish Council Chairperson, Mrs. Helene Dorian at 12:30 P.M. Mr. Archie Kolligian was elected Chairman of the day, Miss Arax Janjigian, Armenian recording secretary and Mr. Haig Jamgochian, English recording secretary. Mr. Kolligian requested that all candidates for office come forward to be introduced to the assembly. The chair at this time appointed a balloting committee, namely:

Gerald Boghosian

Edward Nahabedian

Nancy Kasarjian

Krikor Kassabian

June Carlon

Mr. Peter Talanian was appointed Parliamentarian. A short recess was called at this time for voting, after which lunch was served in Johnson Hall. The meeting reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

The minutes of the 1978 Parish Assembly were read by Mrs. Nancy Kasarjian and accepted as read. It was voted to have the ballot box remain open until 3:00 P.M. and to have the balloting committee commence counting the ballots in order to expedite the program.

Pastor's Report:

Chairman Kolligian referred the parishioners to our Pastor's report -- it was accepted without discussion.

Parish Council's Activities and Financial Report:

1. Miscellaneous Income - Treasurer George Der Hagopian explained that a figure of \$2,387.28 represented a collection of odd amounts not earmarked for any particular area.

2. Jack Kolligian Fund - Question was raised as to why proceeds of this fund were not used to pay certain Sunday School expenses. It was explained by Treasurer George Der Hagopian that these expenses were treated the same as all other church expenses and were paid accordingly.

3. Disbursements - (Cost of Paintings - Art Exhibit) A figure of \$1100 was explained to be the amount paid to the artists after a figure of \$1200 had been collected for sale of said paintings.

4. Disbursements - (Proposed Budget of 1979) An entry of \$36,400 was explained as representing a figure for the anticipated services of a Youth Director, in addition to normal "cost of living" raises for clergy and other employees.

Dr. Barsam complimented the Treasurer for having done an exemplary job on the budget and made a motion to have the budget and other reports approved as read and accepted. Motion seconded and passed. The proposed budget was \$205,000.

The following reports were accepted as written:

1. Senior Women's Guild
2. Women's Guild
3. Trinity Men's Union
4. Chelsea Women's Auxiliary

5. Lynn, Salem, Peabody Women's Auxiliary
6. Armenian School
7. Sunday School
8. Church Choir
9. A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors
10. A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors
11. Erevan Choral Society
12. Trinity Young Couples Club
13. Friends of Holy Trinity - 1000 Club

Mr. Myron Goshgarian made a recommendation that all subordinate organizations include in their reports the amount of cash on hand at the end of the calendar year.

Mr. Richard Zeytoonjian thanked all members of the 1000 Club for participating and all volunteers who worked so hard during the year to make it worthwhile..

Father Mampre Kouzouian felt that there should have been more discussion on the reports in view of the fact that they represented hundreds of hours of preparation.

#### Old Business:

Question by Mrs. Marge Atamian regarding the feasibility of a semi-annual meeting.

Answer: Generally felt that there was not enough interest generated to call another meeting.

Question by Mrs. June Carlon regarding the possibility of a meeting after the Diocesan convention.

Answer: A report of the convention is included in the Dajar and that provisions for this type of meeting is included in the by-laws. The Parish Council will concern themselves with this recommendation.

Question by Mrs. Carol Zeytoonjian as to why Ararat Lodge

pays more than Haik Lodge for the use of the Church Hall.

Answer: Assessment is predicated on the number of members represented by each Lodge.

New Business:

A question was raised by Keith Onanian regarding cost of mailing the Annual Report. Suggestion was made to use both sides of the paper.

Answer: Reports were sent out as Bulk Mail so that price would not be affected.

Question by Mr. Ardashes Der Ananian as to why Annual Report could not be sent out earlier in order to have more time to fully digest the contents.

Answer: The subordinate organizations do not send their reports in early enough and also that it was honestly felt that people would still wait until the last minute to study them.

Motion to raise dues ten dollars for all categories was defeated.

Motion to raise dues ten dollars for all categories except senior citizens was also defeated.

Proposals For the Diocesan Assembly:

1. A recommendation was made by Mr. Daniel Dorian that possibly a director or manager should be appointed to more ably take care of diocesan matters, since reports that the parishes get from the Diocese are sometimes contradictory.

A motion made by Miss Roxie Hedison to have a pre-diocesan convention meeting was passed--date to be determined by Parish Council..

Father Papken Maksoudian gave a report on the envelope

system implemented by parishes in other parts of the country.

Yeretzgin Azadouhie Maksoudian expressed her appreciation to the Tivan of the day.

Faqther Mampre Kouzouian expressed his gratitude and appreciation towards the outgoing Parish Council members namely, past Chairman Michael Kolligian, Mrs. Ann Hintlian, Mr. Bruce Haroutunian and Mr. Pter Zeytoonjian.

Mr. Krekor Kassabian, representing the Ballot Committee, presented the new slate of officers:

Parish Council:

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| 1. John Bichajian      | 5. Aetna Tashjian                 |
| 2. George Der Hagopian | 6. Arthur Maranian Sr.            |
| 3. Helene Dorian       | 7. Rose Minassian, 1st alternate. |
| 4. Eugene Raphaelian   |                                   |
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Nominating Committee:

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| 1. Archie Kolligian   | 4. John Soursourian              |
| 2. George Haroutunian | 5. Ann Hintlian                  |
| 3. Diran Zahigian     | 6. Peter Talanian, 1st alternate |
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Auditing Committee:

1. Gertrude Nahigian
2. Armine Der Hagopian
3. George Alexander
4. Araxie Toomajian, 1st alternate

A total of 137 ballots were cast -- five ballots voided.

Father Mampre Kouzouian congratulated and Blessed the newly-elected officers,

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M. following the closing prayer by Rev. Mampre Kouzouian.

Respectfully submitted

*Haig Jangochian*  
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Recording Secretary