

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY  
Sunday, February 11, 1990

The Annual Parish Assembly of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston was held on Sunday, February 11, 1990, following the Divine Liturgy, in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall. The original date of the Assembly, Sunday, February 4, 1990, was postponed due to a snow storm.

The ballots for voting were obtained by members eligible to vote before the meeting was called to order, but Reverend Father Mampre Kouzouian instructed the parishioners to hold them until the proper time within the meeting. The Opening Prayer was offered by Reverend Father Mampre Kouzouian.

George Haroutunian, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the day's Tivan as follows:

Chairman: Attorney Charles Garabedian  
English Recording Secretary: June Piranian

Eugene Raphaelian, whose name had also been submitted as Chairman, declined the nomination. There being no further nominations from the floor, a Motion was made and seconded to approve the above-named Tivan. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Garabedian thanked the Assembly for selecting him as the Chairman for the Day, and called the meeting to order. He then requested that unless there was no objection, the minutes of the 1989 meeting be accepted. Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as printed. MOTION PASSED.

As in the past, Mr. Garabedian pointed out that the reading of each committee report would be suspended, unless the Assembly requested otherwise. On motion made and seconded, and since there was no further objection, the MOTION PASSED.

George Haroutunian, the Nominating Committee Chairman, now called upon the Nominees for Parish Council to come forward to the Assembly. The Slate for Parish Council was as follows:

Parish Council (5 to be elected)

Ara Avakian	Michael S. Markarian
George Baghdasarian	William H. Martin *
Gerald Boghosian *	Phyllis Martins *
George Zaven Giragosian	Bruce Ohanian *
John Kefeyan *	Robert Takvorian

Auditing Committee (3 to be elected)

Armine D. Hagopian	Peter Talanian
George D. Hagopian *	Roxann Tashjian
MaryAnn Soursourian *	Araxie Toomajian

\* Incumbent

Nominating Committee:

(5 to be elected)

Dr. Paul C. Barsam  
Gregory Hintlian  
Nancy Kasarjian  
Dr. Michael Kolligian, Jr. \*  
George K. Omartian

Robert P. Proodian  
Eugene Raphaelian  
Debra Lee Stevens  
Diran A. Zahigian \*  
Robert Z. Zartarian

At this time, a nomination from the floor was requested by the Secretary of the Day, June M. Piranian, for Dorothea Piranian for Parish Council. This motion was seconded. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Garabedian now called for an intermission for the purpose of voting. Upon completion of this procedure, he called the meeting to order again.

Pastor's Annual Report for 1989:

Father Mampre reviewed his report, in English and Armenian, and asked for any questions or corrections. There being none, Chairman Garabedian asked that the Pastor's Report be accepted. Motion was made and seconded. MOTION PASSED.

Parish Council Report for 1989:

This Report was reviewed by Chairman Albert Zouranjian, who asked for any comments or corrections. There being none, motion was made and seconded to accept this Report for 1989. MOTION PASSED.

Parish Council Financial Statements for 1989:

A question was asked about a breakdown on the stipend listed for the three clergy in our parish. (Page 5-f). The Treasurer of the Parish Council stated that anyone wishing to have this information may receive it from the Parish Council. The Chairman of the Assembly stated that many years ago, the Parish Council had decided to present the stipends in its present form. He also stated that the Diocesan House also uses this format for its employed clergymen and its staff.

In response to a question raised regarding the Miscellaneous item for \$4,000.00 (Page 5-e), it was stated that the explanation was on Page 5-g.

Proposed Budget for 1990:

On Page 5-j, Dorothea Piranian wanted to know what percentage of increase there was in the Clergy Stipend for 1990. The Treasurer responded by saying "6%." Motion was made and seconded to accept the Proposed Budget for 1990. MOTION PASSED.

Trust Fund Report:

George Hagopian was called upon to review this Report. He said that the Fund has increased 29½%. He stated that the stock for Time, Inc., was sold and the gain from this sale was \$10,900. He said that sale of any additional stock has not been decided as yet. In reply to a question, "Are we taxed?", he replied that we are tax free. A request was made that in the future, along with the "Market Value" column, the previous year's figures be shown as well. Motion was made and seconded to accept the Trust Fund Report. MOTION PASSED.

Stewardship Program Report:

Chairman Garabedian called for the Chairman of the Stewardship Committee to make any comments. The Chairman was not present. Motion was made and seconded to accept the Report as given. MOTION PASSED.

Cultural Committee Report:

Chairman Garabedian called for the Chairman of the Cultural Committee to make his comments. In the absence of the Chairman, a motion was made and seconded to accept the Report as given. MOTION PASSED.

Erevan Choral Society Report:

Motion was made and seconded to accept the Report as given. MOTION PASSED.

Senior Women's Guild Report:

Chairman Garabedian called for the Chairman of the Senior Women's Guild to make any comments. Having none, motion was made and seconded to accept the Report as given. MOTION PASSED.

At this time, Chairman Garabedian suggested that if no one had any comments to make on the balance of the Reports, we could just accept them as given.

Armenian School Report:

Araxie Janjigian stated that there have been 14 new registrations to the Armenian School. She said the school is doing very well and better than people realize.

A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors Report:

Antranig Barsamian, who is the Youth Director of the Holy Trinity Church spoke at this time. Father Mampre asked him to make a few comments. He talked of major generation changes over the next 10 years, and stated that in 1989, activities and programs had been doubled, including a regular college Round Table, Superbowl Party, and Cape and holiday events. He called for parental support and encouragement to their children to take part, and Antranig felt that the youth was renewing interest in the Church. George Omartian questioned the potential for new members, and there could be many members drawn from colleges, etc., and 8th and 9th graders should also be encouraged to join the Junior group. Edward Nahabedian made the comment that it's up to the parents to bring the children and have them become interested in these groups. It was further stated that since Antranig Barsamian has become the Youth Director, the A.C.Y.O.A membership as well as the Sunday School membership has increased.

Robert Goshgarian pointed out that the A.C.Y.O.A. Senior and Junior Reports are always the last ones in the Annual Report, and he suggested that they be moved to the front of the Report. He felt a proposed budget should be submitted to the Parish Council, and it was stated that this is "in the works". Aetna Tashjian felt that the amount of \$40,000 would be a sufficient figure for a budget for a parish of this size at Holy Trinity.

At this time, Chairman Garabedian called for a motion to accept all the organizational Reports as given. Motion was made and seconded. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Garabedian now called upon Daniel Dorian to give a report from the Diocesan Delegates. Mr. Dorian spoke of the difficult time over the past two years in connection with the earthquake and Karabagh situations. He said that \$6,000,000 has been collected for earthquake relief, and there has been some criticism as to the allocation or lack of speed in getting things done. A request has been made to build a small city in Armenia. Great efforts have been made by Dr. Hovsepian of Columbia University in the medical areas, and by Krikor Hovnanian, who is handling the enormous rebuilding problems. Mr. Dorian spoke of Mr. Hovnanian's plans to build 250 units at between \$25-30,000 per unit. He spoke of "incentive" ideas to hasten the building projects. Mr. Dorian stated that we should all learn more about the Karabagh situation.

The Unity Issue is a very big item for the Council. Merger has been agreed to, depending on when the By-Laws will be completed. There have been many meetings involved in this Unity Issue. He spoke of political party influences, and said so far, this has been resisted, and it should not be a force in the church. But, there are many problems yet to resolve.

Eugene Raphaelian thanked Chairman Garabedian for asking Mr. Dorian to speak to us. He felt that there is not enough money to run the Diocese. They need operating funds, and he agreed that more money should be spent on the Youth Program. Chairman Garabedian thanked Mr. Dorian for speaking.

Question #11 on the Agenda, "Reconsideration of the Present Status of our Church Deed" was addressed next. Chairman Garabedian stated that the people should be made aware of some of the provisions of the By-Laws, and he reviewed the status of the deed. Anyone who wishes to submit a proposal in connection with this matter can do so, and they should be given to the Pastor, Father Mampre. Reverend Father Papken Maksoudian gave us some background on the Church deed. Father Mampre now gave some comments regarding the concern of the community about protection of the church when Unity comes about and there is a merger. With regard to properties transferred to the name of the Diocese, Father Mampre feels it should be up to the Parish how this should be handled. Robert Goshgarian questioned the number of parishes whose deeds are in the name of Diocese, and it was stated that most of the churches have turned their deeds over to the Diocese, but the number was not certain.

It was pointed out that the Holy Trinity Church deed was transferred to the name of the Diocese after we had paid our mortgage. Mr. Dorian stated that churches not in the name of the Diocese, such as in New Jersey, have different laws. Diocese is now trying to form an inter-state coverage. He did not know where the Prelacy churches stood, and he urged consideration to have the present system continue. In conjunction with this "consideration" Mr. Dorian referred to, Diran Zahigian questioned what it is we are to consider? Chairman Garabedian explained the function of the Board of Trustees, and the ten trustees have to vote.

Various possible problems were questioned, and Aetna Tashjian suggested that anyone concerned should put their ideas in the form of a motion. Anyone having any motions to propose could do so now, but none were made, and it was agreed to leave things as they are at this time. No motions were made. Mr. Dorian stated that

any Proposals to the Diocesan Assembly to be held in May in Worcester, MA, would need to be submitted 30 days before the Assembly.

Father Papken Maksoudian made a motion to appeal the Annual Diocesan Assembly to dissolve the New England Region since there was no need for such a regionalization. It is a waste of time and money and does not serve its intended purpose. The motion was seconded and was passed by the Assembly. It is now needed to submit the resolution of dissolving the New England Region and this motion should be submitted to the Proposals Committee of the Diocesan Assembly.

Eugene Raphaelian pointed out that anyone who had any ideas for further proposals could approach any Diocesan Delegate regarding it.

Robert Goshgarian wanted to propose an increase in the funds allocated to the Youth by 20%. But the question of funding is needed to make the proposal work.

Chairman Garabedian now called for any other questions or discussions. Aetna Tashjian spoke about the Proposed Budget, and reminded us that the school which used to rent space in the Church brought in \$50,000 in rental. Suggestion was made to have a small group look into renting the facility again. It was stated that the Parish Council would handle this type of matter, and that a separate committee would be out of order. It was further stated that the Parish Council is looking into this situation.

Eugene Raphaelian questioned the Monument Committee and wanted to know who is on this committee. It was stated that this is printed in the Annual Report (4-c) and only one meeting has been held so far.

A comment was made on a new position created in the Parish and that it be reviewed in the future as to its need.

George Omartian talked about past, present and future potential membership. He would be most interested in a "Census-Type" report -- whether membership is being lost or gained. He said he suggested that this be done five years previously, and made a motion that it be included in the next year's Report. Motion was made and seconded. MOTION PASSED.

Father Mampre stated, however, that he does have this information, but it is not published. He could give Mr. Omartian some figures, but what is needed is for the parishioners to respond to a census questionnaire; otherwise, an accurate estimate cannot be reached.

Chairman Garabedian stated that in his opinion, our facilities at Holy Trinity were not being fully utilized. He spoke of a California parish that has a Kufta Dinner once a month and has raised \$25,000 from this activity.

At this time, Father Mampre thanked the Chairman and Secretary of the Day. He made his observations of the state of the Parish, noting that there is a need for more students for the Armenian School. He felt the Church Organizations were doing well, except for the Coules Club. He stated that the parish is in healthy condition. Father Mampre went on to thank the Parish Council Chairman and members for their hard work and devotion. He thanked the Committee of the Trust Fund, the Choir members and all organizations for their hard work, too.

At this time, Mr. Daniel Dorian thanked the Reverend Clergy of our Parish for their dedication and hard work. He spoke of the shortage of clergymen in our Diocese and the concerns of the Diocesan Council in this matter. He reminded everyone of

how hard our Pastor works and the long hours he devotes to our Parish. He asked that a standing ovation be given to him. The Assembly responded by giving a standing ovation to our Pastor.

Chairman of the Nominating Committee, George Haroutunian, now presented the results of the voting. The newly elected were as follows:

Parish Council: (125 Ballots were cast)

Gerald Boghosian \*  
John Kefeyan \*  
William H. Martin \*  
Phyllis Martins \*  
Bruce Ohanian \*  
Robert Takvorian - Alternate

Auditing Committee: (125 Ballots were cast - 1 was voided)

Armine D. Hagopian  
George D. Hagopian \*  
MaryAnn Soursourian \*  
Peter Talanian - Alternate

Nominating Committee: (125 Ballots were cast - 1 was voided)

Dr. Paul C. Barsam  
Nancy Kasarjian  
Dr. Michael Kolligian, Jr. \*  
Robert P. Proodian  
Diran A. Zahigian \*  
Eugene Raphaelian - Alternate

\*Re-elected

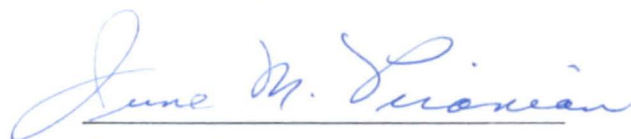
At this time, Chairman Garabedian extended his thanks to all the parishioners, the Chairman of the Parish Council, the Secretary, Father Mampre and Father Papken, but mostly, he repeated his thanks to the parishioners.

Father Mampre now called all the newly elected members to the front for his blessing and good wishes to them in their new positions.

With no further business to be conducted before this Annual Meeting, the benediction was now given by Father Papken.

The Annual Parish Assembly of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston was declared adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



June M. Piranian  
English Recording Secretary