

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
Sunday, February 7, 1988

The Annual Parish Assembly of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston was held on Sunday afternoon, February 7, 1988, in the Church's Cultural Hall. Nancy Kasarjian, Chairwoman of the Parish Council chaired the meeting. The opening prayer was offered by Reverend Father Mampre A. Kouzouian.

The Nominating Committee's selection of the day's Tivan was announced by Dr. Michael Kolligian, member of this committee, as follows:

Chairman:	Attorney Walter Vartanian
Armenian Recording Secretary:	Araxie Janjigian
English Recording Secretary:	June Piranian

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

Dr. Kolligian then presented the Slate as put forward by the Nominating Committee:

Parish Council: (Votes to be cast for 5)

Antranig Aghdamlian	John Kefeyan
Ara Avakian	William H. Martin
George Baghdasarian	Phyllis Martins
Gerald Boghosian *	Bruce Ohanian
Raymond Bozoian	Debbie Stevens

Nominating Committee: (Votes to be cast for 5)

Robert Borzakian, Jr.	Phyllis Martins *
Helene Dorian	Gerard Odabashian
George D. Hagopian	Eugene Raphaelian
George W. Haroutunian	Robert Takvorian
Haig Hedison *	Stephen Tashjian

Auditing Committee: (Votes to be cast for 3)

George S. Alexander	Mary Ann Soursourian *
Armine D. Hagopian	Peter Talanian *
Barbara L. Sahagian	Araxie Toomajian *

Diocesan Delegates: (Votes to be cast for 7)

Daniel K. Dorian *	Gregory Krikorian
George D. Hagopian *	Robert P. Proodian *
George W. Haroutunian *	Eugene Raphaelian *
Harry Haytayan	John Soursourian *
Anita Hedison	Thomas Stephanian
Dr. Parnag H. Kasarjian	Aetna Tashjian
Archie Kolligian *	Robert Z. Zartarian

* Incumbent

Dr. Kolligian informed the Assembly that nominations in each category would be accepted from the floor. There being none, a Motion was made and seconded to receive the selections as presented by the Nominating Committee. MOTION PASSED.

A supply of copies of the Annual Report covering the period from January 1, 1987 through December 31, 1987 were given out to anyone who needed one, but there were a few copies short. The Chairman informed the Assembly that unless there were objections, formal readings of each individual report would be omitted, and any questions could be addressed to the Chair. There were no objections.

Minutes of the 1987 Parish Assembly:

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on February 1, 1987, with one addition requested by Father Mampre to add the words "in the absence of the Pastor" following the sentence "The Opening Prayer was offered by Very Reverend Father Oshagan Minassian". This was in the first paragraph of said Minutes. MOTION PASSED.

Pastor's Annual Report for 1987:

Father Mampre reviewed his Annual Report briefly, in English and Armenian, and asked for any questions as he went along. In connection with the visit of His Holiness Vasken I in November, Father Mampre specifically wished to thank all the parishoners once again who worked so hard to make Vehapar's visit a successful one. He also extended special thanks to Father Papken Maksoudian, Nancy Kasarjian, Rose Mamishian and Very Reverend Father Oshagan Minassian.

At this time, Donald Tellalian made a request to have in next year's report, under the heading of Sacraments and Services comparison statistics covering the last ten years of the Stewardship Program (participant numbers, etc.) The Chairman stated that the Parish Council would consider this request.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Pastor's Annual Report for 1987. MOTION PASSED.

Parish Council's Activities and Financial Report for 1987:

Aetna Tashjian, Chairman of the Renovation Committee, wished to report that the new rugs and furniture are "on hold" at this time.

On Page 6h of the Financial Special Account Report, correction was requested to add the first names of the Der Hohanessians, which are Levon and Anna. (Under "Income 1987").

Parish Council Treasurer Albert Zouranjian was called upon to answer any questions from the floor in relation to the Financial Report. On page 6j, the terminology of "Clergy Preparation" was questioned. Father Mampre explained that this means the allocation to the Diocese to prepare interested candidates in becoming clergymen. It was also pointed out, also on page 6j, that the \$150,000. in the Talanian Fund is available and may have additional funds added.

The Trust Fund Report was reviewed by George Hagopian.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Parish Council Report for 1987 as submitted. MOTION PASSED.

At this time, Candidates for the various offices were invited to come forward to be introduced to the Assembly. The Chairman announced that the Ballot Box would be opened at 1:30 P.M. and there would be a 15 minute break for voting purposes.

Approval of the 1988 Budget:

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Proposed Budget for the year 1988 as submitted. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS OF CHURCH AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS:

Stewardship Program:

The Chairman was requested to ask that those who have not made pledges as yet to kindly do so as soon as possible. Question was raised by Albert Oskoian in regard to the pledged amount of \$97,500.00. He wanted to know how much had actually been received, and the reply was approximately \$99,000.00.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Stewardship Program Report for 1987 as submitted. MOTION PASSED.

Cultural Committee Annual Report for 1987:

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Cultural Committee Annual Report for 1987 as submitted. MOTION PASSED.

Erevan Choral Society Annual Report for 1987:

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Erevan Choral Society Annual Report for 1987 as submitted. MOTION PASSED.

Senior Women's Guild Report for 1987: (Annual Report and Financial Report)

Special compliments were extended to the Senior Women by John Soursourian on the excellent preparation of their reports.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Senior Women's Guild Reports for 1987 as submitted. MOTION PASSED.

Women's Guild Annual Reports for 1987: (Annual Report and Financial Report)

Chairwoman Ann Vartanian wished to extend thanks to everyone for their support during her term of office. John Soursourian complimented the Women's Guild on their wonderful accomplishments.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Women's Guild Reports for 1987 as submitted. MOTION PASSED.

At this time, Father Papken wished to make a request that in next year's Annual Report, a single page Summary be prepared indicating the total amount of monies received by each organization at year's end.

A Motion to prepare such a Summary Report was made and seconded. MOTION PASSED.

The Chairman now called on Helene Dorian to give a report on the Diocesan Assembly to be held at Holy Trinity Church May 10-15. Mrs. Dorian asked that everyone try to attend the Kick-Off Dinner to be held on Wednesday, February 10th, to hear more of the details for the upcoming Assembly.

Chelsea Women's Auxiliary Annual Report for 1987:

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Chelsea Women's Auxiliary Annual Report for 1987 as submitted. MOTION PASSED.

Lynn-Salem-Peabody Women's Auxiliary Report for 1987:

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Lynn-Salem-Peabody Women's Auxiliary Annual Report for 1987 as submitted. MOTION PASSED.

Trinity Men's Union Annual Report for 1987:

Edward Nahabedian urged any men who might be interested in joining the Trinity Men's Union to come to any of the meetings and become a member.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Trinity Men's Union Annual Report for 1987 as submitted. MOTION PASSED.

"Friends of Holy Trinity - 1000 Club" Annual Report for 1987:

Aetna Tashjian informed the Assembly that the "1000 Club" is having some problem in filling the large quota of open numbers and urged members to consider the new "2 for 1" offer that may be coming up soon. Grace Kaprelian felt that loss of membership was maybe due to requests to pay annually or semi-annually instead of monthly. Barbara Sahagian said that while it would make the work easier if people did pay in larger increments, the people could pay in whatever way was best for them. Miss Sahagian went on to say that the \$33,000.00 amount shown in the Financial Report is in escrow.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the "Friends of Holy Trinity - 1000 Club" Annual Report for 1987 as submitted. MOTION PASSED.

Choir Annual Report for 1987:

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Choir Annual Report for 1987 as submitted. MOTION PASSED.

At this time, Father Mampre wished to make some comments on the status of the Armenian School. He stated that while there were some 100 students in the Sunday School, there were only about 12 to 15 students in the Armenian School. Even though classes were changed from Saturday to Sunday to accommodate the children and their parents, attendance was too low, and he urged the parents to encourage their children to attend. A suggestion was made to "combine" classes with St. James Armenian Church, but this was not felt to be a practical idea.

Continuing on the subject of Armenian language education, Dan Dorian felt that a good idea for adults wishing to learn, would be a "Berlitz-Type Program" of tapes. He felt the idea should be presented to the Diocese. Susan Kouzouian reported that there is a new class starting up for single adults at a cost of about \$85. 00. Donald Tellalian thought Mr. Dorian's idea was very good, and he offered the idea of being able to use the tapes in car tape-decks.

A Motion was made by Robert Zartarian to write an official letter to the Diocese presenting the idea of the "Berlitz-Type Program Tapes, as outlined by Mr. Dorian.

A second Motion was made to present this idea in the form of a Proposal. It was also pointed out that NAASR and AGBU have listings of tapes and maybe these should be checked out first. There was further discussion about this matter, and it was further pointed out if it was done in Proposal form, it would require funding and explanation. The second Motion was amended and then withdrawn.

The original Motion to write an official letter to the Diocese was seconded. MOTION PASSED.

Araxie Janjigian wanted to point out that while the idea of tapes, etc. for the adults was a good one, the primary concern should still be the children and directing their interests in attending the Armenian School.

A Motion to accept the Armenian School Report for 1987 as submitted was made and seconded. MOTION PASSED.

At this time, John Soursourian, Holy Trinity's New England Representative wanted to inform the Assembly of the Raffle tickets he has, and anyone who might wish to purchase one should speak to him. He has 50 tickets at \$100.00 each.

Sunday School Annual Report for 1987:

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Sunday School Annual Report for 1987 as submitted. MOTION PASSED.

Trinity Couples Club Annual Report for 1987:

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Trinity Couples Club Annual Report for 1987 as submitted. MOTION PASSED.

A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors Annual Report for 1987:

The Chairman appealed to the Assembly to encourage any young person they knew to join the Juniors. Father Mampre requested everyone to support the Poon Paragentan celebration on Sunday, February 14th.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors Annual Report for 1987 as submitted. MOTION PASSED.

A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors Annual Report for 1987:

A motion was made and seconded to accept the A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors Annual Report for 1987 as submitted. MOTION PASSED.

The Chairman's next item on the Agenda was to determine if there were any Proposals to be submitted to the Annual Diocesan Assembly. There were none.

The Chairman then asked Donald Tellalian to give the Assembly a report on the status of the stained glass windows, and Mr. Tellalian stated that the twelve apostles are being recreated in genuine stained glass for the dome.

At this time, Dr. Kolligian was called upon to announce the voting results of the day. Those elected are as follows:

Parish Council

Gerald Boghosian *
John Kefeyan
William H. Martin
Phyllis Martins
Bruce Ohanian
Debbie Stevens - Alternate

Nominating Committee

Helene Dorian
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George W. Haroutunian
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Auditing Committee

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Diocesan Delegates

Daniel K. Dorian *
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Eugene Raphaelian *
John Soursourian *
Aetna Tashjian
Robert P. Proodian * - Alternate

* Re-elected

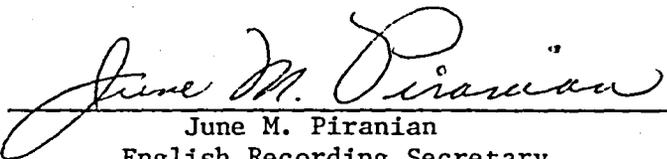
The number of ballots cast was questioned, and the reply was 141.

Father Mampre now expressed his appreciation to the Chairman of the Day, Walter Vartanian, to Dr. Michael Kolligian, and the Recording Secretaries. He extended his appreciation to the outgoing Parish Council members and Diocesan Delegates. He congratulated the newly elected individuals.

The Benediction was offered by Father Papken Maksoudian.

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