

ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

42nd & Pessenden Sts., N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20016

January 20, 1979

Dear Parishioner,

You are invited and urged to attend the annual Parish Assembly to be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, February 11, 1979, beginning at 12 Noon, to consider the items set forth in the attached agenda. Other items of business must be submitted to the Parish Council Chairman, Sirarpi Ohannessian, in writing prior to the meeting.

Enclosed also are copies of the organizational reports for 1978. PLEASE READ THEM AND BRING THEM WITH YOU TO THE MEETING.

Church services will begin at 10 A.M. on February 11, 1979 and will terminate at approximately 11:30 A.M. A light luncheon will be served immediately after church services, and the meeting will begin at 12 Noon.

We look forward to seeing you on February 11th.

Pastor and Parish Council

Սիրելի Վիսականներ,

Այսու հրահրուած էք մասնակցելու Տարեկան Անդամական Ժողովի որ պիտի գումարուի Կիրակի օր յետր 11, 1979 Կեսօրին ճիշտ 12-ին, նկատի ունենալու համար ներկայեալ Չրակարգի հարցերը:

Նոր հարցեր եւ առաջարկներ պէտք է ժողովէն առաջ գրաւոր կերպով յանձնուին Վիսական Խորհուրդի Ատենապետ Օր Ինքարդի յՏաննեսեանին:

Ներքակ կը ղտնէք նաեւ եկեղեցւոյ թժանդակ կաղմակերպութեանց 1978-ի տեղեկագրերը: Հաճեցէք կարդալ եւ ձեր հետը բերել այս տեղեկագիրը ժողովին օրը:

Ետրուար 11-ին Ս Գատարաւը պիտի սկսի ժամը 10-ին եւ պիտի վերջանայ մօտ ժամը 11:30-ին: Թեթեւ ճաշէ մը ետք պիտի սպասարկուի Տիկնանցի կողմէ ժողովը պիտի սկսի ժամը ճիշտ 12-ին: որ

Կը սպասենք որ բոլորը ալ ներկայ ըլլաք սոյն ժողովին:

Հովիւ եւ Վիսական Խորհուրդ

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Washington, D.C.

Annual Parish Membership Assembly
February 11, 1979

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Prayer Before Meeting -

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Jesus, Wisdom of the Father/ give me wisdom to always think and speak and
do what is good in Your sight/ Save me from evil thoughts/ words and deeds./
Have mercy on all your creatures/ and on me, a sinner.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit/ now and
always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Prayer After Meeting -

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
O Christ, Guardian of all/ may Your hand shelter me/ during the day and at
night/ at home and while traveling/ while asleep and awake/ that I may never
fall./ Have mercy on all your creatures/ and on me, a sinner.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit/ now and
always and unto the ages of ages/ Amen.

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

February 11, 1979

1. Opening Prayer - Roll Call
2. Election of Assembly Tivan
3. Minutes of 1978 Assembly
4. Reports
 - A. Pastor and Parish Council
 - B. Parish Council Treasurer - Auditing Committee
 - C. Proposed Budget
 - D. Diocesan Delegates
 - E. Women's Guild
 - F. Church School
 - G. Armenian School
 - H. Choir
 - I. A.C.Y.O.
 - J. Hye Club
 - K. Project Reach Out
 - L. Building Project
 - a. Building Fund Committee
 - b. Construction Committee
5. Election of Parish Council Auditing Committee and Nominating Committee members
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Announcement of Election Results
9. Adjournment and
Benediction

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 1978

The annual Parish Assembly convened in the sanctuary at 12:30 PM after a lunch served by the Women's Guild following the Divine Liturgy. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Edward Onanian, Chairman of the Parish Council. Our Pastor, Rev. V. Kalayjian opened the meeting with a request that everyone join in the reading of the prayer. Mr. J. Hekimian, acting secretary, took the roll call and of the 120 dues-paying members, 55 were present which constituted a quorum.

After the roll call, Dr. Onanian called for nominations from the floor for Chairman of the Assembly. Dr. Charles Kumkumian and Valentine Stahl were elected without opposition to serve as Chairman and Secretary, respectively. Suggestion was made to change the order of the reports as they appeared on the agenda, namely, that the Nominating Committee report and elections be held after the Women's Guild report. A motion to this effect was made, seconded and carried. At the last assembly meeting, January 1977, the Chairman, Dr. Charles Kumkumian, had suggested that hereafter, copies of the minutes of the previous year's assembly be included in the Annual Report booklet sent to the Parishioners. The Parish Council had prepared and mailed the Annual Report booklets in time to reach members prior to the meeting, but somehow, the U.S. Postal Service failed to deliver them in time. Copies of the booklet were distributed at the assembly for a brief review. In the interest of time, the 1977 assembly meeting minutes were not read aloud. Mrs. S. DuChessi made a motion to accept the minutes as published in the booklet, which was seconded and carried.

R E P O R T S

PASTOR'S REPORT - The Pastor's Report was not read aloud, however, Rev. Kalayjian emphasized its highlights; Sacraments and home blessings; over 125 home visits and more than 20 hospital and home visitations to ill parishioners; publications; Shnorhali was expanded to include an Armenian section. Rev. Kalayjian expressed his appreciation and deep gratitude to the Parish Council, Women's Guild, and all the auxiliary organizations for their unstinting help during his 1st year of residence in the greater Washington D.C. area. His report lauded the Choir, Sunday School Superintendent, and staff, ACYO, Hye Club, and Ararat Avak Society. He urged the members to support a new program initiated by the Parish Council on his recommendation - Project Reach-Out (PRO). Sunday School enrollment increased 100% over last year. Dues-paying members increased 100% over last year. Dues-paying members increased to 120 from 110; an increase in voting membership to 133 is expected in 1978.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - Dr. Onanian briefly summarized the accomplishments of the Council during 1977. It greeted a new Pastor, bought a Parish House, initiated Project Reach-Out and encouraged the establishment of the Hye Club. In spite of various problems, the past 2 years have been good years.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE - A variety of maintenance needs received attention during the year, including problems with the furnace, office equipment and organ. Dr. Onanian noted that our needs in this area are many and urged members who can help in our repair efforts to volunteer their services. The Council made an inventory of maintenance needs late in the year, and it may call on individual members to come and do repair work in the Church from time to time.

LANDSCAPING - Landscaping on the 42nd street side will be done in the Spring by the ACYO who will assume the cost.

SPACE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH - In 1976, the Space Committee commissioned an architect to see what could be done with our existing building and property.

to meet the space needs of the Church. The architect submitted a report in early 1977 to the committee, but its consideration was deferred during the search for a Parish House, and was not fully resumed by year's end. FINANCIAL REPORT - This report shows a deficit of \$5200.00 which is not a matter of great concern provided it is not repeated in 1978. The Parish Council has repeatedly asked members to voluntarily increase their pledges, and many members are now responding to that appeal. Operating expenses alone amount to \$700.00 a week.

PARISH COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT - The Annual Bazaar made \$9000.00 in 1977 which was divided equally between the Parish Council and the Building Fund. Mr. Casey Kazanjian questioned the "Diocesan Dues" of \$3791.00. Dr. Onanian stated that the assesment was about \$4800.00, and explained why the Parish Council decided to pay a lesser amount to the Diocese. Our Pastor made a practice of repeating the discussion in Armenian for the benefit of those who did not understand English too well.

BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE - Dr. Onanian pointed out the cost of the Parish House, \$62,000.00; mortgage of \$49,600.00 at 8.75% - payment of \$390.35 per month; and that the Building Fund should be able to meet these payments as long as Bazaar income remain at its present level. The report was accepted. Mr. DuChessi made the suggestion that we have fund-raising affairs about every other month to help reduce this mortgage at such a high interest rate. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Pastor's and Parish Council's reports. The motion was carried.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY - Mr. Abraham Bodurian briefly reviewed the items in his report, i.e. "unity project" and Diocesan Budget and finances; it was accepted.

WOMEN'S GUILD - In the absence of Mrs. Dorothy Small, Mrs. Queenie Avedikian reported on the activities of the Women's Guild. The report was accepted.

NOMINATIONS - Mrs. Avedikian reported that many members had been approached to serve on the Parish Council. The names of those who accepted appeared on the ballot. The Assembly was informed that nominations from the floor were permissable. After a few persons were proposed to Parish Council and who declined, Mr. DuChessi made a motion to accept all the nominations accepted on the ballot for Parish Council, seconded by Casey Kazanjian. Ms. Isabel Goshgarian made a motion that all nominations for Parish Council be accepted unanimously. It was carried. Results of balloting for the Nominating and Auditing Committees appear below. Dr. Kumkumian commended the Nominating Committee for selecting such highly qualified persons and congratulated them on a job well done. A review of voting members revealed that 63 were present and voting.

PARISH COUNCIL

Gary Avedikian
John Azhderian
Levon Garabedian
Edward Jamgochian
Sirarpi Ohanessian
(elected unanimously)

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Raymond Babigan - 40
Casey Kazanjian - 36
Jerry Hekimian - 35
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
George Derderian - 40
Edward Onanian - 34
Jack Kazanjian - 27

Votes cast for other nominees to:

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Robert George - 30
Vartkes Broussalian - 24

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Abraham Bodurian - 24
Armen Garabedian - 18

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Dr. Kumkumian made a few statements on the report stressing the need for adequate classrooms. The report was accepted as presented.

CHOIR REPORT - Mr. Jack Andonian announced that two new members had joined the Choir and that 20 additional robes are needed. Report was accepted.
HYE CLUB:- Mr. M. Tashjian reviewed the highlights of the activities. In answer to Mr. Jack Kazanjian's question of the age bracket, Mr. Tashjian replied that it was approximately from 18 - 35 or 40 years of age. The Chairman commended Mr. and Mrs. M. Tashjian for an outstanding job with the Hye Club. Report was accepted.

ARARAT AVAK SOCIETY - Miss Astrik Aznavorian informed the Assembly that there was no financial report to submit but the society had \$100.00 in its savings account. A report was accepted.

PROJECT REACH-OUT - Mr. George Derderian gave a brief outline of the goals and objectives. The Chairman commended Mr. and Mrs. G. Derderian for their unselfish efforts for P.R.O.

AUDITING COMMITTEE - Mr. Ray Babigan presented the report which was accepted. Our Pastor suggested that the Auditing Committee review the books every 6 months instead of once a year in order to provide guidance to the treasurers of the various organizations.

OLD BUSINESS

SPACE COMMITTEE:- Mr. J. Hekimian presented a report which outlines the options available to the Parish and recommended that we build on the lot adjacent to the Church. He noted that this recommendation was endorsed by a majority of the committee. Immediately following this report, Dr. Onanian stated that this issue should be discussed at a meeting convened for that purpose only. Accordingly, he moved that we accept the committee's report, and that the Parish Council call a Special Parish Assembly in February to consider the committee's recommendation and take appropriate action. The motion was seconded and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF PRIMATE - The Assembly agreed to discuss a proposal presented by Casey Kazanjian that the assembly instruct its diocesan delegates to vote for Archbishop Manoogian to serve another term as Primate. Since we have no information currently on the state of candidates, the Assembly accepted a substitute motion that a Special Parish Assembly be held at a later date when the candidates are known to provide guidance to our Diocesan Delegates on this issue.

PROPOSED BUDGET - Dr. Onanian presented the proposed budget of \$34,500.00 for the calendar year 1978. He noted that to date, 68 people had pledged about \$7,800.00 which averages over \$100.00 each. The proposed budget and the accompanying memorandum of understanding with the Pastor were accepted as presented. In closing, the Chairman thanked the outgoing Parish Council for its excellent work and cooperation with all committees and activities in the past year. Everyone joined in the closing prayer; the meeting adjourned at 4:10PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Valentine (Bostonian) Stahl, Secretary; Charles Kunkumian, Chairman;

Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, President