

PRIEST: Do you intend to give of yourself unselfishly, extending your help to those of the Church community who are in need?

OFFICERS: We do.

PRIEST: Do you intend to remain loyal to and defend the teachings of the Armenian Church within your Organization, as well as in the community?

OFFICERS: We do.

PRIEST: Having made these promises and statements before God who is invisibly enthroned upon the Holy Altar, shall the faithful assembled here also be witness to your words?

OFFICERS: Yes Father, let them all be witness.

(The Officers shall then read in unison the Prayer of the ACYOA).

O Lord our Savior Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life, give us, the youth of the Church of Armenia, we beseech You, the wisdom to know, to love, and to serve You in our personal lives severally, and in the corporate life of our Organization. You who lead all people in the way, lead us, Your children, that we may be able to serve the Church through our people, with courage and vision, and in the faith of our illustrious forefathers. Inspire us, O Lord, and open our eyes to Your light, that we may cherish and profit by the heritage which our forefathers have left to us, and that we may be aware of our responsibilities.

Fill us, O Christ our God, with Your Holy Spirit, that we may be the obedient and unselfish servants of the Will of our Heavenly Father, to whom, together with You and the Holy Spirit, is befitting glory, dominion and honor, now and always and unto the ages of ages. AMEN.

PRIEST: Beloved young people, you have shown your interest and love for your Church by choosing to serve as officers of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America.. . . . (name of city) Chapter of (name of parish) Armenian Church. Therefore, may you be blessed (+) in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May you fulfill your many new duties, and may God grant you the wisdom, patience and understanding needed by all His servants of this world.

DEACON: *Soorp Khachivur aghachestzook uzDer, zi sovav purgestze uzmez ee meghatz, yev getzoostze shnorhiv voghormootyan yooro. Amenagal Der Asdvadz mer, getzo yev voghormya.*

By the Holy Cross let us beseech the Lord, that He may thereby deliver us from sins and may save us by the grace of His Mercy. Almighty Lord our God, save and have mercy upon us.

PRIEST: *Bahbanya uzmez, Krisdos Asdvadz mer, unt hovanyav soorp yev badvagan Khachivut kov ee khaghaghootyan. Purgya hereveli yev hanerevooyt tushnamvooyt; arjhanavorya kohootyamp paravorel uzkez unt Hor yev Hokvooyt Srpo; ayjhm yev mishd yev haveedyanus haveedenitz. Amen. Orhnyal yegherook ee shnorhatz Soorp Hoqvooyt. Yertayk khaghaghootyamp yev Der yeghitzi unt tzez unt amenesyanut. Amen.*

Guard us, O Christ our God, under the shadow of Your holy and venerable Cross in peace. Deliver us from enemies visible and invisible. Make us worthy to give thanks to You and to glorify You with the Father and with the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

May you be blessed by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Depart in peace and may the Lord be with you all. Amen.

NOTE: (It would be appropriate if the newly elected Officers were given crosses or appropriate books on the Church at the conclusion of this service.)