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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

DURING 15th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

OF ST. GEORGE ARMENIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 17th, 18th, 19th 1978 FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

HIS EMINENCE, ARCBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America - will be presiding during all the festivities of the whole weekend.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1978

His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian will arrive at Houston's Airport at 3:37 p.m. on Delta Airlines Flight #367. All Parish Council Members will be required along with the Der Hayr to be present at the Airport no later than 3:00 p.m. upon the Archbishop's arrival into Houston. After his arrival, at the Archbishop's request, everyone will convene to the Church's new property site on Synott Road off of Westheimer Road for His Eminence to see the property in complete detail. Later in the evening, beginning between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., a meeting will convene in the Royal Suite at the Galleria Plaza Hotel on the 24th floor. This will be a dinnermeeting and all parish council members must be present with no exceptions.

The above mentioned dinner-meeting will be financially supported and sponsored by Mr. Yohannes Hekimian and Mr. Peter Haig Basralian.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1978

A 15th Anniversary Gala Banquet Celebration will take place at the Galleria Plaza Hotel. The menu has been finalized with the details attached on the following page. Admission to this Banquet will be \$35.00 per person. A Cocktail hour will begin from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Two parishioners have been designated to be at the door to greet individuals as they enter. They are; Miss Houry Sarkissian and Mr. Johnny Jordan. Dinner will be served at 8:00 p.m. During the Banquet, the following persons will be presented with awards for:

- a. The "MAN OF THE YEAR" Award shall be given to Mr. & Mrs. Sam G. Harrison. However, Mr. & Mrs. Harrison will not be able to attend this Banquet.
- b. The "FRIEND OF THE ARMENIANS" Award shall be given to The Very Reverend Father James J. Gaunt, Dean of St. Thomas High School. This Award will be presented by our Pastor, Rev. Terenig Kondralian.
- Individual Awards to all the Past Parish Council Chairmen of St. George Armenian Church during the past 15 years;

Mr. Kegham S. Gregory (Deceased) Accepting; Mrs. Alice Gregory - Wife

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Mr. Stephen Saxenian Mr. Yohannes Hekimian

An invitational letter has already been sent to all the above mentioned names by the Der Hayr requesting their presence to this Banquet. We have received confirmations.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be; Mr. James Boyajian with the English Version and Mr. Garo Keramian with the Armenian version. A prepared circular letter both in English and Armenian was prepared and sent on Thursday, October 25, 1978 to all the parishioners within our registry. A follow-up to this circular with detailed explanations along with maps with locations was sent on Thursday, November 9, 1978.

Two hundred (200) tickets have been printed for this 15th Anniversary Banquet Celebration. (Sample may be shown by Mr. Garo Keramian). Enclosed with each ticket, were two complementary mixed drink tickets.

Five individual award gifts have been purchased by Der Hayr, each gift is in

the process of being engraved for the purpose of the award.

The Head Table arrangements for seating purpose will be the following:

- 1. His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
- 2. The Reverend Father & Mrs. Terenig Kondralian
- 3. Mr. & Mrs. Yohannes Hekimian, Parish Council Chairman
- 4. The Very Reverend Father James J. Gaunt
- 5. Mr. & Mrs. James Boyajian, Master of Ceremonies (English)
- 6. Mr. & Mrs. Garabed Keramian, Master of Ceremonies (Armenian)
- 7. Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Saxenian
- 8. Mrs. Kegham (Alice) S. Gregory, declined to sit at Head Table.

Fifteen minutes prior to the Banquet; all Head Table Guests should assemble within an area designated for a proper assemble. Once assembled, all guests will enter into the Banquet Hall to take their appropriate places at the Head Table.

Talbe seating arrangements for all guests to the Banquet will be at their own choice. No-pre-arranged seating will be assigned in order to avoid any later confusion.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a. Number of tickets sold so far.
- b. The entire evenings program should be planned in complete detail.
- c. Any additional suggestions.

Additional guests that have been invited to participate by a formal invitional letter are:

Mr. & Mrs. Don Nelson - still pending for an affirmative answer. Miss Jan Glenn - no reply so far.



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The Very Rev. Fr. Charles Smith - No reply so far. Mr. & Mrs. James Masucci - An affirmative reply has been received. His Honorable, Mayor & Mrs. James McConn - No reply so far.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1978 - GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

Beginning at 11:30 a.m., at the new church property site on Synott Road off of Westheimer Road in the Park Hollow Sub-Division, a Ground Breaking Ceremony will take place marking the future structure of St. George Armenian Church of Houston. All Parish Council members must be present with no exceptions at 11:00 a.m. All Choir Members must participate also with their presence there at 11:00 a.m. also. His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian will celebrate this ceremony with the assistance of our Der Hayr and Deacons of the Church. Channel 13 News team will be present to film this historic event to air the taping on Monday, November 20, 1978 show of Good Morning Houston beginning at 9:00 a.m. From our Parish, Mr. Haikaz Ohanian and Mr. Johnny Jordan will take color and black and white films during the ceremony for our own use. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian will be interviewed by the Channel 13 spokesperson. Godfathers to act as the first Ground-Breakers for the ceremony will be the first Parish Council Members of the Church. Each ground-breaker will have his own individual shovel for this occasion which are to be purchased by Mr. James Boyajian.

Any additional suggestions from parish council members will be discussed.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1978

Divine Liturgy Services (Badarak) will begin at 10:00 a.m. Sharp! Celebrated by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America accompanied by the Der Hayr and the Deacons of St. George Armenian Church. ALL PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE CHURCH WITH NO EXCEPTIONS OR EXCUSE AT 9:30 a.m. from the beginning of the day until the end. The Chapel partition of the Auditorium will be open to accodomate seating arrangements in the Hall during the Divine Liturgy services rather than our normal arrangements in the Chapel.

a. Responsibilities and duties of each Parish Council Member during the divine liturgy servies of that day, see the Der Hayr for his instructions and explanations.

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1978 - DINNER BANQUET AND CULTURAL PROGRAM - 15th ANNIVERSARY

a. The Sunday Banquet will be sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary and the Parish Council jointly. The Menu for the day has been decided on a full course Ham dinner to be priced at \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. All profits from the Banquet will be shared jointly between the Ladies Auxiliary and the Parish Council.

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b. Awards will be honored to all those Ladies who were Charter Members of the Ladies Auxiliary beginning from 15 years ago. The following were Charter Members and will receive awards for recognition from His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian:

Mrs. Rose Sanjakian - has declined to attend

Mrs. Sona Kirksharian

Mrs. Emma Hagopian

Mrs. Anna Harrison

Mrs. Marie Tasian

- c. Mrs. Sophie Boyajian has been selected to act as Mistress of Ceremonies and will make all the necessary arrangements for the Cultural Program. All organizations affiliated with the Church will take part to this Cultural Program including the newly organized Sunday School and Armenian School.
- d. All tickets and flyers has already been prepared and sent to everyone within the parish.
- e. All Head Table arrangements have been finalized with the assistance of Mrs. Vanoosh Ohanian. All individual table and hall decorations have been taken care of.
- f. Ladies Auxiliary has asked from the Parish Council Members to deliver all the tables to St. Thomas on Friday, November 17, if possible before 12:00 p.m. Noon.

#### **PUBLICITY**

A Press Release composed by Mr. James Boyajian and assisted by Der Hayr has been addressed and sent to all the New Directors and Public Directors of all the Radio Stations and Televisions Stations within the city for advertisement of the 15th Anniversary Celebration weekend and the Ground Breaking Ceremony. A total of 62 letters have been already sent. On Tuesday, November 14, 1978 at 3:00 p.m., Der Hayr has an appointment with the Religious Editor from the Houston Chronicle Newspaper. For additional details, see Der Hayr for this outcome.

GOOD LUCK! AND BEST WISHES!

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Terenig Kondralian, Pastor