

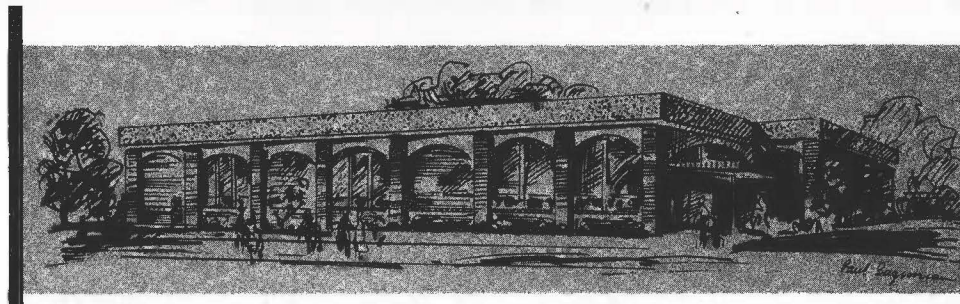
St. Leon Armenian Church
Community Center
Memorials Booklet

1981

12-61 Saddle River Road
Fair Lawn, N. J. 07410

(201) 791-2862

St. Leon Armenian Church



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Community Center Memorials Committee

Telephones:
Church: 791-2862
Rectory: 791-1583

Dear Parishioner and Friend:

One of the most beautiful Community Centers in the Diocese of the Armenian Church is near completion. The official dedication date is set for November 15, 1981.

This edifice will complement the existing church complex and will provide for an ideal setting to meet the ever growing need for the spiritual, cultural and social activities of our community.

As a donor of a memorial, you are now being presented with the opportunity to contribute significantly and in a personal way to the success of the project.

For your convenience, enclosed is a copy of the Memorials Booklet. To assure yourself of the memorial of your choice, you are urged to respond as soon as possible, in accordance with the instructions in the booklet.

Your Memorials Committee is ready to help you in your selection. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any one of the Committee members listed below.

MEMORIALS COMMITTEE:

Rev. Patee Metjian..... 791-2862
Charles Pinajian, chairman..... 891-5420
Andrew Dabbakian*, Chairman
James Noorigian..... 797-1983
Ara Hourdajian..... 447-2862
Harry Boyadjian..... 337-4705
Dovie Tilbian..... 445-2304

*Deceased

DON'T DELAY. BE A PART OF THIS MEMORIAL PROGRAM

**ՀԱՄԱՅՆՔԱՅԻՆ ԿԵԴՐՈՆԻ ՏԵՍԻՆՔԸ
ԻՐԱԿԱՆԱՑՈՒՄԻ ԾԱՄԲՈՒՆ ՎՐԱՅ**

Համայնքային կեդրոնի յիշատակարաններու գրքոյկի հրատարակութեան առթիւ, եկեղեցւոյ հոգեւոր հովիւ՝ Տ. Բարի Քհչնյ. Մէթճեան բարեհաճած է պատասխանելու կարգ մը հարցումներու: Իր փափաքն է որ դուք կարգաք եւ բերէք ձեր մասնակցութիւնը այս Աստուածահաճոյ ձեռնարկին:

Հ.- Ինչո՞ւ պէտք է կառուցանել Համայնքային կեդրոն մը:

Պ.- Համայնքի մը բնական պահանջն է ունենալ կեդրոնատեղի մը: Ան նշանն է բնականոն աճումի եւ զարգացումի, միանգամայն ազդակ՝ նորանոր նուաճումներու եւ յառաջդիմութեան:

Հ.- Ո՞րքան պիտի արժէ մեր Համայնքային կեդրոնը:

Պ.- Կը նախատեսուի որ Համայնքային կեդրոնը իր բոլոր յարմարութիւններով արժէ մօտաւորապէս 600,000 տոլար: Մեր ժողովուրդը, ինչպէս ձեզմէ շատեր, խոստացած են 350,000 տոլարի օժանդակութիւն մը ի նպաստ կեդրոնին:

Հ.- Ի՞նչ աղբիւրէ պիտի հայթայթուի մնացեալ գումարը:

Պ.- Համայնքային կեդրոնին մէջ կարելի պիտի ըլլայ յիշատակարաններ ունենալու պատեհութիւնը: Ամէն անձ կամ ընտանիք պիտի կարենայ նուիրել յիշատակարան մը իր հանգուցեալ սիրելիներուն յիշատակին: Ինչպէս նաեւ որեւէ անձ կամ ընտանիք նուիրատուութիւն ընէ իր կենդանութեան: Յանձնախումբը կը յուսայ որ այս տեսակի նուիրատուութիւններէն 200,000 տոլարի գումար մը գոյանայ:

Հ.- Ի՞նչ տեսակի յիշատակարաններ տրամադրելի են Համայնքային կեդրոնին մէջ:

Պ.- Ամէն տեսակի: Կիրակնօրեայ դասարաններէն մինչեւ սրահի աթոռներ կամ պատուհանի վարագոյրներ: Այս գրքոյկին մէջ պիտի գտնէք ցանկը տրամադրելի յիշատակարաններու:

Հ.- Արդեօք կրնա՞ք ըսել, թէ ով յղացած է յիշատակարան ունենալու գաղափարը:

Պ.- Մեր ազգի պատմութեան մէջ, բարեգործութիւնը ազգային յատկութիւն մը եղած է: Թագաւորներ, իշխաններ եկեղեցիներ կառուցանել կուտային իրենց սիրելիներուն յիշատակին: Անհատներ ոսկեզօծ մանրանկարչական Ս. գրքեր ընդօրինակել կուտային, ինչպէս նաեւ կը նուիրէին այլ եկեղեցական զգեստներ:

Հ.- Ի՞նչպէս կրնամ յիշատակարան մը ապահովել:

Պ.- Յիշատակարան մը ընտրելու ժամանակ երկու կէտեր նկատի պէտք է առնէք: Առաջին, ընտրեցէք յիշատակարան մը որ ձեզի մասնաւոր նշանակութիւն ունենայ: Երկրորդ, նկատի առէք ձեր նիւթական կարողութիւնը եւ նաեւ վճարելու միջոցը:

Հ.- Իմ նիւթական կարողութիւնս համեստ է, ի՞նչպէս կ'ակնկալուի ինձմէ յիշատակարան մը ունենալ:

Պ.- Մէկ բան կը սորվինք կեանքի մէջ: Անձ, ընտանիք եւ համայնք կը յառաջդիմեն միայն զոհողութեամբ: Մեզմէ Աստուած կը սպասէ մեր լաւագոյնը ընել: Կրնաս զաւակներուդ խօսիլ որպէսզի քեզի հետ միասնաբար նուիրեն յիշատակարան մը: Կամ թէեւ հիմա քու կարողութիւնդ չի ներեր, կրնաս յետ մահու կտակելով մէջ այդ ուղղութեամբ որոշ նպատակ մը յայտնել:

**ABOUT THE COMMUNITY CENTER
Questions and Answers**

Q: *When was the idea of the Community Center conceived?*

A: When the community was relocated from Paterson to Fair Lawn, fifteen years ago, the original plans were to build the church and the community center simultaneously. Due to lack of funds and human resources the community center portion of the project was postponed.

Q: *How much will it cost?*

A: The entire project, as authorized by the Special Parish Assembly, with the present hall converted into classrooms will cost approximately \$600,000.00.

Q: *What will be provided in the community center?*

- A: (1) An auditorium, with a seating capacity of over 300 people.
(2) A stage
(3) Modern kitchen facilities
(4) Storage facilities
Original Church Hall—Conversion into:
(1) Classrooms
(2) A small assembly auditorium
(3) Kitchenette

Q: *Has the building been carefully planned?*

A: We have made a thorough study of the needs of our total program. Every aspect of church activities has been carefully scrutinized for today and the future, based on a master plan. Mr. Tom Ashbahian, an outstanding architect, has been retained to design our community center and our Building Committee is working closely with him to optimize the use of money and materials.

Q: *How much money has been raised?*

A: So far, our community has been very generous. The project will cost approximately \$600,000 and we have raised over \$350,000.00. This includes cash and memorial donations, and pledges.

Q: *How about the remaining \$250,000.00? Where will this money come from?*

A: We anticipate the \$250,000.00 will come from memorial donations. (There will be many items in the lobby, auditorium, kitchen, etc., which will be available as memorials and pledges).

Q: *Where did the concept of memorials come from?*

A: It is a unique Armenian tradition to inscribe the names of our loved ones as a living memorial. Even the noble families of the past had memorials. The Bible states, "Remember me, O God according to the good deeds I have done." Neh. 13:4.

Q: *Who will be asked to contribute?*

A: Every member of the church or anyone who wishes to invest according to his own fair share in this God-pleasing endeavor. This is our Community Center and it's our responsibility.

Q: Are contributions for memorials tax deductible?

A: The answer is yes.

Q: How shall I pay for a memorial item?

A: First, we recommend that you choose a Memorial item according to your financial means. Then you select your own method of payment. You should make your payments according to your preference. Payments can be made quarterly, semi-annually over three to five year period.

Q: Who receives the money?

A: The treasurer of the Community Center Building Committee will receive the money. It will be maintained as a separate account, under heading of Memorial Fund.

Q: There are so many fund raising programs. How can I support all of them?

A: You have to be selective. Building and Memorial contributions directly benefit you. Your Church deserves top priority for the next five years. This is a campaign for an institution that is vital to the religious up-bringing of your own children and the development of your own community-cultural life. Think of all that your church means to you.

Q: How can I make a pledge when my family expenses take just about all I earn?

A: Every man is obligated to provide for the basic needs of his family, such as: food, clothing and shelter. But the spiritual sustenance of your family is extremely important. You can provide for the physical needs, but if the spiritual needs are neglected, life has no real meaning or purpose. Through church activities, we receive strength and courage to face our every day problems. Try taking the church's share out of your income first, instead of leaving it till the last. You will find that you will still be able to make ends meet. In fact, you may find it much easier to meet your obligation. You will be a happier person, and your life will be enriched in knowing that you are helping your church. There is a satisfaction in sacrificing our wants to build a community center as a lasting legacy to future generations.

Q: Will a list of memorial contributions be acknowledged?

A: Yes. Major memorial contributions will have an appropriate plaque at a suitable place. Other contributors will have an attractive tableau mentioning the name and individual contributors. . . If you have any suggestions let us hear from you.

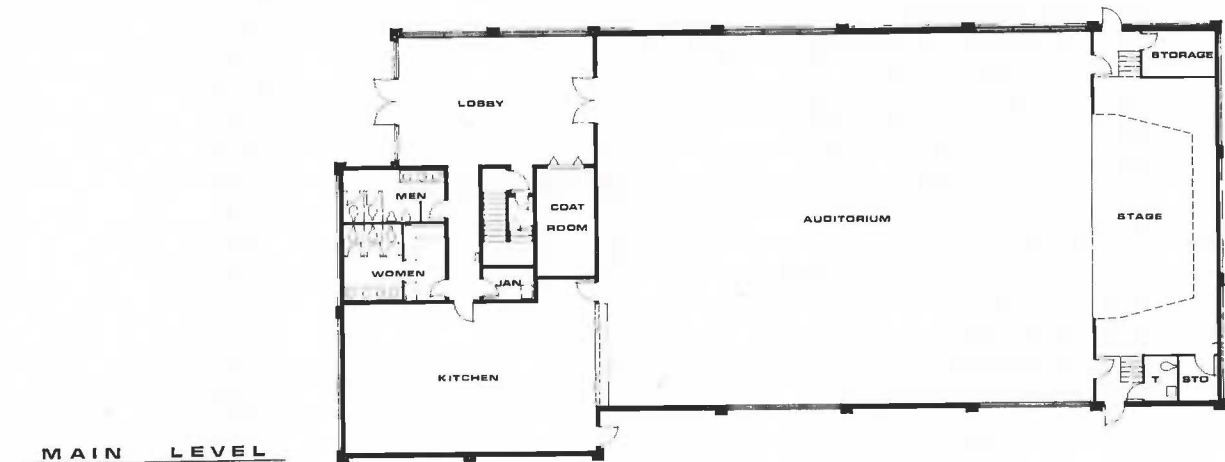
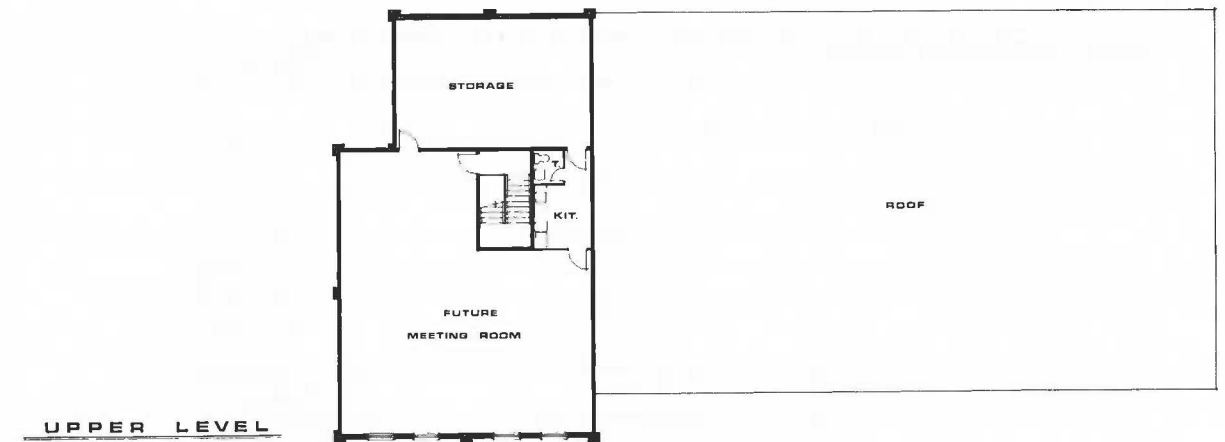
Q: What if I am not active in church life?

A: We want you to be active, to be a concerned member of the Armenian community. We have always believed that one's spiritual, cultural, and social life, within the context of his ethnic community, is important for the survival of our American democracy. You need the community and the community needs you. Our goal in this venture is not only financial — we hope that in this mutual undertaking we shall be drawn together as a community and a family with increased interest and participation in the life of the church and community.

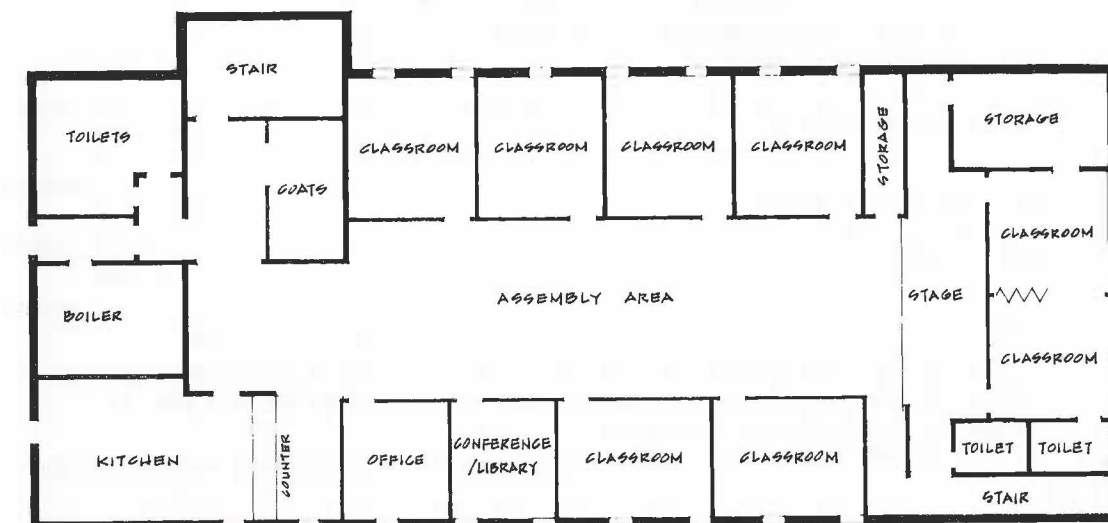
Q: If I have other questions, whom do I contact?

A: You should feel free to call on Rev. Patee Metjian (791-2862) or any member of the Memorial Committee.

ST. LEON COMMUNITY CENTER HALL & EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES



DRAWINGS OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES



**ST. LEON CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTER
MEMORIAL LIST**

EDUCATIONAL WING **Amount**

E1 Classroom (Furnishing included).....	\$3,000
E2 Assembly Hall.....	\$6,000
E3 Communications System: (Close Circuit TV; Intercom; Podium; Speakers.....)	\$3,000
E4 Stage Curtain.....	\$1,500
E5 Lobby Furnishings.....	\$2,000
E6 Portable Altar.....	\$ 500

COMMUNITY CENTER **Amount**

C1 Lobby with furniture.....	\$12,000
C2 Cloak Room.....	5,000
C3 Main Hall Clock.....	3,000
C4 Chandelier (Community Center)*	15,000
C5 Chandelier Lobby.....	5,000
C6 COMMUNITY CENTER HALL**	100,000
C7 Stage (including Curtain)*	15,000
C8 Hall Draperies.....	5,000
C9 Carpeting.....	10,000
C10 Lectern.....	700
C11 Intercom, Amplifiers, Speakers.....	3,000
C12 YOUTH CENTER.....	6,000
C13 Bridal Suite.....	3,500
C14 Kitchenette.....	4,000
C15 Drapes & furnishings.....	4,500
C16 Lobby Statue***	7,000

FOOD SERVICES **Amount**

F1 Hall Tables (Round).....	300 each
F2 Chairs.....	75 each
F3 China (8 place settings).....	150 each
F4 Flatware (8 place settings).....	100 each
F5 Kitchen & appliances *	35,000

MISCELLANEOUS **Amount**

M1 MEMORIAL PARK*	\$50,000
M2 Playground.....	3,000
M3 Outdoor signs.....	2,000

* These memorials may be underwritten jointly with other interested parties.
 **On May 22, 1981 the St. Leon Armenian Church Parish Assembly acknowledged the Memorial Donation by Mr. and Mrs. V. Abajian and Mr. and Mrs. R. Abajian for the Community Center Hall.
 ***Jon Najarian Memorial.

**HOW TO REQUEST YOUR MEMORIAL
ST. LEON COMMUNITY CENTER
MEMORIAL ORDER FORM (for the deceased)**

Name _____ IN MEMORY OF _____
 (Please print)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Memorial Item Desired _____ Amount \$ _____
 (Catalogue No.)

Would like Memorial Committee Member to get in touch

 (FOLD ALONG THIS LINE)

WE ARE AS NEAR AS YOUR PHONE

(201) 791-2862

 (FOLD ALONG THIS LINE)

**ST. LEON COMMUNITY CENTER
* LIVING REMEMBRANCE (for the Living)**

Name _____ Dedicated to _____
 (Please Print)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Memorial Item Desired _____ Amount \$ _____
 (Catalogue No.)

Would like Memorial Committee Member to get in touch

*Living remembrance is a contribution to the Community Center when someone would like to make a contribution in honor of a living person.

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

12-61 SADDLE RIVER ROAD
FAIR LAWN, N.J.

Date

In consideration of the needs of building a new Community Center, I
pledge to the Community Center Fund the sum of \$

paid now \$....., bal. to be paid Weekly
 Quarterly
 Yearly

over a period of Three years
 Five years

Name

Address

City & State Zip

Phone

St. Leon Armenian Church

Date

This is to certify that

.....
is a contributor to The Community
Center.

Pledge \$

Paid Now \$

Bal. to be paid Weekly

Quarterly

Yearly

over a three year period.


over a five year period.

Place
Stamp
Here

From _____

To: ST. LEON COMMUNITY CENTER
c/o Memorials Committee
12-61 Saddle River Road
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