St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church

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March 5, 1974

The Rt. Rev. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate Diocese of the Armenian Church of America 630 Second Avenue New York, N. Y. 10016

Your Grace:

On Sunday, January 27, 1974, the following parishioners were elected at our Annual Parish Assembly, by 51 voting members, to serve on the Parish Council for the next two years:

Name	No. Votes
Zaven Gostanian - Incumbent	42
Paul S. Tavitian	33
Hagop Kasparian	30
Simon Hamalian - Incumbent	26

Mr. Vasken Gostanian, Secretary

The above and enclosed are being submitted for your approval.

Prayerfully yours,

Rev. Fr. Nerses Baboorian, Pastor

Mr. Harry Kasparian, Chairman

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The Annual Assembly of St. Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Church was held on Sunday, January 27, 1974, with 51 voting members present.

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The meeting was called to order by the Parish Council Chairman, Mr. Harry Kasparian, at 2:30 P.M. and Rev. Nerses Baboorian, Pastor, gave the Invocation.

Mr. Edward Basmajian was elected Chairman of the Assembly and Mrs. Zarty Chilingirian, Recording Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Assembly Meeting were read and accepted.

Father Nerses Baboorian gave a report of his activities and duties of the past year. Organizational reports were given by the Parish Council, Ladies Aid, Sunday School, Armenian School, Church Choir, Mr. + Mrs. Club and the Youth Group.

Miss Sue Kezerian of the Auditing Committee reported that the financial books were examined and found to be in order.

A copy of the financial statement as of December 31, 1973 was distributed to the members. The check book balance was \$3,253.54. The Savings Account at Pentucket Savings Bank showed a balance of \$7,124.28. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Mr. Sarkis Tavitian reported a balance of \$786.61 in the reserve savings account at Family Mutual Savings Bank.

The New Budget Proposal for 1974 was not presented by the Parish Council at this meeting.

A discussion was held on the adjacent lot to the church. It was explained that the city will take a lease on the lot and use it as a parking area for city use during the day and the church will use it evenings and Sundays. Details are being worked out by City Solicitor Salvatore Faraci and Church Counsel Paul Kazarosian. It was noted that progress was slow on this project, but it was suggested to wait for further developments.

Mr. Vahak Bogosian addressed the Chair and requested to make the following comments:

- 1. At the last two funerals in our church, no deacon was present.
- 2. There is too much trivia in the Loosavorich.
- 3. Sermons are uninteresting and should be either in Armenian or English preferably Armenian.

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A lively discussion was held on the above and the following suggestions were made:

- 1. A deacon be present at all funerals unless the family requests otherwise.
- 2. The Loosavorich be cut down and the material pertain mainly to church affairs with a religious message from Der Hayre.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sylvia Tavitian to accept the minutes of the secretary's report at the end of the assembly session to be effective 1975. This motion was defeated.

The new Parish Council will form a committee which will make plans for the Armenian Cultural program to be held at the Public Library in September. It was suggested the committee meet shortly to start making arrangements for the event.

The following were elected to serve on the Parish Council; Zaven Gostanian (42), Paul Tavitian (33), Hagop Kasparian (30), and Simon Hamalian (26).

The Nominating Committee was elected as follows; Onnig Zerounian (38), Sue Kezerian (31) and Leon Kasparian (29).

The following were elected to serve on the Auditing Committee; Zarty Chilingirian (36), Sue Kezerian (34) and James Derderian (23).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m. with a prayer by Father Baboorian.

Respectfully submitted,

Zarty Chilingirian, Recording Secretary

Rev. Nerses Baboorian, Pastor

Eslavord Basmajian, Chairman of the Day