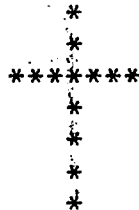


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Fair Lawn, N.J. 07410



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Կիրակի, 28 Յունուար 1973, յաւարտ  
Ս. Պատարագի

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY  
Sunday, Jan. 28, 1973, following  
Divine Liturgy

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AGENDA:

Բացման աղօթք  
Ստուգում իրաւասու անդամներու  
Ընտրութիւն ժողովի ղիւանի  
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Ծխական Խորհուրդի եւ ենթակայ մարմին-  
ներու տեղեկագրեր  
1973ի նախահաշիւի/պիւտճէ/ որոշում  
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Փակման աղօթք

Invocation  
Verification of eligible voters  
Election of Assembly officers  
Reading of 1972 Assembly minutes  
Pastor's report  
Reports of Parish Council and  
sub-ordinate bodies  
Adoption of 1973 budget  
Election of Parish Council  
Election of Auditing Committee  
Election of Nominating Committee  
New Business  
Adjournment and benediction

Վճարած պէտք է ըլլաք 1972ի  
անդամատուրքը, ընտրող եւ ընտրելի  
ըլլալ կարենալու համար:

To be eligible to vote or be a  
nominee, you must have paid your  
1972 membership dues.

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ԶԱԻԷՆ ՏԱՏԷՔԵԱՆ՝ Ատենապետ Ծխ. Խորհրդի  
ՃԷՅՄԶ ՍՈՒՃԵԱՆ՝ Ատենաղպիւր Ծխ. Խորհրդի

REV. ARTEN ASHJIAN, President  
ZAVEN DADEKIAN, Chairman P.C.  
JAMES SOOJIAN, Secretary P.C.

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CANDIDATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL  
Vote by checking 5 names only  
DABBAKIAN, Andy.....  
DONABEDIAN, Jerry.....  
DOURGARIAN, Leon.....  
GARMIRIAN, Warren.....  
JESSOURIAN, Sebouh.....  
KACHIGIAN, Rex Sarkis.....  
KEBABJIAN, Dean.....  
NAJARIAN, Jon.....  
NAKASHIAN, John.....  
TOSSOUNIAN, Jacque.....

## PASTOR'S REPORT

Dear Members and Parishioners:

As directed by Diocesan Primate Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, through his official communication of July 18, 1972, I assumed the pastoral ministry at St. Leon's Church on Sept. 14. With former pastor Der Carnig Hallajian, I attended the regular meeting of the Parish Council on Sept. 13 and was made aware of certain procedures. I wish to thank Der Carnig and his wife Yeretzgin Rose for the help they have given me and my family on the eve of our moving into the parish house which they vacated on Sept. 15. I also express my thanks to the Parish Council for their cooperation in assuming the expenses of my moving from San Francisco, and for the repairs and additions done on the parish house and the garage since last September.

The seemingly endless job of getting settled in the Parish House, particularly in the midst of repair work, has caused delays in the performance of my pastoral duties. From the very outset, I became aware of the fact that St. Leon's Church members and parishioners are scattered in many towns in Bergen and Passaic Counties. Communicating with them as pastor, either through personal visits or through the printed word would be a challenge, considering the distances to be covered and the lack of secretarial help. My difficulties have been accentuated by the fact that St. Leon's does not have a full time on premises custodial or maintenance help. With a large property, three buildings and--since September--a trailer for the use of which we are responsible, the pastor who occupies one of these buildings as his home faces countless interruptions, emergencies, and is called upon to do certain work which would normally be accomplished by an on premises building caretaker.

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES:** Der Carnig Hallajian performed his final Divine Liturgy on Sept. 10, my first one being offered on Sept. 17. Since then, Sunday morning services have been performed regularly with the help of our protodeacons Charles Pinajian, Sarkis Soultanian, deacons Shavarsh Terosian and Hagop Demirdjian, and censors Wayne Kehishian, Bill Amerkanian, and Steve Kachigian. Their cooperation is commendable. The choir is singing well under the dedicated leadership of organist-conductor Mrs. Lucy Dabagian. During her illness, Mrs. Arline Dadekian graciously played the organ for five consecutive Sundays. George Marootian has also substituted as organist once. As superintendent of the Sunday School secondary department, George Marootian arranged the administration of Holy Communion to one class of students each Sunday up to the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. I am glad to note that Mrs. Lucy Dabagian is willing to teach the choir more of the variables of the Divine Liturgy. About 16 of the Sunday School boys have volunteered to be trained as acolytes under the supervision of Yeretzgin Mary Ashjian.

**RITUALS:** Between January and August, 10 baptisms have been performed. 7 couples have been married between April and December. 12 funerals were performed, the last 5 since October 1st. I have performed grave blessing on four memorial occasions, and a home blessing upon request. I also participated in funerals held in sister churches on four occasions.

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January 23 will be a memorable date for our Choir and altar servers, for on that day the Primate elevated the rank of our four deacons and ordained twelve boys as acolytes.

**VISITATIONS:** My dated record which includes sick and sympathy calls, administrative and educational errands and visitations on other occasions, shows a total of 116 visitations. Through these I have contacted 32 families (out of a potential 265) in their homes, and 17 patients in 8 hospitals. Special thanks are due to Mrs. Agnes Kapoian, the "Sunshine" volunteer, whose list of cards mailed during 1972 appears at the end of this report.

**EDUCATIONAL:** As founder of the parish newsletter LRADOO during my former pastorate in 1951, I am anxious that the LRADOO be not only informative, but also educational. Its format and appearance needs to be improved. Four issues have been edited and published by me, with a great deal of time devoted to the successive steps. Yeretzgin Mary has taken care of the English typing. The mailing list has increased by 13 during the last quarter and now stands at 605.

As of October 1st, announcements of special prayer requests, altar flower and candle donations and forthcoming events are typed on the eve of Sunday services, with one copy made available to the Parish Council. Eventually this weekly bulletin should be made available to every worshipper with the addition of pertinent information on the day's significance and the listing of the Scripture readings.

**THE CHURCH SCHOOLS:** St. Leon's has a Sunday School with about 150 pupils, and an Armenian School with about 40 students. The staff and teachers in both schools are volunteers. Because Armenian School classes are held on Saturday, I have closer contact with the students and the teachers, the latter being mostly parents of some of the pupils, or recent graduates. The Sunday School teachers have not had a meeting with me yet, with the exception of three or four staff members, with whom I have met twice. The Sunday School needs a responsible administrative head or superintendent, to coordinate the work of the three departments, and to make the ties between the school and the pastor more meaningful than what it is now. The obvious difficulty of both schools is the lack of adequate physical privacy for each individual class. All the textbooks and other teaching materials will not compensate for this basic inadequacy, which results in constant distraction and irritation. The trailer which was acquired in September and was put to use the end of November, is only a partial solution to the problem faced by both schools. Fortunately in our case the parish has space on its church property where a structure can be built to provide a sufficient number of individual classrooms to our children.

### AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS:

a. The LADIES AID is the heart of the Parish and the right-arm of the Parish Council. As under the capable leadership of Mrs. Agnes Voskian, in 1973 the Ladies Aid will continue to work for the prosperity of St. Leon's Church, with out-of-state resident Mrs. Varsen Torosian as new chairman. To all members of the Executive and Standing Committees, and specially the committee in charge of mahs preparation and the newly formed Altar Guild, my sincere appreciation.

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b. The A.C.Y.O.A. is a closely knit group of teenagers whose adult advisor is the congenial and dedicated Mrs. Dovie Tilbian. Their activities, mainly recreational and sports-oriented, include help at major parish functions such as the annual bazaar. Gradual awareness of our Armenian ethnic, religious and cultural heritage should also be the goal of the St. Leon's A.C.Y.O.A.

**DIOCESAN AFFAIRS:** With Mr. Vahram Varjabedian, Superintendent of the Armenian School and Mr. Shavarsh Torosian, teacher, I attended the conference of Armenian School superintendents held at the Diocesan Center. I participated in the clergy seminar held for three days at the Diocese in October, and had group meetings with the Primate, Mr. Jack Antreasian, the heads of the Armenian School and Council for Religious Education, and Mr. Steve Zaratzian, psycho-therapist. I attended two cultural programs of the Diocese and a reunion of Diocesan Council members by invitation. I preached at a pre-Thanksgiving service of the Brotherhood of Churches and Synagogues in N.Y.C. and gave a lecture on some aspects of an Armenian pastor's work to the Armenian Theological students at St. Vladimir's Seminary in Tuckahoe, N.Y. The regional conference of the N.J. Armenian Churches was hosted by St. Leon's on Nov. 2.

**MEETINGS:** With the Parish Council twice a month with one exception; Ladies Aid Executive Board meetings, 2; membership meetings, 2; Choir 2 meetings, 2 rehearsals; A.C.Y.O.A., 2; Armenian School teachers, 1; Sunday School staff, 2; premarital conference with two couples; individual conferences on family and organizational matters, on at least seven occasions.

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:** Attended the Food Festival at the Bergen Mall, where our Ladies Aid had a booth. In Fair Lawn, I attended a meeting of the Fair Lawn Ministerial Association, and attended the dedication of the new wing of the Mental Health Day Treatment Center. I also attended a session of the Fair Lawn Borough Council meeting.

**SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. At the 1972 Parish Assembly, a report was submitted by the Parish Council and a Committee for the Community Center building proposal. I quote from the summary of the conclusions of that report:

- a. "St. Leon's does urgently need a new Community Center."
- b. "It is within the financial means of St. Leon's to complete this project."

I heartily endorse the first of these conclusions. I am also concerned that the longer St. Leon's parishioners postpone embarking upon the campaign for the Community Center project, it will prove to be costlier.

2. The generosity of our parishioners is laudable. However, a Parish Church cannot meet its growing financial obligations merely on the income of bazaars, Christmas and Easter offerings, donations for rituals. A systematic STEWARDSHIP program should be launched for fiscal 1974, with the groundwork laid out soon after the new Parish Council begins its term next month. For the success of the steward-

ship program a parish visitation week should be designated in the Fall of 1973, with a trained group of lay visitors volunteering and preparing for it. As Pastor, I will give my wholehearted attention to this vital program.

3. The pastor should be equipped with the necessary help--whether in manpower or machinery--in order for him to devote his full time and attention to his vocation, which is the a) organization of worship, preparation of sermons, training of choir and potential altar servers; b) visiting the parishioners to spread the Good News of Christ, to inform and instruct for the edification of families and individuals; c) to organize the religious education of our youth in the Sunday School, with frequent meetings with the teachers, and to strengthen the Armenian School; d) to be a concerned citizen of Fair Lawn, represent St. Leon's Church in community projects and to participate in them and build up the image of our church in the eyes of the local community.

In order for these to become reality, the lay leaders of St. Leon's Parish should take steps to relieve their present pastor from the time-consuming responsibilities of doing certain routine, mechanical types of work.

A similar problem was faced by the apostles shortly after Christ's Ascension (Read Acts 6:1-7). They called the members of the newly born church--at that time limited to the city of Jerusalem--to a meeting and told them: "It is not right for us to neglect the preaching of God's word in order to handle finances." (Today's English version of the New Testament.) The church solved the problem by presenting to the apostles a group of seven helpers "full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom". These were the earliest deacons of the Christian Church.

In the spirit that prevailed in the early Church of the Apostolic age, let us go on to improve our parish life, with better organization and cooperation. May God bless all the servers and benefactors of St. Leon's Armenian Church.

REV. ARTEN ASHJIAN

CARDS MAILED DURING 1972 by Mrs. Agnes Kapoian, "Sunshine Volunteer"

Get Well	41	Welcome to St. Leon's	3
Sympathy	43	Welcome Home - Service	1
Wedding	4	Baby	3
Engagement	2	New Position	1
50th Anniversary	1	New Business	1
Welcome - New Home	7	TOTAL	107

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

At the Annual Assembly held on January 30, 1972, the following were elected to serve on the Parish Council for a 2-year term:

Zaven Dadekian	Richard Tomasian
James Soojian	Vahram Varjabedian

The officers of the 1972 term were:

Chairman, Zaven Dadekian  
Vice Chairman, Jon Najarian  
Treasurer, Sarkis Bedevian  
Asst. Treasurer, Rex Kachigian  
Rec. Secretary, James Soojian  
Cor. Secretary, Richard Tomasian  
Advisors, Sarkis Gabrellian, Vahram Varjabedian,  
Alfred Voskian

A very significant change in St. Leon's Church organization took place this past year. After sixteen years, our former parish priest, Der Carnig Hallajian left us to assume new responsibilities at Holy Martyrs Church in Long Island. St. Leon's was fortunate in arranging through the Diocese the immediate replacement of its parish priest with Der Arten Ashjian who came to us with an impressive record of previous accomplishment. Just as we can look back with satisfaction and pride at Der Carnig's leadership during the recent critical growth years, we can look forward with confidence to continued growth and progress in the future under the capable and experienced leadership of Der Arten.

In last year's Annual Report a report from the Parish Council Community Center Study Committee was presented. The conclusions of the report were that St. Leon's needed a new Community Center and that it was financially feasible. Perhaps the most pressing need for the Center is the desperate need for more space for our Sunday School. Recognizing the critical nature of this problem your Parish Council took steps to alleviate it to some extent. We were very fortunate in receiving the donation of a trailer for our temporary use by the Franklin Lakes National Bank without cost. This trailer was subsequently adapted as three classrooms for use by our Sunday School. While we may all take satisfaction at this immediate although temporary solution to a pressing problem, we must realize that a critical need for a Community Center still exists. At best we have bought some time. This time, however, has been put to good use. During the year we have substantially reduced our existing mortgage and added to our financial assets.

Your Parish Council thinks that a decision to proceed with the Community Center by the Parish Assembly in January, 1973 would be premature. A subsequent special Parish Assembly can be called for a decision when the time is right. In the meantime our new Der Hayr, whose leadership and guidance is indispensable for the success of the project, can familiarize himself with the Parish and its needs, and most important of all, can meet and know more of the people.

This Annual Report summarizes elsewhere the financial details of the Parish and its various organizations. In general, St. Leon's continues in excellent financial health despite a substantial one-time expense associated with moving our new Der Hayr from California. The continued growth of our Parish will inevitably result in the necessity for new and expanded services to the Community which in turn will cost more money. The generous financial support of our parishioners is necessary for the progress of the Church and its continued financial health. The weekly envelope offering system is particularly recommended for participation by all parishioners.

The second five-year pledge has just ended. The thanks and appreciation of all the parishioners is extended to those who participated in and honored their pledges! For those who have not quite completed their pledge obligations, we request they do so as soon as possible.

The following are several accomplishments of major importance in 1972.

1. New shrubs were planted around the Parish House.
2. A tape recorder and player were purchased for use in connection with educational and cultural activities.
3. A young parishioner was sponsored for attendance for a seminar at St. Nersess Seminary.
4. A study course in Armenian history and religion in Armenia was attended by a young parishioner with some financial help from the Parish.
5. The Parish assumed the financial responsibilities of moving Der Arten Ashjian and his family from San Francisco to Fair Lawn.
6. Conversion of the donated trailer to temporary classrooms was accomplished.
7. The cottage exterior was painted.
8. The Parish House interior and the bell tower were painted.

The Parish Council wishes to thank the parishioners of St. Leon's as well as its old and new Parish priests for their continued support during this past year. We feel confident that the future leadership of the Church can continue to build and progress on the firm foundation already established.

Zaven Dadekian  
Chairman

James Soojian  
Rec. Secretary



## LADIES AID SOCIETY

Our Executive Board members for 1972 were as follows:

Chairman	Agnes Voskian
Vice-Chairman	Anne Kachigian
Treasurer	Sarah Gabrellian
Asst. Treasurer	Emma Tarakajian
Recording Secretary	Arline Dadekian
Corresponding Secretary	Elsie Donigian
Advisor	Varsen Torosian

### Committee Chairmen

Program	Anne Kachigian
Membership	Florence Gulkasian
Visitation	Dovie Tilbian & Maritza Giragosian
Sunshine	Lillian De Palma
Publicity	Ruth Bedevian
Refreshments	Helen Tarzian
Kitchen	Mary Tilbian
Lever Bros. Testing	Lillian De Palma

We have a membership of 95 and have an average attendance at our meetings of about 35. We meet the first Wednesday night of each month, with the exception of the months of July and August. Refreshments are always served at our meeting by our members, on a rotating basis. The executive board met five times this past year.

Our programs for this year were:

January	Armenian Christmas party
February	Bingo
March	Health Officer of Fair Lawn - Ridgewood, Mr. Leonard Hilsen
April	Gourmet food recipe exchange
May	Chinese auction
June	Wine tasting and barbeque
September	Demonstration of stain glass craft by Arline Dadekian
October	Talk by Der Arten Ashjian
November	Craft night for the bazaar
December	Election of officers and speaker from Social Security Office

Our money-making affairs for the year 1972 were:

January 19th	Communication Center, Montclair
February 15th	Fish and Chips Dinner Co-Chairmen Gloria Tomasian, Berjoughie Varjabedian
April 20th	Rummage Sale Chairman Varsen Torosian
May 3rd	Chinese Auction Co-Chairmen Anne Kachigian Varsen Torosian
June 7th	Wine Tasting and barbeque Executive Board
September 21st	Bergen Mall Charity Festival Chairman Anne Kachigian
Nov. 18/19	Annual Bazaar Co-Chairmen Agnes and Alfred Voskian
December 9th	Holiday Buffet Dance Co-Chairmen Grace Pinajian Helen Tarzian

Lever Bros. Testing Laboratories  
Chairman Lillian De Palma

Our ladies have had an active and profitable year. We took part in the Marcus Jewelers Beautiful table contest. We sponsored the attendance of several young people of our church to the St. Nersess Religious Study Conference in Elberon, N. J. And throughout the year we enjoyed working with one another and learning from one another in the true feeling of Christian fellowship.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to each member of the executive board for her complete cooperation in making the governing board such a harmonious group, and to our entire membership who worked with us and made our combined efforts both profitable and pleasurable, all for the benefit of our beloved Church.

A check for \$6,120.36 has been turned over to the Parish Council for the year 1972.

Respectfully submitted,

Agnes Voskian  
Chairman  
Ladies Aid Society

LADIES AID SOCIETY  
FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

Checking Account Balance 12/15/71	\$4,992.39
Savings Account Balance 12/15/71	1,966.27
Special Savings Account Balance 12/15/71	498.85

Receipts:

Bazaar	\$5,372.74	
Holiday Buffett	654.81	
Food Festival	343.00	
Fish & Chips	279.70	
Rummage Sale	218.88	
Dues	218.00	
Wine Tasting	79.97	
Lever Brothers	397.50	
Communication Clinic	55.00	
Chinese Auction	130.00	
Interest	85.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>97.95</u>	<u>7,932.55</u>

TOTAL INCOME

15,390.06

DISBURSEMENTS

Parish Council (80%) for 1971	5,707.92	
St. Nersess Conference	100.00	
Printing, postal cards, postage	79.00	
Flowers	50.50	
Gift to Der Carnig Hallajian	15.00	
Christmas Party	18.35	
Kitchen Utensils & Supplies	<u>19.25</u>	<u>5,990.02</u>

NET INCOME 12/15/72

\$ 9,400.04

Checking Account Balance 12/15/72	\$4,822.17
Savings Account Balance 12/15/72	2,858.90
Special Savings Account Balance 12/15/72	<u>218.97</u>

TOTAL

\$7,900.04

80% of 1972 NET to Parish Council

Advanced to Parish Council	1,500.00	
Paid to Parish Council	<u>4,620.36</u>	\$6,120.36

20% On Hand

1,530.09

Siran Gabrellian  
Treasurer

## CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

OFFICERS: Choir Director & Treasurer: Helen Verga; Attendance: Gloria Tomasian; Birthday Card Secretary: Dorothy Dedeian; Publicity Director: Varsen Torosian; Recording Secretary: Rebecca Bakalian; Pianists: Margaret Verga, Rebecca Bakalian, George Marootian.

OFFERING: Weekly Envelopes, Christmas & Lenten Folders \$22.00 per wk.

### ENROLLMENT:

Cradle Roll & Nursery (Babies & Toddlers)	11
Primary (Ages 3-9)	69
Secondary (Ages 10-15)	74
TOTAL	154

### TEACHERS:

Nursery--Superintendent: Dorothy Karamian; Carole DelConsole, Elise Tossounian  
Primary--Superintendent: Ann Pace; Lynn Nakashian, Edna Tungrian, Janet Hamalian, Jean Garmirian, Suzanne Jerrahian, Karen Tungrian, Rebecca Bakalian  
Secondary--Superintendent: George Marootian; Mary Huller, Elsie Donigian, Arpie Vartanesian, Varsen Torosian, George Marootian, Rose Najarian  
Substitutes--Karen Soojian, Lisa Chekemian, Elizabeth Karali

The Nursery Department meets in the Parish House. The Primary Department has a half-hour assembly period and all classes take place in the Church Hall. The Secondary Department has assembly in the Church Annex. The classes are divided as follows: Eleven year olds are in the Church Hall, ten and twelve year olds are in the Church Annex and thirteen, fourteen and fifteen year olds are in the trailer.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION: Thanks to Lucy Dabagian who so graciously plays piano at our pageants. Thanks to Mr. Jon Najarian, Parish Council Liaison Officer and also to all the trustees who always help us, with a smile, whenever we approach them with our immediate problems. Thanks to the mothers who help and run our Halloween Party & Pageant Lunch. Thanks to Yerezgin Rose Hallajian, who left everything in such fine order that we were able to survive and move into our new semester without any major problems.

We thank all our dedicated teachers and substitute teachers, who give so freely of their time and of themselves so that our Church School can function smoothly.

### COMMENTS:

We need help. We need people who can type and mimeograph announcements, etc.

CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL  
FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

Checking Account Balance 12/15/71		\$ 16.25
Savings Account Balance 12/15/71		915.73
Special Savings Account Balance 12/15/71	\$740.82	
Receipts for 1972		<u>1,691.61</u>
Total		<u>2,623.59</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

BALANCE 12/15/72 \$ 754.78

Checking Account Balance 12/15/72		\$ 97.44
Savings Account Balance		657.34
Special Savings Account Balance		
Balance 1971	\$740.82	
20% of 1971	186.40	
Dividends	<u>33.81</u>	
Total Balance	<u>\$961.03</u>	

Total of 1972 \$ 754.78

80% of 1972 NET to Parish Council \$603.82

20% On Hand 150.96

Helen Verga  
Treasurer

A.C.Y.O.A.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Diane Amerkanian
Vice-Chairman	Steve Kachigian
Treasurer	Lisa Chekemian
Recording Secretary	Lynn Pinajian
Alternate Recording Secretary	Ginny Karamian
Corresponding Secretary	Janet Voskian
Advisor	Mrs. Dovie Tilbian

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 30

NUMBER OF MEETINGS: Executive 3      Membership 10

ACTIVITIES:

January	Roller Skating - Paramus Rink
February	Meeting and Social - Church Hall
March	Meeting and Pizza Party - Church Hall
April	Ice Skating Party - West Orange Rink
May	Yoga Demonstration - Church Hall
	Sister ACYOA Chapters were invited
June	Swim Party and Barbeque - Karamian Home
	Election of Officers
September	Opening Meeting and Progressive Dinner
October	Hay Ride
November	Roller Skating - Paramus Rink
December	Meeting and Pizza Party - Church Hall
	Decoration of hall for Ladies Christmas Buffet

Our main fund-raising affairs were two cake sales - May and October - and our ACYOA Day in April. At this time, we had a dinner and showed a movie in the church hall.

Besides our regular meetings, we have decorated the Church Hall, helped clean up the grounds in the Spring, waited on tables at various church functions, including the dinners at the Diocese, and had a booth at our Church Bazaar. This year, we sold stationery, gift wrapping and Armenian Power shirts.

Our sincere thanks to our Advisor, Mrs. Dovie Tilbian, for her leadership, guidance and cooperation.

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

Checking Account Balance 12/15/71	\$ 72.33	
Savings Account Balance 12/15/71	772.43	
Receipts for 1972	<u>752.22</u>	\$1,596.98

EXPENSES

Disbursements for 1972		<u>642.20</u>
BALANCE December 1972		<u>\$ 954.78</u>

80% of 1972 Net to Parish Council	\$313.42
20% On Hand	88.54

ST. LEON'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Coach: Jack Tarzian

Church Representative to Armenian Churches Sports Association:

James Soojian, Vice Commissioner for A.C.S.A.

Team Members: Steve Aprahamian  
Paul Chepikian  
Steve George  
John Haboob  
Steve Kachigian  
Mark Kashishian  
Wayne Kehishian  
Jay Soojian  
William Tfank  
Gregory Voskian

Game Activities of last season:

Won	0
Lost	9

Future Plans:

Armenian Churches Sports Association working to expand all sports activities for our youth.

Various programs are being prepared for the upcoming months. We would like to see more participation from the youth of our parish as these activities are presented. Without our young we cannot function. So join in and help us to help your children. It is through your support that the young people will be able to participate.

## ARMENIAN SCHOOL

TEACHING STAFF: Rev. Arten Ashjian; Rev. Carnig & Yeretzgin Rose Hallajian (Until Sept. 1972); Linda Dabagian; Seta Jessourian; Sosie Kirian; Satenig Loughhead; Shavarsh Torosian; Vahram Varjabedian

DANCE INSTRUCTOR: Arax Kopooshian  
PIANIST: Lucy Dabagian  
TREASURER: Agnes Kapoian

The entire staff volunteer their services. Our special thanks for their continued devotion and effort to our Armenian School.

ENROLLMENT: 36 students -- ages 3 - 14

SCHOOL DAY AND HOURS: Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Classes are held in the church annex and hall.

CURRICULUM: The students are divided into five classes according to their ages and knowledge of the Armenian language.

"OUR FIRST STEP", a new textbook, prepared by Silva Der Stepanian and approved by the Educational Council of the Diocese of the Armenian Church is being used for the first grade. More advanced books are being prepared by the Diocese and expected to be ready by the spring of 1973. These books will be used in higher classes. At the present, books printed in Beirut and Istanbul are used.

Special Activity Sheets and show and tell lessons are used in the Primary Grades. Subjects taught: Reading, Writing, Conversation, History, Folks Songs and Dances.

TUITION: \$10.00 is charged per student to defray the expenses of the school. The students are provided with textbooks, notebooks and necessary school supplies.

MAIN ACTIVITIES: Halloween Party, Parents Visiting Day, Visit to the Home for the Armenian Aged, Emerson, N.J., Hantess with Dinner and Program, Annual Outing.

GIFTS: Special pens engraved with St. Leon's Armenian School was presented to all students at the annual Hantess.

GRADUATES: Linda Dabagian and Sosie Kirian were our first graduates. They received their diplomas and special gifts from their teacher, Vahram Varjabedian, at the annual Hantess. It is very gratifying to see that these two graduates have joined our teaching staff and have been teaching the Primary Grade.

THANKS: We sincerely thank the parents who appreciate the great importance of our wonderful Armenian heritage and bring their children to Armenian School. We ask all parents to please bring their children promptly at 10:00 a.m. every Saturday morning so that we may utilize every minute of the short two-hour period.



Armenian School Report

COMMENT: There is an immediate need for volunteer workers for the improvement of our Armenian School and for the betterment of the education of our parish children.

Vahram Varjabedian  
Superintendent

FINANCIAL REPORT

Savings Account Balance 12/15/1971		\$129.21
Receipts for 1972:		
Interest	12.96	
Donation	5.00	
Armenian School Hantess	401.50	
Tuition	<u>280.00</u>	<u>709.46</u>
Sub-Total		838.67
Disbursements for 1972:		
Armenian School Hantess	150.69	
40 Notebooks @ 29¢ each	11.60	
Armenian School Picnic Food	13.83	
Diocese Books	<u>78.00</u>	<u>254.12</u>
TOTAL 12/15/72		<u>\$584.55</u>
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80% of 1972 NET to Parish Council		\$470.00
20% remains with organization		114.55

Agnes Kapoian  
Treasurer

## CHURCH CHOIR

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Chairman	Charles Pinajian
Secretary	Helen Mazoujian
Treasurer	Hagop Demirdjian
Choir Director & Organist	Lucy Dabagian
Asst. Organists	George Marootian, Arline Dadekian

NUMBER OF DEACONS: 4      ACOLYTES: 5      CHOIR MEMBERS: 26

NUMBER OF MEETINGS: Executive 4      General 8

NUMBER OF REHEARSALS: 24

ACTIVITIES: Singing of the Badarak every Sunday; 2 services at Emerson Home for the Aged; Shower party for Vivian Vezirian; Special Choir Day musical program with newly formed choral group, St. Leon's Chorus

FUTURE PLANS & COMMENTS: We are again preparing another new musical program with the St. Leon's Chorus group. Rehearsals are the second and fourth Mondays of the month, with Lucy Dabagian, director and Arline Dadekian, accompanist. Interested parishioners are urged to join this music lovers' group. We are pleased to have had join us, June graduates of the Sunday School, Lisa Cherkemian, Susan Huller, Lauren Bianco and Janet Voskian. The Choir will try to learn more of the music of variables of the Divine Liturgy and other services of the Armenian Church.

Lucy Dabagian  
Director & Organist

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### INCOME

Cash on Hand January 1972	\$ 52.77	
Christmas plate collection	77.50	
Choir Day Dinner	817.50	
Refund for zippers	8.00	
Easter plate collection	169.15	
Interest	<u>10.22</u>	\$1,135.14

#### EXPENSES

Deacon's robes	79.19	
Choir Day Dinner	525.60	
Gift for Emerson Home	13.00	
Choir books	10.00	
Postage	5.00	
Misc. Gifts	<u>116.10</u>	<u>748.89</u>

BALANCE ON HAND \$ 386.25

To be paid to Parish Council 80%	\$309.00
Choir Treasury	77.25

Hagop Demirdjian  
Treasurer

ST. LEON'S ARMENIAN CHURCH

Comparative Budget Summary for 1972 and 1973  
Proposed Budget for 1973

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>PROPOSED 1972</u>	<u>ACTUAL 1972</u>	<u>PROPOSED 1973</u>
Weekly Envelopes, Dues and Plate Collection	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,761	\$ 10,500
Special Donations: Sacraments, In-lieu-of-Flowers, etc.	4,500	7,207	6,000
Net Profit from Affairs	2,000	1,097	1,500
Sale of Books, LRADOO, etc.	500	261	250
Holiday Donations	5,500	5,833	6,000
Donation from Auxiliary Orgs.	7,000	7,295	7,000
Miscellaneous Income	500	1,326	750
Memorials	---	200	---
Cottage House	1,680	1,680	1,900
Advance from Ladies Aid	---	1,500	---
Building Fund Income	---	<u>8,091</u>	<u>1,500</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>\$31,680</u></b>	<b><u>\$43,251</u></b>	<b>\$35,400</b>

BUDGET DEFICIT

6,492

\$41,892

DISBURSEMENTS

Pastor's Stipend, Auto Expense, Visiting Clergy	\$ 9,800	\$10,110	\$10,200
Church and Parish House Repairs and Maintenance	3,000	3,621	3,000
Diocese Expense, Dues and Clergy Insurance	4,200	3,609	5,000
Publications and Mailing	1,200	814	1,000
Funds Transferred	3,980	2,683	---
Administrative & General	3,500	2,453	3,500
Church Operating Expense	4,000	6,575	5,000
Equipment Purchase, Repairs, Capital Improvements	2,000	1,928	2,000
Clergy Moving Costs	---	2,035	---
Mortgage Payments	---	10,692	10,692
Repayment of Ladies Aid Loan	---	---	<u>1,500</u>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b><u>\$31,680</u></b>	<b><u>\$44,520</u></b>	<b><u>\$41,892</u></b>

MORTGAGE BALANCE:

December 31, 1971 \$40,263.93

December 31, 1972 \$31,383.46