

# St. Leon Armenian Church 1980 Special Report

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Սբ. Ղեւոնդեանց Եկեղեցոյ Հոգևոր Հովին ու Ծխական Խորհուրդը պաշտօնապէս կը հրաւիրեն բոլոր տրատու անդամները մասնակցելու Տարեկան Ծխական Ժողովին, որ տեղի պիտի ունենայ Փետրուար 1, 1981ին, կէսօրէ առաջ ժամը 11-ին:

Ժողովին Օրակարգը ներկայացուած է ստորեւ անգլերէն հրաւիրագրին մէջ:

Տարեկան Ծխական Ժողովին քուէարկելու եւ ընտրուելու համար իրաքանջիւր անդամ պէտք է վճարած ըլլայ նուազագոյնը 50 տոլար, իսկ Տարեց Անդամներ նուազագոյնը՝ 25 տոլար: Անդամներ պիտի արտօնուին իրենց անդամատուրքերը վճարել Տարեկան Ծխական Ժողովին օրն իսկ:

*Թեթեւ ճաշ մը պիտի սպասարկուի ժողովին վերջատրութեան:*

## ST. LEON ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Pastor and the Parish Council of St. Leon Armenian Church extend an official invitation to all dues-paying members to attend the Annual Parish Assembly on Sunday, February 1, 1981 at 11:00 a.m.

Kindly consult the following agenda and make sure you attend the assembly by taking part in its deliberations.

### AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Verification of eligible voters
3. Election of Assembly officers
4. Reading of 1980 Assembly Minutes
5. Pastor's Report
6. Parish Council and Organization Reports
7. Elections: Parish Council (5)  
Auditing Committee (2)  
Nominating Committee (3)
8. Auditing Committee Report
9. Approval of 1981 budget
10. Community Center Progress Report
11. New Business
12. Adjournment and Benediction

In order to be eligible to vote by the action of Parish Assembly each member must pay a minimum of \$50.00 per member and the Senior Citizens a minimum of \$25.00 to be eligible to vote and take office. Members will be allowed to pay by the date of the Parish Assembly.

REV. PAREE METJIAN  
President

CHARLES PINAJIAN  
Chairman

DOVIE TILBIAN  
Corresponding Secretary

*A light luncheon will be served immediately following the Parish Assembly.*



## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

It is my privilege again to present our parish's annual report to our parishioners.

Certainly, this has been a banner year for St. Leon.

With the formal confirmation of our Building Committee at our last year's annual assembly, at this writing, our new community center is already under construction and along with our classrooms should be ready for occupancy in the Fall of this new year. Although we've made a fantastic start, let us not delude ourselves. *This* is the year when we must roll up our sleeves and finish the work we've begun. Zaven Dadekian and his committee are doing a fine job.

Amid all this excitement, our parish continues to grow spiritually, culturally and socially.

Der Paree celebrated Divine Liturgy and delivered the sermon both in Armenian and English. Choir members faithfully participated in the Badarak with George Paroonagian as Choir Director and Sirvart Galstian, Organist.

The Parish Council has met twice a month to consider organizational progress reports from liaison officers; review the income and expenses and maintain friendly relations with the Diocese. It has performed and discharged its duties faithfully.

Jon Najarian's untimely passing saddened our entire community. In his official capacities as Diocesan Delegate and parish council member as well as Construction Committee Co-chairman, there was created a great void.

Alfred Ferraro resigned from the council because of business demands. His resignation was accepted reluctantly. However, we have closed our ranks and are continuing to carry on our assigned duties.

These two openings in the Parish Council were filled by Alfred Voskian and Sarkis Rex Kachigian, respectively, both of whom are past Parish Council Chairmen.

In the Spring, we celebrated the 10th Anniversary of Der Paree's Ordination and with it the "birth" of his pet project, the St. Vartan ACYOA Camp. This was officially sponsored by the Diocese and was very successful as most of us already know.

Our annual picnic co-chaired by Gabriel Kaprelian and Jacques Tossounian was enjoyed by all. Of course, our big money-maker and record breaking social was our Annual Bazaar. With our "200 Club" raffle we realized over \$8,000, thanks to George Paroonagian and Rick Dabagian co-chairmen.

Our Oriental Rug sale during the Bazaar was superbly managed by Sarkis Gabrellian and his committee. Altogether, our bazaar netted \$40,000 (this includes the "200 Club Raffle"). Although the entire function was run by the council and Women's Guild; Edward Torosian and Harry Zoraian ended up steering the project as in the last few years.

Even though the Building Committee will include it, I must congratulate Sarkis Rex Kachigian and his Banquet Committee for an outstanding job at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton.

We were very proud to celebrate the ordination of 2 Deacons, Hagop Demirdjian and Shavarsh Torosian by our Archdiocesan Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. The ceremonies were enhanced by the singing of the Gomidas Choir. Our church secretary, Mrs. Alice Yazmajian has continued carrying out her duties devotedly. Her help has been unmeasurable. Our Armenian School has been continually doing a remarkable job. Rose Najarian and her committee are to be commended. Sunday School is thriving with membership on the climb. Berdjouhi Feredjian and her capable staff are also on the commended list. Our ACYOA, Jr. is rolling along at a nice pace, with their various projects.

I am especially proud of our 3 basketball teams. The championship skill they have displayed are amazing. Our coaches must be commended: Robert Ohnikian, Wayne Rallo, and Charles Boyajian. I must make special mention of Charles Boyajian, who, even though not a church member, has brought our team to championship status because of his ability and experience. Needless to say, our boys and girls have been outstanding in their attitude and good sportsmanship during the games some of which have been very trying.

We are looking to bigger and better things with our Senior Center under the capable guidance of Harry Boyadjian.

St. Leon's Women's Guild is the backbone of our parish. There is hardly a function that does not have the participation of our ladies. Their moral support and cooperation with our dynamic Florence Grunstra and executive committee must certainly be applauded.

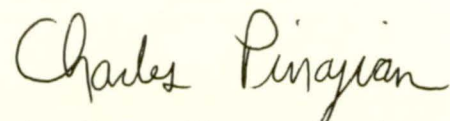
With the new year and its great financial demands which will be made upon us, I must urge all of our people to reconsider their weekly pledges when making their commitment for the year. With all of our successes, our collection envelopes remain the "straggler" as you may see in the enclosed financial report.

I also ask all of our organizations to make every effort to be self-sustaining and to avoid asking for funds unless it is necessary (even though we have budgeted sufficient funds).

I must commend Yerezgin Angel for her devotion and help throughout the year. Her patience and faith are an inspiration to many of us.

Teamwork and cooperation has been the key to our success at St. Leon. My appreciation and gratitude to Der Paree and Parish Council members for all they have done in the past year, for after all, it is our children, our people and our faith.

Faithfully,



Charles Pinajian, Chairman, Parish Council



ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH  
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1980  
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1981

RECEIPTS	PROPOSED 1980	ACTUAL 1980	PERCENT TOTAL	PROPOSED 1981	PERCENT TOTAL
Weekly envelopes, dues & Plate Collection	\$20,000	\$18,433	17.17%	\$20,000	25.84%
Special Donations: Sacraments, In lieu of flowers, etc.	11,000	8,860	8.26%	4,000	5.17%
Net Profit from affairs	23,000	(a) 42,890	39.96%	30,000	38.76%
Sale of Books-Lradoo	650	534	0.5%	600	0.77%
Holiday Donations	6,500	6,674	6.22%	7,000	9.05%
Income from Auxiliary Organizations	4,000	4,731	4.4%	6,500	8.40%
Cottage House	4,500	3,900	3.63%	3,900	5.04%
Donations: Hall & Grounds		725	0.68%	400	0.51%
Income from Investments	3,600	(b) 20,588	19.18%	5,000	6.46%
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$73,250</b>	<b>\$107,335</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$77,400</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Endowment Fund		100			
Tarkmanchatz & Jerusalem Collection		255			
		<u>\$107,690</u>			

(a) Includes: Car Raffle Profit of \$8,518 and Bazaar proceeds of \$31,990.

(b) Includes: Interests \$13,251 and principal \$7,337.

DISBURSEMENTS	PROPOSED 1980	ACTUAL 1980	PERCENT TOTAL	PROPOSED 1981	PERCENT TOTAL
Pastor's stipend, auto allowance, visiting clergy	\$14,000	(a) \$12,495	19.66%	\$15,000	19.37%
Clergy Insurance & Pension	3,000	2,542	4.00%	3,000	3.97%
Church & Parish House Repairs and Maintenance	7,000	3,976	6.25%	8,400	10.85%
Diocese Expenses & Dues	9,000	8,920	14.00%	9,000	11.62%
Publications & Mailing	3,500	2,623	4.12%	3,500	4.52%
Administrative & General	5,500	5,152	8.10%	6,000	7.75%
Organist Stipend	2,000	1,570	2.47%	2,000	2.58%
Part-time Secretary	3,000	3,588	5.64%	4,000	5.16%
Armenian School	2,250	1,425	2.30%	2,000	2.58%
Sunday School	2,000	2,275	3.60%	2,500	3.22%
Sports Association	1,500	1,612	2.53%	1,000	1.29%
Van Operating Expenses	1,500	1,267	2.00%	1,500	1.92%
Church Operating Expenses, Insurance & Utilities	18,000	(b) 12,515	19.70%	18,000	23.25%
Equipment Purchase, etc.	1,000	1,355	2.13%	1,500	1.92%
Church Paintings		2,225	3.50%		
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$73,250</b>	<b>\$63,540</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$77,400</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Transfer to Funds		305			
Undistributed Special Funds		606			
		<u>\$64,451</u>			

(a) Does not include \$590 paid after year-end.

(b) Part of Insurance paid in 1979.

**ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH**

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FAIR LAWN, N. J. 07410

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**PAID**  
Fair Lawn, N. J.  
Permit No. 178

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**1981 SLATE OF CANDIDATES**

*SAMPLE BALLOT*

**Candidates for Parish Council**

Vote by checking (X) 5 persons only

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> John Demirdjian    | <input type="checkbox"/> Ara Hourdajian   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florence Gulkasian | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Kachigian  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dorothy Karamian   | <input type="checkbox"/> Charles Pinajian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noubar Jessourian  | <input type="checkbox"/> James Soojian    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sarkis Soultanian  | <input type="checkbox"/> Harry Zoraian    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alfred Voskian     | _____                                     |
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**Candidates for Auditing Committee**

Vote by checking (X) 3 persons only

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sarkis Bedevian  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sebouh Jessourian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Dabbakian | <input type="checkbox"/> John Nakashian    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agnes Voskian    | <input type="checkbox"/> _____             |
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**Candidates for Nominating Committee**

Vote by checking (X) 3 persons only

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Berdjouhi Feredjian | <input type="checkbox"/> Florence Grunstra  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sarkis Gabrellian   | <input type="checkbox"/> Jack Loughhead     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Richard Noorigian   | <input type="checkbox"/> Vahram Varjabedian |

## PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

It is a pleasure to greet members and friends of St. Leon on the occasion of the Annual Parish Assembly. Truly, we have every reason to be proud of our past accomplishments and look forward with confidence towards the future.

Briefly, the following are some of the highlights of 1980:

- \* During the past year we experienced a steady church attendance amongst our members. The average Sunday attendance has been close to 100 and close to 300 on holidays.
- \* We are a congregation of about 229 members, representing 90 families and 49 single memberships. This past year we added six new families to our church roll.
- \* The Sunday Church School registered 95 students and the Armenian School 62. Both schools have experienced 75% regular attendance. We are fortunate to have dedicated teaching staffs.
- \* This year I visited 56 families for home blessings and other pastoral occasions. I made weekly visits to Valley Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital and visited whenever special requests were made.
- \* Our church Van traveled an average of 100 miles per week, totalling more than 5,340 happy and safe miles for pastoral and church runs. Our appreciation to Al Ferraro and Jim Soojian for assisting in the transportation of our elders on Sunday.
- \* The youth of our parish were busy with various religious, social, and fund raising activities. Mr. & Mrs. John Chagachbanian are the advisors for the ACYOA, Jrs. We continue to face a great challenge in organizing the ACYOA, Srs. I am hopeful that this year we can succeed in unifying them around parish life.

What will 1981 bring? Truly, only God knows. However, there are signs that this will be an exciting year with each month filled with great possibilities. Let us consider a few:

- \* Our major community efforts will center around the completion of the Community Center—fund raising, furnishing the classrooms, soliciting Memorial Funds, etc. These efforts will require from every one of us concerted involvement.

It is our hope that with this project the parish will experience a new surge of church interest and attitudes, whereby each member will get involved for the betterment of the community life.

- \* We will continue to recruit and train future acolytes and incensors. We are hopeful that these boys will become the future lay and spiritual leaders of our church.

- \* We will continue to place strong emphasis on spiritual, cultural, and moral developments of our youngsters with added programs such as-Vacation Bible School and St. Vartan ACYOA Camp. We must do everything possible to mold and influence our budding generation.

WHERE ARE WE GOING AS A CONGREGATION? That's a very good question that must be regularly asked in every congregation. When it is not asked, there may be an inclination to stagnate, to get into a rut. As I see it we are moving in four directions:

First, we are moving towards strengthening our worship life. Worship is important for all Christians who gather to hear the Word and celebrate the Divine Liturgy, which uplifts the spiritual life of the members. It has been suggested that we form a Junior Choir; encourage congregation participation, etc. This is always a concern of mine and would appreciate any suggestions.

Secondly, we make nurturing in the faith a top priority. We often call this Christian Education. Education cannot happen in just one hour on Sunday mornings. Not only for the children but how about the young couples, prayer meetings, Bible study groups for men and women. What more can we do? Do you have any suggestions?

Witness is the third. Lights cannot be hid under a bushel. The love of Christ compels us to reach out to the un-churched and the in-active. There are many families and individuals who worship with us but are not members of our church. What can we do? Have you any suggestions?

Finally, we are called to serve and should be willing to put your talents to work-some have the ability to lead-some to teach-some to sing. Our concept of church loyalty must be total Time, Talent and Treasure.

Our ministry, as a parish, in 1981 will continue to be people oriented. We must care about people. It is my hope that we can move into 1981 and beyond with a keen sensitivity to peoples needs and our opportunity to minister in new and creative ways. With this in mind there is no question in my mind that 1981 will be another successful year for the Lord.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation to Charles Pinajian, Chairman of the Parish Council, for his able and wise leadership; to members of the Parish Council for their advice and support. I would be amiss if I didn't thank Alice Yazmajian, our church secretary, the executive committees of each church organization for their wholehearted support. Without them we would be in trouble. In fact, without you there is no church.

It is my joy and privilege to look after your spiritual needs. I hope in the years to come we can grow together into full spiritual maturity and realize our fullest potential for the Glory of God.

Prayerfully yours,  
*Paree Metjian*  
Rev. Paree Metjian, Pastor

ST. LEON ORGANIZATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES  
ACTIVITIES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

WOMEN'S GUILD

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairman	Florence L. Grunstra
Vice-Chairman	Olga Chongoushian
Treasurer	Anne Marootian
Rec. Secretary	Margaret Semonian
Corresp. Secretary	Dorothy Karamian
Ass't. Treasurer	Lucy Chagachbanian
Advisor	Edna Tungrian
Honory Advisor	Maritza Giragosian

Total Membership:	<u>110</u>
Exec. Meetings	<u>11</u>
General Meetings	<u>10</u>

MAIN ACTIVITIES:

St. Leon's Name Day Reception & Buffet for Primate and visiting clergy, Annual Fish n' Chips Dinner, Sunday School Communion breakfast, Religious and cultural programs, guest speakers, Picnic and Bazaar food preparations, Mothers and Fathers Day Luncheon for Seniors, Sunday coffee hospitalities, One World Festival, Bergen Mall Festival, Christmas Party, (presentation of sum of \$3000 from Special Savings Account toward new community center).

FUTURE PLANS:

Rummage sale, Holiday party or buffet, Fish n' Chips, One World Festival, Bergen Mall Festival, try to engage new members in various functions, try to plan new fund raising projects.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Savings account:	\$6,428.04
Special account:	2,270.92
Checking:	<u>875.97</u>
	9,574.93

Net Cash received from fund raiser during 1980:	\$1,616.45
Disbursements during 1980:	<u>940.53</u>
Net Profit	675.92

80% turned over to Parish Council(\$540.80)

ARMENIAN SCHOOL

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairman	Rose Najarian
Co-Chairman	Evelyn Kalpagian
Co-Chairman	Varsen Torosian
Treasurer	Marie Dellakian
Corresp. Secretary	Gloria Zoraian
Publicity	Barbara Boghosian
Hospitality	Anna Malkasian
Costumes & Properties	Zabel Kaprelian

REPORT:

With great enthusiasm the Executive Board and staff members welcomed students on their first day of school, Wednesday, September 10, 1980. Our student enrollment has stabilized this year. Our student body appears to be disciplined, conscientious youngsters, who are interested in learning the Armenian language. Our school is fortunate to have a staff dedicated to presenting the study of the Armenian language to our students using methods that will develop good conversational reading and writing skills.

We are proud to announce that we have expanded our school in the academic area. We have added an advanced class of Armenian speaking students. Hopefully, this new addition will give additional motivation to our other students to expand their oral and written skills.

Twice a year recognition will be given to pupils from each class that have shown the most academic improvement, best scholar and best attendance. Also, the class showing best academic performance. Their names will be posted on an Honor Roll Bulletin in the Main Hall.

At the start of the school year a new attendance incentive program was put into effect. On the last Wednesday of each month, Best Attendance Award will be given to the class that has 70% or better attendance for each month. Best Attendance Award will be given to the class that has 70% or better attendance for each month. A specially-created banner, the Ararat Banner, will be given to this class to display. The class with the best attendance for the year will go on a special field trip. Students birthdays are also celebrated at this time and refreshments are served.

Our curriculum also includes song and dance on alternate Wednesdays. Whenever possible, educational exhibits and cultural activities relating to our rich Armenian heritage are incorporated into our curriculum. We feel our children will greatly benefit from these valuable experiences.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Checking Account Balance	\$1,598.29
Savings Account Balance	860.46
	<u>\$2,458.75</u>

80% turned over to Parish Council

\$1,028.38



BRIEF REPORT - ST. LEON SUNDAY SCHOOL 1980-1981 ACADEMIC YEAR

Since the reopening in September of 1980, the staff and students of St. Leon Sunday School have steadily worked toward the accomplishment of various goals and activities. Our registration increased (6% compared to 1979) and our attendance record on a monthly basis continues to meet our overall goal of 70-100% (September - 88%, October - 74%, November - 74%). We are confident that our children will once again win a free field trip as a result of meeting the set attendance requirements.

In November, an Open House was hosted for the benefit of our parents who came and familiarized themselves with the curriculum materials presently being used in our classrooms. Further, on December 6, a Christmas party brightened up the afternoon for approximately 55 of our students. Magic, games, prizes and songs made for a funfilled afternoon and, of course, Santa's visit added just the right topping to an already enjoyable gathering.

Most recently, our Annual Christmas Pageant was held on January 4 with approximately 125 guests and 70 Sunday School students and staff in attendance. Everyone will I am sure agree that Janice Lauber, Andrea Tilbian and the entire teaching staff did an outstanding job in the coordination and preparation of the program while Pat Noorigian and her team outdid themselves in the preparation of the delicious meal which preceded the Pageant. Our students once again deserve much acclaim for their ability to entertain and most importantly for their ability to impart their feelings and thoughts on Christmas.

Some activities for the remainder of the year include a communion breakfast during Easter time, a possible field trip (should students meet attendance requirements), a special project which will highlight the concept of Christianity in practice and the finale to our academic year of our graduation ceremonies.

Berdjouhi Feredjian, who will be taking a leave-of-absence for two years to complete academic studies, has consented to remain principal through February until Barbara Hovsepian takes over some time in March. Barbara has served as Superintendent and has taught in various Sunday Schools of our Diocese and is eager and excited about her new venture. Every effort will be made not to disrupt the smooth functioning of our Sunday School during the transition period.

Many thanks to Der Patee, the Parish Council and to the Parish at large for their continued support and enthusiasm.

Respectfully,

Berdjouhi Feredjian

1980 REPORT ON ST. LEON SENIOR CENTER

Despite a few serious disappointments, the organization is still surviving. Financially we are pretty low due to curtailed income and several unforeseen and unexpected expenses. However, I am extremely pleased to state that we will be able to contribute \$300.00 towards the Church expenses.

One of our main handicaps has been transportation, although Der Hayr very willingly has helped us when ever he can, and brought members to our gatherings, even in bad weather. We are a small community but come from widely scattered areas!

Our Wednesday meetings (12-4 PM) have NOT been well attended for reasons stated above, etc. The main activities have been backgammon, cards for the men, who also have been served coffee and cakes by the lady members, and the ladies have had some bingo, but plenty of chit-chat! Of course, fellowship is one of our major goals.

We intend, very soon, to have a wider and more inclusive and varied program to make our meetings more meaningful and enjoyable for everybody.

All Armenians over the age of 55 are welcome to visit or join our organization. Dues per annum are \$3.00 and refreshment contribution whenever present on Wednesdays (50¢).

Our deepest gratitude go to Der Hayr, Yeretzgin, members of the Church council, and all other members of St. Leon Church who have helped our organization.

Sincerely and respectfully,

H. Boyadjian

ACYOA, JRS.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairman	Lynda Chagachbanian
Vice-Chairman	Taline Jessourian
Treasurer	Peter Bedevian
Secretary	Lisa Vartabedian
Advisor	John Chagachbanian

ACTIVITIES:

Trip to Seaside Heights, Bowling, Halloween Party, Communion Breakfast, followed by a hike, Hayride, Christmas Dinner Party, Camp Bernie Retreat. Sunday coffee hospitalities, Holiday food drive for the needy, and Fund Raising activities.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Savings Account:	\$1,358.34
Checking:	<u>170.78</u>
	\$1,530.12

Net Cash received from fund raiser during 1980:	\$2,138.90
Disbursements during 1980:	<u>1,810.75</u>
Net Profit	\$ 328.15

80% turned over to Parish Council

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CHOIR

This past year during four of our rehearsals we had voice lessons from a professional voice teacher. It proved to be very beneficial to all who attended.

The Choir Association Assembly was held in Racine, Wisconsin. Charles Pinajian represented our Choir and he came back with good ideas.

Our director, George Paroonagian was ordained a Tebrabed in November by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

We still need voices for our Choir. If you enjoy singing, please come and join us. It is truly a rewarding experience.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

\$285.77 turned over to the Parish Council



BUILDING COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Receipts for 1980	\$73,250.46	
Disbursements	<u>31,915.08</u>	
Balance	\$41,335.38	
Checking Account Balance		\$5,622.36
Savings Account Balance		<u>35,713.02</u>
		\$41,335.38

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Receipts for 1980	\$3,330.63	
Disbursements	<u>2,984.48</u>	
	\$ 346.15	
80% of 1980 to Parish Council		\$142.62

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SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATION OPERATING FUNDS  
ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 15, 1980

PARISH COUNCIL CHECKING ACCOUNT.....	\$6,363.19
ST. LEON BUILDING COMMITTEE.....	41,335.38
ACYOA, JRS.....	1,530.12
WOMEN'S GUILD.....	2,623.41
ST. LEON CHOIR.....	411.18
ST. LEON ARMENIAN SCHOOL.....	2,458.75
ST. LEON SUNDAY SCHOOL.....	346.15

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ST. LEON COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE  
1980 ANNUAL REPORT

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The Parish Assembly on February 3, 1980 approved the establishment of the Building Committee responsible for the Community Center and Classrooms Project previously approved at the Special Parish Assembly on December 16, 1979. Members of the Executive Committee were approved with the authority to appoint parishioners to the various subcommittees. A total of approximately thirty (30) people served on the Building Committee in executive capacities or as members of the Construction, Fund-Raising and Finance, Publicity and Memorials subcommittees.

The Building Committee, through its various subcommittees, developed a comprehensive plan to discharge its responsibility. A summary of the highlights of the work accomplished during the period February-June 1980 by the subcommittee follows . . .

Construction Committee

1. Interviewed five architects and chose Mario Cammararo, P.E.-R.A.
2. Considered various alternative locations of building.
3. Established size and design of building.
4. Obtained budget estimate
5. Applied for various governmental approvals.

Fund-Raising & Finance Committee

1. Implemented the first phase of a plan to personally contact all parishioners for pledges at various functions hosted by volunteer parishioners.
2. Prepared plans for the Ground-Breaking Celebration Banquet on November 9th at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton.

Publicity Committee

1. Implemented the Parish Assembly resolution to keep parishioners informed on Building Committee progress through the LRAD00.

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2. Prepared articles and press releases for Armenian and American publications.

#### Memorials Committee

1. Prepared list of building components and furniture suitable for memorials.
2. Began initial solicitation of memorials from parishioners.

On June 6, 1980 a Special Parish Assembly was called at the request of the Building Committee. A status report of Committee activity was given, including project cost estimates and pledges obtained. The Assembly subsequently unanimously approved the project with a total authorized cost of \$400,000 ± 10%.

The summer and fall of 1980 resulted in continuing progress. Governmental approvals, including town, state, county and environmental were obtained. Final building plans were completed and sent out for bid. Pledges and donations were being systemically solicited to the point where virtually every parishioner was approached, as well as many friends of St. Leon. The results of the fund-raising were very gratifying. Over \$300,000 in pledges and donations were obtained by the end of 1980 to add to the parish cash reserve of about \$130,000 designated for the project.

November 9th was very significant in the history of St. Leon. Our Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, presided over the ground-breaking ceremony on the site of the new Community Center. Later that Sunday evening, approximately 300 St. Leon parishioners and friends celebrated the ground-breaking event at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton. Rex Kachigian, Chairman of the affair, and his committee were responsible for a memorable evening. A delicious dinner was served and an imaginative and inspiring program was arranged. The results were gratifying. A surge of pledges and donations was noted at the affair and immediately thereafter.



The Construction Committee by November had concluded negotiations with the lowest of the seven bidders for the project and the best price obtainable for the building construction contract was \$477,000. Additional costs for for the classrooms conversion, patio, kitchen equipment, etc., raised the final project cost close to \$550,000. On the other hand, funds available, pledged, and anticipated were very close to the projected cost. Because of the increase of the actual construction costs relative to the budget cost approved in June, the Building Committee requested a Special Parish Assembly. The Parish Assembly, held December 7th, was asked to reauthorize the project and approve the construction contract for the building with Joseph A. Natoli Construction Corp. Again, the parish unanimously approved the project. Construction on the new building began in mid-December 1980.

Respectfully submitted



Zaven A. Dadekian  
Chairman  
Building Committee

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ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH  
SUMMARY OF FUNDS ON HAND 12/15/80

<u>Columbia Savings &amp; Loan Association</u>		
Endowment Fund.....Account No. 10-0017305	\$	1,195.15
General Endowment Fund....Account No. 00-0036821		2,841.17
<u>United Jersey Bank of North Ridgewood</u>		
Commercial Papers .....Account No. 013000063		95,000.00
<u>Citizens First National State Bank of Ridgewood</u>		
Commercial Papers.....Account No. 132-0549-8		56,674.90
<u>FairLawn State Bank</u>		
Parish Council Savings Account		<u>5,575.04</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		\$161,286.26

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January 16, 1981

Mr. Charles Pinajian  
Chairman, Parish Council  
St. Leon Armenian Church  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

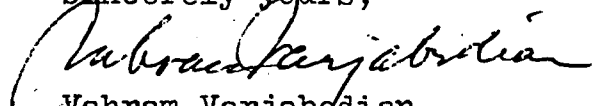
Dear Charles:

The Auditing Committee Members met on January 16, 1981 to examine the financial reports and statements of the Parish Council and the various Church Organizations. Reports were submitted by the Parish Council, the Women's Guild, the Sunday School, the St Leon Choir and the ACYOA Juniors. Other church organizations failed to submit their reports as of this date.

Our examination showed that the reports submitted reflect accurately, with some minor modifications, the financial condition of the Parish Council and the church organizations.

The financial report and statements of the Building Committee were independently audited by Mr. Sarkis Kachigian and by Mr. Alfred Voskian and were approved as being accurate.

Sincerely yours,



Vahram Varjabedian  
Chairman  
Auditing Committee