

ՍՐԲՈՑ ՂԵՒՈՂԻԵԱՆՑ ԶԱՅՑ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻ



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ԱՆՂԱՄԱԿԱՆ ԺՈՂՈՎԸ տեղի պիտի ունենայ Կիրակի, Փետրուար
6, 1977, յաւարտ Ս. Պատաթագի, ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ Մէջ:

Ժողովին, պիտի կատարուին Ծխական Ժողովի, Ընտրողական
եւ Հաշուեքներն չյանձնախումբերու ընտրութիւններ: Պիտի
կարգացուին Հովիւի, Ծխական Խորհուրդի, Գանձապահին, եւ
ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ զանազան կազմակերպութիւններու տեղեկագրերը:
Պիտի ներկայացուի 1977 տարուայ պիւտճէն:

Ներփակ կը գտնէք ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ կազմակերպութեանց 1976-ի
տեղեկագրերը: Հաճեցէք կարգալ եւ ձեր բերել այս տեղեկա-
գիրը ժողովին օրը:

Բոլորս պարտականութիւնն ներկայ ըլլալ եւ օժանդակել
ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ յառաջդիմութեանը, մեր իսկ մասնակցութեամբ:
Ժողովէն յետոյ թեթեւ ճաշ մը պիտի սպասրկուի:

Կը սպասենք որ բոլորդ ալ ներկայ ըլլաք սոյն ժողովին:

ՀՈՎԻԻ ԵՒ ԾԽԱԿԱՆ ԽՈՐՀՈՒՐԴ

JANUARY 22, 1977

Dear Parishioner:

You are invited to attend the Annual Parish Assembly to be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, February 6, 1977, beginning at 11:30A.M., to consider the items set forth in the attached agenda. New items of business must be submitted to the Parish Council Chairman, Jon Najarian, in writing by Sunday January 30.

Enclosed you will find the organizational reports for 1976. Please read them and bring with you to the meeting.

We kindly urge all dues-paying members to be present and take an active part in this very important Annual Assembly.

PASTOR AND PARISH COUNCIL

ՍՐԲՈՑ ՂԵՒՈՆԴԵԱՆՑ ՀԱՅՑ. ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻ
ՖԷՐ ԼՈՆ, Ն.Ճ.
ՀՐԱԽԷՐ ՏԱՐԵԿԱՆ ԱՆԴԱՄԱԿԱՆ ԺՈՂՈՎԻ
ԿԻՐԱԿԻ, 6 ՓԵՏՐՈՒԱՐ 1977, ԺԱՄԸ 11:30 ԻՆ

ՍԻՐԵԼԻ ԱՆԴԱՄ/ՆԵՐ,

Սրբոց Ղեւոնդեանց Եկեղեցւոյ տարեկան անդամական ժողովը տեղի պիտի ունենայ վերոյիշեալ թուականին, եկեղեցւոյ մէջ: Վճարած պէտք է ըլլաք 1976ի անդամատուրք՝ անձ գլուխ 25 Տոլար, քուէարկելու եւ ընտրելի ըլլալու համար:

- ՕՐԱԿԱՐԳ -

1. Բացման Աղօթք
2. Ստուգում իրաւասու անդամներու
3. Ընտրութիւն ժողովի ղիւանի
4. Ընթերցում 1976ի տարեկան ժողովի ատենագրութիւն
5. Հովիւի Տեղեկագիր
6. Ծխական Խորհուրդի եւ Ենթակայ Մարմիններու տեղակագիր
7. Ընտրութիւն Ծխական Խորհուրդի՝ 7, Հաշուեքննիչ՝ 3, եւ Ընտրողական՝ 3 անդամներու
8. 1977 նախահաշիւի/պիւտճէ/ ներկայացում
9. Նոր Հարցեր
10. Փակման Աղօթք

Բարի ԲՏՆՅ. Մէթճեան
Նախագահ

Ճօն նաճարեան
Ատենապետ

Տավի Դիլպեան
Ատենադպիր

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1977, 11:30A.M.

Dear Member/s:

The annual Parish Assembly of St. Leon Armenian Church will be held on Sunday, February 6, in the church proper. To be eligible to vote, you must have paid your 1976 dues, \$25.00 per person.

- AGENDA -

1. Invocation.
2. Verification of eligible voters.
3. Election of Assembly Officers.
4. Reading of 1976 Assembly minutes.
5. Pastor's Report.
6. Reports of the Parish Council & subordinate bodies
7. Election: 1) Parish Council(7); 2) Auditing(3); and Nominating(3).
8. Treasurer's report & adoption of 1977 budget.
9. New Business.
10. Adjournment and Benediction.

Rev. Paree Metjian,
President

Jon Najarian,
Chairman

Dovie Tilbian,
Secretary

NOTE: A light luncheon will be served after the meeting.

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Տէր Բարի Գինյ. Մէքնեան, Հովիւ

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

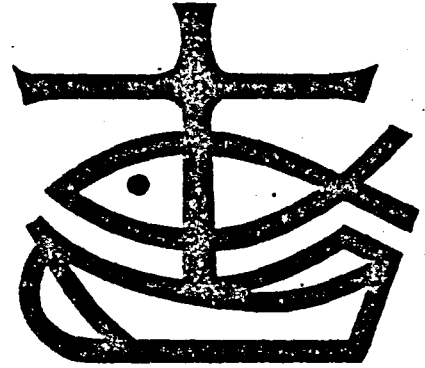
12-61 Saddle River Road Fair Lawn, N.J. 07410

Rev. Patee Metjian, Pastor

Telephones: (Code 201)

Church: 791 - 2862

Rectory: 791 - 1583



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1976 ՏԱՐՈՒԱՑ

ԳՈՀՈՒԹԻՒՆ Աստուծոյ տարի մը եւս բոլորած ենք իր փառքին եւ մեր հոգիներու փրկութեան համար: Ուրախութիւն է ինձ ներկայացնել 1976 տարուայ հովուական տեղեկագիրը մեր գործունէութեանց: Կը յուսանք որ, խանդավառութեամբ անցեալի յաջողութիւններով, կը ջանանք իրագործել նոր նորանոր ծրագիրներ մեր համայնքին յառաջդիմութեանը համար:

Մեր եկեղեցիէն ներս ամէն Կիրակի Ս. Անմահ Պատարագ մատուցուեցաւ եւ օրուայ Կենաց Բանին պատգամը տրուեցաւ Հայերէն եւ թէ Անգլերէն: 1976 տարուայ ընթացքին, Խոստովանքի ընթերցումը եւ Ս. Հաղորդութեան մասնակցիլը բաւական ընդունելութիւն գտաւ մեր համայնքէն ներս: Կը յուսանք 1977 տարուայ ընթացքին միջոցներ ձեռք առնել որպէսզի Պատարագը աւելի եւս նշանակութիւն ունենայ մեր ժողովուրդին:

Մեր անդամներէն շատեր կանոնաւոր կերպով եկեղեցի կը յաճախեն եւ եկեղեցւոյ գործունէութեան մօտէն կը հետաքրքրուին: Իսկ կան որոշ անհատներ որոնք այլ անձնական պատճառներով կը ծանան եկեղեցի գալ եւ բնաւ չեն հետաքրքրուիր անով: Բոլորիս կոչումը պէտք է ըլլայ անոնցով հետաքրքրուիլ, մօտեցնել զանոնք եկեղեցին ուրջ եւ միայն հովիւին պարտականութիւնը չըլլայ այդ:

Շնորհակալութեան խօսք ունինք յայտնել ժրջան Դպրապետ-Երզոնահար, Տիկին Լուսին Տպաղեանի եւ Դպրաց Դասի անդամներուն իրենց նուիրումին համար: Ինչպէս նաեւ Սարկաւազաց Դասին, Ս. Խորանի ծառայողներուն որոնք սիրայօժար իրենց մասնակցութիւնը կը բերեն մեր հոգեւոր վայելքին համար: Նաեւ Ս. Խորանի եւ Մասի իւրաքանչեւ Կանանց որոնք կը կատարեն իրենց պարտականութիւնները սիրայօժար: Աստուած բոլորին ալ վարձահատոյց ըլլայ:

Հետեւեալ ծիսակատարութիւնները արձանագրուած են եկեղեցւոյս տոմարին մէջ. Մկրտութիւն՝ 7, Պսակ՝ 5, եւ Թաղում՝ 15: Տարուայ ընթացքին կատարած ենք 55է աւելի տունօրհնէք, մխիթարական, հիւանդաց եւ այլ այցելութիւններ որքան որ մեր ժամանակը ներեց:

ԿԻՐԱԿՆՕՐԵԱՅ ԵՒ ՀԱՅ ԴՊՐՈՑ

Մեր Կիրակնօրեայ Դպրոցը կը յաճախեն մօտաւորապէս 80 աշակերտներ իսկ հայ Դպրոցը՝ մօտ 60 աշակերտներ:

Կիրակնօրեայ դպրոցի տեսուչ, Պր. Սարգիս Պէտէվեան եւ ուսուչական կազմը ժրջանօրէն կը կատարեն իրենց յանձնուած պարտականութիւնները: Ապագային որպէսզի մեր կրօնական օճախը աւելի արդիւնաւէտ ըլլայ պէտք կը զգանք դասընթացներու, որակաւոր ուսուցիչներու եւ հետաքրքրի ծնողներու:

Հայ Դպրոցի Տնօրենուհի՝ Տիկին Հերմինէ Մինակեան եւ ուսուչական կազմը, ոեւէ ջանք չեն խնայեր Հայ Դպրոցի յառաջդիմութեան համար: Մեր փոքրիկներուն կը դասաւանդուին, Հայ Լեզու, Պար եւ Երգ: Հոս նաեւ ծնողական հետաքրքրութեան կարիքը կը զգանք:

ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅՍ ԿԱԶՄԱԿԵՐՊՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐԸ

Եկեղեցւոյս Կազմակերպութիւններ բոլորած են օգտաշատ տարի մը եկեղեցւոյ հովանին տակ: Կարելի է անոնց մանրամասն տեղեկութիւնները կարդալ Անգլերէն բաժնի մէջ:

Եկեղեցւոյս Տարէց Կազմակերպութիւնը որ տարի մը բոլորեց նոյեմբերին ունեցաւ բեղուն գործունէութեան տարի մը: Ատենապետութեամբ՝ Պր. Զարլըզ Թագուորեանի եւ գործակցութեամբ գործադիր մարմնի եւ մանաւանդ Կազմակերպութեան բոլոր անդամներուն:

Ինչպէս նաեւ Եկեղեցասէր Տիկնաց Միութիւնը՝ Տիկին Պերճուհի Վաթճապետեանի կարող ատենապետութեամբ, գործակից մարմնի եւ անդամներու: Նուիրումով օգտաշատ ծառայութիւններ մատուցանեցին եկեղեցւոյս բազմակողմի կերպով:

Աստուած բոլորին ալ իր առատ շնորհները տայ:

Շնորհակալութեան խօսք պարտինք ըսել Մխական Խորհուրդի ատենապետ՝ Տիար Ճօն Նաճարեանի, վարելով իրեն յանձնուած պաշտօնը խոր նուիրումով, Մխական Խորհուրդի անդամներուն, Հայ Դպրոցի խնամակալ Մարմին եւ մեր սիրելի ու հաւատացեալ ժողովուրդին, որոնք իրենց ազնիւ գործակցութեամբ ջանացին առաւելագոյն չափով արդիւնաւորել մեր աշխատանքներն ու ձգտումները յօգուտ մեր Սուրբ Եկեղեցին:

Ի բոլոր սրտէ կաղօթեմ Ս. Ղեւոնդեանց Հայց. Եկեղեցւոյ յարատեւ բարեզարդութեան եւ պայծառութեան ու մեր ժողովուրդին հոգեւոր ու ազգային զարգացման համար:

Աղօթեցէք ինծի համար որ կարենամ գործել Աստուծոյ այգին մէջ Իր Սուրբ Կամքին համաձայն լաւագոյնս արդիւնաւորելով իմ հովուական աշխատանքներս: Թող Աստուած օրհնէ նաեւ մեր սրտին ու մտքին աշխատանքը եւ պարգեւէ բոլորիս հոգեկան երջանկութիւն որ բարի գործ կատարողներու լաւագոյն վարձատրութիւնն է:

Սիրոյ Ողջոյններ Բոլորիդ,

Բարի Բհնյ. Մէթճեան, Հովիւ

ՍՐԲՈՑ ՂԵՒՈՆԴԵԱՆՑ ՀԱՅՑ. ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻ

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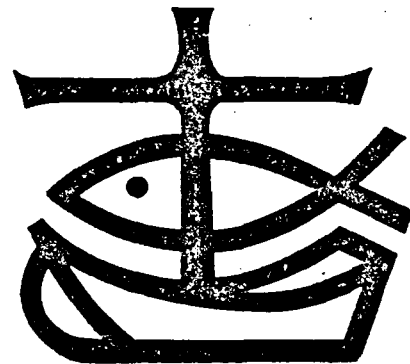
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PASTORAL REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

Every year at our Annual Parish Assembly we gather together as servants in God's vineyard to assess the harvest of the past year and plan for the future. It is a pleasure at this time to greet all our members and review with you our past accomplishments.

BRIEF ACCOUNTS OF SOME MAJOR ACTIVITIES

During Lenten Season, every Wednesday "Hskoon" service was conducted, followed by Bible Study. Those few parishioners that took advantage, were richly blessed. We hope this year others will join.

For the first time, a month long seminar was organized for the youth of our parish. Five consecutive Mondays, senior highs participated in discussions as to what to expect when they go to college. On Monday, March 22, a panel discussion was held on a theme "What are the Real Values in Life." Young panelists were, Jack Hachikian, Norman Haboob, Richard Karamian, and Attny. Theodore Takvorian, acted as moderator. Close to 20 interested parents participated with mutual exchange of opinions. We thank Dawn Hourdajian for assisting in this worthy project.

On Sunday, June 13, Sunday School closing exercises were held in the church. Awards were presented to students with best attendance and achievement. Graduating class was asked to enroll in a two year internship program in order to receive advance certification. We are happy to say that most students are taking advantage of this arrangement.

On Sunday, June 27, 1976 High School graduates received Holy Communion. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to those who have served St. Leon as Sunday School assistants or choir members. A reception was held in their honor in our church hall.

During the week of June 28th to July 2nd, the first St. Leon Vacation Bible School was held. For five days, boys and girls, ages 8-12 years old, were involved in worship, recitation of Bible verses, arts and crafts and had the opportunity to get acquainted with our church. On Thursday, July 1, at 7:30 p. m. an open house was held with a service in the church. Close to 50 parents were in attendance.

Our heartfelt appreciation to Zabel Nalbantian, Zabel Holopigian and to all parish volunteers, who helped to make this project a success. We look forward to 1977 VBS. We hope more children will join us this year.

On Sunday, September 26, Mousa Dagh Commemoration was held. Close to 70 parishioners participated and contributed more than \$500.00 for Mousa Dagh Memorial in Armenia. Organizers: Harry Boyajian and Maritza Giragosian, would like to thank all contributors.

On Sunday, December 12, Rex Kachigian, co-chairman of Project Reach-Out introduced ten families who have joined our parish as members. Der Hayr in turn expressed his pleasure and welcomed them on behalf of the parish, offered a prayer and presented a Certificate of Membership to each family. Reception followed in our church hall in their honor giving them a chance to meet the parishioners.

CHURCH SERVICES

Divine Liturgy was held every Sunday. During all the Sundays of the year, appropriate sermons were given. All Church Services and Sacraments were conducted with solemnity and dignity. Our special thanks to Mrs. Lucy Dabagian, our Director-Organist, and Choir Members for their loyal services to God and the church. Our appreciation to the Deacons, Sub-Deacons, incensers and young acolytes, serving the Lord with zeal and dedication.

The following services have been duly recorded in our parish registry for 1976:

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - 7
WEDDINGS - 5
FUNERALS - 13

VISITATIONS

This is a very important service which is rendered by the Pastor to the best of his ability, in order to cement good relationships between the church and its members. I have blessed the homes of 55 parish members during Christmas and Easter seasons. I have also made hospital, bereavement and other pastoral calls.

I will appreciate your help by asking you to make the church office aware of all your needs in these areas.

PARISH SCHOOLS

Both Armenian and Sunday Schools began their 1976-77 academic year with a full program and new zeal. We are happy and gratified that both schools are functioning properly. We are extremely impressed with the dedication of the superintendents and teachers and the quality of their work with the children. There is no doubt that our parents will exert every effort toward the success of these sacred activities.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- . . . To date our membership is 220 voting members, 93 families and 34 individuals.
- . . . LRADOO has been published nine times, with special Christmas and Easter issues. Also special news releases were provided to local papers and the Armenian Press. Our appreciation to Mrs. Ruth Bedevian for handling our public relations with competence.
- . . . Mrs. Connie Tashjian has carried out our secretarial duties on a part-time basis. We hope to extend her responsibilities in the future.
- . . . A beautiful showcase donated by Mr. and Mrs. Sarkis Gabrellian in memory of their loved ones, has enhanced our church narthax. You may find books, records and religious items for sale. Last year alone, more than \$500.00 worth of items were sold. We thank the Gabrellians for their generosity.
- . . . One outstanding innovation has been the labeling of our membership and general mailing list, using computerized system. Thanks to Alfred Ferraro for his time, talent and devotion to our parish. Al has also rendered many valuable services. His modesty will not allow us to reveal the nature of his contribution.

Indeed, one truly can say that 1976 has been a successful year for the Glory of God and His Kingdom. This has been possible because of the contribution of many dedicated people. With heartfelt appreciation I am happy to acknowledge:

Jon Najarian, Parish Council Chairman, through his qualified leadership and cooperation, many projects were carried through. Also the 1976 Parish Council; Chairman of each church organization and their executive committees; Superintendent of Sunday School, Sarkis Bedevian and Principal of Armenian School, Hermine Menakian; Sunday and Armenian School teaching staff for their dedicated service. Last, but not least, to all active members, for their participation in making St. Leon a spiritual and growing parish.

ST. LEON IN 1977 AND BEYOND . . .

Is it possible for a church to drift aimlessly through life without ever establishing goals or trying to meet them? Yes, possible.

We hope 1977 will be a year of evaluation. Through parish-wide questionnaires, we intend to ask some hard-core questions:

"What are we really after in the church?"

"What do we want to happen to the people of our congregation?"

"What do we want them to look like, act like, and be, after they have been a part of this parish?"

We hope the answers we receive will lead us in a restructuring process on the basis of primary objectives and goals in mission.

May God bless our efforts and guide our steps in the fulfillment of our duties as parishioners and pastor.

Prayerfully yours,

Rev. Paree Metjian, Pastor

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Members of the Parish Council for 1976 were:

President:	Rev. Parea Metjian
Chairman:	Jon J. Najarian
Vice Chairman:	Martin Kapoian
Treasurer:	Vahram Varjabedian
Assistant Treasurer:	James Noorigian
Recording Secretary:	Dovie Tilbian
Corresponding Secretary:	E. George Dabagian
Advisors:	Sarkis Gabrellian
	Rex Kachigian
	Alfred Voskian

The Regular Annual Parish Assembly was held on Sunday, February 15, 1976. The following were elected to serve a two-year term on the Parish Council: Martin Kapoian, James Noorigian, Dovie Tilbian and Vahram Varjabedian.

As you are all aware, this year for the first time we will elect an 11 member Parish Council. We hope that the increased membership of this body will spread the work load now presently carried by 9 members.

In 1976, for the first time, the responsibility for running the Bazaar was taken over by the Parish Council. In the past several years the Bazaar has grown to such proportions that it was felt the Parish Council should be directly involved in overseeing the operation of the Bazaar. The Parish Council wishes to thank all of the organizations for contributing their efforts to the Bazaar which was a tremendous social, cultural and financial success.

In 1976, a Special Parish Assembly was held at which time it was voted to purchase 1+ acres bordering our present property and to establish a negotiating committee to meet jointly with A.G.B.U. for the possibility of establishing common grounds to build a cultural center in Fair Lawn. Pending a positive direction for St. Leon/A.G.B.U. negotiations, we have held off pursuing expansion for classrooms. As a member of this committee, I can assure the Parish that St. Leon interests are always uppermost in the minds of the committee during these negotiations. A report from this committee will be given at the Parish Assembly on February 6, 1977.

We have had the usual Parish activities during the course of the year, such as the Annual Picnic in June; the Grape Blessing Picnic in August; and participation in One World Festival

sponsored by the Diocese. We have had coffee socials on designated Sundays sponsored by various Church organizations, an activity we feel gives our parishioners an opportunity to meet one another. We have seen an increase in our Church attendance and additional acolytes, deacons and choir members every Sunday. We hope this continues. We would also like to see more instructional Badarak. With the help of Der Paree, the deacons and the Choir, I am sure this type of activity on designated Sundays would be beneficial to all parishioners.

Our program, Reach Out, was successful and we obtained at least ten new member families into our Parish.

The above mentioned items, such as expansion, increased activity, increased attendance, are all well and good. They show a much needed growth for this Parish, however, it must not be forgotten that all of these areas of activities require tremendous amounts of effort, not by just a few, but by all our parishioners. It is our hope that during the coming year, an expanded Parish Council will be able to enlist the support of the entire Parish because none of the endeavors such as classroom construction, joint venture with A.G.B.U., expanded Bazaar, growth of Sunday School, Armenian School and other Church organizations can be accomplished without the full support of the entire Parish.

One of the areas which is in dire need of assistance is the Sunday School. As you know, we have been earnestly looking for a superintendent to take charge of this organization. We have had to go outside the Parish to interview prospective superintendents.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

This year the Parish Council had the exterior of the Church and the cottage painted. This work was stopped because of weather conditions and will be resumed in the Spring when we will also paint the exterior of the parish house. New parking lot stripes and "No Parking" areas were painted on the blacktop. We ask that all parishioners observe the "No Parking" areas and the "stop lines" so designated. A dusk to dawn light was installed in the front of the Church to illuminate the front parking lot. It is our intention to illuminate the rear parking lot as well. One of the things we wish all of our organizations and members to keep in mind is that our utility costs are skyrocketing and we ask that whenever the Church Hall or library areas are used, that all lights and thermostats are turned off when leaving.

I would like to add a personal note of thanks to the Parish for permitting me to serve on the Parish Council for six years. Thank you also to those members of the Parish Council who have served with me, a thanks to Der Arten and Der Paree and also to our delegates.

Rev. Paree Metjian
President

Jon J. Najarian
Chairman

Dovie Tilbian
Secretary

CANDIDATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL

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| 2. Florence Gulkasian
ՖԼՕՐԷՆՍ ԿՈՒԼԽԱՍԵԱՆ | 9. Sarkis Soultanian
ՍԱՐԳԻՍ ՍՈՒԼԹԱՆԵԱՆ |
| 3. Ara Hourdajian
ԱՐԱ ՀՈՒՐՏԱՃԵԱՆ | 10. Shavarsh Torosian
ՇԱԽԱՐՇ ԹՈՐՈՍԵԱՆ |
| 4. Peter Kalemkerian
ՓԻԹԵՐ ԲԱԼԷՆԲԵՐԵԱՆ | 11. Agnes Voskian
ԱԿՆԷՍ ՎՕՍԿԵԱՆ |
| 5. Arthur Ohnikian
ԱՐԹՐ ՕՀՆԻԿԵԱՆ | 12. Harry Zoroian
ՀԷՐՐԻ ԶՕՐՕԵԱՆ |
| 6. Andy Purpuse
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| 7. Charles Pinajian
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AUDITING COMMITTEE

(3 to be elected)

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| 1. Armen Asher
ԱՐՄԷՆ ԱՇԸՐ | 4. Rose Kirian
ՐՕՉ ԳԻՐԵԱՆ |
| 2. Barbara Azarian
ՊԱՐՊԱՐԱ ԱԶԱՐԵԱՆ | 5. Edward Torosian
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| 3. Alfred Ferraro
ԱԼՖԸՐԷՏ ՖԷՐՐԵՐՕ | 6. Arpi Vartanesian
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(3 to be elected)

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| 1. Andy Dabbakian
ԱՆՏԻ ՏԱՊՊԱԲԵԱՆ | 4. Rose Najarian
ՌՕՉ ՆԱՃԱՐԵԱՆ |
| 2. Noubar Jessourian
ՆՈՒՊԱՐ ՃԷՍՈՒՐԵԱՆ | 5. Berjoochi Varjabedian
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| 3. John Nakashian
ՃԱՆ ՆԱԲԱՇԵԱՆ | 6. John Vezirian
ՃԱՆ ՎԶԻՐԵԱՆ |

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES
OF
PARISH COUNCIL

E. George Dabaqian

Married to Lucy, 3 children, Richard, Donna and Linda.
Profession: President, Jersey Printing.
Past Experience: Building Committee and Former Chairman Parish Council.

Florence Gulkasian

Born in Paterson, N.J., 2 daughters, Joan O'Reilly and Diane.
Profession: Bank Controller
Past Experience: Ladies Aid Chairperson and presently choir member.

Ara Hourdajian

Married to Dawn.
Profession: Group leader color product for Ciba-Gyegi.
Past Experience: ACYOA Treasurer (St. Thomas).

Peter Kalemkerian

Married to Harriet, 3 children, Lori, John and Gregory.
Profession: Pharmacist.
Past Experience: Member of Parish Council (Holy Cross) and presently choir member.

Arthur Ohnikian

Married to Katherine, 3 children, Barbara, Robert and Richard.
Profession: Self-employed, Bicycle Shop owner.
Past Experience: New member of St. Leon.

Andy Purpuse

Married to Florence, 2 children, Richard and Patricia Movesian.
Profession: Insurance Real Estate Broker.
Past Experience: Former Fund Raising Committee Chairman and Parish Council member.

Charles Pinajian

Married to Grace, 2 children, Lynn and Paul.
Profession: Self-employed, Dry Cleaning business.
Past Experience: Former Parish Council member, Diocesan Delegate and Senior Deacon.

James Soojian

Married to Carol, 3 children, Karen, Jay and Allen.
 Profession: Photo Offset Shop Operator.
 Past Experience: Former Parish Council member.

Sarkis Soultanian

Married to Takoohi, 2 sons, Gary and Richard.
 Profession: Vice-President Utility Consulting Co.
 Past Experience: Senior Deacon and choir member.

Shavarsh Torosian

Married to Mary.
 Profession: General Electric, TV Engineer.
 Past Experience: Sub-Deacon and choir member.

Agnes Voskian

Married to Alfred, 3 children, Alfred Jr., Janet and Sandra Griffin.
 Profession: Housewife.
 Past Experience: Former Ladies Aid Chairperson.

Harry Zoraian

Married to Gloria, 3 children, Jeffrey, Andrea and Douglas.
 Profession: Self-employed. Dry Cleaning and Laundry.
 Past Experience: 1976 St. Leon Bazaar Chairman.

AUDITING COMMITTEEArmen Asher

Married to Lee, 2 children, Armen and Liza.
 Profession: Division Auditor of General Motors Overseas. CPA.
 Past Experience: Auditing Committee member (St. Thomas)

Barbara Azarian

Born in New York City, 3 children, John, Martin and Debra.
 Profession: CPA in New Jersey.
 Past Experience: ACYOA advisor and Sunday School teacher.

Alfred Ferraro

Married to Isabell, 2 children, Alex and Marissa.
 Profession: Computer Programmer.
 Past Experience: St. Leon Picnic Chairman and Sunday School teacher.

Rose Kirian

Married to Mirjan, 2 children, Sosie and Viken.
 Profession: Housewife.
 Past Experience: Ladies Aid Executive Committee and choir member.

Edward Torosian

Married to Varsen, 2 children, Paul and Nancy.
 Profession: Salesman.
 Past Experience: Building Committee Finance Chairman and Parish Council member.

NOMINATING COMMITTEEAndy Dabbakian

Married to Mary, 3 children, Dawn Hourdajian, Drew and Robyn.
 Profession: Industrial Metal Shop Teacher.
 Past Experience: Church Building and Parish Council member.

Noubar Jessourian

Married to Anita, 2 sons, Raffi and Sevan.
 Profession: Self-employed, Liquor Store.
 Past Experience: Parish Council member.

John Nakashian

Married to Arpine, 3 children, Lynn, Carol and John Jr.
 Profession: Retailer.
 Past Experience: Former Parish Council Chairman and Diocesan delegate.

Rose Najarian

Married to Jon, 2 sons, Gregg and Jonathan.
 Profession: Housewife.
 Past Experience: Armenian School Committee member and Sunday School teacher.

Berjoochi Varjabedian

Married to Vahram, 2 children, Armen and Lorraine.
 Profession: Housewife.
 Past Experience: St. Leon Women's Guild Chairlady.

John Vezirian

Married to Ovsanna, 2 children,
 Profession: Head-fitter and tailor, retired.
 Past Experience: Former St. Leon Senior Center Chairman.

ST. LEON'S DELEGATES' REPORT1976

The 74th Annual Diocesan Assembly was held in Philadelphia from April 30th - May 2nd, 1976. Your delegates, Der Hayr, and Parish Council Chairman attended the Assembly. A new procedure was used to deliberate on matters before the Assembly. The delegates were separated into six groups. Each group was assigned a topic to discuss in depth with the objective of bringing recommendations to the Diocesan Assembly for votes on the various issues before the whole Assembly. The panel assignments generally coincided with the expressed areas of interest on the part of the delegates. On the whole it worked well and permitted more in depth discussion and deliberation on the issues than would be possible for the whole Assembly to give to each issue.

Below is a summary of the major issues discussed by the panels and voted upon by the Assembly:

Finance - The 1976 Budget for the Diocese as presented was \$526,000, approximately \$100,000 more than in 1975. This budget was discussed in detail and the necessity for the budget increase considered. It was noted that \$40,000 of the increase was for the Council of Religious Education and the Council for Armenian schools. Benefactors were contributing the total cost for these activities. The remaining \$60,000 increase was judged to be strictly inflationary cost increase for operations on the scale of the previous year, particularly fuel and utilities cost increases for the Cathedral complex.

The question of the procedures for determining Parish assessments was discussed. The Diocesan Council is required to present a detailed explanation of the assessment method for each parish.

Proposals - Each year a number of changes to the Diocesan by-laws are proposed. Below are some of the more significant amendments to the by-laws voted by the Assembly. The amendments are paraphrased in the interest of simplicity and brevity:

1. The Nominating Committee together with the Auditing Committee, shall govern all parish elections. (This proposal was approved the first time. It takes approval for two years before the amendment is adopted.)

2. The by-laws provide for a maximum of seven delegates from each parish. The proposal to remove this restriction was adopted. This was the first passage for this amendment.

3. The proposal requiring the Diocesan Council to provide clear guidelines on calculating the number of members in a parish was adopted.

4. The proposal requiring the Diocesan Council to submit a report to all parishes showing income and disbursements, membership figures and assessments for each parish was adopted.

5. A resolution was adopted requesting the Primate to appeal to all Armenians not to schedule social functions on the eve of Armenian holidays.

Church Unity - A great deal of discussion took place on the matter of Church Unity. Two recommendations were placed

before the Assembly on which to vote. The first was a recommendation that the Assembly approve a Memorandum of Agreement approved by our Diocese Unity Committee and the Unity Committee of the Prelacy. The second was a recommendation by the Diocesan Council that the Assembly approve the same Memorandum of Agreement with what were considered minor changes in two areas. These changes were in the area of church cooperation before actual unity and methods of financial support to the Holy See of Cilicia.

Both sides presented their arguments. The Unity Committee's position was recommended on the basis that even the minor changes proposed by the Diocesan Council would undo all the negotiative effort expanded so far and require a new round of negotiations. They stressed that the major concessions have already been made by the Prelacy Committee and further concessions would be difficult to negotiate. The Diocesan Council maintained that its recommended changes were minor, reasonable and in any event were based on matters of principle.

The Diocesan Assembly approved the Diocesan Council recommendation of adopting the Unity Committee Memorandum of Agreement only with its recommended changes. Subsequently, the Prelacy Assembly adopted the Memorandum of Agreement with no changes. These events formed the basis for the opinion in some quarters that our Diocese is lacking sufficient enthusiasm for unity while the Prelacy is sincere in their efforts for unity. Your delegates do not ascribe to this point of view but acknowledge that further efforts must be made to dispel misunderstandings regarding the Diocesan position on unity.

Clergy, Youth and Education and Cultural Programs. Various proposals were adopted as represented by the following:

1. Increasing the number of priest candidates through an active recruiting program.
2. Establish Bible School programs in the parishes.
3. Institute a special 2-year program for the preparation of priests for laymen who have already a good religious background and feel a calling to the priesthood.
4. Set up a committee to study possible reforms of the Liturgy, celebrate priesthood and participation of women in the Liturgy.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarkis Bedevian

Zaven Dadekian

Diocesan Delegates

HISTORIAN COMMITTEE REPORT
1976

1976 was a big year for St. Leon Armenian Church and a year with many "firsts".

In February, for the first time the Nursery School came to church as a body and included the babies who had been baptized by Der Paree the previous year.

Also in February, one Sunday was devoted to an instructed Badarak during which Louise Kalemkerian and Seminarian Michael Chevian explained the entire service to the Sunday School children and parishioners present.

A five-session College Preparatory Seminar was held in March for high school seniors which included a panel discussion of the young group with about 20 parents in attendance. Dawn Hourdajian was the Guidance Counselor for this College Leadership Lab.

On April 25th, the traditional Madagh was observed in memory of the 1915 Martyrs instead of our usual observance at the Summer Picnic.

The new members of the Parish were welcomed by our Pastor, Der Paree on May 16th at which time Der Hayre presented them with a Certificate of Membership. Following church services, the new members were honored at a Fellowship Coffee Hour.

St. Leon's 35th Anniversary was observed on May 23rd with The Gomidas Choir singing at the Badarak that morning. A dinner and hantess given by the Armenian School followed in the church hall.

Our first Vacation Bible School was held from June 28th - July 2nd. Zabelle Nalbantian, Margaret Haratounian and Zabelle Holopikian organized and directed the classes. Approximately 50 children attended this highly successful "first".

A special Parish Assembly was called on October 3rd by the Parish Council at which time the parishioners authorized the Parish Council to purchase a parcel of the Kirschener property adjacent to the church for \$40,000. On this date, the Assembly also gave approval for the formation of a Joint Committee with the A.G.B.U. for the purpose of discussing the possibility of a joint endeavor to build a Community Hall.

The month of November was set aside for the Reach Out Project. Rex Kachigian and Charles Pinajian were co-chairmen and 10 teams visited various families as potential members of our job. This project was most successful and resulted in 10 new families joining St. Leon.

On December 5th, Der Paree and Yerotzgin Angel hosted a dinner party at The Bon Fire Restaurant for the young couples who had been married in St. Leon's Church within the past five years. The intent was to establish a closer relationship between these couples and their church.

St. Leon's has started a tradition of sending a wedding anniversary card inviting the couples to celebrate their anniversary by attending church services on the Sunday closest to their wedding date and taking communion together.

The Historian Committee recommends that our church set aside the first Sunday of December each year to honor deceased benefactors by having a Requiem Badarak in their memory and inviting their families to attend church on that Sunday.

The Committee held five meetings during 1976, at which time they worked on the photograph book and the History of Our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Agnes Voskian Dovie Tilbian
Co-Chairmen

ST. LEON CHURCH ORGANIZATION REPORT

Name of Organization: Sunday School

Executive Board Members:

Superintendent:	Sarkis Bedevian
Treasurer:	Katherine Ohnikian
Secretary:	Rebecca Kachigian

Total Membership: 95 - Exec. Meetings: 0 - General Meetings: 5

Main Activity:

Christian Education.

Other Activities:

Christmas Pageant, Christmas Communion Breakfast, Easter Communion Breakfast, Halloween Party.

FINANCIAL REPORT
December 15, 1976

Balance 12/16/75		\$ 153.13
Receipts		815.67
Total		<u>968.80</u>
Disbursements	\$ 836.49	
Net		<u>132.31</u>
Balance 12/15/76		<u><u>\$ 132.31</u></u>

NOTE: Balance Special Account - \$1,429.16

ST. LEON CHURCH ORGANIZATION REPORT

Name of Organization: St. Leon Armenian School

Executive Board Members:

Chairman:	Martin Kapoian
Treasurer:	Agnes Kapoian
Secretary:	Agnes Kapoian
Rec. Secretary:	Agnes Kapoian
Advisors:	Vahram Varjabedian

Total Membership: 60 - Exec. Meetings: 1 - General Meetings: 4

Main Activities:

Education, Hantess, Valentine Dance, Halloween Dance,
Christmas Party, Year End Picnic.

Financial Report
December 15, 1976

Balance 12/16/75		\$ -----
Receipts		5,083.42
Total		<u>5,083.42</u>
Disbursements	\$ 4,801.34	
Net		<u>282.08</u>
80% of net to Parish Council	225.66	
20% remaining with organization		<u>56.42</u>
Balance 12/15/76		<u><u>\$ 56.42</u></u>

ST. LEON CHURCH ORGANIZATION REPORT

Name of Organization: St. Leon Women's Guild

Executive Board Members:

Chairman:	Berjuhi Varjabedian
Vice-Chairman:	Shamena Afarian
Treasurer:	Anne Kachigian
Asst. Treasurer:	Anita Jessourian
Secretary:	Grace Pinajian
Rec. Secretary:	Gloria Zoraian
Advisors:	Siran Gabrellian
	Maritza Giragosian

Total Membership: 105 - Exec. Meetings: 10 - General Meetings: 10

Main Activities:

Assist the Pastor and Parish Council, Assist Other Church Organizations and Schools, Maintain and Beautify Church Altar, Prepare Mahs, Organize Fund Raising Activities, Community Service, Visiting, Participate in Diocesan Activities, etc.

Future Plans:

Increase Membership and Continue to Serve the Church and the Community in the Spirit of Christianity.

FINANCIAL REPORT
December 15, 1976

Balance 12/16/75		\$ 9,597.10
Receipts		4,210.06
Total		<u>13,807.16</u>
Disbursements	\$ 10,441.56	
Net		<u>3,365.60</u>
80% of net to Parish Council	2,692.16	
20% remaining with organization		<u>673.04</u>
Balance 12/15/76		<u><u>\$ 673.04</u></u>

ST. LEON CHURCH ORGANIZATION REPORT

Name of Organization: St. Leon Senior Center

Executive Board Members:

Chairman:	C. Takvorian
Vice-Chairman:	H. P. Boyadjian
Treasurer:	A. Aprahamian
Asst. Treasurer:	Mrs. A. Mesropian
Secretary:	Mrs. L. Bedrossian
Advisors:	J. Vezirian
	Dr. N. Johnson
	W. Anton

Total Membership: 55 - Exec. Meetings: 10 - General Meetings: 10

Main Activities:

Tavloo, Cards, Trips, Radio City, etc.

Future Plans:

Day Trips, Bingo, Armenian Music, Dancing, etc.

FINANCIAL REPORT
December 15, 1976

Balance 12/16/75		\$ 87.23
Receipts		<u>1,187.00</u>
Total		<u>1,274.23</u>
Disbursements	\$ 850.00	
Net		<u>424.23</u>
Balance 12/15/76		<u><u>\$ 424.23</u></u>
80% of net to Parish Council		\$ 250.00
20% remaining with organization		\$ 424.23

ST. LEON CHURCH ORGANIZATION REPORT

Name of Organization: Friendship Society

Executive Board Members:

Chairman:	Jerry J. Donabedian
Vice-Chairman:	Jack Loughhead
Treasurer:	Grace Hagopian
Secretary:	Ruby Aprahamian
	Marge Donabedian
Rec. Secretary	Margaret Semonian
Advisors:	Andy Dabbakian
	John Nakashian
	Jim Noorigian
	Tony Tungrian

Total Membership: 50 - Exec. Meetings: 4 - General Meetings: 8

Main Activities:

Covered Dish Dinner, Speaker, Bicentennial Celebration, Wine Tasting, Tavloo Tourney, Christmas Party, Installation Dinner.

Future Plans:

Social Activity Meetings, Wine Tasting, Christmas Party, Tavloo Tourney, Dinner to Honor Sports Association Members, Support Church Activities.

Financial Report
December 15, 1976

Balance 12/16/75		\$ 42.97
Receipts		681.43
Total		<u>724.40</u>
Disbursements	\$ 452.23	
Net		<u>272.17</u>
80% of net to Parish Council	217.74	
20% remaining with organization		<u>54.43</u>
Balance 12/15/76		<u><u>\$ 54.43</u></u>

ST. LEON CHURCH ORGANIZATION REPORT

Name of Organization: St. Leon Church Choir Association

Executive Board Members:

Chairman:	Mirjian Kirian
Vice-Chairman:	George Parounagian
Treasurer:	Rose Kirian
Secretary:	Emerald Noorigian
Rec. Secretary:	Florence Goukasian
Advisors:	Lousin Dabagian

Total Membership: 35 - Exec. Meetings: 4 - General Meetings: 0

Financial Report
December 15, 1976

Balance 12/16/75		\$ 39.26
Receipts		<u>229.90</u>
Total		269.16
Disbursements	\$ 195.90	
Net		<u>73.26</u>
80% of net to Parish Council	58.61	
20% remaining with organization		<u>14.65</u>
 Balance 12/15/76		 <u><u>\$ 14.65</u></u>

ST. LEON CHURCH ORGANIZATION REPORT

Name of Organization: A.C.Y.O.A.

Executive Board Members:

Chairman:	Rich Karamian
Vice-Chairman:	Paul Pinajian
Treasurer:	Gary Avedisian
Secretary:	Barbara Ohnikian
Advisors:	Jack Hachikian
	Rebecca Hachikian

Total Membership: 42 - Exec. Meetings: 5 - General Meetings: 6

Main Activities:

Jungle Habitat, Hayride, Retreat, Bake Sales, Shore, A.C.Y.O.A. Day, Ice Skating, Bible Studies, College Leadership, Hayden Planatarium.

Future Plans:

Retreat, Ice Skating, Shore, Christmas Party, A.C.Y.O.A. Day.

Financial Report
December 15, 1976

Balance 12/16/75		\$ 1,438.39
Receipts		1,520.35
Total		<u>2,958.74</u>
Disbursements	\$ 1,317.11	
Net		<u>1,641.63</u>
80% of net to Parish Council	1,313.30	
20% remaining with organization		<u>382.33</u>
Balance 12/15/76		<u>\$ 382.33</u>

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

TRUST ACCOUNT

Trustees: E. George Dabagian
James Noorigian
Anthony Tungrian

Certificate of Deposits

(Term ending May 24, 1978. Interest
rate 7.5% per annum.)

Columbia Savings and Loan	\$ 20,391.55
Columbia Savings and Loan	<u>5,051.10</u>
Total	<u>\$ 25,442.65</u>

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Savings Account:

Columbia Savings and Loan	\$ 11,194.45
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Certificate of Deposits:

Urban National Bank	7,500.00
Fair Lawn State Bank	<u>14,652.82</u>
Total	<u>\$ 33,347.27</u>
Grand Total	<u><u>\$ 58,789.92</u></u>

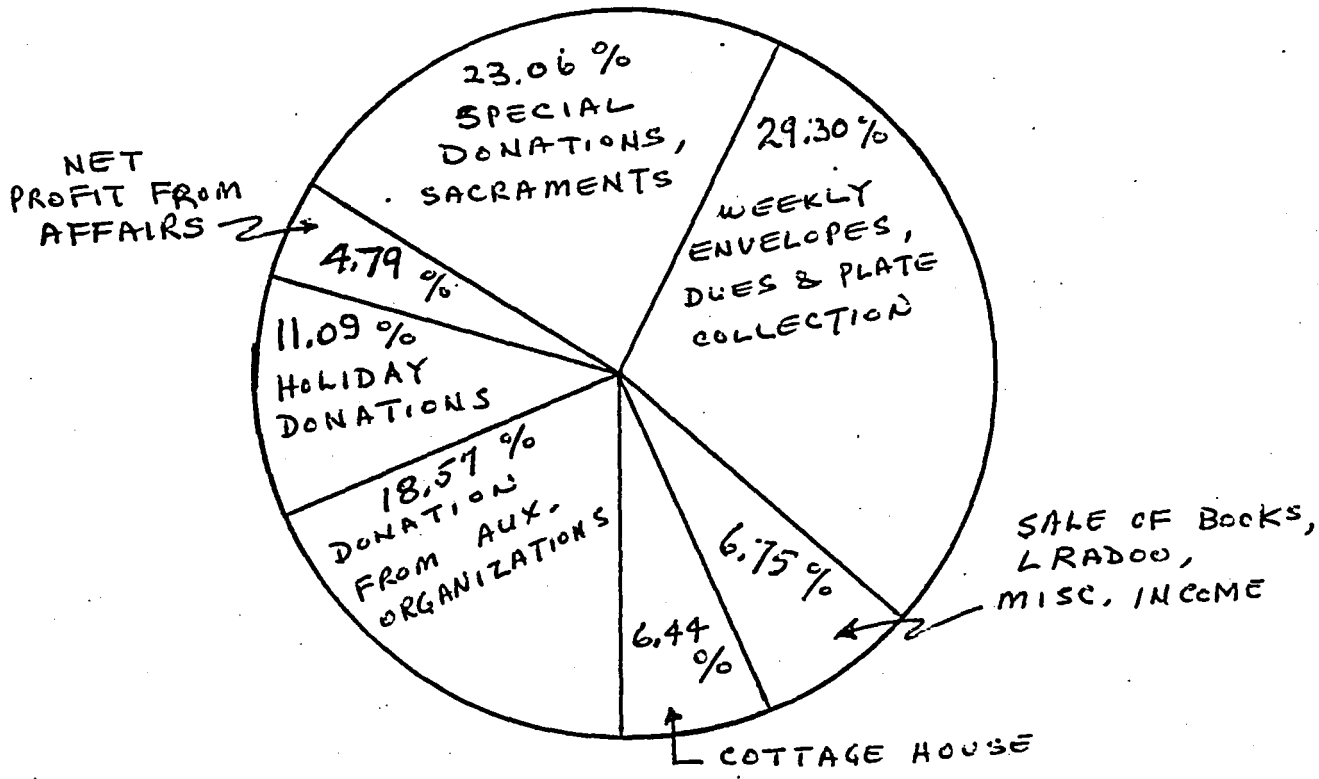
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
Comparative Operating Budget Summary for 1976
Proposed Budget for 1977

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>Proposed 1976</u>	<u>Actual 1976</u>	<u>Proposed 1977</u>
Weekly Envelopes, Dues and Plate Collection.	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,146	\$ 15,000
Special Donations: Sacraments, In-Lieu-of-Flowers, Etc.	7,500	10,346	8,000
Net Profit from Affairs	2,500	2,150	20,000*
Sale of Books - Lradoo	300	351	500
Holiday Donations	5,500	4,974	5,500
Donations from Auxiliary Org.	10,000	8,330	3,500
Misc. Income**	1,300	2,678	1,400
Cottage House	3,300	2,889	3,000
Armenian School	<u>1,200</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>
<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>\$ 45,100</u>	<u>\$ 44,864</u>	<u>\$ 56,900</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
Pastor's Stipend, Auto Allowance, Visiting Clergy	\$ 11,000	\$ 10,869	\$ 12,000
Church and Parish House Repairs and Maintenance	7,500	5,282	8,000
Dioceses Expense, Dues and Clergy Insurance	6,500	6,783	7,200
Publications and Mailing	1,500	1,287	1,500
Administrative and General	5,000	6,241	5,000
Armenian School	1,200	-----	1,200
Sunday School	-----	-----	1,300
Church Operating Expenses, Insurance and Utilities	9,500	9,207	12,500
Church Social Expenditures	700	683	700
Equipment Purchase, Capital Improvements	1,200	320	1,500
Part-Time Secretary	1,000	45	1,000
Legal, Architectural and Engineering Fees***	-----	-----	5,000
Transfer to Savings	<u>-----</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-----</u>
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 45,100</u>	<u>\$ 45,717</u>	<u>\$ 56,900</u>
Budget Adjustment	<u>-----</u>	<u>(853)</u>	<u>-----</u>
	<u>45,100</u>	<u>44,864</u>	<u>56,900</u>

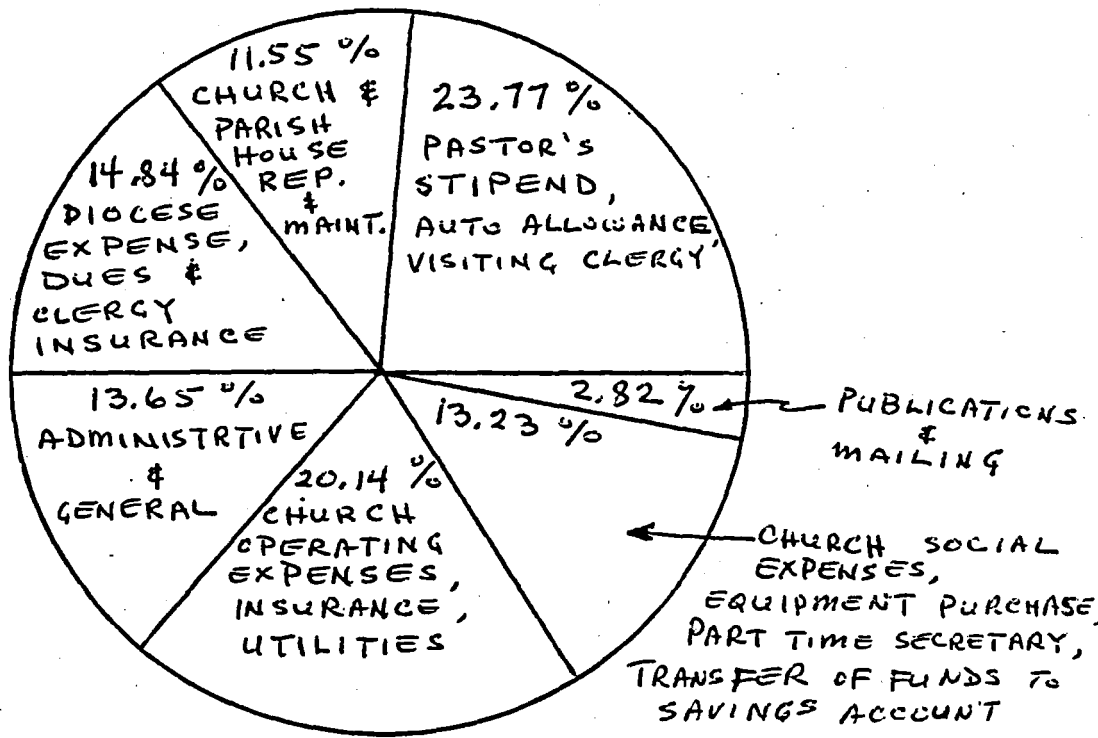
NOTES:

- * Includes 1976 actual and anticipated 1977 Bazaar receipts.
- ** Interest received in savings accounts not included in budget. Building Fund Income included in Misc. Income.
- *** As approved by special Parish Assembly, October 3, 1976.

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 WHERE FUNDS CAME FROM..... 30

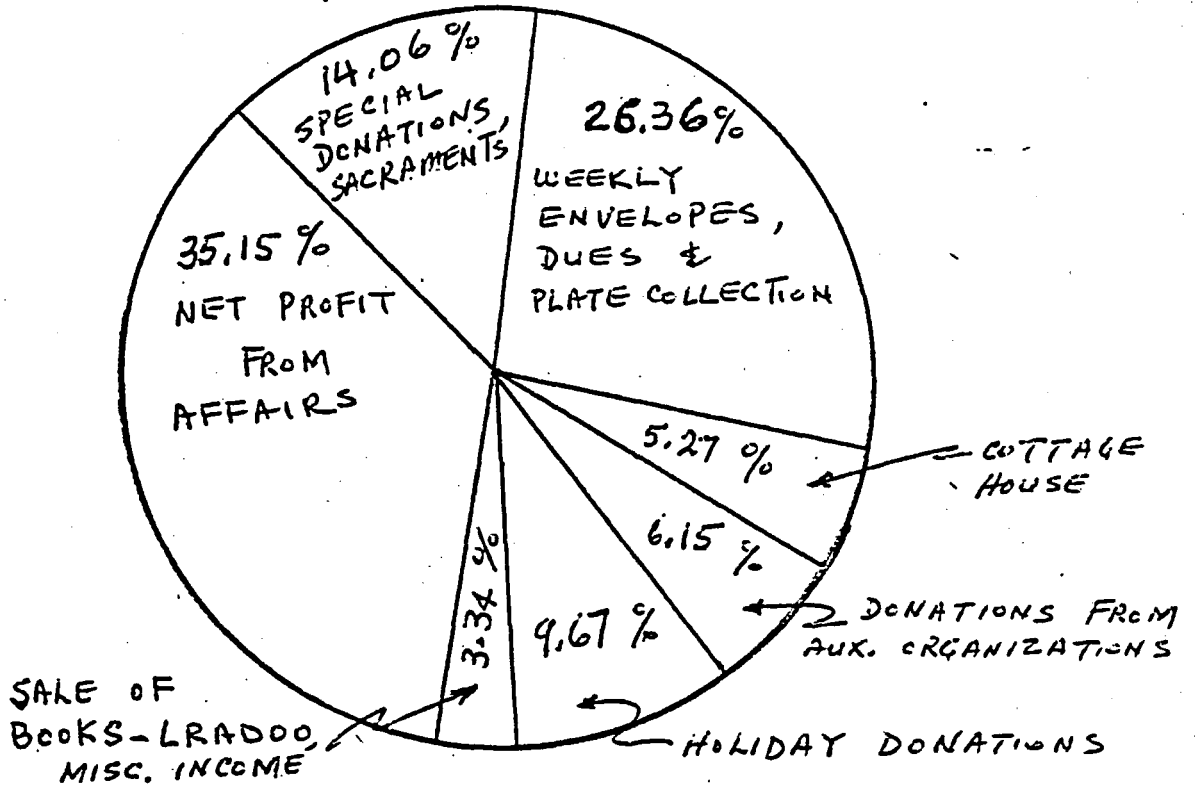


HOW THEY WERE SPENT

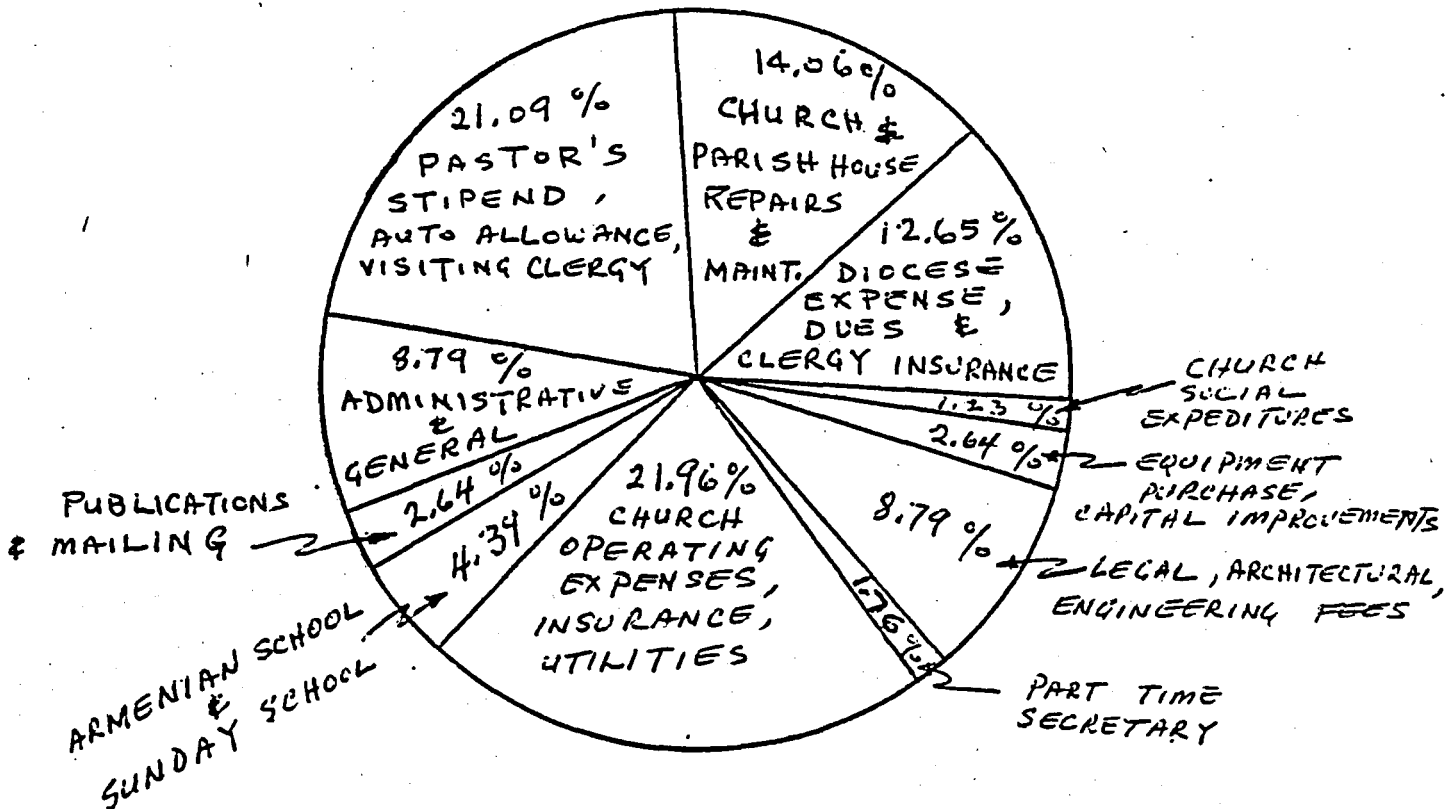


ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
1977 BUDGET

WHERE FUNDS EXPECTED TO COME



HOW THEY ARE PLANNED TO BE SPENT



ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCHProposal from Historian Committee

It is our recommendation that beginning with this Parish Assembly of February 6th, 1977, that the Historian Committee members be elected at the Annual Parish Assembly, along with the candidates to the Parish Council and other standing committees. In Order to institute this starting with this Assembly, it is requested that nominations be made from the floor for these positions.

(W. Brown)

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCHProposal From Nominating Committee

At the 1976 Parish Assembly, our parishioners voted to change the Parish Council Membership from 9 to 11 members. Accordingly, this year, we will elect 7 members to the Council. The Nominating Committee makes the proposal that the 7th elected member serve a term of one year only. This would make it necessary to elect 5 new members in 1978 and 6 new members in 1979.

(~~William~~)
(Parrel)

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Proposal Submitted by Parish Council

Whereas, St. Leon Senior Center members wish to attend social gatherings and church services and they are unable to do so for lack of transportation.

Whereas, the youth of the parish are deprived from retreat experience, day excursions and group outings.

Whereas, Armenian and Sunday School classes could organize field trips during the week.

In short, a sport van or twelve passenger vehicle can help the church expand its role in the community, and it is important that St. Leon Parish provide that service.

Therefore, St. Leon Parish Council be authorized by the Parish Assembly to raise necessary funds from the parish for the purchase of said van.

Furthermore, it be authorized to insure and maintain said vehicle adequately and proceed with other related matters.

In the event, necessary funds are not raised from the parish, Parish Council be authorized to use reserve financial resources for the parish.

(Parish)

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
Proposal from Parish Council

The Parish Council recommends to the Parish Assembly that the Annual Membership Dues be increased from \$25.00 a year to \$50.00 a year retroactive to January, 1977, excluding Senior Citizens of 62 years of age and over whose dues shall remain at \$25.00 a year.

(Passed)