

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH 1983 ANNUAL REPORT

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Սբ. Ղեոնդեանց Եկեղեցոյ Հոգեւոր Հովիւն ու Ծխական Խորհուրդը պաշտօնապէս կը հրաւիրեն բոլոր տրատու անդամները մասնակցելու Տարեկան Ծխական Ժողովին, որ տեղի պիտի ունենայ Փետրուար 5, 1984 կէսօրէ առաջ ժամը 11ին:

Ժողովին Օրակարգը ներկայացուած է ստորեւ հրաւիրագրին մէջ:

Տարեկան Ծխական Ժողովին քուէարկելու եւ ընտրուելու համար իւրաքանչիւր 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:

Թերեւ 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 Assembly on Sunday, February 5, 1984, at 11:00 A.M. Kindly consult the following agenda and make sure you attend the assembly by taking part in its deliberations.

A G E N D A

1. Call to order
2. Verification of eligible voters
3. Election of Assembly officers
4. Reading of 1983 Assembly Minutes
5. Pastor's Report
6. Parish Council and Organization Reports
7. Elections: Parish Council (5)
 Diocesan Delegates (3)
 Auditing Committee (3)
 Nominating Committee (3)

In order to be eligible to vote by the action of the Parish Assembly each member must pay a minimum of \$50.00 per member and Senior Citizens a minimum of \$25.00 per member 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

SARKIS SOULTANIAN
Chairman

ARLINE DADEKIAN
Corresp. Secretary

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

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

December 31, 1983

It is my distinct pleasure to report to you once again on the progress of our parish for the year 1983. I am happy to report that our parish continues to show vitality and enthusiasm in meeting our challenges and responsibilities to our parishioners and community at large. As always we have tried to maintain a balanced perspective between our spiritual, social and cultural activities.

Church services have been held regularly and Der Paree delivered sermons in English as well as Armenian. Our choir faithfully participated in all regular and special services with George Paroonagian as Director and Sirvart Galstian as our organist. This year we have been especially blessed with enhancement to our church services. Through the generous memorial donation of Vincent and Charlotte Abajian our church has a magnificent new organ.

The Parish Council continues to meet twice a month and I want to thank the members for their diligent effort to attend meetings, to discharge its duties and oversee various church activities. All members willingly assumed other duties in parish activities. One member, Alfred Ferraro regrettably resigned as a result of family relocation to Florida and his alternate, Rolan Hepsen is completing Al Ferraro's unfinished term of office.

The Special Committee, chaired by Sarkis Bedevian has made excellent progress. As you can see from the financial statements we have made substantial payments toward the reduction of our mortgage. This was made possible through the hard work of our committee members and your enthusiastic contributions in fulfilling your pledges and memorial donations. A similar effort in 1984 will attain our objective to repay the remaining balance of the mortgage.

In last year's report I had expressed the hope that the Community Center be self supporting within a year or two. I am happy to say our expectations have been realized. This year the use fees exceeded our operating expenses for the center. Rex Kachigian, Vice Chairman of Parish Council and his able committee have done an admirable job. With the improvements to the center facilities, we have every confidence that the community center and the education facilities will be put to effective use beyond the needs of our parish activities and contribute to our annual budget.

Once again our parish this year was able to make its facilities available for a project on a regional basis. The Spiritual Life Conference held on March 19, was a big success.

We are indeed happy to once again have Berjouhi Feredjian as our Sunday School Superintendent with Susan Dadekian as Assistant Superintendent. Together, as a team, Berjouhi and Susan are doing a splendid job in educating our Sunday School Children. Our sincere appreciation to Barbara Hovsepian for her stewardship. Barbara now is spearheading our Bookstore. No doubt she will bring her usual dedication and enthusiasm to make the bookstore a regular stop for our parishioners on Sunday, after church service.

Our three sport teams made playoffs. Our girls once again brought the championship trophy to St. Leon and we celebrated everyone's success with our Annual Sports Dinner Program. Our thanks to the retiring coaches: Richard Tomasian, for Senior boys; Wayne Rallo, Junior boys; and Robert Ohnikian, for the girls. Robert has now taken over coaching our Senior boys teams and George Kachajian our girls teams. Our boys Junior team was late in organizing hence will not play the 1984 season.

Our Annual Bazaar was once again a financial, as well as social success, thanks to the untiring efforts of our Co-Chairmen, Harry Zoraian and Edward Torossian—with major efforts from our Women's Guild. Year after year the Women's Guild continues to be a bedrock for our many activities. This year's chairman was Florence—our thanks to her and her executive committee.

All of our other traditional events were held as usual. St. Leon's Name Day, Grape Blessing, Annual Car Raffle and Picnic. This year the date of the picnic was changed to July 4 and it was a major success under the chairmanship of Martin Kapoian and Jacques Tossounian.

Care and Share, Armenian School, Bible Study Group, continue as vital and growing activities of the parish. The Parish Council recognizing the need for our young couples to know one another and develop a relationship organized a get together on December 9. The idea has received support from our young couples. We hope they will develop into an ongoing organization and build on their common cultural heritage and mutual interests.

St. Nersess Seminary and its necessity is recognized by all of us. This year's New Year's Eve Celebration proceeds were donated to St. Nersess by mutual agreement of all sister parishes who jointly made the New Year's Eve a huge success. Mr. Sarkis Gabrellian deserves special recognition not only here but for wholehearted involvement in our major projects.

Our Church Secretary Alice Yazmajian has done a commendable job of maintaining church records and keeping things going. My report would be incomplete without recognizing the untiring and dedicated efforts of our Pastor, Fr. Paree and Yerezgin Angel. Yerezgin Angel, in her unassuming ways brings her contribution to the Choir, Sunday School, Armenian School and whenever called upon. The spiritual wellbeing of the parish and its youth continue to be Fr. Paree's primary concern and he is not reluctant to give his encouragement and support to all parish activities.

Two major events will take place in 1984. St. Leon will be the host parish for the Diocesan Assembly in May and we expect to celebrate our 50th Anniversary along with Mortgage Burning at a banquet in November. Both of these events can succeed only through the diligent efforts of every member of our parish. The magnitude of the projects requires commitment on the part of each and everyone of us and I am sure together we will succeed.

The biggest asset of this parish is not its community center or its church property. Those things are material and can always be replaced. Our biggest is our spirit of togetherness and ability to pull together to achieve the impossible. There are times when these attributes are put to the test in front of difficulties. I have every confidence, in 1984 and beyond, we will overcome any such obstacles to continue to attain our goals.

Sincerely yours,



Sarkis Soutanian
Chairman Parish Council

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS 1983
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1984

RECEIPTS	PROPOSED 1983	ACTUAL 1983	PERCENT TOTAL	PROPOSED 1984	PERCENT TOTAL
Weekly Envelopes, Plate Collections and Special Donations	\$23,000	\$24,434.90	16.42%	\$27,000	19.37%
Sacraments:					
Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms, In Lieu of Flowers, Hokehankisd, candles & Altar Flowers	10,000	24,626.27	16.54%	19,000	13.63%
Special Memorial for Organ		15,000	10.08%		
Net Proceeds from Affairs	36,000	40,546.28	27.24%	36,000	25.82%
Sale of Books—Lradoo	650	440.00	.30%	550	.40%
Holiday Donations	9,000	8,542.00	5.74%	9,500	6.81%
Income—Auxiliary organizations	7,600	5,708.92	3.84%	7,350	5.27%
Income—Investments	2,000	2,484.50	1.67%	3,500	2.51%
Income:					
Community Center, Education Wing, Grounds	27,000	24,127.12	16.21%	35,000	25.11%
Miscellaneous		2,127.63	1.43%	1,500	1.08%
Special Collections for transfer		129.85	.08%		
Endowment—G. Beshlian		680.00	.45%		
Total	\$115,250	\$148,847.47	100.00%	\$139,400	100.00%
COMMUNITY CENTER:					
Pledge Collections	50,000	35,901.00		50,000	
Memorials		39,800.00		30,000	
Donations-Misc.		1,556.22			
Special Fund Raising	50,000	27,094.74		20,000	
Total	\$100,000	\$104,359.96		\$100,000	
Grand Total	\$225,250	\$253,207.43		\$239,400	
Excess Disbursements over Receipts*		51,860.41			
		\$305,067.84			

DISBURSEMENTS	PROPOSED 1983	ACTUAL 1983	PERCENT TOTAL	PROPOSED 1984	PERCENT TOTAL
Pastor's Stipend and Visiting Clergy	\$20,000	19,320.00	14.00%	\$22,000	16.82%
Clergy Insurance & Pension	3,000	3,144.84	2.28%	3,600	2.58%
Repairs and Maintenance (Church, Rectorry and Cottage)	5,000	12,895.56	9.36%	5,000	3.59%
Diocesan Dues	12,500	10,915.00	7.90%	14,000	10.00%
Publications and Mailing	5,000	3,586.77	2.60%	6,000	4.30%
Administration & General	7,500	9,181.77	6.66%	9,000	5.46%
Organist Stipend	2,000	1,565.00	1.14%	2,500	1.79%
Secretarial Expense	5,000	4,682.00	3.40%	8,000	5.74%
Custodian (Salary & Medical Exp.)	1,500	2,322.00	1.69%	3,750	2.69%
Armenian School	1,000	60.00	.10%	1,000	.72%
Sunday School	2,000	2,167.05	1.57%	2,500	1.79%
Sports Association		452.50	.33%	800	.57%
Care and Share		300.00	.22%	500	.36%
Van Operating Expenses	1,750	2,069.36	1.50%	2,000	1.44%
Utilities (Electric, Gas, Water & 'phone)	21,000	14,898.35	10.81%	17,000	12.20%
Insurance		4,246.40	3.08%	5,700	4.09%
Equipment Purchase	1,500	491.17	.36%	1,000	.72%
St. Nersess Seminary	2,000.00	2,000.00	1.45%		
Diocesan Assembly Expense		846.40	.61%		
Capital Improvements (Church, Rectorry and C.C. Community Center)		25,122.32	18.23%	15,000	10.76%
Total		\$120,266.49		\$119,350	85.62%
COMMUNITY CENTER:					
Utilities	21,000	8,725.00	6.33%	10,000	7.17%
Insurance		3,000	2.18%	3,750	2.69%
Repairs & Maintenance	1,000	3,460.35	2.51%	2,500	1.79%
Caretaker (Salary & Benefits)	2,500	2,321.00	1.69%	3,750	2.69%
	24,500	17,506.35	12.71%	20,050	14.38%
Total	\$115,250	\$137,772.84	100.00%	\$139,400	100.00%
Mortgage (Principal & Interest Payments)		\$167,290.00			
Grand Total		\$305,062.84			

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CANDIDATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL

Vote by checking 5 persons only

- Arline Dadekian
- Rolan Hepsen
- Ara Hourdajian
- _____
- _____

- Steven Kachigian
- Gabriel Kaprelian
- Arto Vartoukian
- _____
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CANDIDATES FOR DELEGATES

Vote by checking 3 persons only

- Zaven Dadekian
- Sarkis Gabrellian
- _____

- Charles Pinajian
- James Noorigian
- _____

CANDIDATES FOR AUDITING COMMITTEE

Vote by checking 3 persons only

- Susan Dadekian
- Leon Hovsepian
- Lynn Pinajian

- David Soutanian
- Jacques Tossounian
- Vahram Varjabedian

CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Vote by checking 3 persons only

- Florence Grunstra
- Sebouh Jessourian
- Mirjan Kirian

- Jack Loughead
- John Nakashian
- _____

- May be nominated from the floor.