

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

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Սբ. Ղեւոնդեանց Եկեղեցւոյ Հոգեւոր Հովիւն ու Մխական Խորհուրդը պաշտօնապէս կը հրաւիրեն բոլոր տրատու անդամները մասնակցելու Տարեկան Մխական Ժողովին, որ տեղի պիտի ունենայ Փետրուար 24, 1985ին, կէսօրէ առաջ ժամը 11ին:

Ժողովին Օրակարգը ներկայացուած է ստորեւ անգլերէն հրաւիրագրին մէջ:

Տարեկան Մխական Ժողովին քուէարկելու եւ ընտրուելու համար իւրաքանչիւր անդամ պէտք է վճարած ըլլայ նուազագոյնը 50 տուար, իսկ Տարեց Անդամները նուազագոյնը՝ 25 տուար: Անդամներ պիտի արտօնուին իրենց անդամատուրքը վճարել Տարեկան Մխական Ժողովին օրն իսկ:

Թեքեւ ցաշ մը պիտի սպասարկուի ժողովին վերջաւորութեան:

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 24, 1985 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 1984 Assembly Minutes
5. Pastor's Report
6. Parish Council and Organization Reports
7. Elections: Parish Council (6)
Auditing Committee (3)
Nominating Committee (3)
8. Auditing Committee Report
9. Approval of 1985 budget
10. New Business
11. 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

ARTHUR OHNIKIAN
Chairman

Dorothy Karamian
Corresponding Secretary

A light luncheon will be served immediately following the Parish Assembly

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Looking back at 1984, I would like to reflect on the achievements of St. Leon. We can immodestly feel proud of these accomplishments. In addition to the spiritual duties of our parish within the community, we have achieved progress in various areas. There are many people to thank. I want to take this time to record some of these milestones and to acknowledge those of you who made it possible.

Der Paree has completed his ninth year as our spiritual leader. His sermons continue to inspire us all. Our choir and our organist have regularly performed their duties unselfishly. We have been privileged to have donated by the Sarkis Bedevian family the special wording above the altar—Siretzek uz memianus zee Asdvadz ser eh—which translated means, Love each other, for God is love. In order to have regularized administration within the parish, a Pastor/Parish Relations Committee was established to coordinate priorities and responsibilities.

I am particularly pleased with the commitment of the members of the Parish Council with whom I have served. As a group, we have attended semi-monthly meetings and have accepted our responsibilities faithfully. Of the six members whose term expires at this assembly, all have submitted their names for re-election with the exception of Dorothy Karadian who is prohibited from serving beyond her just completed third consecutive term.

In my mind, the most outstanding feat of the year was the completion of the payment for our Community Center within the incredibly short time of three years. I want to very deeply thank each of you for discharging your financial obligations ahead of schedule so that this seemingly impossible goal was attained. And to the Special Committee, chaired by Sarkis Bedevian, for directing this monumental task. This should particularly make all of us proud to be associated with St. Leon. Of course, this could not have been accomplished without special fund-raising such as the car raffle, bazaar and picnic from which we realized over \$20,000 last year alone. Our special thanks to those committees headed respectively by Noubar Jessourian, Tony Tungrian, Jacques Tossounian and Robert Boudoughian. And particularly to the Women's Guild, led by Florence Grunstra and Edna Tungrian, who participated in all functions and without whose mammoth effort we could not have either a picnic or bazaar. They are and have been our backbone for over 50 years.

During the year, we have had two other significant events which should be singled out. The 82nd Diocesan Assembly was successfully managed by John Nakashian and his committee. And in November, we were privileged to celebrate our 50th Anniversary, a particularly gratifying event for which we congratulate Sarkis Bedevian and his committee for a festive evening.

Improvements have been made to our physical assets during 1984. The interior of our church was painted as was the educational wing. The latter was also panelled through the generosity of the Jessourian families. The caretaker's cottage was completely renovated including being vinyl sided. Our plans for 1985 include renovation of the Pastoral house.

The Sunday School, ACYOA, and basketball teams are made up of our youth and generally the same individuals. Our Sunday School was again under the direction of Berdjouhi Feredjian who, together with the teachers and staff, administered the education of our children outstandingly and efficiently. A particular need of the Sunday School was for a portable altar which was provided with the special help of Tom Ashbahian. In addition, in September we had children from Sunday School ordained as acolytes and one deacon, Berdj Feredjian, ordained by our Primate.

The ACYOA was chaired by Edward Kalpagian with Barbara and Jon Royland as advisors. Besides regular activities, they had their first annual sports weekend in February which had participants from New England as well as New York.

Due to an oversight, we were unable to enter three basketball games last year in the ACSA league. However, both of the teams we did enter, the girls who were coached by George Kachajian and the senior boys coached by Robert Ohnikian, won their respective championships. In the current season, we also have a junior boys team whose coach is Raffi Jessourian. A trophy case has been placed in the youth room to display their awards.

Der Paree once again headed the St. Vartan Summer Camp, which had more than 100 children attend from parishes in New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Illinois, Connecticut, Texas, Pennsylvania and North Carolina. The camp will again be under his direction in 1985.

We close the year with a gala New Year's Eve dance held jointly with St. Thomas and Holy Cross churches. The proceeds are being donated to the St. Nersess Seminary.

There are other organizations and events that deserve mention. These include the Care and Share, Armenian School and Bible Study. It is pleasing to know that they continue to draw substantially from our parish and the community. Two organizations, however, the Men's Club and the Couples Club did not enjoy lasting appeal. Interest in the former did not last and unfortunately the Couples Club may also not survive. Although both areas are fertile for development, neither did well. If any parishioner wishes to reestablish either of these, I'm sure the new Parish Council will help.

Lastly, a special note of appreciation to both Der Paree and Yerezgin Angel who continue to devote themselves to the well-being of St. Leon. They not only provide the required service, but go beyond in total support of all activities. Either one or both inspire us at all organizational meetings.

There are many areas to point to with pride, but the largest asset is you, our dedicated and giving member. What we have acquired in the past, our physical assets, is only because of you, our personal assets. May you serve St. Leon in 1985 and beyond to keep us alive and vital.

ARTHUR OHNIKIAN
Chairman, Parish Council

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ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT 12/1/84

NAME OF ORGANIZATION SENIOR CENTER

CHAIRMAN: Manouk Capan
TREASURER: Hagop Dellakian
SECRETARY: Helen Mazoujian
ADVISORS: Rose Anton, Rose Chookazian, Nevart Yilanjian

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 66

Four meetings were held in 1984. We also had five dinners.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Lakeview Bank balance as of 12/31/84 \$ 2,753.88

Report submitted by: Manouk Capan

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT 12/1/84

NAME OF ORGANIZATION WOMEN'S GUILD

CHAIRMAN: Edna Tungrian, Florence Grunstra
VICE-CHAIRMAN: Seta Jessourian
TREASURER: Anne Marootian
SECRETARY: Margaret Semonian
CORR. SECRETARY: Ruth Bedevian
ASSISTANT TREASURER: Katherine Ohnikian
ADVISORS: Olga Chongoushian
LIAISON: Dorothy Karamian

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 98

Eight membership and eight board meetings were held in 1984.

MAIN ACTIVITIES:

St. Leon Name Day, Fish 'N Chips, Lenten luncheon, host Guild for Diocesan Assembly, Mother's Day luncheon, Annual Buffet with entertainment, Women's Guild Sunday, Food and kitchen responsibilities for Picnic and Bazaar, Coffee hospitality, Bergen Mall Charity Festival, Barn Dance.

PROPOSED FUNCTIONS in 1985:

Retreat, St. Leon Name Day, Fish 'N Chips, Mother's Day Lunch, Lenten lunch, Strawberry Festival, Guild Sunday.

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT 12/1/84

NAME OF ORGANIZATION SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUPERINTENDENT: Berdjouhi Feredjian
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT: Eliz Tossounian
TREASURER: Virginia Hachadourian
CORR. SECRETARY: Barbara Boghosian
ADVISOR: Vazken Ohanyan

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 80

MAIN ACTIVITIES:

Christmas Pageant, trip to Diocese for Poon Paregentan party, Communion breakfasts at Easter and Christmas, graduation ceremonies.

Staff meets once every two months.

Report submitted by: Berdjouhi Feredjian

It was a productive year for the Sunday School in 1984. In addition to our ongoing programs, several new programs were instituted. These included the "friendship Sunday" program where once a month our students brought their friends with them to Sunday School. In addition, after church services, the class receiving communion had donuts and milk with Der Hayr. These meetings enabled our students to know Der Hayr on a personal and more informal basis. During the second semester, we plan to take our eighth and ninth graders on an overnight retreat to expand their opportunity for emotional growth. The "sharing of the Bible verse" program begun last year will also be reinstated next semester. As part of this program, each class selects and memorizes a Bible verse. On the designated Sunday, the appointed class shares the Bible verse (which they depict in some visual form) in assembly.

In addition to the above, a new altar was custom made for use in our assembly sessions. The generous donation of a parish member as well as the support of the Parish Council made this possible.

Finally, our students truly reflected the spirit of Christmas this year. Instead of receiving their annual Sunday School Christmas gift from Santa Claus, they chose to give their share to the Ethiopian hunger fund.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Checking Account Balance as of 12/15/84	\$ 175.86
Savings Account Balance as of 12/15/84	383.42
TOTAL	<u>\$ 559.28</u>
80% of 1984 NET to Parish Council	\$ 129.94
20% remains with organization	\$ 32.49

Report submitted by: Virginia Hachadourian

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT 12/1/84

NAME OF ORGANIZATION ARMENIAN SCHOOL

CHAIRMAN: Rose Najarian
VICE-CHAIRMAN: Evelyn Kalpagian
TREASURER: Barbara Boghosian
SECRETARY: Marion Bandazian
CORR. SECRETARY: Maryann Mozian
PUBLICITY: Donna Siroonian
ADVISORS: Varsen Torosian Zabelle Kaprelian
Gloria Zoraian Marie Dellakian
Heggie Shegerian

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 48

The Board members meet every week during class..

MAIN ACTIVITIES:

Armenian School Hantes, Valentine's Dance.

PROPOSED FUNCTIONS IN 1985:

Valentine's Dance, Vartanantz Day, Martyrs Day, Hantes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Checking Account Balance as of 12/30/84	\$ 140.02
Savings Account Balance as of 12/30/84	1,548.20
TOTAL	<u>\$1,688.22</u>
80% of 1984 NET to Parish Council	\$ 32.07
20% remains with organizations	\$ 7.95

CHOIR CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Our Choir has been performing its duties on Sunday mornings as well as for those services that fall on other days.

Since many of the members are "seasoned veterans", we have accomplished this with a minimal number of rehearsals.

As a cultural contribution, we promoted the publication of an Armenian-English song book. This was spear-headed by our boss, Mr. Mirjan Kirian and was ready in time for distribution at the Annual Diocesan Assembly which St. Leon hosted in May of 1984.

During the year, two of our members were advanced: Dr. Berdj Feredjian to full deacon and Mr. Manuk Capan to stole bearer.

The highlight of the year was our participation during the Badarak celebrated by His Beatitude Patriarch Shnork Kaloustian of Istanbul. It was especially meaningful to many of us since he had been our former pastor upon his arrival to the United States in 1948.

Our depth in the number of deacons and altar servers stands in our good stead, since they are available to fill in wherever the performance of the Badarak requires.

We must recognize the talents of our Choir Director, Mr. George Paroonagian and to our very able organist, Mrs. Sirvart Galstian, both of whom have made everyone's participation so much easier.

Der Paree's encouragement of the youth and the training of the many acolytes which he has provided has been exemplary and he must be congratulated, for, after all, our future lies with our youth.

Choir Chairman,
Deacon Charles Pinajian

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance as of December 31, 1984		\$ 232.24
Receipts for 1984	\$1,642.73	
Disbursements	<u>1,600.94</u>	<u>41.79</u>
		\$274.03
80% of 1984 Net Income	\$41.79	33.43
Year End Bank Balance		<u>\$240.60</u>

Report submitted by: Rose Kirian

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT 12/1/84

NAME OF ORGANIZATION ACYOA JUNIORS

CHAIRMAN: Edward Kalpagian
VICE-CHAIRMAN: Talene Kradjian
TREASURER: Gregg Najarian
SECRETARY: Alice Boudoughian
ADVISORS: Jon and Barbara Royland
PUBLICITY: Debbie Bedevian

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 29

MAIN ACTIVITIES:

ACYOA Day (Palm Sunday), Bazaar, Tennis tournament, Sports weekend.

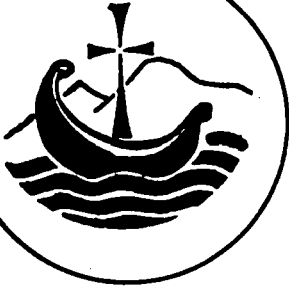
Twelve meetings were held in 1984.

Report submitted by: Edward Kalpagian

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Checking Account Balance as of 12/31/84	\$ 1,080.37
Savings Account Balance as of 12/31/84	1,710.38
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,790.75</u>
80% of 1984 NET to Parish Council	\$ 238.10
20% remains with organization	59.53

Report submitted by: Gregg Najarian



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ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
Rev. Pree Metjian, Pastor

January 31, 1985

Dear Parishioners:

An examination of all financial reports for the Parish Council and various church organizations was conducted for the fiscal year of 1984. Where necessary, corrections were made and brought to the attention of the Parish Council and/or the organizations.

The Auditing Committee consisting of myself, Susan Dadekian and David Soultanian certify that all the financial reports as shown in the 1984 Annual Report reflect accurately the financial status of the church organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacques Tossounian
Chairman, Auditing Committee

SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDS

ON HAND

AS OF DECEMBER 1984

PARISH COUNCIL (CHECKING ACCOUNT)	\$ 3,049.21
PARISH COUNCIL (SAVINGS ACCOUNT)	27,173.51
ST. LEON SPECIAL COMMITTEE	5,870.13
WOMEN'S GUILD	3,779.19
ST. LEON CHOIR	274.03
SENIOR CENTER	2,753.88
ST. LEON ARMENIAN SCHOOL	1,656.15
ST. LEON SUNDAY SCHOOL	559.28
ACYOA JUNIORS	2,850.28
ST. LEON ENDOWMENT FUND	7,017.39

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS 1984
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1985

RECEIPTS	PROPOSED 1984	ACTUAL 1984	PERCENT TOTAL	PROPOSED 1985	PERCENT TOTAL
Weekly Envelopes, Plate Collections and Special Donations	\$27,000	\$27,719.90	21.8%	\$30,000	20.7%
Sacraments: Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms, Hokehankisds, In lieu of flowers and candles	19,000	13,295.25	10.5	18,000	12.4
Net Proceeds from Affairs	36,000	30,647.87	24.2	43,000	29.7
Sale of Books-Lradoo	550	835.00	0.7	800	.6
Holiday Donations	9,500	8,305.00	6.5	9,500	6.6
Auxiliary Organizations	7,350	4,114.78	3.2	2,000	1.4
Investments	3,500	2,204.09	1.7	2,200	1.5
Community Center, Education Wing and Grounds	35,000	36,960.00	29.1	38,000	26.2
Miscellaneous	1,500	2,741.57	2.2	1,500	.9
Endowment Fund		115.00	.1		
Total	\$139,400	\$126,938.46	100.00%	\$145,000	100.00%
Excess Disbursements over Receipts		8,169.01			
		\$135,107.47			
Funds collected for Transfer: (Patriarch of Istanbul, Ethiopia Fund, New Year's Eve Dance)		11,917.25			
Grand Total		\$147,024.72			

DISBURSEMENTS	PROPOSED 1984	ACTUAL 1984	PERCENT TOTAL	PROPOSED 1985	PERCENT TOTAL
Pastor's Stipend and Visiting Clergy	22,000	21,460.00	15.9	23,000	15.9
Clergy Insurance Pension	3,600	4,024.42	3.0	5,000	3.4
Repairs & Maintenance (Church, Rectory & Cottage)	7,500	6,667.80	4.9	3,000	2.1
Diocesan Dues	14,000	13,180.00	9.8	14,000	9.6
Publications & Mailing	6,000	3,377.45	2.5	4,000	2.8
Administration & General	9,000	12,157.85	9.0	10,000	6.9
Organist Stipend	2,500	1,755.00	1.3	1,800	1.2
Secretarial Expenses	8,000	2,910.85	2.1	4,200	2.9
Custodian (Salary & Medical Expenses)	7,500	9,181.45	6.8	10,000	6.9
Armenian School	1,000	12.16	.7	1,000	.7
Sunday School	2,500	2,674.00	2.0	2,500	1.7
Sports Association	800	1,983.00	1.5	1,000	.7
Care & Share	500		.3	500	.3
Van Operating Expenses	2,000	1,205.89	.9	2,000	1.4
Utilities (Electric, Gas, Water & Telephone)	27,000	29,490.98	21.8	30,000	20.7
Insurance	9,450	7,440.67	5.5	8,000	5.5
Equipment Purchase	1,000	894.25	.6	1,000	.7
Capital Improvements (Church, Rectory & Community Center)	15,000	5,000.00	3.7	18,000	12.4
Community Center Operating Expenses		8,059.92	6.0	3,000	2.1
St. Nersess Seminary		2,000.00	1.5	2,000	1.4
Miscellaneous		1,631.78	1.2	1,000	.7
Total	\$139,350	\$135,107.47	100.00%	\$145,000	100.00%
Funds Transferred		7,992.70			
Funds to be Transferred		3,924.55			
Grand Total		\$147,024.72			

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
SPECIAL COMMITTEE

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT 1984

INCOME	PROPOSED 1984	ACTUAL 1984	PROPOSED 1985
Pledge Collections	\$50,000	\$43,450.00	\$20,000
Memorials	30,000	22,859.00	10,000
Donations & Misc.		3,633.33	
Special Fund Raising	20,000		
Total	\$100,000	\$69,942.33	\$30,000
 EXPENSES			
Mortgage & Interest		63,028.90	21,100**
Patio Memorial		3,870.74	
Interest on Notes		2,200.00	
Balance of 1983 Fund Raising Expenses		8,621.83	
Total		\$77,721.47	\$21,000

**Payments of notes and interest.

1985 SLATE OF CANDIDATES

SAMPLE BALLOT

Candidates for Parish Council

Vote by checking (X) 6 persons only

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Ashbahian | <input type="checkbox"/> Noubar Jessourian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John Chagachbanian | <input type="checkbox"/> Mirjan Kirian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Susan Dadekian | <input type="checkbox"/> Satenig Loughead |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zaven Dadekian | <input type="checkbox"/> Arthur Ohnikian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sarkis Gabrellian | <input type="checkbox"/> Sarkis Soutanian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noland Hachadourian | <input type="checkbox"/> Tony Tungrian |

Candidates for Auditing Committee

Vote by checking (X) 3 persons only

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gabriel Kaprelian | <input type="checkbox"/> Marge Tfank |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lynn Pinajian | <input type="checkbox"/> Jacques Tossounian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> David Soutanian | <input type="checkbox"/> John Voskian |

Candidates for Nominating Committee

Vote by checking (X) 3 persons only

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lucy Chagachbanian | <input type="checkbox"/> Helen Mazoujian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sebouh Jessourian | <input type="checkbox"/> John Nakashian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dorothy Karamian | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |