

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

1982 ANNUAL REPORT

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Սբ. Ղեոնդեանց Եկեղեցւոյ Հոգեւոր Հովիւն ու Ծխական Խորհուրդը պաշտօնապէս կը հրաւիրեն բոլոր տրառու անդամները մասնակցելու Տարեկան Ծխական Ժողովին, որ տեղի պիտի ունենայ Փետրուարի 13, 1983 կէտօրէ առաջ ժամը 11-ին:

Ժողովին Օրակարգը ներկայացուած է ստորեւ անգլերէն 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 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 Assembly on Sunday, February 13, 1983, 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 1982 Assembly Minutes
5. Pastor's Report
6. Parish Council and Organization Reports
7. Elections: Parish Council (6)
Diocese Delegates (3)
Auditing Committee (3)
Nominating Committee (3)
8. Auditing Committee Report
9. Approval of 1983 Budget
10. New Business
11. Adjournment and Benediction

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
Corres. Secretary

A light luncheon will be served immediately following the Parish Assembly

St. Leon Armenian Church

Community Center

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REV. PAREE METJIAN, *Pastor*

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December 31, 1982

Dear Parishioners:

Once again it is my privilege to report to you on the progress of our parish and activities for the year just completed. Our parish has been a beehive of activities and events and when we look back we can feel a sense of accomplishment that the parish has maintained a balance of religion, cultural as well as social activities.

With the completion of the Community Center and Educational Wing, it is gratifying to see our children in Sunday School as well as in Armenian School learn their religious, national and cultural heritage in a proper classroom environment. Our new Community Center is proving to be a major asset to our cultural, social and community affairs. This year we also completed work and dedicated the Fellowship Hall and Youth Room on the second floor of the Community Center building.

In accordance with Resolution of the last Parish Assembly, the Parish Council has appointed a Special Committee with the responsibility to expedite the discharge of the mortgage through the collection of the pledges, memorials and other fund raising activities. This committee is chaired by Mr. Sarkis Bedevian and its goal is to satisfy the mortgage in three years - which is two years faster than originally planned. We are gratified that our parishioners are making efforts to expedite their pledge payments to achieve this objective. As you will see in our financial report we have been able to meet our mortgage payments (\$40,000) and also reduce the principal of the mortgage through the excellent efforts of the Special Committee. The entire committee is to be commended for an excellent start toward achieving our objective.

I am happy to also report that the Community Center Management Committee headed by Mr. Rex Kachigian, Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, has been hard at work and anyone visiting the church can see ample evidence of its success. This committee is responsible for the proper maintenance and effective use of our facilities. During 1982 there has been 52 scheduled activities at the Center - 36 of these were in fact church affairs. Our objective to make the Community Center self supporting and ultimately our source of income in the budget is indeed attainable over the next year or two.

This year a very large portion of the operating expense was defrayed by use fees from non church affairs. We are projecting next year to improve this and offset our total operating costs. The Management Committee deserves our special appreciation.

The Men's Club, which was formed in 1981, was one of our organization that capitalized on the new center with two highly successful dances. The Men's Club, under the chairmanship of Arthur Ohnikian, has also assumed responsibility to oversee our sports activities. On Friday, May 14, we held our annual Sports Dinner to recognize and honor our teams and coaches for their efforts. Mr. Charles Boyajian, our retiring coach, has our sincere appreciation for a job well done. Wayne Rallo and Robert Ohnikian continue with their diligent efforts to coach our junior boys and girls teams. Mr. Robert Tomasian has now taken over coaching of our senior boys team.

Our Care and Share program continues under the able leadership of Regina Ohanyan. Our choir in addition to its weekly participation in church services was the host for Yegmalian Concert on May 20. Our choir director George Paroonagian and organist Sirvart Galstian continue to bring excellence to their respective responsibilities.

Our Fine Arts Committee organized a piano recital by Shahan Arzrouni and the Management Committee sponsored an Armenian play adding to the cultural enrichment of the parish and community at large.

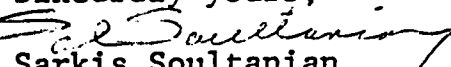
We are also pleased that St. Leon was able to make its facilities available for the Strawberry Festival, a Diocesan affair and workshop for Sunday School teachers by CRE on October 2, 1982.

All of our traditional annual events were held such as: St. Leon Name Day, Church picnic, Grape Blessing and picnic, our Annual Bazaar and New Year's Eve celebration. All these events and activities have required the time and effort of our many parishioners and members of various auxiliary organizations. It is impossible to list all names even though all are deserving recognition. Our Women's Guild as always is there when needed at all major activities and Olga Chongoushian with her executive committee has our special appreciation.

I also want to thank members of Parish Council for their efforts in attending our bi-monthly meetings. A special note of appreciation goes to our Pastor Fr. Patee Metjian and Yerezgin Angel. Father Patee's contribution and participation in our parish activity and involvement in the various committees continues to be source of strength and leadership in our Parish.

In conclusion I feel 1982 was a year of testing for our Parish and its new undertakings. The results achieved show we have made a good start and established a foundation. We are ready for the challenge to meet our responsibility to provide for the spiritual, cultural and social needs of people today so we can ensure our identity for generations to come.

Sincerely yours,


Sarkis Soultanian
Chairman Parish Council

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS 1982
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1983

RECEIPTS	<u>PROPOSED 1982</u>	<u>ACTUAL 1982</u>	<u>PERCENT TOTAL</u>	<u>PROPOSED 1983</u>	<u>PERCENT TOTAL</u>
Weekly Envelopes, Dues & Plate Collection	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,813.03	22.20%	23,000	20.31%
Special Donations:					
Sacraments,					
In lieu of flowers	11,000	9,162.10	9.77%	10,000	8.83%
Net Profit from Affairs	38,000	31,902.30	34.03%	36,000	31.79%
Sale of Books-Lradoo	700	574.51	.61%	650	.57%
Holiday Donations	10,000	6,918.22	7.38%	9,000	7.95%
Income from Auxiliary Organizations	2,000	5,742.18	6.12%	7,600	6.71%
Income from Investments	2,000	3,019.59	3.22%	2,000	1.77%
Income:					
Community Center Educational Wing Grounds	17,000	14,662.72	15.67%	25,000	22.07%
Miscellaneous		939.85	1.00%		
Total	<u>\$105,700</u>	<u>\$93,734.50</u>	100.00%	<u>\$113,250</u>	100.00%
Community Center:					
Pledge Collections		54,139.00		50,000	
Memorials Collections		83,695.98			
Donations - Miscellaneous		6,835.25			
Special Fund Raising Activities		<u>75,942.12</u>		<u>50,000</u>	
Grand Total		<u><u>\$314,346.85</u></u>		<u><u>\$213,250</u></u>	

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL
SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS 1982
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1983

DISBURSEMENTS	<u>PROPOSED 1982</u>	<u>ACTUAL 1982</u>	<u>PERCENT TOTAL</u>	<u>PROPOSED 1983</u>	<u>PERCENT TOTAL</u>
Pastor's Stipend & Visiting Clergy	\$ 18,000	\$17,350.00	22.74%	20,000	17.66%
Clergy Insurance & Pension	3,000	1,838.24	2.41%	3,000	2.65%
Church, Rectory & Cottage Repairs & Maintenance	6,000	6,074.85	7.96%	5,000	4.42%
Diocese Dues & Expenses	12,000	10,780.00	14.13%	12,500	11.04%
Publication & Mailing	3,500	4,662.44	6.11%	5,000	4.42%
Administrative & General	6,000	6,817.41	8.93%	7,500	6.62%
Organist Stipend	2,000	1,900.00	2.49%	2,000	1.77%
Part-time Secretary	5,000	4,644.50	6.09%	5,000	4.42%
Caretaker	1,500	1,000.00	1.32%	1,500	1.32%
Armenian School	2,000	-	-	1,000	.88%
Sunday School	2,000	1,700.00	2.23%	2,000	1.76%
Sports Association	700	14.00	-	-	-
Van Operating Expenses	1,500	1,385.34	1.82%	1,750	1.55%
Operating Expenses: Church, Rectory & Cottage (Insurance & Utilities)	19,000	16,835.27	22.10%	21,000	18.54%
Equipment Purchased	2,000	671.98	.88%	1,500	1.32%
Loan to Caretaker		600.00	.79%		
	<u>\$84,200</u>	<u>\$76,297.03</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$88,750</u>	<u> </u>
 COMMUNITY CENTER:					
Operating Expenses: (Utilities Insurance, etc.)	19,000	17,071.64		21,000	18.54%
Repairs & Maintenance	1,000	306.00		1,000	.88%
Caretaker	1,500	1,000.00		2,500	2.21%
	<u>\$21,500</u>	<u>\$18,377.64</u>		<u>24,500</u>	<u> </u>
Total	<u>\$105,700</u>	<u>\$94,674.67</u>		<u>\$113,250</u>	100.00%
 Community Center: Completion Cost		\$87,168.26			
Mortgage Interest Payments		81,969.17			
		<u>\$169,137.43</u>			
		<u>\$263,812.10</u>			
 Excess Receipts over Disbursements		50,534.75			
		<u>\$314,346.85</u>			

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1983 SLATE OF CANDIDATES

SAMPLE BALLOT

CANDIDATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL
Vote by checking 6 persons only

Tom Ashbahian
John Chagacbanian
Rolan Hepsen
Noubar Jessourian

Dorothy Karamian
Arthur Ohnikian
Sarkis Soultanian
Arto Vartukian

CANDIDATES FOR DELEGATES
Vote by checking 3 persons only

Zaven Dadekian
Sarkis Gabrellian

Charles Pinajian
Jim Noorigian

CANDIDATES FOR AUDITING COMMITTEE
Vote by checking 3 persons only

Susan Dadekian
Steven Kachigian

Jacques Tossounian
Vahram Varjabedian

CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Vote by checking 3 persons only

Olga Chongoushian
Berjohie Feredjian
Sebough Jessourian

Rex Kachigian
Charles Pinajian