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SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 7, 1993

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

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FAIR LAWN, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES OF THE 1992 PARISH ASSEMBLY
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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chairman Sarkis Soultanian, and was opened with a prayer by Fr. Arshen Aivazian. The Treasurer reported that there were 100 dues-paying members in attendance, which constituted the required quorum.

The first order of business was the election of Assembly officers. The Nominating Committee presented a slate of two candidates for Assembly Chairman, Mr. Charles Pinajian and Mr. Sarkis Soultanian. Mr. Pinajian withdrew his name and Mr. Soultanian, being the only candidate left on the ballot, assumed the Chairmanship. For Assembly Secretary, no nominations were presented by the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Nancy Scicchitano was nominated from the floor. There being no other nominations, she assumed the position of Assembly Secretary.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following are the persons nominated for Parish Council for a term of two years:

Thomas Ashbahian
Dr. Berdj Feredjian
Barbara Hovsepian
Robert Ishkanian
Raffi Jessourian
John Nakashian
Vasken Ohanyan
Jan Royland

The following are the persons nominated for the Diocesan Delegate for a term of four years:

Ara Hourdajian
Leon Hovsepian
Rex Kachigian
Rose Najarian
Sarkis Soultanian

It was stated that based on our current membership of 195 we are entitled to two Diocesan Delegates. At this point Rex Kachigian withdrew his name from the slate.

The following are the persons nominated for the Auditing Committee:

Olga Chongoushian
Leon Hojegan
George Kachajian, Jr.
Arda Kiljian
Charles Pinajian
Amy Vartoukian

The following are the persons nominated for the Nominating Committee:

Linda Chagachbanian
Noubar Jessourian
Linda Paroonagian
Paul Pinajian
Dovie Tilbian
Berdjouhi Varjabedian

Profiles of the above candidates were distributed to all persons attending the Parish Assembly. After all nominations were heard, a motion was made and seconded to close all nominations. It should be noted that Gregory Najarian was contacted to run for the Auditing Committee. However, due to the fact that he is a new member of St. Leon Armenian Church, he was not able to run for said position. It was read aloud that, pursuant to the By-Laws of St. Leon Church, one must be a member in good standing for at least one year to be eligible to run for any office and, at least six months to be eligible to vote. Mr. Najarian had registered as a member only two months ago; thus, according to the By-Laws was ineligible to vote or to run for office.

Clarification for the length of term for Auditing and Nominating Committees was received from the Diocese. Of the three members to be elected, one member is to serve for three years, one member to serve for two years and one member to serve for one year. Thereafter, as terms of office expire, positions will be filled. The highest number will be for a period of three years.

The minutes of the 1991 Parish Assembly were read and accepted.

Mrs. Mary Ann Mozian stated that she did not receive her Annual Report until two days prior to the date of the Assembly. She requested that perhaps the Annual Reports could be handed out to parishioners each Sunday. Mr. Jan Royland stated that he had not received his Annual Report until recently also. Fr. Arshen Aivazian stated that the Annual Reports were mailed out three weeks prior to February 23, 1992, but that they were mailed Third Class. Mr. Leon

Hovsepian suggested that the Annual Reports continue to be mailed out Third Class and that they also be distributed each Sunday to parishioners. Fr. Arshen stated that the booklet could have been mailed out Third Class in early January, but that many of the reports were not handed in on time. Mr. Thomas Ashbahian stated that all of the reports were mailed out two weeks prior to February 23, 1992

REPORTS OF ORGANIZATIONS

PASTOR'S REPORT: The Chairman asked if there were any questions regarding the Pastor's Report. Mrs. Rose Najarian asked Fr. Arshen Aivazian to explain the circumstances surrounding the appointment of a new Church School Superintendent to replace Mrs. Barbara Hovsepian. Der Hayr explained that, prior to the beginning of the new academic year in September, he had met with Mrs. Hovsepian to emphasize the importance of the new program of total parish education and family worship Divine Liturgy, and expressed his concern over Mrs. Hovsepian's ability to pay attention to certain aspects of the new program due to her over-commitment and involvement in many other organizations, committees and projects. Der Hayr said that Mrs. Hovsepian had reassured him that she will pay full attention to the Church School and the new program and that she will comply with the guidelines that were mutually discussed and agreed upon. Der Hayr informed the Assembly that, contrary to this, Mrs. Hovsepian wanted to call a Faculty Meeting of the Church School on a Sunday during the same time that the Divine Liturgy is offered. Der Hayr had asked Mrs. Hovsepian not to hold the meeting at that particular time, since it would be contrary to the principles and the spirit of the new program. He had told Mrs. Hovsepian that, as discussed prior to the implementation of the new program, it would be more appropriate to hold the Faculty Meeting after the conclusion of Church Services on Sunday or on a weekday night. Der Hayr said that in spite of this Mrs. Hovsepian went ahead and did hold the meeting during the time the Divine Liturgy was being offered. Later, on the same evening, Der Hayr had called Mrs. Hovsepian to express his disapproval of her action and to discuss the situation. Der Hayr said that following a brief discussion over the 'phone, Mrs. Hovsepian said: "Der Hayr, if you don't like it, get someone else," and hung up the 'phone. Fr. Arshen felt this left him with no other alternative but replace Mrs. Hovsepian, an action which was subsequently approved by the Parish Council.

Mrs. Barbara Hovsepian denied that she had hung up the 'phone, and had only told Der Hayr that she will step aside to pave the way for another superintendent.

Mrs. Jacqueline Basralian praised the talents of Mrs. Hovsepien as a teacher and acknowledged her various contributions to the Church School.

Mr. Leon Hovsepien, husband of Barbara, said that he was at home during the above mentioned telephone conversation and that the conversation was getting repetitive, therefore Mrs. Hovsepien simply ended it.

Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian-Meyer, the Chairperson of the Parish Council, stated that immediately following her conversation with Der Hayr, Mrs. Hovsepien had called her to inform her of what had transpired and that she (Mrs. Hovsepien) told her that she hung up the 'phone on Der Hayr.

Mrs. Rose Najarian stated that regardless of what had happened, Mrs. Hovsepien should not have been replaced since she works so hard and is so talented.

Fr. Arshen further informed the Assembly that his action had resulted after not just one incident, but similar behavior and threats of resignation by Mrs. Hovsepien over the past two - three years. Der Hayr stated that he acted on behalf and in the best interest of the Church School and the parish in general, which was his responsibility as pastor.

Mr. Sarkis Bedevian and Mr. John Nakashian expressed their feeling that the tone of the discussion should be tempered and problems such as these should be dealt with in the spirit of Christian faith.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Pastor's Report. Motion passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: It was asked what the status was with the money that was raised for Armenia. Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian-Meyer stated that the money had been channeled to the Diocese of the Armenian Church. Yerezgin Sirarpi Aivazian said that food was purchased and distributed to the people in Armenia.

Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian-Meyer stated that there had been a very active membership drive in St. Leon and Dr. Berdj Feredjian encouraged the congregation to welcome all new members of St. Leon Armenian Church. Mrs. Andrea Halejian suggested that cards be placed in each pew in the church for prospective members to fill out if they were interested in joining St. Leon. Mr. Rex Kachigian stated that the church has applications for that purpose.

Mrs. Barbara Hovsepien asked if the "My Kinsmen Program" was in existence. It was learned that Fr. Mardiros Chevian is in charge of said program and it has been started.

Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian-Meyer brought to the attention of the Assembly several items of addendum and correction.

Regarding the Editorship of Lradoo, Mrs. Barbara Hovsepien edited four issues this year; Fr. Arshen Aivazian edited two issues.

Parish Council gave several scholarships to children of the church for the St. Nerses Summer Study Program. Camperships were also given to children of the church to attend St. Vartan Camp, directed by Mrs. Barbara Hovsepien under the auspices of the Diocese.

Since January, 1991, \$3,500.00 has been received in memory of Pailak Khatchadourian, (father of Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian-Meyer). An Endowment Fund has been established in his name for the benefit of a recipient yet to be determined.

Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian Meyer expressed her regret in omitting three very important people in her report. To Mr. Charles Pinajian was thanked for his assistance in making the transition of Chairmanship a smooth event. Mr. Thomas Ashbahian was thanked for his able assistance as Vice Chairman. Father Arshen Aivazian was thanked for his pastorate and leadership.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Chairman's Report. Motion passed.

At this point, it was suggested that the balloting take place earlier, as many people were anxious to depart. The ballots were handed out at this time.

ACYOA JUNIORS' REPORT: Their Advisor, Miss Patti Toofangjian, was present to answer any questions. Mrs. Grace Pinajian stated that several items of the church's possessions were taken during the Sports Weekend and she requested that the Parish Council not allow the Sports Weekend to take place in our church for this reason. Miss Toofangjian stated that all of the above took place on Monday. Mrs. Pinajian felt that there was not enough parental supervision at the Sports Weekend activities this year. Fr. Arshen Aivazian agreed with Mrs. Pinajian. Mr. Jan Royland stated that the parents who were hosting out-of-towners should have been chaperones. Mrs. Jacqueline Basralian commented that only approximately ten per cent of

the children were responsible for the mischief. She also stated that she hosted a party in her home and was pleased to say that all of the children in attendance were well-behaved.

Fr. Arshen Aivazian stated that at last year's Sports Weekend, there was gambling which took place.

Mrs. Regina Ohanyan stated that the Sports Weekend should not be abolished, but to learn from this experience. She also stated that she would be pleased to host any out-of-town children in her home, and that more parents should do the same. It was suggested that counseling and consequences should be made known to the ACYOA Juniors prior to the Sports Weekend and a committee be elected for this. Miss Toofangjian also advised the congregation that the host parents were supposed to be the designated drivers for the entire Sports Weekend's activities.

Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian-Meyer advised the Assembly that a special meeting took place Monday morning, February 17, at 11:00 AM, prior to the departure of the Counselors, Advisors and the Youth Director of St. James Church to discuss the problems which were encountered and possible guidelines were put down to prevent future occurrences of this sort. These guidelines are in the hands of Dr. Khatchadurian-Meyer and should be reviewed by the Committee for future Sports Weekends.

Mrs. Andrea Halejian asked for more involvement among our church community.

A motion was then made and seconded that the ACYOA Juniors' Report be accepted. Motion passed.

ACYOA SENIORS' REPORT: Mr. Raffi Jessourian was present to answer any questions. None were asked of him. A motion was then made and seconded that the ACYOA Seniors' Report be accepted. Motion passed.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL REPORT: No questions were asked. A motion was made and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion passed.

CARE & SHARE REPORT: Mrs. Anita Sarkissians was present to answer any questions. She explained that Care & Share was formed for mothers of children in ages from infancy to 12 years old. Mr. Rex Kachigian asked what the Care & Share group was doing with regard to having new members join. Mrs. Sarkissians explained that a Christmas Dinner was held and a few prospective and new members attended. A motion was then made and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion passed.

NEWLY-FORMED PARENTEEN ORGANIZATION: This group will be lead by Mrs. Nancy Scicchitano. The first meeting is scheduled to take place on March 23, 1992. It was explained by Mrs. Scicchitano that this is a new group which will consist of mothers of children ages 12 years to 18 years old and the concept is to informally meet to discuss the present concerns of our children in this age bracket and to share and gain insight from each other. Dr. Berdj Feredjian suggested that the group permit fathers to also attend, as well as mothers. Mrs. Scicchitano responded to Dr. Feredjian's suggestion, saying that it was a good idea and certainly fathers could attend if they desired. Due to the fact that the Parenteen Group has not met formally yet, no report was made.

CHOIR REPORT: A motion was made and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion passed.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT: Mrs. Barbara Hovsepian expressed her feeling that more retreats be planned for the seventh and eighth graders since the one which was held at Camp Nubar last fall was received so well by those children. Yeretzgin Sirarpi Aivazian said that she was planning to have retreats for the eleventh and twelfth graders. Mrs. Hovsepian and Mrs. Nancy Scicchitano suggested that perhaps Yeretzgin Sirarpi could appoint other people to lead the seventh and eighth graders. Yeretzgin Sirarpi then responded that it could be done, however, it could not be done under the Church School auspices. A motion was made and supported to accept the Church School Report. Motion passed.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP REPORT: Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian-Meyer asked Dr. Berdj Feredjian how much money this group was planning to raise for the church. Dr. Feredjian responded that the membership has been very good and that on an average, approximately 35 men have attended the monthly meetings and programs. He assured Dr. Khatchadurian-Meyer that the Men's Fellowship will contribute their resources to the church in various ways such, as undertaking the expense of the church sports team and Food Festival. The next Men's Fellowship meeting is scheduled for March 20, 1992. Mrs. Barbara Hovsepian asked Dr. Feredjian to open the group to everyone when an interesting program was going to be scheduled. Dr. Feredjian agreed with the suggestion. Joint functions with other organizations were also being planned. A motion was made and seconded to accept this report. Motion passed

SENIOR CITIZENS' REPORT: Mr. Manuk Capan stated that there were rumors that the money (\$3,000.00) which was raised by Senior Citizens was not being given to the church. He asked where the money went. Mr. Robert Ishkanian responded that a transfer of \$4,400.00 was made to the

Parish Council. Mr. Capan felt that unfair allegations were made of himself with regard to the disappearance of the money. A motion was then made and seconded to accept the Senior Citizens' Report. Motion passed.

WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT: Linda Powers was not present to answer any questions. Mrs. Margaret Simonian answered questions in her absence. The Women's Guild was never reimbursed for the Food Festival Raffle, pursuant to Ara Hourdajian. As a result, the Parish Council owes the Women's Guild the money. A special fund account was made. It was suggested that the executive board meeting should be once a month, rather than once a year. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Women's Guild Report. Motion passed.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

The next item on the agenda for the Parish Assembly was the Auditing Committee. A comment was made by Mr. Robert Ishkanian that more money needs to be raised at St. Leon Armenian Church. Mr. Thomas Ashbahian pointed out that to his knowledge, the Endowment Fund is the largest in the Diocese. However, we should not rely on that money to support a budget. We should all work harder to make more money for the church. Mrs. Ruth Bedevian stated that the Endowment Fund is not clear with regard to the \$5,000.00 that her family has given. She stated that it should state that the money is in memory of Karnig Shahbazian. The Lucy Tutunjian Fund is under the Church School. It provides camperships to students who attend St. Vartan Camp and St. Nerses Seminary each year.

Mrs. Barbara Hovsepian asked if the \$9,000.00 received for Armenia Aid was contributed by the St. Leon Community or the community at large. Mr. John Demirdjian responded that the contributions were from St. Leon parishioners.

With regard to the Budget Committee, Mr. Leon Hojegian asked why the percentage for Capital Improvement was not set aside in 1991. As of February, 1992, there is no allocation for Capital Improvement. Mr. Hojegian then asked if it was a Parish Assembly decision or a Parish Council decision. The answer is that it is a Parish Assembly decision. Mr. Hojegian said that he felt a separate fund should be set aside solely for the maintenance of the Community Center.

Mr. Rex Kachigian wanted a rundown of the receipts of 1991. He suggested that weekly envelopes and plate collections should be separate columns. Mr. Jan Royland wanted to know the difference between "dues" and "offering". All contributions are to go toward the dues.

Mr. Ara Hourdajian suggested that an increase in the membership dues be considered. (See New Business).

Mr. Jan Royland asked for clarification on the \$2,860.00 under "Van Expense." The Treasurer responded by saying that major repairs were made on the church van over and above the general operation.

Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian-Meyer stated that she understood that the Parish Council did not have the authority to use money from the reserves unless it was authorized by the Parish Assembly.

The Parish Council presented the following proposed expenditures as an addendum to the 1992 Budget.

- * \$30,000.00 for Refurbishing the Community Center.
- * \$15,000.00 for Repair of the Church Roof.
- * Van Fund Balance (\$4,000.00).
- * Community Center Provision Fund (\$30,000.00).
- * These funds will be expended only if raised through donations.

Mr. Sarkis Gabrelian made a motion to spend \$15,000.00 on repairing the church roof. Mr. Thomas Ashbahian concurred that the roof is in dire need of being repaired. The motion was seconded and passed with the money to come from the reserve funds.

Mr. George Sarkissians asked if the Parish Council should spend \$50,000.00 from the reserves to refurbish the Community Center. After discussion it was moved, seconded and passed to expend \$30,000.00 from reserve funds, with the understanding that this money will be replenished through a ten per cent (10%) contribution from Community Center rentals.

It was moved, seconded and passed, amending the 1992 Budget by \$2,000.00 to be added to the Van Fund and \$7,000.00 be added to the Community Center Capital Improvement Fund.

It was moved, seconded and passed to allocate the projected surplus of \$5,000.00 to Repairs and Maintenance, for a new total of \$10,000.00. In addition the projected income from Weekly Envelopes was increased by \$9,000.00, giving a new total of \$54,000.00.

The question of how many times the van was used in a year was brought up. The reason for the van was to pick up parishioners who did not have transportation to attend church. There have been announcements in the Lradoo with regard to calling the church if someone is in need of transportation to the church, but there have been no

responses. Mr. Leon Hojegan stated that we should keep the van, rather than renting one. Mr. James Noorigian suggested that we rent the van. Der Hayr said that the use of the van is necessary. Mrs. Regina Ohanyan stated that announcements should be made in the Lradoo each month with regard to picking up persons who do not have transportation to attend church. It was suggested that a more precise log be kept in the coming year with regard to the amount of time the van is used. A motion was made and seconded to add \$5,000.00 in repairs and expenses. Motion passed.

A question was made about what were the Community Center's expenses. Are we netting only \$50,000.00? The answer was yes.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the amended Budget for 1992 in the amount of \$229,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian-Meyer made a recommendation on behalf of Parish Council to raise the membership dues to \$125.00 per person annually. A motion was made by Mr. Charles Pinajian, and seconded, to raise the dues to \$150.00 per person annually. Some people thought this was too steep and the motion did not pass. Dr. Khatchadurian-Meyer made a motion to raise the membership dues to \$125.00. This was seconded by Mr. George Sarkissians and the motion passed. Mrs. Grace Pinajian made a motion to increase the Senior Citizens membership dues to \$50.00 per person annually. This motion was seconded but did not pass. A motion was made to increase the Senior Citizens membership dues to \$35.00; motion seconded and passed. Student membership was proposed for any 18- year-old who is currently a full time student and whose parents are members of St. Leon Armenian Church. Mr. Sarkis Bedevian made a motion to set this membership at \$25.00 per person annually; motion seconded and passed.

A comment was made regarding the unsanitary conditions on the side of the Community Center each week. The Men's Fellowship has undertaken to make a concrete foundation in the summer so that the conditions would be more sanitary.

The Nominating Committee reported the final results of the balloting. The following persons were elected for the 1992-1993 term

PARISH COUNCIL

Thomas Ashbahian
Barbara Hovsepian
Robert Ishkanian
John Nakashian
Vasken Ohanyan
Dr. Berdj Feredjian
(Alternate)

DIOCESAN DELEGATE

Rose Najarian
Sarkis Souldanian
Ara Hourdajian
(Alternate)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Noubar Jessourian
Dovie Tilbian
Berdjouhi Varjabedian
Linda Chagachbanian
(Alternate)

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Leon Hojegian
Arda Kiljian
Charles Pinajian
Amy Vartoukian
(Alternate)

The Parish Assembly was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Knar Scicchitano
Recording Secretary
1992 Parish Assembly

Rev. Fr. Arshen Aivazian
Parish Priest

Sarkis Souldanian
Chairman, 1992 Parish Assembly

Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian-Meyer
Chairperson, Parish Council

PASTOR'S REPORT - 1992

Greetings to all of you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

By the mercy of God my pastorate at St. Leon's ended with the celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy on Sunday November 15, 1992. Having served as your pastor for over seven years, I followed the call of the Holy Spirit and the inclination of my heart and I formally submitted my resignation to the Primate, His Eminence Abp. Khajag Barsamian, on June 29, 1992. I had informed the Parish Council of my decision to resign on April 15, 1992 but postponed submitting my letter to the Primate upon the request of the Parish Council. I can assure you that it was one of the most difficult decisions that I had to make, one over which my family and I much agonized, and made our decision after much prayer and discernment.

I look back at my pastorate at St. Leon's with much satisfaction and gratification of heart. Despite some bumpy stretches along the way we walked a long journey together and we experienced a lot of spiritual and physical growth. More important than the tremendous growth in the number of new families who made St. Leon's their spiritual home, I am deeply grateful to our Lord for the opportunity he created in the last year or so of my ministry at St. Leon's to implement the Total Parish Christian Education Program and Family Worship Divine Liturgy. Judging from all the written and verbal comments made throughout the year, more than 75% of the parish benefitted a great deal. While the Christian Education Program provided historical and academic information and intellectual stimulus, the employment of the revised 10th century Divine Liturgy text of Khosrov Antsevatsi in a new translation into the vernacular of Armenian and English, made the Mystery of Our Lord's Last Supper a more real and spiritually uplifting and rewarding experience for most of the congregation. Although it was only an experimental project for one year, I am confident that the concept of Total Parish Christian Education and the Family Worship Divine Liturgy will be implement in the not too distant future in other parishes and dioceses.

During 1992 I administered the following sacraments:

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| Baptisms: | 22 (19 Infants, 3 Adults) |
| Weddings: | 18 |
| Funerals: | 14 |

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council for honoring me and my family at a farewell dinner on November 13. My thanks also to all those who honored us with their presence.

The list of people I would like to thank is indeed too long to fit in a brief report. But the gratitude that I feel in my heart toward many individuals, and the fond memories from the past seven years will remain with me and my family for many years to come. Many friendships and relationships were established and nurtured over the years which will continue to be a source of spiritual growth and nourishment. I ask you to keep me in your prayers as I also will keep you in mine.

"Be on your guard against anybody who encourages trouble or puts difficulties in the way of the doctrine you have been taught. Avoid them. People like that are not slaves of Jesus Christ, they are slaves of their own appetites, confusing the simple-minded with their pious and persuasive arguments." (Romans 16::17-19)

"And pray for me to be given an opportunity to open my mouth and speak without fear and give out the mystery of the gospel of which I am an ambassador; pray that in proclaiming it I may speak as boldly as I ought to." (Ephesians 6:19-20)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.

Fr. Arshen Aivazian
January 8, 1993

ANNUAL DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY REPORT
(ABRIDGED)

BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

MAY 1 - 3, 1992

The Annual Diocesan Assembly was attended by Father Arshen Aivazian and Delegates Rose Najarian and Sarkis Soultanian.

The main emphasis at the Assembly was on programs for the youth of our Diocese. A Youth Director, Fr. Mardiros Chevian, has been appointed on the Diocesan level. It was recommended that youth directors also be hired by local churches.

Other matters discussed pertained to the formation of churches in new areas.

1992 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

The Parish Council of the St. Leon Armenian Church met on the first and third Wednesdays of each month and fulfilled its duties and responsibilities entrusted to them by the Parish faithfully and with devotion.

We held the Annual Parish Assembly on Sunday, February 23, 1992, at which time new officers were elected for the Parish Council, Diocesan Delegates, Auditing Committee and Nominating Committee.

St. Leon Church hosted the ACYOA Sports Weekend in February. The young people had a wholesome get together and a good time was had by all.

A Parish Appreciation Day was held on Sunday, March 1, 1992. A delicious luncheon was served and we were entertained by Sylva Demirdjian's performance on the piano. Fr. Arshen received a plaque, expressing our appreciation for his service to the Parish.

On Friday May 8, we sponsored a Car Raffle, under the chairmanship of Charles Pinajian. It was a most enjoyable and profitable affair.

The Council sponsored the Vosbikian Band of Philadelphia Dance, under the chairmanship of Richard Tomasian. The event was very successful and many had to be turned away. Our thanks go to Richard for organizing such a successful affair.

A Family Night series, which promotes family participation and togetherness, was well attended. Amy Vartoukian coordinated the series, with various church organizations taking turns hosting the affairs.

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This was a challenging year as well as a testing period in the life of our Parish family. Having advised the Parish Council in April of his intention to resign as parish priest, a committee was formed - Der Hayr's Special Committee - consisting of Sarkis Soultanian, Chairman, and

members John Nakashian, Robert Ishkanian, Andrea Halejian, Charles Pinajian, Vasken Ohanyan, and Knarig Khatchadurian-Meyer, for the purpose of exploring the reasonable and feasible avenues to make it possible so that Fr. Arshen could remain as the parish priest. Many meetings were held without a positive result.

Our pastor gave his official resignation to the Primate, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, on June 29, 1992, subject to his approval. Following this, a Search Committee consisting of thirteen members, representing each church organization, deacons and Diocesan Delegates, was established and Vasken Ohanyan was appointed Chairman. A small sub-group was formed from this committee and chosen to conduct the interviews and make recommendations to the committee-at-large. The Primate informed us that we delay taking any action until he accepts Der Arshen's resignation.

In mid-September the Primate informed me by telephone that he had accepted Der Hayr's resignation effective November 15, 1992. Subsequently, a letter dated September 22 was received from the Primate stating that Fr. Arshen would assume his pastoral duties November 22, 1992 at St. Mary's Armenian Church in Livingston, NJ. A special Farewell Dinner was given for Father Arshen and Yerezgin Sirarpi on November 13, under the chairmanship of Robert Ishkanian and Linda Galgano, assistant chairperson. John Nakashian, Vice Chairman of Parish Council, was the Master of Ceremonies and Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian, Chairperson of the Parish Council, gave the welcoming address. Der Arshen departed from St. Leon's parish home on December 21, 1992.

Parishioners were offered the opportunity to make their feelings known in letters sent to the Special Committee and we thank everyone who expressed their concerns in this matter. Although there were some mixed reactions from the Parish about Der Hayr's resignation, I am happy to report that at the end the Parish was ready to stay united and move forward.

SPECIAL EVENTS

On Sunday, June 7, 1992 our Annual Church Picnic was held jointly with Holy Cross of Union City under the co-chairmanship of John Nakashian, from St. Leon Church, and Zaven Hovsepian, from Holy Cross Church. A good time was had by all, and we hope to enjoy this time of fellowship with our sister church in the near future.

On November 17 and 18, 1992, the Armenian Food Festival, under the chairmanship first of George Sarkissians, then Thomas Ashbahian, was visited by Congressman Robert Torricelli and Assemblyman Pat Roma on

separate dates. Everyone enjoyed the good food and the great Hye times. Special thanks to John, George and Tom, and their committee members who worked so hard to make a difference.

In May two Parish Council members resigned and were replaced by Alternates. In November two additional Parish Council members resigned. Due to the fact that the remaining alternate declined appointment, two dues-paying members were appointed by the Parish Council Chairperson. However the Diocesan Council declined approval of the appointments, since the By-laws make no such provision for replacing elected members.

Our December Christmas Eve Caroling service was attended by a packed church, followed by a special reception, given on behalf of the Parish Council, in the Community Center.

The New Year's Eve Gala, under the co-chairmanship of Barbara Hovsepian and Nancy Scicchitano, was a very profitable and sold-out affair. The 350 people who attended enjoyed Moshe's multi-lingual singing, the band, dancing, the delicious hors d'oeuvres and dinner by Boulevard Cafe. Thanks to Barbara, and Nancy and all the New Year's Eve Committee and Council members, for their great contributions towards the success of this affair.

MEMBERSHIP

I am happy to report that in 1992 we have enrolled 36 new dues-paying members. Congratulations and welcome to the following parishioners -

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| M/M Bedros Baharian | M/M Jack Kevoian |
| M/M Bert Bedrosian | Ms. Shoushanik Kouchoukians |
| M/M George Beshlian | M/M Berc Kurkciyan |
| Mr. Andrew Boyajian | Dr/M George Mardirossian |
| Ms. Andrea Cardin | Mr. Gregory Najarian |
| Mr. Robert Casparian | Mrs. Siroun Naitchayan |
| Ms. Linda Chagachbanian | M/M Robert Norbe |
| M/M Howard Donigian | M/M Gaytzag Palandjian |
| M/M Haig Gamarekian | Mrs. Aurora Takvorian |
| M/M Barkev Jiniyizian | Mr. Robert Takvorian |
| Dr/M Nabet Kasabian | Mrs. Helen Tarzian |
| | M/M Kaloust Yedibalian |

At the 1992 Annual Parish Assembly meeting our regular membership dues were raised from \$100 to \$125 per adult member, senior citizens dues from \$25 to \$35 per person, and membership was made available for full-time students at \$25 per person.

EQUIPMENT/UTENSIL PURCHASES

In October we purchased a new folding machine for the office and it has been of great benefit to the operation of the church office. Recently a much needed FAX machine was donated to our church by Drs. Khatchadurian-Meyer, to expedite and modernize communications between the Diocese, sister churches and Parish Council officers to the parish office. Thank you Ralph and Knarig! Donations are always gratefully accepted!

A dishwasher was purchased for the parish house. New gas ranges were also purchased for the parish house and the custodian's house.

LRADOO

The Lradoo was published every two months this year, January/February, March/April by Sandra Leitner and Victoria Manoogian as co-editors. Sandra contributed to the May/June issue with the church secretary assisting. Since July Patricia Trommelen, our church secretary, has become the editor of Lradoo. We are planning to publish the Lradoo on a monthly basis during the coming year. Many thanks to our volunteer editors, Sandra, Victoria and Pat.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Grace Pinajian continues to manage the rentals of our Abajian Hall for us and business has been thriving.

The Redecorating Committee has already selected the new carpeting and other decorating is in progress. Many thanks to Grace and her committee for their constructive suggestions.

We have added a new storage space with the help of Steven and Richard Tomasian. The Milford Flooring Company, (our own Jan Royland and his father) undertook the expense of refinishing the wood dance floor, which now looks bright and shiny. Kevork and Marta Ohanessian undertook the cleaning of the carpeting which looks almost like new. Our thanks to the Royland's and the Ohanessian's. We have also purchased new china and glassware for the kitchen. Our Community Center is like a home to us and we should treat it as such.

Ted Takvorian has re-written the contract for the Abajian Hall rentals, and for that we express our gratitude.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Under the chairmanship of Thomas Ashbahian, our architect, the following improvements were accomplished:

In conjunction with the conversion of oil-to-gas heat for the custodian's house, that oil tank was emptied, cleaned and filled with sand, per state laws, (as well as the one from the parish house). Also, as required by state fire ordinances, smoke alarms were installed in the church basement. We also repaired eight cushions from the sanctuary pews.

A dishwasher and gas stove were purchased for the parish home. The toilet was replaced in Dadekian Hall. New carpeting was placed in the Parish Council room, the priest's office and secretary's office, donated by Harry Ekezian and installation donated by John and Arpine Nakashian. Parking and traffic striping was donated by Thomas and Carol Ashbahian. Speed bumps were installed, which were recently removed due to some unfortunate incidents. Our thanks to the Ashbahian's and Nakashian's for their generous donations.

Our plans include replacing the church roof (bids are now being considered by Parish Council), the altar curtains and the carpeting in the sanctuary.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

A.C.Y.O.A. JUNIORS held regular meetings, participated in Sports Weekend (co-hosted with St. Thomas Church), had picnics, bowling parties, worked on the Ice Cream Booth for the Food Festival and hosted a Family Night. Talin Sesetyan has been a very capable Chairperson and with the assistance of Advisors Patricia Toofangjian and Susan Chagachbanian we look forward to their continued participation in the activities of our parish community.

A.C.Y.O.A. SENIORS has been relatively inactive this year, with the exception of some members participation in Sunday Duty for Parish Council, Coffee Hospitality following Badarak and services performed for the New Year's Eve Gala. Chairman Raffi Jessourian has plans to reorganize and revitalize this organization in the coming year. We wish him well in doing so. Parish Council has invited Fr. Mardiros Chevian, newly appointed Director of Youth Ministry, to meet with the A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors, Seniors and Parenteen groups to discuss the problems and make future plans.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL - The Armenian School has been active this past year, participating in the various functions of the church, in addition to their regular activities. Enrollment has declined, and this is a concern of Board President Mary Ann Mozian and the Parish Council. The dedication of the principals and teachers is to be commended and we pray that there will be renewed support and appreciation of Armenian School as it strives to instill the Armenian heritage and traditions in our youth. One board member resigned and two new Board Members were appointed. Many thanks to Mary Ann for all her efforts to keep Armenian School a vital part of the St. Leon Church family.

CARE AND SHARE is a dedicated group of young mothers, providing a Christian atmosphere in which the little ones of our church can play together on a regular basis, as well as wholesome, educational group excursions. They have drafted By-laws and submitted them to the Parish Council. Anita Sarkissians has been a most capable group leader and we are thankful that this organization has become a vital part of our parish community.

CHURCH CHOIR, under the direction of George Paroonagian and chairmanship of Leon Dourgarian, is uplifting as they lead us in the music of Badarak and for ten months lead us with the pilot project of the new Liturgy. More participation by the congregation is always appreciated. Many thanks to George and Leon, and Sirvart Galstian, organist.

CHURCH SCHOOL is continuing the task of instructing our children in the traditions and heritage of the Armenian Church, with the emphasis this year on teaching them the songs of the Church. This past year they also hosted a Family Night. Following the resignation of Barbara Hovsepian, then Yerezgin Sirarpi Aivazian, Linda Galgano and Linda Paroonagian were appointed co-Superintendents. Due to family commitments, Linda Galgano felt the need to resign and Linda Paroonagian has accepted appointment as Superintendent to maintain continuity. We thank the co-Superintendents and all who have served the children and our church with such dedication.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP, a newly organized group, (one year old), continues to be a real contribution to the parish community. Dr. Berdj Feredjian, former chairman, has been succeeded by Dr. Barry Halejian. Regular meetings were held, at which time enjoyable, interesting programs have been presented. The Men's Fellowship also participated in the Food Festival and Church Picnic. At one of their meetings, open to everyone - women also - guest speakers, Speaker of the New Jersey State Assembly, "Chuck" Haytaian and Assemblyman Pat Roma presented two beautifully framed resolutions praising the outstanding contributions of the American-Armenian community in the area of cultural, educational and artistic

endeavors. They are on display in Jessourian Hall. Many thanks to Dr. Feredjian and Dr. Halejian.

PARENTEEN meets Bi-monthly for the purpose of discussing relative concerns of rearing our youth today in these trying times. It is composed of mothers (at this time) who are interested in sharing their efforts and concerns. Many thanks to group leader, Nancy Scicchitano, who has been responsible for this group's interaction with the A.C.Y.O.A. Juniors and Parenteen members have assisted their advisors by acting as chaperones when needed.

SENIOR CITIZENS continue to meet weekly at the Community Center. Under the chairmanship of Hagop Dellakian, and with the assistance of Vice Chairman Leon Bedigian, many activities have been enjoyed this past year. Thank you Hagop and Leon for your service to the parish community.

SPORTS ASSOCIATION - Under the leadership of George E. Kachajian, Jr. and his coaches, our youth continue to participate in the basketball teams and competition with other sports groups of seniors, juniors and girls teams. They have won numerous trophies and awards and deserve our continued support and encouragement, since sports activities promote good health, sportsmanship and Armenian camaraderie. Thank you George for your dedication to our youth!

WOMEN'S GUILD held monthly meetings, assisted with the Church Picnic, Food Festival and hosted two Family Nights - and continue to be the backbone of the church. We thank Chairperson, Linda Powers, the officers and all the members of Women's Guild for their untiring, never-ending dedication and continued service to our Parish and St. Leon Church. We can never thank them enough!

THANK YOU

I take this opportunity to thank - John Nakashian, my Vice Chairman, who was always there when I needed him; Sarkis Soutanian for accepting the chairmanship of Der Hayr's Special Committee who diligently tried to meet some of the requests and the needs of Fr. Arshen, but to no avail; Vasken Ohanyan for chairing the Search Committee, comprised of a member from each Church Organization, as well as a representative from the Deacons and Diocesan Delegates.

I thank all Parish members who have established an Endowment Fund through the Armenian Church Endowment Fund, for the benefit of our Church, (see listing in this report), and all others who have donated so generously, as acknowledged in Lradoo.

Thank you Joseph Basralian and Ted Takvorian for giving of your time and legal advice when needed.

I wish to thank all our parishioners who have unselfishly supported and shared their time, talent and treasure for the progress and benefit of our church - all organizations and committee chairpersons, principals, teachers, choir members, sports personnel, deacons, altar servers, advisors and volunteers.

I would like to thank Minas Arakelian, our custodian, and his family who work very hard in order to maintain our Church, the Community Center, the homes and grounds in such good order.

I wish to especially thank Patricia Trommelen, our church secretary for managing our church office with patience and endurance. In Der Hayr's absence since mid-November, Pat has shared some of his responsibilities with the Parish Council Chairperson. We have been in communication daily, scheduling visiting clergy, consulting on arrangements for sacraments such as baptisms and funerals, scheduling for Sunday service, and either by telephone or written instructions, or in person, she has performed most admirably. Thanks again Minas and Pat. We would like you to know that your devoted service is greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank Der Hayr for his leadership as pastor of St. Leon Church for the past seven years, and wish him and Yeretzgin Sirarpi success with their new endeavors in their new parish.

Finally, I offer many thanks to my Parish Council members (outgoing and remaining) for their commitment and hard work during the past year. Although we all had our differences, we were able to work together toward a common goal for the enrichment of St. Leon Armenian Church, to keep unity and harmony in the parish during this transitional stage in search of a new pastor, also communicating with the Primate for direction.

Many best wishes to the new Parish Council for their important work ahead and towards a smooth transition in their search for the right Der Hayr for our Parish.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian-Meyer
Parish Council Chairperson

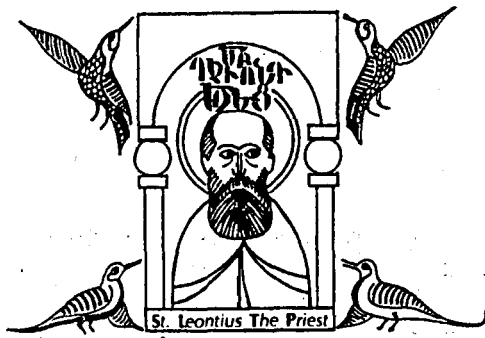
**ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
1992 PARISH COUNCIL ROSTER**

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| Fr. Arshen Aivazian | President, Resigned |
| Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian-Meyer* | Chairperson |
| John Nakashian (11) | Vice Chairperson |
| Arax Moumdjian* (2,5) | Recording Secretary |
| Vasken Ohanyan (6) | Corresp. Secretary |
| Robert Ishkanian | Treasurer |
| Thomas Ashbahian (7,8,10) | Assistant Treasurer |
| John Demirdjian* (12) | Member |
| Dr. Berdj Feredjian (5,9) | Member, Resigned No Replacement |
| Barbara Hovsepian (4,13) | Member |
| Dorothy Karamian* | Member, Resigned Replaced by Dr. Berdj Feredjian |
| William Mc Mahon* | Member, Resigned Replaced by Jan Royland |
| Jan Royland* (1,3) | Member |
| George Sarkissians (4,7,8) | Member, Resigned No Replacement |

ORGANIZATIONS AND LIAISONS

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1. ACYOA JUNIORS | 7. CUSTODIAN |
| 2. ACYOA SENIORS | 8. MAINTENANCE/REPAIR |
| 3. ARMENIAN SCHOOL | 9. MEN'S FELLOWSHIP |
| 4. CARE AND SHARE | 10. PARENTEEN |
| 5. CHURCH CHOIR | 11. SENOR CITIZENS |
| 6. CHURCH SCHOOL | 12. SPORTS ASSOCIATION |
| 13. WOMEN'S GUILD | |

*(DENOTES OUTGOING MEMBERS)



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The Rev. Father Arshen Aivazian
Parish Priest

January 15, 1993

Dear Fellow Parishioner:

An examination of all financial reports for the Parish Council and various church organizations was conducted for the Fiscal Year of 1992. Where necessary, corrections were made and brought to the attention of Parish Council and/or the Organization.

The Auditing Committee, consisting of Leon Hojegian, Amy Vartoukian and myself, found the books to be in satisfactory condition.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Pinajian
Charles Pinajian
Chairman
Auditing Committee

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CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

ACYOA Juniors
ACYOA Seniors
Armenian School
Care and Share
Choir

Church School
Men's Fellowship
Parenteen
Senior Citizens
Women's Guild

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH - A C Y O A JUNIORS

1992 ACTIVITIES REPORT

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| OFFICERS | Chairperson | Talin Sesetyan |
| | Vice Chairperson | Joy Hovsepian |
| | Recording Secretary | Haig Hovsepian |
| | Corresponding Secretary | Haig Hovsepian |
| | Treasurer | Maral Kilerciyan |
| | Publicity | Joy Hovsepian |
| | Advisors | Patti Toofangjian |
| | | Susan Chagachbanian |

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 49

MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING 1992 - Hiking Trip, Bowling, Picnic at Van Saun Park

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1993 - Recreation - Retreat Weekend, A Basketball Game, A Discussion Session with a Guest Speaker/Seminarian, Get Together with Another Youth Group, Possible Ski Trip, A.C.Y.O.A. Day, Sports Weekend (Massachusetts/Memorial Day), Regional Picnic at Van Saun Park.

1992 FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1992

| | | | |
|----------|----|-------|----------|
| Checking | \$ | | |
| Savings | | _____ | \$ _____ |

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|---------------------------|----|-------|----------|
| Add 1992 Receipts | \$ | | |
| Deduct 1992 Disbursements | | _____ | |
| Net 1992 Income | | | \$ _____ |

Cash on Hand 11/92 (Before Payment to Parish Council)

| | | | |
|----------|----|-------|----------|
| Checking | \$ | | |
| Savings | | _____ | \$ _____ |

80% of Cash Balance to Give Parish Council \$ _____

Interest Income of \$ _____ Included Above.

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH - - A C Y O A SENIORS

1992 ACTIVITY REPORT

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| OFFICERS | Chairman | Raffi Jessourian |
| | Vice Chairman | Nadine Aljian |
| | Recording Secretary | Anahid Arakelian |
| | Corresponding Secretary | Lorraine Serabian |
| | Membership | Patricia Toofangjian |
| | Publicity | Nora Tossounian |
| | Advisor | Susan Chagachbanian |

A C Y O A Seniors have been relatively inactive during the 1992 calendar year. While regular meetings were not held, some members did participate on Sunday mornings with duties assisting the Parish Council in the Narthex. They also took their turn and participated by serving Coffee Hospitality following the worship services. It is hoped that this new year may see a rejuvenation of this organization.

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1992 FINANCIAL REPORT

Since there has been no activity, there has been no change in the financial status.

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH - ARMENIAN SCHOOL

1992 ACTIVITY REPORT

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|----------|--------------|-------------------|
| OFFICERS | President | Mary Ann Mozian |
| | Secretary | Barbara Hovsepian |
| | Treasurer | Arda Kiljian |
| | Board Member | Sirarpı Aram |

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| CO-PRINCIPALS | Hermine Menakian |
| | Verkine Marashian |

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 27 Students, 6 Teachers (1 Song/1 Dance)

MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING 1992 - Food Festival, St. Vartanantz Day, Armenian Flag Raising Day, Parish Appreciation Day, Spring Fund Raiser at Boulevard Cafe, Hantes, Farewell Dinner for Der Arshen, Christmas Plant Sale.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1993 - Food Festival, Plant Sale, St. Vartanantz Day, Fund Raiser, Communion Breakfast,, Field Trip, Hantes.

1992 FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash on Hand January 1, 1992

| | | |
|----------|-----------------|-------------|
| Checking | \$ 1,179.44 | |
| Savings | <u>1,711.87</u> | \$ 2,891.31 |

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|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Add 1992 Receipts | \$ 8,131.79 | |
| Deduct 1992 Disbursements | <u>9,630.14</u> | |
| Net 1992 Income | | \$ <1,498.35> |

Cash on hand 11/92 (Before Payment to Parish Council)

| | | |
|----------|--------------|--------------------|
| Checking | \$ 1,392.96 | |
| Savings | <u>- 0 -</u> | \$ <u>1,392.96</u> |

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| 80% of Cash Balance to Give Parish Council | <u>- 0 -</u> |
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Interest Income of \$ 85.96 Included Above.

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH - CARE AND SHARE

1992 ACTIVITIES REPORT

| | | |
|----------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| OFFICERS | Chairperson | Anita Sarkissians |
| | Corresponding Secretary | Lisa Halejian |
| | Treasurer | Anita Sarkissians |
| | Program Coordinators | Lori Medina Barbara Laudicina |
| | Refreshments Coordinator | Joyce Ishkanian |
| | Advisor | Linda Galgano |

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 27

MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING 1992 - Four Programs Yearly with Speakers on Different Topics, One Bake Sale for Fund Raising, Breakfast with Santa for the Children, Christmas Dinner with Husbands, Theater Outing with Children, Picnic/Swim Party for the Children

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1993 - Same as Above

1992 FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash on Hand January 1, 1992

| | | |
|----------|--------------|----------|
| Checking | \$ 98.90 | |
| Savings | <u>- 0 -</u> | \$ 98.90 |

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|---------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Add 1992 Receipts | \$ 184.50 | |
| Deduct 1992 Disbursements | <u>170.52*</u> | |
| Net 1992 Income | | \$ 13.98 |

Cash on hand 11/91 (Before Payment to Parish Council)

| | | |
|----------|--------------|-----------|
| Checking | \$ 112.88 | |
| Savings | <u>- 0 -</u> | \$ 112.88 |

80% of Cash Balance to Give Parish Council \$ 90.30

*Disbursements Include \$55.92 Paid to Parish Council.

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH - CHURCH CHOIR

1992 ACTIVITIES REPORT

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| OFFICERS | Chairperson | Leon Dourgarian |
| | Vice Chairperson | Emerald Noorigian |
| | Corresponding Secretary | Florence Gulkasian |
| | Treasurer | Rose Kirian |
| | Director | George Paroonagian |
| | Organist | Sirvart Galstian |

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 25

MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING 1992 - Continued Support to the Badarak every Sunday, Learning the Tenth Century Reconstructed Badarak Introduced by Fr. Arshen Aivazian, Christmas Party at Arthur and Lynn Beylerian's Home.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1993 - Continue to Participate in Sunday Badarak, in Whatever Form it Takes.

1992 FINANCIAL REPORT

| | | | |
|---|-----------------|--|--------------------|
| Cash on Hand | January 1, 1992 | | |
| Checking | \$ - 0 - | | |
| Savings | <u>2,165.90</u> | | \$ 2,165.90 |
| Add 1992 Receipts | \$ 316.82 | | |
| Deduct 1992 Disbursements | <u>742.02*</u> | | |
| Net 1992 Income | | | \$ <425.20> |
| Cash on Hand 11/92 (Before Payment to Parish Council) | | | |
| Checking | \$ - 0 - | | |
| Savings | <u>1,740.70</u> | | \$ <u>1,740.70</u> |
| 80% of Cash Balance to Give Parish Council | | | \$ <u>1,392.56</u> |
| Interest Income of \$ <u>54.82</u> Included Above. | | | |

*Disbursements include \$515.78 Remittance to Parish Council.

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH - CHURCH SCHOOL

1992 ACTIVITIES REPORT

| | | |
|----------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| OFFICERS | Co-Superintendents | Linda Galgano |
| | | Linda Paroonagian |
| | Assistant Superintendent | Jo-Ann Tashjian |
| | Treasurer | Virginia Hachadourian |
| | Hospitality | Barbara Laudicina |

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 115

MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING 1992 - Christmas Pageant, Holy Week Participation: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Diocesan Sponsored Ascension Day Celebration, St. James Church, Graduation, Vacation Bible School.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1993 - Probably Same as Above, Pageant, January 10, 1993, Graduation, June 6, 1993.

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1992

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Checking | \$ 2,352.95 | |
| Savings | <u>- 0 -</u> | \$ 2,352.95 |
| Add 1992 Receipts | \$ 4,264.49 | |
| Deduct 1992 Disbursements | <u>3,377.45</u> | |
| Net 1992 Income | | \$ 887.04 |

Cash on Hand 11/92 (Before Payment to Parish Council)

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| Checking | \$ 3,239.99 | |
| Savings | <u>- 0 -</u> | \$ 3,239.99 |
| 80% of Cash Balance to give Parish Council | | \$ <u>2,591.99</u> |

Interest Income of \$ 94.22 Included Above.

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH - MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

1992 ACTIVITIES REPORT

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| OFFICERS | Chairman | Berdj Feredjian |
| | Vice Chairman | Barry Ard Halejian |
| | Treasurer | Robert Ishkanian |
| | Recording Secretary | Vahe Kiljian |
| | Corresponding Secretary | Arto Vartoukian |
| | Activities Coordinators | Richard Malajian |
| | | Jack Margosian |
| | Public Relations | James Leitner |
| | | Bert Bedrosian |

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 45

MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING 1992 - Social Gatherings to get Organized, Program on Lawn Car, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Lecture, Rabies Prevention Presentation, Program by Paterson Habitat for Humanity, Summer Bar-B-Q, Annual Church Picnic, Annual Armenian Food Festival.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1993 - Certification Course for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, Informative Monthly Meetings, Annual Church Picnic, Annual Armenian Food Festival.

1992 FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1992

| | | |
|----------|--------------|-----------|
| Checking | \$ 138.11 | |
| Savings | <u>- 0 -</u> | \$ 139.11 |

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| Add 1992 Receipts | \$ 830.00 | |
| Deduct 1992 Disbursements | <u>507.39</u> | |
| Net 1992 Income | | \$ 322.61 |

Cash on Hand 11/92 (Before Payment to Parish Council)

| | | |
|----------|--------------|------------------|
| Checking | \$ 461.72 | |
| Savings | <u>- 0 -</u> | \$ <u>461.72</u> |

80% of Cash Balance to Give Parish Council \$ 369.37

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH - PARENTEEN GROUP

1992 ACTIVITIES REPORT

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| OFFICERS | Group Leader | Nancy Scicchitano |
| | Recording Secretary | Amy Vartoukian |
| | Corresponding Secretary | Nancy Burdman |
| | Program Coordinators | Dawn Hourdajian |
| | | Linda Capizzi |

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP Flexible

MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING 1992 - Bi-Monthly Meetings, Assisted
ACYOA Juniors, Advisors, Chaperoned ACYOA Juniors
Bowling Party

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1993 - Bi-Monthly Meetings, Winter
Dance Early in Year, Continued Support of ACYOA
Juniors

Due to the fact that Parenteen is a relatively new group, our membership is not formal, and we have not been able yet to establish a set program of events. We hope to do so throughout the 1993 year.

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1992 FINANCIAL REPORT

Due to the fact that Parenteen is a relatively new group, we do not have a treasury at this time. We do, however, anticipate the need for one in the future as we develop our program and activities.

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH - SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

1992 ACTIVITIES REPORT

| | | |
|----------|---------------------------------------|--|
| OFFICERS | Chairperson | Hagop Dellakian |
| | Vice Chairperson | Leon Bedigian |
| | Recording/ Corresponding Secretary | Helen Mazoujian |
| | Treasurer | Nicolas Kondakji |
| | Hospitality | Manoushag Arakelian Varter Arakelian Archalous Varjabedian |

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 66

MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING 1992 - Weekly Meetings, Bingo, Cards, Tavloo, Films, Luncheons, Atlantic City Bus Trips, Catskills Autumn Vacation,

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1993 - Expansion of Previous Year's Activities.

1992 FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1992

| | | |
|----------|------------------|-------------|
| Checking | \$ 1,037.10 | |
| Savings | <u> - 0 -</u> | \$ 1,037.10 |

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|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Add 1992 Receipts | \$ 1,142.18 | |
| Deduct 1992 Disbursements | <u> 200.36</u> | |
| Net 1992 Income | | \$ 941.82 |

Cash on Hand 11/92 (Before Payment to Parish Council)

| | | |
|----------|------------------|-------------|
| Checking | \$ 1,978.92 | |
| Savings | <u> - 0 -</u> | \$ 1,978.92 |

Paid December 1992 to Parish Council \$ 833.45

Balance of 80% Yet to be Paid to Parish Council \$ 749.68

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH - WOMEN'S GUILD

1992 ACTIVITIES REPORT

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| OFFICERS | Chairperson | Linda Powers |
| | Vice Chairperson | Florence Gulkasian |
| | Recording Secretary | Margaret Semonian |
| | Corresponding Secretary | Barbara Hovsepian |
| | Treasurer | Linda Harutunian |
| | Advisor | Helen Mazoujian |
| | Publicity | Lucille Varjian |

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 66

MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING 1992 - Christmas Party, Fish 'n Chips Dinner, Served the Lenten Luncheon for Women's Guild Central Council at St. Mary's Church, Easter and Autumn Choreg Sale, Easter Keufta Sale, Bar-be-qu Picnic with Husbands, Served on Church Picnic, Prepared and Served at Food Festival, Many Interesting Programs Following Regular Business Meetings.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1993 - Most All of Those Listed Above, Indoor "Garage Sale".

1992 FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1992

| | | |
|----------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Checking | \$ 2,789.54 | |
| Savings | <u>6,112.37</u> | \$ <u>8,901.91</u> |

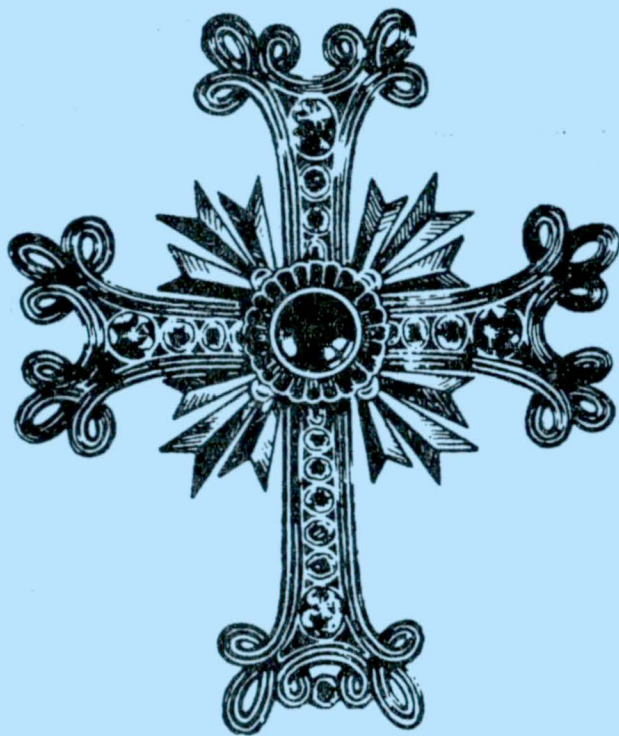
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|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Add 1992 Receipts | \$ 3,453.59 | |
| Deduct 1992 Disbursements | <u>1,995.56</u> | |
| Net 1992 Income | | \$ 1,458.03 |

Cash on Hand 11/92 (Before Payment to Parish Council)

| | | |
|----------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Checking | \$ 4,066.70 | |
| Savings | <u>6,293.24</u> | \$ <u>10,359.94</u> |

80% of Cash Balance to Give Parish Council \$ 8,290.35

Interest Income of \$ 282.91 Included Above.



ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
ACCOUNTING OF FUNDS LISTED
WITH
THE ARMENIAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

GENERAL PURPOSED OF THE CHURCH

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Sarkis and Ruth Bedevian Fund | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Karnig Shahbazian Memorial Fund | 5,000.00 |
| George Beshlian Fund | 4,200.06 |
| Harout Boyajian Memorial Fund | 3,129.36 |
| Robert Buchakian Memorial Fund | 100,035.00 |
| E. George and Lucy Dabagian Fund | 11,000.00 |
| Zaven and Arlene Dadekian Fund | 16,250.00 |
| Arpine Holopikian Memorial Fund | 1,717.00 |
| Noubar and Anita Jessourian Fund | 8,000.00 |
| Satenik Kazanjian Memorial Fund | 25,000.00 |
| Mirjan Kirian Fund | 500.00 |
| James and Emeraldad Noorigian Fund | 2,067.00 |
| Anthony Tungrian Memorial Fund | 1,740.00 |
| Lucille Varjian Fund | 500.00 |

ARMENIAN SCHOOL

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Peter Jesraly Fund | 2,800.00 |
|--------------------|----------|

CHURCH SCHOOL

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Takvorian Fund | 2,918.00 |
| Varsen Torosian Memorial Fund | 1,920.00 |
| Lucy Tutunjian Memorial Fund | 7,315.00 |

YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

| | |
|---|----------|
| Fr. Vahan and Yr. Zarouhi Jelalian Fund | 5,730.00 |
|---|----------|

CAMP NOUBAR SCHOLARSHIP

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Andrew John Halejian Fund | <u>11,460.00</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------|

TOTAL

\$216,281.42

FUNDS ESTABLISHED 1992, NOT INCLUDED IN ACEF REPORT

| | |
|---|-------------|
| (Benefit St. Leon Church, General Purposes) | |
| Martin Kapoian Fund | \$ 1,780.00 |
| Andrew and Florence Purpuse Fund | 2,635.00 |
| Angele Kouchoukians Fund | 1,745.00 |
| (Benefit St. Leon Armenian School) | |
| Pailak Khatchadourian Memorial Fund | 4,000.00 |

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH - COMPARATIVE OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY
DECEMBER 31, 1992

RECEIPTS

| | PROPOSED 1992 | ACTUAL 1992 | PERCENT TOTAL | PROPOSED 1993 | PERCENT TOTAL |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Weekly Envelopes* | | | | | |
| Plate Collections | | | | | |
| Special Donations | \$ 54,500 | \$ 44,422 | 19.39 | \$ 50,000 | 22.14 |
| Weddings | | | | | |
| Hokehankisd | | | | | |
| In Lieu of Flowers | 20,000 | 22,761 | 9.94 | 22,000 | 9.74 |
| Sale of Books | | | | | |
| Lradoo | 500 | 980 | 0.43 | 1,000 | 0.44 |
| Christmas & Easter | | | | | |
| Yughakin | 10,000 | 9,673 | 4.22 | 10,000 | 4.43 |
| Occasional | | | | | |
| Donations | 1,000 | 2,000 | 0.87 | 1,000 | 0.44 |
| Auxiliary | | | | | |
| Organizations | 4,000 | 1,276 | 0.56 | 4,000 | 1.77 |
| Community Hall | | | | | |
| Rentals | 70,000 | 83,177 | 36.82 | 70,000 | 31.02 |
| Endowment Fund | | | | | |
| Income | 15,000 | 14,106 | 6.16 | 14,000 | 6.20 |
| Net Proceeds | | | | | |
| from Affairs | 50,000* | 44,249* | 19.32 | 50,000 | 22.14 |
| Investment Income | 3,500 | 4,796 | 2.09 | 3,000 | 1.33 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>500</u> | <u>1,613</u> | <u>0.07</u> | <u>800</u> | <u>0.35</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$229,000</u> | <u>\$229,053</u> | <u>100.00%</u> | <u>\$225,800</u> | <u>100.00%</u> |

Proposed Actual

| | | |
|---------------|--------------|------------|
| * Picnic | \$ 2,000 | \$ 3,144 |
| Food Festival | 19,000 | 15,091 |
| Raffle | 18,000 | 17,661 |
| New Year | 8,000 | 5,841 |
| Dance | 3,000 | 2,273 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>- 0 -</u> | <u>239</u> |

Total \$50,000 \$44,249

*approx. 248 Dues-Paying Members

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH - COMPARATIVE OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY
DECEMBER 31, 1992

| | DISBURSEMENTS | | | | |
|--|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | PROPOSED 1992 | ACTUAL 1992 | PERCENT TOTAL | PROPOSED 1993 | PERCENT TOTAL |
| Clergy Stipend | | | | | |
| Employee Salaries Pension, Insurance | \$ 83,000 | \$ 77,929 | 36.21 | \$ 80,000 | 35.43 |
| Visiting Clergy | 600 | 1,900 | 0.88 | 600 | 0.27 |
| Diocesan Dues and Expenses | 22,000 | 22,582 | 10.49 | 23,500 | 10.41 |
| Sports Association Basketball, etc. | 2,000 | 1,992 | 0.93 | 3,000 | 1.33 |
| General Administra- tional Expenses | 21,000 | 16,144 | 7.50 | 17,000 | 7.53 |
| Utilities | 24,000 | 23,326 | 10.84 | 25,000 | 11.07 |
| Publications and Mailings | 3,400 | 4,735 | 2.20 | 5,000 | 2.21 |
| Repairs, Maintenance Church Cottage | 10,000 | 9,505 | 4.42 | 10,000 | 4.43 |
| Insurance/Liability, Property Damage, Casualty | 18,000 | 15,849 | 7.36 | 17,000 | 7.53 |
| Armenian School | 500 | - 0 - | 0.00 | 1,000 | 0.44 |
| Church School | 2,000 | 760 | 0.35 | 1,000 | 0.44 |
| Organist Stipend | 3,100 | 3,355 | 1.56 | 3,500 | 1.55 |
| Van Expense | 2,400 | 2,4127 | 1.12 | 2,500 | 1.11 |
| Community Center Expense | 20,000 | 15,352 | 7.13 | 15,000 | 6.64 |
| Community Center Repair & Maintenance | - 0 - | 3,418 | 1.59 | 5,000 | 2.21 |

(Continued)

| | <u>PROPOSED</u> <u>1992</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> <u>1992</u> | <u>PERCENT</u> <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>PROPOSED</u> <u>1993</u> | <u>PERCENT</u> <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Van Fund | \$ 2,000 | \$ 2,000 | 0.93 | \$ 2,000 | 0.89 |
| Equipment Purchsess | 2,000 | 1,010 | 0.47 | 2,000 | 0.89 |
| Capital Provision Improvement | 7,000 | 8,317 | 3.86 | 7,000 | 3.10 |
| St. Nerses Seminary | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0.93 | 2,000 | 0.97 |
| Parish Functions & Church Activities | 2,000 | 1,858 | 0.86 | 2,000 | 0.89 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>2,000</u> | <u>792</u> | <u>0.37</u> | <u>1,500</u> | <u>0.66</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$229,000</u> | <u>\$215,241</u> | <u>100,00%</u> | <u>\$225,800</u> | <u>100.00%</u> |

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDS ON HAND
DECEMBER 31, 1992

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Parish Council Checking Account | \$ 695.80 |
| Parish Council Special Events Account | 9,610.26 |
| Parish Council Money Market Business Account | 51,409.10 |
| Parish Council Money Market Memorial Account | 18,381.22 |
| Dreyfus Fund | 70,690.79 |
| Building Fund | 17,938.40 |
| Permanent Charity Fund | 492.07 |
| A. C. Y. O. A. Juniors | Reports not |
| A. C. Y. O. A. Seniors | Received |
| Armenian School | 1,392.96 |
| Care and Share | 112.88 |
| Church Choir | 1,740.70 |
| Church School | 3,239.99 |
| Men's Fellowship | 461.72 |
| Senior Citizens | 1,978.92 |
| Women's Guild | <u>10,359.94</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$188,504.15</u> |