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ST. LEON'S ARMENIAN CHURCH
FAIR LAWN, NJ

ANNUAL REPORT

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
FEBRUARY 23, 1992

MINUTES OF THE 1991 PARISH ASSEMBLY
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
12-61 SADDLE RIVER ROAD
FAIR LAWN, NEW JERSEY 07410

The Parish Assembly of St. Leon Armenian Church, 12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, New Jersey, was called to order at 1:00 PM on Sunday, February 17, 1991, by Chairman of Parish Council, Charles Pinajian.

Opening prayer was offered by Father Arshen Aivazian.

There were 75 eligible voters present.

Elected from the floor were the following officers of the day:

Chairman	Sarkis Soultanian
Secretary	Patricia (Kafafian) Zengel

The Chair appointed Joseph Basralian Parliamentarian.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - It was mentioned that the By-Laws require a minimum of twelve (12) nominations for Parish Council. Six vacancies are to be filled. We have seven (7) nominations at present. One member will be rejected, which was stated that this would be unfair. Nominations were made from the floor as follows:

Olga Chongoushian	Declined
Jacques Tossunian	Declined
Jan Royland	Declined
Dr. Barry Halejian	Declined
Vicken Jessourian	Declined
Berjouhi Varjabedian	Declined
Arto Beylerian	Accepted
Sebouh Jessourian	Accepted
Nerses Babayan	Not eligible, as a new member

Rex Kachigian suggested we continue with the election, submit to Diocese and take a chance with the amount of names nominated. We just cannot get five more names to add for nominations.

Nominating Committee	No nominations were added
Auditing Committee	No nominations were added

The Chairman presented the slate for Parish Council, Nominating and Auditing Committees. There are six vacancies to be filled on Parish Council, three each on the Nominating and Auditing Committees. The ballots were distributed and votes were cast.

It was suggested that we dispense with reading of the minutes, as they were already distributed for review.

Corrections and amendments in the minutes were accepted by motion, seconded and approved as follows:

Page 22 Dr. Berdj Feredjian is incorrect; should be John Demirdjian.

Page 24 Totally incorrect. New page, RE: Corrected Financial Report of Senior Citizens was distributed.

Page 20 Accounting of Funds Listed: Add Takvorian Fund, \$4,000.06. The total should read \$217,748.48.

Attention was brought to the fact that on Page 22 regarding the number of out-going Parish Council members, only five were listed, inadvertently leaving out Charles Pinajian. Charles thanked himself and it was so noted.

The 1990 Assembly minutes were accepted as presented, with the above corrections.

It was suggested that we dispense with the reading of reports, since everyone had them in their possession for their individual review.

REPORTS OF ORGANIZATIONS

PARISH COUNCIL - Charles Pinajian, outgoing Chairman, thanked outgoing members for their diligence and work in previous years. He stated that it takes a certain commitment of a member to serve his/her Parish. It is difficult, but a pleasure. Charles stated that without Rex Kachigian as Vice-Chairman, much would not have been accomplished. Charles and Rex worked as a team. He thanked all outgoing members once again.

PASTOR'S REPORT - Der Hayr answered questions with regard to his "Handbook for Parishioners." It was mentioned that it was an excellent idea and Der Hayr should be complimented in preparing such a handbook. It is free of charge and available to all in the Narthex. It was brought to Der Hayr's attention that many Parishioners did not know that such a handbook was available. Der Hayr suggested that it be distributed during our meeting.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY REPORT - It was suggested that the unity issue be expounded upon. Der Hayr provided updated information regarding a draft set of By-Laws presented to the Unity Committee.

SENIOR CITIZENS - The corrected Financial Report was distributed. Manuk Capan presented a check of \$1,400.00 as their contribution to Parish Council. This amount is reflected in the current Financial Report. Manuk has been both Chairman and Treasurer. Anyone wishing to help him as Treasurer is most welcome. Seniors have a good time when they are together. There are approximately fifty (50) to seventy (70) Seniors in the group right now.

ACYOA JUNIORS It was suggested that much of their activities are socially oriented. They should strive to have more religious activities in the future. Parish Council can be their Liaison.

ACYOA SENIORS - Accepted.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL - Accepted.

CHOIR - A question was raised regarding how the choir was progressing raising funds for new books and robes. Books have not yet been printed. It will still be a few months. Der Hayr noted that we are in need of new Badarack (blue) books. At least one hundred (100) could be used. Der Hayr asked Choir to consider this.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Accepted.

CARE AND SHARE - It was stated that there was no Financial Report for this organization regarding their Bake Sale which made approximately \$200.00. It was noted that there is no budget, no expenses, etc., for this group. It was mentioned that the profit of this Bake Sale was given to the "Children of Armenia" fund.

Der Hayr mentioned that Care and Share is drafting By-Laws regarding its purpose and goals as an organization and Parish Council will be receiving these shortly. The question was raised, "Is Care and Share recognized in the Diocese?" The answer was "No, only in St. Leon's do we have a Care and Share organization."

COMMENT ON ALL REPORTS IN GENERAL

Barbara Hovsepian stated that most reports do not tell very much. Reports should be more detailed in the future. She suggested that Financial Reports have additional explanation of fund raisers, etc. Specific purposes should be noted in all reports.

AUDITING COMMITTEE - The Treasurer's books should be kept and a report for the end of the year should be made. Financial Statement and 1991 Budget - Income and Expenses. Parish Council books are not listed as being done.

COMMUNITY CENTER - A question was raised, "Do we advertise to rent out the Community Center?" Answer: "No, basically it is word of mouth." Caterers come regularly and they recommend us. Page 24 states, "Community Center Rentals Proposed to be \$90,000.00, but the Actual in 1990 was \$68,593.00."

Charles Pinajian stated that soon repairs will be needed. The carpeting is wearing, the kitchen will need repairs. Both rest rooms have needed certain repairs recently. The Center is showing signs of ten years of wear.

CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND - It was stated that the purpose of each fund should be listed on the report in the future. Der Hayr stated that Endowment Funds are growing over the years, and encourages more, such as bequests. Parish Council encourages families to consider the church as beneficiary in their wills. St. Leon is the leader in the Diocese regarding Endowment Funds. The question was raised whether we have Endowment Funds elsewhere. There are no other Endowment Funds; however Parish Council has purchased Certificates of Deposit, CD's. Inquiry was made regarding the purpose of the Andrew John Halejian Fund? Dr. Barry Halejian explained the purpose of this fund. It is to benefit who would not otherwise be afforded the opportunity to go to Camp Nubar.

REGARDING THE CHURCH BUDGET - It was suggested that plate collections and weekly envelopes be listed separately so that money from dues-paying members and general funds may be noted. A motion was made by Sebouh Jessourian to that effect. Charles Pinajian stated that every effort is being made for greater breakdown of expenses and receipts for the coming year, including more detailed financial statements.

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John Chagachbanian raised the question of St. Leon's being one of the few churches that does not have ramp for easy access for the handicapped. Lengthy discussion resulted. Church expansion was mentioned, but that is not feasible in the next two years due to economic times. A ramp is if immediate need. Yerezgin Sirarpi Aivazian stated the spiritual aspect of the need for a ramp. She said that if even one person was kept out of the Church, the Church would not be happy. Church expansion is not in the immediate future; a ramp is of vital need now. Der Hayr mentioned economic times being hard. Grace Pinajian suggested that Berdj Feredjian head a feasibility committee to look into this. As amendment was proposed. Berdj did not accept the amendment. A new amendment to the motion was presented: Put a \$10,000.00 cap on installing a ramp for

our immediate need. Completion of this is to be within the 1991 calendar year. Parish Council is to be authorized to raise money to build the ramp.

It was noted that \$225,000.00 - \$250,000.00 was pledged for renovation. Money for the ramp should be used from those pledges. Der Hayr stated that that money was slated only for renovation. It was suggested that we ask those donors if a portion of that money could be used for the ramp. Barbara Hovsepien stood up and pledged \$1,000.00 towards the ramp and asked nine more people to do the same. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted for a resolution. Parish Council will proceed.

NEW BUSINESS

Barbara Hovsepien proposed that all groups come together and work on an activity other than the Bazaar. They should work together, clear dates and set agendas. We should do something for fellowship.

Discussion resulted regarding the beginning time of this meeting. It was suggested that it start at 11:30, not at 1:00. Der Hayr mentioned that if all Deacons and Choir members were here on time he could start services earlier. If they are not, he cannot. Der Hayr considered that the meeting be done in two separate sessions. Nominations could be held in one session and the second session could be the voting and business meeting.

Der Hayr thanked all outgoing members for their hard work and asked that they continue to help and work for their Church.

Elections results were announced by the Nominating Committee. If anyone did not approve of the Assembly they have up to one week in which to contact Der Hayr. Until the elections are approved by the Primate and Diocesan Council, present Parish Council continues in full effect.

The following election results were presented:

PARISH COUNCIL

Dr. Knarig Khatchadourian-Meyer
Araxie Moumdjian
George Sarkissians
William McMahon
Dorothy Karamian
John Demirdjian

Raffi Jessourian Alternate

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sarkis Bedevian
Dawn Hourdajian
Vicken Jessourian

Berjouhi Parseghian - Alternate

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Robert Ishkanian
Ara Hourdajian
Peter Bedevian

Amy Vartoukian - Alternate

Following the benediction by Fr. Arshen, the meeting
adjourned at 3:20 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia (Kafafian) Zengel
Assembly Secretary

Rev. Fr. Arshen Aivazian
Assembly President

Sarkis Sultanian
Assembly Chairman

PASTOR'S REPORT

(January 1 - December 31, 1991)

Greetings to all in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

By the grace of God we have concluded another year and we stand at the threshold of a new year in our service to the Gospel. As I reflect on the year we just concluded, as I do often in the course of the year, I feel very gratified and rewarded, despite the fact that there were also moments of discouragement and doubt. The most important thing for me is the confidence of heart and mind that as a priest of the Armenian church I have done the best I could to proclaim the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. And indeed I present this report with the firm belief that everything that happened and everything that I did in my ministry was by the providence and the will of God. Here then is my report.

I. LITURGICAL

1. Sunday Liturgies

The central and most important aspect of Christian Community life is the common worship and offering of the Divine Liturgy, in the sharing of the Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord. My first and foremost function as a priest is to preside over this community worship service and through it to promote and proclaim the Good News of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

As of September 1991, we started implimenting a new program and a new approach to total parish christian education and family worship. Accordingly, every Sunday 10:00 - 10:45 is designated as parish christian education hour, whereas, while children study in their classrooms, adults attend a series of lecture-discussions in church. At about 11:00 am we begin our celebration of the Divine Liturgy, using the 10th century text of Bishop Khosrov of Antsev as the basis of a reconstructed and updated text. A new English translation and the use of the Armenian vernacular make the Divine Liturgy more understandable and offers the possibility for the real participation of the entire parish, the whole family of God, children and adults alike. Now, almost six months into this new format and program, I am deeply gratified to say that the overwhelming majority of the parish has responded positively and is adjusting quite rapidly to the changes that will make this new endeavor even more effective and spiritually uplifting.

This program is being implimented with the permission of the Diocesan Bishop and with the blessing of His Holiness the Catholicos of All Armenians. It is seen as a pilot project for possibly the whole diocese. Already the echos of what we are doing have reached many parishes as far away as New England and California, and even Europe, evidenced by the phone calls and letters received. Nevertheless, as is the case with any change it was not surprising that some resistance was experienced. Doubts were expressed about the effectiveness of the program, its practicality and even its need. And while most of this has now subsided it will probably be helpful to take another look at the rationale and the need for such a new approach.

It will not be too difficult to see that the previous format and approach has lost its effectiveness and did not produce the results expected and hoped for. The sad reality is that the great majority of our people do not get the constant flow of spiritual nourishment from their attendance of the Divine Liturgy and our youth is totally detached from their faith.

Commenting on this situation in a series of articles published in 1929 in "Sion", the official publication of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem, and published in 1930 as a book under the title "The Armenian Church", His Holiness Papken Guleserian, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, says: We "must penetrate all levels of the Armenian people - children, youth, the elderly, the non-Armenian speaking communities. All must be educated with great care, and the entire Armenian people must gradually be brought to the level of [religious] education that they will be able to understand the worship liturgies of the Church, to enjoy them, and to willingly participate in them." Speaking about the religious education of the youth, he writes: "Today's reality is that the Armenian youth knows very little about its religion and its Mother Church, and what it knows is generally erroneous." The need for reform in the Armenian Church in all levels has been the subject of much discussion and debate for over 100 years. The reality is clear, the need is obvious. We are a part of this reality and while it may be painful to do so, it takes conviction of faith and spiritual courage to admit the truth of the prophetic words of His Holiness and to initiate the necessary steps to correct it.

The Armenian Church, like all Eastern Orthodox Churches, is a liturgical church. Everything that the Church teaches and professes comes into focus in the liturgy. The hearing and learning of the Word of God, the worship and praise of our Heavenly Father, the experience of the Sacrifice of Our Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross, the sharing of his Body and Blood, in a word the Kingdom of God on earth is experienced and lived in the liturgy as the common act of worship of the people of God - the Church. Our effort is intended to start the process which will eventually, by the grace of our Lord, will lead all of us into increased awareness of our calling and mission as Christians. And I firmly believe that the program of total parish education and family worship Divine Liturgy which we have embarked upon is a small but right step in the right direction, as Catholicos Papken says: "The worship service of the Church is the most practical and enjoyable method of Christian education." And in order to make the liturgy, the worship service of the Church, an effective means of both praise and education, all we need to do, according to Abp. Malachia Ormanian, the 19th century great leader and scholar, "is to study the old books and take the Church back to the more legitimate practices of earlier days."

There is one very important aspect that we must all be aware of in order not to raise our expectations too high, and await quick results soon. No matter what we do we personally must assume our individual responsibilities in the process of reform and adjustment. In as much as we see some very positive developments as a result of our new program, it has also brought to the surface much of the problems that were invisible before. It will take time to address these problems and to seek solutions. But we also must be willing to change sometimes erroneous notions and misguided attitudes, to apply ourselves and to assume the responsibilities that we had either abandoned, relinquished or misplaced. Change is what our Christian faith is all about. Change is what the Church has always preached and practiced. Change is what we are called to now. Catholicos Papken states very simply that "The Christian Church started the process of reform, development and growth as early as [the first century], to adjust to the changing circumstances of human

life. That is a natural process. The Church cannot remain unchanged."

There may be some, as I know there are, who would argue that while change may be necessary and good, yet it must come slowly and gradually. I agree wholeheartedly. However, when change happens so slowly and so gradually that we lose our awareness of any change taking place, then it may miss its target and purpose altogether. I am one of those who believe that the Armenian Church is, and has been in the last few decades at least, in a serious crisis of faith. Shock therapy may be painful but necessary. Here again I quote Catholicos Papken Guleserian's comments over 60 years ago: "The Armenian Church is at a very delicate period today. The standards of religious education are extremely loose. The youth have distanced themselves from the religious principles of our ancestors. There is a need for a strong, earthshaking movement to ring once again in deaf ears the golden bell of the mystery of our faith. And this can be done only by those who have the calling. Calling is what gives expression to one's faith, convictions, dedication, service."

I ask you today to seek and rediscover your calling as Christians.

3. Sacraments

During 1991 I administered a total of 55 sacraments with the following breakdowns: 18 infant baptisms and 1 adult chrismation, 15 weddings, and 21 funerals. In addition to these I participated in weddings and funeral services at the Cathedral and sister churches on 11 occasions.

I continued to implement the well received pre-sacramental counseling programs occasioned by baptisms and weddings. By now these programs are well established in our parish and they are indeed an integral part of the process of preparation for the administration of the sacraments of baptism and marriage. I continue to stay informed of the latest developments and advanced methods in the field to introduce any necessary changes in our programs.

In the case of funeral liturgies, cognizant of the fact that the death of a loved one is a time of grief and bereavement for the family of the deceased, I make myself available to the family in an effort to be present to them in their time of special need. I make an effort also to make the liturgy and my funeral homilies a source of comfort and strength, an opportunity for growth in the Christian faith for all involved.

4. Sacramentals

Sacramentals are liturgical services performed usually either at church or in the home, sanctifying special moments and occasions in one's life. The Betrothal Service (Blessing of the Engagement Ring), Grave Blessings, "Giragmoodk" services (a brief memorial service performed on the first Saturday evening after a funeral at the home of a deceased person), wedding anniversaries etc. fall under this category. The occasion turns into a pastoral home visitation as well. During the past year I have officiated at 47 such occasions.

5. Feast Day and Special Occasion Liturgies

Feast days or designated periods during the calendar year are enriched by our Church Fathers with special liturgies. While we are somewhat limited in our resources and social

circumstances to do all that is prescribed in our traditions, it has been my effort to do as much as possible and practical. Thus, The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, starting with the Advent Season and ending with the Nativity Octave, The Lenten Season with its special liturgies, The Liturgies of Holy Week culminating in the celebration of Our Lord's glorious Resurrection and continuing into the post-Easter season of Pentecost, The Feasts of Transfiguration, Assumption and Exaltation of the Cross are occasions of liturgical celebration and spiritual growth. With that in mind, on such occasions and whenever possible, the English translations of special liturgies (many of them my own) along with the Armenian text are made available to the congregation. I am very gratified to note that those who do attend our worship services affirm that they do leave spiritually uplifted and nourished.

In May of 1991 we were honored to host His Beatitude Karekin II, Patriarch of The Armenians of Turkey, on the occasion of his first visit to the U.S. to attend the Annual Convention of the Tibrevank Alumni. His Beatitude celebrated the Divine Liturgy and presided over the Blessing of Madagh. It was a memorable day for our parish and for the Armenian Community at large.

I wish here to thank our deacons, our choir director George Paroonagian, organist Sirvart Galstian, choir members, acolytes and altar servers for their devoted participation in our liturgies. Thanks also to the parents of our young altar servers for their cooperation. The list of people I need to thank will not be complete without Grace Pinajian and her team of workers who regularly make the "Mahs", and Noubar Jessourian who donates our sacramental wine.

II. PASTORAL - SPIRITUAL

1. Visitations

Visitations are occasions for a pastor to meet the people and to get acquainted with their daily life. Most visitations are made in the evening, although there are cases when a daytime visit may also be feasible. During a pastoral visit I try to observe the particular needs of a family/person and attempt to respond to those needs. In some instances the visit may well turn into a sort of a counseling opportunity with the discussion concentrating on interpersonal/interfamily relations and dynamics. Almost always a pastoral visit includes the blessing of the home. During the past year I have been able to make 41 home visitations.

2. Visitations to the sick

The great majority of visitations to the sick are in the hospital, and occasionally at home. The purpose of a pastoral call to the sick is to try to be present to the person by reflecting the healing presence of Christ in his/her time of need. In some cases the emotional stress experienced by the family of the patient needs as much pastoral attention as the condition of the patient him/herself. When the need calls for it follow up contact is maintained after the patient is discharged from the hospital. During 1991 I have made 59 pastoral calls to the sick.

3. Pre-Sacramental Consultations and Counseling

As I mentioned above, the pre-baptismal and pre-matrimonial (a.k.a. pre-Cana) counselings are well established components in the process of preparations for the sacramental life of the

Church. Let me only add here that while the full benefits resulting from these worthwhile efforts will be reaped in the years to come, some positive results can already be seen in the increased presence of young families in our parish. Ultimately, these programs are intended to raise the level of consciousness among people concerning their relations with God and their place within the Church. The programs only sow the seeds in individuals, and we who are already in the church, must also be more aware of our call to become the soil in which the planted seeds will grow and bear fruit. I am confident that with our collective efforts on a continuous basis will further bear fruit for our parish in the future. In the 12 month period covered by this report I had 31 marital and 16 baptismal counselings.

4. Pastoral Counseling

Pastoral Counseling is one of the most important and highly developed fields in Christian Ministry today. In my capacity as the Pastor of St. Leon's I have involved myself in pastoral counseling either by initiating a session when I have seen the need and evaluated the readiness of the person to face a certain situation, or when a person has him/herself come forward with a particular situation that he/she wished to discuss. The subject matters may vary from a personal emotional/spiritual problem to family situations, or anything that could cause undue pressure and stress on a person. Occasionally the situation may include some aspect of social work as well. Most cases handled by individual pastors require short-term counseling. However, if and when long-term attention is needed I help the person establish contact and make arrangements with a professional pastoral counselor. For that purpose I maintain contact with a few professional individuals and referral services in the general area where our parish families are located. During 1991 I have provided pastoral counseling services in more than 18 cases.

5. Community Outreach

This is the fourth year that our parish is actively involved in the care of the homeless, the hungry and the needy. Through your donations to our charity fund we have been able to provide regular meals to a men's and a family shelter in Paterson. Also, in association with the churches of Fair Lawn we shared the responsibility of providing meals and served them in an emergency family shelter in Englewood for two separate weeks. It is extremely gratifying for me to see that many of our parishioners are gradually taking part in such endeavors. I believe more of us will be involved in the future as our awareness of the problem is increased. In the meantime, however, I would like to thank all those who have anonymously contributed to our Charity Fund, to those who have helped in the preparation and serving of the meals. My special thanks to Mrs. Elsie Donigian and to Mrs. Kora Zadigian who coordinated the program and nurtured it during its infancy, and to Mrs. Dovie Tilbian who took over the coordination of the program.

6. Spiritual Endeavors

As a member of the Diocesan Spiritual Renewal Committee I, along with Yeretzgin Sirarpi, organized two retreats - one in March and one in September. Both were well attended and well received. For the benefit of our young married couples, Yeretzgin Sirarpi, and I organized and led a retreat on the

theme "Marriage: A Life Journey Together". Six couples attended the retreat and I believe experienced spiritual growth in their marriage and in the love of Christ. We hope to continue to offer similar programs and opportunities time permitting and by the grace of God.

The prayer group which met once a month continued to meet on a regular basis and experienced some growth and expansion. However, due to lack of time and the unavailability of a lay prayer leader, we were unable to keep our commitment, and after the summer recess we discontinued to meet.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Church office

The church office is running quite smoothly due to the organization and supervision of the work that is handled routinely by the office. The nature and the amount of the work is evaluated whenever necessary and in consultation with the secretary changes are introduced for continued smooth operation. I would like to express my thanks and appreciation Mrs. Patricia Trommelen, our secretary, for their dedicated work.

2. Custodial Work

The custodial work is also running efficiently and is responsive to our parish needs due to occasional reevaluation and necessary adjustments that are made according to the changing character of the work load. Our buildings and equipment are kept clean and orderly and our grounds are sufficiently well cared for. I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to our custodian Mr. Minas Arakelian who continues to serve with much dedication.

3. Parish Business and Related Work

The conduct of the official business of the church, be it on pastoral, parish, diocesan, or business level is processed through the church office. Most of the official correspondence is also handled by the office under my administrative supervision.

4. Organizations, Functions, Committees

a. On The Parish Level

In my capacity as the ex-officio president of all church organizations and committees I attend meetings and functions whenever the need arises and when such a meeting/function does not conflict with a more overriding need. I try to also attend key Executive Committee meetings, and in general maintain contact with an organization for the purpose of both staying informed and providing the necessary leadership and guidance.

b. On The Diocesan Level

There are occasions when I am called upon by the Primate to perform a particular task or serve on a committee. Thus, until May of 1991 I served on the Diocesan Committee for the Propagation of the Armenian Orthodox Faith, known under the acronym of its Armenian name HAVAD. The commission of this committee was to produce specially prepared material and literature to introduce our Christian Orthodox faith to the people in Armenia. Currently, I serve on the Diocesan Commission of Oriental Orthodox Churches and The Diocesan Spiritual Renewal Committee. In June of last year I participated in the International Conference of Armenian Clergy which was held in

New York City with the participation of about 60 bishops and priests from around the world. The purpose of the conference was to discuss and address vital issues facing the Armenian Church in these critical times. Various committees were formed to study the issues and make recommendations to the appropriate hierarchical authorities. I was assigned to the Liturgical Commission on which I currently serve as secretary.

c. On The Community Level

There are occasions when invitations are extended to me to attend a function or an affair in the Armenian Community at large. These may be invitations to lecture, to serve on a committee or to attend a certain program. I try to respond positively to such invitations time and circumstances permitting.

d. Ecumenical Affairs

The Fair Lawn Clergy Fellowship continued to hold monthly meetings to discuss issues of common concern and interest, and to impliment programs that will benefit the whole community. We have now jointly sponsored ecumenical services on occasions that are common to all churches and which are in compliance with each denomination's established policies. The Community Vacation Bible School, The Prayer for Christian Unity and The Good Friday Service are already established traditions in our community. The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service which was initiated the year before was hosted this year by our parish. More than 500 people attended, and all were touched by the community spirit of brotherhood and harmony. Special thanks to the Women's Guild for hosting the superb reception following the service. I must say that the participation of our parishioners in these ecumenical and interfaith services are not at a desirable level, and I take this opportunity to urge everyone to participate more actively and more fully.

During the course of the year I have attended altogether 97 functions, events, meetings etc. in my capacity as pastor of St. Leon's.

IV. EDUCATIONAL

The educational needs of the church-going Armenian public is a recognized fact. Cognizant of this reality and in an effort to respond to the particular needs in our parish, I continue my efforts to create opportunities and to provide the means to educate our people. Here are some of them.

a. Weekly Bulletins

Our weekly bilingual bulletins include not only the announcements but also appropriate lessons, informations and reading material for that particular Sunday. During 1991 46 issues of the bulletin were published.

b. Lradoo

By the decision of the Parish Council the Lradoo was published as a bi-monthly. Accordingly, 6 issues were published in 1991. Mrs. Barbara Hovsepian volunteered to edit the Lradoo but after 4 issues declined due to her other committments and busy schedule. I edited the last two issues in the absence of a new editor, but now I am happy to report that Mrs. Sandra Leitner and Mrs. Victoria Manoogian have jointly assumed the

editorial responsibilities of the Lradoo as of January 1992. My thanks to all of them.

c. The Church and Armenian Schools

The Church School is the main vehicle of Christian education for our children. As such it must receive our continuous attention and care. The same is true of the Armenian School where our children learn their ancestral language, history and culture. I am available to both schools for advice and guidance. In the case of the Church School I maintain close contact with the Superintendent to insure maximum benefit for our students. As of September of 1991 due to the implimentation of our new educational format I assumed the responsibility of teaching the Adult Education Class which takes place in Church at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings. Consequently Yeretzgin Sirarpi Aivazian assumed the responsibility of teaching the high school grades in a course designed with the particular needs of our teenagers in mind. The course, which is taught over a period of three years (6 semesters) covers Bible; Doctrine; Sacraments; Ethics; Liturgy and Church History.

I take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Maryanne Mozian, the Chairperson of the Armenian School and her Committee of dedicated members. My thanks also to Mrs. Barbara Hovsepien, who served as Church School Superintendent, for the last two years. As of September Yeretzgin Sirarpi Aivazian has assumed the duties of Church School Superintendent, with Mrs. Linda Galgano and Mrs. Linda Paroonagian as her assistants. My appreciation also to the staff and faculty of both Schools for their dedication to the noble cause of educating our children.

d. Lectures and Seminars

Occasionally I am invited to deliver a lecture or participate in a seminar. In the summer, I lectured on Armenian Church History at two St. Nersess Summer Study Conferences. During the course of the year on 7 separate occasions I lectured to non-Armenian Church groups on various topics ranging from the changing political realities in Armenia to the revival of religious life.

Recently, in a discussion about the pastoral ministry, a fellow clergy from another denomination, who has more than three decades of pastoral experience, commented that it takes at least seven years for a pastor's labor in a parish to begin bearing fruits. This is my seventh year at St. Leon's and I think it will be beneficial to take a quick glance at the road we have travelled together.

At the time of my assignment almost seven years ago, this parish was experiencing an inner turmoil. The parish was divided and there was a lot of hurt and injury that needed to be tended to. The task was not easy, the challenge was great and at times I was doubtful if healing was possible. Now, after all these years, I can say with confidence and great satisfaction in my heart that I tried my best to bring about the healing that was necessary. Today much, if not all the wounds of the past are healed. The healing Spirit of our Lord has touched us all in a very profound and unique way. For this I offer thanks and praise to our Lord.

Now, once again our parish is moving forward. Indeed we are experiencing tremendous growth. In the last few years alone, the number of individuals and families who have made this parish

their spiritual home has grown greatly, and many people are finding satisfaction to their needs for spiritual nurture in our parish. And at this juncture in the life of our parish we all need to be reminded of our responsibility to maintain the atmosphere and environment in which further healing will be possible and new wounds will be prevented. And indeed there will always be wounds that will need healing. Wounds are caused because we are human, but healing will come only if we seek Christ and his healing presence in our midst. The time is now to commit ourselves once again to the cause of maintaining peace and harmony and to keep our perspective focused on the love of Christ which calls each of us to the mission of proclaiming his Gospel of love to the world around us. May he be our inspiration and help.

Before ending my report I take this opportunity to offer my thanks and appreciation to Dr. Knarig Khatchadourian-Meyer for her dedicated work as Chairman of the Parish Council and to all the members of the Parish Council. My thanks and appreciation also go to the chairpersons of all church organizations, committees and the members of the executive bodies. Allow me also to express my sincerest thanks and appreciation to my wife Yeretzgin Sirarpi for her constant support and encouragement, and for her genuine sharing in my ministry. Last but not least my deep gratitude to all of you, the members of St. Leon's parish, with whose understanding, cooperation and support 1991 turned out to be a rewarding and gratifying year.

Father Arshen Aivazian
St. Leon's Armenian Church
Annual Parish Assembly
February 23, 1992

SUMMARY OF PASTOR'S REPORT
(January 1 - December 31, 1991)

I. LITURGICAL

1. Regular Sunday Liturgies
2. Preparation of sermons
3. Sacraments: 18 baptisms; 1 adult chrismation
15 weddings 21 funerals
4. Sacramentals: 47 occasions
5. Special Liturgies: Christmas Season, Lenten Services, Holy Week and Easter Season, Parish Council Installation, Blessing of Grapes, Wedding Anniversaries, Community Ecumenical Services, Visit of His Beatitude the Patriarch of Turkey
6. Special Project: Reconstruction, updating and translation of the Khosrovian text of the Divine Liturgy.
7. Two general retreats and one retreat for young married couples.

II. PASTORAL-SPIRITUAL

1. Home visitations: 41
2. Visitations to the sick: 59
3. Wedding consultations: 15
4. Pre-Cana counselings: 16
5. Baptismal consultations and counselings: 16
6. General Pastoral Counseling cases: 18
7. Actively participated in the care of the homeless.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Administered and supervised church office work.
2. Administered and supervised custodial work.
3. Conducted church related business administration, correspondance, phone contacts, interviews, fundraising etc.
4. Participated in ecumenical activities locally and on the Diocesan level.
5. Attended and participated in parish, diocesan and community meetings, programs and projects on 97 separate occasions.

IV. EDUCATIONAL

1. 46 issues of weekly bulletins
2. 6 issues of Lradoo (2 edited by myself).
3. Taught the combined class of 10, 11 and 12th graders until June. Since September teaching the adult education class.
4. Supervised and guided the Church School program; assisted the Armenian School, lectured to students and community and civic organizations, lectured at St. Nersess Summer Study Seminars.
5. Attended the continueing education program on pastoral counseling organized by the Diocese, and the International Conference of Armenian Clergy.

SOME INFORMATIONAL DATA

- * Average time spent on church work each week: 60-65 hours.
- * Average nights per week spent for church work: 4-5 nights.
- * Average time to prepare a sermon: 2-3 hours.
- * Average time it takes to prepare a bulletin: 4-5 hours.
- * Average time per counseling session: 1 1/2 hours.
- * Average time to prepare for one class session: 5-6 hours.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
PARISH COUNCIL REPORT
1 9 9 1

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

The members of the Parish Council of the St. Leon Armenian Church tried their best to carry on the duties and responsibilities entrusted to them by the Parish and the St. Leon Community.

In February we had our Parish Appreciation Day and the Annual Parish Assembly, at which time new officers were elected for Parish Council, Alternates and Delegates for 1992.

Our Council met twice, the first and third Wednesdays of each month on a regular basis, to carry on the duties of the Council. The primary goal has been to promote a united Christian community life and increase the dues-paying membership.

Following a meeting with the Building Committee, a letter was received from its Chairman, Sarkis Gabrellian, requesting the dissolution of the Building Committee and postponing the building project indefinitely. The Council followed this by establishing a priority list of items that must be taken care of or repaired.

On April 28, under the guidance of Der Hayr and myself, the special reception honoring our living survivors of the Armenian Massacres was a memorable affair. Following the church service, ACYOA Juniors escorted each survivor to the front seats of the church, after first giving them a white carnation and lighting a candle for the souls of those who were massacred.

Our lecture series, under the chairmanship of Dr. Berdj Feredjian has been most enlightening. The first lecture was entitled "Workshop of Living Wills," given by the Biomedical Ethics Committee of Valley Hospital in Ridgewood. On another occasion we had a panel entitled "Medicine and Nutrition - Armenia vs. USA." Guest speakers were Dr. Ara Manoogian of Paramus, NJ, Dr. Alexander Garibjanian of Yerevan, Armenia and Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian-Meyer of Ridgewood, NJ. One evening we had a panel on Armenian Matrimonial issues, (Divorce Armenian Style). The panelists were Mr. Joseph Basralian, Esq., Mr Theodore Takvorian, Esq. and Fr. Arshen Aivazian, who discussed the moral ramifications of divorce.

The Council also 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 was organized by the Council, following the suggestion of Amy Vartoukian, to encourage family participation and togetherness, and to help improve membership. These events were well attended. Amy will coordinate the series, with the various church organizations taking turns on a monthly basis.

Our July Annual Picnic, under the chairmanship of Krikor (Koko) Ohannesian, and a Fall Food Festival, under the chairmanship of Bert Bedrosian, were very enjoyable, successful and very well attended. Special thanks to Krikor and Bert and their committee members who worked hard to make a difference.

Our December Christmas Eve was attended by a packed church, followed by a special reception in the Community Center. The New Year's Eve Gala, under the chairmanship of Avedis Caparyan, was a very profitable and sold-out affair where many people had to be turned away. Our special thanks to "Avo" and his New Year's Eve Committee and Council members for their great contribution towards the success of this affair.

A temporary ramp for the handicapped was constructed following a proposal by Dr. Berdj Feredjian, who also headed the project. Our thanks go to Dr. Berdj and the efforts of Father Arshen and Thomas Ashbahian who made this addition possible.

The tri-colored flag of Armenia was officially raised on December 22, 1991, following the church services to celebrate and salute Armenia as an Independent Republic. After playing the American National Anthem, the Armenian School children sang the new Armenian Anthem, "Eem Hayrenik, Azad, Angakh" and were joined by the parishioners. This was a heart-warming, emotional and memorable event.

Our Parish contributed generously to the following projects sponsored by the Diocese: a) For Aid to Armenia Fund we raised approximately \$9,000.00. b) The Clothing Drive for Armenia, with the participation of various churches and synagogues was very successful. Special thanks to Grace Pinajian and Ann Kachigian for organizing this effort, with the assistance from the Armenian School Board,

Care and Share mothers, Women's Guild members and other parishioners. Our thanks to Marootian Trading Company for bailing and Treasure Island for providing transportation. This successful event demonstrated that community spirit thrives in Fair Lawn.

A new Men's Fellowship was suggested and organized by George Sarkissians and Dr. Berdj Feredjian. Dr. Berdj became the first chairman of the Executive Committee. The main purpose and goals are Christian fellowship, community outreach, Parish support and socialization. We wish our men good luck.

I am happy to report that this year we have enrolled twenty-one (21) new dues-paying members, whose names appeared in the Lradoo. Congratulations and welcome to our Parish.

Six issues of the Lradoo were published by Fr. Arshen Aivazian, who took the added responsibility of Acting Editor. Thank you Der Hayr.

The great news is that the long-awaited revised Parish Directory has been published and is now available to the membership. We especially thank Chairperson Ann Kachigian and her hard working committee for making this difficult task possible. It looks very impressive and is full of useful information.

NEWS OF OUR CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

The Chairman of each organization was invited to attend a Parish Council meeting to meet Council members and provide the Council with their status, achievements, problems, suggestions and future plans. At this time each chairperson presented Council with a check from their fund-raising contributions. This get-together was informative and well received by each organization.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL- The school continues to meet weekly on Wednesdays since its existence. Its goal has been to teach the Armenian language, our heritage and our history to children between the ages of 4 to 12. We are pleased to have Mrs. Hermine Menakian back as our school principal. Besides instituting a new conversation program, there was an addition of a new Kindergarten class. This year the school had a most profitable Winter Dance, with the help of Avedis Caparyan and Ani Rusinian, which greatly improved the school's budget and kept them self-supportive. With the efforts of the School Board, the student body increased from 30 to 36 students this year, but total enrollment still remains low. I believe this School needs the active support of our Parish and a rigorous advertising recruitment

campaign in order to expand enrollment to its full capacity. The hard-working Board, with its chairperson, Mary Ann Mozian, aim to provide the community with the best possible Armenian education. I appreciate the dedication of our teachers and the Board members, and wish them success.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Our Sunday School is enjoying a fairly high enrollment. Yeretzgin Sirarpi Aivazian has been appointed as the new Superintendent, with Linda Galgano and Linda Paroonagian as Assistant Superintendents. At this time I would like to thank Barbara Hovsepian for her dedicated service as the past Superintendent. The new church format has cut down the school session to forty-five minutes, after which children join their parents in church to worship as a family and participate in the Badarak. The new pilot format for parish education and family worship/divine liturgy is well in progress and appears to be well accepted

JUNIOR ACYOA - This group continues to thrive and be active under the new advisorship of Patti Toufangjian and Susan Chagachbanian. The age range for this youth group is 13 - 17. A new parenting ("Parateen") group was established by the Council for this age group with the suggestion of Nancy Scicchitano, in order to meet and discuss common concerns and interests. Welcome aboard! At this time I would like to thank Patti and Susan for their efforts, as well as Dawn Hourdajian and Jo-Ann Tashjian for their dedicated service as past advisors.

SENIOR ACYOA - This is our young adult group that continues to decline with its active membership. Chairman Raffi Jessourian and Nadine Aljian (Vice-chair.) have raised serious concerns because they have a membership list of 90 and only a handful (the officers) attend meetings and activities. Suggestions were made to contact Fr. Mardiros Chevian, the Youth Program Director, for direction and advice. Young Adult Day was established by the Council for every third Sunday of the month. They were encouraged to participate in the new church format and were scheduled for Sunday church duty, with members of the Council, to do greetings, Mas, Voghchouyan, and plate collections. It was also suggested that the Seniors organize Young Adult Retreats, start personalized contacts by calling members individually before an event.

This group should be the concern of the Parish and community at large. Although some come and go from college and participate in youth activities, many disappear after graduation from High School. We should establish College Committees to invite these students into Armenian homes and churches wherever they may be. The Council is looking into this.

CARE AND SHARE - Under the chairmanship of Anita Sarkissians, this group is blooming both in membership and activities. They have grown from concerned mothers with their babies and play group meetings to mothers of children up to 12 years of age who meet on a weekly basis. They share common concerns and gain knowledge by inviting professional speakers. This year they have been accepted to become an official organization of the Church. We welcome and congratulate them and hope to use their talents wherever they are needed.

CHOIR - This group, under the chairmanship of Leon Dourgarian, has done very well in adapting to the structure of the newly revised Divine Liturgy which was initiated on October 13, 1991. Der Hayr has emphasized the importance of congregational participation in the singing of the responses along with the choir. They are involved with fund raising for the purchase of new "Sharagan" books and some needed church robes.

WOMEN'S GUILD - This group has continued to function as the backbone of many church functions and projects as they are needed. Under the chairmanship of Linda Powers, they have revitalized their programs as well as their membership activities. We wish them success in increasing their membership.

SENIOR CITIZENS - This group consists of St. Leon members and non-members who continue to meet weekly on Wednesdays for their social gatherings. We congratulate Hagop Dellakian, the new chairman for doing such a good job in guiding their activities.

SPORTS ASSOCIATION - Under the untiring efforts and leadership of George Kachajian, this group continues their basketball teams and competitions with other sports groups composed of seniors, juniors and girls' teams. To their credit, they have won numerous awards and trophies. We like to encourage the Sports Association, since sports are a very important component of a person's well being. It also promotes sportsmanship and Armenian camaraderie.

COMMUNITY CENTER - The Abajian Hall has had several improvements - a new roof, repairs of the sewer drainage system, air conditioning, the furnaces and re-finishing of the parquet floor. The banquet hall will need to be refurbished and Parish Council is looking into this possibility. Our thanks go to Grace Pinajian for managing the rentals and for her constructive suggestions and recommendations to the Council.

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The Building and Grounds Renovation Committee has been busy repairing the Community Center, the church, the rectory and the custodial residence. My special thanks to architect Thomas Ashbahian for chairing this committee with his expertise.

I wish to thank Patricia Trommelen for capably managing our church office since she joined our staff over a year ago, and Minas Arakelian, our custodian, who maintains our church, the Community Center, the homes and grounds in such great shape. The Parish Council appreciates their devoted service to St. Leon Church.

I also wish to thank all those who contributed to St. Leon's needs and its progress with service, talent or financial contributions as chairmen of organizations, teachers, choir members, committee members, basketball personnel, deacons, Senior Citizens, ACYOA members, acolytes and volunteers.

Finally, I wish to thank Father Arshen Aivazian for all that he has done, his dedication to St. Leon Church and for his support to me as the chairperson of Parish Council. I wish to thank each and every member of Parish Council (outgoing or remaining) for their commitment and hard work during the past year.

Best wishes for a successful year ahead.

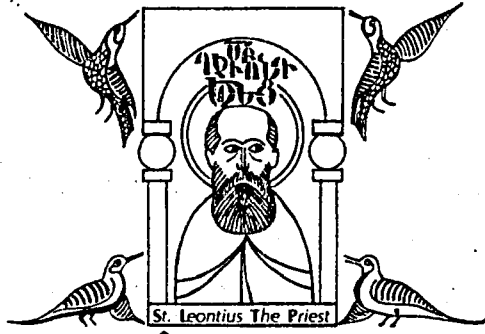
Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian Meyer
Parish Council Chairperson

P A R I S H C O U N C I L

1 9 9 1

President	Fr. Arshen Aivazian
Chairperson	Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian Meyer
Vice Chairperson	Mr. Thomas Ashbahian
Treasurer	Mr. John Demirdjian
Assistant Treasurer	Mr. William McMahon
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Arda Kiljian
Assistant Secretary	Mrs. Dorothy Karamian
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Arax Moumdjian
Member	Mr. Paul Pinajian
	Mr. Theodore Takvorian, Esq.
	Dr. Berdj Feredjian
	Mr. George Sarkissians
Alternate	Mr. Raffi Jessourian
Delegates	Mrs. Ruth Bedevian
	Mr. Rex Kachigian
	Mr. Sarkis Souldanian



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The Rev. Father Arshen Aivazian
Parish Priest

February 7, 1992

Dear Parishioner:

An examination of all financial reports for the Parish Council and various church organizations was conducted for the Fiscal Year of 1991. Where necessary, corrections were made and brought to the attention of Parish Council and or the Organization.

The Auditing Committee consisting of Ara Hourdajian and myself found the books to be in satisfactory condition.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Ishkanian
Chairperson
Auditing Committee

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

- A C Y O A Juniors
- A C Y O A Seniors
- Armenian School
- Care and Share
- Choir
- Church School
- Men's Fellowship
- Senior Citizens
- Women's' Guild

A C Y O A JUNIORS ACTIVITIES REPORT

1 9 9 1

OFFICERS

Co Chairpersons	Harout Moundjian Jon Hovsepian
Vice-Chairperson	Renee Borgersen
Recording Secretary	Talin Sesetyan
Corresponding Secretary	Garo Moundjian
Treasurer	Patrick Kaprelian
Advisors	Susan Chagachbanian Patricia Toufangjian

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

40

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Trip to New York City
Sports Weekends
Pool Party
A C Y O A Day
Picnic

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1992

A C Y O A Day
Trip to Great Adventure
Sports Weekend, Watertown, MA
One Day Lock-in Spiritual
One Day Sports Competition with
Area New Jersey/New York Churches
Progressive Dinner
Ski Trip

A C Y O A JUNIORS FINANCIAL REPORT

1 9 9 1

Cash on Hand January 1, 1991

Checking \$ 737.42

Savings 2,656.02

Total \$3,393.44

Add 1991 Receipts 15,330.74

Deduct 1991 Disbursements 12,157.23

Net 1991 Income 3,173.51

Cash on Hand December 1991,
Before Payment to Parish Council

Checking 3,720.27

Certificate of Deposit 2,846.68 (10-22-91)

Total \$6,566.95

80% of Net Income Paid to Parish Council \$2,538.81

Interest Income of \$190.66 Included Above

ST. LEON'S AUDITING COMMITTEE
AUDIT WORKSHEET 1991 CALENDAR YEAR

ACYOA SENIORS' ACTIVITY REPORT

1 9 9 1

OFFICERS

Chairperson	Raffi Jessourian
Vice-Chairperson	Nadine Aljian
Recording Secretary	Anahid Arakelian
Corresponding Secretary	Lorraine Serabian
Treasurer	Lisa Vartabedian
Membership	Patricia Toofangjian
Advisor	Susan Chagachbanian

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

30 (Paid)

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Bake Sales
Bibles for Armenia
Archbishop's Tournament
Sports Weekend
Annual Picnic
Coffee Hospitality

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1992

Most of Those Listed Above

A C Y O A SENIORS FINANCIAL REPORT

1 9 9 1

Cash on Hand January 1, 1991

Checking \$ 364.46

Savings -0-

Total \$ 364.46

Add 1991 Receipts \$1,974.98

Deduct 1991 Disbursements 1,881.20

Net 1991 Income 93.78

Cash on Hand December 1991,
Before Payment to Parish Council

Checking 458.24

Savings -0-

Total \$ 458.24

80% of Net Income to Give Parish Council \$ 75.00

Interest of \$10.93 Included Above

ST. LEON'S AUDITING COMMITTEE
AUDIT WORKSHEET 1991 CALENDAR YEAR

ARMENIAN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES REPORT

1 9 9 1

OFFICERS

Chairperson	Mary Ann Mozian
Recording Secretary	Isabelle Kaprelian
Treasurer	Arda Kiljian
Board Member	Barbara Boghosian
Board Member	Rose Najarian
Costumes & Properties	Barbara Hovsepian
Principal	Hermine Menakian
Total Membership	36 Students
	6 Teacher
	1 Song
	1 Dance

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Opening Day Baroque
Food Festival
St. Vartanantz Program
Dinner Dance
Field Trip (1991, Ellis Island)
Communion Breakfast

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1992

All of the Above
Trip to Different Location

ARMENIAN SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

1 9 9 1

Cash on hand January 1, 1991

Checking \$5,685.83

Savings 1,620.10

Total \$7,305.93

Add 1991 Receipts \$16,875.55

Deduct 1991 Disbursements 16,790.87

Net 1991 Income 84.68

Transfer to Parish Council Operating Account *(4,499.30)

Cash on hand December 1991,
Before Payment to Parish Council

Checking 1,179.44

Savings 1,711.87

Total \$2,891.31

80% of Net Income Given to Parish Council \$ 67.74

Interest Income of \$435.76 Included Above

*Represents 80% of 1990 Net Income

CARE AND SHARE ACTIVITIES REPORT

1 9 9 1

OFFICERS

Chairperson	Anita Sarkissians
Corresponding Secretary	Lisa Haledjian
Treasurer	Anita Sarkissians
Program Directors	Loren Medina Barbara Laudicina
Refreshments Co-coordinator	Joyce Ishkanian
Advisor	Linda Galgano

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

30

MAIN ACTIVITIES

4 Meetings per Year with
Speakers on Various Topics

1 Bake Sale

1 Craft Meeting

1 Dinner with Husbands (Christmas)

1 Breakfast with Santa

1 Picnic

1 Outing with Children (Theater,
Show, Etc.)

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 19921

Many of the Activities Listed Above
with Different Topics, of Course

CARE AND SHARE FINANCIAL REPORT

1 9 9 1

Cash on Hand January 1, 1991

Checking \$ 244.91

Savings

Total \$ 244.91

Add 1991 Receipts 277.20

Deduct 1991 Disbursements 423.21

Net 1991 Income -146.01

Cash on Hand December 1991,
Before Payment to Parish Council

Checking 98.90

Savings -0-

Total \$ 98.90

80% of Net Income Paid to Parish Council -0-

Interest Income of \$6.20 Included Above

Note: Includes transfer of \$260.00 to Parish Council for
new Printstation.

ST. LEON'S AUDITING COMMITTEE
AUDIT WORKSHEET 1991 CALENDAR YEAR

CHURCH CHOIR ACTIVITIES REPORT

1 9 9 1

OFFICERS

Chairperson	Leon Dourgarian
Vice-Chairperson	Emerald Noorigian
Recording/Corresponding Secretary	Florence Gulkasian
Treasurer	Rose Kirian

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

Approximately 25

MAIN ACTIVITIES

To Support the Divine Liturgy each
Sunday

Periodic Rehearsals for Significant
Holy Day Periods or Functions

Annual Meeting

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1992

Continue support for the
Reconstructed 10th Century Badarak

Annual meeting to Elect New
Officers for 1993-1994

CHURCH CHOIR FINANCIAL REPORT

1 9 9 1

Cash on Hand January 1, 1991

Checking \$ -0-

Savings 1,627.25

Total \$1,627.25

Add 1991 Receipts \$ 874.15

Deduct 1991 Disbursements 335.50

Net 1991 Income 538.65

Cash on Hand December 1991,
Before Payment to Parish Council

Checking -0-

Savings 2,165.90

Total \$2,165.90

80% of Net Income Paid to Parish Council \$ 443.32*

Interest Income of \$111.15 Included Above

* Paid January 1992

ST. LEON'S AUDITING COMMITTEE
AUDIT WORKSHEET 1991 CALENDAR YEAR

CHURCH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES REPORT

1 9 9 1

OFFICERS

Superintendent	Barbara Hovsepian, Jan/June 1991 Yr. Sirarpi Aivazian, Sept/Dec 1991
Asst. Superintendents	Linda Galgano, Linda Paroonagian
Treasurer	Linda Galgano
Parish Council Liaison	Thomas Ashbahian
Publicity	Barbara Royland
Student Enrollment	132

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Christmas Pageant and Family Dinner
Pentecost Celebration Sponsored by DRE
Family Puzzle Night
Retreat for 7th and 8th Grades
Graduation Exercises
Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1992

Christmas Pageant and Family Dinner
Retreat for 10th, 11th and 12th Grades
Ecumenical Vacation Bible School
Graduation Exercises
Family Puzzle Night

CHURCH SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

1 9 9 1

Cash on Hand January 1, 1991

Checking \$5,070.25

Savings -0-

Total \$5,070.25

Add 1991 Receipts 8,029.76

Deduct 1991 Disbursements 10,747.06

Net 1991 Income -2,717.30

Cash on Hand December 1991,
Before Payment to Parish Council

Checking 2,352.95

Savings

Total \$2,352.95

80% of Net Income Paid to Parish Council -0- *

Interest Income of \$198.90 Included Above

* On June 6, 1991, \$3,600.00 was remitted to the Parish Council Account and was included in the disbursements above.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES REPORT

1 9 9 1

OFFICERS

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

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 60

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Organizational Meeting
Election of Officers

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1992

Lectures
Church and Community Service
Recreation
Outings
(Formulating Agenda Activities)

SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES REPORT

1 9 9 1

OFFICERS

Chairman	Hagop Dellakian
Vice Chairman	Leon Bedigian
Treasurer	Nicholas Kondakji
Hospitality	Varter Arakelian
	Manoushag Arakelian
	Arshaluys Varjabedian
Total Membership	68

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Weekly Meetings

Luncheons

Bus Trips

Tavloo

Cards

Bingo

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1992

Bus Trips to Nearby Points of
Interest

SENIOR CITIZENS FINANCIAL REPORT

1 9 9 1

Cash on Hand January 1, 1991

Checking \$ 759.65

Savings 4,662.88

Total \$5,422.53

Add 1991 Income 2,750.54

Deduct 1991 Disbursements 1,426.99

Net 1991 Income 1,323.55

Less Transfers to Parish Council <5,710.00>

80% of Net Income Paid to Parish Council -0-

Interest Income of \$216.04 Included Above

Note: Extra remittances to Parish Council in 1991.
Therefore, discuss any possible remittance in 1992
with Treasurer of Parish.

ST. LEON'S AUDITING COMMITTEE
AUDIT WORKSHEET 1991 CALENDAR YEAR

WOMEN'S GUILD ACTIVITIES REPORT

1 9 9 1

OFFICERS

Chairperson	Linda Powers
Recording Secretary	Margaret Simonian
Corresponding Secretary	Florence Gulkasian
Treasurer	Linda Haroutunian
Sunshine	Dovie Tilbian
Advisor	Helen Mazoujian

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

70

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Military Bridge
Fish and Chips Dinner
Chinese Auction
Church Picnic
Food Festival

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 1992

Fish and Chips Dinner
Church Picnic
Food Festival

WOMEN'S GUILD FINANCIAL REPORT

1 9 9 1

Cash on Hand January 1 1991

Checking	\$4,036.29
Savings	1,815.44
Savings	<u>3,579.99</u>

Total \$9,431.72

Add 1991 Receipts 5,024.84

Deduct 1991 Disbursements 5,554.65

Net 1991 Income -529.81

Cash on Hand December 1991,
Before Payment to Parish Council

Checking	2,789.54
Savings	1,900.08
Savings	<u>4,212.29</u>

Total \$8,901.91

80% of Net Income Paid to Parish Council -0-

Interest Income of \$398.31 Included Above

This report includes a disbursement of \$1,846.63 for Raffle Expenses, which will be reimbursed by Parish Council Account in 1992.

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
ACCOUNTING OF FUNDS LISTED

WITH
THE ARMENIAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH

Sarkis and Ruth Bedevian Fund	2322 \$ 10,000.00
George Beshlian Fund	4,200.00
Harout Boyadjian Fund	3,129.36
Robert Buchakian Fund	100,000.00
E. George and Lucy Dabagian Fund	11,000.00
Zaven and Arlene Dadekian Fund	16,250.00
Arpine Holopikian Fund	1,717.00
Noubar and Anita Jessourian Fund	11,000.00
Satenik Kazanjian Fund	25,000.00
Mirjan Kirian Fund	500.00
James and Emerald Noorigian Fund	2,067.00
Anthony Tungrian Fund	1,740.00
Lucille Varjian Fund	500.00

187,103.36

ARMENIAN SCHOOL

Peter Jesraly Fund	2,700.00
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CHURCH SCHOOL

Takvorian Fund	4,000.06
Varsen Torosian Fund	1,920.00
Lucy Tutungian Fund	7,315.00

13,235.06

YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCSTION

Fr. Vahan and Yr. Zarouhi Jelalian Fund	6,050.00
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CAMP NUBAR SCHOLARSHIP

Andrew John Halejian Fund	<u>11,460.00</u>
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TOTAL

\$220,548.42

St. Leon Armenian Church
Comparative Operating Budget Summary
December 31, 1991

	Receipts				
	Proposed 1991	Actual 1991	Percent Total	Proposed 1992	Percent Total
Weekly Envelopes					
Plate Collections	\$ 45,000	\$ 46,780	21.31	\$ 45,500	20.7
Special Donations					
Weddings					
Hokenhankisd	25,000	19,482	8.87	20,000	9.1
In Lieu of Flowers					
Sale of Books	500	121	0.06	500	0.2
Lradoo					
Christmas & Easter					
Yughakin	12,000	10,244	4.67	10,000	4.5
Occasional					
Donations	1,500	878	0.40	1,000	0.4
Auxiliary					
Organizations	2,000	16,187	7.37	4,000	1.8
Community Hall					
Rentals	75,000	69,831	31.81	70,000	31.8
Endowment Fund					
Income	15,000	15,506	7.06	15,000	6.8
Net Proceeds					
from Affairs	50,000	30,138	13.73	50,000	22.8
Investment Income	5,000	6,827	3.11	3,500	1.6
Miscellaneous	1,000	3,538	1.61	500	0.2
TOTAL	\$232,000	\$219,532	100%	\$220,000	100%

St. Leon Armenian Church
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Disbursements

	Proposed 1991	Actual 1991	Percent Total	Proposed 1992	Percent Total
Clergy Stipend, Employee Salaries Pensions, Insurance	\$ 81,100	\$ 78,935	35.41	\$ 83,000	37.7
Visiting Clergy	1,000	600	.27	600	0.3
Diocesan Dues and Expenses	20,000	19,750	8.86	22,000	10.0
Sports Association, Basketball, etc.	1,500	2,486	1.11	2,000	0.9
General Administra- tional Expenses	17,000	19,743	8.85	21,000	9.5
Utilities	30,000	24,041	10.79	24,000	10.9
Publications and Mailings	7,500	3,393	1.52	3,400	1.5
Repairs, Maintenance Church, Cottage	5,000	8,423	3.78	5,000	2.3
Insurance/Liability, Property Damage, Casualty	14,300	14,903	6.68	18,000	8.2
Armenian School	2,000	338	.15	500	0.2
Sunday School	2,500	1,101	.49	2,000	0.9
Organist Stipend	2,600	3,100	1.39	3,100	1.4
Van Expense	1,500	2,860	1.28	2,400	1.1
Community Center Expense	15,000	18,625	8.35	20,000	9.1

Community Center Capital Improvement Provision	13,500	9,900	4.44	-0-	
Van Fund	2,000	-0-		-0-	
Equipment Purchases	3,000	7,929	3.56	2,000	0.9
Capital Improvement	5,000	-0-			
St. Nersess Seminary	2,000	2,650	1.19	2,000	0.9
Cultural Activities	1,500	2,046	.92	2,000	0.9
Miscellaneous	4,000	2,312	.96	2,000	0.9
Surplus				5,000	2.3
TOTAL	\$232,000	\$222,960	100%	\$220,000	100%

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDS ON HAND
DECEMBER 30 1991

Parish Council Checking Account	\$ 20,589.00
Parish Council Special Events Account	4,463.00
Dreyfus Fund	35,001.00
Parish Council Money Market Account	16,763.00
Parish Council Memorial (Money Market) Account	14,171.00
Parish Council Certificate of Deposit (1)	32,522.00
Building Fund	17,375.00
A. C. Y. O. A. Juniors	6,567.00
A. C. Y. O. A. Seniors	458.00
Armenian School	2,891.00
Care and Share	99.00
Choir	2,166.00
Church School	2,353.00
Men's Fellowship	139.00
Senior Citizens	1,036.00
Women's Guild	<u>8,902.00</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>\$165,495.00</u>

